

How to Construct a Diverse Global community

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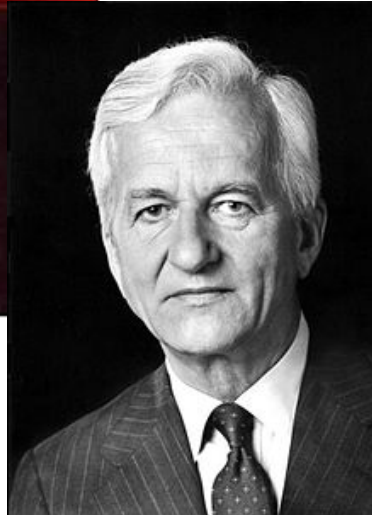
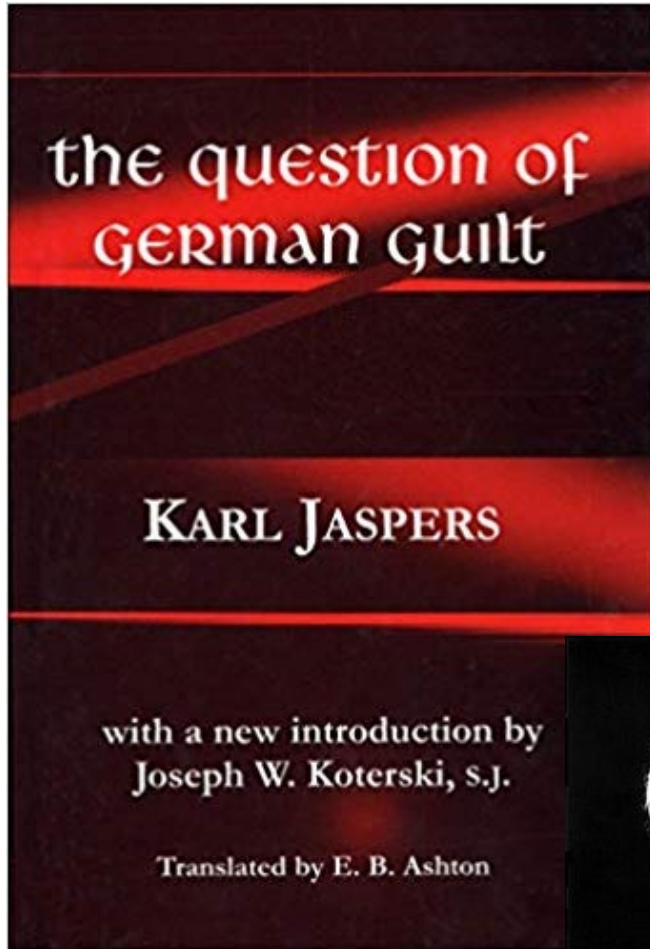
International Symposium on Axial Age and China (Sept. 27~Oct.1, 2018, Guiyang)



Karl Jaspers (1883~1969)

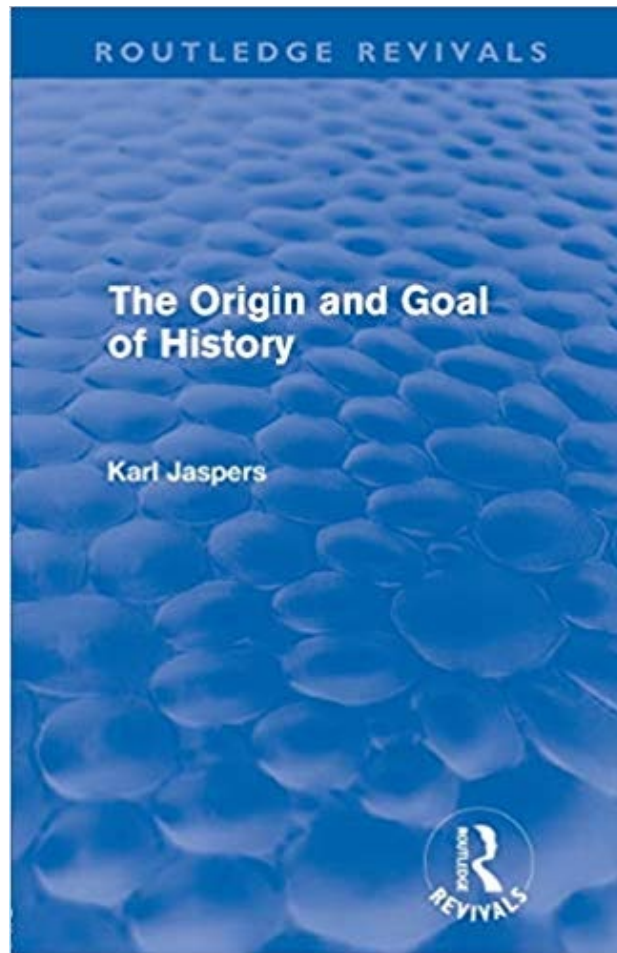
- **Existentialism:** “What can a human being be is ultimately hidden in his freedom. As long as he lives there must be something that he should be able to obtain through constant efforts that he makes. His dignity is that he represents something that cannot be defined.”
- **Transcendental Value:** “Ultimately what remains is the human being that does not lose love when thrown into destruction, and still maintains mysterious trust to the basis of things. Beyond all codes, thoughts reach to silence fulfilled by unlimited basis.”

Jaspers and World War II



- “The question of German Guilt” was published in German “Die Schuldfrage” in April 1946.
 - It constitutes legal, moral and philosophical basis for what Germany did under Nazi.
- It underpins President Weitzacker’s Speech of 1985

Jaspers and Axial Age

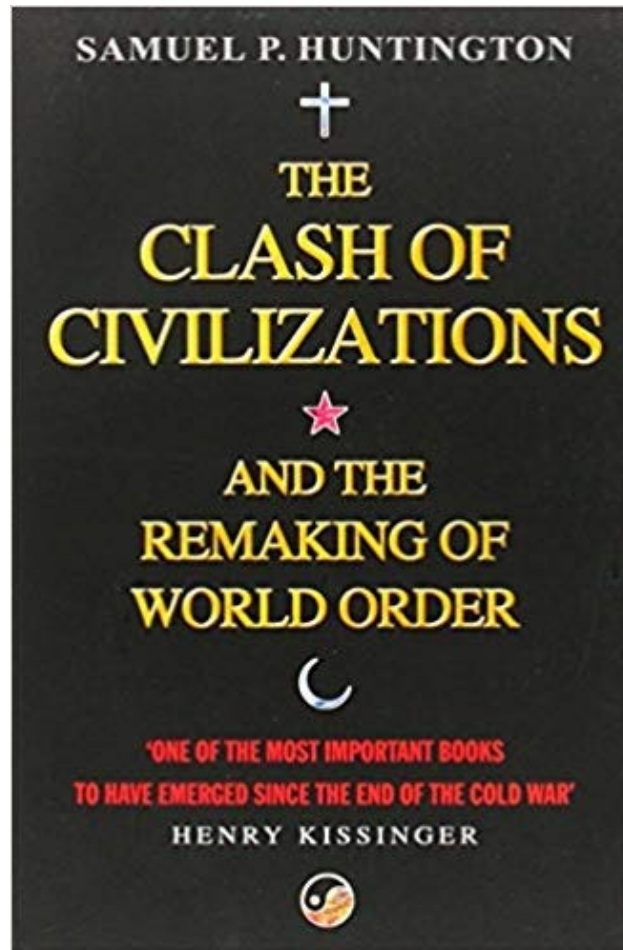


- “The Origin and Goal of History” was published in 1949 in German, translated to English in 1953.
- Axial Age as defined by Jaspers: 500 B.C.: China, India, West (Iran, Palestine, Greece)

Axial Age in the 21st Century?

- America (Euro-America) is the leading status-quo actor.
- China is the powerful challenging actor.
- Is this a civilizational collision or coexistence?
- Are there other actors?
- Yes, there are!

Huntington's Eight Civilizations

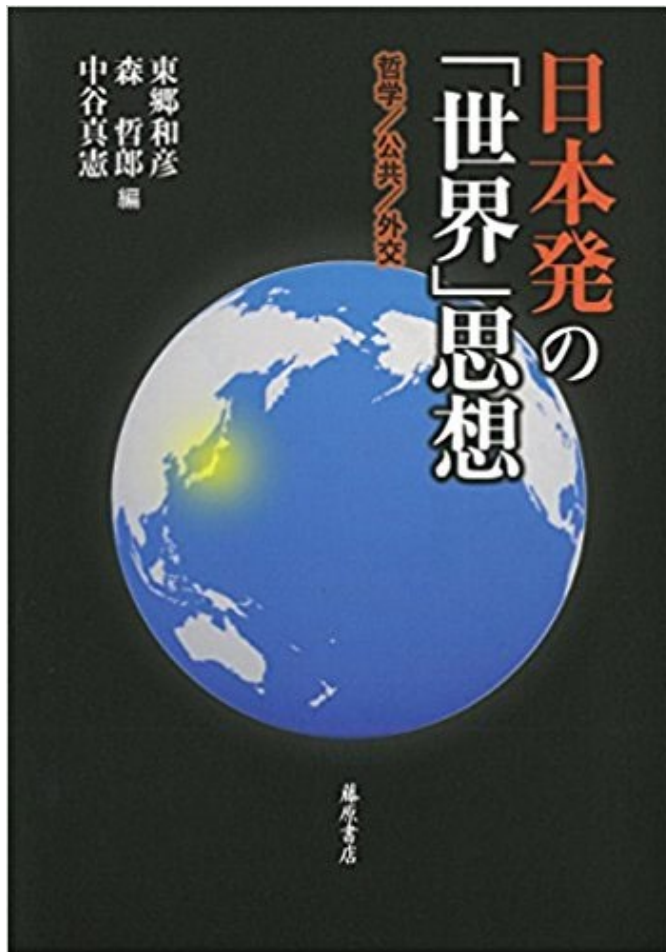


- Western Europe
- Slav
- Islam
- China
- Japan
- Hindou
- Latin America
- Africa

Togo's Seven Civilizations after the Guyang Meeting

- Euro-American
- Chinese
- Hindou-Indian
- Japanese
- Jewish-Hebrew
- Islamic
- Slav-Russian
- Jewish-Hebrew
- Euro-American
- Islamic
- Slav-Russian
- Chinese
- Hindou-Indian
- Japanese

Global Thoughts originating from Japan



- Kazuhiko Togo,
Tetsuro Mori,
Masanori Nakatani
edited
- “Global Thoughts
originating from Japan---
Philosophy/Public
Policy/Diplomacy”
- (Fujiwara/Tokyo/2017)
- Root/Stem/Branch

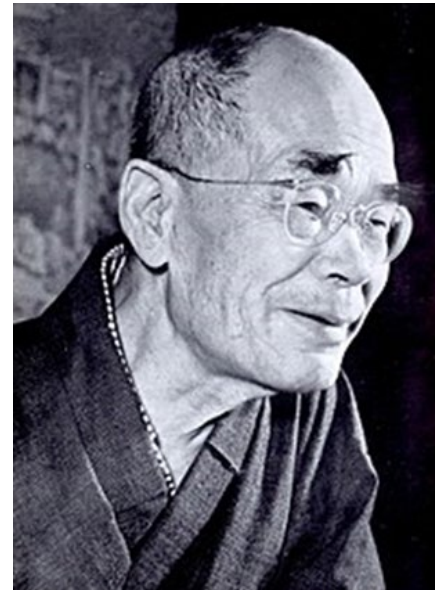
Height of Japan's Philosophy Pre-War Kyoto School

Nishida Kitaro
“Absolute Nothing”



西田幾多郎 昭和18年2月

Suzuki Daisetsu
“Spiritual Self
Recognition”



Both practiced Zen → 13th Century Kamakura Buddhism → Ten Bulls



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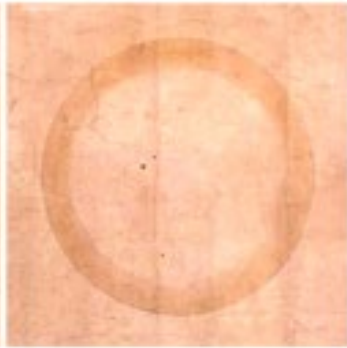
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Origin of Japan's philosophy



- ~400 BC = Jomon Era = Japan's Axial Age
- Wood, rocks, rivers, mountains, stars
- 538 Buddhism from China → coexistence of Shinto and Buddha
- 9th Century → Grass and trees, national Soil, all turning into Buddha → 13th Century Zen

Russia and Japan = Comparative Analysis of History of Identities



- Japan developed its civilizational position at the border of Chinese, and Russia at the border of Byzantine.
- Russia in the early 18th, Japan in the mid-19th century faced serious “Westernization”. Contradiction continues.

Civilizational Message from Japan

- Accepting foreign culture as it is; creating something of our own; share with the world
- 1st flow=From China; Edo 260 years; readiness to face foreign European powers
- 2nd flow=From Europe; fast rise to create Imperial Japan; ultimate failure at WWII
- 3rd flow=From America; Economic rise of Showa; what are we creating now?

Overcoming Tribalism in Japan

Responding to Amy Chua

- Ethno-singularity; rice-pad agriculture; nation-wide shared tradition and culture
- Old-tribalism= Ainu in Hokkaido; Okinawa's present-day differentiation on American military bases
- New-tribalism = immigration and refugees. Will Japan accept more foreigners and live harmoniously with them?

Confucius in China

- Confucius scholars at the Guiyang Conference
- Confucius Memorial Ceremony in the morning of 28 September