



What Silver Lining Can You Find in This Event?

——疫情的黑云也伴随着光芒 Author/Wang Wanze

Have you ever heard the verb "Every cloud has a silver lining" before? This verb means that every bad situation has some good parts to it—you just have to look for them. When it comes to the days that we have to stay at home because of the virus, we can still see the "silver lining" from this experience. Now, I want to share my opinion with you.

To begin with, I hold the view that one of the silver lining of this event is the development of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM). TCM has effectively relieved symptoms, cut the rate of patients developing into severe conditions and boosted patients' recovery. As we all know, the two drugs → Jinhua Qinggan (金花清感) and Lianhua Qingwen (连花清瘟) Capsule have proven to be effective in the treatment of mild COVID-19 cases. The practice of treating COVID-19 patients have proven once again that precious wisdom left by our ancestors is still practical and effective. We would love to share valuable treatment methods with all countries.

In addition, at the most difficult moment in our fight against the outbreak, China received assistance from a lot of members of the global

community. And we also offered our help to other countries when the pandemic spread worldwide. We firmly believe that through the test of jointly combating the pandemic, the friendship among China and other countries will become stronger and bilateral relations will embrace an even brighter future. What's more, when a crisis comes, there is not only friendship that transcends borders, but also harm caused by discrimination. But one thing has been proven by time. China's sacrifices, efforts and contributions, protected its homeland, and gained experience for the world. This is one of the silvers lining we can find from this event.

What's more, another silver lining is that we have a quiet time to be with ourselves and accompany our families. In modern society, more and more people are too busy with their work to learn how to get along with themselves. Compared with playing computer games all the day, it's better to do something that you are curious about and interested in to develop a hobby. To some extent, it's time to cherish our lives and figure out the things that really matter to ourselves. So we can understand ourselves

better, and as a consequence, understand others better. Besides, as many people have to stay at home to avoid possible cross-infection, boredom is rising and so is people's creativity in sparking the quite indoors life. Inspiration and creativity can sometimes come out from silence.

Last but not the least, the level of air pollution in many big cities has fallen sharply since coronavirus lockdown measures have forced people indoors and off the roads. Levels of particulate matter, which can come from road transport and burning fuel, as well as nitrogen dioxide, which comes primarily from vehicle exhaust, are low across our country.

Do you understand the meaning of the verb "Every cloud has a silver lining" now? What silver lining can you find in this event?

FOCUS ON

NEWS

A1: Student back to school, financial policy, research progress on COVID-19. How much do you know about these? Our reporter has already sorted it out for you, come take a look!



A2: The first batch of students has returned to school! What do you think about going back to school? Come see what our editors say!



B1: Do you like flowers? Are there any interesting stories between you and the flowers? Our editors all have very attractive stories about flowers...



B2: Have you been to New York? Do you want to go to New York? Can't you stay at home? Follow English Herald and travel to New York on "cloud"!

News Briefs

Author/Zhu Hongxi

Education

Given assemblies and tests are unlikely in the near term, the tests below are canceled: PETS (Public English Test System), NIT (National Applied Information Technology Examination), NCRE (National Computer Rank Examination), CET-SET (CET Spoken English Test), WSK. And CET test time is not confirmed until further notice.



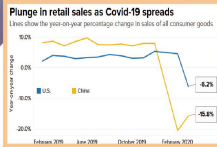
2020 is also a tough year for job hunting. Therefore, PG entrance exam and overseas study are still popular choices. According to enterprise HR, some graduates with a master degree compete with bachelors or even junior college students for entry-level positions. On the contrary, technical workers are in serious shortage while only a few graduates applying for those positions. It's a call to reflect on our college education.

Finance

According to a tentative counting by the State Statistics Bureau, China's GDP dropped by 6.8% year-on-year during the first quarter of 2020. It's the first time that China's GDP has felt since 1976. The very reason is the massive economic halt due to outbreak of COVID-19. As regards the personal disposable income, it increased 0.8% nominally, however,

fell by 3.9% considering a hefty CPI rise of 4.9% year-on-year.

For the first time in history, oil prices plummeted to -37.33 U.S. dollars on April 20th. The market is filled with epic collapse because of the collapse of demand, which is caused by coronavirus.



COVID-19 pandemic

Confirmed cases and the death tolls of virus now are increasing alarmingly. On April 2nd, the leading group of China's COVID-19 gave the following indications.

1. A clustering occurrence of coronavirus and cross infections appeared in individual places, which should be taken heed.
2. Detection ability should be upgraded and large-scale of NAT and antibody test should be promoted.
3. During the May Day holiday, all parts of the country need to strengthen prevention and control of the virus.
4. More efforts need to be taken for preventing and controlling the epidemic at border crossings.



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Anti-virus Battle in India

Author/ Song Yuchen

India, always be known as a magical country: 100% "pure" Ganges river, "classical" caste system and absolutely "clean" streets. Can this country be even more magical? Of course yes! Especially when there is a global antiviral battle. What else can they do anyway?

Cow Dung Cures

Admitted by the minister of public health of India Ashwini Chowbey, cow dung and cow pee are a specific medicine that can eliminate the virus in seconds. "There is cow fecal element(牛粪素) in cow dung, it is not only good for your health but also can kill virus, even the cancer virus." Even though eating dung is a history tradition in India that has been lasting for centuries, and it is not the first time that the minister declared such gross ideas. It is still hard to believe that a national minister did encourage people to eat dung and drink urine during such a special time, what a unbelievable thing!



100% safe breathing mask

As the virus spreading across the world, breathing mask has already become a necessary element of people's life, including Indian citizens. But we all know that India is lack of mask-producing ability, so how can they get those absolutely safe masks? The answer is: using teapot. In a video that introduces the India emergency mask producing factory, a worker is using glue, cotton line and teapot to "create" breathing masks. "Compared to those plastic and cloth masks, iron teapot can build a wall against the virus, which is very necessary for us." He said during the afterward interview.



84 "rain"

During this special emergency period, dealing with those floating population has already become a heavy task. Under this circumstance, Chinese government chose city-lockdown. Thanks to our perfect social governing system, we blockaded all the major cities and secured those floating population. However, because of its vast and unsecured population governing system, India government cannot blockade their major city effectively, so there are millions of floating population that wandering in the streets. In order to solve this problem, India government ordered officials to spray 84 disinfectant directly to those floating people. But we all know that it is dangerous to do so, besides, 84 disinfectant cannot kill the new COVID-19 virus effectively, what they only did is harming people carelessly.

As a super-large country which owns the second-largest population, India's situation can affect the world easily. If India government still treat this disaster like a childish game, then the whole world is in great danger. Might there be some smart guy in a huge group of fools.

Come Back to NWAUFU After Three Months

Author/ Xie Duanyi

陕西省高校复课的消息已经出来啦，下面跟我一起来看看我们 Herald 的小伙伴对于重返返校都有些什么看法呢？

Interviewer: Xie Duanyi

Interviewees: Kang Xuena, Wang Wanze, Yan Hanwen

The good effect of quarantine is conspicuous and the COVID-19 epidemic in China has been controlled. Currently we have got the message that we could be back to school in a couple of days. So, come and see what other companions considered about the news!

Q1: Before the news that undergraduates, postgraduates in universities in Shaanxi Province could be back to school in May is released, were you desperate to come back to NWAUFU and why?

Kang: Well, it depends. Sometimes I hope to go back to school quickly because I have fallen behind a lot of experiential lessons. But sometimes I still want to stay at home, as I always felt comfortable when I was with my family.

Yan: Yes, I want to go back to our school quickly. Because when I study at home, my learning state is worse than that when I was in school. Besides, the rising(新兴的) learning pattern of taking classes online is not so familiar to me so I haven't got used to it.

Q2: What did you miss the most when you were in quarantine at home?

Kang: It's definitely the beautiful flower that blossoms in our school when it's spring. Due to the quarantine at home, I couldn't take photographs for the spring scenery, which is a real pity.

Wang: Well, to be honest, I miss the bakery in our school the most. Also, I miss all of the delicacies made in our canteen.

Yan: When I was in quarantine at home, I saw many beautiful photos of our school scenery. So, I really miss the beautiful scenery in our school.

Q3: What do you worry about most when we come back to school?

Kang: The safeguard procedures are not worrying things for me as I am sure that our school will manage it. However, we will have strict restrictions on our exit and entry due to the epidemic.

Wang: As I live far away from our school, I'm pretty concerned about my health and safety on the road. As you know, students who live in other provinces will at more risk than the local ones as they ought to take public transportation to get to school, which is not guaranteed to be totally safe.

Yan: I wondered when we are back to school, how should we have our meal and how should we wash ourselves every day, as we will not be allowed to gather then.

Although there are a lot of uncertainties about our returning, we still have to believe that our school is able to handle all of these. Hope we could meet at NWAUFU soon!

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OUR STORIES ABOUT Flowers



Xu Ruiyang

I fancy dandelion, to some extent which I visualize myself as dandelions, for I am never free as them flying with the wind and heading for somewhere unexpected full of wishes. We always scheme our life and career, hoping to get everything on the right track. Natheless, the playful part of this life sometimes lies on the detour which waited us to uncover and enjoy the expected bonus experiences. And I think that is what a dandelion life goes. Dandelion—is like a million wishes spreading into the sky and is how imaginary this life will be.

Song Chenghan

I like rose because it is elegant and tough. In summer or winter, there will be roses, not afraid of being cold and heat. I like to put my nose close to the flowers. I will smell a tangy fragrance. The new leaves of the rose are tender red and serrated, which do not hurt to touch, but the older leaves do. In fact, it also has thorns on the stem. So, people say "roses with thorns." Also, the name of the person I admired most means a field of roses—Roosevelt. Though physically disabled, he led his country to victory over fascism. His optimism and toughness are qualities I want to learn from him.

Kang Xuena

I like the smell of flowers when spring is coming. I like many kinds of flowers, such as rose, cherry blossom, lilac. I took a course about making paintings with flowers and leaves. It's cool! I plan to learn how to make a perfume satchel with flowers and send to my parents. Flowers also mean beautiful things. They give me a feeling of brimming over with vigor and vitality, so I like them. I have seen the Cherry Blossom Road in our south campus on my phone last week. I want to take a picture there again just like last year. Now I have a plan about next year: taking a picture on the Cherry Blossom Road!

Song Yuchen

I "hate" flowers not because they can drive a lot of bugs, and not because they can remain a lot of yellow leaves. I "hate" them because they cannot remain their beauty forever. We always say that "Time can easily pass by, and people can easily grow old." So do the flowers. Like fish and bear's-paw, health and beauty cannot remain at the same time for most of the flowers. To those which are beautiful, such as rose and jessamine, their beauty cannot last only for days. On the contrary, to those who are tough to grow such as cactus, their flowers are usually small to enjoy. So, as a flower-lover, the only thing I can do is nothing but cherishing them.

Zhu Hongxi

Spring season is always a perfect time for an outing, but not for someone like me, who has a pollen allergy. I still remember clearly that severe anaphylaxis I had at the age of two. Red spots were all over my body, and the face is the severest area. The eczema made my face swelled, itch and terribly red. Ever since then I have always kept my distance from flowers however blooming they are. And it's quite a feeling that everybody goes outdoor while you stay at home and still need a mask. The good thing is after continuous treatments, my body is doing better.

Wang Ziyue

Chrysanthemum(菊) is an elegant bloom carrying distinctive morals with a long history of Chinese poems. We can find its footprints easily in spring or autumn. During Ching Ming festival each year, a number of people buy several potted flowers for their ancestors and hope they can express their memories and emotions. Chrysanthemums are endowed beautiful meanings and unique flower languages, for instance, clean, noble, I love you, true feelings. Chrysanthemums are frequent written subjects of poets, too. For example, "Picking chrysanthemums under the hedge, you will see South mountain leisurely" and "I drunk mellow wine nearly East fence in the twilight, finally sleeves were dyed with faint fragrant". Chrysanthemum's quality and spirit are worthy of carefully tasting and learning.

Wang Wanze

Because of the virus, we have a valuable time to appreciate the spring in our hometown. William Shakespeare once said that "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything". Indeed! All the sleeping things wake-up, such like primrose, cherry blossom, and crab-apple(海棠花). The earth warms and you can smell it, feel it, crumble April in your hands. Among all the flowers, I like Chinese flowering crab-apple best. Do you know crab-apple is also called Miss-grass? The Chinese flowering crab-apple looks even more charming against the green leaves. The trees look like big pink clouds, creating an alluring scene.

Xie Duanyi

During the period of being in quarantine at home, I happened to have a miniature potted plant, which is about 10 centimeters high. At first, the mini plant didn't seem to have a tendency to break the soil. But then after a few day's sunshine, it started to sprout! Thereafter, the mini plant grew higher and higher and now it has reached about 20 centimeters high! The whole process was totally a great fun for me.

One of the fundamental things about being human is that we can't understand ourselves very well. Because of our pervasive self-ignorance, one side of the mind frequently has no clear picture of what the other happens to be upset about or looking forward to.

Literature can help, because in many cases, it knows us better than we know ourselves and provides us with an account, more accurate than any we might have been capable of, of what is likely to be going on in our minds.

Experts claimed, "In reality, every reader is, while he is reading, the reader of his own self. The writer's work is merely a kind of optical instrument which he offers to the reader to enable him to discern what, without this book, he would perhaps never have experienced in himself. And the recognition by the reader in his own self of what the book says is the proof of its veracity."

What is Literature for?

Author/ Wang Ziyue

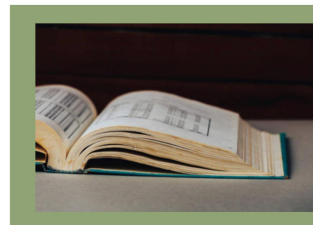
文学阅读到底能给我们带来什么? 娱乐? 消遣? 还是人性的磨练? 也许你会发现其中的真相

The more writers we read, the better grows our understanding of our own minds. Every great writer can be hailed as an explorer. Tolstoy(托尔斯泰) explains our ambition to us, Camus(加缪) guides us to our alienated and numb selves.

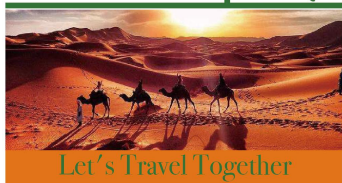
An effect of reading a book which has devoted attention to noticing faint vital tremors, is that, once we've put the books down and resumed our own life, we can attend to precisely the things which the author would have responded

to what he or she had been in our lives.

Our attention will be drawn to the shades of the sky, to the changeability of a face, to the hypocrisy of a friend, or to a submerged sadness about a situation which we had previously not even known we could feel sad about, which is why Emerson(爱默生) proposed: "In the minds of geniuses, we find - again - our own neglected thoughts.



Never too old to learn, never too late to turn.



Author/ Kang Xuena

I appreciate that my Chinese teacher in high school developed the habit of reading. Then I always read many interesting stories and know many writers by reading. Recently, I was deeply touched by those unbelievable stories in Sahara when I first read the book called *The story in Sahara* written by ECHO (三毛).



I have to say that she has many incredible plans and leads a wild life. But she was accompanied by her husband, Jose Maria Quero Y Ruiz (荷西). I think he is a kind guy and he loves his wife so much. I can feel the warmth of little things between them. It seems that I travel with ECHO and Jose Maria Quero Y Ruiz to feel the different cultures when I read their stories. You may lose your life there, but ECHO was confirmed her choice. She is not only a writer, but an adventurer and traveler. I admire her spirit and the confirmed love between ECHO and her husband.



I can clearly remember a story about sorcery. I don't believe the existence of sorcery in the world. But ECHO wrote a weird necklace that she once picked up in Sahara. Local people were so afraid of it, but ECHO didn't believe sorcery either. Then a magic thing happened when she wore the necklace. She was so uncomfortable that made her feel faint and began to bleed. Her neighbors came to help and shouted to ECHO to throw away that necklace. She felt much better after throwing away it. I began to feel confused about the sorcery and still can't believe it. What a magic world!

The story in Sahara is the first book that I touch ECHO's world. It's about adventures and experiences. I read more stories about her after reading this book. It's sad that her husband and she don't have a happy ending. But I will always remember the man who risked his life to accompany his wife in Sahara.

Looking forward to the next story.

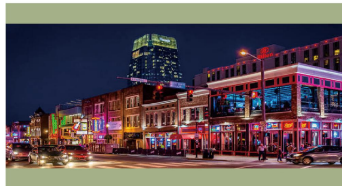


Congratulations to all of us! We have had the longest vacation since birth due to the epidemic. Thanks to the efforts of all the medical staff, we enjoyed our days, accompanying family members. I guess we must get bored, so why don't we take a tour to New York on cloud with me?

1. Broadway (百老汇)

Actually, "Broadway" is the name of a high street running through Manhattan, from sixth avenue to eighth avenue, from 42nd street to 57nd street, gathering more than 40 theatres. Many famous plays are put on day and night, including *The Phantom of the Opera* (《歌剧魅影》), *the Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aida* (《阿依达》), *Les Misérables* (《悲惨世界》), *Cat*, *Miss Saigon* (《西贡小姐》) etc. Watching a Broadway musical has become an essential part of many tourists' trips to New York.

New York's theaters are divided into Broadway shows that put on the classics, off-Broadway that cost little to produce creative new plays and super-off-Broadway shows with experimental mini-plays. After the success of off-Broadway and super-off-Broadway, they may enter Broadway and become luxurious classic plays. Some theatres there put on the same classic plays almost all year round, making the plays perfect in the process of repeated performances. "The phantom of the opera" opened on January 26th, 1988. It has been running for 18 years, with more than 7,500 performances, making it the longest-running and most performed musical on Broadway. A number of plays have been adapted into films, leading to a new craze for watching musicals, and these adaptations have even won international awards.



2. The central park (中央公园)

Manhattan is a prime location, and it's incredible to have such a large park there. From 59th street in the south to 110th street in the north, the 340-hectare central park sits in the middle of New York's Manhattan island, making it synonymous with the statue of liberty and the Empire State Building as symbols of New York

and the US.

The park was completed in 1873 and took 15 years. Central park, the "New York oasis", is a rectangular area of green in the center of the city surrounded by skyscrapers. There are dense forests, lakes and lawns, and even farms and pastures. In addition, roads have been built under the park, so as not to disturb the traffic and visitors' peace.



3. Ground zero (世贸大楼遗址)

People will never forget this scene: On the two towering skyscrapers in Manhattan under the blue sky, the smoke billowed under the impact of two hijacked passenger planes, burning like a huge torch, suddenly collapsed, 2,986 people died in the fire. This is the world's tragic nightmare, and the extreme manifestation of human evil. Ground zero retains the part of the original world trade center's foundation and waterproof walls. A museum in the center of the site and a memorial garden were built 9.11 meters under the ground to mourn the victims of 9/11.

Construction of the new tower, the "freedom tower" began on July 4, 2005. It stands 1,776 feet tall, symbolizing the founding of the United States in 1776. Without any ribbon-cutting or celebrations, the building's first tenants' staff entered the building on the morning of the 4th when it reopened.

I hope to visit the site one day. We are all fighters of the war against terrorism.

Thank you for visiting New York with me, and hope to see you again in NWFU!

