
After more than a century of arduous exploration, China, an ancient country, ultimately walked out of the fog of history and embarked on a future-oriented development path in the 21st century. Thanks to four decades of reform and opening up in particular, China is marching towards the top of the world economy and restoring its rightful position in the global history in record time. With China's growing economy and improved national strength, Chinese people's deep consciousness of traditional culture has been awakened. After a long dormancy, the Chinese civilization is now embracing a new wave of renaissance.

In the future, the Chinese civilization must serve as the foundation for the Chinese people to survive and thrive. How to find a spiritual home for poetic dwelling? How to make life coruscate again? These are the issues confronting the renaissance of Chinese civilization in a globalized era. As we all know, there is a dual structure in civilization: humanity creates civilization and civilization in turn shapes humanity. People's ideal, pursuit and creativity are core drivers of the development of civilization. Meanwhile, how the origin of civilization is developed and nourished determines people's quality, thus making it a critical question for future social development. What make the Chinese people and the Chinese nation unique are not geographic or physical characteristics but distinctive features in the Chinese culture, spirit and civilization. Without the Chinese civilization, the Chinese people and Chinese nation cannot become what they are today. Given spreading and thriving cultures in this globalized era, people are deluged with multifarious cultures, thoughts and concepts across the globe. However, it is the Chinese civilization that makes the Chinese people survive and thrive in such an era.

In the 21st century, both the society and state, and both the general public and intellectual elite, have given greater priority to traditional culture. The purpose to carry forward the Chinese civilization is not to stick to the old ways, but to explore new source of inspiration from traditional Chinese culture. At the same time, as the world keeps changing, the Chinese people must put forward new concepts to cope

with new landscapes in the real world.

At the global level, in a new wave of globalization, Chinese civilization should propose ideas and wisdom that western civilization can hardly offer to address global issues and improve global governance. Today's world is in a new era with intense clash and exchanges of civilizations. In such an era, unlike any other in the history, the tentacles of globalization have reached into every corner of the world, hence no culture or civilization can separate themselves from others. Cultures or civilizations communicate, exchange and coexist with each other while existing in clashes, differences and opposition.

The renaissance of Chinese civilization in the 21st century unfolds against such a backdrop. A globalized era urgently needs a bridge for understanding and exchanges among different civilizations. The Chinese civilization in this new century should throw off the shackles of clash of civilizations, support and promote dialogue between civilizations, and enhance tolerance and understanding among civilizations in an increasingly severe international situation. It needs to find commonality in differences and seek uniformity in diversity, thereby realizing lasting peace and shared prosperity in the human society.

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