# On Wang Zengqi's aesthetics of seasonal life and his humanitarian lyricism -- starting from the description of plants in summer

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**Abstract.** In youth we learn; In old age we understand. Life is as colorful and wonderful as the plants that are full of life in summer. Wang Zengqi described and depicted plants in different seasons in the chapters of "spring and autumn of plants", "autumn flowers in Beijing", "summer", "winter", "crape myrtle", "wintersweet", "Grass and trees on earth". He is always able to find the beauty of life from the ordinary existence, and can resonate with the flowers, insects, fish, birds and animals everywhere. Wang Zengqi's works are full of love and treasure for life. Based on the description of plants in "summer", this paper analyzes the aesthetics of seasonal life and humanitarian feelings in Wang Zengqi's works.

#### 1. Introduction

Wang Zengqi has a wide range of knowledge, interests and profound traditional culture. He likes painting and calligraphy, likes to talk about medicine, and has a very deep research on drama and folk literature and art. His prose works are abundant, and his style is insipid and simple. This is also because Wang Zengqi himself is indifferent to fame and wealth, detached from vulgarity, does not follow the trend and pursue fame and wealth. Although sometimes deep adversity, still optimistic, go forward. He defined his prose writing as ordinary people and ordinary things in his life, which also satisfied the cultural mentality and expectation of the Chinese public. His prose is seldom imbued with ideas, but it can really shock people's hearts.

## 2. Colorful life: description of color of summer scenery

In summer, Wang Zengqi mentioned Gardenia jasminoies, Magnolia flower, Pearl Orchid, morning glory, okra, Impatiens balsamina, purslane, Green bristlegrass, Leonurus, Lophatherum gracile, Xanthium, Zoysia materlla and so on. Gardenias are thick and big, and the fragrance is intoxicating; Magnolia flowers are half bioom, tender and dripping, and the fragrance is quiet, but they are somewhat sweet and vulgar; morning glory is wet and withered; the stem of Impatiens is very thick, both single and double; Lophatherum gracile open light blue flowers, like little butterflies, leaves like willow leaves and very soft. people's lives just like summer that there are many kinds of plants. There are not only the time when gardenias are in full bloom, but also the time when white orchids are in plain living. There are the life of dogged growth like bagen grass, the life of fleeting life like morning glory. There are the time when people are treated as gentle as light bamboo leaves, and the time when people are bored as canger ears. Wang Zengqi has a thorough understanding of the ups and downs that people may encounter in their life. Life is as colorful as the plants growing in summer. There are both smooth roads and bumpy narrow roads. Just as there is not only one flower blooming in summer, people's life will not remain in a state forever. A single flower is not spring, a hundred flowers bloom in spring. A smooth life or a bumpy life is not a life. Only through ups and downs can you be a real life. With this faith, we can hew out a stone of hope from the mountain of despair.

## 3. Independent personality: Fragrance description of Gardenia

When describing gardenias, he wrote: gardenias are thick and big, and they are so fragrant that they

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can't be dusted, so they are not taken by elegant people, who think their character is not high. Even if the literati only love chrysanthemum, peony and lotus, gardenia is still in full bloom proudly, blooming warmly and brilliantly. In the world, there are also some people who are famous for their talents. Although they have won a lot of people's appreciation, there are also some people who will speak ill of each other. Jealousy to the extreme becomes the harm to others, gossip is a sharp sword, a careless will destroy a talented person. As the saying goes, "people are afraid of being famous, pigs are afraid of being strong ", so are people. However, we can't interfere with other people's right to speak. What we can do is to maintain our own independent personality, keep our inner purity and cleanness in the troubled world, and not be affected by gossip or defiled by worldliness. Never forget why you started, and your mission can be accomplished.

## 4. Indomitable firm belief: the description of the form of Zoysia materlla

Wang Zengqi wrote in summer: there is a kind of "bagen grass" there. It is long and close to the ground, and it can be seen that the seam is rooted. A grass spreads and grows a lot of roots, horizontal and vertical, a large area, and it is very tenacious and pulling constantly. Tenacious life, even if suffering from wind and rain, will still be born to the sun. They will not compromise to the bad environment, but constantly look for the hope of survival in adversity. As a famous saying goes, "give me a fulcrum, and I will pry the whole earth." As long as a gap is given to "bagen grass", it will take root and sprout rapidly and grow rapidly until it covers the ground and is forced to pull continuously. The life that has experienced setbacks and tribulations will be more tenacious. Every setback is to improve oneself and enrich self nutrition. Every failure is the cornerstone of success. As long as we have a firm belief, indomitable and positive, we will succeed one day. Failure is the foundation of success;Success is the lurking place of failure. When you are suffering, you will eventually forge your own tenacious vitality. When you encounter setbacks again, you will not be easily defeated by difficulties, but will be more frustrated and braver, and more courageous.

#### 5. Summary

"When I go to a new place, I don't like shopping in department stores, but I like shopping in the vegetable market. The vegetable market has more life atmosphere." Wang Zengqi's prose creation is inseparable from his real life experience. He can always feel the beauty of life in three meals a day and four seasons. Maybe in his view, every day of life is beautiful. Even if there are dark clouds sometimes, there will always be a clear day. Don't be afraid of the shadow in front of you. It's because of the sunshine behind you. He passed an extraordinary philosophy of life to us with ordinary daily trivia - "if by life you were deceived, don't be dismal, don't be wild. In the day of grief, be mind. Merry days will come, believe.

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