

6 月度土曜例会(2013/06/15)

本日のゲストスピーカーはThomas Kochさん(Cookと発音します)。アメリカはEVANSVILLE, INDIANAの出身。でももう20年も日本にいます。近大農学部の講師で今回彼をIINに紹介されたのはあのペルシャでお馴染みのDalia Anavianさん、趣味は Natural Health Methods, Politics, Economics, Finance. 今回のテーマも "Views of a Changing Japan and a Changing World: A Walk through Recent History... and look at the "Futurry"- (Future +History)" ということで硬そうな内容をどう把握しようか心配でした。その上先生の用意していたパワーポイントが作動せずスピーチをメモするだけではDraft書けそうにない、そうだ、後から資料を送ってもらおうと思いつき例会終了後お願いしたところこんな内容と共に早速送ってくれました。
Dear all of IIN members.

Thank you very much for your hospitality yesterday. I enjoyed it very much. I hope that it was of some benefit to IIN members. I'll look forward to meeting you again. Tom



それゆえ今回のレポートは例会時見ていただけなかった資料を中心に取ります。内容は、

1). My Background 2). The Trivium 3). Japan ... and the US.

1) My Background

BORN - EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, USA 4TH OF 8 CHILDREN (ドイツ系アメリカ人)

US MARINE CORPS - 1971- 1974

- ❖ 1st Lieutenant - Supply Officer
- ❖ Okinawa October 1972 - September 1973

BAHRAIN - UAE Offshore Oil Rigs - 1975 - 1976

TRUCKING COMPANIES Transportation Companies - Sales and Operations - 1976 -1988

JAPAN 1988 - PRESENT Masters in Education - 1992

Kansai University - Part-time 1992 - Present

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HAPPENING??

Wars

Poverty

Freedoms

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE

Government of the Power Elite, by the Power Elite, for the Power Elite

PEOPLE, GOVERNMENT, CORPORATIONS

Versus - Corporations, Government, People

EDUCATION AND SOCIETY

Compulsory, Education – good or bad?

Are we being taught to think clearly?

What comes before thinking?

2) The Trivium

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TRIVIUM

1. *General Grammar - Knowledge – Get the Facts*
2. *Formal Logic – Thinking - Understanding*
3. *Classical Rhetoric – Wisdom - the ability to explain or use the information.*

USING THE TRIVIUM



- ❖ We can learn anything.
- ❖ We will make better decisions.

MEDIA OFTEN PROVIDES

News stories with few details or conflicting information

当日の 2 時間にわたるスピーチ内容を良く思い出
し、これらのチャートと関連付けてご理解下さい。
先生から皆さんにこれらのチャートをぜひ届けて
欲しいとの言付けがありましたので。

3). Japan ... and the US.

AMERICAN OPINION ON IRAQ

- ❖ In May 2003, a Gallup poll - 79% of Americans thought the Iraq War was justified, with or without conclusive evidence of illegal weapons.
- ❖ March 2013 Media and Public Opinion Research Group found that 51.9% of the American public feel that the Iraq War was a mistake.

911 OFFICIAL STORY

- ❖ on the morning of September 11, 2001 19 men armed with box cutters directed by a man on dialysis in a cave fortress halfway around the world using a satellite phone and laptop directed the most sophisticated penetration of the most heavily defended airspace the world. Overpowering the passengers and the military combat training pilots on four commercial aircraft, they flew those planes wildly off course for over an hour without being molested by a single fighter interceptor. These 19 hijackers devoted religious fundamentalist who like to drink alcohol snort cocaine live with pink strippers managed to knock down three buildings with two planes in New York.

LET'S LOOK AT JAPAN

Background

ORDER OF THE GARTER

- ❖ The Meiji emperor receiving the Order of the Garter from Prince Arthur of Connaught in 1906, as a consequence of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.
- ❖ Membership in the Order is strictly limited and includes the monarch, the Prince of Wales, not more than 24 companion members, and various supernumerary members. The monarch alone can grant membership. He or she is known as the *Sovereign of the Garter*, and the Prince of Wales is known as a *Knight Companion of the Garter*.



JAPAN POST-WAR

US Constitution vs. Japanese Constitution.

INDUSTRY: JAPAN VS. AMERICA

- ❖ Japan's post-war economic advantages
- ❖ 1. Facilities.
- ❖ 2. National Health Care. Why didn't have national health care?
- ❖ 3. Deming Management Principles
- ❖ 4. New technology – transistors New vs. Old Factories.

FACILITIES

New factories. The war caused total destruction.

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

- ❖ 2009 - A clear majority of Americans -- 72 percent -- support a government-sponsored health care plan to compete with private insurers.
- ❖ Of 17 high-income countries studied by the National Institutes of Health in 2013, the United States had the highest or near-highest prevalence of infant mortality, heart and lung disease, sexually transmitted infections, adolescent pregnancies, injuries, homicides, and disability. Together, such issues place the U.S. at the bottom of the list for life expectancy. On average, a U.S. male can be expected to live almost four fewer years than those in the top-ranked country.

1. Coverage – US 14% have no health care
2. Costs - In 2008, Japan 8.5% of GDP or US\$2,873 per capita,
Average costs Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

countries average of 9.6%
about half as much as that in the United States

MANAGEMENT

Deming Management Principles

14 principles - Eliminate Fear. Encourage cooperation, life time employment. Provide national health care. Don't fire workers. Isolate bad workers by using the desk by the window

NEW TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ New technology – transistors from Bells Laboratories
- ❖ Sony, Hitachi, Panasonic

POST-BUBBLE JAPAN

- ❖ Pass the manufacturing baton to CHINA.
- ❖ Rejection of Deming Management Principles.
- ❖ Haken vs Life time employment - destruction of consumer base. 60% of GDP

CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION

- ❖ Article 9
- ❖ Article 96
- ❖ Toward a beautiful Japan

PRIME MINISTER ABE'S VIEW OF BEAUTY

- ❖ In an interview posted in May 2012 on the Asahi Plus website, Abe cited, with evident admiration, an essay Mishima wrote four months before his seppuku (ritual samurai disembowelment) at a Tokyo army base in November 1970. "Japan," Mishima wrote, "is no more. In its place is a spiritless, empty, neutral, rich, calculating, economic superpower."
- ❖ It is odd to hear Abe apparently sharing Mishima's distaste for this new (or non-) Japan, given his emphasis as candidate and prime minister on economic recovery. Can a rich Japan be a beautiful Japan? Few Japanese have ever thought so. The traditional equation was of beauty with poverty.
- ❖ <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/life/2013/05/12/general/beauty-as-beheld-in-japan-through-the-ages/#.UbvFD5zsuPQ>

AESOP FABLE

YEAR - 620 AND 560 BCE

- ❖ The Fox and The Crow

A Fox once saw a Crow fly off with a piece of cheese in its beak and settle on a branch of a tree.

"That's for me, as I am a Fox," said Master Reynard, and he walked up to the foot of the

tree. "That will do," said he. "That was all I wanted. In exchange for your cheese I will give you a piece of advice for the future: "Do not trust flatterers."

"Good day, Ms Crow," he cried. "How well you are looking today: how glossy your feathers; how bright your eye. I feel sure your voice must surpass that of other birds, just as your figure does; let me hear but one song from you that I may greet you as the Queen of Birds."

The Crow lifted up her head and began to caw her best, but the moment she opened her mouth the piece of cheese fell to the ground, only to be snapped up by Master Fox.

JAPAN FUTURY

- ❖ Possible future – Some believe that Japan's future is already written.
- ❖ A changed constitution - Japan capable of engaging in war
- ❖ Japanese companies with more factories overseas
- ❖ Fewer permanent jobs - Increased use of 'haken' workers.. --Especially for women.

HOW TO MAKE A BETTER FUTURE

- ❖ Use the TRIVIUM
- ❖ Grammar – Knowledge - know the facts
- ❖ Logic – Understanding - understanding the situation
- ❖ Rhetoric – Wisdom – the ability to use the information in practical ways.
- ❖ KEEP AN OPEN MIND - Be aware of our biases

THE NEW MOTTO

- ❖ Rewrite the motto
- ❖ LEARN X THINK X ACT

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

