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Abstracts

**The Last Remains Concerning Manichaeism in the Village
of Jinjiang County of China**

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Thanks to the findings of the field investigation undertaken by Mr. Nian Liangtu of Jinjiang Museum, we can see some new evidence concerning Manichaeism in the surroundings of Cao'an temple, including a village shrine with wall-paintings of Mani Buddha and two other deities also related with Manichaeism, some talismans and poem lots for sortilege used by the local fortunetellers and so on. After analyzing these findings with reference of the Chinese Manichaean manuscripts and other related historical data, the author points out that the remains concerning Manichaeism cannot be treated as the evidence on the present prevalence of Manichaean faith in the village. Though the image of Mani is still worshiped now, the villagers there know nothing about the original Manichaeism and Mani himself has already been sinicized as a common deity in the pantheon of Chinese folk religion.