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A Scholar-official Catholic:

A Study of the Life and Thoughts of John C. H. Wu (1899-1986)

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提要

吳經熊（1899-1986）學識豐富，一生涉獵廣及法學、哲學及宗教學，在他涉足的各個領域中都享有盛名。吳經熊與近代中國許多學者一樣，致力在中西文化中尋找對談與融通之路，期使兩大文化體系互補互利；不同於其他學者的是，他作為一個天主教徒，他認為超越國族的基督信仰才是兩大文化的真正溝通橋樑。此外，他備受國民政府的重視，曾獲委任多項重要公職，與政府關係良好。

由於他在政壇和學術界均享有崇高地位，因此，可稱為學官型的天主教徒。學官型天主教徒，可追源至明末第一代天主教徒，如李之藻、徐光啟等人，他們運用自己的身份地位，協助傳教士工作，為他們與政府建立良好關係；另一方面，他們在面對中國文化與天主教兩大傳統時如何自處，亦足供後人借鑑。

本論文透過全面剖釋吳經熊的生平行誼、信仰、事功與文獻分析，以見其功績與學術貢獻。除結論外，本文分為五章：

- 1, 研究回顧，本章分析過去有關中國學官型天主教人物研究的著作，尤其著重研究吳經熊的回顧整理，從而得知歷年來學術界在有關方面的研究趨勢，用以作為本文的參考與突破研究的基本材料。

- 2, 生平，本章從吳經熊的背景及經歷，探討其生命歷程與思想變化。

- 3, 公職與教職，本章以吳經熊曾擔任的多項重要職務分析吳經熊的事業成就。

- 4, 著作及提要，本章透過介紹吳經熊著作之內容特色及出版狀況，以見吳經熊之學術地位。

- 5, 學術思想及其貢獻，本章按吳經熊的著作，分析他在多個領域中的學術成果，為其思想體系整理出一個脈絡。

ABSTRACT

John C.H. Wu (吳經熊 1899-1986) was a scholar with profound knowledge in law, philosophy, and religion. He was famous in all the areas that he set foot in. Similar to many other scholars in contemporary China, Wu exerted himself to find a way to dialogue and communication between the eastern and western cultures, hoping that these two great cultural systems could complement each other. Different from the other scholars, Wu was a Catholic, and was of the opinion that the Catholic faith, which went beyond nationalities, was the real bridge for communication between these two cultures. The National Government had high esteem of Wu, and assigned him to many important public duties. He enjoyed good relationship with the government.

Since he had high status both in the political and the academic areas, he could be called a Scholar-Official Catholic. Scholar-official Catholics could be traced back to the first generation of Catholics in China in late Ming dynasty, such as Li Zhizao (李之藻) and Xu Guangqi (徐光啟). With the convenience of their status, these people assisted the missionaries in their work, and help them in establishing good relationship with the government. The way that these people acted in face of the two vast cultural systems, namely Chinese culture and Catholicism, has much for us to learn from.

By investigating and analyzing the live of John C.H. Wu, his religious belief, his work, and pertinent writings, this thesis would evaluate the achievements and academic contributions of Wu. Apart from the Conclusion, this thesis is divided into five chapters:

1. Retrospective research: This chapter analyses previous writings and studies on Scholar-Official Catholics in China, particularly those on Wu. In this way we can see the development of the study of this topic among the academics. Moreover, such information would also serve as references and the foundation for further innovative

investigations in this thesis.

2. The life of Wu: From the background and experiences of Wu, this chapter would investigate into his life journey and changes in his thinking and ideology.

3. Vocations in his public duties and academic teachings: By examining the various important duties of Wu, this chapter would analyze Wu's achievements in his vocations.

4. Wu's writings: This chapter would introduce the characteristics of Wu's writings and the circumstances of his publications, from which we can have a glimpse his academic status.

5. Academic thoughts and contributions: Basing on the writings of Wu, this chapter would analyze Wu's academic achievements in various areas, and would formulate a system for his ideology.

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