

government. - The Chinese replied - Well, you don't need to tell us Chinese anything about government, because we have had government in the past 5000 years, on and off.

I trust the commonsense of the Chinese people. They have some hard times with internal conflicts but I think that these new, raw Russian theories will not interest that mellow, profound, Chinese mind. So, as, in the past, China will continue and therefore this inroad of Russian penetration into China is not, I think, very profound.

The only serious thing is that ~~of~~ intellectual interest among the grown-up people in Japan, ~~and~~ that interest which used to be mostly in Anglo-Saxon culture is now, in the younger minds, more and more away from Anglo-Saxon interest. Therefore if this intellectual interest in the capitalistic countries of the west subsides and is superseded by a growing interest in these socialistic theories of Russia and Germany, 30 or 40 years from now there might arise in the western Pacific two opposing theories of state, one standing for Anglo-Saxon liberal policies, based on the Anglo-Saxon culture, and the other based on the collective idea of government. That, I think, is the supreme test before the Pacific powers. We might be dead by that time, but this serious problem now looms up before the whole Pacific powers on this side of the ocean too.

That is why I have been making bold to come around in this country very often and try to bring before you the importance of the coming contact with the two civilizations, and also, before it is too late, to ask you to extend your cultural interest to the Asiatic peoples and take more interest in our cultural civilization, because in Japan at the moment we are passing through the golden age of Japanese literature and art.