

# “WHY PEARL BUCK MATTERS”

J.K. Starley Award Acceptance Speech by J. Garrett Smith

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## INTRODUCTION

The slogan of Seattle Pacific University is “*Engaging the Culture – Changing The World*”.

Along that motive, “The J.K. Starley Award” has been established to recognize Excellence in Applying Natural Science to Achieve Social Justice.

J. Garrett Smith, ALB, CC, PE, is a Professionally–Licensed. Award–Winning, Mechanical Engineer and Chief Technology Officer of Concentric Industries, Inc., a syndicated corporation with patented developments on all 7 Continents for the world’s most pure and efficient production of Energy, Food, Air and Water.

He is currently being held as a political prisoner by Washington State officials to hide their hypocritical and criminal sabotage of his worldwide greenTECH business.

SPU is pleased to present the 2019 J.K. Starley Award to J. Garrett Smith, for his pioneering work and intrepid devotion to bridging the gaps between Economics, Ecology and Society.

Please help me welcome J. Garrett Smith.

{following is a transcript of Smith’s Acceptance Speech, entitled “WHY PEARL BUCK MATTERS”}

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“Thank you 9<sup>th</sup> Wave Toastmasters and SPU. I am especially humbled to receive the J.K. Starley Award because my work means nothing without the participation of others.

As John Donne wrote, “No man is an Island”, and Ernest Hemingway eloquently quoted for the title of his masterpiece about the Spanish Civil War, “Don’t ask ‘For Whom The Bell Tolls’, (because) it tolls for thee”.

So, tonight, I bring a call to action.

## 'Why Pearl Buck Matters'

In 1943 Los Angeles, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Pearl S. Buck challenged a Town Hall forum, "Because you in California face the Pacific and Asia, you among us have the crux in your hands: you can, by what you decide, be a barrier, or you can be a gateway, to a new and better world for us and for all peoples."

Tonight, more than 75 years later, her words could not be more relevant.

Seattle and Honolulu are especially crucial places because the center of world geopolitical power has shifted to the Pacific, where a resurging Asia is racing back the other way.

China is revitalizing its ancient maxim of 'tianxia', or "all under Heaven", as it dynamically pulls itself and all of Asia back to the core of leadership in civilization.

It is all too easy to America-centricize the geo-social engineering might of the 'BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE' and fear its trillion-dollar ambit.

But if John Perkins taught us anything in "*Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*", it must be that 'debt-trap diplomacy' was part of the United States' playbook; moreover, that the Monroe Doctrine has failed because the "zero sum game" has left both sides of the vast Pacific wanting.

So, why not embrace the "Win-Win" ideals of "ALL GAIN SUM™" that are being refreshed in the worldview of 'tianxia' that is rising against the evils of poverty and the lie of lack on the wave of the Truth of Abundance?

Because that's really the choice now before us.

We really can pave "*The New Silk Roads*" mapped recently by Peter Frankopan, so that they lead to Commonwealth. Indeed, the legend has already been charted, reinforcing Buck's echoing question, "BARRIER OR GATEWAY?"

Because, as Parag Khanna declares in his recent exposé on the latent forces already too salient to ignore: "*The Future Is Asian*", and future winners will be whoever "best scales new technologies and business models".

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Ironically, it is much of the West, including America, that is utterly failing to see the shockingly simple key to True Prosperity that only requires humankind to live, in Neil Peart's anthemic words, "*Closer To The Heart*".

To get there, Buck gave us a starting point in "*The Good Earth*", her epic tale of an intrepid Chinese agri-entrepreneur and his resiliently loyal wife. The title itself invokes the axiom that any stable success requires Ecological Stewardship in order to cultivate durable Economic Prosperity. And we know that this abundance must be founded on Social Justice and Spiritual Truth for it to truly last.

Which all sounds good, but what if we think we have the answers, but it's the questions we have wrong?

What if people aren't the problem, but poverty is?

What if air and water could be cleaner coming out of power plants, factories and farms than going in?

What if the 'BELT & ROAD' isn't so much about China, but about the whole world working together to build equality?

Then, doesn't it make sense that the Continent where 2 Nations alone (China and India) contain over 40% of the world's people would be the natural place to start?

So, let's embrace this unprecedented call to celebrate Asia and Oceania and champion their amazing peoples.

Let's begin again by inserting into the 'BELT & ROAD' equation proven and profitable methods to efficiently create pure Energy, Food, Air & Water from ubiquitous fuels and wastes.

Because humankind's gravest challenges are borderless: hunger, dehydration, pollution, disease and climate.

But real, pragmatic solutions REALLY DO exist, right NOW, so let's synchronize in *Resonance*<sup>®</sup> with total success for ALL People + the Planet.

While much of the USA sleeps and sabotages its creativities, what better time and place to foster technologies that simultaneously

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create TOTAL success, Economically, Ecologically, Socially and Spiritually?

Who has the courage "2S.E.E."™ the Bigger Picture?

Because these vanguards are the harbingers of the future of Energy, Food, Air & Water everywhere. And that means they are inherently the best and most convergent pathways to enduring social victories.

That's why we have before us the unprecedented opportunity to seize this day, not hide from it, and join Asia to invigorate the world.

Here's Truth: the less you concern yourself with yourself, the more important you realize you are.

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Each of us has a ROLE to play, so let's finally respond to Pearl Buck's great ask, and BE the gateway to a new and better world for us and for all peoples.

Let's live SPU's credo and Engage the Culture to Change the World.

Thank you, and Good Evening."

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'JMS' in a stylized, cursive font. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line that spans the width of the page.

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