

Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity And Universal Values Centered On Godism

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A condition is needed to have interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values. It has to be centered on Godism. We have to trust, believe and want to follow Godism and God. Only when we are prepared to do that will we be able to succeed. If we don't want to do it, as much as we talk about interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, nothing will change. Based on Godism and God's heart I will speak about interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.

In history when we talked about creating an ideal world, people tried different ways, including capitalism and communism. They have been working hard around the world to create an ideal

world, but they have not been able to do that. I will try to explain why they were not able to do that through the theme interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.

Political systems

There are now four different types of thought, capitalism, socialism–communism, the theory of evolution and liberal democracy. None of these fields of thought have God at their center. Did America become the number one nation by living with liberal democracy? Capitalism emerged at the beginning of the eighteenth century. It started with Adam Smith, who spoke about monarchy and said that with monarchy each individual has to be able to live as he or she desires. At that time, the monarchs were living as they wanted but the people were not living freely.

Adam Smith wanted to start a system that begins with individuals first -- the people of the nation. If they live well, the nation will improve. Under capitalism, which is about how money is used, we need to reduce the selfishness of the country. Many things developed in the eighteenth century. For more than three hundred years up to that time, nothing had changed. To say things have improved, we have to see that the daily lives of the people improved. Some people were not able to eat well. This is bad for the health of the nation. We don't come here to suffer. We want to live well. Any of those economic thoughts should be able to discuss how we are going to live well. We have to find a way that everyone can live well.

At the moment, everything is going the other way. The poor are becoming poorer and the rich are becoming richer. The situation of people who don't have money is worsening. They are living like beggars. You might reflect, What kind of world is this? What happened to human values? If we do not correct this, a wonderful world will never come. That's what Karl Marx explained. That is why so many revolutions arose at that time. The revolutionaries were trying so hard to bring change in their lives, but nothing happened.

Capitalism didn't help; a capitalist society is not the answer. One percent of the people were living well but the rest had terrible lives at that time. This was the case with the Agrarian Revolt [in late nineteenth century America]. Karl Marx spoke about this as well. We have countries today, North Korea and Vietnam, in which the basic idea is that money should not be held by the people. The nation should control the money and share it with everyone. In the Soviet Union at the beginning of the Communist Revolution, people often went dancing and drinking, happily thinking that everyone was receiving an equal amount of money from the government. North Korea is the only country that is still under a communist system.

A new thought is emerging, environmentalism. We know that God created all of nature, but environmentalists do not think that. They think about the Big Bang and that nature just developed. They do not think that we were created by God; they think that we developed from monkeys and evolution helped so we became who we are today. That's what environmentalism is about. They remove God from the picture, so animals and humans are the same.

If you look at America, two or three hundred years ago, it was not a well-off country. How did they become the strongest country in the world? What system are they using? Democracy. They created a

democratic country by bringing all kinds of people together. They developed a better system than others.

Korea doesn't follow completely what America is doing. In America, they have to follow certain systems; they have to follow certain laws. As they kept following laws, human beings do not have a chance to breathe. In a democracy, if they do not help the poor it looks as if democratic countries are failing, so democracies are trying their best to help people. Alexander Hamilton created a system so that the nation could be strong. America became a great America through the laws and systems Alexander Hamilton introduced [when he was the US secretary of the treasury]. It became the strongest country in the world.

Capitalists have been working hard for three hundred years, but capitalism still has many problems. The gap between the rich and the poor is large. Everything is focused on materialism. If you have money, everything is fine. They revere money. They do not think about good ethics or a good life, principals or values. I'm not saying that is true only in America. Here in Korea, this is the situation. Everyone has many complaints; they have many problems. If they only had more money everything would be solved.

What about Communism? What is Communism about? Basically they removed God from everything. They want everything to go to the nation, everything to go to the person above. This is the kind of system they have. People have been working very hard to develop different systems but nothing is working. The nation needs to have the money, but the party that is in power at the time is taking everything. That's why we can't find happiness or enjoyment in a beautiful country because people are just living for money.

With democracy, everyone has a different idea about what it is and what ethics and values are associated with it. When we think about North Korea and South Korea, they have different systems, they have different thoughts; they are so far apart. How can they unite? People fight because they have different thoughts. Even between a wife and a husband, when they have different views, they fight. It's not easy because they are completely different from us. We have to change the system. We are all brothers and sisters. We have to begin speaking about us as brothers and sisters and bringing the parent, Heavenly Parent into the picture. That's our standpoint. We need to talk about Godism, interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.

How is reunification even possible?

Interdependence is about living together. But because communists don't accept God, do not think about God, we have to find a way to make them understand that the fact that I am alive here on earth is because of God, and when I leave this world, I will be going back to God. If they say, God does not exist, we have nothing to talk about. We have to interact with the love, the heart, of Heavenly Parent. Then, we can do something.

Please say this: "We will all die." We should not live in this world as if we will be here for thousands of years. No! Don't think that you should just live well. We should live for others because whether we like it or not, at seventy, eighty, ninety or a hundred we will die, so there is no reason to live only for oneself.

We have to change the idea of what it means to be living well. For example, to live well, we have to think that the cosmos is God's country. I am here but I am "borrowing" this place. I am in the Land of God and I will go back to God. When you think like that you have to begin to return the "money" back to somebody. If you see somebody that is poor, not living as well as you, you have to support the person. That is what the children of God are like.

The more children you have, the better you can understand God's heart. True Mother had thirteen children. She helped them grow and saw them grow. Her heart could only become bigger. She can embrace more people and has love for more people. She is a mother who wants to give love. This is the principle of interdependence. It is not because I am here, so I will live in the way I want. It is about living for others. True Father, for example, I have never seen heard that he ever ate lunch alone. He always wanted to share with others. That's a parent's heart. We need that heart. That's why we have to attend workshops.

What does it mean when we say "interdependence"? It doesn't mean we have nothing for ourselves. Interdependence means I work hard and I want to become a wonderful person and then help others. If you don't have any talents, you're not able to do anything. That's why you have to try very hard to develop yourself. Increase your talents, live well and live for others. Use the surplus you produce to help others. If you have the money you could provide a scholarship to a young person so that they might grow up and be like you.