

The Final War: Liberalism/Globalism vs. Conservatism/Nationalism

Japan and the World are Standing at the Crossroads That Will Determine Victory

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Introduction

The world is entering a phase when we will see the final war between liberalism and conservatism, and between globalism and nationalism. Liberalism and globalism have occupied overwhelmingly superior positions in this fight so far. However, Japan and the world are now standing at the crossroads that will decide the final victors of these wars. This will, in turn, determine the fate of the entire world, including Japan.

The war between Russia and Ukraine actually broke out with the 2014 Revolution of Dignity¹, which was plotted by the United States. The Russian military invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022. A few days before that, the Ukrainian military provoked Russia by shelling Russian-speaking residents of eastern Ukraine's Donbas region on February 16². Directly after the war broke out, President Joe Biden declared that "this man [President Vladimir Putin] cannot remain in power." American Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin stated that the objective of the war is "to see Russia weakened to the degree that it can't do the kinds of things that it has done in invading Ukraine," followed by then-Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel's statement that the Minsk agreements were an attempt to buy time for Ukraine to obtain military power. Former President of France François Hollande expressed his agreement afterwards. This demonstrates that the conflict is a proxy war started by American-led globalists. Their aim is to instigate Ukraine to achieve Putin's downfall, thereby weakening the nationalist country of Russia and allowing them to seize its natural resources.

The domestic and foreign mass media, as well as many experts who appear in these media outlets, have fallen into a trap of "good and evil" dualism. They believe no one can argue against the fact that Ukraine is good and Putin's Russia is entirely bad. This perspective does not attempt to consider the background factors and the history that led to the outbreak of this war. However, the war will soon end in a way that is contrary to the propaganda reported by the media and experts thus far.

Meanwhile, an unprecedented number of elections have taken place since the beginning of this year in many different countries to determine the path that the world will take. Taiwan conducted its presidential election in January, followed by elections in Russia and India, the European Parliament race, and the United Kingdom general election, which was held earlier than originally scheduled. There were also unexpected elections in Iran and France.

In particular, there was a noticeable conservative resurgence in several member states during the European Parliament election in June. Conservative parties significantly increased their number of seats and presence in the parliament. In France, the National Rally (RN) defeated the ruling party coalition formed by President Emmanuel Macron to become the top party with twice as many seats. RN leader Marine Le Pen has been continually branded as a far-right extremist. Panicked by these results, Macron attempted to recover by dissolving the National Assembly and calling an election. Due to collusion between the ruling party coalition and New Popular Front, the RN was overpowered and ended up in the number-three position for seats in the National Assembly. However, the RN won the highest percentage of votes at approximately 37%, and it is beginning to seem possible that Le Pen could be elected

president three years down the road. These things all suggest that the European Union (EU) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) are entering their twilight years.

Japanese and foreign media outlets use the term “far right” to describe conservative political parties. This includes Alternative for Germany, in a country that is markedly increasing its influence in Europe. Other examples are the RN in France, Brothers of Italy, Freedom Party of Austria, and Party for Freedom in the Netherlands. For instance, these parties believe in 1) The importance of national sovereignty, 2) Putting their own country first, 3) Not allowing immigration and refugees, 4) Anti-globalism, 5) Opposing measures to mitigate climate change, 6) Not supporting proactive aid to Ukraine. It makes absolutely no sense to describe these parties as “far right.” In other words, this moniker is nothing but an attempt by globalists to negatively label and reduce the influence of powers who oppose globalism.

Obvious changes are occurring in recent years across the globe, which was nearly conquered by liberalism and globalism. Conservative powers are steadily solidifying their positions in Europe and other countries. This year, in particular, has seen a tsunami-like wave of conservatism.

Furthermore, the American presidential election takes place this November. Donald Trump declared that he will “drain the swamp” in Washington, D.C. when he returns to the Oval Office. If Trump is victorious, there will certainly be a fierce battle between his new administration and the hidden powers lurking in the swamp who have pulled the strings of national politics. It is likely that this process would cause major seismic shifts throughout the world, starting a war that leads to a significant turning point for civilization.

This will be the final world war. On one side are the powers who scheme to destroy social order and crush the traditions of ethnic groups across the globe, bringing about intellectual chaos. On the other side is the faction that strives to restore ethnic traditions; social order; and a natural, healthy mind.

Members of the Japanese national government are much too far behind the times. They lack awareness of this fact, and they have not learned anything from the mistakes made by Europe and North America, along with the conservative resurgences in those areas. Their liberalism- and globalism-steeped policies encourage social chaos and the destruction of traditions and public order. They have lost their sense of self and are intellectually adrift.

Meanwhile, the approaching major seismic shifts may be the last opportunity for Japan to break the constraints of the postwar system and regain its true identity.

In this essay, I will begin by elucidating the current circumstances in Japan and other countries. Next, I will clarify the origins and true natures of liberalism and globalism, then examine why ethnic groups and nations must defeat liberalism and globalism to achieve a return to conservatism and nationalism. Finally, I will consider how Japan should regain its true identity once again.

Liberalism and globalism: their origins and true natures

The Lumières movement began in the latter half of the 17th century; its many impacts included Jean-Jacques Rousseau’s *The Social Contract* and the French Revolution based on these ideologies. This movement also influenced communism, which rehashed these ideas, and the Russian Revolution. Its impacts even extended to the critical theory of the Frankfurt School, which took up a tactic of entering systems to destroy their order and traditional values, aiming to break the deadlock in violent revolution that came after. These impacts led to liberalism, an ambiguous left-wing ideology founded on progressivism and overconfidence in human abilities. Liberalism camouflages and conceals the true nature of left-wing ideologies. It brought about new ideologies and movements that were mistakenly interpreted as vanguards of their eras.

Rampant political correctness in recent years is a means of suppressing speech, dressed up as something righteous. Excessive concern for LGBTQ rights is a type of reverse discrimination perpetrated by minorities against the majority. Diversity refers to the hybridization of ethnic groups and their cultures. With cancel culture, excessive denouncing takes place with the goal of destroying existing authority. The United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals and the World Economic Forum’s Great Reset plan are tools to propel globalism by imposing values and carrying out business according to redesigned views of states and national interests.

These ideologies and movements share a common foundation. Their overconfidence in human abilities negates the spirit of revering sacred things beyond human existence. Progressivism breaks down history and traditions. Rampant egoism leads people to deny their obligations and insist on their rights. These ideologies and movements negate and flatten vertical social order while

disavowing perspectives of states, history, and national interests. Because revolutions cannot occur in orderly nations with solid self-images, it seems fair to say that these ideologies and movements are mutated versions of the defeated revolutionist thought that strives to lead nations into domestic conflict and revolution.

Referring to the words of Friedrich Nietzsche, the French Revolution was a major slave uprising in the modern era, born from the common peoples' instinctual "*ressentiment*" (sense of resentment towards eminent figures)³³. The revolution's slogan – *liberté, égalité, fraternité* (liberty, equality, fraternity) – became a burdensome legacy in intellectual history from that point on.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe wrote, "Legislators and revolutionaries who promise both equality and freedom are either dreamers or con men. The fanciful idea of 'equality' is the first step to denouncing existing inequality. Everything was about effort before the revolution. Afterwards, it was all about demands"³⁴. Liberty and equality are irreconcilable concepts and perpetual enemies. Their relationship is such that, if one is victorious, the other must perish. It is self-evident that *liberté, égalité, and fraternité* are contradictory, deceptive ideas. France collapsed, and Napoleon Bonaparte established an imperial government only 10 years after the gruesome slaughter of the French Revolution. Despite this, the mainstream of Western Europe's intellectual history has continually failed to publicly disavow its revolutionary ideology, including France.

At the Opening Ceremony of the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris, women wearing red dresses portrayed Marie Antoinette, the French queen who was executed by guillotine. These beheaded women, all holding their own heads, sang a revolutionary song including the lyrics, "The aristocrats, we'll hang them!" France's lack of shame and its willingness to put on such a repugnant performance profoundly demonstrated its pathological inability to rid itself of the causes that led to the evils of the French Revolution. This serves as evidence that liberals cannot move on from the French Revolution that was their starting point.

Outwardly, the powers working to promote globalism make it seem as if we can enjoy more affluent lives by removing borders between countries and creating a free flow of people, objects, and money. They arbitrarily decide that state sovereignty and national interests are backward concepts, although they are central to upholding nations and safeguarding the lives and livelihoods of their citizens. The only goals of globalism are to weaken national functions, monopolize a homogenized market where everyone is stateless, and maximize their own gains. These powers believe that the process of globalization produces winners and losers – and that losers (vulnerable persons) will be naturally eliminated. This causes them absolutely no psychological pain; to them, enlarged disparities and wealth concentration are the harsh reality of globalization.

Because healthy nationalism has been the biggest obstacle to the globalist strategy, these powers have carried out brainwashing to teach that nationalism imperils the development of mankind. Their trump card for destroying nationalism has been to create a free flow of objects and money, and then remove barriers impeding human movement. Globalists promote policies that allow immigrants and refugees to enter advanced nations. A typical example is George Soros, who provides enormous amounts of financial assistance to help refugees resettle after fleeing political upheaval and conflict in developing nations. These two policies have been implemented together as a strategy utilizing hybridization to demolish nationalism and identities in advanced countries.

Along with globalism, the concepts of diversity and multicultural coexistence have been enthusiastically praised in recent years. This has created the illusion that the world can be reborn as a better nation if we bring together the good points of each ethnic group and country so we can live together in harmony. This is an impracticable theory, rather like a magic trick or a stunt. Imagine if a willow tree's branches had cherry blossoms that smelled of plum. According to the laws of nature, willows are best when green, and flowers are beautiful when colored red.

Goethe said, "Perfect species can acquire universality beyond their own species. Universality can only be achieved by refining and enhancing their special characteristics"³⁵. Universality cannot be accomplished through diversity and multicultural coexistence.

According to Imanishi Kinji's habitat separation theory, the fundamental truth is that different species coexist in the same region because they keep their habitats separate. This is a law of nature. There are numerous examples in which the introduction of non-native flora or fauna irreversibly destroys the ecosystem. Muslim refugees who move to a non-Muslim country are not able to assimilate because they regard Islamic law as superior to the laws of that country. They end up creating their own "country" inside the nation that took them in.

At the UN General Assembly in September 2019, Trump stated, "Like my beloved country, each nation represented in this hall has a cherished history, culture, and heritage that is worth defending and celebrating, and which gives us our singular potential and strength. [...] The future does not belong to globalists. The future belongs to patriots." This clearly demonstrates that Trump's "America First" policy does not mean the U.S. should solely focus on itself and ignore other countries, although it is distorted by

the biased liberal media. It is a policy of putting America first above all others while other nations do the same, and of abolishing its chronic doctrine of foreign intervention. This ideology says that all people should cherish their precious home countries, aiming to create a world in where nations enhance their histories, cultures, and traditions while engaging in competition. It strives for a world where nations learn from and respect each other, just like Goethe's statement about how species obtain universality by refining and enhancing their special characteristics. And of course, "America First" is not a political maneuver demanding subordination to the U.S.

Achieving a significant turning point in intellectual history: abandoning progressivism and returning to conservatism

It is said that Matsuo Basho was awakened to the philosophy of "*Fueki Ryuko*" (consistency and change) during the journey described in his *Oku no Hosomichi* ("The Narrow Road to the Interior"). He wrote, "Without knowledge of what is consistent, one cannot build a foundation. Lacking knowledge of that which changes, one cannot accomplish new progress. Both have the same principles"⁶. The world of intellectual history is simultaneously founded on two elements: *fueki*, which are things that must not be changed, and *ryuko*, the pursuit of newness.

Most Japanese politicians and intellectuals who call themselves conservatives have lost sight of this ideology's true essence. However, it is plainly expressed by *Fueki Ryuko*.

In the long history of intellectual culture, it is not always true that younger cultures attain the same levels as older cultures, nor can they necessarily surpass them. There are eras regarded as pinnacles of intellectual culture in all cultural spheres, without exception. Progressivism degrades intellectual culture because it does not honor or learn from these pinnacles.

In this author's opinion, the crowning point of classical Japanese poetry (*waka*) was the *Manyoshu* collection. Similarly, we should regard Basho as the master of *haikai* poetry. In the Western music world, the era that should be revered is from the Baroque to Classical Periods, which gave us Johann Sebastian Bach, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Ludwig van Beethoven.

Truth still lives in the conventions and traditions cultivated by each ethnic group over numerous generations. These things have been passed down because they supported human activities and brought richness to their lives. If they were not true, these traditions would likely have been weeded out, destroyed, or vanished over time.

Nikolai Berdyaev said, "The theory of progress deifies the future while sacrificing the past and present. It has no scientific, philosophical, or moral justification. The religion of progress takes an unfeeling stance on the past and present. [...] With progress, the past is eternally destroyed by the past. Future generations perpetually obliterate the previous ones"⁷.

Progressivism blindly accepts that human society progresses as time goes on and that new things are always superior. Its believers discard the past and present as if they were abandoning worn-out shoes. These new ideologies and movements were developed by people who are unconcerned with tradition. Because these ideologies and movements have not been culled through the process of history, they must not be entrusted with the fates of nations and ethnic groups.

Things that are true, and things that are exemplary, are those possessing long histories.

Accordingly, ethnic groups and nations across the globe should abandon their blind confidence in progressivism. They must maintain and protect the traditions and customs passed down from their ancestors; in other words, they must regain a conservative spirit. If this is not accomplished, these ethnic groups and nations will lose their sources of power, become rootless, and drift about aimlessly.

Major seismic shifts in world affairs after Trump regains power, and the decline of the mass media

With the presidential election approaching in November, the American liberal media is portraying Kamala Harris as a well-liked figure, although she has been scathingly criticized as the most unpopular vice president in history. Media reports say that her approval rating is similar to Trump's, but her incompetence, lack of substance, and unpopularity are openly recognized. At first it seemed that Trump had a good chance of winning, but today his victory is nearly a sure thing. At rallies and other events, he has pledged for some time to take on the tremendous job of draining the deep and terrible swamp in Washington, D.C. His promises include releasing classified documents about the John F. Kennedy assassination, shedding light on the truth of 9/11, and ending the Ukraine war in the span of one day. And of course, he will probably work to investigate the 2020 election fraud as well.

As Trump tackles these issues – which we can regard as his public promises – his new administration will be unable to avoid direct confrontation with the globalist powers who have manipulated American politics behind the scenes while lurking inside the swamp. This will probably reveal the historical darkness that has heretofore been kept hidden, causing major seismic shifts in the global situation and setting off a fierce struggle that leads to a turning point for civilization.

Domestic and foreign media outlets, including the American mass media, have continuously said that no fraud affected the results of the 2020 presidential election. They have continually demonstrated one-sided support for Ukraine and stated that it has the superior position in its war with Russia.

If Trump fulfills these promises, and if it becomes clear that this reporting is entirely false, the mass media will be revealed as the propaganda machine of the globalists, rather than an institution that investigates and correctly reports the truth. This will likely be the beginning of the end for the mass media. In particular, the imminent ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine would clarify the true circumstances behind the scenes of this war and expose Ukraine as the world's most corrupt country. This would certainly show the totally mistaken thinking of the experts who have appeared in the media since the war broke out.

José Ortega y Gasset is the Spanish philosopher who penned *The Revolt of the Masses* in 1918. To criticize experts whose predictions did not come true, we could emulate Ortega y Gasset by saying, “Most experts lack the wisdom to ascertain what is authentic or to search for and discern the truth. Therefore, they are nothing more than personifications of the masses who are taken in by propaganda”⁸.

The Committee on Public Information was established about a century ago during the Woodrow Wilson administration. It was led by Edward Bernays, who was involved in bringing the U.S. into World War I. In his book *Propaganda*, Bernays wrote, “The conscious and intelligent manipulation of the organized habits and opinions of the masses is an important element in democratic society. Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government which is the true ruling power of our country.”

From time to time, the mass media has exercised its freedom not to report on matters it finds inconvenient. In particular, television programs have controlled the public opinion through manipulation and by editing video footage. But with the increasing popularity of social media, we are approaching the end of the era when these things were possible. In particular, the Japanese mass media does not recognize that the continual use of these measures will earn increasing distrust and foster its own decline. Newspaper circulations are dwindling, and online ad revenue exceeds the amount for television ads. It is pitiable that the mass media still believes it can manipulate the public opinion in this way.

Japan must take steps to break free from the postwar structure and regain its true identity

As I mentioned before, the devastation wrought by liberalism and globalism in European nations has reawakened many citizens to conservatism and nationalism. Conservative political parties are being formed and are increasing their influence to a striking degree.

Japan still lags behind the times and has learned nothing from the failures of these European countries. The government is attempting to enact policies that will destroy society and Japan's national character, such as the Act on the Promotion of Citizens' Understanding of Diversity of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity forcibly passed last year, along with efforts to bring in large numbers of foreign workers and allow separate surnames for married couples in the future. Japan has fully lost its sense of self and is nearly at the critical point of intellectual deterioration. Right now, I keenly feel that Japan is facing a life-and-death predicament.

Although there are faint indications, we have not yet seen a powerful resurgence of Japanese conservatism like in European countries. This is due to the ingenious occupation policies of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (GHQ); many citizens are still incapable of breaking free from the postwar structure and its brainwashing.

Although it defeated Japan, the U.S. was frightened by the selfless spirit of our officers and soldiers who fought with dauntless courage and sacrificed their lives for our country. The U.S. saw that this spirit was rooted in the Japanese polity based on unity between the Emperor and his subjects. Accordingly, the GHQ's occupation policy was aimed at destroying this national polity and striking at the hearts of Japan's people to ensure we would never again pose a threat to America.

After the Japanese Instrument of Surrender was signed, the GHQ immediately began censoring texts and suppressing freedom of speech according to the Press Code, which contained 30 prohibitions for the media. A masochistic view of history was implanted

through the Tokyo Trials and War Guilt Information Program (WGIP)⁹.

Next, the GHQ removed approximately 200,000 people from official positions in various fields. All these officials put up fierce fights to protect their homeland. The vacant posts were given to Japanese citizens who sold their souls to the enemy and benefited from the war defeat, and they served as proxy agents to carry out the GHQ's occupation policies. Even today, their successors continue taking up these roles and maintaining the postwar structure.

The GHQ burned around 7,000 books, erasing the great achievements of our predecessors from intellectual history in a modern version of the Qin China thought suppression campaign. These books were written as a national crisis approached in the early years of the Showa period, and they described the worthy causes and history of our nation. The GHQ imposed the Shinto Directive, educational reform, and occupation constitution to destroy the polity and intellectual foundation of the Japanese people.

The GHQ also wished to forcibly abolish the Imperial Household as a way to divide the Emperor and citizens. If done hastily, the Japanese people would not only have opposed this policy – they would have risen to action. The GHQ determined it would be too difficult to implement, so it had to take the indirect approach of imposing heavy taxes on the Imperial Household's assets and returning this money to the national treasury. It further weakened the Imperial Household by forcing it to demote 11 Imperial Family branches (excluding the Chichibu, Takamatsu, and Mikasa families). The GHQ's goal was for the Imperial line to dwindle and die out in the future.

Seventy-nine years have passed while Japan remains under the so-called "postwar structure." Japan has never regained its sense of self due to the aforementioned occupation policies.

However, a Trump victory in the upcoming presidential election would probably set off major seismic shifts in world affairs, starting a battle that leads to a significant turning point for civilization. Japan might have the chance to recover its identity and break free from the postwar yoke when the powers who maintain this structure lose their footing. Conservatives must realize that Japan will never be able to regain its sense of self if they let this opportunity slip away – Japan's ship will sink in the waves of a raging sea.

The task of recovering Japan's identity is not something that can be accomplished overnight, yet we must not be too slow and leisurely. Domestic and internal tension is increasing as we approach autumn, a critical moment threatening Japan's very survival. Conservative powers must tackle issues in two categories: short-term and long-term tasks.

There are two tasks that must be accomplished over the short term. The first is reinstating the former Imperial Family branches to strengthen the Imperial Household's defenses, as its prosperity is the foundation upon which Japan's identity is founded.

The fundamental reason for the dearth of Imperial successors is the smaller number of family branches, which was compelled by the GHQ and has been covered up by the mass media. We could deal a blow to the life-support system keeping the postwar structure alive by making many citizens aware of this history and reinstating former Imperial Family lineages. This would help many people wake up from the postwar magic spell and encourage a resurgence of national spirit.

This is why conservative powers should marshal their strength in discussions on stable Imperial succession, which will likely be carried out in full swing this autumn. To rebuild the Imperial Family's defenses, we must revise the Imperial House Law to reinstate male descendants in the male lines of former branches. This is a matter of greatest priority, even more so than half-baked constitutional revisions.

The second short-term issue is establishing a custom of the prime minister visiting Yasukuni Jinja.

We absolutely must select prime ministers who are capable of doing this. If not, Japan will never be able to rid itself of the postwar structure.

Most of Japan's prime ministers have visited Arlington National Cemetery, but they have hesitated to pay their respects at Yasukuni Jinja, symbolizing the postwar structure that is fettered by a masochistic view of history. It must be an accepted practice for the prime minister to attend the shrine's spring and autumn festivals, as well as the anniversary of the end of the war on August 15. The American president should also visit Yasukuni. If we can accomplish these things, I am confident that the powers with a self-tormenting historical perspective will no longer have a foundation upon which to base their objections, opening up a path for the Emperor to begin worshipping at the shrine again.

The Liberal Democratic Party presidential election will take place in September. If this leads to the inauguration of a prime minister who will insist on continually worshipping at Yasukuni Jinja – and if Trump regains his position of power – it is possible that both leaders might visit Yasukuni together, which would be a major turning point in efforts to banish Japan's masochistic perspective of history.

Next, there is a long-term issue: the restoration of past ideologies.

The Meiji Restoration was driven by strong ideologies cultivated during the Edo period. Old ideologies were revived and given power by drawing on the source of Japan's ethnic spirit – particularly reverence for the Emperor centered on studies of Kokugaku (Japanese classics) and Mitogaku (history and Shinto). National politics, which require ideological pillars of support, have been corrupted by meager ways of thinking. We cannot rebuild national politics just by discussing politics and current affairs; we have to restore past ideologies to reconstruct the national government and regain Japan's identity. This means we must begin investigating what was lost in postwar Japan, what should be overcome, and what must be recovered. These have been erased by the GHQ from Japan's intellectual history, and are hidden amongst the 7,000 books that were burned so they could not be read by Japanese people.

From the increasingly tense domestic and global circumstances during the early Showa period, all the way to the life-and-death crisis of World War II, Japanese scholars, intellectuals, and learned persons possessed a lively spirit of studying and thinking about their country. This seemingly flowed like groundwater from the source of our ethnic group, and most of the burned books were written out of that spirit.

Those men explored the threats posed by imperialism and the history of global invasion by Western powers, spanning nearly 500 years. They drew on ideological actions from the Edo period while looking back at ancient times to consider what kind of nation Japan is, and to resolutely grapple with its intrinsic ideologies, philosophies, historical perspectives, and national views. For instance, many books from this period had titles containing terms like “Japanese spirit,” “reverence for Imperial rule,” “polity,” “Imperial way,” and “myths.” Well-known examples include Watsuji Tetsuro's *Studies on Japanese Intellectual History* 「日本精神史研究」 (1926), *Part 2: Studies on Japanese Intellectual History* 「續日本精神史研究」 (1935), and *Ideology and Tradition of Imperial Reverence* 「尊王思想とその伝統」 (1943). Yamada Yoshio, known as the final scholar of Kokugaku studies, wrote *Underlying Principles of National Polity* 「國體の本義」 (1933). In 1937, he published a book with the same title supervised by the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture. This patriotic book was written to overcome the ideological confusion caused by waves of uncritically accepted Western European thought, and because Yamada felt the need to do something in increasingly dangerous international circumstances.

Nishio Kanji summarized the burned books in his 12-book series, *Opening Up Books Burned by the GHQ* 「GHQ焚書図書開封」. Happily, some of these books are being re-released by publishers in recent years.

Japan is the world's oldest nation with a history stretching back more than 2,600 years. The source of our national spirit has never run dry during this time; it continues flowing swiftly like water running underground, and was available to our predecessors in the early Showa period. That is why conservative intellectuals must once again access the source of this spirit that was buried by the GHQ and work to rebuild the ideologies and spirits that must be regained in Japan. These efforts will refine Japan's special characteristics rooted in its customs and traditions, thereby enhancing them and transforming them into universal qualities. I am confident that this will lead to the appearance of exemplary heroes, statesmen, and thinkers who can help Japan play a leading role at this significant turning point of civilization. To use the example of a Noh play, Japan should take on the role of the *shite* (main actor), rather than performing as a *waki* (supporting actor).

A poem by Emperor Meiji :

*With a spirit of
honoring our country's
ancient traditions
let us determine the
things of the new era*

Notes

1. Victoria Nuland (who was assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian Affairs) and Ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey Pyatt gave orders for this revolution to the American embassy in Kyiv. They handed out cookies while encouraging protesters and spoke on the telephone about whom to appoint as leader of the provisional government afterwards. These videos and audio recordings have been released to the public.

2. President Vladimir Putin mentioned this issue during his interview with Tucker Carlson in April 2024. Videos of the Ukrainian military attacking Russian speakers in Donbas (eastern Ukraine) have been entirely ignored by the Japanese and foreign media.
3. Friedrich Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil* (Part 46) and *On the Genealogy of Morality* (First Treatise).
4. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, “Society and History” in *Maxims and Reflections*.
5. Based on Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, *Elective Affinities* (Chapter 9, Letter to Ottilie):
“As long as it sings a certain melody, a nightingale is a bird. If it surpasses that melody, it goes beyond the species of nightingale, as if to show other birds what it means to sing. Perfect examples of their species will always transcend them. Without question, they become a different thing, something that has no equal.”
6. Mukai Kyorai, “Ascetic Practice” 「修行」 in *Kyoraisho* 「去来抄」.
7. Nikolai Berdyaev, *Theory of Progress and the End of History*.
8. Based on José Ortega y Gasset, “The Barbarism of Specialization” in *The Revolt of the Masses* (Part 1, Chapter 12).
9. Propaganda plan used to instill Japanese people with a sense of guilt about the war.