

# The Enlightenment of Ecological Outlook of Marxism on the Construction of China's Ecological Civilization

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**Abstract:** *Ecological thought is one of the contents of Marxism, among which the thoughts of "interaction between man and nature", "realizing the harmonious coexistence of man and nature", "respect for the laws of nature" and other thoughts help us understand the important role of nature on humans and point the way to solve specific issues of the construction of Chinese ecological civilization. We must strengthen the propaganda of the Marxist ecological concept so that it is being grasped by the people and transformed into a real force to transform the world. In the process of practice, we must continue to integrate with the specific reality of our country, and continue to promote the sinicization of the Marxist ecological concept, so as to continue to promote the process of our country's ecological civilization construction. Only by giving full play to the guiding role of advanced theories can the obstacles to the development of our country's ecological civilization be overcome on the basis of practice and a good ecological environment can be created.*

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## 1. Introduction

From the founding of the People's Republic of China to the present, our country's socialist modernization has achieved fruitful results, but the development is based on high pollution, high emissions, high consumption and serious waste of resources. For a long time, we have been blindly pursuing economic growth, and have forgotten to care for the natural environment, which has caused a series of ecological and environmental problems. Severe conditions of resource and environment and unreasonable methods of development have severely restricted the pace of our country's development. How to correctly handle the relationship between economic development and environmental protection, and how to explore a suitable ecological environment development path for our country are urgent problems that we need to solve.

## 2. The basic theoretical viewpoints of Marx's socialist outlook of ecological development

### 2.1 Understanding the relationship between man and nature

The relationship between man and nature is a kind of action and reverse interaction, a relationship between subject and object. Man himself is a whole made up of nature and has a strong subjective initiative in the transformation of nature, and man's actions to transform nature are also constrained by nature and its laws. We should realize a harmonious symbiosis with nature on the basis of a correct understanding of the relationship between man and nature. Whether we can form a long-term harmony between man and nature has become an inevitable issue in the process of human development.

### 2.2 The idea of fully understanding and following laws of nature

In order to avoid the consequences of the deterioration of ecological problems, Engels believes that we must fully understand and follow laws of nature in the process of transforming nature. "Our entire ruling power over nature lies in that we are stronger than all other creatures and we can understand and use laws of nature correctly". Marx pointed out that it is necessary to strictly follow the systematic contact between man and the natural environment and the law of development and change, to quickly terminate the spontaneous possession of nature in the process of production technology, and to anticipate the future economic consequences which are caused by current behavior, so as to reduce blindness and harmfulness. It requires that the use of "consciously managed and controlled behaviors"

"reasonably and effectively regulate" the relationship between humans and natural resources.

### **3. Problems in the construction of our country's ecological civilization**

#### ***3.1 Severely lacking of the public's awareness of environmental protection***

The main content of the construction of our country's ecological environment and civilized city often contains a dialectical relationship between man and nature. Contemporary Chinese people lack the idea of respecting nature and correctly understanding the relationship between man and nature. And the concept of protecting the environment and saving resources among people's minds is poor. Affected by the market economy, people tend to value material interests more and their production and lifestyles advocate high consumption, so that high consumption and high pollution have become the norm. The construction of an ecologically civilized society is not simply a matter of the interests of the Chinese government and social organizations, but a matter of the common interests of the world society and even all Chinese people. And it is the pursuit of all the fundamental interests of the vast majority of Chinese people. Therefore, every Chinese should make contributions to the advancement of the construction of an ecologically civilized society.

#### ***3.2 Difficulties in the transfer of corporate environmental rectification***

First of all, in order to effectively protect their natural environment, promote the conservation and regeneration of resources and the optimized capability of reservation and utilization, some developed capitalist countries have begun to transfer some large energy-consuming and high-polluting large-scale enterprises to China. To a large extent, these enterprises can promote the rapid growth of our country's real economy and bring short-term economic benefits, but it will inevitably aggravate the excessive consumption of our country's natural resources and the serious environmental pollution. Secondly, a large number of private enterprises unilaterally pursue social and economic benefits, and use the amount of profit and material wealth as important criteria for judging the success of the enterprise, ignoring that the enterprise should also undertake certain social obligations. Man's harm to nature will eventually be retributive to man himself, and the benefits obtained on the basis of breaking the law will ultimately be punished by the laws.

#### ***3.3 Unsound relevant policies, laws, regulations and management mechanisms***

With the rapid development of the information age, we are paying more and more attention to the construction of ecological construction and civilized society in our country, and we are increasingly aware of the importance and impact of ecological environmental protection on people. Although our country has carried out ecological construction and civilized society construction has achieved remarkable results, the current relevant laws, regulations and management mechanisms in our country still have some parts that are not compatible with the actual needs of our country's ecological construction and civilized society construction, which need to be further improved and developed.

### **4. The path to solve the problems in the process of our country's ecological civilization**

#### ***4.1 Strengthen the publicity and education of the citizens about ecological outlook of Marxism***

##### ***4.1.1 School Education***

Schools are important places for sowing knowledge and important positions for educating students to learn Marxist-related ecological thoughts. To full play the significant role of schools, we must attach importance to basic theoretical education and integrate knowledge about nature into daily education and teaching activities, so that students can realize the importance of Chinese nature to the survival and development of human society, establish the concept of protecting nature and the environment, and schools should pay special attention to cultivating the ecological morality of young people so that they can be strictly self-disciplined. At the meantime, colleges and universities must pay attention to the learning of Marxism, especially the courses related to dialectics of nature and ecology; secondly, we must attach importance to the decisive role of practice on cognition, and let students understand the Marxist ecological view through practical activities.

#### ***4.1.2 Family Education***

Family is the first school for children to grow up. As parents, they should pay attention to their words and actions and become examples for their children in daily lives. They should practice green and low-carbon consumption, and educate their children to consume moderately and protect the environment in their daily lives.

#### ***4.1.3 Mass media***

The mass media has powerful functions of cultural dissemination, communication and sharing. The power of the media should be put to good use and the public opinion propaganda need to be done well. On the one hand, the traditional social mass media, such as newspapers, radio, and television, should come into play. On the other hand, it is necessary to use the emerging media technology “the Internet” for information dissemination and education.

### ***4.2 Improve laws and regulations and effective mechanisms for ecological and environmental protection***

#### ***4.2.1 Establish a complete ecological and environmental protection laws and regulations system***

According to the characteristics of the times and practical requirements, we must accelerate the pace of legislation on ecological environment, and improve the environmental protection legal system that is compatible with our country's basic national conditions and development as soon as possible. First of all, we must conduct research on the blank areas of the environmental protection law, fill the legal vacancies based on reality, and complete the basic research of laws. Secondly, we must strengthen the law enforcement of environmental protection of our country, so that laws must be followed, law enforcement must be strict, and violations must be investigated. At the same time, it is necessary to improve the overall quality of law enforcement personnel, strengthen theoretical study, improve professional capabilities, and master legal requirements. The scientific nature of the law enforcement team should be improved, and the law enforcement team need to improve their enforcement ability and efficiency. In addition, it is necessary to centralize power, simplify departments, prevent mutual prevarication, inefficiency in decision-making and management, improve the division of departmental functions and task arrangements, and improve administrative efficiency. It is also necessary to establish a sound supervision agency for the operation of power, and truly insist that power is used by the people, benefits are sought by the people, and sentiments are bound by the people.

#### ***4.2.2 Establish and improve an effective mechanism for ecological and environmental protection***

First of all, the evaluation mechanism of ecological environment protection should be improved. Our evaluation of officials should not be limited to the number of economic indicators, but should be diversified. We should establish an ecological index system, and build a complete target, assessment, reward and punishment mechanism based on a full understanding of the requirements of ecological civilization construction, and form a correct direction. Second, we must establish a sound public participation management mechanism. Let the Chinese people participate in the process of the development and construction of ecological civilization, realize the benign interaction between the political and the masses, and get the support of the masses. Finally, it is necessary to establish a sound management capability and coordination mechanism for ecological environment civilization. Ecological civilization construction is a major project that requires multi-departmental coordination and cross-regional joint completion. Therefore, the government must play a coordinating role to make all departments clear and efficient. This is an important guarantee for achieving the goal of ecological civilization construction.

#### ***4.2.3 Innovative economic development approaches***

First, the layout of the industrial structure should be optimized. On the one hand, we should promote the upgrading of traditional industries. To vigorously develop scientific and technological innovation and improve production technology, we should take the lead in the development process to develop industries with more prominent core and advantages. For traditional backward industries, we should eliminate them as soon as possible, optimize resource allocation. Meanwhile, we should take the excellent enterprises as examples to improve the technological level of the industrial chain and promote collaboration and cooperation between different industries, and guides the industry to a sophisticated, specialized and strong development model. On the other hand, new industries should be actively developed. We should increase policy support, financial subsidies and other methods to vigorously develop new industries, introduce high-quality talents, strengthen product research and production,

promote the development of emerging industries, and continuously improve our country's comprehensive national strength and international competitiveness. Second, we should adhere to green innovation and follow the path of sustainable development. Economic development must take a sustainable path that is guided by scientific and technological innovation, supported by the real economy, and that regard ecological protection as the bottom line, reform and opening up as the driving force, and improved people's livelihood as the fundamental.

## 5. Conclusion

At present, to strengthen the construction of ecological civilization in our country, the public must establish correct ecological concepts and exert the dynamic role of awareness on practice. Marxism is a broad and profound theoretical knowledge system that contains a large number of natural and ecological thoughts, which help us to establish a correct ecological outlook of Marxism. In the promotion of China's ecological civilization, it is necessary to adhere to the guidance of Marxist ecological concept and combine with China's specific national conditions to explore an ecological civilization construction path suitable for our country's national conditions.

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