

Brief analysis of rebuilding moral values by Yin Haiguang

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Abstract: Taiwanese society has, to a certain extent, been thrown off balance by social change, crumbling traditional values and the unsuccessful development of new values. It is in this context that Yin Haiguang speaks of rebuilding moral values and developing principles based on democracy and science. His encouragement of practical rebuilding has paved the way to the revival of moral values in present-day China.

According to the author, from the 1960s to the 1980s Taiwanese society gradually became commercial and industrialised. Economic progress raised concerns among the Taiwanese that the collective development of society would be severely affected by the decreasing moral conscience of individuals and loss of importance of values. Yin Haiguang suggests the rebuilding of moral values based on a scientific analysis of the problems according to conventional Chinese values and specific elements in modern society. He does not however, address the definitive role emotions play in rebuilding moral values. If the practical theory behind moral principles is combined with that of emotions it will become more deeply rooted in people's conscience.

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