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On Culture

In this issue Gwynfor Evans argues in favour of autonomy for Wales as a means to save Welsh culture – a few weeks ago he said to me that he would not be in politics were it not for the Welsh language and culture. Also John Seymour writes that English culture has a unique contribution to make even now and should not be left to die a British death.

No one can exist without a culture. It is natural that we should appreciate and love the culture into which we are born and in passion may declare that ours is the richest, the best culture. Culture is like a mother; we cannot choose her but we may think that she is the best in the world. As long as we keep our opinion to ourselves and do not impose it on others there is no danger in having a high regard for one's own culture.

Only those who accept the importance of their culture can bring about cultural revolution to shake off the dust set on society. Gandhi who was truly devoted to India and its culture attacked one of the pillars of the Hindu culture – the caste system. Mao Tse Tung, a devotee of Chinese culture, severely criticised Confucius without whom one cannot think of Chinese culture.

Cultural Revolution is not cultural rejection. Those who reject their culture can have neither the means nor the authority to change it. The great danger to all ethnic cultures stems from mass production, mass consumption and the mass media which is made possible by manipulative modern science and technology about which E.F. Schumacher writes.

Politics and economics come and go but culture is of fundamental importance. Culture is like religion, it is a deep source of renewal for the individual and the society. Like religion culture is not static, it is evolving with our continuous experience. *Satish Kumar.*