

# *The Significance of Studying Marxist Philosophy*

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**Abstract:** Marxist philosophy is the sum of the view of practice, philosophy and human nature, and learning Marxist philosophy can enable people to establish dialectical thinking and philosophical world view. Marxist philosophy plays a crucial role in using philosophical thinking to understand the relationship between man and the world, man and society, and man and man. Establishing a correct world outlook, consciously deepening philosophical cultivation, broadening theoretical space, and cultivating keen judgment and theoretical generalization are conducive to examining, guiding and regulating life with philosophical thinking. A deep understanding of philosophical thinking helps to grasp the objective law of the development of things, improve the state of life, and explore the truth of life. Consciously cultivating philosophical thinking and mastering the basic system of philosophy in life practice can continuously promote the integration of philosophy and reality, interwoven and collision between theoretical thinking and life practice, and provide spiritual nourishment for people's growth.

## 1. Introduction

Philosophy is the soul of The Times' civilization and the essence of the spirit of The Times. In the modern vocational education life and socialization education both attach importance to the education of Marxist philosophy. In Marxist philosophy, dialectical thinking is related to the connection and difference between Marxist philosophy and western traditional philosophy, reveals the value and purport of life practice, abandons the simple dialectics of sensibility and intuition, and aims to change the world and explore the objective law of the development behind things. Marxist philosophy leads the trend of the world outlook, integrates the fundamental function of the philosophical world outlook into the real life and social activities, stands in people's position, and grasps people's life situation. It meets the fundamental appeal of people's pursuit of ideal life, and provides rich theoretical basis and spiritual nourishment for the pursuit of value of life.

## 2. Establishing a dialectical way of thinking

Marxist philosophy has always been running through dialectics, which uses used to analyze and study the root of social contradictions. We should understand that the world cannot transform the

world without dialectics. Dialectics is the principle of the development and change of all things in the world. Similarly, dialectics is also the source of driving force to promote the development of all scientific knowledge. People's understanding and grasp of the real world are inseparable from theoretical thinking. In fact, the progress of a country, nation, society and individuals are inseparable from theoretical thinking, and this theoretical thinking has objectivity and truth, need to have this must constantly cultivate and study the Marxist dialectical thinking. Therefore, learning and mastering Marxist philosophy is the basic premise of mastering dialectical thinking deeply.

Marxist philosophy has formed a set of systematic and rigorous philosophical thinking. Learning and mastering Marxist philosophy is an inevitable prerequisite for establishing dialectical thinking, and we should grasp the basic laws of dialectical thinking. The laws of Dialectic are summarized from the three fields of nature, society and human thinking. People can objectively reflect their original appearance and draw correct conclusions by viewing and analyzing nature, society and human thinking according to the laws of Dialectic. At the same time, Engels also emphasized the universality and consistency of the laws of Dialectic on nature, human history and thinking, that is, established "Dialectical logic", Dialectical logic regards concepts, judgments and reasoning as changing and developing. The basic principles of Dialectical logic are "the unity of nature and spirit" and "the unity of abstract and concrete".

Lenin further summarized and analyzed dialectical logic, and he pointed out: "To truly understand something, we must grasp and study all its aspects, all its connections and 'intermediaries', we will never do this completely, but as a requirement, the comprehensiveness will help us prevent rigidity", because dialectical logic teaches that "There is no abstract truth, truth is concrete"<sup>[1]</sup> That is to say, when we use dialectical thinking to solve any practical problem, we should combine the actual attributes of the problem into the dialectical thinking power, and reveal the essence of things through the phenomenon. Lenin made a profound summary of the Marxist philosophy, he pointed out: "the essence of Marxism, the living soul of Marxism: to make a specific analysis of the specific situation".<sup>[2]</sup> Whether the construction of political civilization, the innovation of scientific and technological civilization, and material production or spiritual civilization should not strip the dialectical thinking, otherwise the progress of human civilization will appear rigid, one-sided, deformed forms. In the long-term practice of human social life, the core connotation of Marxist dialectical thinking is integrated with the foundation of human social practice, providing a steady stream of theoretical power for the historical process of human civilization, and enriching the discourse system and realistic pertinacity of dialectics in the connotation of The Times.

To establish a dialectical way of thinking, it is necessary to respect and grasp the truth, integrate the scientific philosophical view, truth view and practice view into people's life and practice, give full play to the theoretical value in People's Daily life, and make the perceptual practice and common sense of life gradually become standardized and rational. Dialectics is a general method for human beings to understand the world, regulate life and examine life. Lenin believed that dialectics is epistemology. He reiterated the basic position of Marx's epistemology and pointed out that "logic and epistemology should be extended from the development of all natural life and spiritual life"<sup>[3]</sup> When dialectical thinking gradually occupies people's minds, it will become a theoretical weapon for people to understand and transform the world, as well as a theoretical weapon for material practice and spiritual practice. The problem of philosophical concern is the most direct and realistic problem that people care about, and the purpose of establishing dialectical thinking is to analyze, solve and feedback the practical problems. In daily life, ordinary people unconsciously use the dialectical way of thinking to solve the problems in their life situation. In the absence of philosophical cultivation, he is not true knowledge of dialectical thinking. Philosophical thinking has inspired us again and again. Philosophy constantly shocks, breaks through and surpasses the general perceptual experience, and constantly promotes the progress of human thought in the process of breaking through and surpassing

the perceptual experience.

In our real life, perceptual experience is the basis for people's analysis of problems, rather than the object of thinking. In the relationship between dialectical thinking and perceptual experience, perceptual experience has become the object of philosophical criticism. In other words, philosophy is the reflection, criticism and transcendence of reality. Therefore, we should constantly promote Marxist philosophy to reality, establish philosophical thinking, improve theoretical thinking, grasp the law of practice in perceptual practice activities, point out the practical value, and constantly promote the standardization of life practice.

### 3. Establishing a correct worldview

The worldview is the fundamental view of the world. In the humanized world, people must have related problems in the real world, such as the relationship between the people and the world, the existence of people and social problems, how to realize the real world in life value, and how to position themselves in the real world, different world outlook form a different outlook on life, thus to give different answers to the perceptual problem of reality, realize the nature of the "return".

The problem of world view is rooted in the special relationship between man and the world. Marx pointed out that "the essence of man is not an abstraction inherent in a single person, but in its reality, it is the sum of all social relations".<sup>[4]</sup> Human beings exist in the real world and seek to understand, regulate and transform the world, thus forming a symbiotic relationship between humans and the real world; Human beings exist in nature and also beyond nature. However, human is not satisfied with understanding nature, and strive to transfer it, always turning the self-world and humanized world into the form regulated and hoped by human beings. People always compete with life, in the limited vitality, to pursue the infinite possibilities, in the historical process of life to realize the value of life. In the interweaving and collision of theory and practice, ideal and reality, we constantly deepen people's understanding of the world, so as to constantly enrich people's world outlook.

The formation and establishment of a person's world view comes from various social factors. In different social relations, people receive different cultural education, which is closely related to the formation of the world outlook, especially the personal cultural background and social status. However, if the world view is formed spontaneously, without the blessing of the philosophical world outlook, people's world view will be vague, one-sided and unstable. In daily life, the world outlook standardizes and guides people's life practice, and affects people's life style and basic behavior. Therefore, to consciously establish a systematic and theoretical world view, it is necessary to take the Marxist philosophical world view as the theoretical basis.

The world outlook of Marxist philosophy and life practice have multiple interaction, with objectivity and science. The establishment of philosophical world outlook is an independent contract that people's subjective thinking conforms to the objective provisions. The application of philosophical world outlook in life can enable people to better understand the essence of life, standardize the way of behavior, promote the "return" of life value, and guide the pursuit of life value. Review life with the philosophical world outlook, and consciously cultivate the multiple perspectives of life practice and the philosophical world outlook. "Facing life with the dialectical thinking of development and grasping the reasonable connotation of the philosophical world view, can integrate the philosophical world view into life and guide life, find out the value of life and improve the quality of life." <sup>[5]</sup> The worldview is related to all aspects of people and the world, the core of which is to understand the real world and master the development rule of the world.

The world view is not only how to distinguish the connection between man and the world, but also the fundamental theory of how to evaluate the relationship between man and the world. The main significance of the philosophical world view lies in that it is a philosophical reflection on people's

realistic activities and the relationship between the world. Human practice, thought activity is creative to the world, however, how to identify the enthusiasm of practice, and how to identify the negative practice, in the world and humanized world, subjective thinking and objective law, social activities and social progress of contradictions, how to establish the objective standard and theoretical basis, etc., all belong to the category of world view.

This indicates that under the guidance of a philosophical worldview, understanding and positioning life, establishing a worldview which can fully demonstrate the theoretical and practical significance of the worldview. In the interaction of world outlook and outlook on life, people have the ability to judge the standard of good and evil, and become the fundamental power of breeding life plans and ideal goals. The world outlook is the essence of life practice, which teaches people how to behave, how to survive, and how to realize the value and meaning of life. Modern philosophy concerns the basic problem of "people in the world", and "summarizes the new understanding formed by contemporary people of the society, the world and the human beings themselves".<sup>[6]</sup> Grasping life and exploring the relationship between man and nature, man and society, and man and man from the perspective of philosophical worldview, can help us to examine the value of life and explore the meaning of life.

#### **4. Strengthening the cultivation of philosophical thinking in practice**

With the innovative development of time civilization and time discourse system, philosophy is attracting more and more attention from the public. Philosophy plays a guiding function in our life practice. In order to promote the conscious cultivation of philosophical thinking, we must attach importance to the main paths and methods of philosophy communication, and provide basic conditions for promoting the popularization of philosophy, The Times and common sense of philosophy. What is "philosophy"?<sup>[7]</sup> The essence of philosophy is a systematic reflection on social life, which is the crystallization of human wisdom and the essence of the spirit of The Times. Integrating philosophy into educational life and general social life can effectively promote philosophy to be mastered by the public, so that philosophy can be transformed into the theoretical power of examining life, criticizing life and guiding life. This power is internalized in oneself through long-term learning, making people form reflective thinking and dialectical thinking in the process of survival and production. Philosophical thinking is a necessary prerequisite for cultivating a sound world outlook, outlook on life and values.

Philosophy regards realistic people as material weapon, while realistic people regard philosophy as spiritual weapon. Therefore, "Marx emphasizes that people should rotate around 'people' themselves".<sup>[8]</sup> Philosophy is based on people and also serves people. In the process of continuous learning and exploration, people further deepen their reflection on the nature and methodology of philosophy, and also point out the relationship between philosophy and life. Since ancient times, in the general life, people have believed that philosophy is far away from our real life, but in fact, it is not the case. Philosophy is not metaphysical, nor a dogmatic theory, it is the reflection and grasp of the real world and human major issues. The promotion of philosophical cultivation is not only a matter for philosophers or philosophical disseminators. If ordinary people want to master dialectical thinking, they cannot avoid philosophical cultivation.

In the complex relationship of social life, there are different contradictions in various fields all the time. Since ancient times, people have suffered from their own understanding of the world and the grasp of objective laws, and feel that there is no way to clarify the law of development of things and the deep essence hidden behind them. In daily life, there are various difficulties in daily life, the essence of philosophy to solve problems, revolutionary difficulties, hit difficulties. Therefore, improving philosophical cultivation is an important link to overcome difficulties and promote the

scientific life practice. When people master a certain philosophical thinking, there will be a person to be a "ballast stone", and can always do the ideal and faith of the firm, aggressive, fighter. The promotion of philosophical cultivation also helps to improve the social personality and moral personality, and stimulate the vitality of philosophy in social practice. In recent years, there have been many discussions about the "popularization and modernization of philosophy" in the Chinese and foreign academic circles, which can be regarded as philosophical thinking and theoretical innovation in the civilization of the new era.

The promotion of philosophical cultivation is a problem that has been emphasized in the popularization of philosophy, and philosophy has the function of theoretical generalization and value judgment standard for real life. Ancient philosophy pays attention to spiritual cultivation and prefers idealism. After the birth of Marx's "new materialism" philosophy, philosophy returned to this world from the other side of the world, and returned to reality from the philosophy of consciousness, revealing the law of development of the real world. The problem of improving philosophical cultivation has been marginalized in people's social communication since ancient times, and people always think that philosophy is an obscure theoretical subject. In fact, philosophy comes from the real life, from the civilization connotation of The Times, and at the same time serves the real life and leads the trend of The Times. The continuous improvement of philosophical cultivation by ordinary people helps to recognize the meaning of life value and improve the realm of life. At the same time, the understanding of the ideals, goals and values of life can reach a new height, and finally the truth of life can be expressed.

In short, Marxist philosophy involves all aspects of life development, and the philosophical world outlook and methodology play a profound guiding role in the development and construction of human civilization. On the one hand, "it profoundly reveals the essential characteristics, development laws, contradiction changes and construction paths of development and construction in various fields." [9] On the other hand, it plays a positive role in the expanding life ideals and thinking abilities, answering and responding to new life problems with a philosophical system and theoretical logic adapted to life ideals and value pursuits which can accurately grasp the realistic logic of life development.

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