

BEETHOVEN ON MUSIC: the one incorporeal entrance into a higher world  
THE SOUL OF CHINA

BY Amory de Richecourt, '58

The Chinese never discovered Algebra

"totally unconscious of their respective positions in the dev. of life." The stability of China while civilizations of Babylonia, Egypt, Persia, Rome, Islam fell. But there is no real mystery; Geog. explains it.

In this dawn of China's "Age of Enlightenment", the famous philosopher gaudacious rebel, Teng Shih, taught the absolute relativity of morality, immorality, of right & wrong, & fought with utmost energy against ethical dogmatism of his time until he was to be considered a dangerous revolutionary. This unlucky Chinese Voltaire was finally put to death by the Duke of Cheng.

Chou dynasty

2 greatest philosophers, in same per:

CONFUCIOUS & LAO TZU

Confucious's famous Ch'un Ch'iu, his "Annals of Spring & Autumn" --one of the greatest classics of Ch. lit.

Essence of Confucianist phil. is that Heaven as well as Earth--the 2 components of cosmic totality--submits to the universal law, to the rhythm of Nature, to the Tao.

Collected statements of Confucius Ta Hsueh --agnos ic-- or as he put it in mouth of student? "You do not know about the living--how can you know about the dead?" "You are unable to serve ancestors--how can you serve spirits?" Climax of Confucius's teaching is on the personality of the higher man--sage-scholar-gentleman, social rather individualistic mandarins of future live by that.

LAO TZU, also for bringing harmony bet. life & nature, uses not moralism, or his dev., but intuition & emotion for benefit of individuals. His followers left city for country & lived in retirement with his doctrine Wu-wei, "passive achievement" or "non-assertion." Lao's thesis "the secret of the art of living is neither in antagonism nor criticism but the clever insinuation thru the apertures which exist everywhere." --logical opposite conclusion LEGALISTS, bind men politically with a ruthless rigidity. Lao's teachings in small poetic & concise book, the Tao Te Ching (Bk. of Tao & its Power) like Rousseau.

5th c. B.C. greatest social & pol. upheaval in Chi--disappearance of old, small feudal fiefs, and rise of large national states. Stronger & more centralized as large as those of modern Europe--whose rulers began to arrogate to themselves title of Wang (King) which had hitherto been reserved to the Chou ruler, the Son of Heaven. Medieval unity of Shang and early Chou days collapsed. (SEE R.C. WALKER'S THE MULTI STATE SYSTEM OF ANCIENT CHINA, '53) Technological revolutions canals dug, rds. built linking major cities; decline of feudal power.

p. 42 Philosophers now flocked to Chi-Yua Academy in the capital of the state of Ch'i as their Greek contemporaries flocked to faraway Athens & its Platonic Academy to indulge in fruitless intellectual disputation. THIS WAS THE AGE OF THE FAMOUS "HUNDRED SCHOOLS" OF PHILOSOPHY. Utilitarian Mo Ti fought against restricted family ethics & ancestor worship, attempting to extend the ten(human-heartedness) to entire community. (The Chinese never discovered the syllogism.)

Utilization of iron in agric. & weapons of war. introd of ox-drawn plow. Increased state power makes possible waterworks for irrigation & flood control. Rise of middle class, merchants and artisan. "car." reached its peak in next per. WARRING STATES. Dev. of state of Ch'iach so high a new bur. of Kung-cheng created to supervise industries. (see J. NEEDHAM: SCIENCE & CIV. IN CHI., 2 vols, 1954-55)

Ch'in prince discarded title of king... became ti-Augustus, 1st his ruler of united Ch. world, Shih Huang-ti or 1st Universal Emperor-- & assumed religious title of Son of Heaven which was kept for 2,000 yr. until rev. of 1911.

In 213 B.C. a state-ordered holocaust of all classical bks. with writings of Confucius destroyed; scientific books spared. Scientific knowledge encouraged till destroyed. Saddened at the protests of the burning of the books, he sent scholars to forced labor on Great Wall, extending 1500 miles from heart of Central Asia to Pacific Ocean.

After Shih died (210 B.C.) civil war broke out. Hans consolidated Shih's manmoot works however & favored re-birth of Confucius. --gentry accepted that learning as basis for office was born. mandarins. --archery, horsemanship, rites, music, his. & mathematics. --1st true "brainwashing"!!

"Inherent socialism" of Ch. --nationalisation of trade, commerce, ind. In T'ang era state remained sole proprietor of states & a great deal was owned collectively by village. A young Ch. attained manhood & received allotment of about 10-15 acres "for life"; it reverted to community at his death. was inalienable prop. for by land taxes, forced labor & conscription in militia. Only gentry & officials were entitled to have & inherit large estates which they rented to tenant farmers.

Discovery of printing & gunpowder.

Ch. mind: Yin & Yang --neither substance nor force, altho sometimes tries such--but embodies harmonization of human society on cosmic pattern of Yin and Yang not like God & Satan "but 2 complementarity. Face is of the Totality: instead of opp. there is coop & alternance. Never duality in Ch. phil--but individual's integration into Totality, into the Tao... (TO ORIGINALLY MEANT A RD. A THOROUGHFARE BUT BECAME METAMORPHOSED INTO A "WA" A WAY OF LIFE. But Abs. Totality is essential dynamic--endless Becoming result of unceasing play of Yin & Yang

pp. 86-7; The most striking aspect of the Ch. world outlook is the similarity that exists bet. its intuitive vision of the universe & the recent conclusions of modern physics... Chinese culture had intuitively seen the cosmic order as mod. science sees it today--not as it saw it in the days of Descartes' rationalism & Newton's mechanical universe. Mod. science has now come to look upon cosmos as a non-mechanical field of force without direction or mechanical impulse. From the day when Max Planck proclaimed the Quantum Theory in 1900 the mechanical view of the universe began to fade away.... along scientific logic, discovered lately: that on the very frontiers of man's sense perceptions causality & determination disappear... causality is gone & we have Niels Bohr's concept of "complementarity" which is remarkably similar to the Ch. concept of "interdependence." There is no more absolute Space, ind. of the objects that occupy it. Space is now what it was 200 yrs ago to Leibnitz' 1st European philosopher to be strongly influenced by Ch. phil.) the relation of things among themselves. Space is determined, as I was in the view of the Ch. by its contents. Without contents, there is no space. Similarly, Newton's gravitation was a force; today, now that the universe is no longer viewed as a machine, we have gravitation magnetic force... And if there are no forces, material substances no longer exist... The old Reality today lies in the process itself. (Ch. Supreme reality)

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Collapse of Han dynasty -- Coming from Central Asia, Mongolia or  
Mongolia, Tuks, Tibetans, Mongolians broke thru Great Wall...  
Genghis Khan & the Manchus later took over no. Chi. but Ch. Fabulous  
capacity for ethnical absorption--brought them to a New Golden Age  
& still toward unity reasserted itself. (whereas in India permanent  
tend to toward dislocation) - At this time Buddhism began to penetrate

--Ch'an Buddhism, ancestor of Jap. Zen--inc. Taoist till.--

"Moonlight Civilizations":

Expansion in Turkestan & Central Asia took place simultaneously with  
expansion in S.E. Asia. Islam fostered Ottoman Mosul, "dia the  
cultures of S.E. Asia, China those of Japan & Korea."

Most brazen link bet. power politics & Christian missions was the  
Opium War bet. GB & Ch which ended in Ch's capitulation, 1842.

Kant-Hesse "From the Elbe & the Vistula to the Yellow R. in no. Chi.,  
there are no natural barriers--nothing but immense plains stretching  
for thousands of miles thru Poland, Rus., Siberia, Mongolia & No. Chi. &  
way around world. Any phil. elaborated around Elbe & Vistula is bound  
to be influenced by this [geog. situation]. German nation, instead,  
became an ide. a."

Japan's 21 demands.  
Manchu collapse / Sun Yat Sen's 3 principles of Race Determination  
(Democ. & Soc.) "Did not see agrarian rev.; "Our laboring  
class, commonly known as coolies, are living from hand to mouth &  
will therefore only be too glad to welcome any capitalist who  
even put up a sweatshop to exploit them." -- after RR forms rev. Kuomintang

PEASANT REVOLTS HAD OCCURED FOR 3,000 yrs.

1918 - Li founded Society for Study of Mxism at Peking U. -- Mao asst. 1st  
2 founders of CCP: Li Ta-chao and Ch'en Tu-hsiu who accepted Mxism in '20  
Volitnly arrives in Phaghai 1920 - Cp org. in summer 1921.  
8.22 special Pl. of CC of CCP held in Hangchow -- Maring laid down line  
of action while negotiated with CCP Kuo-intang alliance with Sun Yat  
Sen in Canton. In '23 Joffe & Sun Yat-se issue joint declaration  
& Borodin helps in overhauling of Kuomintang machinery/  
Borodin also orga. ized Whampoa Military Academy with help of a  
young officer named Chiang Kai-shek

5/30/25 BRITISH p[ro]p[osed] a Shan-hai crowd. There followed well-org'd  
boycott of Br. goods & a mammoth strike at Jap-owned textile mills  
of Tsinptao -- Chiang makes coup 3/20/26. -- complete victory of Shang in  
sweep to Shanghai -- 4/12/27. -- flow of "Wes." capital at that point.  
Manchuria fell to Japan in 1931.

Mao's agrarian movement occurred outside of regular framework of  
Part. -- until '31 little attention was paid to this marginal dev.,  
altho' Mao's 1927 report on Agrarian Movement in Hunan was a  
milestone.

MAO: "The force of the peasantry is like that of the  
raging winds & driving rain. It is rapidly increasing in violence. No  
force can stand in its way. The peasantry will tear apart all nets  
which bind it & hasten along the rd. to liberation. They will  
bury beneath them all forces of imp., militarism., corrupt officialdom  
village bosses civil gentry. Every raw [anguard] com. will be  
subjected to their scrutiny & be accepted or rejected by them. Shall we  
stand in the lead? This is our task."

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MAO'S ON Practice: "The sum total of innumerable relative truths Chu Teh, M.L. hd. is the absolute truth." SERVICES WEPE RUTHLESSLY CRUSHED Kiangsi Soviet in 1930--Maoists win Li Li-san & his coll. farms Mao's agrarian policy EXTREMELY MODERATE. "With the gradual disintegration of the prol. leadership & its final absorption by the Soviet Area govt., Mao became supreme head of Ch. Communism in 1935." Then came famous LONG MARCH across Ch. & Central Asia west. of Ch. Soviets in northwest. From its new capital at Yenan, C-iat leadership shifted Party line from social issues to the more promising foreign policy problem. AN organic connection between CP & prol. had been severed. and now Mao proclaimed his "NEW DEMOC."

Ideological Repressing Movement, 1951, --10s of 1,000s accusing themselves of at 10s of 1,000s of meetings in 10s of mlns, or wds. (SEE R. C. WALKER: CHINA UNDER COMMUNISM) Li Li-san 11/49 edict: "We oppose equititarianism."

STALIN'S FAILURE IN CHINA, 1924-27 by Conrad Brandt

(CF. EUDIM & NORTH, Sov. Russia & the East, 1920-7)

p.165ff: Concurrently with Canton Commune, another insurrection-- peasant, was taking place in Hunan. There Mao Tse-tung had gathered up a motley band of followers: uprooted peasants, stray deserters, miners from the Hanyang mines... uprising failed & Mao sent to nearest mountains. On Chinkanshan, a mountain fastness popular with bandits, Mao, seeking refuge, found instead the doorway to his destiny. Hunan defeat laid to Mao exclusively & he was removed from his 3 posts: alt. to Polburo, sec. of Hunan Provincial Comm. & sec. Party Front Comm. (See Snow's Red Star over China, p.170 for letter to Mao from Hunan provincial party, asking Wasn't it true "Wks. & Peasants Army" consisted of lumpenprol. incl. 2 converted bandit chiefs? Mao's answer: They were splendid fighters.) In 1928 Mao gives back 1 post: sec. of Front Comm.

A labor leader was entrusted with reorg. party: Li Li-san of May 30th Movement, until 1930 (secy gen. was former boatman Hsiang Chung-fa) Mao's position '28: Why waste one's strength storming cities if one could not hold them? It came as far as bloody battle bet. Li Li-san's follower's & Mao's who had crushed late in 1930, Kiangsi province revolt. In '31 Moscow asks Li to come there. While sov. govt. functioned in area ever since 1931 & Mao held highest post in it, Kuomintang launched attack in autumn '34 & MAO BEGAN HIS LONG MARCH, --6,000 miles to borderland.

p.176: "T's usual outlook remained profoundly European  
--and in t is sense, provincial."

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*-5* CH. COMMUNISM & THE RISE OF MAO by Benj. I. Schwartz

p.101: "During 1927 he (Mao) had come to realize that in a country where power tended to gravitate into the hands of the military, mass power must coordinate with military power."

p.190: besides army, the base must be strategically located TERRITORIAL base.

11/13/30 at 16th Congress of RCP: "the 3rd peculiarity (Ch. rev.) is that the ch. rev. even before the final victory of the wks. has at its disposal a Red Army. It is in possession of a considerable territory." (thus) realizing STIR hegemony over peasantry."

OF. NYM WALES "INSIDE RED CHINA": "the Ch C-ists seem to consider their party itself equivalent to direct participation by the prol.") (Wales also shows in her study of background of 70 Ch C-ist leaders in the New Dem. per--only 17% are prol & 70% are "students from families of small farmers, professionals, merchants & even aristocratic official families.") elite party basing itself on dynamic of peasant discontent.

A DOCUMENTARY HIS. OF CH. COMMUNISM By Conrad Brandt, Benj. Schwartz & John K. Fairbank, 52

Fe. 1932 Ch. Sov. Rep. declares war on Jap.

April 1933 CCP issues "Manifesto on Anti-Jap. United Front

12/12/36 Sian Incident--C-ist mediation helps effect release of Chiang Kai-shek who has been kidnapped Chang Hsueh-liang After Chiang's return to Nanking, a truce reached between CCP&KMT

6/1938 "On Prolonged Warfare" pub'd. by Mao Tse-tung 22 Nov.

"On the New Stage" in which Jap. aggression & Ch. Trotskyites such as Han Lin-fu's "3rd Front" & Liu Jen-ching's "Menin Front" branded as principal enemies of CCP

12/12/38 "The Ch. Rev & the CCP" issued by Mao explaining coalition of classes for anti-Jap. nat. dem. united front

1/19/40 "On The New Dem" by Mao as transitional stage towards C-ism in Chi.

Spring Jap. forces in No. Ch. launch campaign against C-ists

7/7/40 CCP introduces "3/3rd system" (1/3rd C-ists, 1/3rd KMT, & 1/3rd non-part) into all pol. administrations in C-ist areas.

1942 Feb. Cheng-Feng Movement begins. Mao on "Correcting wrong tendencies in learning, the Party & lit. art."

1943 CCP LAUNCHES "ANTI-SE PROD. MOVEMENT"

10/1/45 CCP announces "10 Proposals": 1) fight enemy, 2) improve army & add 3) unit leadership 4) support gov. & love people; 5) inc. prod. 6) "correct wrong tendencies" 7) realize 3/3rds system 8) reduce rent & interest. 9) investigate cadre wks. (for incorrect acts) & 10) educate masses about current affairs. Liu Shao-ch' sec. of sec, CCP

1945 Yalta Conf. 4/23/-6/11 7th Con gress (f CCP) Mao speaks on Coalition ovt. -- party constitution rev' sed, drafted by Liu Shao-ch'i & res' lves "to follow Mao Tse-tung's thought, as well as Marxism, for guidance in all work of the CCP."

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8/14/45 surrender of Japan 10/11 Joint statement by Mao & Chiang  
pledging desire for peace & unity; end of Oct. militar clashes  
break out.

6/23/46 Mao demands US cease all aid to Nationalists & withdraw  
US forces from China.

10/10/47 CCP announces New Land Law, abolishing land rights  
of landlords, who are not of land like by peasant.

1949 - C-ists occupy Tientsin, Peiping, Shanghai.

8/7/49 US White Paper.

9/28/49 - Organic Law of the Peoples Political Consultative Conf.

--Organic Law of Central People's Govt.

OCT. 1, 1949 CENTRAL PEOPLE GOVT. OF CHINA EST. Mao elected Pres. China  
11/1/49

I. embryonic Per. (1924-5) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~  
1st Manifesto of CCP on Current Situation  
& Manifesto of 2nd Congress 6-7/22 calls for "dem. united front  
of wkr., poor peasants, & p.b." - end of per. of purism.  
KMT is classed as rev. party - but C-ists remain outside of it.

II. Per. of Early CCP-KMT coop. (1923-7)

SEE SEPARATELY MAO TSE TUN'S REPORT ON HUNAN

III. PER. OF REORIENTATION (1927-31) FROM Coalition to Adventurism

IV. Per. of KIANGSI SOVIET (1931-34) Shift to Hinterland

constitution of Sov. Rep. 11/7/31 "the Sov. regime has grown out  
of guerrilla warfare"

V. NEW PER. - "the United Front" 1935-37  
MAO: "The present alliance bet. Bourgeoisie & rev. group is a necessary  
bridge to soc."

6/24/38: "The CCP is the M-L Part. of the Ch. working class... Its  
mission is the final liberation of the Ch. nation & the Ch.  
people for it is only by liberating the whole nation that  
the wkr. class can liberate itself."

4/24/45 MAO ON COALITION GOVT.

"What do we call the present stage of the rev. a 'bourgeois dem.  
per.'? Because the target of the rev. is of the bourgeoisie in  
general but imperialist & feudal oppression; the program of  
the rev. is not to abolish pvt. prop. but to protect pvt. prop.  
In general, the results of this rev. will clear the way for  
the dev. of capitalism."

"Under the New Dem. system of govt., a policy of readjusting  
rels. bet. cap. & lab. will be adopted. On the one hand, the interests  
of the wks. will be protected. An 8-10 hr. day system, according  
to varying ~~circumstances~~ circumstances, will be adopted as well as  
suitable relief for unemployed, social security & the rts. of labor  
unions. On the other hand, a reasonable profits of state, pvt.,  
coop. enterprises will be guaranteed. In general this will  
enable both labor & cap. to work joint for the dev. of ind. prod."  
Party has 1,210,000 members, most of whom joined during anti-Jap.  
war.

VI. he Ye an Won--Ideology Party Affairs, 1935-45

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MAO on "Reform Our Learning", May 1941 Youths of 17 or 18 are taught to digest Bo's Capital & Anti-Duhring. As a result, an abnormal psychology is created among the students who lose interest in Ch. problems & neglect the directives of the Party. They only worship the words passed on to them by the teachers, holding them to be dogma that will remain forever valid." SAME THOUGHT REPEATED IN CHENG FENG MOVEMENT in 1942. Constitution of the CCP (6/11/45): "The CCP takes the theories of M-L & the combined principles derived from the PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE OF THE CH. REV." "THE IDEAS OF MAO TSE-TUNG" AS THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES IN ALL WORK!" NB

WORLD WAR PER. (1945-50) THE RETURN TO THE CITIES  
1/1949 Mao's "On the Peoples Democ. Disc."

The ANNALS, Sep. 1951 See esp. Current Agrarian Reform Policies in Communist China, by Chao Kuo-chun & Labor Policy & Factory Mgt. in C-ist Ch. by Wm. Ayres Li Li-san, Pe king Minister of Labor Greater prod. "is the most fundamental task of the Ch. trade unions." "develop la. org. enthusiasm?" "Observe labor discipline." "Regard for both public & pvt. interests, benefits for both labor & capital." K

3 mln. ind. wks.

10 mln. supervisors, teachers & commercial

THE ANNALS, 1/59- Ideology & Politics in C-ist Ch. by Arthur H. Steiner UCLA

The CC of CCP on 8/29/58 called for merger of rural collectives into "communes" as "the fundamental policy to guide the peasants in accelerating socialist construction" which would produce "communication of country in a few yrs." (See PEKING REV. EW, Sep. 16, 1958 pp. 21-23 'Sep. 2, 1958 p. 607)

MAO from his "On Practice" (July 1957); outstanding characteristic of Mxist phil. is "its practicality; its emphasis on the dependence of theory on practice; emphasis on practice as the foundation of theory which in turn serves practice."

"Agric. & Pop. in Rel. to Eco. Planning" by J. Spencer (UCLA)

1950--distribution of 120 mln. acres of land to 60 mln. families-- 40% of farm area to 60% of agrarian pop--"fractured an already fragmented agrarian eco." BUT THEN a) Mutual aid teams b) agric. coop in which members received int. on their landholdings as well as a share of crop for work done c) coll. farm--land & bigger farm implements become prop. common to all & work done sole source of income. (See 2 Revs. for the Farm (China In Transition Peking, 1957))

New tools, chemical fertilizers, govt. agric. loans at low int. made growth of collectives in 1956 greater than was expected. 2nd 5 yr. plan 1958-62 looked forward to greater per acre yields & intensive farming and extending facilities for irrigation n. Good agric. weather & bountiful harvests caused yields to exceed quotas in 1953 & 54 poor weather in 1954-1956