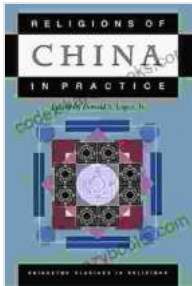


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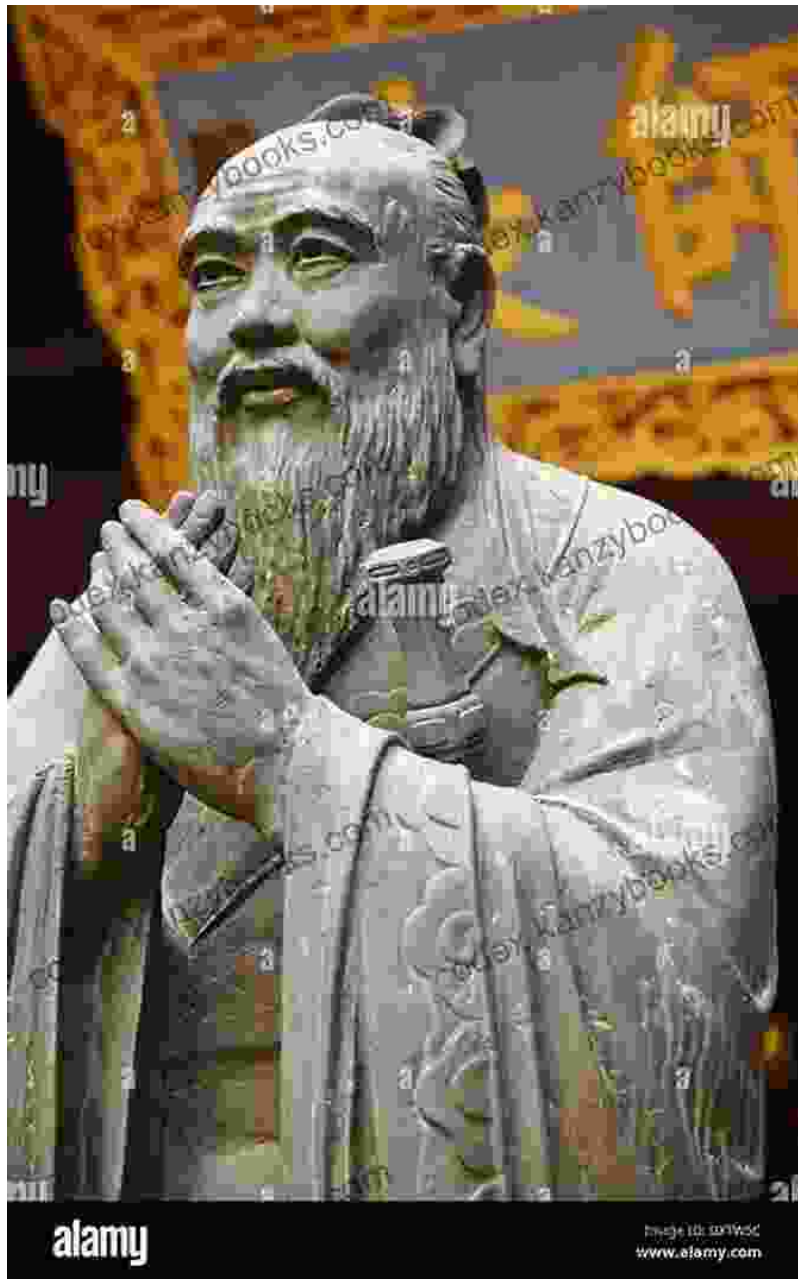
China, a land of ancient civilizations and profound cultural heritage, is home to a vibrant and multifaceted religious landscape. From the teachings of Confucius and Laozi to the arrival of Buddhism and the enduring presence of folk beliefs, Chinese religions have shaped the nation's history, society, and worldview for centuries.

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A Daoist temple, a place of worship and meditation.

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Folk religion, a diverse collection of beliefs and practices, plays a vital role in the religious life of many Chinese people. Folk religion encompasses a wide range of traditions, including ancestor worship, nature worship, and the veneration of local deities.

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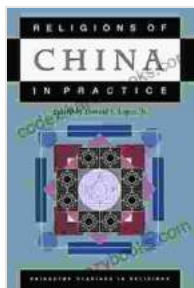


A folk religion shrine, a place of worship for local deities and ancestors.

Princeton Readings in Religions 14 is an invaluable resource for anyone seeking to understand the complex and fascinating world of Chinese religions. This comprehensive volume provides a deep dive into the beliefs, practices, and cultural expressions that have shaped the spiritual landscape of China for centuries.

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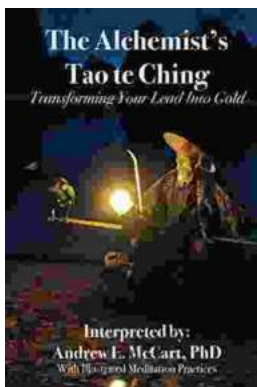
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