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学英语需要朗读,这是许多成功的英语学习者学好英语的切身体会。在抑扬顿挫,富含感情的朗读中,我们可以深入体会英语语言的美,培养语感,体会音韵,锻炼发音。朗读是一个语言知识和语言材料逐步内化的过程,在不知不觉中使我们的英语水平得到全面提高。《新概念英语晨读美文诵典》系列包括四册。本书的特点如下:

一、题材广泛、兼容并蓄

为了让广大读者在最短的时间内获得最佳的阅读效果,我们经过反复细致的斟酌,从浩如烟海的美文卷帙中选出了这些上乘之作,辑成此书。本书文章的选取,既注重经典名篇,又注重时文、美文,二者兼备,相得益彰。所选题材原汁原味,内容广泛。每一章节,各成特色,或黄钟大吕,或寓意深远。

二、灵性文字、启迪人生

这些充满智慧和灵性的文笔,或展示了洞幽人微的观察力,或 表现出超脱尘世的秉性,或流露了细腻激扬的情愫。这些脍炙人 口的美文所诠释的是充满智慧的心灵在生命旅途中的所感所悟, 宛如一道迷人的人生风景线,让人感受美的同时,得以开启智慧之 门,让文字的芬芳沐浴我们日渐疲惫的心灵,给我们以精神上的享 受和心灵的熏陶。

三、英汉对照、译艺非凡

本书每篇文章均为英汉对照,我们以"信、达、雅"为中文翻译的标准,由翻译专家们反复地润色、修改、完善,字斟句酌、译艺非

凡。本书可使诵读者体会英汉双表达的不同感觉和语言差异,也 是读者练习翻译的绝佳材料。

正如"读一本好书,就如同与许多高尚的人在谈话"一样,读一篇优美的文章,就如同与一颗至善至美的心灵进行会谈。这些优美的、至情至性的、思想深邃的文辞,不仅可以开阔我们的视野,拓宽知识面,还可以净化心灵、升华思想、启迪心智、陶冶性情,提高个人的文学素养和写作水平。美文引领着我们的思想进入一个更为高尚博大的境界,让我们有足够的智慧静观社会、审视人生,从而使人生臻于完美。

我们诚挚地期望,《新概念英语晨读美文诵典》可以为读者的 生活添上光彩亮丽的一笔。



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。一人晨读美文

It is not difficult to imagine a world short of ambition. It would probably be a kinder world: without demands, without abrasions, without disappointment. People would have time for reflection. Such work as they did would not be for themselves but for the collectivity. Competition would never enter in. Conflict would be eliminated, tension become a thing of the past. The stress of creation would be at an end. Art would no longer be troubling, but purely celebratory in its functions. Longevity would be increased, for fewer people would die of heart attack or stroke caused by tumultuous endeavor. Anxiety would be extinct. Time would stretch on and on, with ambition long departed from the human heart.

Ah, how unrelievedly boring life would be!

There is a strong view that holds that success is a myth, and ambition therefore a sham. Does this mean that success does not really exist? That ach ievement is at bottom empty? That the efforts of men and women are of no significance alongside the force of movements and events? Now not all success, obviously, is

worth esteeming, nor all ambition worth cultivating. Which are and which are not is something one soon enough learns on one's own. But even the most cynical secretly admit that success exists; that achievement counts for a great deal; and that the true myth is that the actions of men and women are useless. To believe otherwise is to take on a point of view that is likely to be deranging. It is, in its implications, to remove all motives for competence, interest in attainment, and regard for posterity.

We do not choose our historical epoch, the country of our birth, or the immediate circumstances of our upbringing. We do not, most of us, choose to die; nor do we choose the time or conditions of our death. But within all this realm of choicelessness, we do choose how we shall live: courageously or in coward-ice, honorably or dishonorably, with purpose or in drift. We decide what is important and what is trivial in life. We decide that what makes us significant is either what we do or what we refuse to do. But no matter how indifferent the universe may be to our choices and decisions, these choices and decisions are ours to make. We decide. We choose. And as we decide and choose, so are our lives formed. In the end, forming our own destiny is what ambition is about.

、公精美译文

一个缺乏抱负的世界将会怎样,这不难想象。或许,这将是一个更为友善的世界:没有渴求,没有摩擦,没有失望。人们将有时间进行反思。他们所从事的工作将不是为了他们自身,而是为了整个集体。竞争永远不会介入,冲突将被消除。人们的紧张关系将成为过往云烟。创造的重压将得以终结。艺术将不再惹人费神,其功能将纯粹为了庆典。人的寿命将会更长,因为由激烈拼争引起的心脏病和中风所导致的死亡将越来越少。焦虑将会消失。

时光流逝,抱负却早已远离人心。

啊,长此以往人生将变得多么乏味无聊!

有一种盛行的观点认为,成功是一种神话,因此抱负亦属虚幻。这是不是说实际上并不存在成功?成就本身就是一场空?与诸多运动和事件的力量相比,男男女女的努力显得微不足道?显然,并非所有的成功都值得景仰,也并非所有的抱负都值得追求。对值得和不值得的选择,一个人自然而然很快就能学会。但即使是最为愤世嫉俗的人暗地里也承认,成功确实存在,成就的意义举足轻重,而把世上男男女女的所作所为说成是徒劳无功才是真正的无稽之谈。认为成功不存在的观点很可能造成混乱。这种观点的本意是一笔勾销所有提高能力的动机、求取业绩的兴趣和对子孙后代的关注。

我们无法选择出生,无法选择父母,无法选择出生的历史时期与国家,或是成长的周遭环境。我们大多数人都无法选择死亡,无法选择死亡的时间或条件。但是在这些无法选择之中,我们的确可以选择自己的生活方式:是勇敢无畏还是胆小怯懦,是光明磊落还是厚颜无耻,是目标坚定还是随波逐流。我们决定生活中哪些至关重要,哪些微不足道。我们决定,用以显示我们自身重要性的,不是我们做了些什么,就是我们拒绝做些什么。但是不论世界对我们所做的选择和决定有多么漠不关心,这些选择和决定终究是我们自己做出的。我们决定,我们选择。而当我们决定和选择时,我们的生活便得以形成。最终构筑我们命运的就是抱负之所在。

abrasion /əˈbreɪʒən / n. 磨损 collectivity /ˌkəlekˈtɪvɪtɪ / n. 集体 tumultuous /tjuːˈmʌltʃvəs / adj. 喧嚣的,纷乱的 unrelievedly /ˌʌnrɪˈliːvdli / adv. 持续不变地,未缓和地 sham /ʃæm / n. 骗局 at bottom 实际上

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cynical /sınıkəl / adj. 愤世嫉俗的 derange /dı'reındʒ / vi. 打乱 posterity /pos'terɪtɪ / n. 子孙,后裔 epoch /ˈiːpɒk / n. 时期,时代 cowardice /ˈkauədɪs / n. 怯懦,胆怯



《一人長读美文

Three passions, simple but overwhelmingly strong, have governed my life: the longing for love, the search for knowledge, and unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind. These passions, like great winds, have blown me hither and thither, in a wayward course, over a deep ocean of anguish, reaching to the very verge of despair.

I have sought love, first, because it brings ecstasy—ecstasy so great that I would often have sacrificed all the rest of my life for a few hours for this joy. I have sought it, next, because it relieves loneliness—that terrible loneliness in which one shivering consciousness looks over the rim of the world into the cold unfathomable lifeless abyss. I have sought it, finally, because in the union of love I have seen, in a mystic miniature, the prefiguring vision of the heaven that saints and poets have imagined. This is what I sought, and though it might seem too good for human life, this is what—at last—I have found.

With equal passion I have sought knowledge. I have wished to

understand the hearts of men. I have wished to know why the stars shine. And I have tried to apprehend the Pythagorean power by which number holds sway above the flux. A little of this, but not much, I have achieved.

Love and knowledge, so far as they were possible, led upward toward the heavens. But always pity brought me back to earth. Echoes of cries of pain reverberate in my heart. Children in famine, victims tortured by oppressors, helpless old people a hated burden to their sons, and the whole world of loneliness, poverty, and pain make a mockery of what human life should be. I long to alleviate the evil, but I cannot, and I too suffer.

This has been my life. I have found it worth living, and would gladly live it again if the chance were offered me.

冷精美译文

我的一生被三种简单却又无比强烈的激情所控制:对爱的渴望,对知识的探索和对人类苦难难以抑制的同情。这些激情像狂风,把我恣情吹向四方,掠过苦痛的大海,迫使我濒临绝望的边缘。

我寻求爱,首先因为它使我的心为之着迷,这种难以名状的美妙 迷醉使我愿意用所有的余生去换取哪怕几个小时这样的幸福。我寻 求爱,还因为它能缓解我心理上的孤独,在这种可怕的孤独中,我感 觉心灵的战栗,仿如站在世界的边缘而面前是冰冷、无底的死亡深 渊。我寻求爱,因为在我所目睹的爱的结合中,我仿佛看到了圣贤和 诗人们所向往的天堂之景。这就是我所寻找的,虽然对人的一生而 言似乎有些遥不可及,但至少是我用尽一生所领悟到的。

我用同样的激情去寻求知识。我希望能够理解人类的心灵,希望能够知道群星闪烁的缘由。我试图领悟毕达哥拉斯所景仰的"数即万物"思想。我已经悟出了其中的一点点道理,尽管并不是很多。

爱和知识,用它们的力量把人引向天堂。但是同情却总把人又拽回到尘世中来。痛苦的呼喊声回荡在我的内心。饥饿中的孩子、

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受压迫的难民、被儿女们当作负担的无助的老人,还有这整个充满了孤独、贫穷和痛苦的世界,都是对人类所憧憬的美好生活的无情嘲弄。我渴望能够减少邪恶,但是我无能为力,我也难逃其折磨。

这就是我的一生。我已经找到了它的价值。而且如果有机会,我很愿意能再活它一次。

。一词汇注释

unbearable /An'beərəbl / adj. 无法忍受的hither and thither 到处wayward /'weɪwəd / adj. 任性的anguish /'æɪggwɪʃ / n. 痛苦,苦恼verge /vəːdʒ / n. 边缘ecstasy /'ekstəsɪ / n. 入迷unfathomable /An'fæðəməbl / adj. 莫测高深的abyss /ə'bɪs / n. 深渊miniature /'mɪnɪət ʃə / n. 缩图,缩影prefigure /priː'figə / vi. 预示,设想reverberate /rɪ'vɜːbəreɪt / vi. 反响oppressor /ə'presə(r) / n. 压迫者mockery /'mɒkərɪ / n. 嘲笑alleviate /ə'liːvieɪt / vt. 使易于忍受,减轻



Mirror, Mirror—What do I See 镜子, 镜子, 告诉我

。一人晨读美文

A loving person lives in a loving world. A hostile person lives