

CITIES & HOT SPRINGS IN GREATER ARMENIE ~~≠~~MARCO POLO
 V V villages in that province of which I shall not tell you now because it would be too
 Z Z long a matter to mention. They are all subject to the Tartar king of the sunrising
 Z I and he places there his rule and he sends them deputies and governors. These Tartars do not
 care what God is worshipped in their lands. If only all are faithful to the lord Kan and quite
 obedient and give therefore the appointed tribute, and justice is well kept, thou mayest do what
 pleaseth thee with the soul. Yet they will not that thou speak evil of their souls, nor fail thou
 to assist at their doings. And do thou what thou wilt with God and thy soul whether thou art
 Jew or Pagan or Saracen or Christian who dwellest among the Tartars. They confess indeed
 in Tartary that Christ is Lord, but say that he is a proud Lord because he will not be with
 other gods but will be God above all the others in the world. And so in some places they have
 Christ of gold or silver and keep him hidden in some chest, and say that he is the great Lord
 TA supreme of the Christians. Now let us leave this province and we will go to speak of
 the Great Armenie.

Z L **H**ERE HE TELLS OF THE GREAT ARMENIE. The greater Armenie is a very great
 I province. And it has its own idiom and speech foreign and common and different
 VB from all other provinces. Yet it agrees well in all things with Armenie the less,
 though it is greater both from position and number of lands. And it begins from a city
 I TA beautiful and good and durable, for there are good master-workers; and there is the best &
 Z the most beautiful cotton; and many other crafts are done there which cannot be told. And
 I I there in that city is hot and boiling water, and there are the most beautiful & wholesome.
 L Z natural baths and the best of springing water that are to be found on earth. The people
 VB VB are for the greater part Armenian and are all moreover servants of the Tartar. There are
 VB VB V L many villages and good cities. But the most noble city of all the kingdom is Arçingan
 Z I LT which has an archbishop who rules the Christians; whence it is the metropolis of that whole
 I province, and there for the greater part they are subject to the faith of Jesus Christ, though
 among them there are many heretics in different articles of the faith because they have not
 V L teachers who know well. The others are Argiron which is great, [and] a very great quantity
 of silver is dug there, and Arçiçi. It is a very great province; and I tell you that in
 FB the summer all the hosts of all the Tartar of the sunrising stay there because in this
 province there is very good pasture in the summer for the beasts, and for this reason
 the Tartars stay¹ with their beasts in the summer, but in winter they do not stay there
 V for the very great cold of the snow which there is beyond measure, for which the
 V beasts would not be able to live. And for this [10b] the Tartars leave those places in
 L winter and go off to seek for warm places where they find much grass and good pasture

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