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Paradox

Do you know “Paradox”? An English-English dictionary says, “Paradox is a statement that seems impossible because it contains two opposing ideas that are both true.” I think paradoxes are very interesting. We can come across a lot of paradoxes in our everyday life. For example, there is a poster which says, “No Posters!” or a rule that “there are no rules without exceptions,” which has no exceptions. These are comprehensible paradoxes. Let me introduce another interesting one.

Now you are a student. One day your teacher said, “Next week, I will give you an *unexpected* examination. (what is called “*nukiuchi test*”) But I never tell you on what day the test will be given.” You got troubled. Then you guessed on what day it would be given. If you have no test until Friday, you can easily guess, “The test will be given on Friday!” That is not *unexpected*. So you can understand that it is ‘NOT on Friday’. Next, if you have no test until Thursday, you can easily guess, “The test is on Thursday!” because you know it is ‘NOT on Friday’. That is not *unexpected*. Then you can understand, ‘NOT on Thursday’. Moreover next, if you have no test until Wednesday, you can also easily guess, “The test is on Wednesday!” because you know ‘NOT on Thursday, nor Friday’. That is not *unexpected*, either. So you can also understand the test will be given ‘NOT on Wednesday’. Like this, you can also easily guess, ‘NOT on Tuesday’ and ‘NOT even on Monday’. After all, you say, “I have an *unexpected* test next week, but it will be given **NOT** on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Wow! I have no test next week! I don’t have to study!” You were pleased and played video games for a long time. Next week, however, you had the test in fact. Of course, you got low scores in the test and you were terribly scolded by your teacher.

Did you understand this paradox? According to the logical thinking, there would be no test that week, but the test was certainly given. This is a paradox.

Such paradoxes have been researched by many philosophers, psychologists, mathematicians, and physicists since ancient times. You may find more interesting paradoxes around you!

---H.T.

Let’s see the “ISON comet”

Did you see a total eclipse of the sun last year? Of course, I saw it. It is the moment when the earth, the moon and the sun stood straight in a line. I was surprised to see it, since the sun turned dark and the view became darker and darker. The beauty was beyond description. By the way, there will be a heavenly body show at the end of November. Do you know the “ISON comet?” Some already have known it while others have not known it yet, so I will introduce it to you. It was found by Vitya Nevsky and Artem Novichonok who worked at International Scientific Optical Network at Kislovodsk Observatory. Also, it is observed as a dark heavenly body. But when it reached Jovian orbit, the team confirmed it as a very bright comet. It will become a big comet whose brightness is superior to the Venus and a full moon on November 28th. It gives off about 1000 ton of gases which consists of carbon dioxide and about 54 thousand ton of dust. If its orbit changes, we cannot see it afresh. In other words, this chance is a special occasion I do think that you have no choice but to see the “ISON comet.” Let’s see it together. You cannot miss it.

--- K.K.

The novel

I will introduce to you “Tomogui.” This is written by Kanazawa Nobuaki. The stage of this novel is a high school. By the way, do you know that Japanese killifish prey on each other? So, I have a question for you. What kind of killifish do they eat?

1. They attack vigorous Japanese killifish and eat.
2. They attack tender Japanese killifish and eat it.
3. They eat dead Japanese killifish.

The answer is No.3. So, in this novel, students prey on each other. But the students don’t eat each other, they kill each other. At first, students planned to revenge on their homeroom teacher. But during this revenge, the students were killed by someone. So, there was a Devil which killed other students to use this plan to revenge. Can you comprehend an identity of the Devil? When you comprehend it, how do you feel? Why don’t you make sure of the identity?

--- Y.T.

My favorite book

I will introduce my favorite book, Christmas carol. In the story, the main character is Scrooge, who is an old man. He is stingy and unkind and he treats his employee roughly. But three Christmas fairies suddenly appeared before him. These fairies taught him the importance of human community and the right way of spending money. Then he became kind to people around him and he gave a lot of money to his employee. His Christmas was the happiest day that he had ever had. Christmas will come in one month. So you should be kind like Scrooge.

--- S.S.

Summary

We call the societies of Western Europe and North America relatively “advanced” societies, but this means something quite specific, which may or may not coincide with everyone’s fundamental scale of values. Thus, although some people think Indian civilization is superior to our civilization because of its greater preoccupation with religion and the things of the spirit, no one would doubt that ours is the more advanced society. The accepted standards of advancement are technology, industrialization, material standards of living, education, public health, political autonomy and personal freedom. We call certain areas “backward” or “dependent” areas, according to these standards. Judged by these standards, human progression is askew. Different societies do not advance in the same pace. This has been true in all periods of history, and it is notably true at the present time.

---Y.K.

A side of “The Protestant Ethic and the spirit of Capitalism”

In 1897, Max Weber became mentally ill. His illness came in the following details. A trouble occurred when Max’s parents had come to Heidelberg from Berlin to stay in his house. While Max and his wife were feminists, his father was conscious that he was the head of his family and he oppressed his wife. Though there was a peaceful relationship between Max’s father and mother, Max blamed his father. At last, he reproved his father in a rage. His parents went back to Berlin in deep sorrow. His mother was affected by Max, and the relation between the parents became worst. His father went on a trip and died. After half a year, his sense of guilt may have made him mentally ill. He also went on a trip for medical treatment. Then he saw the difference between the way of life in the South of Europe and that in the North, and he tried to explain the difference of economy by the difference of religion. Finally he wrote the masterpiece. He may also have wanted to make sure of the affinity between his father who was descended from a business family and his mother who was a pure worshipper of God. So the book was a requiem for his father.

--- N.F.

About volcano

On November 20th, a new island formed near the Ogasawara Island. If its volcanic activity continues, the island will become larger and territorial waters will extend. The volcanic activity started from November 20th. The island sends up white smoke and sometimes black. The island’s length is about two hundred meters and width is about fifty meters. The cause of forming the island is a submarine volcano. The Japan Coast Guard calls the ships navigating near the volcano to pay attention to an eruption because there is a possibility of eruption. According to the Japan Coast Guard, in 1986, a new land appeared near Minami Io island but this island disappeared after two months by waves’ erosion.

--- K.M.