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原文: All this struggling and striving to make the world better is a great mistake; not because it isn't a good thing to improve the world if you know how to do it, but because striving and struggling is the worst way you could set about doing anything.

-- George Bernard Shaw

翻译:所有让这个世界变得更好的"死磕"都是一个巨大的错误,不是因为以死磕的方式去改变世界不好,而是因为"死磕"其实是一种特别糟糕的做事心态。 (意译)

*整句话的内涵:

现在好像人人都在讲"死磕精神",但一旦你对某件事情产生了

"死磕"的想法,其实一开始你就输了,因为你内心深处是抗拒它的。萧伯纳应该想告诉我们,要想做成一件事,首先要理顺自己的心态,不能带着消极的心态去死磕,而是应该先培养兴趣,享受其中,方可水到渠成。

*分析:

1. All this struggling and striving to make the world better is a great mistake

所有让这个世界变得更好的"死磕"都是一个巨大的错误,

- 1) struggling and striving 是两个动名词,字面意思是表示"努力"和"奋斗",好像是褒义词,但萧伯纳先生是反对他们的,所以咱们翻译成中文的时候,可以意译为"死磕"。
- 2) "to make the world better":不定式作后置定语,"让世界变得更好的",在中文中,要置于核心名词的前面
- 3) "is a great mistake" :是一个巨大的错误,这句比较简单。
- 2. but because striving and struggling is the worst way you could set about doing anything.

不是因为以死磕的方式去改变世界不好,

- 1) it 在这里是个形式主语,真实主语是 to improve the world, 为了避免头重脚轻,原序:not because [to improve the world if you know how to do (主语)] isn't a good thing
- 2) if you know how to do:字面意思是"如果你知道怎样去做", 就是"以死磕的方式去改变世界的做法",如果这里直译出来很不通顺,故须意译。
- 3. but because striving and struggling is the worst way you could set about doing anything.

而是因为"死磕"其实是一种特别糟糕的做事心态。

- 1) striving and struggling is the worst way:"死磕是最糟糕的方式"
- 2) you could set about doing anything:这是一个定语从句,省略了引导词 that, 先行词是 way;在中文中,要把这个定语前置
- 3) set about doing anything:开始去做任何事情
- 4)整句话直译:"而是因为死磕是你开始做任何事情的最糟糕的方式",这样也很不通,意译一下:"而是因为"死磕"其实是一种特别糟糕的做事心态。"

最后再对照学习一遍:

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