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隆兴寺位于石家庄市北十五公里的正定县城内, 是我国保存较好、规模较大、历史较早的佛教寺院之 一,为全国重点文物保护单位。隆兴寺始建于隋开皇 六年(公元586年),原名龙藏寺。唐代 更名 龙兴 寺。宋开宝四年(公元971年),太祖赵匡胤敕令于 寺内铸造一尊高21.3米的铜观音菩萨像,遂进行扩 建;金、元、明各代均有修茸。清康熙年间再度大规 模维修,并改名为隆兴寺。

隆兴寺坐北朝南,现存面积六万二千平方米,主要建筑有天王殿、摩尼殿、戒坛、转轮藏、慈氏阁、大悲阁、弥陀殿等十余座,由南向北依次递进,建筑风格和布局基本上保持宋代特点。摩尼殿内的彩塑观音像、彩绘壁画和毗卢殿内的铜佛像,皆为明代工匠之佳作。大悲阁两侧碑石很多,其中隋龙藏寺碑是我国现存的著名碑刻之一,书法遒丽,开唐楷之先声,有较高的历史艺术价值。

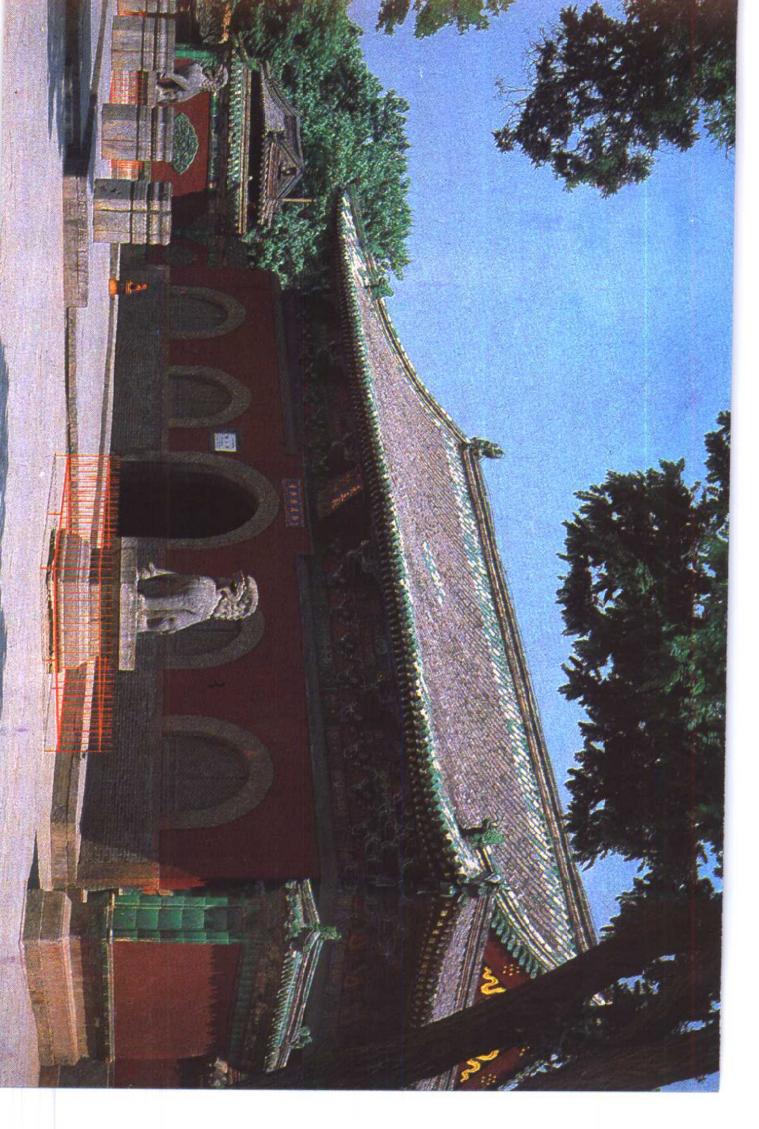
Longxing Temple

Located in the county town of Zhengding, Longxing Temple is one of the big monasteries which date quite early and are still intact in China. Now it is placed on the list of the country's major historical sites to be given special attention. Built in the 6th year of the reign of Kaihuang, the Sui Dynasty (586 A.D.), the temple was originally named Longcang Temple (Temple of Sheltering the Dragon). In the Tang Dynasty, it was renamed Longxing Temple (Temple of Dragon's Prosperity). In the 4th year of the reign of Kaibao, the Song Dynasty (971 A.D.), the temple was rebuilt by order of the emperor, Zhao Kuangyin, and a huge bronze statue of Avalokitesvara, 21.3 meters high, was cast and housed in it. In the Qing Dynasty, the temple was given its present name, Longxing Temple (Temple of Prosperity), after rebuilding and restoration.

Facing to the south, the temple consists of Hall of Deva Kings, Hall of Mahamuni, Altar of Vinaya (or Ordination Platform), Pavilion of Dhavmachakra Sutrapitaka, Pavilion of Maitreya, Pavilion of the Great Mercy and Temple of Amitabha. Arranged in proper order from south to hooth, the buildings preserve a construction style of the Song Dynasty In the Hall of Mahamuni, one can appreciate a colourful clay sculnture of Avalokitesvara as well as some painted trescos, all dataing from the Ming Dynasty. There are many tablets to the west of the Pavilion of Great Mercy. Among them, the Long-cang Temple Tablet of the Sui Dynasty is one of the famous regular script tablets that are still extant.

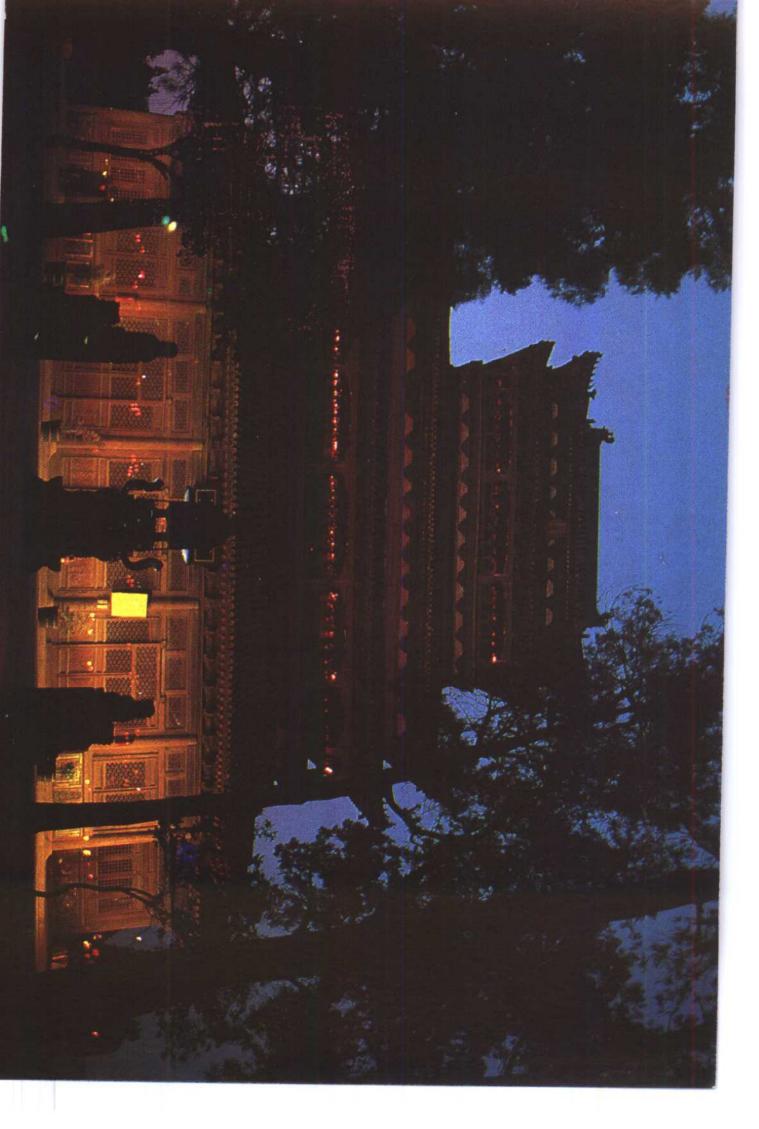
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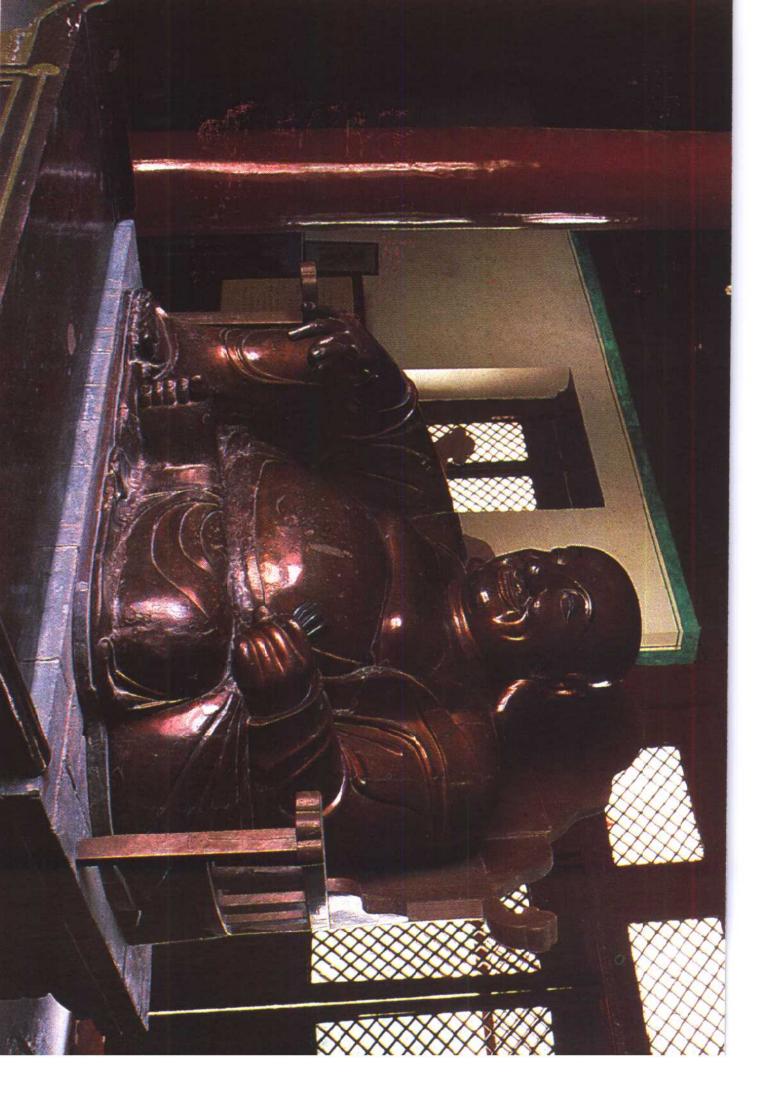
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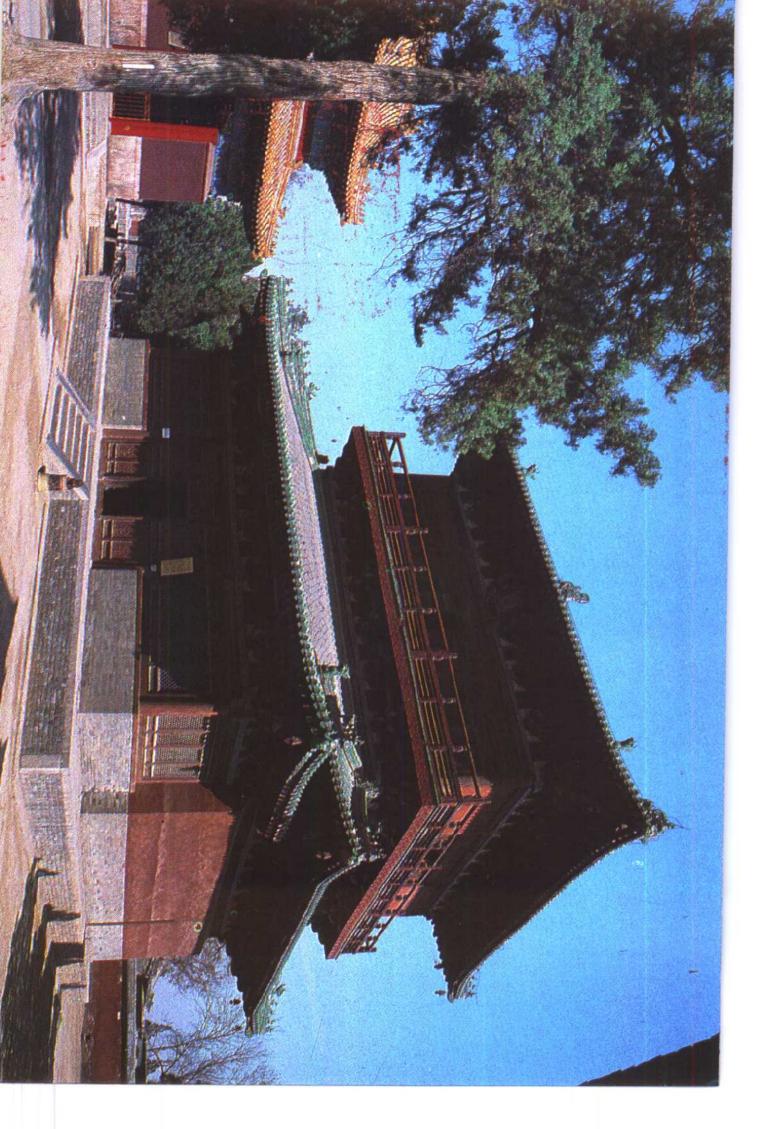
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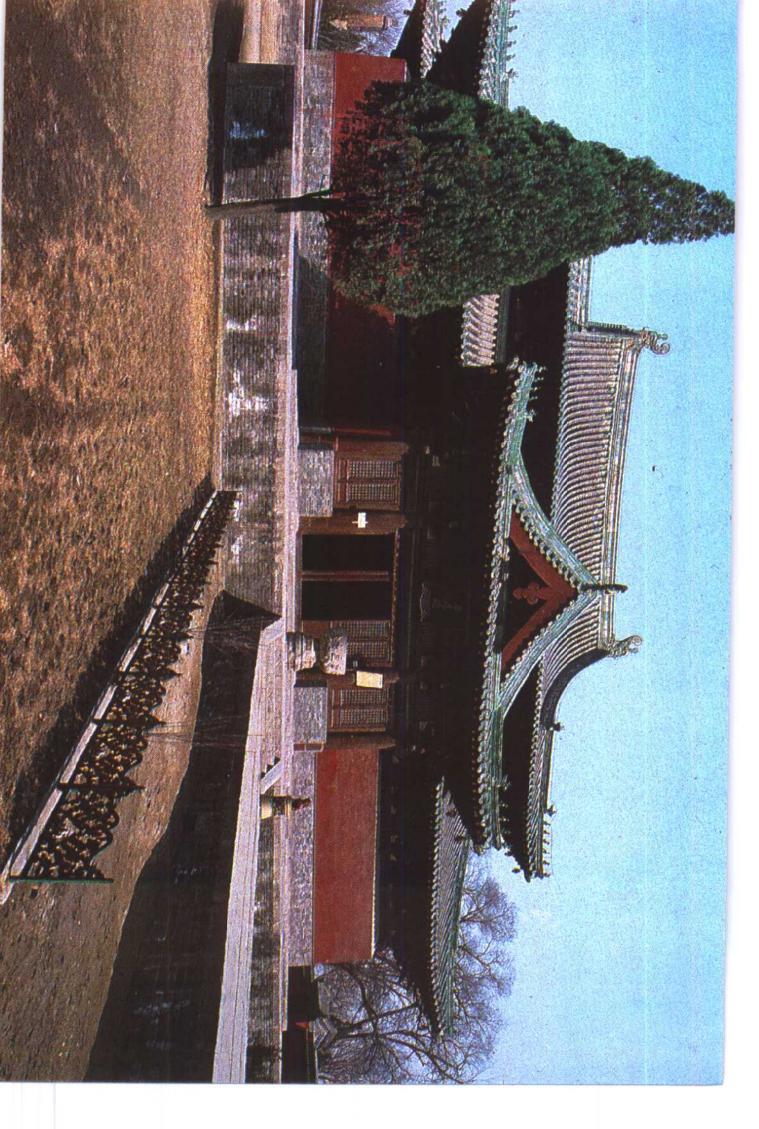
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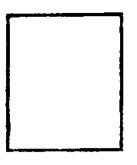


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