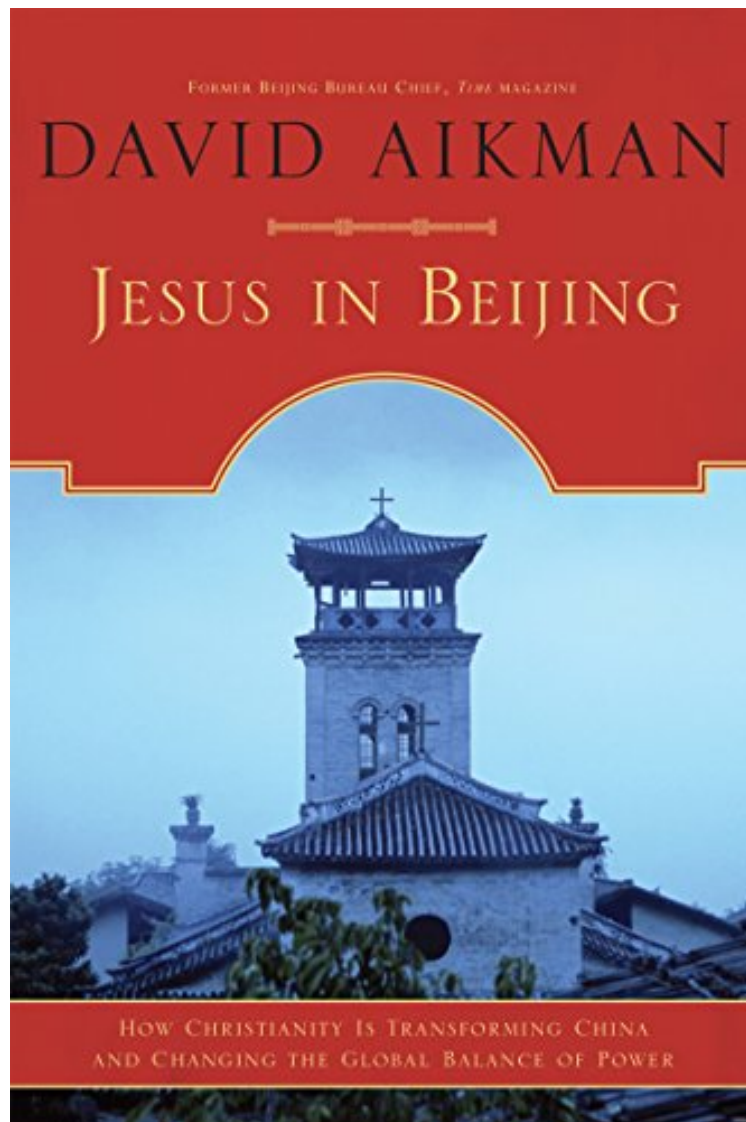


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Politics are being transformed by religion, namely in Chinawithin the next thirty years, one-third of this potential superpower could be Christian.If this religious transformation occurs, China would be one of the largest Christian nations in the world.David Aikman, former Beijing bureau chief for Time, unveils this spiritual revolution, detailing the impending political-religious conversion of the Peoples Republic of China and potential overthrow of its Communist Party through Jesus in Beijing: How Christianity is Transforming and Changing the Global Balance of Power.

David Aikman writes with conviction about the broad scope and deep roots of Christianity in China. It is a compelling -- James Lilley, former US ambassador to China and former US representative to TaiwanFrom the Inside FlapIs China America's Next Great Ally? An unreported tectonic shift is happening in global politics--and it's driven by religion. Within the next thirty years, one-third of China's population could be Christian, making China one of the largest Christian nations in the world. These Christians could also be China's leaders, guiding the largest economy in the world. What is happening in China is what happened to the Roman Empire nearly two millennia ago--a great power transforming itself. The results could be astonishing. Veteran reporter David Aikman, former Beijing bureau chief for Time magazine, takes you inside this revolution to reveal some shocking facts. In Jesus in Beijing, you'll learn: *Why China might be America's next ally against radical Islam *Why the Chinese believe that Christianity is crucial to the rise of the West--and of China *Why fierce anti-Christian persecution and covert government encouragement exist side by side in China *Why Chinese Christians see themselves as allies of the United States--and of Israel *How the Christian underground has spread--and won over key members of the Chinese Communist Party *The impact of a Christianizing China on global Christendom at large In Jesus in Beijing, David Aikman recounts the fascinating story of how Christianity began in China (even predating Francis Xavier and the Jesuits), and the bloody anti-Christian persecutions (especially under the Communists), the revival of an underground Christian movement led by brave men and women risking death, and the flowering of Christianity today--though still under persecution. While China's Communist rulers hope to reap the social and economic benefits of Christianity without losing power, as David Aikman so provocatively points out, the Chinese dragon might just be tamed by the Christian Lamb. Few books change the way a reader views the world. Jesus in Beijing is one of those books.About the AuthorDavid Aikman worked for Time Magazine for more than two decades, reporting from over 50 countries and interviewing figures as diverse as Boris Yeltsin and Mother Teresa. He lives in Virginia with his family.