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## **Travels In China**

**Warren Wiscombe, PhD**

**Observations on the ways of China**

***"Will they leave us in the dust?"***

China has become an exotic travel destination for Westerners. I was invited to give two lectures in China in June 2024, so my wife and I took this opportunity to travel around China afterwards with tour guide Jerry. What we encountered was mind blowing, radically changed from our trip there in 2005, and largely unknown to Americans. In this lecture I will describe the strange and amazing things we saw, from smaller things like cosplay, robots in our hotels, and being constantly gawked at as if we were aliens, to large things like constant surveillance, endless rows of 30-story apartment buildings, and bullet trains traveling over 200 mph. And I will share some observations on the ways China seems to be pulling ahead of us.

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