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[Review of] *Eastern Learning and the Heavenly Way:
The Tonghak and Ch'ondogyo Movements and the
Twilight of Korean Independence*

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Young, Carl F. **Eastern learning and the heavenly way: the Tonghak and Ch'ondogyo movements and the twilight of Korean independence.** Hawai'i/Center for Korean Studies, University of Hawai'i, 2014. 271p bibl index afp ISBN 9780824838881 cloth, \$49.00

Young's book is an excellent example of balance. On the one hand, Young (history, Univ. of Western Ontario) details the internal challenges and changes within the nativist Tonghak and Ch'ondogyo religious movements, from 1894 to 1910, and their role in the Korean independence struggles up to Japan's annexation of Korea. Of particular interest to scholars will be Young's fresh interpretations of the followers of Tonghak and Ch'ondogyo, namely, how people involved in those groups did not simply act in unison to further Korean independence. On the other hand, Young provides an engaging account of how those histories tie into broader events and intellectual trends in East Asia. For example, Ch'ondogyo, a reformed version of Tonghak that deemphasized the folk practices that were considered superstitious, adopted new ideas of "civilization and enlightenment" learned during its founder's time in Japan, while still retaining concepts from Chinese philosophy. This book will interest historians as well as those who study religions and how they addressed social, intellectual, and political developments during late-19th and early-20th-century modernity.

Summing Up: ★★ Recommended. Lower-division undergraduates through faculty.—*M. J. Wert, Marquette University*