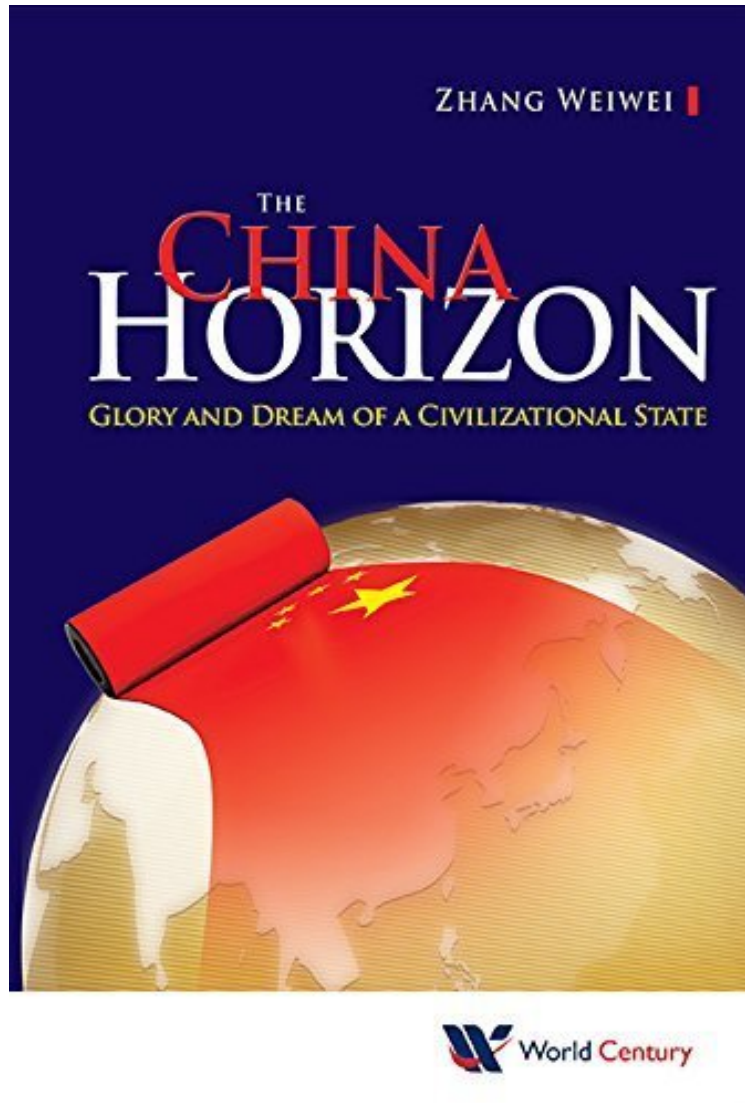


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By Hande Z
Expanding on his views in the previous volume of his trilogy (‘The China Wave, 2012 World Century Publishing) Zhang presses on the theme that the Western democratic model is not only untenable for China, it is untenable even for the West. There are many areas in which one might debate at length, but this is not the kind of communist propaganda we had

seen in the Cold War years. Zhang is an articulate intellectual and his studies are deep. In a debate with Francis Fukuyama, Zhang made the point that the American democratic model may produce a president worse than Bush. This alone may prompt a few Americans to read Zhang. Zhang says that under capitalism American political power lacks autonomy and neutrality. "Money talk" he says leads to the expansion of interest groups and the diminishing of the individual. Ironically, the Chinese system has greater, and more importantly, public, checks and balances than the American one. The consequences are plain. Zhang cites innumerable examples throughout the book. If one pays US\$500-1000 a month for medical insurance, she can assume that she will get prompt hospital care, and if she needs a transfusion in the night he need not pay for it, or that if she delivers a baby in hospital she would not have to pay for a couple of nights' stay. Zhang says that is correct — but only in China; one cannot get that in the USA. Zhang also points out the greater and more sustaining pension schemes in China compared to that in America. Citing statistics, Zhang points out that "in 2012 the murder rate in China was 0.8 per 100,000, lower than in Japan and Switzerland. In comparison, the US had a murder rate of 50 per 100,000 people, or 60 times that of China's". One of the characteristics that underlined the weakness of the American model is the lack of a spirit of "seeking truth from facts". Once again, in the face of daily presidential tweets, many Americans may be interested to read more from Zhang. He predicts a new world order of socialism with Chinese characteristics. With globalisation in decline and Trump in power, Zhang may prove prescient yet again.

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