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THE AIR-CON MAN HAS NO AIR-CON! LESSONS FROM CHINA AND INDIA.

(Excerpts from the Book Pieces of China, by Jerry Finch)

The following paragraphs are probably both humorous and sad, but nevertheless it's worth including in this Digest of Chinese life today.

It has been my experience in China at two different times to have air conditioners installed in my humble apartment. On both occasions, the personnel sent by the air-conditioner supplier were very precious and diligent personnel. We had (Chinese) tea together and we also chatted about family and suchlike. All in all, it was an interesting experience for me. To get to know these air conditioner people and see their hard-working and diligent approach to their job, really endeared me to them. Truly this kind of Chinese people are very precious and my heart goes out to them.

One thing I discovered, and perhaps this is really not an

anomaly, neither in China nor on the rest of the world, but I discovered that these hard-working 'air conditioner installers', themselves lived in homes or apartments which themselves have no air-conditioning! In both cases, the weather was above 30 degrees on a daily basis. As far as I was concerned, this was hot, unpleasant and sweaty without an Aircon! Why is this?

people like you and me, themselves live with their wife and one child in small apartments where they have no access to cool air, which they themselves install all day long? This is a paradoxical question!! As long as China and some other nations have people like this, willing to do this kind of work, then China is guaranteed economic success, (unless they screw up in some other ways)!



WHY?

How come in the 21st century these people who themselves install air conditioners for

Does it ever cross the mind of these air conditioner installers to ask these questions themselves? I am not sure, and I also don't have the heart to ask them. Perhaps you can ask them? But the time may come when such air conditioner installers will rise up and

demand air conditioners or some such similar type of change in society. If that demand takes on popularity like the Tai Ping Rebellion of the 19th Century then you can be sure China will never be the same.

Perhaps this strange set of circumstances parallels the rather odd fact that in India, it is the poor Rajasthani or Bihari or some other 'i' and their families who build the mansions for the rich and famous in Delhi or Mumbai or Kolkata! I will never forget living in India, and seeing these poor and lower castes building palaces for the rich. They lived and worked in the hulls and skeletons of the palaces they themselves were building for the rich. **They lived there and slept there and set up their own temporary home there for several months, along with their small children, 'enjoying' them for a short time (without**

air conditioners) in 40 degree daytime heat and 30 degree night time heat, the future luxury that the future owners would take for granted.

Somehow this left an indelible impression upon my poor young soul. As soon as the mansion was basically finished, the workers would move on to their next assignment! Forever remaining



poor, and forever building mansions for the rich and usually lasting physically about 50 years in their mortal bodies in the heat of what is India! If you do meet air conditioner people, or others of similar paradoxical jobs in China, or India I hope you will please be very kind to them.

And here are some powerful scriptures which help us understand God's viewpoint about all this. **

Isaiah 1:17

Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.

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