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----中国文学宝库出版呼吁

在即将开机印刷这第一批 50 本名为中国文学宝库的英汉对照读本时,我们的心情竟然忧多于喜。因为我们只能以保守的 5000 册印数,去面对全国 400 万在校大学生。

虽然我们并非市场经济的局外者,若仅为印数(销售量)计,大可奋起而去生产诸如 TOFEL 应试指南,或者英语四六级模拟试题集一类的教辅图书,但我们还是决定宁可冒着债台高筑的风险,也有责任对大学生同胞发出一声亲切的呼唤:请亲近我们的中国文学。

身为向世界译介中国文学和向国内出版外语读物的,具有双重责任的出版社,我们得知目前大学生往往仅注重外语的学习而偏废了母语的提高,以及忽视了中国文学的阅读,放弃可人文知识的训练。有统计表明,某理工院校57%的同学不管,说《红楼梦》等四大名著,以致校园内外流行着"样子像研究生,说话像大学生,作文像中学生,写字像小学生"的幽默。还有一副这样的对联,说大学生的文章是"无错不成文,病句错句时,记大学生的文章是"无错不成文,病句错句破残句,句句不堪入目;有误方为篇,别字错字自造字,字字触目惊心",横批"斯文扫地"。作为未来社会中坚和整个社会发展关键力量的大学生,这种"文弃"现象的流行,势必导致一场和量的大学生,这种"文弃"现象的流行,势必导致一场不管,这种"文东"现象的流行,势必导致一场不管,这种"文东"现象的流行,势必导致一场不管,

我们已经迈入知识经济时代,在追求科学知识的同时,创新精神已成为关键;而创新的源泉其实有赖于多学科多领域知识的交融,依靠的是新型的复合型人才,所以,文学对于新一代

的大学生来说绝非装点,而是沟通自然科学与人文科学的桥 梁,使我们在汲取知识的同时更能获得智慧,于创造物质的同 时还进一步丰富和完善着精神;无怪乎爱因斯坦认为自己受影 响最大的竟是陀思妥耶夫斯基。由此证明,一个真正的科学家 应该拥有丰富的文学和文化知识以及完整的人格。十年前,七 十五位诺贝尔奖得主聚会巴黎,当时他们所发表的宣言开篇就 是,"如果人类要在21世纪生存下去,必须回首2500年去吸收 孔子的智慧。"确实,十年的时间让我们有目共睹,现代经济科 技的飞速发展何尝不是一柄双刃的剑?只有文化的力量才能抵 消随之而来的负面后果。可见,知识的获取与技能的训练对于 大学生来说固然重要,但文化与修养却尤需关切。正因为大学 生代表着社会先知先觉的知识力量,置身当前的文化现实,就 应有一分责任感与使命感,力求对知识技能以外许多带有根本 性质的精神追求形成明确的意识,从而具备一种对生命意义进 行探索与追问的精神,一种以人文精神为背景的生存勇气和人 格力量。那么,能够引导我们探索前行的一盏明灯,不就是闪烁 着理想光芒的不朽的文学名著吗?

一个人乃至一个民族,从其对文学的亲疏态度,可以衡量出其文化素质的程度。文学应是从人类文化中升华出的理想的结晶,她"使人的心灵变得高尚,使人的勇气、荣誉感、希望、尊严、同情心、怜悯心和牺牲精神复活起来"(威廉·福克纳);无疑,只有文学才能从更高的层次上提升人的文化素质和整体素质,充实人的内心世界,焕发人的精神风貌,带给人们真善美。而亲近文学,特别是热爱祖国灿烂的文学以及文化,正是当代中国大学生加强文化修养,弘扬人文精神的有力脚步。

"越是民族的,就越是世界的",中国文学属于中国,也属于世界。和平是人类的共同愿望,交流与共享则是新世纪的潮流。

中国当代大学生的血液里流动着数千年的文化积淀,没有理由在让世界了解中国大学生聪明才智的同时,却无缘分享我们的骄傲——中国大学生不但能够读懂英语的莎士比亚,而且能让世界感动于中国文学的伟大。

这是我们作为出版者的理想。我们原有一个世纪礼物的构想,是同大学生一起做一个"读书计划"。这一次将中国文学的最新荟萃配设高水平的英语译文,是其中推荐给新世纪大学生的第一批读物。盼望着您——我们无数知音中的5000名先来者,给我们鼓励,也给我们意见和批评。

编者 一九九九年五月三十日

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A Madman's Diary

Two brothers, whose names I need not mention here, were both good friends of mine in high school; but after a separation of many years we gradually lost touch. Some time ago I happened to hear that one of them was seriously ill, and since I was going back to my native place I broke my journey to call on them. I saw only one of them, however, who told me that the invalid was his younger brother.

"I appreciate your coming such a long way to see us," he said, "but he recovered some time ago and has gone elsewhere to take up an official post." Then, laughing, he produced two volumes of his brother's diary, saying that from these the nature of his past illness could be seen, and that there was no harm in showing them to an old friend. I took the diary away and read it through, and found that he had suffered from a form of persecution complex. The writing was most confused and incoherent, and he had made many wild statements; moreover he had omitted to give any dates, so that only by the colour of the ink and the differences in the writing could one tell that it was not written at one time. Certain sections, however, were not altogether disconnected, and I have copied out a part to serve as a subject for medical research. I have not altered a single illogicality in the diary and have changed only the names, even though the people referred to are all country folk, unknown

狂人日记[®]

某君昆仲,今隐其名,皆余昔日在中学校时良友;分隔多年,消息新阙。日前偶闻其一大病;适归故乡,迂道往访,则仅晤一人,言病者其弟也。劳君远道来视,然已早愈,赴某地候补②矣。因大笑,出示日记二册,谓可见当日病状,不妨献诸旧友。持归阅一过,知所患盖"迫害狂"之类。语颇错杂无伦次,又多荒唐之言;亦不著月日,惟墨色字体不一,知非一时所书。间亦有略具联络者,今撮录一篇,以供医家研究。记中语误,一字不易;惟人名虽皆村人,不为世

① 本篇最初发表于一九一八年五月《新青年》 第四卷第五号。作者首次采用了"鲁迅"这一笔名。 它是我国现代文学史上第一篇猛烈抨击"吃人"的封 建礼教的小说。

② 候补:清代官制,只有官衔而没有实际职务的中下级官员,由吏部抽签分发到某部或某省,听候委用,称为候补。

to the world and of no consequence. As for the title, it was chosen by the diarist himself after his recovery, and I did not change it.

April 2, 1918

间所知,无关大体,然亦悉易去。至于书名,则本人愈后所题,不复改也。七年四月二日识。

1

Tonight the moon is very bright.

I have not seen it for over thirty years, so today when I saw it I felt in unusually high spirits. I begin to realize that during the past thirty odd years I have been in the dark; but now I must be extremely careful. Otherwise why should that dog at the Zhao house have looked at me twice?

I have reason for my fear.

2

Tonight there is no moon at all, I know that this bodes ill. This morning when I went out cautiously, Mr Zhao had a strange look in his eyes, as if he were afraid of me, as if he wanted to murder me. There were also seven or eight others, who discussed me in a whisper. And they were afraid of my seeing them. All the people I passed were like that. The fiercest among them grinned at me; whereupon I shivered from head to foot, knowing that their preparations were complete.

I was not afraid, however, but continued on my way. A group of children in front were also discussing me, and the look in their eyes was just like that in Mr Zhao's, while their faces too were ghastly pale. I wondered what grudge these children could have against me to make them behave like this. I could not help calling out: "Tell me!" But then they ran away.

I wonder what grudge Mr Zhao can have against me, what

今天晚上,很好的月光。

我不见他,已是三十多年;今天见了,精神 分外爽快。才知道以前的三十多年,全是发昏; 然而须十分小心。不然,那赵家的狗,何以看我 两眼呢?

我怕得有理。

今天全没月光,我知道不妙。早上小心出门,赵贵翁的眼色便怪:似乎怕我,似乎想害我。还有七八个人,交头接耳的议论我,又怕我看见。一路上的人,都是如此。其中最凶的一个人,张着嘴,对我笑了一笑;我便从头直冷到脚跟,晓得他们布置,都已妥当了。

我可不怕,仍旧走我的路。前面一伙小孩子,也在那里议论我;眼色也同赵贵翁一样,脸色也都铁青。我想我同小孩子有什么仇,他也这样。忍不住大声说,"你告诉我!"他们可就跑了。

我想:我同赵贵翁有什么仇,同路上的人又

grudge the people on the road can have against me. I can think of nothing except that twenty years ago I trod on Mr Gu Jiu's^① account sheets for many years past, and Mr Gu was very displeased. Although Mr Zhao does not know him, he must have heard talk of this and decided to avenge him, so he is conspiring with the people on the road against me. But then what of the children? At that time they were not yet born, so why should they have eyed me so strangely today, as if they were afraid of me, as if they wanted to murder me? This really frightens me, it is so bewildering and upsetting.

I know. They must have learnt this from their parents!

3

I can't sleep at night. Everything requires careful consideration if one is to understand it.

Those people — some of them have been pilloried by the magistrate, some slapped in the face by the local gentry, some have had their wives taken away by bailiffs, some have had their parents driven to death by creditors; yet they never looked as frightened and as fierce then as they did yesterday.

The most extraordinary thing was that woman on the street yesterday who was spanking her son and saying, "Little devil! I'd like to bite several mouthfuls out of you to work off my feelings!" Yet

① Gu Jiu means "Ancient Times." Lu Xun had in mind the long history of feudal oppression in China.

有什么仇;只有廿年以前,把古久先生的陈年流水簿子①,踹了一脚,古久先生很不高兴。赵贵翁虽然不认识他,一定也听到风声,代抱不平;约定路上的人,同我作冤对。但是小孩子呢?那时候,他们还没有出世,何以今天也睁着怪眼睛,似乎怕我,似乎想害我。这真教我怕,教我纳罕而且伤心。

我明白了。这是他们娘老子教的!

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晚上总是睡不着。凡事须得研究,才会明白。

他们——也有给知县打枷过的,也有给绅士掌过嘴的,也有衙役占了他妻子的,也有老子娘被债主逼死的;他们那时候的脸色,全没有昨天这么怕,也没有这么凶。

最奇怪的是昨天街上的那个女人,打他儿子,嘴里说道,"老子呀!我要咬你几口才出

① 古久先生的陈年流水簿子:这是比喻我国 封建主义统治的长久历史。