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Blogging Redefined

It has been about 10 years since I started blogging (with a serious attitude). Unfortunately, writing blog posts is no longer an enjoyable activity for me, because of, not only the cursedness of modern web frontend technology, but also the typesetting experience.

Over the recent months, I have been learning LaTeX, the typesetting system known for its long history and its affinity to the KISS φιλοσοφία. The LaTeX ecosystem (including TeX Live, CTAN, etc) has proven its value for a less sanity-consuming typesetting/publishing experience. It is more optimized for multilingual scenarios; it gives better control over final rendering; it makes font management less painful; it makes archiving less complicated.

Therefore, I have made a decision — I would migrate to a LaTeX-based workflow for blogging. The previous articles will be collected in *Neruthes Articles Collection Volume 1*, and the new ones will be collected in *Neruthes Articles Collection Volume 2*. Subsequent volume identifiers will be allocated when a current volume reaches a considerable quantity of pages.

Also, with a great objection to contemporary web design trends, e.g. abusing WebGL and canvas, I have made an iteration for my website to embrace a plain and minimalist style. In an era when the ‘pi-

oneers’ pursue baroque-level complexity, I choose to make things as simple as gravestones.

Statement on Name Change

6 years ago, on 2016-03-10, I published the article *From Joy Neop to Neruthes* in my blog, which indicated the beginning of a new chapter of my sojourn in this κόσμος. Over the last 6 years, I gradually changed the way of indicating my name. Initially, I changed to ‘Joy Neop (a.k.a. Neruthes)’; later, ‘Neruthes (a.k.a. Joy Neop)’; finally, only ‘Neruthes’ per se. From site to site, from piece to piece; the process of replacing was like a stream of raindrops. I have offered everyone a soft and subtle process for getting familiar with this name.

However, it appeared that the soft and subtle process only succeeded partially. Some old friends did not follow the process as fluently as I hoped.

Also, I might have been known to certain people as Mr Kim in the context of People’s Republic of China. While at this moment I find no ground to renounce Chinese nationality for lacking a nationality (or an ongoing naturalization process) of another internationally recognized sovereign state, this way of addressing may only be exceptionally approved as a disguise in front of a person who: (1) is not a friend or an acquaintance of mine, (2) is a citizen of People’s Republic of China, (3) has household registration in Innerland, (4) has no permanent resident status in Hong Kong SAR or Macau SAR, and (5) is not an active res-

ident in Republic of China. This exception will be abolished when I acquire nationality of another internationally recognized sovereign state.

By the end of year 2022, I find it a good opportunity to clarify on this subject. I expect everyone to address me by my canonical name ‘Neruthes’, and to refrain from using the deprecated practices of addressing which were historically employed.

Confrontation

I used to pursue exotic matters — house, money, Beijing hukou, US citizenship, etc. As I grew, I managed to exorcise these illusions and to focus on the spiritual aspect — Γνωσης, Σοφια, and Νεοπαριανισμος.

I find this κοσμος no home, but I cherish the abilities that I have developed to adapt and confront this κοσμος.

The Θεε of this κοσμος may not corrupt me. It may not manipulate my strategies through my own rationality. Should the Θεε of this κοσμος want to stop my journey with Ερυθρα Θαλασσα, let it proceed; I shall fight the sea anyway, regardless of whether a path divides in between. I shall never be afraid of losing this life, even though it is instrumental to this journey.

In the blind spots of the Θεε of this κοσμος, some still dream to dream. My dream is no inferior than the dream of the Θεε of this κοσμος. Instead of hiding in its dream for surplus years of existence, I prefer to die in the war of two dreams. If the two dreams are destined to collide, I will be prepared.

Humans are not merely containers for Γνωσης. One must γνωθι its subjectivity. The Θεε of this κοσμος may not prison me in this κοσμος by taking advantages of my curiosity, by bribing me with Γνωσης; no Pearl can tempt me. As I proceed with my journey in this κοσμος, I shall not for-

sake my true identity.

The discovery of identity is implemented by engineering and not by αρχαιολογια. Only through discovering my true identity, confronting the Θεε of this κοσμος, and preparing for mortality, shall I return to my true home — Νεοπαρια.

Ad mortem ex nihilo. E Neruthes Neoparia.

Requiem for Cold War 1

It is 2022-12-25 today, a date which symbolizes the death of CCCP. I have been over 27 years old by the end of year 2022; the days when I had faith in US beacon theory or CCCP hero theory had far gone. However, December 25 is still a memorable date — it symbolizes the end of Cold War 1. 31 years ago, with a coup d'état in Moskva and a change of flag on Kreml, CCCP vanished from existence.

Cold War 1 ended too early to present itself in front of me; I did not have the chance to set my own eyes and hands on it. The recollections of the heroic years did remain, though. From the recollections, I could capture insights and could develop revelations — Cold War 1 was the best years in human history.

The confrontation of ideologies forced every major government to help developing countries. Colonies acquired independence. US and CCCP invested a lot in the frontier regions (e.g. PRC, ROC, ROK, DPRK, Japan). Third-world countries received a lot of grants and loans from first-world countries and second-world countries.

The confrontation of ideologies forced every major government to improve domestic governance. Significant portions of government fiscal expenditures went to science, technology, and education. CCCP sent people to Earth orbit and US

sent people to Moon surface. The civil rights (e.g. abortion, same-gender marriage) were implemented in some countries or regions. Workers obtained more social welfare policies in various countries, including those advertised themselves to be capitalist.

The wonderful years ended as CCCP was gone. Neoliberalism prevailed and a US-PRC axis was created. Without a confrontation of ideologies, the world became corrupted by peace. War is the ladder to development; yet the warriors abandoned it in selfish pursuits of peace. How may a peaceful stagnation be better than a war which costs no lives of military personnel? The collusion for peace was disgusting, and is becoming increasingly more disgusting every day.

The Cold War itself risks being corrupted, too. As the classic Orwellian nonsense indicated, “war is peace”. The sides in a conflict could reach consensus under the table and could implement a collusion for peace.

US is not the beacon of humanity, nor was CCCP the communist heaven; but Cold War 1 was wonderful. Let Cold War 2 come. The world requires another century of progression. I require another Cold War.

2023-01-02

A Covid Journey

I got fever at night on 2022-12-24, and subsequently headache, dizziness, myasthenia, throat pain. Although there was no time for a PCR test, I was convinced that the disease must be Covid-19.

The symptoms were not severe. Taking a few tablets of paracetamol per day was sufficient to suppress the body temperature.

I did undergo a scary process of emotional amplification. The emotional pulses were particularly strong from time to time. Rarely-seen emotions could come out and I was unprepared. The experience may be comparable to Pandora or Cthulhu.

One week later, my body almost recovered. Only throat issues remained. The whole course of the disease was brief and moderate, much less harmful than the original Covid-19. Transmissibility always comes at the cost of pathogenicity.

The Governmental Lifestyle

Discussions on Bisexuality

In recent years, I occasionally encountered the discussions on how bisexual people should be considered in terms of potential spouse-prospects and potential spouses. One common concern was that a bisexual person might be at higher risk in surrendering to paternal and maternal pressures for heterosexual marriage, which would lead to the ultimate betrayal of love and the ultimate destruction of relationship.

I argued otherwise. Suppose that B and D are similar persons where B claims to be bisexual while D remains silent with the presumption of being homosexual. The statement from B makes no evidence that B is more likely than D to be non-homosexual; D may be concealing the fact that he is also bisexual. While it is an acceptable general speculation that bisexual people are more likely to claim to be bisexual, in this particular case, the single difference in self-claimed bisexuality does not make B more probably being bisexual than D.

Later, I realized that this way of thinking was not merely probability theory; it also hinted the idea of Due Process. The voluntary disclosure of information of a person from himself shall not be weaponized against himself.

Story of Attitudes

Recently, I exchanged ideas with a friend who was impressed by seeing his father socially interacting with someone in a way so different from what would be used with him and his mother in a family context. Being a 27-yo man means that this phenomenon would not be a surprise for him, given the knowledge on human society and human minds, but still an impressive scene to witness, in his opinion.

I enjoyed the story and suggested that many humans had developed the skill of using different attitudes, or even different personality customs, in social interactions with different kinds of people, which, as a skill was valuable, but I would prefer not to practice.

Personality flexibility and attitude flexibility are valuable skills, but they come with a burden — the user is compelled to do the computation of searching the optimal attitude for each particular person in each particular context of socialization. On the contrary, I prefer using the same attitude to everyone in every context. It is an energy-saving measure, and it has profound implications — one who cannot accept the truth, of my being what kind of person I am, may not be entitled to surplus attention from me, which is an important foundation to facilitate any attitude customization. This forms a paradox

— one will have access to my attitude customization operation only if it does not need it.

I display one face to all people from all backgrounds in all times, and I am satisfied with my consistency.

Government & Principles

A qualified government abides to principles; abiding to (commonly endorsed) principles is the source of governmental legitimacy. Abiding to principles frees a government from trivializations of operations and contradictions of decisions.

I find it a good lifestyle to live like a government. In the story of bisexuality, I prioritize the principle of Due Process over exploring suspicions on a per-person basis. In the story of attitudes, I prioritize the principle of Consistency over customizing for individual expectations from other people.

The governmental lifestyle implies that one shall be resistant from foreign influences — any input must be filtered, investigated, and validated, before being submitted to influence top-level policy decisions.

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