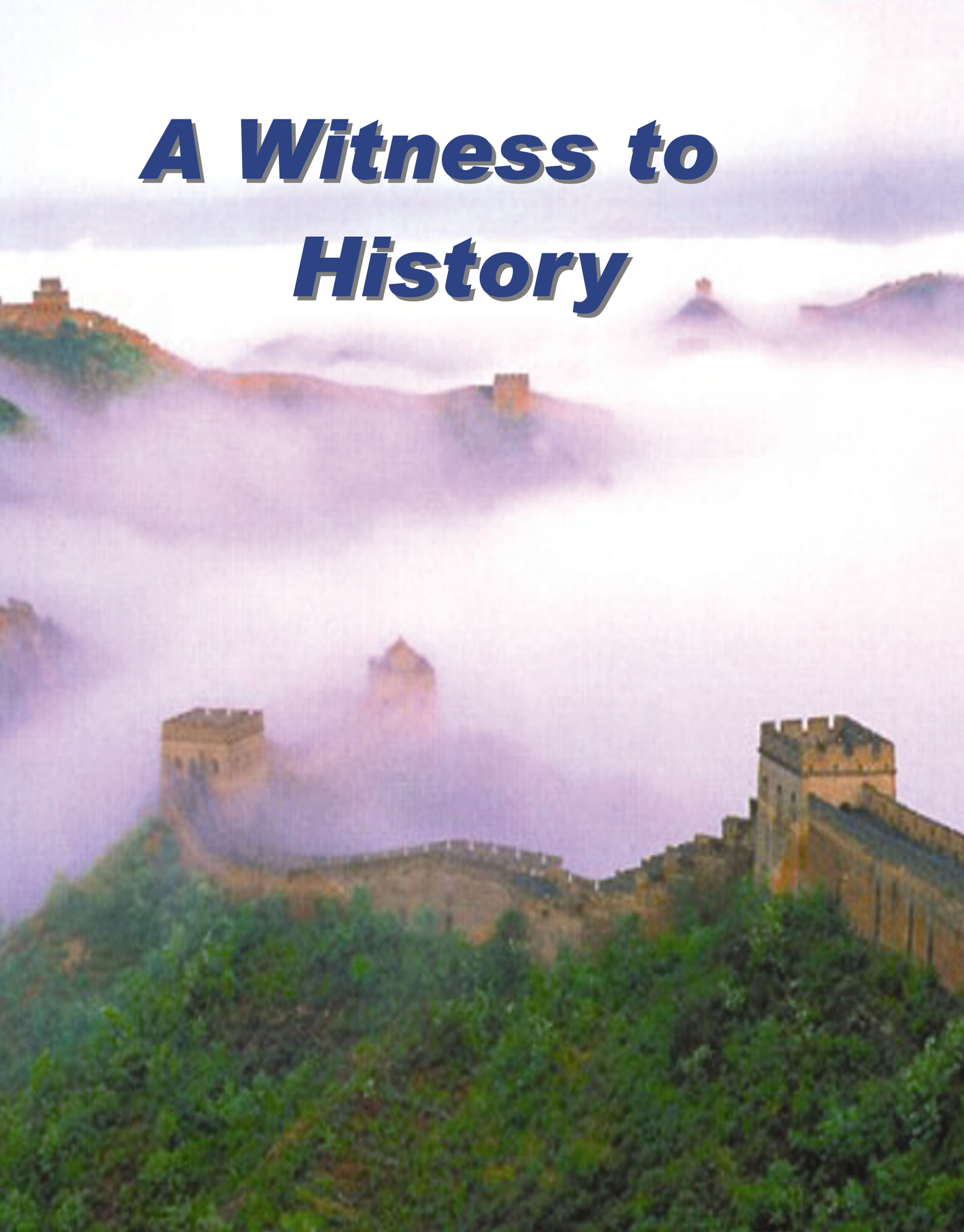A Witness to History