

There are several accounts to blame for the fall of the Qing Dynasty, from the trusting of Western sources to the internal struggles of the Nationalist Revolution. However, there is one particular account that I believe would serve as the tipping point of the fall of Qing. Standing that the very pointy tip of the tipping point would be criminalization of Christianity. To clarify, I am not saying that the Taiping Rebellion is not the tipping point of the fall of the Qing. I am merely stating the fallacy of the religious belief system behind the Qing Dynasty was what led to its fall. The main reason why I say so is the fact that China first started their civilization off the basis of serving and celebrating the gods they worship. Christianity being a religion based on the worshiping of an individual that may have been as close to the God as China was to their own God makes the criminalization a bit confusing for me.

The complications of understanding the Heavens may have been the contribution to this fallacy of religion for China. From my understanding of the reasons behind the Taiping Rebellion, militaristic action proved to be the most preferred method of rebellion rather than faith and anti-violent preaching approaches. From de Bary's sources, it can be applicable to say that "the extraordinary discipline of the Taiping armies, the heroism of many in battle, and their readiness to meet death - for which there could be no earthly reward - all suggest that this motley assemblage of malcontents and misfits, missionaries and messiah was inspired by a deep sense of religious purpose"(de Bary, pg. 215). Looking at this sentence alone may suggest that religion and military were mixed together, detailing that the delivering and accepting of violence was the way the West may have taught them in terms of worshiping their own gods. This connects to the savagery of rituals and ceremonies in that past, where modernization wasn't a word considered for many human minds. With the mixture of savagery and purpose alone, the fall of the Qing

Dynasty revolved around the usage of restriction and violence, rather than calm authority and true acceptance of Western values.