

"Make known to everyone the remarks and modifications the text of the address 'The fighting mission of philosophy social science workers'"

Mao Zedong

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This kind of situation that we see arising seems somewhat surprising--how can it be that some people can go from supporters of revolutionary, socialist scientific theory and actually degenerate and arrive at counter-revolutionary theory, going up the revisionist road instead of the scientific one? Actually, it is not a bit surprising. In every thing in the universe [402], one divides into two, no matter what. Theory is also this way; it must always split up. There is revolutionary, scientific theory, which can enter into a certain process in its internal development and produce its opposite, produce counter-revolutionary, unscientific theory. Because today's society has class divisions, there can also exist different advanced and backward groups for a very long time in future society, which must always continue to produce opposites. This theory was explained long ago in the history of Marxist philosophy and every school of thought in the history of social science, as well as in the history of natural science. Science and history of science itself explain precisely this kind of unity opposites, the struggle of opposites, which results in development.

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You see, in unified things, one divides into two, it changes because of the mutual struggle of two parts.

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