

Closings

What is the intrinsic characteristic of the traditional culture which deeply influences the process of Chinese history and coins the individuality of the Chinese nation, and what is its historical foundation and cultural Meta Point? The writing of this book is based on the study and reflection of these problems.

From all schools of thoughts in the traditional culture, the Confucian thought culture is selected as the matrix for exploring Chinese cultural characteristics and Meta Point, because the Confucian culture has been in the dominant position in the historical choice for a long time, and has the most profound influence on the national culture as the mainstream and representative of the traditional culture. We put the characteristics of Confucian culture down to “moral thought”, mainly out of this thinking: because of the different social and historical conditions, people in understanding and transforming the world and themselves according to the measure of truth, goodness and beauty, which shows the heterogeneity of different emphasis. Confucianism is not a philosophical theoretical system in the general sense, but an ideology that integrates ontology, epistemology and ethics, and it understands the world with a moral perspective and method with priority to goodness over truth. In this regard, this book systematically discusses the moral thought of the view of Heaven holding the unit of Heaven and man embodied in the natural field, the thinking mode of practical reason, as well as the category of the value relationship of unifying Heaven to man; the moral view of human nature embodied in man’s own field, the ideal model of moral personality, and the category of value relationship of unifying emotion to reason; the moral view of ethics embodied in social field, the social practice mode of putting ethics into practice, and the category of value relationship unifying benefit to righteousness. Besides, this book also focuses on some of China’s unique cultural phenomena, such as the moral thinking leading scientific reason, the ethical law with morality given priority over penalty, lack of typical religious belief model, etc., which are related to the Confucian unique perspective of giving priority to goodness over truth, and the historical foundation for the emergence of Confucian

culture. It would achieve the original intention of the efforts made here if the above research can help deepen the understanding of Chinese culture, be helpful for mutual exchange and learning between Chinese and Western cultures, and provide some useful reference for the modernization of traditional culture in social development.