

Brick Masonry in Asian Architecture

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Abstract*:

Contemporary brick architecture pales in comparison to the aesthetic and structural magnificence of buildings constructed in Europe and Asia over the past 2000 years. Thin shell structures; arches, vaults, and domes; bridges, tunnels, and dams; and multistory, high rise, bearing wall buildings all were constructed of brick masonry before the advent of psi and MPa. This paper is a brief survey of a few brick structures significant in the history of Asian architecture.

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