

“The Book of Changes”

CALLING ON THE *I Ching* of Confucius, this editor finds it pertinent to remind conservatives that while we are perhaps not as fond of change as liberals, yet we cannot deny that changes inevitably and incessantly do occur. It is the role of conservatives to make the citizenry aware, however, that all change is not necessarily reform and that there must be some accepted standard or norm against which we can measure a change as “good” or “bad”; and with this in mind we step forward gladly in favor of “good changes,” as Confucius himself admonished.

The “good changes” herein considered certainly must be so regarded, and this editor joins with E. Victor Milione, the chief executive of ISI—the owners of *Modern Age*—to announce their effective with this issue:

Mr. John F. Lulves, Jr., long time and gifted executive vice president of ISI, who with enthusiasm and limitless talents has already assumed the duties, is appointed publisher of *Modern Age*. Under his direction the journal through a continuing exhaustive promotion program has for the first time achieved a readership of over 10,000 persons; Mr. Lulves envisions a further considerable expansion in the not distant future. All editors, editorial advisors and others associated with the publication welcome him “aboard” and send him copious thanks for his concentrated efforts on our behalf.

Prof. George A. Panichas of the English Department of the University of Maryland has been appointed book review editor in addition to his post as associate editor. Prof. Panichas has already for some time been lending his capable services in this work during the illness of Mr. Lalley, and for this the gratitude of all knows no bounds. Prof. Panichas has long been associated with *Modern Age* as a writer, editorial advisor and associate editor. His dedication and sense of mission combine with his high skills as a man of letters and *vrai littérateur* to give us an exceedingly worthy successor to Mr. Lalley.

Mr. Joseph M. Lalley with this issue retires as book review editor but continues as as-

sociate editor. Mr. Lalley has given us 16 years of the most professional talent available in book reviewing. Indeed this person, “a prince among gentlemen,” has been the best of the finest for us. We can only give him one thousand and one thanks for his years as a teacher, good friend, and supremely able editor and writer. *Hail!* to you, Mr. Lalley, and again thank you!

And finally we appoint two new editorial associates, whose work has contributed immeasurably to *Modern Age*: Miss Brigitte Vogel of ISI, who with constant attentions to the needs of the publication in the “front office” has greatly eased and facilitated our “smooth running”; and Miss Mary E. Slayton, whose tireless work in the book review section has made it “come off” as it should. They join Mrs. Elisabeth H. Manly, our long time production editor, without whose efficiencies and keen attention to detail the journal would have ceased long ago.

If there be two or three words or phrases which best capture the mood of all those mentioned above, they would be “dedication,” “conviction,” and “sense of mission.” Without these *Modern Age* does not succeed; without these neither ISI nor the mission itself succeeds. The Far Left, however misguided, learned this lesson long ago. We finally are learning it, too, if only slowly. Thus our “Book of Changes” does function and grow for the good.

Finally this editor wishes once again to express the most sincere and profound thanks of all *Modern Age* well wishers to E. Victor Milione, John Lulves, Robert R. Reilly, and the Board of Trustees of ISI, whose loyal support of the journal has made our continuance possible. We think we serve a highly needed and worthy mission, but this counts for naught if we do not have the loyalty of our supporters. Mr. Milione and Mr. Lulves and the Board lead this troop now including some 10,000 readers strong!

—DAVID S. COLLIER