



Matteo Ricci's Policy of Accommodation

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Theistic Compatibilities

Ricci tried to find a conceptual point of contact between Confucianism and Christianity. Specifically, he argued that Confucianism had a tendency towards monotheism.

Flawed Interpretations

Ricci appropriated Chinese texts to forward his agenda, often interpreting passages too literally. He also ineptly critiqued Neo-Confucianism and was met with much criticism.

Long-Term Impacts

Though the Jesuit missions were ineffective at spreading Christianity, they were still influential in the establishment of cross-cultural connections and exchange of ideas and technology.