

# **Sacralization and Self-identity:**

A Field Study on the Rural Christians in  
Weihui County of Henen Province

(An abstract)

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Christians in rural China believe that if they confess their sins and they are repentant, then they will be more holy than ordinary people. They can receive redemption and enter paradise. This is the self-identity of most rural Christians in China. This study reveals that there is a close relationship between sacralization and Christian identity. Without sacralization, there will be no real difference between Christians and non-Christians, no true Christian identity, and no public role for Christianity.