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numerous historical facts and presenting them uniquely as well as piecing together a presentation delineating an exhaustive task never done prior to his undertaking, while affording the reader an intelligent blueprint as to some important historical dates and facts! This is must read for any Sinologist or anyone interested in the spread of the Buddha Dharma.

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