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**Joseph Needham and the Great Secrets of China** Cambridge University Press

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**Science and Civilisation in China: Volume 7, The Social Background,**

**Part 1, Language and Logic in Traditional China** Penguin UK

For contents, see Author Catalog.

**Science and Civilisation in China: Volume 6, Biology and Biological Technology, Part 3, Agro-Industries and Forestry** Cambridge University Press

The fifth volume of Dr Needham's immense undertaking, like the fourth, is subdivided into parts for ease of presentation and assimilation, each part bound and published separately. The volume as a whole covers the subjects of alchemy, early chemistry, and chemical technology (which includes military invention, especially gunpowder; paper and printing; textiles; mining and metallurgy; the salt industry; and ceramics).

**Science and Civilisation in China: Volume 4, Physics and Physical Technology, Part 3, Civil Engineering and Nautics** Cambridge University Press

Science and Civilisation in China, Volume 7 Part 1 is the first book in the final volume of this unique resource. The Chinese culture is the only culture in the world that has developed systematic logical definitions and reflections on its own and on the basis of a non-Indo-European language. Christoph Harbsmeier discusses the basic features of the classical Chinese language that made it a suitable medium for science in ancient China, discussing in detail a wide range of abstract concepts that are crucial for the development of scientific discourse. There is special emphasis on the conceptual history of logical terminology in ancient China, and on traditional Chinese views on their own language. Finally the book provides an overview of the development of logical reflection in ancient China, first in terms of the forms of arguments that were deployed in ancient Chinese texts, and then in terms of ancient Chinese theoretical concerns with logical matters.

*Science and Civilisation in China: History of scientific thought* Cambridge University Press

This collection of twenty-one articles represents some of the major writings by one of the United States' leading Sinologists, Derk Bodde. Originally published in 1982. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

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The Shorter Science and Civilisation in China: Volume 5 Cambridge University Press

Volume VI Part 3 of Science and Civilisation in China contains two separate works. The first, by Christian Daniels, is a comprehensive history of Chinese sugarcane technology from ancient times to the early twentieth century. Dr. Daniels includes an account of the contribution of Chinese techniques and machinery to the development of world sugar technology in the premodern period, devoting special attention to the transfer of this technology to the countries of Southeast and East Asia in the period after the sixteenth century. The second, by Nicholas K. Menzies, is a history of forestry in China. Dr. Menzies identifies a tradition of forest management that can be traced to the earliest Chinese written records, and describes methods of silviculture, and the major timber species used in Chinese forestry. A final section compares China's history of deforestation with the cases of Europe and Japan. Each of these works will interest scholars of Chinese science, culture, and ancient agriculture as well as historians of science.

**Science and Civilisation in China: Volume 2, History of Scientific Thought**

Cambridge University Press  
A reissue with a foreword and supplement, of a modern classic published in 1960. The invention of the mechanical clock was one of the most important turning points in the history of science and technology. This study revealed six centuries of mechanical clockwork preceding the first mechanical escapement clocks of the West of about AD 1300. Detailed and fully illustrated accounts of elaborate Chinese clocks are accompanied by a discussion of the social context of the Chinese inventions and an assessment of their possible transmission to medieval Europe. For this revised edition, Dr Joseph Needham has contributed a new foreword on recent research and perceptions. In a supplement John H. Combridge details a modern reconstruction of Su Sung's timekeeping device, which together with textual studies modifies our understanding of this important early technology.

Science and Civilisation in China Harvard University Press

Before fate intervened, Joseph Needham was a distinguished biochemist at Cambridge University, married to a fellow scientist. In 1937 he was asked to supervise a young Chinese student named Lu Gwei-Djen, and in that moment began the two greatest love affairs of his life - Miss Lu, and China. Miss Lu inspired Needham to travel to China where he initially spent three dangerous years as a

wartime diplomat. He established himself as the pre-eminent China scholar of all time, firm in his belief that China would one day achieve world prominence. By the end of his life, Needham had become a truly global figure, travelling endlessly and honoured by all - though banned from America because of his politics. And in 1989, after a fifty-two year affair, he finally married the woman who had first inspired his passion. The Magnificent Barbarian is Simon Winchester at his best - at once a magnificent portrait of one man's remarkable life and a riveting exploration of the country that so engaged him.

**Science and Civilisation in China**

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Traces the history of Chinese science, including the development of acupuncture, gunpowder, and mechanical clocks, and compares it with the science of neighboring nations

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Science and Civilisation in China: Volume 7, The Social Background, Part 1, Language and Logic in Traditional China

Cambridge University Press

This fifth volume abridgement of Joseph Needham's monumental work is concerned with the staggering civil engineering feats made in early and medieval China.

*The Shorter Science and Civilisation in China: Volume 1* Cambridge University Press

Three previous volumes of this series by Colin Ronan are each available in hardback as well as paperback. Volume I introduces the reader to the country of China: its history, geography and language. The major part of this book is

devoted to the history of scientific thought in China itself. In Volume II, the first section deals with mathematics, and this is followed by a section dealing with mathematics. Then follow sections on astronomy, meteorology and the earth sciences. The volume closes with a description of various aspects of Chinese physics. Volume III looks in some detail at one of the greatest contributions the Chinese made to physics - the discovery of the magnetic compass.

**Science and Civilisation in China: Volume 4, Physics and Physical Technology, Part 2, Mechanical Engineering**

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*Science and Civilisation in China: Volume*

*5, Chemistry and Chemical Technology,*

*Part 3, Spagyric Discovery and Invention:*

*Historical Survey from Cinnabar Elixirs to*

*Synthetic Insulin* Routledge

First published in 1969. The historical

civilization of China is, with the Indian and

European-Semitic, one of the three

greatest in the world, yet only relatively

recently has any enquiry been begun into

its achievements in science and

technology. Between the first and fifteenth

centuries the Chinese were generally far in

advance of Europe and it was not until the

scientific revolution of the Renaissance

that Europe drew ahead. Throughout those

fifteen centuries, and ever since, the West

has been profoundly affected by the

discoveries and invention emanating from

China and East Asia. In this series of

essays and lectures, Joseph Needham

explores the mystery of China's early lead

and Europe's later overtaking.

Cambridge University Press

Science and Civilisation in China: Volume

3, Mathematics and the Sciences of the Heavens and the Earth Cambridge University Press  
Science and Civilisation in China: Volume 7, The Social Background, Part 1, Language and Logic in Traditional China Cambridge University Press  
 The second volume of Dr Joseph Needham's great work Science and Civilisation in China is devoted to the history of scientific thought. Beginning with ancient times, it describes the Confucian milieu in which arose the organic naturalism of the great Taoist school, the scientific philosophy of the Mohists and Logicians, and the quantitative materialism of the Legalists. Thus we are brought on to the fundamental ideas which dominated scientific thinking in the Chinese middle ages. The author opens his discussion by considering the remote and pictographic origins of words fundamental in scientific discourse, and then sets forth the influential doctrines of the Two Forces and the Five Elements. Subsequently he writes of the important sceptical tradition, the effects of Buddhist thought, and the Neo-Confucian climax of Chinese naturalism. Last comes a discussion of the conception

of Laws of Nature in China and the West. *The Shorter Science and Civilisation in China: Volume 1* Cambridge University Press  
 This volume details the early Chinese contributions to various sciences. The first section deals with mathematics, showing that Chinese works were comparable with the pre-Renaissance achievements of the old world. Then the book goes on to cover astronomy and meteorology, Earth sciences and physics.  
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**Science and Civilisation in China: Volume 6, Biology and Biological Technology, Part 3, Agro-Industries and Forestry** Cambridge University Press  
 A section of Volume IV, part 1 and a section of Volume IV, part 3 of the major series: