

# 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

The Scholar class(士阶层)



Warriors (武士)



Mozi

# History of Chinese swordsman spirit

(1). Originating from the pre Qin period

"Universal Love "(兼爱)and "Non-aggression "(非攻)



The pursuit of fairness and justice,  
supporting the needy and helping the poor



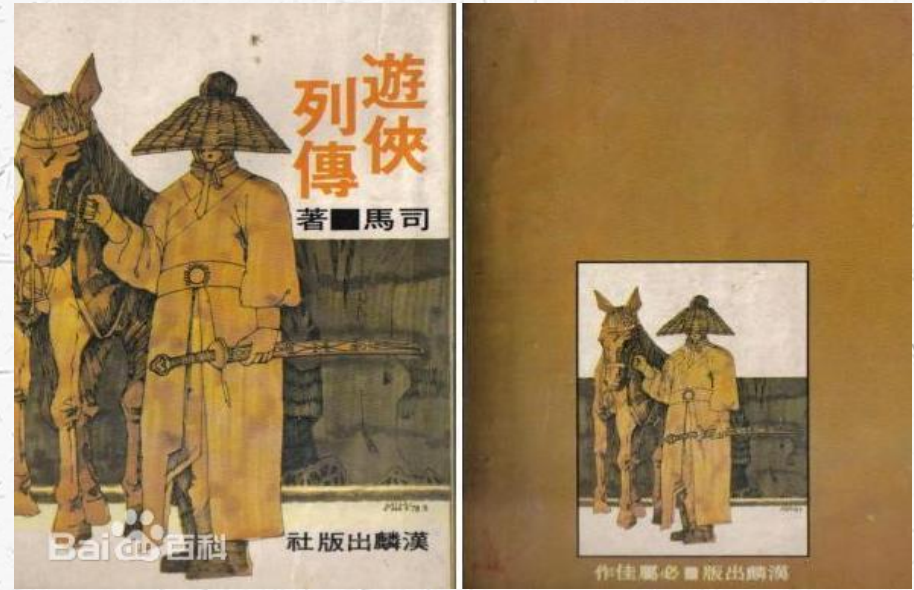
**Mozi**

# 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*

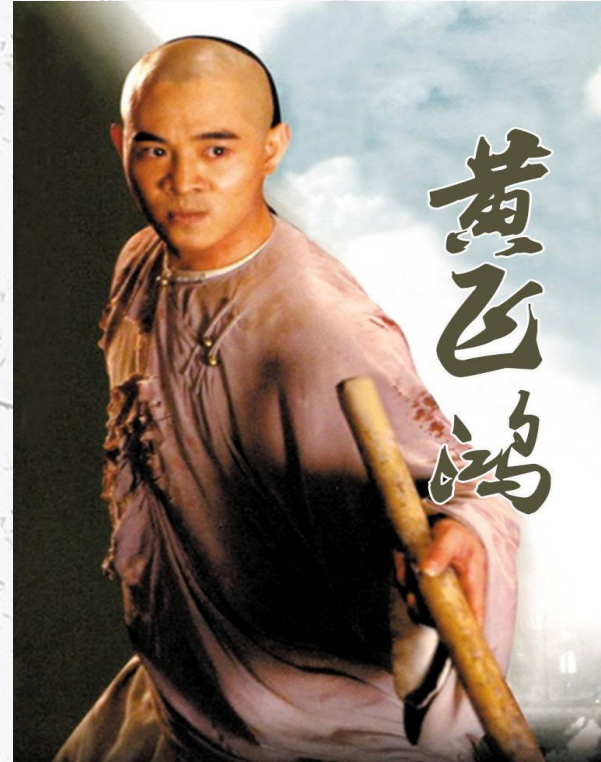
# History of Chinese swordsman spirit

## (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

武侠时代没落，武侠精神低迷，武侠的未来究竟在哪里？ - 知乎

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后金庸时代的武侠困局 - 光明网

非主流和妖魔化，中国的武侠文化或是社会文明进步的精神障碍

# 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

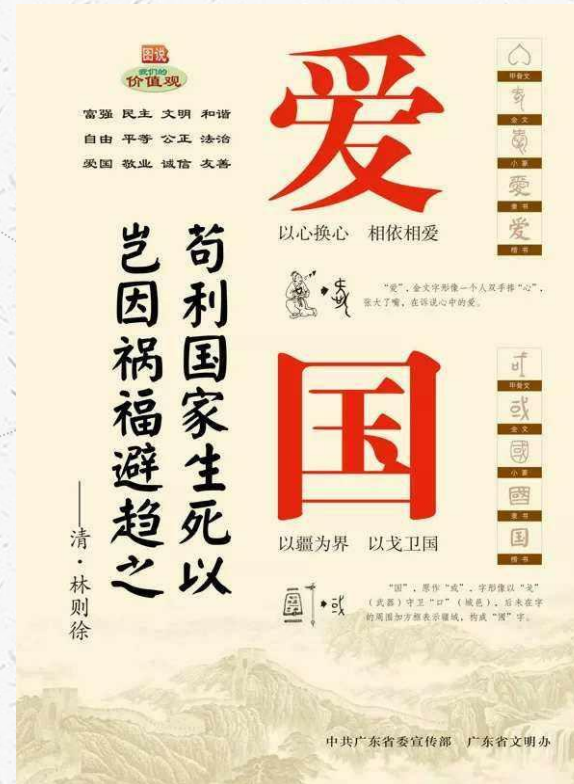


Question: Do we still need  
Chinese swordsman spirit  
in today's society?



# Chinese swordsman spirit in Today's Society

The core of Chinese swordsman spirit is in line with the Core Socialist Values



# Chinese swordsman spirit in Today's Society

The need to inherit and promote our traditional culture



# Chinese swordsman spirit in Today's Society

Artists strive to produce high-quality Chinese swordsmanship works.



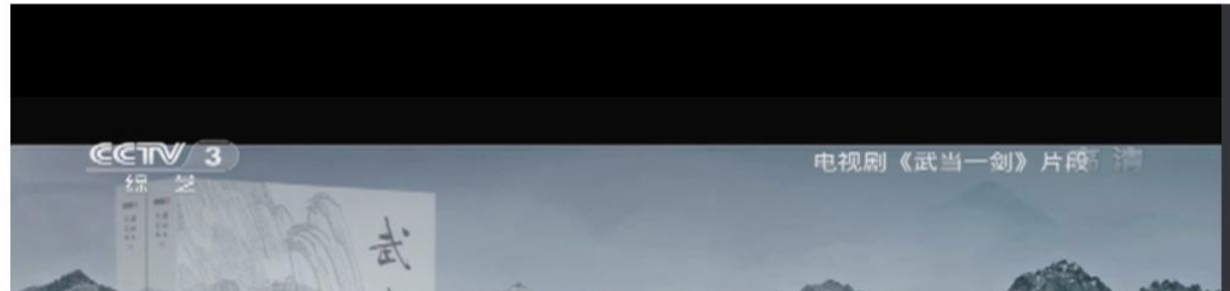
# Chinese swordsman spirit in Today's Society

Literary and artistic workers produce relevant program columns, and martial arts athletes visit and display outside the country.

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