

## Category 4 – East and West Cultural Exchange

### 26. 《文明的选择——论政体选择和宗教的关系》

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本书旨在探讨欧洲国家不同政治制度如君主制和共和制背后的宗教原因，以此说明现代政体与宗教的关系。在序言中，作者简单讨论了宗教在人类生活中的重要性。作者指出他研究宗教在欧洲政治社会生活的重要意义，他的目的是首先搞清楚宗教对政体的影响，其次借鉴欧洲国家在处理宗教问题上的经验教训。

本书分三个部分。第一部分介绍基督教历史。第一章讲述基督教简史，其余三章分别就天主教、新教、东正教进行了介绍。作者侧重于讨论教会所代表的宗教权力与世俗权力之间的发展变化，比如天主教与神圣罗马帝国、新教与英国王室、东正教与东罗马帝国的关系。第一部分属于基本知识的普及介绍。

第二部分通过描述英国、法国、德国宗教改革的历史背景，分析了它们选择不同政体的原因。第五章讨论了英国国教圣公会对英国选择君主立宪制的影响；第六章分析法国选择共和制的原因在于罗马教徒与法国天主教会的宗主关系；第七章则分析了德国的情况。

第三部分讨论宗教与社会控制问题，作者试图说明对宗教问题处理是否得当将会给社会带来重要的后果。第八章讨论宗教在英国工业革命时期意识形态斗争所起的作用；第九章分析了路德宗教改革与德国文化的关系；第十章分析了前苏联的解体在宗教信仰上的原因。

本书首先有助于中国读者了解了解基督教史和西欧史的一些基本线索，其次

作者对基督教在欧洲历史、政治、社会中的作用的讨论有助于中国读者思考基督教的重要性，加深对基督教的认识。但本书对基督教与欧洲政体选择的研究是粗糙的，结论是片面的，不足以作为学术研究的参考。

1. **Title:** The Choice of the Civilization-on the Relation of Political Entity Choice and Religion
2. **Author:** Cheng Shiping
3. **Publisher & Date:** Chinese Social Science Publisher
4. **Copies:** 3000      **Characters:** 173,000
5. **Author's Introduction:** N/A

6. **Contents:** The purpose of this book is to explore the different political systems of European countries, such as: the religious backgrounds of monarchy and republic, which accounts for the relationship between modern political entity and religion. In the preface, the author stresses the importance of religion in the human life, esp., in the European political social life. His objective is to first, clarify the influence of the religion to political entity, and then to learn from the lessons from the European countries to deal with religious issues.

The book is divided into three parts:

First part: the history of Christianity, a general introduction.

Chapter one depicts brief history of Christianity and the other three chapters introduce Roman Catholicism and the Orthodox Church. The author stresses on the development and change of the relations between the religious power of the Church and the secular power; such as the relationship between Roman Catholicism and the Holy Roman Empire, Protestantism and the English Royalty, Greek Orthodox and the Eastern Roman Empire.

Second part: the historic background of British, French, and German Reformation and the reason why they chose different political entities.

Chapter 5: the influence of the Church of England on the choice of the Constitutional Monarchy in England;

Chapter 6: the reason why France chose republic depending on the relations between Roman Catholics and French Catholic Church;

Chapter 7: the situation in Germany.

Third part: religion and the social control issues. The author attempts to explain how the religious issues were dealt with would greatly impact the society.

Chapter 8: the function of religion in ideological struggling during the English Industrial Revolution;

Chapter 9: the relationship between Lutheran Reformation and German culture;

Chapter 10: the religious cause for the former Soviet Union dissolution.