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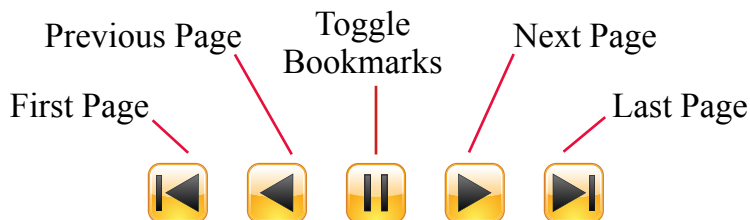


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PATH OF THE DRAGON: THE ART AND SCIENCE OF FENG SHUI

The ancient Chinese developed feng shui based on their unique spiritual view of the world. They studied nature to make sense of the universe. By recognizing chi in a landscape, the ancient ones determined which locations would be safe from danger, have lush vegetation, and harmoniously align with the Earth's geomagnetic field.

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Master Li brought the Falun Dafa movement publicly to the Chinese people in 1992. Since that time, its following has grown to over 100 million people, making it one of the fastest growing religious movements in the history of humankind.

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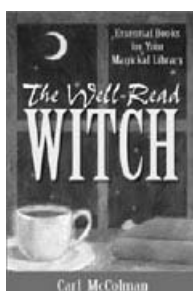
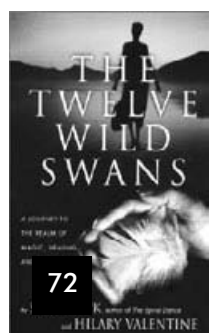
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