

# POLISH ÉMIGRÉ HISTORY

MICHAŁ BOYM

(1612–59)



**MICHAŁ BOYM**  
was a Polish Jesuit,  
a member  
of an all-male order  
of clerics founded  
by Ignatius of Loyola  
(1491–1556)



Ignatius of Loyola



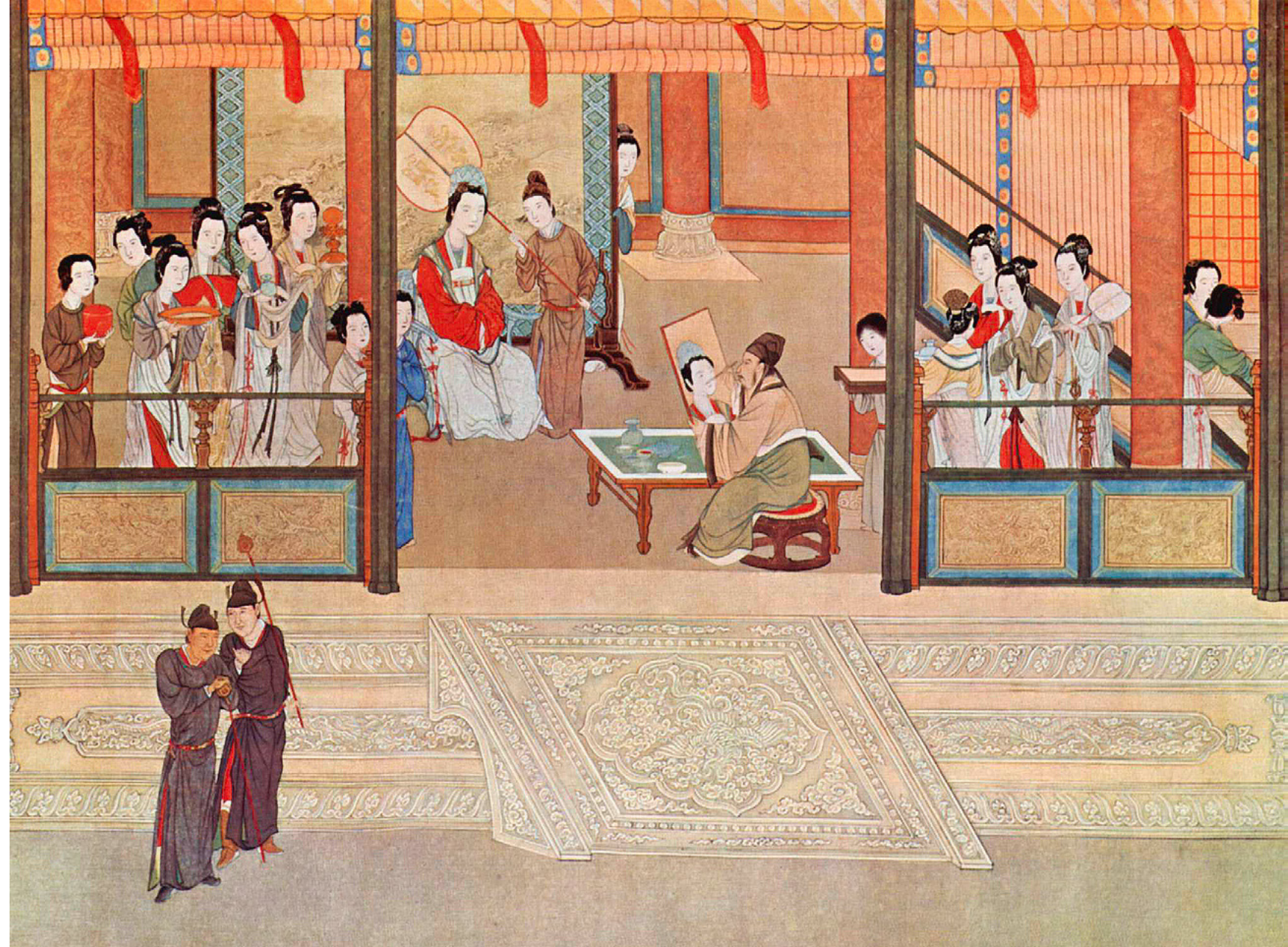


In 1643 the order granted  
Michał Boym  
permission to leave  
on a mission  
to China.  
A year later he arrived  
in southern China  
and began his work  
on the tropical island  
of **HAINAN**





During his stay in China, Michał Boym acted as an advisor at the court of the last emperor of the Ming dynasty (1368–1644), the last national dynasty that ruled China. It was during this time that what is known today as the Great Wall of China was reconstructed and built of brick and stone





**YONGLI** (1623–62),  
the emperor in whose  
court Michał Boym  
was active, converted  
to Catholicism  
with his family  
and the entire  
imperial court



Chengzu  
Emperor of the Ming  
dynasty



UNESCO recognised  
the Great Wall  
of China as  
a World Heritage  
Site in 1987,  
and on 7 July 2007  
it was announced  
as one of the  
New 7 Wonders  
of the World



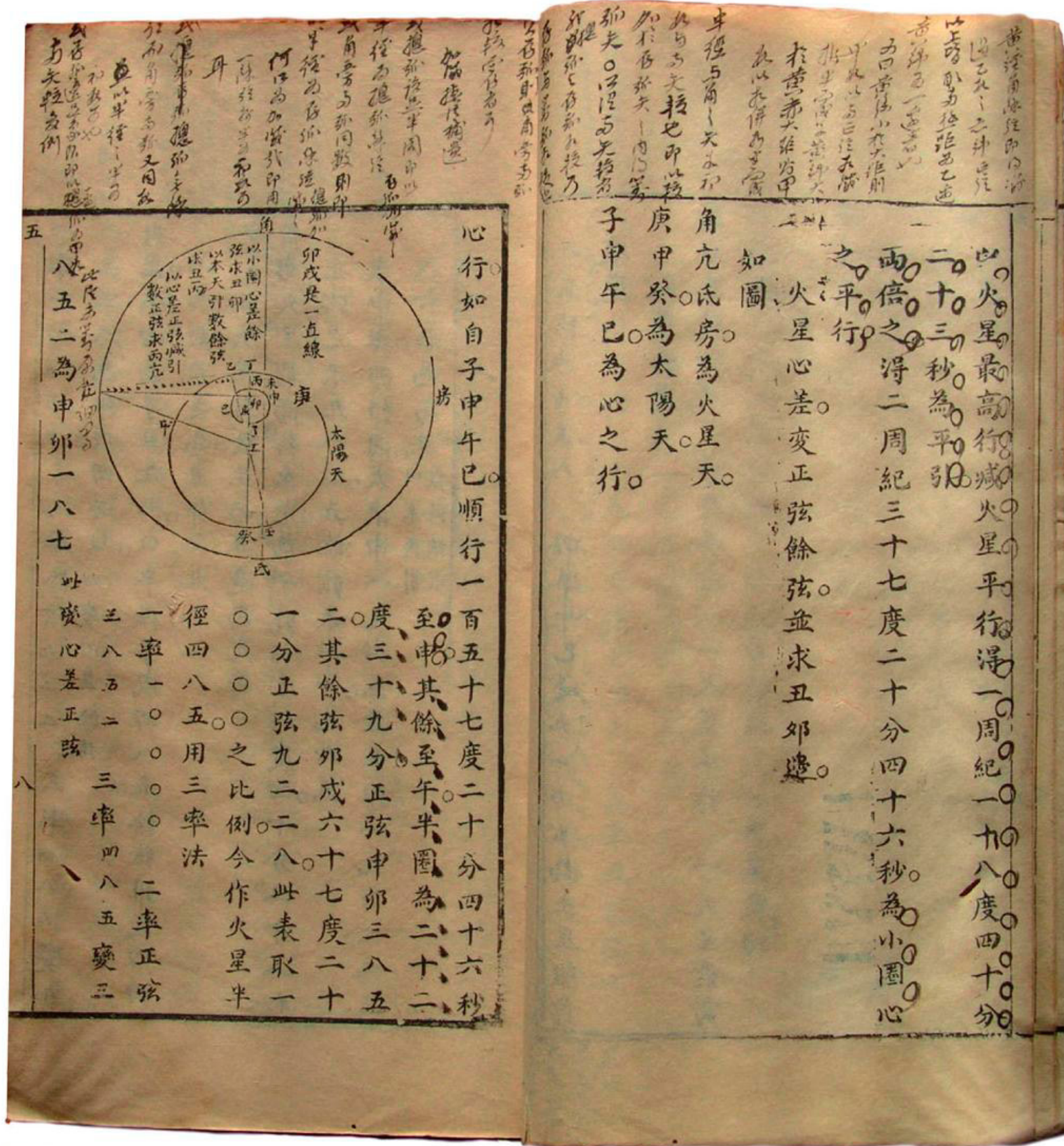


**MICHAŁ BOYM** was sent to the Apostolic See to ask the Pope and European monarchs for military assistance for the Imperial armies' fight against the Manchus



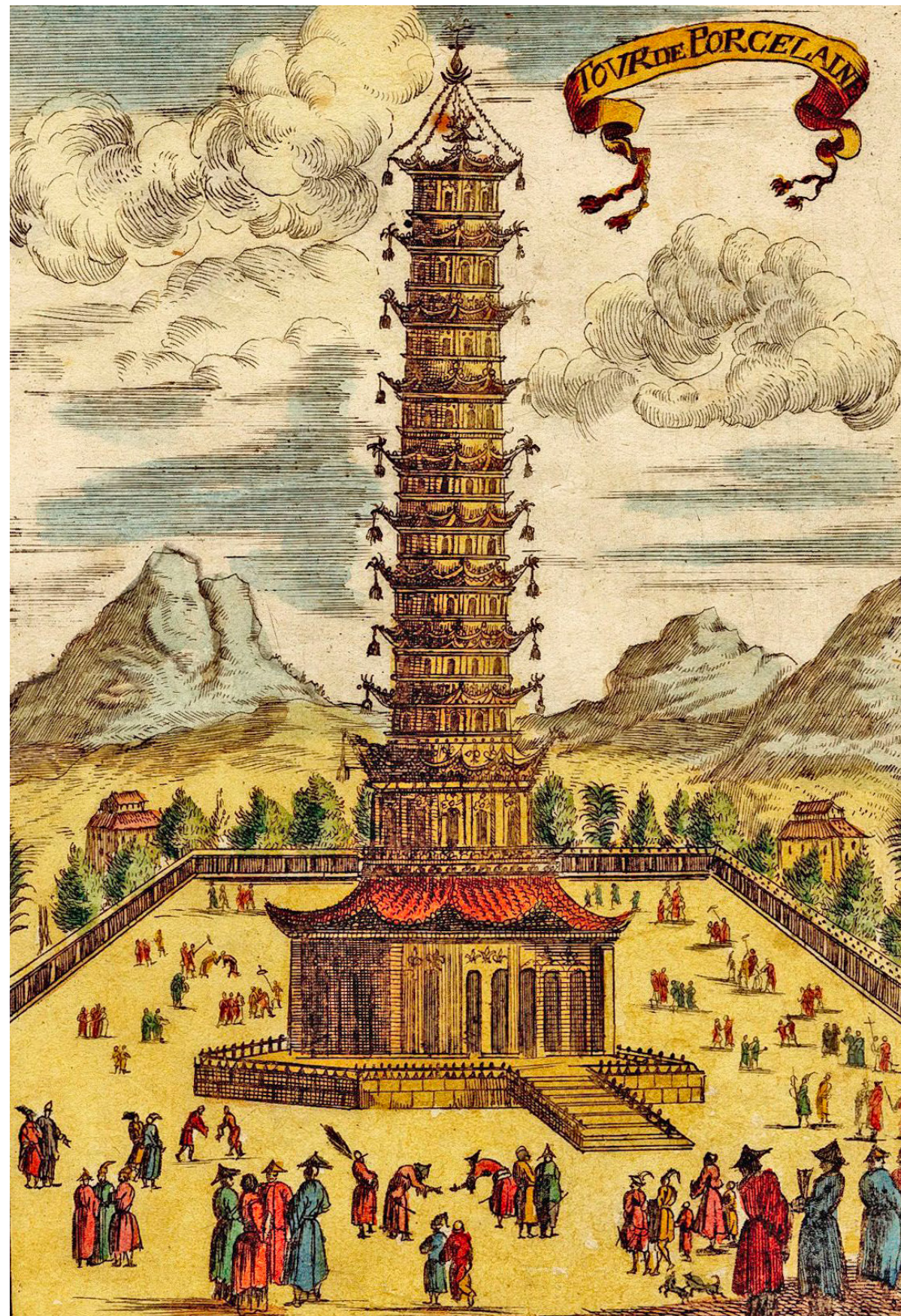


**BOYM** is the first European to have taken an interest in Chinese culture, and shared extensive information about Chinese science, philosophy, and language





The observations he  
made while travelling  
through China  
inspired many  
of Boym's written  
works



The Porcelain Tower  
of Nanjing.  
Constructed  
in the 15th century  
of white porcelain  
bricks.



*FLORA SINENSIS,*

a complex description  
of the Chinese flora  
(and fauna) published  
in Vienna in 1656,  
is Michał Boym's  
best-known work

FLORA SINENSIS, <sup>301</sup>  
FRUCTVS FLORESQVE HUMILLIME  
PORRIGENS,

SERENISSIMO ET POTEN-  
TISSIMO PRINCIPI, AC DOMINO,  
DOMINO

LEOPOLDO  
IGNATIO,

HUNGARIÆ REGI FLO-  
RENTISSIMO, &c.

Fructus Sæculo promittenti Augustissimos,  
emissa in publicum

A  
R. P. MICHAELE BOYM,  
Societatis IESV Sacerdote.



A Domo Professæ ejusdem Societatis Viennæ  
Majestati Suæ unâ cum felicissimi Anni appreciatione oblata.

*Anno salutis*

M. DC. LVI.



VIENNÆ AUSTRIÆ, Typis Matthæi Ricij.











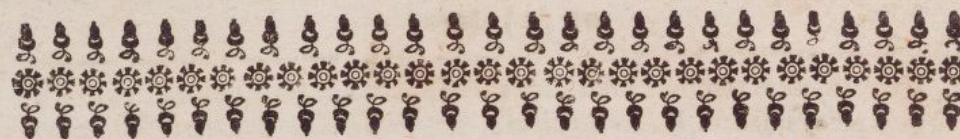




Boym's *SPECIMEN*

*MEDICINAE SINICAE*

describes Chinese  
medicine, including  
acupuncture  
and diagnostics based  
on the measurement  
of the pulse



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# EXPLANATIONE PULSUUM REGULÆ,

ET

DISCURSUM VERORUM,

*Liber Primus.*

Regnante in Occidente Familiâ Cyn, Authore &  
Commentatore Vâm Xó Hó.

*Pulsuum explorandorum Regula.*



Upis conjicere perfectè morbos, vitam & mortem, oportet singillatim pulsuum habere intelligentiam. In sinistra distingues cordis & hepatis rationem; In dextra examinabis stomachi & pulmonum naturam; Ista habent in manibus primum locum *Cun* seu articuli; hæc habent secundum locum *Quoan* seu limitis in manibus; vesica & porta vitæ sunt in utriusque manus cubiti tertio loco dicto *Chè*. Distinctis simul omnibus in hac & illa manu tribus locis, quinque membrorum facile est recordari; sed septem exploratorum pulsuum novem temporaria indicia difficillimum est clarè intelligere. Per diem & noctem insequitur unus alium circuitus commotorum spirituum & sanguinis; necesse est habere eorum circuituum determinatum numerum; Mas & fœmina, procerus & brevis, magnus & parvus singuli habent differentem corporis figuram. Rursum habentur modi annuarum in aëre mutationum non iidem. Necesse est scire ver, æstatem, autumnum, hyemem, & statuere convenientes illis temporibus lunas, videlicet primam & secundam in anno lunari, verno tempore & arborum tlemento, quod dominatur hepatis. Pulsus, qui indicant constitutionem illius canuralem, est extensæ chordæ similis & longus, quæ ambo simul se comitan-

A

tur.







16

*Intestinorum minorum seu gracilium Imago.*



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*Præter 12 vias supra dictas assignant præterea octo extraordinarias, quæ eisdem servant cursum et circulationem suam cum dictis viis: duas principes his duabus imaginibus expressas habet:*

*Tō mē seu Tō pulsus via extraordinaria.*



*Cavitatum loca 28. universim.*



The Polish Jesuit also drafted a complete collection of maps of China, which are currently in the collection of the Vatican Library in Rome

Jesuit map of China. The map gives extensive details regarding China's provinces, major cities, families, colleges, temples, churches and Missions. The ending note discusses the Jesuit activities during the 17th Century





Elizabeth  
Penderecki  
invites



Ludwig  
van Beethoven  
Association

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