The Immovable vs the Movable God

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Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. Isaiah 1:17

We are the hand-picked champions of God who are called to the mission of liberating not only ourselves and not only this world and mankind; our mission includes the liberation of God Himself. Don't you feel good when you hear this? Actually doing this is not easy. Truly it is even harder than dying, because you have to go down to the bottom of human misery to live. I have been walking that path for thirty years and I have secured my own liberation, salvation and resurrection. I do not need any more, but as I said, until I bring the world together and liberate God I cannot stop. No matter what persecution may come to me I shall go on; nobody can stop me. SMM, The Realm of Resurrection, 4-3-77

Dear

At the beginning of the service Hyung Jin Nim explained that this is a dangerous time for our nation. It will determine whether America descends into socialist tyranny. South



Pro-Trump, anti-Xi Xinping Demonstrations in Tokyo

Korea is going that way. Our brothers and sisters in Japan and Korea are demonstrating every week for the defense of freedom and for President Trump. Pray for them!

It has been said, you can vote yourself into socialism, but you have to shoot your way out. There are 424,000 followers of the <u>Newstown youtube channel in South Korea</u>. Its founder openly advocates 2nd Amendment rights there.

Hyung Jin Nim encouraged all to sign up for the new 7 week online <u>Rod of Iron Patriot class</u> starting on June 22. He doesn't want his future grandson to live in a totalitarian state. That is why True Father led a worldwide movement to critique and oppose Communism. The first day of a <u>3 day workshop at the Sanctuary Church on July 18-20</u>



will be devoted to study of CAUSA/ Victory over Communism information. 2nd Gen educators will lead the last two days with discussions of the Divine Principle.

Robert Pickell shared a moving testimony about meeting the 2nd King and Queen when they moved to NE Pennsylvania in 2013. How wonderful it is that we can attend the one son that True Father anointed and crowned repeatedly before he ascended to the spirit world!

Hyung Jin Nim started his sermon by discussing a passage in Job 10. Job was a mega-millionaire. He owned 7,000 sheep, 500 cows, and 3,000 camels. He seems to be religious and righteous, but became transactional in his relationship to God, thinking he deserved God's blessing.



Robert Pickell

True faith is a relationship with God, in order to become a closer child of God. Not because we want something, but because we're trying to give Him joy. In other religions you pray to the "mountain god" for benefits.

Top-level evangelical scholars are exploring the true nature of our relationship with God. Many are rejecting the Classical Theistic View in which God can see the past, present and future at the same time. This is the Calvinist view that everything is predetermined. We are all actors in a pre-determined script. This implies that God intended for Adam and Eve to fail, the evils of the holocaust, prostitution, slavery, war, etc. But real freedom entails that we have a real option between "A" or "B." America's founders believed that their actions mattered.

Then he discussed philosophical views on "ontology," the realm of metaphysics which studies the nature of existence. There are infinite components of reality or foundational layers of "holding" things up. At the very bottom there must be a "Ground of Being." Atheists say those laws of nature are enough, so you don't need God, but fail to address where those "laws," or even existence itself, come from.



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Aristotle and Aquinas spoke of an "Unmoved Mover," which they view as having no emotions. God cannot change because then He would not be eternal. Therefore, He is ultimately unknowable. Such "mysteries of God" resemble the teachings of Vedantic Hinduism. There could not be a God who has a thought about creating the universe, because then there would be the potentiality not to create. He cannot have real anger or other emotions. God is perfect self -love.

The Predestination view is very compatible with acceptance of a tyrannical state, as suggested in Romans 13. If everything is pre-destined, then why act to make change?

This understanding of God is very different from the view of God in the Gospels, which speak of knowing and interacting with God as a Father, who is affected by us because He is a being of heart and love for His children.



Our experience is that we make real choices in our lives. Conservative principles, which teach that we are responsible for our decisions, also conflict with the classical theistic view.

The Middle Knowledge view (modified Classical view) of Christian apologists like William Lane Craig affirms that God did choose to create. He knows our nature and tastes, and what we are likely to choose.

The Open Theism view emphasizes our real free will and the importance of our actions and choices. God knows our nature, but He cannot know something that is not yet in reality and He is always waiting for our repentance, as shown in many New Testament parables such as the Story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32).

The future has not yet become reality. Our decisions really do matter. Such is the difference between people who choose to act out of self-centered motives and the ones who shout, "give me liberty or give me death!"

May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

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