

A Study of Gu Zhun — The Thinking Passage of a Chinese Communist Intellectual

Abstract

Gu Zhun, as a thinker from 1950s' to 1970s', is well acknowledged in China now. This thesis focuses on his life experiences and thought, especially analyzes his life changes and the formation of his thought. This thesis tries to describe Gu Zhun's contribution to and role in the history of modern Chinese thought.

The thesis is composed of three parts: introduction, analysis and conclusion. The introduction section i.e. chapter 1 mainly includes the motives and purposes of this research, a general view of its related research, its approach and methodology, and the structure of the thesis. The analysis section contains three parts. The first part i.e. chapter 2 and 3 are mainly on his life, which answers the following two questions. Why did he give up his raising career as an accountant and take the way of Chinese communist revolution? Why did he become a critical thinker after the middle of 1950s'? The second part of the thesis i.e. chapter 4 and 5 is the research on Gu Zhun's thought, including the basis of his thought, his economic ideas and social political ideas. The third part i.e. chapter 6 is to interpret the extensive debate of Gu Zhun's thought, which occurred in the Chinese intellectual circles in the middle of 1990s'. The conclusion of the thesis i.e. chapter 7 has three components: first to present the development process of his thought, and the applied theory resources; secondly to show the value and significance of his thought in the history of Chinese thought; finally to further elaborate on Gu Zhun's life and thought.

【Keywords】 Gu Zhun, intellectual, thinker, history of modern Chinese thought