

Unification Thought on Political Power

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In general, the political power is the ability to shape and control the political behavior of others and to lead and guide their behavior in the direction desired by the person, group, or institution wielding the political power. In contrast, Unification Political Thought, power is a power of sharing true love for freedom, peace, harmony, and happiness as brothers and sisters in a global family centering on God, true parents of all human kind through the principle of give and receive action and the principle of four position foundation.

Unification Thought affirmed that God created human beings and all things as His object partners of love. In this sense, the power is the force of love from God. Thus, political power according to this explanation is the love to dominate or govern to realize the purpose of creation by fulfilling the three great blessings through the principle of give and receive action and four position foundation.

(1) The Origin of Political Power

First of all, let us examine the origin of power. According to Unification Thought, the origin of power is 'love.' Love originated from God. Human beings are created through the principle of love, and they are meant to live according to the way of the principle. In the Principle of Creation of the Divine Principle, God created human beings with the power of love. God's love is in a subject position to all loves, which in a position of object partner. The relationship between subject and object partner generate through give and receive action. God governs human beings through love. Thus, the principle of give and receive action manifested in a political power is the relationship of governing or dominating to become an ideal person, an ideal family, and ideal of dominion over the natural world.

The political power of governing to become an ideal individual is referred to every individual in human society must lead their lives in accordance to the give and receive action of their mind and body. Whereby, the mind is a subject partner to the body as a object partner centering on God's love. When a person completely united of mind and body, his/her daily life is never commit any action which against the public interest or harm to others. Similarly, in a political power, an individual became a respectful, reliable, and influential person to people around as well as to family and society. Reverend Sun Myung Moon upholds a strong view of individual sovereignty. One of his favorite maxims is "I am my own Lord in all heaven and earth. Reverend Moon himself is a strong individualist who listens to no one other than God in every social, religious, and political convention.

The political power of governing to become an ideal family is the power of the relationship between husband and wife united in oneness centering on God's love through give and receive action. In a political power, the ideal family became a great model, a valuable, and an important cell for a community and a nation. The rights and powers, or sovereignty, granted the individual by relationship with one's grandparents, parents, brothers and sisters, spouse, children and grandchildren. The political power in the domination over the natural world, in this sense is love of human beings to govern over the material world, and natural world based on a relationship of giving and receiving joy and happiness. When human life resonates with nature, human character can blossom in perfection. Power of love is a true dominion for a good government.

(2) Structure of Political Power

The structure of political power, according to Unification Thought could be seen through the pattern after the structure of a perfect human being. The ideal world, to be built by fully mature people is to resemble the structure and functions of a perfect individual. The perfect individual, as mentioned at the previous chapter is the unity of mind and body through give and receive action centering on God. Thus, the structure of political power can observe through human body. The central coordinating of the body as a whole. The body exists in order to support the overall purpose of the individual person. The brain and central nervous system coordinate the body's in pursuit of the purpose. The brain and central nervous system is representing as a government who abide by the desire of God and transmitted peace, unification, freedom, and happiness to people in society. Divine Principle stated that: Just as the commands of the brain are transmitted to every part of the body through the peripheral nervous system branching out from the spinal cord, in the ideal world God's guidance is conveyed to the entire society through Christ, who corresponds to the spinal cord, and God-loving leader, who correspond to the peripheral nervous system.

Observed to the three branches of government, the legislative, judicial and executive, in the ideal world will interact harmonious and principled relationship when they follow God's guidance as conveyed through Christ and people of God. It is similar to the human body, the lungs, heart and stomach maintain harmonious interaction in accord with the direction of the brain, transmitted through the spinal cord and

the peripheral nervous system. The stomach represented as executive, the lungs represented as legislative, and the heart represented judicial.

Seen these three structures of political power, especially in democracy societies, originally they display their qualities and functions with the responsibilities under the command of God's word. Substantially, they transmitted through the constitution which written in accordance with the Word of God. Thus, the principle of give and receive action in the structure of political power is the relationship of a Godist constitution with legislative, executive and judicial for the realization of ideal domination.

(3) The Separation of Power

The concept of the separation of powers is dated back to Montesquieu (1689-1755), a leading thinker of the Enlightenment. It sought to prevent the concentration of political power in the hands of a single individual or institution, as was the case with political absolutism. According to Divine Principle, the separation of powers was to be characteristic of the political structure of the ideal society which God has been working to realize. It means that the three branches of government the legislative, judicial and executive branches interacted in harmonious and principled relationships based on God's guidance. It is conveyed through True Parents and perfect people.

Observed to the four limbs of the body, they move according to the commands of the brain for the welfare of the individual as a whole. For the human society, the economic institutions is play in very important role in the ideal world correspond to the desire of God and promote the welfare to the entire society. The principle said that: in the ideal world, because people's horizontal relationships with each other are rooted in their vertical relationship with God, they will form one integrated and interdependent society in which they share all their joys and sorrows. It is the same as brothers and sisters in the same family centering the same parents, who share the same common life goal, the happiness.

The principle of four position foundation, as DP mentioned is the fundamental foundation of goodness and existence. This principle is formed base on the foundation of subject and object partner which projected from the origin, God and their union. Thus, in a political power, according to this principle is referred to the love to govern for establishing ideal society.

The political power as mentioned earlier, related to the government's branches; the legislative, executive and judicial. Power derived from God, manifested through love. The origin of political power, according to the principle of four position foundations, the origin is Godist constitution, the subject and object partner is the government and it branches, and the union is prosperity for entire society. It is applied in the same form to the structure of power as well as to the principle of separation of power.