

Kyeong-Seuk Lu speaks at FFUWP's Realization of the Ideal World of Korean Religions, First Anniversary of Foundation Day Commemorative Seminar.

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The second part of the seminar was conducted by the Professors World Peace Academy, with Daejeon University Professor Byeong Hwan Choi taking the floor. He gave a talk titled, ‘A Theological and Religious Analysis of the Foundation Day of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.’

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Sun Moon University Professor Woong Tae Jo, in his speech titled, ‘The Meaning and Purpose of Cheon Il Guk and Foundation Day,’ proposed that, “We should widen the scope of the Marriage Blessing to include not just our own members, but different religions and different cultures as well. We should also create many multicultural families with North Korean citizens.”

At the opening ceremony, Kyeong-Seuk Lu, President of the Korean Religions Association, stressed that, “If the mission of religion is to establish a peaceful world, rather than studying scripture or religious thought, we should band together and work hard to save suffering humankind, and to establish a peaceful world.”

Professors World Peace Academy President Dae Oh Son expressed that, “If we let go of the rope of the ‘ideal world,’ humankind will become an ‘animal farm’ ruled by violence. It is the religious teaching and wish for an ideal world that will become the ‘water of life’ for today’s world that is so full of absurdity, conflict, evil and confusion.”

A representative of the Korean Religions Association stated that, “During today’s seminar, each religion was able to present on their theories for methods of achieving an ideal world, and they were able to accept and understand each other. I hope that this can be an opportunity for different Korean religions to harmonize and work together.”

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“The Unification Church was also able to improve and popularize its image through the promotion of the holiday festivities. We will become the central focus of the world of the last days in the future through the achievements of Foundation Day, and we will create a model community of clergy and members that can display our capabilities.”

This speech was followed by comments and discussions by Sun Moon University Professor Jae Won Joo and CheongShim Graduate School Professor Jin Soo Hwang.

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All Humans Must Fulfill Their Responsibility to Realize an Ideal World

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The Academic and Religious Seminar Commemorating the First Anniversary of Foundation Day of the Family Federation is a Great Success, with Doctrines and Founder’s Speeches of the Family Federation Introduced to Representatives of Won Buddhism, Korean Islam Federation and Representatives of Major Religions, totaling 250 Participants.

“이상세계 실현하려면 인간 각자 책임 다해야”

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각 종교가 추구해 온 이상세계의 본질과 공통점을 이해하고 그 실현 방법을 공유하는 자리가 마련됐다. 한국종교협의회(회장 유경식)와 세계명학교수협의회(회장 손대오)는 기원절 1주년을 맞아 8일 서울 창비동 기원절 8층 강당에서 “한국 종교의 이상세계 실현”을 주제로 열린 학술세미나를 공동 개최했다. 이 자리에는 각 종단 관계자 250여 명이 참석해 뜨거운 관심을 나타냈다.

이날 발표자들은 각 종교의 이상세계의 개념과 특징, 실현 방법 등을 교리와 창시자 언설(言說)을 근거로 소개했는데, 원불교와 이슬람교, 대종교, 가정연합은 이상세계 실현을 신의 구원사역에 의존하거나 인간 각자의 수행에 초점을 맞춰 접근을 골랐다. 가정연합은 한발 더 나아가 수행의 기본단위를 가정으로 확대시켰다.

김도균 원광대학교 교수는 “원불교 이상사회의 의미와 해석 방향”이라는 발표에서 “불교와 원불교는 밀접한 관계를 갖고 있다”며 원불교의 이상사회를 불교의 미혹(彌勒)과 용화(龍華) 사상에서 비롯된 것이라고 설명했다. 김 교수는 “불교는 석가세존이 입멸한 뒤 500년(500년)이 지나 미래의 부처인 미륵불이 이 세상에 출현해 모든 중생을 제도해 낙원 즉 용화회상을 이룬다는 미혹사상이 있는데, 이 미혹사상은 원불교 창시자 소태산의 기원정에도 고스란히 부각되어 있음을 발견한다”고 말했다. 그는 용화회상을 “부처가 세상에 가득 차서 성취의 구멍이 없어지고, 도덕이 구멍이 없어진 원만 평등한 세상”이라고 설명하고, 그 실현 방법으로 “금강(金剛) 같은 성품을 취득하려는 자성의 현실사회의 대한 건전한 비판, 개혁과 진보의 정신을 잃지 않는 것”이라고 제시했다.

신민중 한국이슬람교 이사장은 ‘이슬



8일 서울 동신구 창비동 세계명학교수협의회 가정연합 본부에서 “한국 종교의 이상세계 실현”을 주제로 열린 기원절 1주년 기념 학술세미나에서 유경식 한국종교협의회 회장이 인사말을 하고 있다. 최영우 기자



김도균 교수 신민중 이사장 양종종무원장 김항재 교수

람교의 이상세계 실현’이란 발표에서 “이슬람은 이상세계의 실현을 현재와 미래의 삶을 통해서 동시에 실현함을 의미한다”며 “유한한 현재의 삶은 미래의 영원한 안식을 위한 준비과정으로 간주한다”고 말했다. 그는 또 “이슬람은 이상세계의 실현을 위해 현재의 삶 속에서 무슬림 개개인이 스스로 책임하도록 가르친다”고 소개하고, “예배를 근엄하며 느끼는 마음의 평화는 유일한 하나님에 대한 믿음의 확신이 주는 가장 완전한 이상세계 체험”이라고 밝혔다. 그는 또 “이슬람 국가인 방글라데시는 빈곤과 기아로 허덕이는 반국가지만, 지구상에서 가장 행복자가 늘었다”며 “예언자 무함마드의 모범적인 삶을 통해서 보면 계율을 지키고 따르며 오늘, 용성을 다하는 것이 이상세계를 향한 최상의 방법”이라고 강조했다.

양종 대종교 총무원장은 ‘대종교의 이상세계 실현’이라는 발표에서 “널리 인간

세계를 이롭게 한다는 홍익인간(弘益人間)은 대종교 교리의 본질로서 궁극적으로 완성하고자 하는 이상세계”라며 “대종교 경전 신시기(新紀)에는 하늘·땅·사람이 어우러져 우리가 되는 세상을 만들고 모두를 이롭게 하는 것이라고 주지하고 있다”고 설명했다. 양 총무원장은 “홍익사상은 자리(位)를 떠나 이타(利他)에 치우치지 않는 ‘우리의 이익’이 됨을 의미한다”고 말하고 “이는 시공을 초월해 우주적 보편성을 띤 사상”이라고 강조했다. 그는 또 “종양은 삼방수행(三法修行)을 당부했는데, 이는 마음공부, 몸공부, 몸공부가 인간과 사회의 질적 변화를 추구하는 수행의 핵심이기 때문”이라고 밝혔다.

김항재 선문대 교수는 “가정연합의 이상세계 실현론”에서 “가정연합에서 말하는 이상세계는 천일국(天一日)”이라고 소개하고, “가정연합을 창시한 원선일 선생에 따르면 천일국은 두 사람(夫=二

人)이 하나(一)된 나라”라고 설명했다. 즉, 유·무형 실재세계를 하나로 아우르는 천주의 평화와 통합이 이루어진 세계요, “한 하나님 아래 한 가정”을 이룬 세계라는 것이다. 그는 또 “천일국 실현이 원선생의 일관된 생애였다”고 말하고, “원선생은 인종과 종교 등을 초월한 교차축 복결은(국제합동결혼사)을 제시하고 실천에 옮겼으며, 전 세계 3억6000만명이 교차축복결혼을 받음으로써 천일국 형성의 3대 요소 중 하나인 ‘국민’은 상당한 수준에 이르렀다”고 밝혔다. 김 교수는 이어 “가정연합은 천일국 실현을 영적으로 보고하는 국민의식이며, 천일국은 오는 불과 같이 누구도 막을 수 없는 인류의 현실이 될 것”이라고 전망했다.

이에 앞서 유경서 회장은 인사말에서 “종교는 평화로운 세계를 추구해 왔으나 본래의 사명에 역행해 분쟁과 갈등의 씨앗이 돼 왔던 것도 사실”이라며 “우리가 처한 인류를 평화로 인도하기 위해 종교가 주체적인 책임을 다해야 하고, 연대 활동도 강화해야 한다”고 역설했다.

손대오 회장은 “암울한 현실과 미래 전망 속에서도 절망하지 않고 끊임없이 대담의 이상세계를 믿고 추구하는 것이 종교계”라며 “종교가 이 근을 놓아버리면 인류는 폭력이 지배하는 ‘동물농장’에 살게 될 것임이 분명하다”고 강조했다.