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I. INTRODUCTION

After reading Ms. Wang’s Responding to “the Confusion of Contemporary Art”[1], the author could not help reading a series of texts about “conspiracy” and “deception” of contemporary art and feel deeply “folding” of the local scene context. Everyone knows it’s a complicated and serious problem. The so-called complexity, that is, “field,” is the problem that is cultural, scientific and logical. On the vertical and horizontal axis, it includes all times in all over the world and also involves the “art” inside and outside the current boundary, or the social relations and soil on which all people and things in the community of destiny to live. The so-called grimness is because the high court hangs indistinctly a sword of the state where Ms. Wang has stepped. That makes the originally difficult problem more difficult. More than this, professor Heqing, the man who comes up with theory of “scheme” (the combination of “conspiracy” and “deception”), perhaps thinks that he has treasures, so he is very intoxicated and bands together with the flag conceitedly, like the first person to carry the flag[2]. In many articles, he calls Ruiyun, Zhu Qi, Peng De, Wanwan and all potential debaters “them,” regardless of age and gender. And his attitude is swollen with arrogance, tease, and abuse what makes people feel like that those scholars have met the soldiers. Facing the posture of “Guardian King Kong” and “Dhrita-rastra” is so inevitable that the observers couldn’t help discussing issues nowadays to have mutual encouragement with the ladies and gentlemen.

II. THE FALSE THEORY AND PARADOX OF “SCHEME THEORY”

Here let me come straight to the point to indicate three points of view on the logical aspect and base point of Heqing and his subordination’s refutation of “contemporary art”:

Firstly, the “conspiracy theory” or “deception theory” based on Heqing to contradict contemporary art is not proven.

Secondly, the arguments such as “evolution theory” and “pluralism” by which the evidence is based are biased and inconsistent with the facts.

Thirdly, in combination, the whole also can be summarized to the six words that apply to the above two aspects, namely, “pseudo proposition,” “paradox theory,” and “anti-mainstream.” Let’s talk about these two logical aspects.

a) First level

First of all, “conspiracy theory” is a pseudo proposition of dreadful paradox and unclear logic. We know that judging contemporary art is an international “conspiracy” of the countries, which takes United States as the main axis, mainly because Heqing “found” that the American “system,” represented by the CIA, supported and created the New York School or abstract expressionism by policy and finances during his further education in France. To this point, to avoid unnecessary details of the most basic qualitative judgments, the author mentions neither the “abstract expressionism” that Kandinsky came up during his trip in France or the basis of oriental etymology provided by french “Art Informel” and “Tachisme”[3], nor France’s counter-measures to screen and clean foreign languages for “pure” culture. Here is only a question of reverse thinking: Is Hanban, the Confucius Institute considered to be China’s “institution”? Confucius Institute
International Chinese Education, is it a Chinese country “conspiracy”? As for the “funds,” here is a look at the Confucius Institute Annual Development Report published online by the Confucius Institute Headquarters in 2016. The report shows that 513 Confucius Institutes and 1,073 Confucius Classrooms, which have been fostered and promoted throughout the world, have been not only distributed in 140 countries, but also published in the “National Social Science Fund” project numbered 16BZZ001—The stage results of the “Research on Political Communication and the Construction of the National Image Rhetoric Case Library under the New Media Conditions” show that the national funds for the Confucius Institutes around the world, “the total funding for 2016 is US$314,116,000, and compared with US$31,085,400 in 2015, there is only an increase of US$326,2000.” In addition to this, the study co-ordinates the current Confucius Institute “being more and more constrained by the socio-cultural structure of the target country,” and the domestic economic development has entered an “L-shaped development period” and two other subjective and objective issues, based on the Chinese program and proposition of human “destiny community construction,” quoting the vision and concept of “global governance” in Western politics, focusing on the two major aspects of the “re-establishment of goals” and “re-setting of strategies” in the international Chinese education of Confucius Institutes, putting forward seven aspects of the “development strategy”, such as “reschedule of tasks,” “repositioning of the image,” “redefining the teacher’s identity,” “re-discipline of the subject type,” “re-planning of the school level” and “re-adjustment of the spatial distribution.” Also, as for the Ministry of Culture “One Belt and One Road” Cultural Development Action Plan (2016-2020), which was promulgated in recent years, approved by the Central Propaganda Department, supported by the Ministry of Finance, sponsored by the Ministry of Culture, and organized by the National Academy of Fine Arts in China. “The National Painting Institute’s ‘One Belt, One Road’ international art project,” and its funds to “Asia, Europe, Africa, and the world,” and constantly create the “One Belt, One Road International Art Alliance” institutions and fund input at home and abroad. There is no need to say more here.

The above examples have three meanings: Firstly, common historical sense tells us that “language” is not the only culture, but also politics, it is an ideology, and is directly related to the economy. Moreover, in terms of the functionalities politics, the language of words is far more effective and directer than the art language. Secondly, common social sense tells us that at least at the present stage of human civilization, where cooperation and game coexist, any normal country has its international policies and cultural strategies, and it is as same as “an open door” on academic study. Thirdly, common logical sense still tells us that if these international cultural policy and strategy normal countries have were called “conspiracy” and “deception,” then for this serious paradox of both history and logic, if there were no double standards, first of all, China would not agree! The Chinese, even the Chinese art circles, including the China Artists Association, would not agree!

Secondly, the “deception theory” is Heqing trying to hide the shortage of his own “conspiracy theory” but exposing more, and is an amendment to the “clickbait” that hardly justifies himself. To be precise, it is “Tongbian” (“adaptation”) and disguise of its pseudo proposition. The author doesn’t know whether Ruiyuan, Zhu Qi, and Wanwan notice or not that Heqing has already realized “pseudo” of his proposition. There are three points of behaviors: Firstly, the Artistic Conspiracy is renamed Contemporary Art: Century Deception, who published in just seven years. It’s not only because he wants to “correct” his academic deficiencies, but also cover up the urgency of success and the essence of desire to favor, and use the name of “academic” to whitewash his inconspicuous conspiracy theory. And that is “amendments” of these three eclectic personal logics. Secondly, Heqing has spared no effort in defending his conspiracy theory of Artistic Conspiracy in many other articles such as Responding to Ms. Wang - The Missed Blank Shots and Reanswer Dr. Zhu. But there are three horrible arguments: (1) The so-called “preface” of the book has an explanation early, “The ‘artistic conspiracy’ is based on the title of an article by the French philosopher Baudrillard.” (2) Confessing the United States to promote American style’s “contemporary art,” which is “under the sun. Just that the Chinese people...have almost no knowledge. It’s called ‘conspiracy’ that is also appropriate... I have already stated that ‘contemporary art is an open stratagem.’” (3) His “wardrobe malfunctions” even disgraces himself, and he said, “In Artistic Conspiracy, there are a few hundred words in the conclusion describing ‘artistic conspiracy.’ In 300,000 words, the description of ‘artistic conspiracy’ has only these two places” (the other is the “preface”). Thirdly, after defending these three points in his hundreds of thousands of words, he still covers up his errors dishonestly. In the end, he blamed the “conspiracy theory” on that others are sentimentally “taking the words too literally.”

So for the three arguments, although the reason is magical, every point is untenable. Firstly, the article The Conspiracy of Art by Baudrillard (connected to the trip of the United States) was dealt by Heqing technologically. Baudrillard mainly focused on his specific academic vision and issues. That is, in the “consumer society,” those “empty,” “challenging meaning,” “no more critical judgments,” even the art of “advertising” that good at manufacturing consumption,
and its “systemic production of symbols” mechanism not only acts as conspiracy but also becomes a “perfect crime” [7]. It is certain that in the commercialized society because real original works of art are always rare. This kind of phenomenon has spread around the world, and China is even more serious, but it’s none of the CIA’s business. Secondly, the confession of Heqing is equivalent to saying: If you don’t know what Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the world are doing, you can “exactly” regard the world or everyone as the existence of “conspiracy” – a second thought incurs profound fear. For the ordinary people, or the human’s limited cognition of the universe, it is tantamount to confusing the world by fabricating the boundless conspiracy. His “words of wardrobe malfunctions” are even more absurd: in this “300,000 words” of “conspiracy theory,” he claimed that there are “only” “two places” in its preface and conclusion. Use only the “several hundred words” to discuss conspiracy – others don’t say that is the root cause of his change of title for his guilty conscience, and want to ask, what “conspiracy theory” talks about if it doesn’t talk about “conspiracy”? If it doesn’t talk or talk less, it can only be a “clickbait”! In other words, on this issue, Heqing’s behavior is not only irrational and irregular but also precisely the extreme overdraft of its own “surgery,” which makes another feel that he has ulterior motives and other attempts. As for his almost confusing justification, in the end, we “wan wan” inevitably need to ask: The title of “conspiracy” or “deception” is the result of professor yourself’s putting Zhang’s hat on Li’s head, grafting “hybrid,” why say others “take the words too literally”? And why say others are “bogus academic study”[8]?

b) Second level

To cover up the emptiness and embarrassment of his own “surgery,” Heqing blames for the development of “contemporary art” for two reasons. One is the people’s superstition to the Western “evolutionism” of “evolution = progress” that he set. One is farcically using the help of “art,” “diversity,” other “hybrid” words, and the power of evolution to frame the contemporary art’s “odd, puissance, turmoil and deity” of “theory of progress.” But unfortunately, his connotations and opinions are not valid. Let’s outline the historical facts. First of all, from the “Yi-Dao” organic nature concept’s outcome Er Ya “animal articles” in China to the Animal of Aristotle, the concept of China and foreign evolution has a long history and is not exclusive to the West[9]. Secondly, from the “evolutionary view” to the “evolutionary theory” that formed in the “modern times,” its contents are rich, there are not only the theory of biological evolution (1859), that Darwin inherits Lamarck’s “gradient theory” (1809), but also the psychological evolution theory of H. Spencer (1850-1880), the cultural evolution theory of E. B. Tylor (1871), the social evolution theory of L. H. Morgan (1877), and the cytology and conservation of energy in the 1930s and 1940s, the ecology of the 1950s and 1960s, the Heat Death Theory, and the classical genetics established by “gene separation, free combination, linkage and interchange” [10], the dialectical practice development view (1884) with the universal connection between the 1970s and 1980s and the plant mutation “catastrophe theory” (1901) [11] at the turn of modern times–all these things, what is to be said is that in the modern classical evolutionist school, the limitations of history, of course, make certain doctrines have some linear thinking and ladder concepts. But in “pre-modern” that “contemporary art” is far from the “modern,” here is neither mention that Lamarck’s “Law of Use and Disuse” (variation=adaptation) genetic theory has been around for 210 years, and Darwin’s “undirected random variation” for more than a century and a half [12], nor mention that the “Poincare Conjecture” formed an important advancement to the “topology” nonlinear complex science (1847; 1895), the “theory of relativity” (1905-1915) has brought time and space curvature, and “photography” has already had a major impact on the art approach [13], overall modern evolution theory has researched micro, macro, qualitative and quantitative aspects or by the opposite direction in various fields such as “phenotype” and “molecular,” “environment” and “structure,” “evolution” and “degeneration.” Its exploration and reconsideration is neither what Heqing can imagine nor as simple as its chosen, even more, the “Genetics” of the new Lamarck-New Darwinism that grew up with “modern art” (1870; 1917) [14], the occurrence of “quantum mechanics” and “ecosystem” ideas (1895~1935) [15], “Comprehensive Evolution” constituted by multidisciplinary knowledge like biomolecules, chromosomes, population inheritance, and biogeography (1937; 1960) [16], especially the “degeneration theory” brought about by the reduction of gene entropy in the 1940s (1944) [17], and the more open “traversal science” inspired by the “SCI” three theories [18], “cultural ecology and multi-line evolution” formed in the 1950s [19], moreover, human thinking has undergone major changes. Furthermore, in the period of late modernism and even post-modern art, science and culture are even more varied, such as “neutral theory and intermittent balance theory” [20] that emphasizes the “random drift” of genes, dissipative structure theory of cross-interaction between organic and inorganic circles, catastrophe theory, generalization of synergy theory and other “DSC” new three theories [21], and fuzzy theory, string theory, and super-circulation theory (1965-1971) [22], Chaos Theory (1963) inspired by the former theories and constantly developed, Fractal Theory (1975) [23], M-theory (1994) and other contemporary “complex system theory” and “extents” are even more “unreducible complexity” [24], making science and culture explore the “butterfly effect” and “coupling,” or “high-dimensional” flexibly see the
world\textsuperscript{[29]}. In the continuous transcendence of the binary oppositional thinking and the law of causality, the inter-subjectivity and interdisciplinary interaction have been expanded unprecedentedly, and the “knowledge evolution theory” (1972)\textsuperscript{[28]} of scientific falsification has been further opened, the “evolution epistemology” of consciousness psychology, the “co-evolution theory” of behavioral interaction (1973-1990), etc.\textsuperscript{[27]} Of course, in the broader historical picture, this does not include the genealogical release of “cultural diversity” in academic thoughts such as modern sociology, ethnology, linguistics, communication, semiotics, and new cultural history\textsuperscript{[26]}. It does not include the advancement of the “decentralization” idea of the cultural evolution schools and also does not include the subversion of “tool rationality” and the promotion of “liberal rationality” by the doctrine in the history such as the Nietzsche action philosophy, Freudian psychoanalysis, the Frankfurt school social critique, and the Birmingham school culture study-- it may be said that the “self-organizing” mechanism\textsuperscript{[24]} based on the nonlinear multiplication of things themselves, constantly breaking the existing knowledge framework and scope, as the common direction and characteristics of modern and contemporary chemistry theory, has already constructed the historical background and context of contemporary art.

It can be seen from the above that Heqing criticizes the world’s admiration of “contemporary art” because the so-called “evolution theory = progress theory,” and the blind worship of “progress” is nonsense and inconsistent with historical facts. It is better to leave the aforementioned historical background and knowledge pedigree to the readers for their thoughts. Here is a brief description from several aspects: First, in terms of the source of Chinese and foreign evolutionary theory, whether it is Darwin’s The Origin of Species, or the “anti-evolution” ’s first user Yan Fu, and Huxley who is Yan Fu’s translation Tian Yan Lun(1898) ‘s author. They don’t define the direction of “evolution,” and they all think that natural adaptation include “forward” and “back”\textsuperscript{[30]}, so there is no need to mention history to constantly tell people that “there is no direction in nature” or “Evolution (multi-directional, and Non-unidirectional) rather than “Evolution” and other common sense\textsuperscript{[31]}. Secondly, from the etymological point of view, the English “evolution” is also non-directional. People with a little common sense also know that like “art” and “diversity,” the word “evolution” is also a Japanese import word\textsuperscript{[32]} Now some dictionaries use “evolution” to correspond to “evolution,” which is just the grafting and solidification of modern Japanese concepts. As for Heqing’s transformation of “evolution” into “progress,” it is just relying on foreign forces to raise himself. He was influenced by the earlier Japanese prejudice but pretended not to know. Third, perhaps Heqing will ask: People and artists at home and abroad are not all evolutionary scholars. How do you know that “evolution” (multi-directional and Non-unidirectional) is neither “evolution” nor “progress”? The “literati painting” in Confucianism and Taoism, and the “Renaissance” in humanism, no one can deny the relationship between impressionism and photography, Chirico and Nietzsche’s philosophy, Duchamp and Oriental Zen, surrealism and psychoanalysis, pop and commercial consumption, experimental aesthetics and neuroscience. Life is universally connected, and the world is related to each other, not only with the butterfly effect but also with “1+1>2” Synergy Effects. Fourth, even if one step back, saying “evolution” is equivalent to “progress,” in the words of ordinary people, its legitimacy is much better than “before returning to liberation overnight.” Moreover, the historical theme of our country is to constantly innovate, develop, and progress. Because in the human community where cooperation and game coexist, from the individual to the country, from the national destiny to the fate, the path of evolution’s “change” is absolute, “not change” is relative, and “no progress simply means regression” is also certain. Fifth, the unavoidable fact is that all modern sciences and contemporary civilization are in a broad sense of evolution in their self-consistency. The so-called “evolution theory” is nothing more than a part of the “mosaic” maps embedded in the human science culture. It is a dynamic puzzle and picture that cannot exist in isolation and is constantly extended. In other words, the rigid eyesight and the horizon are naturally unable (or unwilling) to understand the world picture of this organic connection, and thus it is difficult to transcend the “national center theory” and fall into the mud of cultural relativism. Sixth, the more paradox is that Heqing used scheme instead of academics, and used political correctness in a covert way. He exaggeratedly pulled up the national banner of the “Chinese Communist Party” to put pressure on people to shut up. At the same time, with a scornful attitude, attacking the development of China’s “contemporary art.” The source is precisely the ignorance of this country and nation, from the Artists Association, the Academy of Painting, the university, to the government departments and ignorance of the people. His logic is no different than saying that Chinese people have no thinking and discernment, and China is backward.

To pierce the bubble of “conspiracy theory,” it has to clarify the words “one-dimension,” “multi-dimension,” and “diversiform” of Heqing’s unclear culture. This is also a general education issue. In short, the author believes that the most rigorous expression is Convention on Cultural Diversity passed in 2005, the 33rd UNESCO (the full name is the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions). As a worldwide convention, it is no accident that the culture “diversity” is used instead of “pluralism”\textsuperscript{[33]}.” In life, even in some academic terms, similar to the words of “culture” and “civilization,” the
common reason for the mixed-use of the two is that the meaning of the words themselves overlaps, and the second is because the complexity and interrelationship of the problem itself, the third is that in different disciplines, the use of concepts usually has its meaning and definition. However, in the meta-science and empirical, overall and reduction, and in the study of the cultural classification, this situation is not only unreliable but also brings significant ambiguity and fallacy. As far as Chinese is concerned, “yuan” (元) and “yang” (样) are two meanings belong to different levels. In the annotation of Chinese characters, the primary meaning of “yuan” is two: one is “primary, initial, universal,” the second is “basic,” and in simple terms is “primary” and “fundamental.” Then corresponding to an academic point of view, the “yuan” belongs to the ontological category of the “first-order” of philosophy rather than the technical morphology problem of the “yang” word that can be transformed into quantifier. In other words, if human beings are relatives from “civilization” to “culture,” and “everything can be correct,” it is equal to having multiple suns in the sky, and that is not just fake pluralism. It is the separation of small self-personality and the dispersion of human nature. The fragmentation of Marx’s so-called “human own kind’s essence” can only be caused by humane bankruptcy and great disasters. The “Yi shooting nine suns” is the best warning to the most basic way of human survival. Because, at least on our existing planet, the so-called “yuan” rather than “yang” belongs only to those lifebloods and primitives that are irreplaceable, just like the relationship between flowers (diversity) and the ground (one-dimension), everything (diversity) and the sun (one-dimension). The so-called “one is the child of the divine law. After one comes two, after two comes three, and after three come to all things,” and “yuan” only belongs to the basic law that conceives everything, is indispensable and indispensable. In other words, the truth about the sun (Spennosha) is the unity of human relations, humanity, human nature, that is, the so-called “generic nature” of Marx. This not only determines cultural attitudes and grammar but also provides for the identification and falsification of everything that wants to override it. Therefore, the “yuan” (philosophical) here is not the same as the “yuan” (morphological), and the “one-dimension” is compared with the “multi-dimension.” It is not scientific grammar, and it is confusing right and wrong, bringing the negative consequences of civilization and ethical disorder. If the principle is unknown, there is no right or wrong. In this sense, the principle of “cultural diversity” rather than “cultural pluralism” in the World Cultural Convention is that “culture” is diverse, just as “civilization” is one-dimension, and the diversity of flowers is rooted in the radiance of “sunshine is the truth.” The true “contemporary art” is precisely to pursue the sunshine as its duty, to resist the “Calling White Black” of relativism and absolutism, which not only opens the way for the mutual development of Tao and Qi. It has become a magic flower of contemporary civilization in the literary garden. As far as Phylogenetics is concerned, it reflects: what people lack is what they need; people create because of their needs. As Marx saw: no need, there is no production-- everything does not transfer with any “scheme.”

III. THE CONTEMPORARY NATURE OF THE “CONTEMPORARY ART”’S COGNITIVE FUNCTION

In the past 40 years exploration and recognition to the art of the author, first of all, the author wants to say to all the friends who are confused about contemporary art, “contemporary art” not only pursues beauty, aesthetics, but also has new features and new connotations that different from previous art. As far as the author is concerned, cognizing the aesthetic cognitive logic of contemporary art, at least based on five interrelated nodes, what is the beauty or where is beauty from, depending on the vision or perception, serving culture or civilization, pursuing creation or experience, is skill or life.

As far as what is the beauty or where is beauty from, not to mention the sternness of Chinese bronze art, Zhu Da’s (Qing dynasty’s painter) vagueness that his ink droplets are less than tears, the most convenient analogy is the collision of the “modern” and “pre-modern” artistic dissidents in common sense. Most people know that modern art, which is acceptable to many people today, including Heqing, was initially ridiculed and depreciated. In the age of accustomed to the academic “pretense” and classicism “beautiful paintings,” people felt “vulgar,” “barbaric” or even “ugly” of impressionism’s straightforwardness and Courbet’s sincerity (so-called “Let art face contemporary life”), the beast of the Fauvism, etc. In their eyes, this modern art, which makes them confused and eye-catching, may be worse than today’s “contemporary art,” and even worse than “garbage.” Also, from “The Burghers of Calais” to “Ornier,” Rodin’s most beautiful and valuable works have also been criticized for being “so ugly”-- and so on, because of historical iterations, or the congregate right and wrong, the dialectical and artistic transformation questions of the beauty and ugliness have always been revived. But on the other hand, this not only reflects the “frame”[30] that was built in modern times and shaped people’s aesthetic, cognitive psychological set-up and “framework.” It also shows that people have been reconstructing art significance, returning to the multidimensionality of the art’s original nature, and the efforts to break through the “beaux-arts”[30] form that has been solidified since the 18th century have never stopped for nearly a hundred years.
because of changes in the times. There are several important points and justifications for this: first, the beaux-arts is not a meta-concept. Both prehistoric art and global art history show that "art" does not occur because of "beauty" and "beauty" is not born for art, either. There is no necessary homogeneity between the two. Second, the “beaux-arts” is due to the theory of “beauty,” but the theory and connotation of “beauty” are changing from object to category, from objectivity to subjectivity, to subject-object relationship and inter-sex, and its rise and fall, also completed in modern times. Third, in terms of beauty, aesthetics, or aesthetic composition, the “truth, goodness and beauty” corresponding to “cognition, will, mood & emotion” is inter-conditional and mutually exclusive in history, and there is no fixed paradigm and pattern (the decline of formalistic aesthetics is directly related to its inherent petrification). In other words, from Baumgar ten, Kant to Hegel, the origin of the subject of “Aesthetics” and the original meaning of the German word meaning “aesthetics” (Ästhetik) is the knowledge of sensibly grasping the world’s truth. That’s also determines that “beauty is not beautiful” (Wu Guanzhong), not limited to “blooming flowers and full moon” (whitewashing would make it ugly). Genuine knowledge and truth are great beauty, real beauty in the confusing place that full of demons and monsters, inverting Hegel’s view of history, or using Marx’s aesthetics, in the practice of human history seeking truth and self-liberation, those “sublime” and “tragedy” are more magnificent and beautiful. So that “old-fashioned” artists like Rodin can understand, “there is no ugliness in real art unless it lacks the external or inner true quality.” “Art expresses truth, advocating truth, even ugly reality”[37]. Fourthly, the internal synergy of “cognition, will, mood & emotion,” and the mutual transformation of “truth, goodness and beauty” is one of the typical characteristics of art, especially “contemporary art,” both internal and external, and the subject-guest isomorphism. It was also Marx as early as 1857, in the Introduction to the Critique of Political Economy, it is an important way for human beings to “grasp the world” that has been affirmed. If combined with his Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts (1844), “the beauty is the objectification of the essential power of man,” and the “all essential power” of man--“all abilities” and physical “activity” to create an understanding of the views, then, this way is not simply physiological, but an intuitive way of including social cognition and cultural judgment, which has a rational character and can more deeply and accurately judge things. Fifth, global scholars based on the new requirements of historical development, such as Maslow, added: “the need for knowledge”[38] to his “demand hierarchy” as a supplement to the advanced needs of people’s “beauty” and “self-realization.” Peng Jixiang, a professor at Peking University, in his Introduction to Art, evolved the primary function of art into “aesthetic cognition,” thus highlighted the value of “cognition” in aesthetic realization and distinguished the traditional view between “aesthetic” and “cognitive.”

So is art dependent on vision or perception? The answer here is, “contemporary art” certainly depends on vision, but it is by no means limited to vision. In other words, not only because common sense is that vision is the basic tool of human activity, but more importantly, anatomically, optesthesia may be the retina that covers a large area of eyeball and first is the only externally visible organ of the brain, which is the “part of the brain that can be directly observed”[39] and thus it’s number one’s social organ of human beings. Second, as a kind of thinking activity, from the “vision” to the “visual perception” of Arnheim’s meaning, in the words of modern neuroscience, it is a complex process from the “biological mechanism” of visual cells to the deepening of mind and body. Third, whether in brain science or cultural science, “look” and “see” are not a concept. In this regard, the American neuroscientist and Nobel Prize winner Kander recently revealed from the perspective of art that the “biological mechanism” is completely different from the camera imaging principle: Visual information reception and processing is a progressive process consisting of “deconstruction-reorganization-interpretation.” The so-called “deconstruction,” that is, when the eye focuses on the object, the most basic visual cells can recognize scattered information, such as lines, contours, relative positions, and colors of specific wavelengths, temporarily forming a rough two-dimensional image on the retina. The so-called “reorganization” means that intermediate ganglia integrating these relatively local and fragmented information, and then take shape a rough rudiment. “Interpretation” is the advanced upload processing; the brain vision center first chooses the relevant shape and filters out the unnecessary fragments. To extract the characteristics of things, and then call the existing knowledge, memory and imagination, and finally create and “see” a complete image of intention--this kind of internal and external, passive and active, biological and social quiet progress and integration, inevitably have two consequences: vision itself is a kind of creative thinking[40] that is isomorphic by illusion, misunderstanding, and trade-off. For things that have a cognitive boundary beyond the viewer, they will be “turned a blind eye.” Fourthly, in this regard, C. G. Mueller, a consultant to the American Vision Research Council and a professor of neuroscience and psychology, said, “Vision is not only a means of survival but also a tool for thinking and enriching life.”[41] In this way, it is not difficult to understand that, on the one hand, the so-called “art serves the mind rather than the vision” - this Duchamp’s famous quote spread by the Marcel Duchamp has its internal logic, on the other hand, as far as the guidance of Marx objectification theory is concerned, the visual perception or visual thinking as the result of historical
practice does not only make this special thinking quality more in-depth objectification in its contemporary art practice, but also requires people to continuously develop and enhance this thinking quality and cognitive ability in various aesthetic activities. Fifth, closely related to it, there has always been such imbalance or non-synchronization between art and social development. This problem is not abstract, but specifically refers to the changes in science and technology, cultural climate, and social appeals, which will not only trigger the adjustment of the relationship between art autonomy and other governance dynamics, at the same time, it will bring different emphasis or change to the art category, language form, and subject matter. For example, the Wei and Jin Dynasties statues were initiated in Buddhism and Taoism, capitalist vices promoted the development of critical realities, photography led to the synthesis of film and television, and contemporary technology fostered high-dimensional and holographic art. In other words, the so-called historical imbalance also includes the multi-layered nature of time, for example, some people live in the past, some live in the present, and some live in the future, and some people continue to travel in and out. Therefore, this naturally includes people’s changes in the world, the development of the times, and the desynchronization of appropriateness and discomfort in the psychological dimension. In reality, it may be said that the poverty of thought, the need for truth, and the curiosity of the unknown world make the service of understanding, satisfying the genuine knowledge and “visualizing the thinking” of “contemporary art,” it has become a new historical focus and needs.

Furthermore, does art serve culture or civilization, system, or meaning? This difference is a complex issue with different contexts and different word formations. Firstly, the pre-concepts of Spengler and the local academic circles on this issue are excluded. According to the principle of subjectivity, “culture” is understood as a locality and transactional perceptual lifestyle, and the term “civilization,” borrowed from Marx, as the level of “human’s generic nature” that exists in these lifestyles; or, the culture is summarized as the “sense of presence” of life, and the civilization is defined as the “sense of belonging” of value judgment. Then, from a macro perspective, from ancient times to modern times, Chinese and foreign art first meet the “cultural” needs, and then pursue a higher level of “civilization.” If in a long historical period, the so-called “all the lands in the world belong to the King,” which makes the alias of “politics, education, and ethics,” that is, culture is an ideology, lifestyle is political order, and in turn, social regulation is culture. Life ethic is a system, and there is an identity between inside and outside. Moreover, since the Renaissance, the concept of the purist “beautiful art” without the interest in Kant was debuted. In the 600 years of the mid-20th century, this kind of “self-discipline art” by Bertin called “true art history.” It is also quickly hired by the capitalist “material abundance society” of “daily life aestheticism,” through the arts and crafts movement, the new art and decorative arts movement, and the “popular modernism” such as the Bauhaus movement expand the fields and boundaries of artistic culture and cultural consumerization, so that the so-called “interpretation of truth” of the “pure art” that supports “freedom,” and the service life, depending on the use of things, paying attention to the “practical art” of formal aesthetics, together, it has moved toward a road of “cultural industry” that has the same appearances but different spirits and is isomeric. It is a production of craft decorations that have lost tension in social reality. This situation can be described as a long-time habit which becomes a routine, making Dilthey early sensitive to pretentious, and even the concept of “dead beauty” has been pushed to the throne of art theory for too long, so that today, it has arrived in “beauty abuse” degree that Danto called. Of course, on the other hand, this also has its historical and human reasons. As far as ancient Greek art is concerned, the combination of rationalism and natural realism is not for individuality, nor for supporting “imitation,” but for practical needs: the consensus and thought of the era, the truth of the community Complete “packaging” with faith, as well as emotions and imagination, in a materialized and intuitive way, fully delivered to people who have neither educational background nor writing skills. In other words, the mythical (religious) engraving of anthropomorphic and pleasing, as a complete world that integrates both the subjective and the objective, must firstly follow the daily visual experience of the human being, and then introduce it into the realm of the physical and mental linkage and receive the “truth.” This tropism is a natural, human-oriented, timeless, and universal road. However, this model of “beaux-arts,” which was once hailed by Hegel as a form of content to achieve “complete unity,” was also “disintegrated” (“passive”) in the prejudgment of his history of ideas. The reason is that, in terms of the objectivity of its subjective idealistic historical view, the prosperity of the capitalist market economy has holistically cultivated a “civil society” that Cicero regarded as a “civilized society.” This society is composed of people who have culture, can reflect, and have free will and independent personality. They are not limited to passively “receiving” the world in the traditional way of nature, but tend to be more aware of reality, past and future, with an autonomous, higher-integration, higher-intelligence introspection, to make cognitive judgments and thoughts. In other words, the advent of the civil society era, especially after two great wars and various nominal turmoil, people are not satisfied with passively accepting the “overall” of “interpretation of truth”; artists, disdain to the pastor
repeating what the book says during sermon; and the audience, as the completer of the work, is more inclined to what Theodor W. Adorno said “over the overall trend towards fragmentation” to independently exercise themselves to discover problems and watch power and fun of the truth. In short, aesthetic activities are no longer a matter of accepting the gimmicks that have been chewed by the elders as children - so that artistic transformation is a refutation of feudal narrative and purist aesthetics, letting art approach thought, Philosophy, nature, life, reality, truth, the unknown and infinity constantly. Or to say that, in this, people want to have sharp eyes, to distinguish the monster in the various “cultural beauty” fog. Therefore, the identification of right and wrong is not only the need to judge the beauty and ugliness and meaning. At the same time, it also reconstructs a tension relationship between art and life that two opposing or mutually dependent things are mutually exclusive and mutually reinforcing. According to the “new history” terminology, this makes “contemporary art” from the traditional, closed “mantle” to the “attic” that is open-minded and internal and external, so that its meaning is not limited to the inside of the work, nor is it limited to the history of art autonomy. It is itself, but openly generated in the “civilized illumination” of life (the public) and its text, and the cultural judgment and choice under the illumination of the candle; the so-called art history, also historically becomes a kind of construction history of “cognizing” and “reshaping” civilization of the times. Finally, it must be noted here that the “the horizontal nature of history” brought by civilization makes the development of culture not simply a kind of anteroposterior substitution relationship. Under the illumination of civilization, generally outstanding culture that has the “generic nature” of human beings, thus giving people “sense of belonging” will always be transformed from a diachronic sequence into a synchronic coexistence. Just as we like Weibo, but it does not hinder the enjoyment of Tang poetry and Song poetry; respecting ancient Greek carvings does not affect the appreciation of behavioral devices. As the benefit of civilization, the change of history is actually only the uniqueness of a certain way and the absoluteness of certain contents on the dining-table. Therefore, the dining-table of civilization becomes sources of diverse contents and rich nutrition. In this sense, tradition has never been an urgent thing. The active qualities of self-owned illumination or “illuminating illustrious virtue” can not only naturally pass through time and space, but also is possible to make new traditions by real distillation and creation. So in a certain sense, tradition is not used for inheritance, but for creation. On the other hand, we must also see that art development is like wheel rolling, although the spokes such as art, music, films and television, literature are all stressed, or the ancient, modern and contemporary art are playing roles, but history also tells us that different eras and different fields will have different needs and focuses on their own different contradictions. For example, in contemporary China, the main problem is the middle link between human and nature. In the international contemporary, there are more issues facing the relationship between human and nature and the future. From the overall perspective of the historical relationship between “human-culture and society-nature,” if people and society had experienced “imitation” of nature and “the Dao Emulates Nature,” then today, whether as a symbol of freedom or spiritual Civilization, art would make life and mind become demonstration and illumination of “nature itself,” thus constantly seeking the disintegration of the obstacles and the division of time and space by using active mechanisms, such as its own structural openness, the inter-relationship, the random and abiogenesis of the process. It may be said that in the self-consistency between history and logic, there is no “front-rear” and “left-right” in reality, but only problems and struggles of “uphill” and “downhill.” To put it bluntly, the so-called art is the viewing of truth. Actually, it is the observation of the problem consciousness, the observation of why human is human, the independent personality, thought and dignity, the observation of the values and cognitive understanding of how to be a person and how to live as a person- and this is exactly why “contemporary art” has become the reason of the most powerful spokes on the wheel of history.

As for whether contemporary art pursues creation or experience, and whether it pursues art or meaning, they are overlapped internally, so it is advisable to talk them together. First of all, from the perspective of art media history, from prehistoric times to today, natural minerals (pigments), clay (clay sculpture), stone (sculpture), artificial metals (bronzes, etc.), painting materials, photographic equipment, silica gel, electronic media, as well as human beings with the dual nature and society, all of them co-structure the history of art. But is art for creation? Among them, especially in the past of modern art, although in the sense of Platonic Hegel, as the perceptual carrier and tool of the idea of presentation, the creation of works is indeed an indispensable and important appeal. However, investigate its root, art creation, still belongs to tame the means of the thoughts and feelings, rather than the final goal, this is the first. Second, since modern arts and crafts and art design took over the creation mission of life aesthetics, history has naturally strengthened the division of art again. From the readymade apparatus of dadaism, the “Gesamtkunstwerk” and social sculpture of the language media by Joseph Beuys, the “feeling” and “punctum” of Diane Arbus images, Tunick, Marina Abramović and others’ behavior context and performance beyond the body, the interaction and flow between Antony Gormley and others, Christo’s package
of islands and oceans, and the Ichigo-Tsumori earth art by Fram Kitagawa. At the same time, it includes Pop Art, Happening Art, Fluxus Art, Conceptualism Art, and even Poor Art and Situationist International, etc. These so-called “anti-art history” or “post-historical art,” as the two sides of a coin, have a common trend of value, which is to find and create the expression way of postmodernism, and to launch a systematic refutation against modern and even pre-modern art, on the other hand, according to the post-industrial spiritualization and mentalization, the existence of industrialization materialization is carefully questioned and reflected. Therefore, postmodern or contemporary art itself has also acquired the characteristics of different art in the past combine into one. Third, what is different from the past is that it unifies the extreme contradiction between extreme abstraction (ideal) and concrete (sensual), extreme daily and abnormality, extreme experience and super-experience. It is transformed into a psychophysical phenomenology that is as difficult to define as life and the universe. Therefore, from the surface, these “contemporary art,” which are different in appearance and grotesque, seem to return to “life” and serve life in connection with everyday life. But their essence is to establish a parallel relationship with life that is close to the parallel world. Fourth, this relationship makes art in life but not mingle with life. Thus, existence and consciousness have acquired intersubjective; Art and life also maintain interaction and distance. Thus, they have reached a spiritual practice relationship with both tension and zen. Fifth, objectively speaking, this relationship as a new historical phenomenon in the new era makes artistic creations, including the ancient Greek idealism and parody, the formal aesthetics and media-centrism of the German-Austrian vein, and those based on fixed media and the established technical system of art. All of them began to lose glory in the 1960s. Although Lyce, Kieler, and others did creatively support and develop the charm of art on the easel, this is no longer an absolute or unique thing at the civilized table. Sixth, it is also the most important aspect of history and logic, that is, the continuous, ups and downs, and random life itself, which has become the highest object of the continuous cognitive experience of artistic life in it. What is “art”? This problem compels Gombrich and many other important art historians to face this human proposition brought about by man-made things, and can’t help but give this answer: there is no such thing as art, in reality, only artists[49]. Finally, in general, at least in the concept of “temporal art” that is not temporal, the art of life itself, which is “spirit for the spirit of the object,” is neither creation nor skill. In other words, contemporary art is intellectualized, not intended to be reused and conserved. It faces the unknown and opens the window to a known world that has been articulated. It is a huge difference from the traditional art that pays attention to practice, and pays attention to repeated use and keeps craftsmanship. Also, although the skill also contains the mind, the skill of traditional art is specific, and its object is quite fixed. In other words, contemporary art also talks about technique, but the object of its technique is always changing and uncertain. Therefore, in contemporary art, the so-called technique means discovery and new experience. Its value can only be explained when it is itself as a cognitive occurrence and an experience of meaning. It may be said that, as a free and self-explanatory spiritual expression of life itself, or work as art-- art as artist, and artist as an artistic living ontology that breaking-making as a unit, construction as deconstruction. Making the purpose of contemporary art is fundamentally the creation and experience of life’s meaning, and the self-examination and return to the trueness of experience as cognition and performance. Although different contexts and different fields have different specific ways to face them, this generally constitutes the core values and issues of “contemporary art.”

IV. Welcome the Return of the “Cognitive Experience”’s “Spiritual Practice” World Ontology

In this controversy caused by the “confusion of contemporary art”[50], there are anti-contemporary and anti-evolutionists. The author hopes that Ms. Ruiyun will read the books of Popper, Toynbee, and others[51]. As a background, the preceding and related notes in this article have been slightly involved and suggested. However, the author doubts whether inspiring people have a systematic view on the theory of their scholars. Because, according to the author, in terms of the integrity of the ideological system, the recommended doctrine, and historical conception, on the contrary, constitute a rebellion and critique of Heqing’s “conspiracy” and “deception” thinking. Toynbee takes the interaction of human civilization as a vision, and breaks the historical limitations of the purpose of specific ethnic groups and countries; needless to say his insights on “imitating ancestors” and “advocating creation” as the fundamental demarcation between “primitive society” and “civilized society”; not to mention the possibility of another “center” in his “anti-Eurocentrism”[52]. Here, in terms of understanding the legitimacy of “contemporary art,” Popper’s doctrine is peculiarly realistic. For example: First, Popper happens to be an “evolutionist” disdain of Heqing and Lin Mu. Second, the most important scientific philosophy falsifier of the 20th century is a firm critical rationalist. Third, about the author’s related thinking, and is closely related to this question, this dual scholar of “evolutionary theory of knowledge” and “evolutionary epistemology.” In his doctrine of the “cognitive” world, he provided early on the logical way and key to understand how
"contemporary art" generally develops, although this is not its academic thrust, it has not been specifically developed. Then, understanding The Poverty of Historicism (1957) recommended by Lin Mu cannot be isolated. It must be combined with The Open Society and its Enemies, The Open Universe, Unended Quest, and Emancipation Though knowledge and other works to grasp the overall. Of course, the main basis for saying that Popper's doctrine is unique to the recognition of contemporary art and its genesis is his masterpiece Objective Knowledge: An Evolutionary Approach, which was published in 1972 and translated into China in the 1980s. In other words, this reflects the thought theory of “three worlds,” and the contemporary theory of intersubjectivity, particularly with completely negative by Heqing that is close to the “art of behavior, device” theory of knowledge, although the theory has wide influence in the intellectual community, but unfortunately, by the domestic art as a “technical subject” cognitive limitations, since both in aesthetics or on art theory and practice, has not been due value. Here are some points.

As far as the author is concerned, Popper’s “three worlds” theory composed of intellectual ontology is closely related to art, especially “contemporary art.” To a certain extent, it can be described as “art cognitive experience theory.” This problem includes at least two dimensions of ontology and its relational cognition, as well as value theory and cognitive construction.

The first is ontology and its relation cognition. It is generally known to scholars that there are many theoretical expressions of Popper’s thought of “three worlds,” but they mainly focus on two books, one is the previously mentioned Objective Knowledge: An Evolutionary Approach and the other is The Self and Its Brain, which he co-wrote with John Carew Eccles, an Australian neurophysiologist and Nobel laureate. Combining the two, the so-called “three worlds,” in Popper’s order, is “First, the world of physical object or state of matter. Second, the world of conscious states or mental states, or of behavioral intentions about activities. Third, the world of the objective contents of thought, especially the world of scientific thought, the world of poetry, and the world of works of art.” [53]

Generally speaking, “world 1” refers to “physical world,” “world 2” refers to “spiritual world,” and “world 3” refers to the textualized “objective knowledge world.” Of course, to further understand its connotation, the expression of The Self and Its Brain can also be cited to expand the content and relationship of “all Existence and whole experience,” which includes these three world definitions. In this way, the so-called “contents,” such as the physical world 1, include “the inorganic world (containing the matter and energy of the universe), the biological world (containing the structure of all living phenomena and the human brain), and the artifacts (containing the material matrix of human creativity, the material matrix of a machine, the material base of a book, the substance of a work of art).” Mental world 2, including “subjective knowledge, perceptual experience, thinking experience, emotional experience, quality intention experience, memory experience, dream experience, creative imagination experience.” The artificial and objectified world 3, text overrun, includes “cultural traditions encoded as material substrates (philosophy, theology, scientific history, literature, art, craft, theoretical systems)” and “critical arguments for scientific problems”[54]. By “relationship,” then, these three worlds are, at the same time, interdependent, interacting, and connected as a whole.

It is worth noting that the people of hermeneutics, reception aesthetics and ever or communications information decoding theory, the influence of the focusing more on intention can be separated from the author “world 3” (objective) of the existence of the autonomy of attention, here special remind and stressed, is only “world 2” unique, irreplaceable importance. Its importance, the author thinks mainly has the following five points:

1) In the post-modern era, which increasingly focuses on physical and mental participation, interaction, and contemporary sexual experience, the so-called world 2 is itself a life with “behavioral intention” and “presence” awareness of the meaning of its life “activity.” This world, like the true knowledge of “love” and “birth,” only exists in the experience of love and childbirth. It is not only real (philosophically called “entity”), but also irreplaceable (having unique). Otherwise, “literature” can cover “music,” and “theory” can substitute for “practice.” It can be said that in reality, especially in the myth of cultural dogmatism and the impact on officialization, “world 2,” which is as old as human history, can be described as an increasingly changing “world 3” often obscured by the world. Regardless of the historical dialectic level or the reality, the return and emergence of world 2 can also be described as a new world that is often forgotten, but always highlights the “conscious state or mental state” of people and society. Therefore, it not only corresponds to the situation of “contemporary art” such as Fluxus, Happening Art, Human Art, Performance Art, Installation Art, etc. but also it can be said that “contemporary art” is also a direct feeling and realizing and biopsy of the true meaning of life in world 2.

2) As the spiritual, behavioral world or the practical spiritual world, world 2, while taking world 1 and world 3 as the materials and objects of people’s spiritual culture and spiritual production, highlights the initiative of people’s spiritual activities, the experience of cognitive behavior and other humanity characteristics. Here again please note: in terms of Popper’s English definition of “world 2” and
his detailed list of eight aspects of “experience,” such as perception, thinking, emotion and creative imagination, the English word “experience” is also synonymous with “go through” and “sophisticate.” In the transitivty of its verbs, it is the pronoun of “personally participating,” “personally experiencing,” and even “feeling,” “discovering” and so on. Just as poetry, painting, or tasting music are always inseparable from the direct participation of “reading,” “seeing” and “listening” as the existence and appearance of spiritual will. World 2 also always highlights the behavior of spiritual activity, the embodied cognition (experience) of subject-guest interaction, as well as the daily nature that can act on world 1, world 3.

3) World 2 is more connected with the way of classical Marx’s “practice-spirit” in mastering the world in terms of behavior and existence. The so-called “practice-spirit” is one of the two major ways of grasping the world that Marx proposed and discussed in his Introduction to Critique of Political Economy. [55] In academic circles, the theory of Marx’s “master the ways of the world” the understanding of the connotation is different, but the basic consensus is that “practice - spirit,” not just “practical,” also is not the same as “the theory of” speculative, but integrating practice and theory of a “special,” “art” to master. The so-called “mastery” in German means the “acquisition” or “possession” of the mind, that is, the “abandonment of the opposition to the object” in spirit, and “this content becomes mine.” [56] Dialectically, the reason why Marx used “mastery” instead of the synonym “cognition” or “reflection” is to emphasize the practicality of cognitive mastery, to make “practice-spirit,” that is, “spirit-practice,” in the subjectivity and initiative of practice. Historically, this spiritual practice, driven by thought intention and thought discovery, is becoming a primary universal existence, thus corresponding to the “contemporary art” of representing and propagating the practical spirit and behavioral world of 2.

4) World 2, in essence, is a living world of advanced, apperceptive intuitive thinking and free will, a anthropology’s world in which, in Marx’s words, “the sense becomes directly a theory through its practice.” [57] In terms of its eight experiences, whether it was perception, emotion, quality intention, memory, dream, creative imagination, and other hunches, intuitions and guesses. On the one hand, it allows us to immediately see in our minds a lot of Chinese and foreign works and “pictures,” such as: from the familiar “Fountain,” “Seven Thousand Oak Tree,” “Brillo Box” and even Carl Andre’s “Equivalent,” to the Christian Boltanski’s fascinating of “The Lessons From The Dark” series device and “Heart” (one of the world audio file “heart”), had been done in China Asia land Antony Gormley soul “Aperture” and “Quantum Cloud,” and Lin Mu said to be a strange woman, Marina Abramovic’s “look at each other” of the behavior and performance, and Xu Bing’s “ghost book,” Zhang Xiaogang’s “Amnesia and memory loss,” Yue Minjun’s “Smirking man,” Cai Guoqiang’s “the ladder of heaven,” and even Fu Xinmin’s “The Construction of The System,” which connects three of the world’s nine major series, etc. On the other hand, it must be acknowledged that these thinkers who think in the way of art or vision, either through their own “social sculpture,” or through the use of images and symbols of the “history laboratory,” not only provide the world with reality but also reveal more possibilities for society. For this reason, they can be called philosophers and anthropologists among artists, as well as sociologists and historians in the field of vision.

5) It is not difficult to find that the world 2 is also a dynamic world that connects, drives, and penetrates the world 1 and 3. This world, constantly searching for the true meaning of the world and pursuing the ideal existence of people who are, connects world 1 where nature is the main body and world 3 where the objectified and objectified “emotionally placing before people’s psychology” product[58], and no longer controlled by the subjective will of the theory, concept, symbol and other constructors. And the connection becomes a living and developing whole. In the meantime, people can use Michael’s so-called Warhol’s “mindful drama.” On the one hand, it can find the potential of corpus and pragmatics in the world 1 and 3, and on the other hand, borrowing the meaning of the language material and the attribute through a certain “summon structure” to inspire reality and shape the world. Just as the language media is discovered, the medium is the idea, that is, the connection of three worlds. But this is by no means a purely personal emotional shift. In
the identifiable and interpretable nature of word formation and meaning, the artist must make the self "become him" and change others into "he and me." Taking "glass" as an example, in addition to its daily light, rain, etc., there are also "transparent" and "simple" indicators. Of course, in terms of language, it can also be another name for "brittle" and "fragile"; even, it can delay the semantics of "sharp" and "dangerous." The same language media has both the tension between feelings and concepts and the multi-faceted nature of tension. At the same time, the linguistic, symbolic, and inter-directed images also constitute the "non-identity" form and "riddle traits" of contemporary art. It can be said that the common sense and experience of concrete, "different from itself" and difficult to discipline and solidify that explored hiding in the media, meaning and people's stereotypes, makes it possible to connect with others and become a semantic community that can communicate with each other. To be precise, from contemporary art to the development of science and technology, it is this kind of active mechanism and logic that makes human civilization in sustainable development show vitality, multidimensionality, and openness, which are different from before.

In summary, Heqing and some of his art "amateurs" apparently did not think of Popper's world 2 when they turned contemporary art into "garbage," and Lin Mu may not find that the evolutionists he questioned have such profound meanings and essentials. Of course, Popper would not have expected that his thoughts and stereotypes were so paradoxical among those who elected him, either.

Figure 2: Fu Xinmin Weaving No. 6 Diameter 300 cm Steel Pipe Wire Part of wood 2003

Secondly, on the level of value theory and cognitive construction, the world 2 that "contemporary art" relies on can also be described as an ecological world of free exploration, mutual thinking, and mutual understanding, a cognition is practice, that is, experience, that is, a world that expresses "continuous unity." Even in the contemporary nature of historical civilization, it can be described as a whole-person, generalized world. There are many reasons. In important ways, first of all, it is not just a thinker, but the thinking activity itself, that is, a practical existence that forms a tension with reality, nor is it limited to a "style of spiritual production" in the "spiritual (non-realistic) creation of the world in the spiritual realm." More importantly, as a contradiction between existence and consciousness, new knowledge and old knowledge, on the one hand, it is a field that uses the human body (five senses, six senses, activities, etc.), the whole essence of the mind (emotion, will, thinking, love, etc.) to develop the field of life exploration and meaning experiment; on the other hand, this kind of practice, which is devoted to the whole body and mind, is not only "freedom and consciousness," but also on the objective consequences, it will continue to transform and extend the three worlds into human life itself.

Not only that, the mechanism of the birth and transformation of "contemporary art" given by the world 2 has long been known by the Chinese ancestors. As The Preface of Mao Poem said, emotions are stirred in my heart, and I use poetic language to express it (eg: literature). I can't express it in words, so I continue to use the sound of sighing (eg: poem), and when I don't luxuriate when sighing, I open my throat and sing (eg: sing and vocal music), finally unknowingly danced when still feeling dissatisfied (eg: dance, body art behavior art, performance art and so on)--given this, it is not difficult to understand, let alone behavior and devices, only on the development of the form of artistic genre, such as from pantomimes, dramas, poems, operas, to operas, dramas, dance dramas, musicals, TV series, etc., it can be seen that "people are not only in thinking but also in the whole world in the object world," how to create his possible mental pattern and expression form by all the essential forces of "self-affirmation." In other words, the meaning of "contemporary art" is not limited to works, nor is it limited to form, "the image outside the image" exists in the breakthrough of the "prejudice" boundary and the cognitive experience of the "unknown" world, and thus revealing that from the artist to the audience of create art together, as a living life, as a person of consciousness, and even as the "highest essence" of existence, what is often dealt with is not "god is not a natural world," but the artificial restriction and harm of "only the human being can become the alien power of the ruler."  

Furthermore, in a higher sense, as the intersubjectivity and life ecological field of spiritual-practical, two-way creation and recognition, world 2, together with the people themselves, is not only an object, but not an intermediary itself, at the same time, "self-confirmation as a conscious class of existence," intuitively its own highest purpose, the ultimate
attribute of living culture to the realm of civilization, in the history of the return of “human-non-human-human,” it is passing "a comprehensive way" as a "complete person," and "any kind of personal relationship - vision, hearing, smell, taste, thinking, intuition, feelings, desires, activities, love--in short, all the abilities of his individual," constantly discarding the alienation of "material" (material culture) and "human" (spiritual culture), and the constant “really” realizes the real possession and return[65] of “the whole essence of oneself," and even removes the distorted thinking style, and constantly explores new art styles and life images in degenerates “frame.”

**Figure 3:** Fu Xinmin Frozen landscape No. 3 850×200×500 cm Ginkgo Square steel 2004

Finally, as a summary summarize the characteristics of the times when contemporary art is facing civilization and highlighting life:

First of all, in the sense of constructivism, as the field that moral knowledge and practice are united of “cognitive experience” and “practical spirit,” it is open. As a reasonable way of “cognitive experience” and “practical spirit,” it is exploratory. As a life-activating manifestation of “cognitive experience” and “practical spirit,” it can experience new circumstances. As a role of “cognitive experience” and “practical spirit” to face reality and create the “second reality.” To a certain extent, it also has transcendentality for "foresee" the future (intuitive experiences like "foresight" and "premonitions").

Furthermore, at the level of value theory, as a comprehensive way of “cognitive experience” and “practical spirit,” it has the comprehensive nature of the humanistic character and power. As the object relationship between “cognitive experience” and “practical spirit,” it has the integration of “three worlds.” As the overall artistic expression of “cognitive experience” and “practical spirit,” it has more artistic and realistic realization of life. It may be said that “contemporary art” is a historical uplift of the function of art cognition, and the “world 2,” which inherently supports it, also provides academic resources and directions for the development of “art phenomenology.”

All of this not only makes this capitalized art life-like activation but also allows people to gain the extension of life-time transcendence and transcendental amplification in the ultimate in their individuality and diversity. Therefore, the “art” view, which simply regards “pretty” on the retina as standard, is not only self-disarming of the cognitive function of art but also dwarf of the art value. At the same time, because of its abandonment of civilized genes and morality, it has often become an accomplice of power capital and a feudal autocratic tool.

**V. Conclusion**

Objectively speaking, times have changed, but the spirit that art care for reality has not changed; the art form has changed, but the authenticity of art has not changed. The understanding of art beauty has changed, but the true essence of beauty has not changed. In other words, art does not collapse or end but is a historical reset of functions and systems. Just like "λόγος" (logos) is widely used, “dialectics” has become a universal tool of thought. The so-called artistic art is nature-in-itself and nature-for-itself of life. Regardless of the microcosmic sense of “texture” and “abiogenesis” as creation, or macroscopically act as the historical dimension of life freedom, which is like natural, broad and diverse ecology, as long as it is shared by the sun which is the most fundamental of artistic beauty and aesthetics. Of course, in this new era of contending and blooming, it is inevitable that some people who come out of the cellar cave will have a “low altitude reaction” and think sunlight is harsh.

This world is no longer closed and fragmented, and the senses and cognition of human beings, together with the demands, have been pluralized and compounded as the sum of various relationships. Everything is attractive in its way, and different strokes for different folks. It doesn’t matter whether it’s suitable or not, you like it or not, but there is no need to play scheme by yourself. And the scheming is beyond the boundaries to be a man, and to learn; it is difficult to escape from suspicion of opportunism. From the principle of synergy, “existence” is like a flying bird, a dynamic system that is isomorphic with slow variables (body; tradition) and fast variables (wings; innovation). In the art world, “contemporary art” is a fast variable of this life system. Otherwise, the whole system is a “zombie,” a zombie formalism. Moreover, if the color of the Gobi Tamarix were used to chant infertility of the land, or even to demonize other fertile lands, this anachronistic “multiple theory” and the historical view would be not only lamentable but also shameful and terrible.
Of course, everyone’s path to “contemporary art” is different. There are academic roads and also winding of life. The author’s experiences are in the intersection of the porcelain “ceramic symbols”’ signifier and signified – the endless sunflower field – when hundreds of millions of sunflower seeds that are specific, vivid, similar but not realistic are used as blossoming sunflowers to the sun, imagining the life of the sun. The simulation and hope of fully hold scattering in the sky let people feel how pitying it is, how helpless it is, and how anguish and even indignant it is. [67]

This “artistic salvation” and “critical aesthetics,” which seem to be “anti-art,” were uplifted by “Western Marxism” expert, Theodor W. Adorno, as the contemporary art surging during the 20th century. The “denial dialectics” (1969) founder [67] regarded “the motivation to save despair” as “the discussion’s central goal” [68] of his art. In his Aesthetic Theory (1970), he explicitly pointed out: “negativity” means that “in the art works, nothing is an existing reality, until the vocabulary of the work is also the same.” Therefore, “art is the display of happiness that has been squeezed out,” “art is a negative understanding of the real world,” and alienation, and it is also a sublation of the perfect perceptual appearance. [69] It even reveals that in a particular history, whether art is abandoned or adheres to its self-discipline, it will “comply” or “assimilate” to “established order” and thus “attempt and accomplish nothing in its designated position.” [70] To this end, as a “social anti-thesis” that “cannot be directly derived from society,” a heterogeneous, non-identical “critical” existence [71], “art could only exist if it had the power to resist society.” [72] And only in the tension with the “forced overall situation,” “save out” the “lack of daily state,” from “criticism of cognition and cognition of criticism” [73], then its essence can be maintained and saved.

In the final analysis, understanding the life, then you can understand the ancient people who lived and contributed - the “ghost” of social ideals and scientific conjectures were not only the most scarce resources of any era but also the most tradition and source of human history. In other words, Michelangelo’s art, of course, “is not something that anyone can do,” but Duchamp’s mental load and historical risk are not just what anyone can do, either. Or, in terms of the value expansion of “intellectuality,” if there was no “contemporary art,” where were contemporary “art township buildings” moving towards villages from other directions? It can be said that it is unbearable to look back on avoiding living, alienate reality, regarding art as a wall-view in a temple or an assimilation tendency, low-level isomorphism. Borrowing the concept of Hauser, the pioneering “elite art” will eventually become “popular” and move toward “folk.” Just like the Forbidden City and the Louvre, they have already become a mass culture space and a historical and cultural grand view garden. As for how far is “contemporary art” from us? It is very close - as long as you regard her like the wings of spiritual liberation. Moreover, in the foreseeable future, today's “contemporary art” will also pass through the so-called “art system” of Danto and Dickey just as it has already come out of Shire Barto’s system.

If you understand Gombrich’s The Story of Art, it is not difficult to understand why the whole book is about “seeing” and “knowing” things. And psychology tells us that if you paint like a child, you don’t paint what you “know” rather than what you “see.” Furthermore, if you understand the autonomy of Popper’s “world 3 objects,” you can easily understand that today’s art has moved from “image expression” to “intuitive act,” “signifier act.” So in a certain sense, “seven sages of the bamboo grove” has “artistry” rather than “contemporary art” has “life,”--the artistic feeling of this life return is the artistry of contemporary art.

In particular, in the confusion and doubts about “contemporary art,” some scholars mentioned this common sense and that common sense, but they forgot one of the simple common sense: if people are alive and developing, the art created by people will be dead and changeless? The truth, only from the pioneering events of the “Zen Painting” of the Tang Dynasty, towards the “Chinese painting”’s creation in the local “Literati Painting” pen and ink’s sense, is evident.

Also, apart from the author’s observations in many countries of Europe, recently, after communication

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Figure 4: Cheng Yuan Otherwhere188×110 cm (section) Combine Painting 2014

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with friends from Université de Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne) art science doctoral school, three small tips are added here to dissolve the “scheme theory” may bring illusions and misunderstandings. Firstly, “almost all art schools in France have already been part of ‘contemporary art.’” Secondly, since 2000, France had officially established the annual “Le Prix Marcel Duchamp” bonus at the initiative of the ADIAF (French International Federation of Contemporary Art Communication Commissioners), etc. to reward outstanding contemporary artists who work or live in France. Thirdly, like the “Fauvism” and “Poverty Art,” for decades, although it is not a clear artistic genre, France does have a generalized typing parlance “junk art.” Its spiritual origins can be traced back to the pioneers of post-structuralists such as Foucault, Derrida, and Baudrillard, known as one of the sources of postmodern thought, where is the French thinker Georges Bataille. The pandit, directly inspired “indefinite art” or “garbage art” by the interpretation that the class of high-level art pass the overall and trend to a state of fragmentation like Adorno said, such as l’informe (French translation: informel), déclasser (disruption, downgrade), etc., in the 1929 documents journal. In other words, just as “Fauvism” may not have beasts, “poverty art” has nothing to do with poverty. From May 6, 1994, Chen Zhen’s “wasteyard” exhibited at the Museum of Contemporary Art in New York (joint exhibition with Huang Yongping’s “Chinese Manual Laundry”), to the “garbage art” that Heqing said was criticized by a critic in fact it may not be garbage. Relevant cognition can be understood by referring to Xu Bing’s “Phoenix” installation works.

Finally, the author recommends two books to readers who are interested in deepening the “cognition” of contemporary art. One is called The Art Of Being Human, different in approach to the same way as Lu Fengzi who believed that aesthetic education was “non-material education what returns human to themselves” in the early 20th century; the other is called Art As Experience, and its cover is written—“I want to make art from civilized beauty salon into civilization itself.”

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25. The Butterfly Effect is also called topological chain reaction. Coupling means the closer the coupling between blocks is, the stronger the coupling is. High-dimensional is the 11-dimensional world (High-Dimensional World). Please refer to “fuzzy Theory”, “chaos Theory” and Liu Gangyi: Parallel Universe and High-Dimensional Space, China New Telecommunications, 2015, (16).


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and started a contemporary turn in the study of civil society from a sociocultural perspective. Afterwards, went through Parsons’ "social community", Habermas’ “public domain” and “life world”, American “post-Marxist” Cohen and others, through reflection on the two social developments of “Capitalism and socialism” in the 20th century, proposed “reconstruction of civil society”, advocated the social organization and the civil public domain as the main body, formed a “political society-economic society-civil society” social life model trisection and completed the contemporary transformation from civil society into the sociocultural field.


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52. It is not easy to truly understand Arnold Joseph Toynbee’s view of history. There are several problems: First, the Historical Studies has ten volumes, which lasted 26 years, and the three translations of the Shanghai People’s Press that the author knows are only translations of the first six volumes. As mentioned in the preface of the non-volume edition of the agency in 2000, it can be seen that several translations are based on the Western-cut version. The second is based on his writings and his dialogues and new works with Ikeda in his later years. Toynbee confirmed that human development is the “challenging and confrontation” among various “regional civilizations”, that is, the collision, contact and integration of time and space. It is impossible for a nation-state to explain its own history alone. And because humans don’t just live in the direct present, they advocate “a fair and balanced global perspective”, that is, “People must abandon their illusions, a particular country, civilization, and religion, because they belong to ourselves, then take it as the center and think that it was more superior than other civilizations.” Thirdly, Toynbee did consider Chinese civilization as the focus and hope of his concern in his later years, but at the same time he believed that human beings should avoid the narrowness of the nation-state and China must be conscious locally and consciously merging western thought and culture together can “probably provide a new cultural start for civilized humanity.” To the extent that only by avoiding the nation-state’s pursuit of its narrow nationalist national interests, can the world transition to a “world state” like what Xi Jinping calls a “community of human destiny”. Fourth, in my opinion, Toynbee uses the meaning of “civilization”, although it includes political, economic, and cultural aspects, its essence is closer to “cultural type”, “cultural unit”, or Wesler’s “cultural model”, wider than B. Benediktine, is the concept between “historical theory” and “historiography theory” as described by He Zhaowu and Peng Gang, not “civilization” in the sense of philosophy or history.


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