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Then, we should read the landscape Chen Jingwen brought for us_____ it seems simple, a wide variety of secular. He started from his home town and traveled around China. However, the most readable, was still the native land where a photographer was familiar with. His pictures look so tight sometimes that it makes no room between persons, but a strange force in them could make the readers relax and enjoy a kind of common, familiar but unforgettable impulse. Some pictures are very loose in which the vacancy is holding power inspecting the human world and the open space seems hiding "killing motivation" every where. So reading Chen's works often produces such a pleasant feeling that your vision is attracted by the strength of the picture at the first time, then in the strength space you are able to find many unforgettable details which are humor, satire, even the absurd of life is being found unintentionally and this is just another truth of life. So you have to admire the photographer's keen but leisured eyesight. Viewing his images is like to read the novel of Franz Kafka, such a kind of the format of a fable which makes people think of the implied meaning in different ways. In fact, this deeply expresses cynical determination and courage in a mild way.

One evening, I had a long conversation with Chen in a tea house in Shanghai. He said he was fond of Kafka, though it is not easy to understand Kafka's novel, the absurd of human life can only be realized until you finish the reading. So the absurdity and worth looking are important feature of Chen's images. There are always some attractive details hiding in every picture, and because of his direct feeling to human life, those natural, rich details are via the lens. These "temperamental images" that like as "temperamental words" are really touching. They do not try to display great picture of social life and the whole history, but chase the personal feeling, experience and thinking of the author in order to indicate rich life section. Like as what Ye Shengtao said: "not only an idea, an opinion should be yours, but even a very subtle feeling as a hair or a very light sigh as fallen leaf touching ground should let me recognize that it is not other person's but yours.

But it is not easy to reach such a situation. Chen said that the place where he lived is still remote. However, he had also eagerly looked for a rich cultural and artistic nourishment, so it created a rich cultural quality of accumulated over the years. Just because of this, his unique ability of interpreting the image helped him quickly get into unique capturing space to images. So he is able to release the shutter in hand determinedly. This is exactly what current Chinese photography field needed or being lacking, that the importance of culture accumulation is how meaningful to photographers. Not many people understand the true meaning of it. What Chen appreciated from Chinese traditional culture and the culture change of whole world photography history can firmly support him to run confidently along the road.

Remembering Hong Kong literati Dong Qiao quoted words in the letter Jin Yiaoji mailed from the old town Heidelberg "what I like is the joint area between modern and traditional culture, there is history channel so you can be serious, there is smell of times so you know where you are standing." Because of the too powerful secular force, because the seducement of fame and fortune is too strong, also because of the times passing too rush... many photographers have not already found such a joint area. But Chen finds this area exactly and stands there stably and confidently now, so that at next moment he is able to push down the shutter according to his own feeling. Yes he told me where should be the next step that day very confidently. No doubt about it, the landscape talking to his heart at any moment might let people be breathtaking.

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As a county government officer, Chen Jingwen is very busy. Maybe the photography and a fanciful daydream with photo culture is the only way for him to relax under the pressure of daily work. He started with the landscape photography. Few years, he experienced the charm of the mountains, and he also trained to have a skilled photographic skills. In the beginning of 2002, black and white film and 135 mini-camera suddenly became his life partner without leaving even for a moment. Despite of losing the gorgeous color in the lens, his black and white images are imbued with life, a strong tension, also they penetrate the fetters of time and space to this day.

He said that his photography experience went trough three stages. The first stage was a kind of coincidence, the pleasure in lens became travel trace on the film in coincidence. During the second stage, he moved toward an inevitable that what should be picked up and what should be put down in life, but she had not completely got rid of the mentality of seeking truth and deliberately. In the third stage, he reached a real free state that he could see the landscape talking to his heart and they became one whole thing as soon as his eye sight touched the world through the lens. In saying so, this is just the three realms of getting to know, from "see the mountains as mountains, see the water as water" to "to see the mountains aren't the mountains, to see the water isn't water", until it reaches a holy realm of "seeing the mountain as mountain, seeing the water as water" again. When Chen Jingwen was getting to realize, he went into the mood of "seeing the mountain and water" so that he was able to take easy way to consider the weal and woe in the world, and also he would never be sad if the life was gone in a sudden... Therefore, no matter where the lens was being positioned he could see the peaks and valleys of life peacefully but seriously with the tint of philosophy and humor, wasn't he?

Then, we should read the landscape Chen Jingwen brought for us_____ it seems simple, a wide variety of secular. He started from his home town and traveled around China. However, the most readable, was still the native land where a photographer was familiar with. His pictures look so tight sometimes that it makes no room between persons, but a strange force in them could make the readers relax and enjoy a kind of common, familiar but unforgettable impulse. Some pictures are very loose in which the vacancy is holding power inspecting the human world and the open space seems hiding "killing motivation" every where. So reading Chen's works often produces such a pleasant feeling that your vision is attracted by the strength of the picture at the first time, then in the strength space you are able to find many unforgettable details which are humor, satire, even the absurd of life is being found unintentionally and this is just another truth of life. So you have to admire the photographer's keen but leisured eyesight. Viewing his images is like to read the novel of Franz Kafka, such a kind of the format of a fable which makes people think of the implied meaning in different ways. In fact, this deeply expresses cynical determination and courage in a mild way.

One evening, I had a long conversation with Chen in a tea house in Shanghai. He said he was fond of Kafka, though it is not easy to understand Kafka's novel, the absurd of human life can only be realized until you finish the reading. So the absurdity and worth looking are important feature of Chen's images. There are always some attractive details hiding in every picture, and because of his direct feeling to human life, those natural, rich details are via the lens. These "temperamental images" that like as "temperamental words" are really touching. They do not try to display great picture of social life and the whole history, but chase the personal feeling, experience and thinking of the author in order to indicate rich life section. Like as what Ye Shengtao said: "not only an idea, an opinion should be yours, but even a very subtle feeling as a hair or a very light sigh as fallen leaf touching ground should let me recognize that it is not other person's but yours.

But it is not easy to reach such a situation. Chen said that the place where he lived is still remote. However, he had also eagerly looked for a rich cultural and artistic nourishment, so it created a rich cultural quality of accumulated over the years. Just because of this, his unique ability of interpreting the image helped him quickly get into unique capturing space to images. So he is able to release the shutter in hand determinedly. This is exactly what current Chinese photography field needed or being lacking, that the importance of culture accumulation is how meaningful to photographers. Not many people understand the true meaning of it. What Chen appreciated from Chinese traditional culture and the culture change of whole world photography history can firmly support him to run confidently along the road.

Remembering Hong Kong literati Dong Qiao quoted words in the letter Jin Yiaoji mailed from the old town Heidelberg "what I like is the joint area between modern and traditional culture, there is history channel so you can be serious, there is smell of times so you know where you are standing." Because of the too powerful secular force, because the seducement of fame and fortune is too strong, also because of the times passing too rush... many photographers have not already found such a joint area. But Chen finds this area exactly and stands there stably and confidently now, so that at next moment he is able to push down the shutter according to his own feeling. Yes he told me where should be the next step that day very confidently. No doubt about it, the landscape talking to his heart at any moment might let people be breathtaking.

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