Transmission of Modern Western Astronomy Through the Star Maps of Choson Dynasty

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We study the stellar maps to study how western astronomy was transmitted to Choson Dynasty. For this, we compare stellars maps of various times. We analyzed explanatory portions of Ch'onsang-Yolcha-Bunya-Jido, Palpok ch'onmun-do at the National Folkore Museum, Honchon-Jundo, and Sinbob ch'onmun-do at Bubju-sa. From this comparison, we find that western astronomy was transmitted from 1603 to 1781 when around 18C Choson Dynasty. But the reason for the late transmission of modern astronomy reasons to lies in the religious restrictions during the time.