

To Me China Is Superficial

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There is a very popular Chinese saying now in China: China is what its people are. As China has an extremely large population, it inevitably has various characteristics. To me, the one that impresses and concerns me most is that we Chinese people are sometimes superficial, which can be seen from people's daily activities and attitudes about life.

One's personalities are best proved by his behaviors, and some popular activities in China now show how superficial we Chinese people sometimes are. The most evident example is that we like taking photos, but we won't take photos without a beauty camera. Of course, it's human nature to seek beauty, but if we go to the extreme, beauty will lose its initial features and become an excuse for us to cheat ourselves. We make our eyes in the picture as big as possible, our skin too fair to see any pimples or freckles, and our chins sharp like awls. After finishing all this, we gaze at the picture and admire our ideal looks, which are thousands of miles away from what we really look like. China has many star-chasers, some of whom are excessively devoted fans, which is also a normal phenomenon. The odd thing is that they love their idols not because their idols have particular talents or an attractive personality. Rather, some of them show great loyalty to their idols merely because of the star's elegant appearance.

What's more, we want ourselves to look good on the outside, but we seldom try to make ourselves more beautiful inside. China is a country that has a long history and has many masterpieces in literature, but we read less and less, especially when we are out of school. The time we should have spent in reading and learning was spent on our mobile phones. We abandon the spiritual world built by books and choose the virtual world built by the Internet.

As China develops rapidly, we are getting increasingly practical. We are floating on the surface of seas of information and believe in what is evident and easy to believe. Less time is spent in thinking deeply and quietly. We don't waste any time to get more money and make our lives better, but we never know what we really like or what the true meaning of life is. We are always in rush so that we can do more activities, but we never take the time to truly experience what we are doing. We are not masters of our own lives, as we are not leading our lives in the way that we want. We are now the slaves of our lives, manipulated to keep working and moving to make our lives seem more fulfilled.

We are superficial not just because we place too much value on our appearance, but also because we ignore our inside world. We are living on the surface of life, not knowing what is beneath it. We like what most people like and do what most people are doing. In my opinion, if we want China to be less shallow, then we Chinese people must change our current attitudes about life and live more in-depth and conscious lives.