

The Main Characteristics of Chinese Culture and How to Promote Chinese Culture

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Abstract: Chinese culture has a long history and is extensive and profound. The main characteristics of Chinese culture, in my opinion, are the strong sense of family and country, humanistic care centered on benevolence and the idea of harmony under the guidance of group consciousness. With these characteristics, Chinese culture is a precious treasure to our nationality. We can take different ways to promote it.

1. Introduction

Chinese culture is the motherland of spirit to every Chinese. What are the main characteristics of Chinese culture? Comprehending this, comprehending a part of important knowledge of Chinese culture. Knowledge and action should go hand in hand. So after getting a better understanding of Chinese culture, how can people do to promote it?

2. The Main Characteristics of Chinese Culture

Chinese culture reflects a kind of national identity and embodies the deepest spiritual pursuit of the Chinese nationality. So what are the characteristics of such a Chinese culture ?

2.1 A Strong Sense of Family and Country

The strong sense of family and country runs through every Chinese dynasty. In the Tang dynasty, the patriotic poet Du Fu wrote Hearing the government's army recapture Henan and Hebei: "The news of the recapture of the lost territory came from Jian Wai, and the moment I heard it, my tears began to pour down to my clothes.

Looking back at my wife and children, they were not even a little sad, rolling up their poems and books at random, overjoyed." , expressing the ecstasy because his beloved motherland, divided and turbulent, will be unified and stable and will no longer have to suffer the ravages of war, so do his family. In the southern Song dynasty, the patriotic general Yue Fei wrote The whole river turned red : "I just want to drive a chariot to break through the enemy camp on Helan Mountain. With great ambition, I will eat the flesh of the enemy hungrily. Talking with laughter, I will quench my thirst with the blood of the enemy. I will recapture the old rivers and mountains and return to the capital to report my success to the emperor." Here Yue Fei expressed his deep hatred for the enemy's invasion of the motherland and his ardent desire for the reunification of the motherland.

2.2 Humanistic Care Centered on Benevolence

This is essentially a kind of humanistic spirit. The core connotation of humanistic spirit is "paying attention to the realization of human value, carrying forward human reason and wisdom, and paying attention to the harmonious coexistence of soul and body".^[1] This humanistic care centered on benevolence is about the meaning and value of human existence. Chinese traditional culture is infused with such humanistic feelings, and the "benevolence" advocated by Confucianism is a prominent expression. Such as "The benevolent love others.", "We should not forget other old people who are not related to us when we support and respect our elders, we also should not forget other children who are not related to us when we bring up and educate our own children." and so

on .

2.3 The Idea of Harmony under the Guidance of Group Consciousness

The scholar Zhu Zongzhen put forward a thought-provoking question in *Who Reads and Understands the Chinese Culture*: “in more than 2,000 years, why has China been able to establish a huge and unified civil and political country with underdeveloped transportation?”^[2] One answer that cannot be ignored is definitely this—“the idea of harmony under the guidance of group consciousness”.

General secretary Xi Jinping pointed out that “Chinese culture advocates harmony, and China's 'harmony' culture has a long history. It contains the universal view of the unity of man and nature, the international view of harmony among nations, the social view of harmony without uniformity, and the moral view of kindness among people.”^[3] Since ancient times, the word “harmony” has changed in shape, but its meaning is roughly the same. The pronunciation of “harmony” is in corresponding sound with “unity”, while the original meaning of “unity” is the closing of two parts which are far away from each other. In the idea of harmony under the guidance of group consciousness, “harmony” is a kind of recognition and respect, and “unity” is a kind of cohesion and cooperation.^[4]

This cultural characteristic determines the development of China is peaceful, the rise of China is peaceful, “the genes of invasion of others and world domination never exist in the blood of the Chinese nation”^[5] Chinese people are willing to get along with people all over the world, developing harmoniously and sharing peace together.

This is the way that Chinese culture thinks. Compared with Chinese culture, western culture lays more emphasis on individual independence, Has a stronger sense of self-centeredness. In history, western culture appears in front of Chinese people as a powerful image of “the fittest, survive.” While Chinese culture attaches great importance to harmony, reserving differences, and always shows in an image of being compatible and inclusive.

3. Ways to Promote Chinese Culture

With these characteristics Chinese culture is a precious treasure to our nationality. We can take different ways to promote it.

For example, as Chinese, we should first learn Chinese culture well. Then, on the basis of inheriting the tradition, we should get rid of the stale and bring forth the fresh. At the same time, we should keep abreast of the times, and adopt appropriate means to express Chinese culture to the world.

4. Conclusion

Chinese culture is the spiritual bond and unique identity of the Chinese nation. Understanding the main characteristics of Chinese culture can help us better understand our own thoughts and the society's cultural atmosphere we live in, carry forward the good traditions of Chinese culture and promote social development. On the basis of this purpose, the discussion of the article focuses on the advantages of Chinese culture. However, Chinese culture has two sides, and there are also shortcomings in its features. Therefore, we need to learn from the excellent cultures of other countries to complement each other and make common progress.

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