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The First Divine August One, in
Old Chinese history, Emperor Ch'in,
Conquering all the knowable East,
Believing all beyond was waste,
Lived tranquilly, assured that he
Was earth's Imperial Majesty.

And all the while, not long before,
Alexander, the young conqueror,
Beyond that "wasteland," having pressed
Triumphant through the knowable West,
Shed angry tears, deplored, with rancor
That there were no more worlds to conquer.

And Emperor Ch'in's and Alexander's
Beliefs invoked no countermanders
Since East and West had not as yet
In fiction, fact, or drama, met.