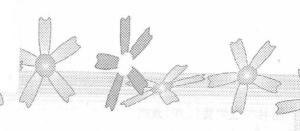
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前 言

国人有谚:秀才不出门,能知天下事。其出典可追溯到《老子》四七章:不出户,知天下。然而,真正做到这一条、真正享受这一条的,乃今日之网民(netizen)也。

黎明即起,开机上网。四海风云,任你纵览;天下之事,尽收 眼底。这是何等洒脱的人生,何等独特的精神大餐!

回眸往昔,笔者有幸目睹古老中华半个多世纪以来的历史演变。 国人,从来没有像今天这样挺直腰干做人,笑逐颜开生活。享受人 生、重视健康、关注科技,渐成时尚。

笔者上网浏览,自然就特别留心这方面的英语佳作,见好就"收",及时存入电脑中的"收藏夹"。一年过去,居然得英语佳作1000余篇!

闲时,打开"收藏夹",品读把玩,优中选美,美中择秀。日积 月累,就有了这两册书的素材。

人类的历史虽然已经进入了 21 世纪,但是,人类对自身的认识却处在"初级阶段"。西方科技界对人体的探秘,对健康的研究,独领风骚,无孔不入!本书披露的某些研究领域初读觉得荒诞,再读便觉得不无道理!

中国在变,正在与世界接轨的大路上迅跑!遗憾的是,在健康、污染等问题上,我们正在步西人之后尘! 2001 年 7 月 20 日,Yahoo 报道了中国医学界某权威人士的话: The today of America will be the tomorrow of China!

所以从这个意义上来说,收入本套丛书的文章,其内容对我国 读者有现实的警示意义和长远的的导向作用。

- 一篇短文,也许能够让你痛下决心摆脱一种生活陋习;
- 一篇短文,也许能够让你幡然醒悟树立良好生活习惯;
- 一篇短文, 也许能够让你豁然开朗心悦诚服地去崇尚科技;
- 一篇短文,也许能够让你精神一振以全新视角去观察一切。 本书,是一册多功能的书籍。

即使你还不能流利阅读英语原文,这也无妨,因为本书的汉语译文,同样能够让你获得最新信息和有用知识。

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文章的遣词,让你耳目一新!比如,下句的 religion 就教你领略英语的 connotation 的风采!

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下句中的末词如何译?

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...while the impact of a low birth weight is "marginal".

"翻译技巧"栏目,好像一位双鬓斑白的老者,他长话短说, 使你感悟:翻译,实在是一种学术享受!

解读了原文,犹如见到了黄山的迎客松,译成了汉语,好似走过鲫鱼背,登上了天都绝顶。

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江苏九鼎集团的徐昭同志是本书文章的第一译者,同时也是本书的最后校改人。他自学成才,不尚空谈,学风扎实。我常在我的研究生和本科生面前夸他。中南大学外国语学院的范武邱副教授学术任务繁重,也积极参加了本套丛书栏目编写工作;山东建筑工程学院外语系的张萍老师学风严谨,改译了收入本书的部分译文。英语硕士宗玉也校改了本书的部分译文。参加本套丛书编写工作的还有:姚蔷珍、毛竹晨、陈衡、郝萌、曹军、王革、戚冬辉、姜燕、狄艳华、张丽梅、范桂华、王丽蓉、倪秀杰、万平、万莉、何苗、张晓曦等同志。

吉林大学出版社的领导对本套丛书给予了高度的关心和支持,

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本套丛书又是杨枫编辑的成功"策划",由于他们的努力,本书才能以今日之面貌同读者见面。

本书的编者热烈地期待着读者朋友的批评指正!

毛荣贵 2001 年 7 月于上海交通大学东川花苑

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1. UC Berkeley Psychologist Finds Evidence That Male Hormones In The Womb Affect Sexual Orientation

By Alan Mozes

子宫里的雄性激素影响孩子未来的性倾向

多少年来,人们普遍认为,同性恋者多是在情感世界受挫,因而产生心理变态,属"后天失调"所致。而加利福尼亚大学伯克利分校的心理学专家最近的发现却显示:同性恋很可能是"先天过足",即母体子宫内的雄性激素过盛。由此可粗略类推出,兄长越多的人成为同性恋者的概率稍高。这一研究的出发点其实并不复杂,它是从男女食指和无名指长度对比的差异中得到启发的,因为食指和无名指的长度与胎儿时期雄性荷尔蒙的含量有一定联系。当然,这些发现只是源于"统计学"而已。所以人们切不可因此而"杞人忧天"。

The level of male hormones in the womb can influence an unborn child's future sexual orientation, according to new research from a University of California, Berkeley, professor who used an unusual technique — measuring finger length — to gather evidence.

Marc Breedlove, professor of psychology, also found that higher levels of these male hormones, or 加利福尼亚大学伯克利 分校的教授用一种衡量手指 长度的独特技术收集证据进 行的一项新的研究表明,子 官里雄性激素的含量能影响 胎儿将来的性倾向。

心理学教授马克·布里德 洛夫还发现,如果这种雄性激 素,或者说男性荷尔蒙的含量 androgens, can create a greater than normal tendency for both males and females to develop a homosexual orientation.

"There is no gene that forces a person to be straight or gay," said Breedlove, who studies the biology of sexual orientation. "I believe there are many social and psychological, as well as biological, factors that make up sexual preference."

"Having said that, these data do suggest that there are some people in the world who are gay because of fetal androgen levels." Breedlove's findings appear in this week's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Breedlove looked at relative finger length because it is influenced by androgen levels in the womb and thus is an approximate measure of fetal androgen levels.

In most people, the index finger is very slightly shorter than the ring finger, but, at least in the right hand, the difference is accentuated by higher levels of androgens during fetal development. Typically, in women, the two fingers of the right hand are nearly the same length. In men, the index finger is obviously shorter.

Breedlove collected data on 720 people who attended three San Francisco Bay Area street fairs in 高,那么不管是男孩还是女孩,长大后变成同性恋的概率 要高于男性荷尔蒙含量正常的情况下出生的孩子。

研究性倾向生物学的布 里德洛夫说:"某人是可性恋 的异性恋还是同性恋不是是 是一个。我相信是 很多社会的心理学以及生物 学上的因素决定了人们愿意 采取何种性行为。"

"尽管这样说,这些资料确实表明,世上某些人之所以是同性恋是由胎儿时期男性荷尔蒙的含量所决定的。"布里德洛夫的发现发表在本周出版的《自然》杂志上。

布里德洛夫研究了手指 的相对长度,因为手指的长 度受子宫里男性荷尔蒙含量 的影响,这样,从手指的长 度就能看出胎儿时期男性荷 尔蒙的大体含量。

布里德洛夫收集了三次 参加 1999 年秋天旧金山 贝·阿里厄街交易会的 720 the fall of 1999. Using a portable copy machine, his research assistants had subjects lay their hands flat on the machine to record finger lengths. Breedlove also administered a questionnaire that explored birth order and sexual orientation.

According to the data collected, homosexual women, on average, had a more masculine finger length index pattern an considerably shorter than the ring finger on the right hand - than did heterosexual women. " ... this that at least some suggests lesbians were exposed to greater of fetal androgen levels heterosexual women," Breedlove and his colleagues wrote.

Men had more a complicated pattern: There was no direct relationship between finger length and sexual orientation. However, some gay men did appear, based on their finger lengths, to have been exposed to greater than normal levels of fetal androgens before birth.

"This calls into question all of our assumptions that gay men are feminine," said Breedlove. He said his findings are consistent with other, very sketchy indications that some gay men are hypermasculinized, having a greater average number of sexual 男人的手指模式更复杂:食指长度与是否是同性充。食指长度与是百度性态。 然而,某些男同性恋者 根据手指长度可以看出,出生前胎儿男性荷尔蒙高出正常含量。

partners in a lifetime than heterosexual men, higher than normal levels of testosterone circulating in the blood, and larger genitalia than heterosexual men.

Breedlove's findings, combined with other recent research, paint a complicated picture of the role played by fetal androgens in determining sexual orientation.

Past research by Ray Blanchard of the Clarke Psychiatric Institute in Toronto has found that the more older brothers a boy has, the more likely he is to be gay in adulthood. The UC Berkeley study confirmed this finding, in that gay men had a ratio of 140 brothers to 100 sisters among their older siblings. This is much higher that in the general population, where the ratio is 106 brothers to 100 sisters.

The UC Berkeley study also found that men with older brothers had a more masculine finger length pattern than men without older brothers. The number of older sisters was unrelated to finger measures in either men or women.

As indicated by the fingers measured in his study, Breedlove said that each subsequent son is exposed to higher levels of male hormones and that, while most later-born sons are straight, the

男子,血液内循环的睾丸激素也比正常含量高,生殖器 也比异性恋男子的大。

布里德洛夫的研究以及 近期其他的研究,对胎儿时 期男性荷尔蒙在决定一个人 是同性恋还是异性恋所起的 作用方面描绘了一幅复杂的 画面。

布里德洛夫说,正如, 不里德洛夫说,正如, 不手指长度所高含量。 在一手子都受到高尽管大多的。 是异性恋,但增高人。 一个男孩 一个男孩