

TRAILS TO INMOST ASIA

Extracts from Comments-

"With great pleasure I have received today your wonderful and beautiful book "Trails to Inmost Asia," and I could not help reading a good part of it at once.

"May I especially express my appreciation of the intelligent and scientific way in which you have dealt with and described Trans-himalaya's orographical importance and situation in the Tibetan world of mountains. Geographers in England do not yet seem to understand the gigantic part played by this enormous system of mountains, but future exploration will give me full acknowledgment. Therefore, I read all you have said about my old Trans-himalayas with such great and genuine satisfaction."

-- Letter from Dr. Sven Hedin

"Many expeditions have penetrated into Central Asia since Dr. Sven Hedin unveiled its fascinations, and few if any of them have given us a more varied and enriching record than has the chronicler of the party sent out by the Roerich Museum of New York. He is an accomplished Orientalist....."

--New York Times

"When the record of adventures undertaken and accomplished in this twentieth century of ours has been written for future generations, the period will stand forth as an age of explorations comparable in importance as in accomplishment with that other great century of adventure, the sixteenth. Colonel Lindbergh and the conquest of the seas by aero-plane, Rear-Admiral Byrd and his mighty achievements in polar regions; and, quite on a par with all that has been undertaken as yet, this Roerich Expedition into the little-known region of towering mountains, limitless deserts and wind-swept plateaus of Inner Asia.

"There is a strange feeling of unreality in this chronicle like a journey to another planet, a feeling which is only partially dispelled when one reads of the cooperative stores in Mongolia, the communism and the modern methods of agriculture. People, land, and rulers are all mystical, apart from all life as we know it.....The record of the travel and of the adventures reads like a page from Arabian Nights."

-- Boston Transcript

"The director's son and colleague, George N. Roerich, an Orientalist of distinction, here give a brief survey of the experiences and findings of the expedition, and the story he tells makes fascinating reading."

-- American Mercury

"The Roerich Expedition secured more authentic insight into the minds of Asiatic scholars than has been gleaned by any other recent expeditions. This report is essential for understanding the psychology of millions of seething Asiatics." -- Philadelphia Public Ledger

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"...The spread of ancient Buddhism and its art, the colorful stories of tribal migrations and conquests, the customs and traditions of races that remain virile in spite of lamaism, the impressive geographical features of the country and the terrific hardships which they impose on the traveler. All these themes get ample space in George N. Roerich's record of five years' travel in and about Central Asia; but this author is also faithful to the purpose of the expedition of which he was a member, and gives an insight into the nature, quality and inside politics of lamaism which will probably stimulate in the reader of Asiatic travelogues a new taste for modern Buddhist sectarianism."

-- Herald Tribune

"Trails to Inmost Asia" is an erudite and fascinating record of a marvelous odyssey"

-- Dr. Christian Brinton