

Religious Beliefs in China

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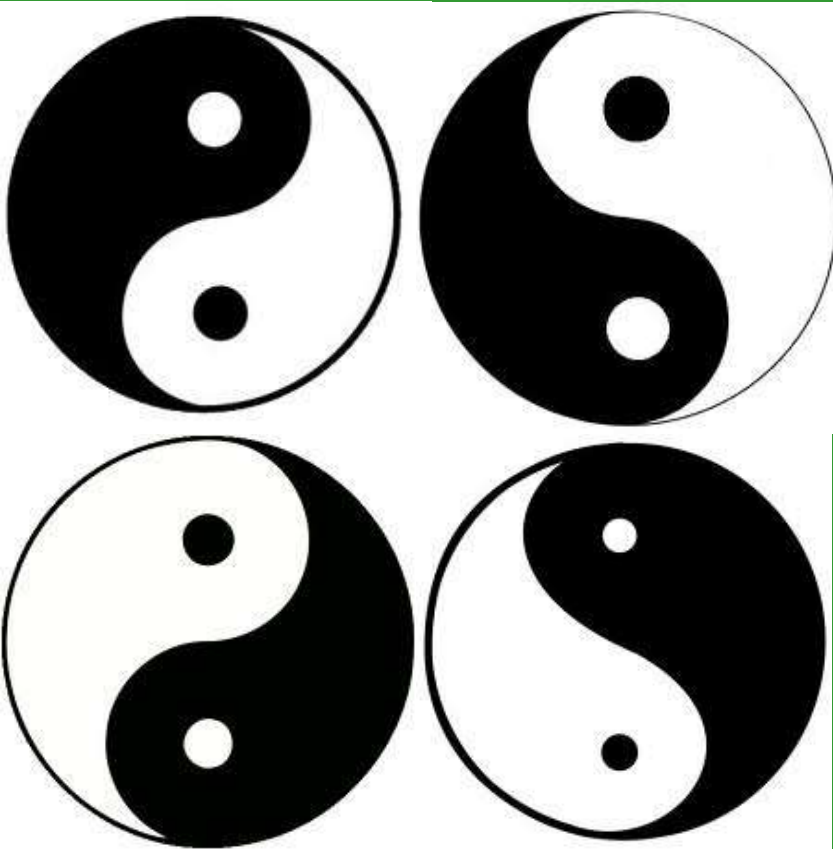
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Which is/are related to religions in China?



Yin and Yang for Balance

Know China in 10 minutes: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQHZHF1wMFM>

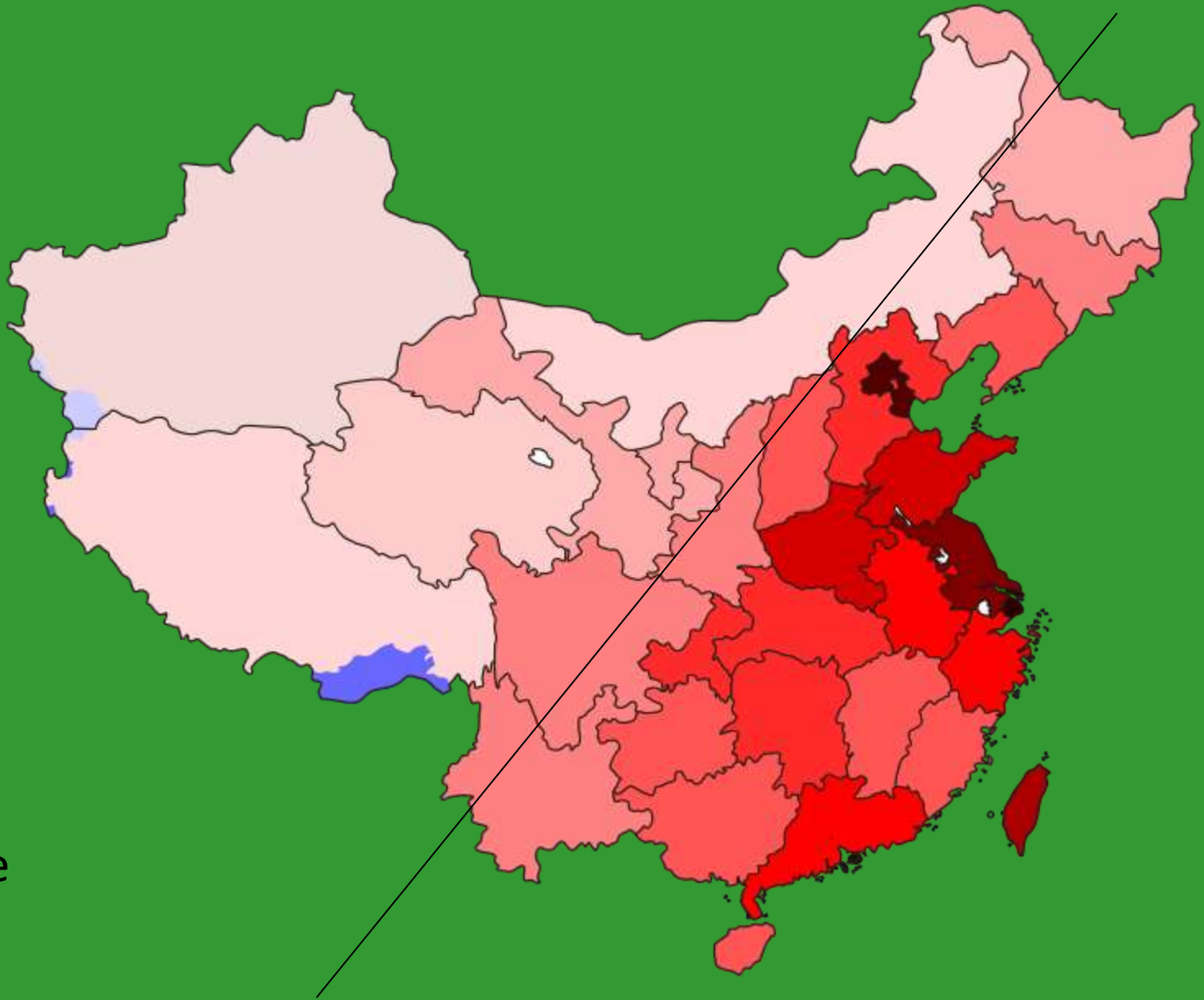


Three Pillars of Chinese Religions

- **Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism in China:**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gZY4i4Kg3s&feature=related>
- Lectures in Religion: **CHINESE RELIGIONS**
(Presented by Dr. Andrea Diem-Lane):
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiWvQdkopaE&feature=related>
- **China is diverse for its peoples, languages, religious beliefs and cultures.**

Population Density in China

Western China has about 60% of the land with less than 20% of the population. Most of the ethnic minorities live in western China.



Major minority ethnic groups (2010 census)

- [Zhuang](#) (16.2 million)
- [Manchu](#) (10.7 million)
- [Hui](#) (9.8 million)
- [Miao](#) (8.9 million)
- [Uyghur](#) (8.4 million)
- [Tujia](#) (8 million)
- [Yi](#) (7.7 million)
- [Mongol](#) (5.8 million)
- [Tibetan](#) (5.4 million)
- [Buyei](#) (2.9 million)
- [Dong](#) (2.9 million)
- [Yao](#) (2.6 million)
- [Korean](#) (1.9 million)
- [Bai](#) (1.8 million)
- [Hani](#) (1.4 million)
- [Kazakh](#) (1.2 million)
- [Li](#) (1.2 million), and
- [Dai](#) (1.1 million) (Smallest groups: Hezhen 4,640; Lhoba 2,965)

**Total minority population:
114 million (8.5% of total)**

Regional Dialects in China

can also be heard in Taiwan.

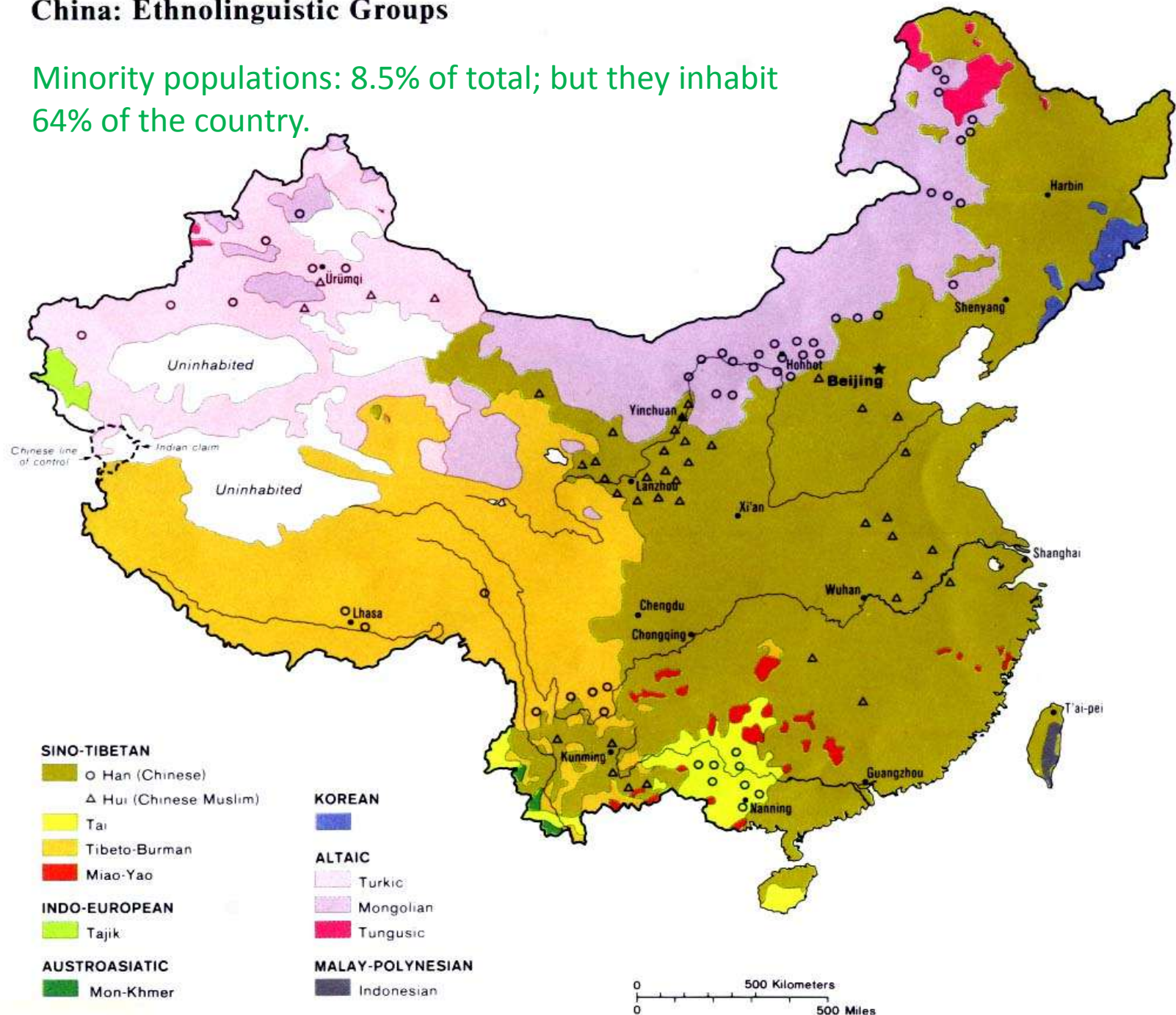


Languages of Minority Peoples in China



China: Ethnolinguistic Groups

Minority populations: 8.5% of total; but they inhabit 64% of the country.





Confucian Ritual at Dacheng Hall, Qufu



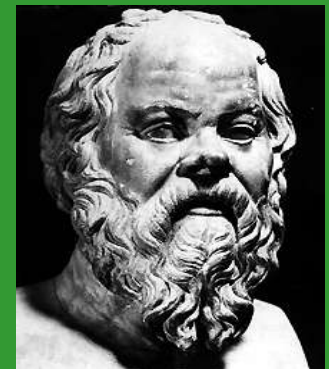
Gate of Northeast Normal University



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Confucius and Socrates

- Both lived within a century of each other:
 - Confucius (551 – 479 BCE)
 - Socrates (470 – 399 BCE)
- Both were philosophers who were mainly concerned with questions of moral behavior.
- Both had an enormous influence on their societies.
 - Confucius = Eastern Civilization
 - Socrates = Western Civilization
- Neither left their thoughts in writing but their ideas were spread by their disciples.



Temple of Heaven (14th century)



White Cloud Temple in Beijing

(TianChan Temple, 8th century)



Spring Temple Buddha in Henan (153 meters)



Guanyin of Lianhuashan, Guangdong (41 meters)



Potala Palace in Lhasa (1645)



Churches in Beijing and Shanghai



Id Kahr Mosque in Kashgar



Bai Chongxi

ROC Army General



Hui Liangyu

PRC Vice Premier

