

the 300 years , and they were ~~g~~highly educated and highly cultured, but now the revolution came~~k~~ in China and the Manchurian leaders ~~lo~~lost their power, and she mentioned~~s~~ quite ~~incidental~~ incidentally , how as her mother looked out the window she ~~wh~~ saw these manchurian women ~~hid~~hiding behind the trees and ~~x~~ crawling around, and then some Chinese would come up and grab one of them and kill her, ~~a~~and she said her mother felt so sorry for these women, but she didn't dare open the door or let any of them in or try to help them, ~~but~~because ~~th~~at wouldn't have helped them any , they would have been killed anyway, and ~~pro~~probably she would have been killed too, and as you read these and many other incidents of this type, you see that the ideas that we have in America that human life is ~~precis~~ precious, is an idea that was utterly unknown in the ~~Ch~~China in ~~wh~~which Pearl Buck was brought up. Oh yes, their friends ~~o~~were precious, the friends ~~th~~at belonged to their particular class were precious, the people that had some ~~particular~~ particular interest ~~and~~ reason for having an interest, but the idea that there is value in an individual human soul, the idea that an individual life is first being kind to, regardless of any ~~a~~ particular excellence in that individual. It is something that is unknown in China or ancient Greece or any other ~~het~~heathen country that I know . It is only through the Bible, and through ~~the~~Christianity that this idea has come, that ~~g~~od has ~~Q~~ created every human being and that human~~d~~ ~~begin~~being has an ~~a~~human soul~~.~~ an eternal soul and that we have a duty to be kind to every one and to try to help them. The strange irony is that in our Christian land so many of our educated leaders have departed from the ~~bi~~Bible , have departed from the gospel, and ~~h~~ yet have taken certain of these Biblical ideas and have stretched them out of proportion and made them sort of fetishes in a way that they are not