

# Postscript

Protectionism is now a major issue for national governments. Protection is sought from competing ideologies – religious, economic, political and cultural. Open capitalism and financial power are entertained in the West, facing a Confucian social challenge from the East. Obstinate, stubborn sanctions are mistakenly used as defenses against military and trading advances from North and South Asia and from China. Conflicting national interests lead to confrontation in global goals.

Money has been an artificial but decisive control in the analysis of growth. Economists assume that nations are developed or undeveloped dependent upon the income *per capita*. This manifest error has led to Western excess and the present and previous recessions. Food stability and energy security are true measures of growth, the former allowing survival and the latter creating freedom. Both must be encouraged in China as in the West. Although our postscript is written before the Copenhagen meeting on global warming, being more of a prescript, the human reality is that survival and freedom now need social collaboration not competitive capitalism.