

# Chinese swordman spirit

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# What is Chinese swordsman spirit?

Chinese **swordsman** spirit is nurtured by Chinese swordsman culture, and its basic connotations can be summarized as loyalty, righteousness, kindness, and compassion



The general adoration psychology of swords in pre Qin society



# History of Chinese swordsman spirit

(1). Originating from the pre Qin period

"Universal School" (兼爱) (士阶层)  
aggression (非攻)



Warriors (武士)  
The pursuit of fairness and justice,  
supporting the needy and helping the poor



Mozi

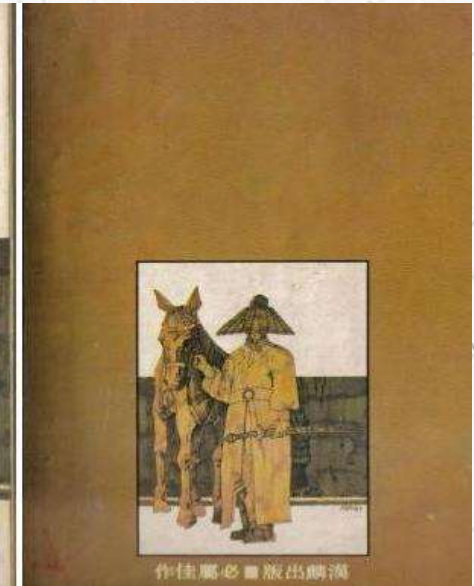


# History of Chinese swordsman spirit

(2).The development in several dynasties and generations

- During the Qin and Han Dynasties

Features: **More socially responsible**, emphasizing **loyalty and filial piety(孝悌)**



“Biographies of Knight errant”

# History of Chinese swordsman spirit

(2).The development in several dynasties and generations

- During the Tang and Song Dynasties

Features:Emphasizing **personal bravery, justice, and loyalty(personal character), and being a "Haoxia"(swordsman who' s bold and generous)**

十步杀一人，千里不留行<sup>(5)</sup>。

事了拂衣去，深藏身与名。

Within ten steps he slays a man.  
Thousand-mile-long passes can't him ban.  
Once done, he would turn on his heel,  
And both feats and fame he would seal.

Selected from Li Bai's "A Song to the Knight"

# History of Chinese swordsman spirit

(2).The development in several dynasties and generations

- From the Ming and Qing Dynasties to modern times

Features:Emphasizing **loyalty to the monarch** and **serving the country and the people**



*All Men Are Brothers*



*Three Heroes and Five Gallants*

# History of Chinese swordsman spirit

## (3).Transformation and innovation in modern times

- Feature:Emphasizing **National justice** and **patriotism**, **personal growth** and **personal heroism**



*The Legend of The Condor Heroes*



*Huang Feihong*

# History of Chinese swordsman spirit

## (3).Transformation and innovation in modern times

- Feature:Showcasing all aspects of life, **deeply integrating the martial arts world with human nature and social philosophy**



*Demi-Gods and Semi-Devils*

# The Dilemma of Chinese swordsman spirit

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# The Dilemma of Chinese swordsman spirit

- Changes in the social environment

**Frequent wars**  
**Peaceful**  
**and personal misfortunes**



**No longer empathizing with the tragic experiences of characters, no longer needing to be saved**



# The Dilemma of Chinese swordsman spirit

- Changes in social values



Violence against violence

"Gratitude and revenge with satisfaction"

A society based on the rule of law

# The Dilemma of Chinese swordsman spirit

- Changes in cultural market demands



The influx of foreign cultures



Commercialization and trendiness  
of cultural market demands

# Chinese swordsman spirit in Today's Society

The core need to inherit and promote spirit is in line with traditional Socialist Values  
Question: Do we still need



# Chinese swordsman spirit in Today's Society

Artists strive to produce high-quality Chinese swordsmanship works.



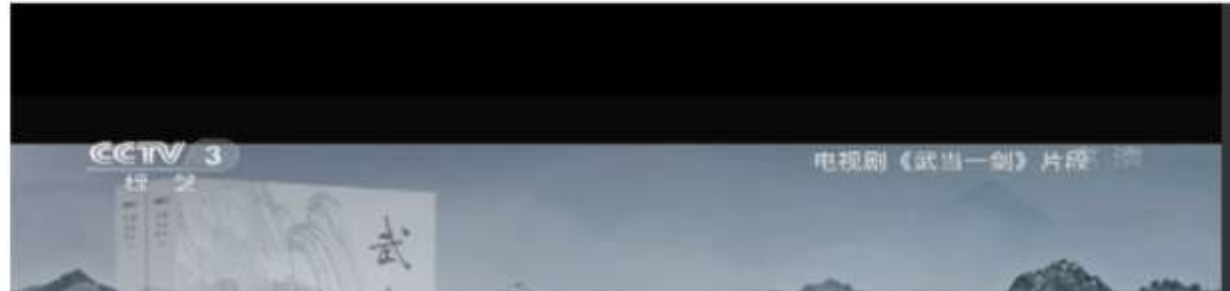
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