

The Theory of a Heavenly Unified Korea

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South Korea established a single government in 1948 based on liberal democracy and market economy and has grown into a G11 country. After establishing its own separate government in 1948, North Korea nationalized all land and provided housing, medical care and education for free. At the beginning of the regime, society stabilized, but as Kim Il-Sung established the world's only hereditary communist system, the nation's productivity gradually declined, economic growth slowed, and North Korea finally became the world's poorest country facing a serious economic crisis.

The Chosun Workers Party, heart of North Korean power, was founded on October 13, 1945, and defined Marxism-Leninism as the Party ideology. At the 5th Congress in November 1970, Kim Il-Sung's Juche ideology was first introduced along with Marxism-Leninism. At the 6th Party Congress in November 1980, Marxism-Leninism was eliminated, and the Kim Il-Sung Juche ideology was stipulated as the only party philosophy. Politics for the Kim Il-sung family began, not for the people.

The indoctrination in the ideology of North Korea is well evident in the Chosun national view of history. North Korea is fabricating the history of the nation in line with the history of class struggle. The North Korean version of history starts from a primitive community that shared the means of production, then goes through a class society stained with possession and exploitation of the means of production, culminating in a communist society in which the means of production are commonly shared once again.

Unity through Godism

Looking at the history of the Korean peninsula, the 38th Parallel (DMZ) separating the South and North is not simply a military ceasefire line, but a tense front line separating good and evil values, communism and democracy, the ideologies of idealism and materialism, theism and atheism. In this manner, the confrontation between the two Koreas can be seen as a confrontation of ideologies, philosophies and values.

The philosophy that can unify South Korea and North Korea can be found from neither Communism nor Democracy, which are in extreme confrontation with each other. This is because the two ideologies and systems exclude the other to the extreme. Hence, the solution is bound to be found in a third zone. This is the thought of Godism -- a movement to restore the common origin of both the South and the North. The Godism movement exposes the limitations of both communism and liberal democracy and is calling people to return to the fundamental source of freedom and equality. Godism does not deny or exclude either Democracy or Communism, but seeks to reveal the essence of the two philosophies and thereby unify them. This third way or Godism alone guarantees a future of peace and unity.

Godism in heavenly unified Korea is a movement that claims to restore the *Gyeongcheon* ideal of Gojoseon [the first Korean kingdom founded by Dangun [a legendary figure]]. Since ancient times, Koreans have been a people who serve heaven. The God Koreans served is defined as three-in-one type of god, the three being Hwan-in, Hwanwoong and Hwan-geom. The Chinese character 'In' means fundamental cause. Hwan-in, whose name contains 'in', refers to the source that created this universe, in other words, it can be seen as a traditional Korean expression that refers to the biblical Creator.

According to the founding legend of Gojoseon, Hwanwoong, who was from heaven and Ungnyeo from earth married and gave birth to Korea's founder and first king, Dangun. Dangun represents the united ideology of heaven and earth; this ideology of heaven and earth becomes the starting point of the threefold ideal of *Gyeongcheon* (exalt Heaven), *Hongik Ingan* (broadly benefit humankind), and *Gwangmyeong* (resplendent nation).

Likewise, the heavenly unified Korea ideology must be based on the history of Korean traditions just like the founding ideology of Dangun. It must be a universal ideology that can embrace both the North and the South. It must also be an ideology that can propose a future coordinate for a heavenly unified Korea. The founding theory of a heavenly unified Korea is love God, love humankind and love the nation.

Furthermore, the theory of a heavenly unified Korea is an ideology that can inherit and develop not only Dangun's *Gyeongcheon* ideas, but also the *Hongik* and *Gwangmyeong* ideas. It is a universal ideology that can contribute not only toward the unification of the two Koreas, but also to world peace.

The philosophy of love for God is the spirit of loving God, and this can be said to realize Gyeongcheon, a founding ideal of our people. The philosophy of love for humans is the spirit of loving humanity, and this realizes the Hongik ideal. The philosophy of love for one's nation is the spirit of loving the country, the Gwangmyeong ideal.

The essence of God is shimjeong; God is the being of shimjeong

Genesis 1:27 says, "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." This means that the invisible image of God was embodied through the visible image of Adam and Eve.

If you interpret God's image as traditional Christianity does, as the spirit of Plato's philosophy, it greatly erodes the meaning of the Bible. The Bible clearly defines the image of God as the image of Adam and Eve. Hence, the intangible God is manifested through the visible form of Adam and Eve. Therefore, God would be the intangible True Parent God present with Adam and Eve, while Adam and Eve would be the visible True Parents and the ancestors of human beings. This is the definition of God as the invisible True Parent of humankind.

In terms of attributes, God is a God of dual characteristics, namely the neutral subject of *sung-sang* and *Hyung Sang*. But, in view of the essence of *shimjeong*, God is the True Parent God or Heavenly Parent. As discussed earlier, God is the True Parent of humankind, and God is one God. God is not the God of a specific religion or doctrine, he is the ultimate cause, the ultimate reality whom all have been seeking through their conscience. God is the central point who can unite all humanity across borders, races, religions, languages and cultures.

And because there is only one God, religion is also one. Some religions advocate a personal God while others advocate impersonal truth, but the ultimate reality pursued by all religions is one, the same Heavenly Parent. This is because the starting point of all religions is from one God. Thus, all religions must return to the one God, the starting point. The purpose of religion is for all mankind to become one family, brothers and sisters under one God.

Alternatives to Juche ideology

Regarding the Juche ideology of North Korea, Godism suggests an alternative to the three major Juche ideologies, which is called the Three Great Subjects Thought. According to the Three Great Subjects Thought of Godism, parents are the subject in the family, teachers are the subject at school, and owners are the subject in the workplace, so these are called the three subjects.

However, the conscience, as the center, is a subject that encompasses all three subjects of parent, teacher, and owner. Therefore, the conscience has all three subjects within it, and Godism call these three great subjects of the conscience universally shared values. Universally shared values means moral thought with the universal conscience as the subject.

Therefore, God, the subject of the conscience, which is also a subject, becomes the parent of parents, the teacher of teachers, and owner of owners. However, since all three characteristics can be represented by the parental heart, God is the True Parent God, and that is why we call God our Heavenly Parent. Only this ideology can stand up to Kim Il-Sung's Juche philosophy.

Article Three of the North Korean Constitution promulgates a people-centered worldview, and defines the Juche ideology as the revolutionary ideology that will bring about the mass subjectivity of the people. In Kim Il Sung's manual, "Principle of Philosophy," man is the master or subject of his own destiny, but in his book, Principle of Social History, the subject can be the popular mass, rather than a personal human. In the book, Theory of Father Leadership, the Father-Head becomes the subject of subjects in the end. That means the "Father- Head Subject" is the one and only ideology and religion of North Korea's authorities.

From a sociological viewpoint, Juche thought is much more religious than Stalinism or Maoism. It is ranked as one of the top ten religions of the world with 20 million followers. In the end, Juche ideology became an atheist religion, a national civic religion. The theory of eternal life in Juche thought is the epitome of civic religions. The slogan in North Korea is "Father-Head Kim Il-Sung will stay with us forever," although Father-Head Kim Il-Sung has already died.

The FFWPU International headquarters asked Dr. Seong-bae Jin to produce a Heavenly Unified Korea Theory. He presented a "basic, fundamental version" of this theory at the "Peace Forum for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea"