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The Origin and Way-out for the Crisis of Human Being and the Earth

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The nature of the crisis of the human being and the earth lies in the crisis in the mainstream civilization of the human being. Since the modern times, the Christian civilization has become the mainstream civilization of the human being and has been the predominant civilization of the capitalist world system. In today's capitalist world system, the conflict between labor and capital is not only the contemporary main class contradiction, but also such contradiction has the endogeny tend to destroy the nature and cause, intensify the human society fission.

What the US has done has intensified the crisis of the human being and the earth. The United States has rescued its own crisis in spite of the benefits of Europe. After the World War II, Europe accepted the overrated US dollar as the world currency. Since the failure of the Iraq War, even British and Japan no longer have danced with the drumbeat of the United States unconditionally. Being the country of world currency origin, the United States unexpectedly has become a huge debtor nation and owed China that it has regarded as its opponent huge amount of debt, this is unprecedented. Presently, the US dollar is getting into the unexampled credit crisis worldwide; the White House is struck with panic, it is extremely irresponsible to the world, sets fire but rescues itself only, shifts crisis to all countries of the world, gives rise to the global inflation and even forces to pull other countries including China to be its scapegoat. Hans J Morgenthau has early pointed out that, "The reason that caused the western morality failure lies in that, the western countries are incapable to make out a kind of morality principle that can defend its standpoint and interests and retort its opponent and enemy." This shows the complete failure of the western dog-eat-dog political philosophy and is also caused from the strength failure of the Christian civilization.

With the change in the world pattern, China has become a highlight of various conflicts of the contemporary world. No any other country in the world can compare with China that is facing, suffering and bearing how many, how serious and how complicated issues, difficulties and pressure. The US itself involves into declining and crisis, but it is unable to get released and have no place to uncork, so it gets "self-hatred" and makes China as the scapegoat. Under the direct of US, the anti-Chinese tides are upsurging worldwide, eventually they evolved as farce and scandal during the tour of the Olympic torch relay; meanwhile, the western countries' containment, threat, blackmail and pressure brought to China are aggregated unprecedentedly. It is no exaggeration to say that today is not only the key period for China's growing up and revitalization, but is also the very critical point of

the crisis of the Chinese nation. It is also no exaggeration to say that today to support China is right to support the survival and progress of the human being.

The western civilization has led the human being to modernization, but also led people to the dead end and can not get out, and the most fundamental cause in theory is the western civilization has reversed the relation between mankind and substance.

Firstly, the banner of humanism and personalism was held in the Renaissance originally, and the spearhead was to the religious “theology”. But after conquering religious reign, with the rapid development of capitalism, the flow of wealth and the realization of hegemony, the western countries’ pursuit of material became overwhelming and the worship of God has been replaced by the worship of money and power. The commodity fetishism and currency fetishism that were criticized in *On Capital* have not been changed fundamentally and have actually embodied as “strength (power) fetishism” in international politics and international relations. US has proposed the concept of soft power which actually has been obedient to hard power. Fundamentally speaking, it is material oriented but not human oriented and human becomes the slavery of material. Although the US is in hegemony, it is also the slavery of material by judging their ideas.

Secondly, western countries regard man as material and man is expelled and oppressed by material; the Renaissance liberated man from the theological and religious oppression and restricts, but man was again ruled by capital soon. Capitalists have become the humanization of capital, workers have become the slavery of capital and the two great classes have lost the humanism position. Man has been dissimilated by material and the dissimilation level has become more and more serious. In modern banks, there are only customers but not man, and customers are not man but a serial of account numbers instead. In hospitals, there are no patients who are like the automobiles out of order that need repairing and doctors are right the repairmen. When the patients enter a hospital, doctors will first of all make a pile of test sheets and ask them to have X-ray, then doctors make them seat by number, repair the spleen and heart, and have operation to replace the parts if such repairing is not sufficient yet, in this way, doctors can be replaced by Robots in the future. Such is the largest problem and largest crisis and the origin of the contemporary human being.

The immediate cause why contemporary human being has lost way is that United States as the world leader is too selfish and too overbearing, but the fundamental reason lies in the western civilization that has led the world for several hundred of years. The antidote of the human being and the earth to break away from the crisis is in the orient and the Chinese civilization. The advantage of western civilization is the industrial civilization and the methods to conquer the nature emerge in an endless stream; the Chinese civilization has fallen behind the western civilization in modern times, the reason is that it is agricultural civilization but its advantage also lies in that it is mature and developed agricultural

civilization; the relation between human being and the nature is best interpreted in this civilization, and such ideas as “Heaven and man integration”, “Harmonization” and “Great harmony” have been advocated since the ancient times in this civilization; in nowadays, again the philosophy as harmonious world is proposed which is of profound truth and universal value.

Firstly, the mode of thinking of Chinese civilization is holism, which has decided the integration of the Chinese world view and outlook on life, namely the philosophy as “Heaven and man integration”. Western people attach importance to analysis and segments in their mode of thinking, while Chinese people attach importance to the integration and overall body, and this is the most protrudent feature of the Chinese thinking manner and civilization philosophy. It is the western philosophy idea that separates the world view and the outlook on life, the origin lies in that in view of the Christian, God is not integrated with man, and actually it is to split and oppose the heaven and man. While Chinese people hold the view of heaven and man integration; under such idea, we must protect the ecology, protect the environment, the human being should have self-restrict, can not do or act as one wishes or pleases, nor conquer the nature, reconstruct the nature or do the master of the nature. History has proved that this is the oldest and also the most advanced world view, outlook on life and the methodology of human being.

Secondly, the core idea of Confucianism which is the mainstream of Chinese traditional culture is humanity, which has a very range of meanings, there is no exact English word for this Chinese character, nor there is such philosophy in the western civilization. As the morality idea of Confucianists and Chinese too, the core of humanity is that people love each other. The humanity of Chinese is in cottages as well as in courts and regardless of religion and race. This is fundamentally different from the western Christian doctrine and the western civilization. Western countries absolutely believe the dog-eat-dog social Darwinism, and go mad on the fetishism of wealth and power, resulting in the crisis of contemporary human being and the earth. By contrast, the humanity philosophy of Confucianism can be used as the theory basis for contemporary cosmopolitanism.

Thirdly, the humanity philosophy of Confucianism has decided the essence of Chinese philosophy, namely harmony as we called in modern language; harmony requests to pay particular attention to magnanimity and being moderate, only being moderate can become harmonious, so this is also called as “equilibrium and harmony”. It is bad to be too selfish and go extreme as these two will cause to compete only and can not get harmony. The principle of harmony is the doctrine of the mean Confucian. Don’t go on evil path, nor go extreme, but follow the mean way, this is called as “to attain to a state of equilibrium and harmony”. So in the book *Zhong Yong (Moderation)* it said, “Moderation is the great base of the world, harmony is the universal truth of the world; to attain to a state of equilibrium and harmony, the heaven and the earth are in their own positions, and so thousands of materials can grow up.” Confucius said “Moderation is morality” and is the fundamental

great morality of the universe, the world and human being. Most lately, Chinese had already got aware of the great principle as “to attain to a state of equilibrium and harmony” in the Spring and Autumn Period when people were fighting in wars lasting for a hundred years, so we Chinese love peace. Leibnitz had understood Chinese in the 17th century: he said modern China fell behind the west in military technology was “caused from their ideology, as they think scorn of the personal invasion or mutual killing by military force,” “but not because of panic”. Russell later also said, there is one nation that is too proud to fight, and this nation is right China; Chinese people are born tolerant and friendly, they practice of courtesy and hope get rewards. Now there is a popular saying that western people don’t understand China, actually it’s not correct. Western people began to understand China 300 years ago, almost every one in the west Europe emulatively read Chinese books over 200 year ago, noblemen and emerging classes showed off by using products “Made in China”, but now on the contrary they don’t understand China, some even think that Chinese are not willing to fight because they are weak, this is actually the retrogression in the western people’s ideas.

I mentioned above that the antidote of the human being and the earth to break away from the crisis is in the orient, which also includes other countries such as India etc.; it furthermore refers that the oriental and western civilization should learn from each other, get melted into each other, cooperate together and this is the way out to solve the crisis of the human being and the earth, but this does not refer that the oriental civilization, the Chinese civilization can work under the sky. But the west is the world leader, it is necessary to have common idea with the orient on such issue and take actions. Therefore, contemporary western countries esp. the United States is also necessary to have reform and opening-up, namely have reform and opening-up on the oriental civilization.

China’s swift development encountered the US’s hegemony declining at the turning point of the century, this is a basic element that produces impacts on the world pattern change in the 21st century, and is also the basic cause for activating the America’s anti-Chinese tides. The west stirred up the Tibetan violence right at the sensitive moment of Beijing Olympic Games to be opened soon, this is not isolated violence; instead, it shows that America’s strategic behaviors of the evolution and subversion on China are upgrading. All these happened at the historic moment when US is experiencing the most serious economic crisis since the 1930’s, whether this crisis can be the parallel with the great crisis in American history is known to no body. One American reviewer wrote that, “It is worth noting that while America is making China embarrassing in Tibet, it sends its finance minister Paulson to Beijing. The Washington is actually playing with fire. China has very early replaced Japan and become the largest foreign currency reserve nation in the world, and most of the foreign currency is invested into American national debt. Paulson is well aware that the US dollar will get collapsed only when Beijing undersells a small part of US

government issued bonds.”

Zeng Guofan once said that, China “has no other technique to prevail others except for self-reliance.” From the 19th century to the 20th century and until today, things have remained so. Therefore, it is the only choice of the contemporary Chinese to get aware of the situation, make concerted efforts and speed up the development of their own comprehensive national power including the development in military force.