

# **Good Citizens and Good Governance: Essences for Substantial Cheon Il Guk**

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## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 Background**

Cheon Il Guk is a Korean term. It is interpreted into English as “the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity.” This nation is world where all humanity, both physical and spiritual live in attending God as their parent. Since the time of God’s creation, the term “Cheon Il Guk” was exist. According to Divine Principle, God created human beings as the final step in creating the universe, with purpose for joy. To realize joy, He blessed three great blessings to the first human ancestor to be fruitful (mature and ready to bear fruit), multiply and have dominion over the creation. This implied that God wants human being to become owner and establish Heavenly Kingdom on earth. Thus, it might have been called in different names, for example, in the story of the Bible, it is called “the Garden of Eden”, and in the Buddhism is “the Realm of the Lotus-store (the World illuminated by the Buddha of Perfect Enlightenment)”. These teachings intended to build an ideal society, where is a purpose of God’s creation. Yet, God’s original purpose to build Cheon Il Guk (Heavenly Kingdom on Earth) was left unfulfilled due to the Fall of the first human ancestors.

After a long period of history of restoration, God sent the Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon as True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind to complete His providence and establish Cheon Il Guk. True Parents have attained complete and final unity, equality authority. The coming of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind is to fulfill the establishment and completion of Cheon Il Guk.

### **1.2 Purpose and Methodology of the Research**

On the thirteenth day of the first month by heavenly calendar in the founding year of Cheon Il Guk, True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind proclaimed Foundation Day, the beginning of Cheon Il Guk in substance. For the substantial realization of Cheon Il Guk, all blessed families, members and new generation need to work together as one global single family. Under the blessing of True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, Cheon Il Guk hereby declare its constitution before God and entire humankind on the 13th day of the first month of the second year of Cheon Il Guk by the heavenly calendar.

In general, people are seemed unaware about the Cheon Il Guk, which is a crucial vision for God’s providence and humankind. Particularly, the Unification Church’s members are still in wondering and unsure on how to work together and how to adopt the constitution into their daily life for achieving a substantial Cheon Il Guk. The substantial realization of Cheon Il Guk is based on constitution with a responsible from all Cheon Il Guk citizens. This study aims to find a proper understandings on Cheon Il Guk constitution and to find a way which very suitable for contributing in establishing of Cheon Il Guk. This paper is studied on two main themes: the good governance and good citizen.

The method that will be studied base on the literature review, particularly base on True Parents’ speech; the heavenly constitution and other related documentations. It is also base on some cases which implemented by the Unification Church. The study will be systematized and presented in the contextual setting of the general views for building a good nation and unification perspectives on establishing the Cheon Il Guk.

## **2. Meaning of Cheon Il Guk**

In human history, people tried to build good society, where they can enjoy of freedom, unity, happiness and peace equality. Yet, there was no one who could attend this purpose. For example, during Ancient Greek period, there were plenty of Philosophers had attempted to build a good society. Particularly, Aristotle had worked tirelessly to spread the idea of good politics, which is a foundation for good life. Aristotle had very clear goal was to establish an ideal society. He suggested three main forms of governments: monarchy, aristocracy and polity. Monarchy and Aristocracy were based on God-like willingness to place the good of the community before the rulers’ own interests. The governments were increasingly classified as monarchies, republics, constitutional regimes. Those political regimes had been transformed into two mains regimes: the democracy and communism, yet they failed to lead to the state of ideal society. Another example, the oriental thought such as: Chinese Philosophy and Indian Philosophy. These two main oriental thoughts rooted in humanism. The existing of the Indian Philosophy as well as the Chinese Philosophy are the quests for the ideal of life. Although, they are divided various schools of thought, but they have the same goal, which attempting to teach people about how to achieve happiness (the ideal life) and live in a good society.

In the modern era of the 21st century, the idea of building an ideal society is strongly propose by Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Good society which

they intended to build is called “Cheon Il Guk” (the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity). It is a nation where two people united and lived together centering on God, as their original parent. Thus, in a broader sense, Cheon Il Guk is a nation where all people despite of race, nationality, believe, culture, or skin color are living together as a single global family. Cheon Il Guk consists of three essences: God, True Parents, and Cheon Il Guk citizens. Without proper understand these essences, it would be difficult to understand Cheon Il Guk. Below is the explanation of these essences.

## 2.1 God

In order to understand Cheon Il Guk (CIG), the understanding of God, and True Parents are necessary, because the concept ‘Cheon Il Guk’ is originally reside with God and True Parents. God can be called in various names such as: Allah, Jehovah and so on. These names are given by the human beings. However, True Parents call God as ‘Heavenly Parent’. God has relationship with human beings as parent-child relationship. Thus, in this sense, all human races are come from the same root and have the same parent, God. According to *Wikipedia*, God is often conceived as the ‘Supreme Being’ and principal object of faith.[1] Whereas, *Merriam Webster Dictionary* defines that: God is the perfect and all-powerful spirit or being that is worshipped especially by Christians, Jews, and Muslims as the one who created and rules the universe.[2]

According to the Cheon Il Guk Constitution, article 1 defined that: God is the creator of the cosmos (the heavenly and earthly realms). God, as the Heavenly Parent, is the original essence of heart. And God is the Lord of heaven and earth who through true love and His Word presides over, and carries out His providence in, the world of creation.[3] This is definition is seems clear to understand about God, which He is not isolate from humankind. As we understood God, next step is to understand about relationship between God and human beings. According to the Cheon Il Guk Constitution, article 2 pointed out that: God is the incorporeal True Parent and stands in a parent-child relationship with humankind.[4]

## 2.2 True Parents

True Parents is a term with an ultimate power, which God has been searching since the time of the fall of the first human ancestors. In the providence of restoration, God had tried many times to restore this title. Yet, many times God failed to achieve it. For instance, first attempted was happen during the period of Adam and Eve. God blessed them with the three great blessings. If they fulfilled this blessing, they would become True Parents. Another attempted, happen during Jesus era, God wanted Jesus to become True Parents, yet Jesus was crucified, and His providence of restoration had been prolonged.

God’s dream is never fade away. Since God is eternal, His dream of building a Cheon Il Guk is also eternal. Therefore, God sent Third Adam to fulfill the mission as True Parents, Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. They fulfilled as True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and extend God’s true love, true life and true lineage to all humanity.

In Cheon Il Guk constitution, article 4, True Parents are the original ancestors of humankind as the perfected embodiment of God, who have achieved oneness in heart, oneness in body, oneness in thought, and oneness in their core essence. They have cosmic value and stature that is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. They are carrying out throughout heaven and earth, the spiritual work for the rebirth, resurrection and eternal life of all people, through true love.[5]

## 2.3 Cheon Il Guk

The purpose of God’s creation is joy. In order to receive joy, God needs object partner, the humankind. The great communion between God and human beings bring about the great joy. God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden with intention to let them grow full potential of consciousness in heart of His love. Had they realized the purpose of creation they would have become the True Parents of a happy and harmonious human family. Adam and Eve would have been God’s foothold on earth through which He would exercise his full sovereignty over the world. This is the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, which we called ‘Cheon Il Guk’.

Cheon Il Guk is a world that actualizes God’s peaceful ideal world of freedom, peace, unity, and happiness with God and True Parents. There have three main elements in composing of the Cheon Il Guk. According to Cheon Il Guk constitution pointed out that: Cheon Il Guk composed of sovereignty, people and territory, the basic elements a peaceful ideal world.[6] Cheon Il GuK is a nation that God loves, a nation of our families love, a nation of our clans love, and a nation of no boundary of skin color of humankind love.

In order to achieve the substantial Cheon Il Guk, the role of a constitution is very important. Cheon Il Guk constitution creates a clear purpose, nature of authority, and distribution of power in a society. In general the constitution is the supreme law of the nation. It is promulgated based on each nation’s geography, environment, culture and relates to sovereignty, the political regime, power, security, economics, and so forth. Regarding the differences, what is the central element for creating the constitution? What kind of constitution should be promulgated for an ideal society? According to Unification Principle, the constitution should be constituted upon on God, namely Godist constitution. It is not simply as the constitution of nation as we seen in which promulgated

base on the individual national interest alone, yet Godist Constitution is the constitution which widely concern on the whole of all humanity's prosperity centering on God.

The correlative relationship of subject and object is formed centering on a common purpose, either between two elements within a being or between a being and another being, there comes about an action of giving and receiving a definite element or force. Through this action, the entities involved maintain their existence and are able to move, change, and develop. This kind of action between subject and object is called give and receive action. When politicians involved in election campaign or leaders participated in public affairs, a correlative relationship is established. The leaders provide good leadership, while the citizen gain secure and happiness. The constitution existed for connecting people to their original lives goals: life, liberty, and happiness, which originated from the Creator. The Cheon Il Guk constitution is a 'Written Code' for the eternal utilizing for the happiness of humankind.

### **3. The Core Elements of Cheon Il Guk**

The above explanation is about Cheon Il Guk, which connects to God, True Parents and people. God wants to make the people of this earth become his beloved people and wants to make this earth into his beloved territory, and by bringing the people and the territory into one sovereign nation, where God, True Parents and the citizens of Cheon Il Guk will lead it. The Cheon Il Guk constitution clarified that: Cheon Il Guk is composed of people, sovereignty, and territory. These three elements are the basic of ideal world. The sovereignty for the ideal peaceful world comes from God and True Parents, while the Cheon Il Guk actualized thought Cheon Il Guk citizens. Below are two main themes: good citizen and good governance are necessary for substantialization of Cheon Il Guk

#### **3.1 Good Citizen**

Good citizen can be categorized in many ways. Good citizens in a democracy must, at a minimum, participate in political life and obey the laws of the state. Good citizens, in a civic culture are to become well-informed, to be guided by reason, to be willing to work with others to achieve common goals, and to have a cooperative spirit with other members of the political community. In communist society, they emphasized social solidarity, but only in the service of the state. Good citizens under communism had less obligations and responsibilities. Good citizens, in communism society were expected to comply willingly with the state. According to Reverend Sun Myung Moon, good citizen is one who can stand in the central position of society. Good citizen mean that a citizen of good character. When there is a man of character in the village, he can play the central role in the material and spiritual lives of the village people. A nation is also centering on a man of character as the representative. The actual organization is formed as the people make mutual relationships centering on him. People change their minds day and night because they do not have an absolute center. We cannot call them a good citizen. A good citizen is the one who tries to keep his promise all his life and has a high level of righteousness.[7] Whereas, the Cheon Il Guk constitution stated that, good citizens are those who attend God and True Parents and follow True Parents' teachings.[8] Based on the Cheon Il Guk constitution, good citizen can be seen from many different views such as: from the view of God, from the view of True Parents, from the view of Cheon Il Guk, from the view of true love, and from the view of the three great blessings.

##### **a) Good citizen seen from the view of God**

In this view, it is a mutual way of existing between God and people. People are created as God's sons and daughters. In other words, people are created as God's object partners who can receive God's direct love. A human being is a symbol of the love of all creation. Human beings are the center of this universe is that the world was created to manifest the ideal of love. The purpose of our creation is love. Life was created based on God's love. Since life started from love, the result must also be produced through love. Since the beginning was love, the end must also be love. God values human beings most, because He needs an object partner for His love.

True love begins from the point where one lives for the sake of others. God created people in order to love, because He needed someone with whom to share His love. People cannot be in love all by oneself; without a relationship with a partner, love cannot be experienced. God is absolutely needs love; He created all things and then human beings as the lords of creation, representing all things. Human beings were created as His object partners so that love would be under joint ownership. From this perspective, good citizen are originally shall have this qualification where God's true love can be dwell and practice. It assumes that good citizens from this view are relate to the life of vertical alignment to God and completely united with God, which is to become a good object partner for God.

##### **b) Good citizen seen from the view of True Parents**

To understand about a good citizen, the understanding of True Parents is also very necessary. True Parents, according to the Cheon Il Guk Constitution, are the original ancestors of humankind as the perfected embodiment of God, who have achieved oneness in heart, oneness in body, oneness in thought, and oneness in their core essence.[9] If Adam and Eve had not fallen, God would have bestowed His vertical love on them, and Adam and Eve would have become the body of God. They would have represented the body of God. God would have been

like the bones, and Adam and Eve like the flesh. God can have a mind and body through Adam and Eve. He would have become the internal parent in the internal position, and Adam and Eve would have become the external parents in the external position. The internal and external parents must become one through love; at that place, we come to have external parents and attend the internal parents in heart. With the union of love between God and Adam and Eve, then true parents – the perfected man and woman – would emerge. There can be no perfected human beings if there is no union through love.

The origin of true parents can only come into existence when a man and woman who have not fallen and who have nothing to be accused by Satan, can rise to the realm of perfection. Adam and Eve, who fell in the very beginning in the Garden of Eden, became fallen parents. The new parents coming with the mission of giving rebirth to humankind are the original, parents who have nothing to do with the Fall. They have become one with God's will and can be approved by God. They are the parents who keep the original, unfallen standard and fulfill God's will. They multiply children of goodness by forming an ideal family in the embrace of God, centering on His love. They are the parents who have nothing to do with the Fall. People need them because it is necessary for them to take root centering on the realm of heart. At the present time, people have different roots, because of the Fall, which the trunk and the branches are also different. A new root must begin from True Parents, and new trunk and branches must also grow from them, which can then be used for engrafting.

### **c) Good citizen seen from the view of Cheon Il Guk**

As I mentioned earlier, Cheon Il Guk is a nation where all people despite of race, nationality, believe, culture, or skin color are living together as a single global family, for a good citizen who are the core element and created in which they can link together through love-centered marriage relationships. In the same way that perfect children are born on a foundation where love has been perfected, it is the responsibility of people on earth to bear and form God's ideal filial, fraternal, and conjugal realms in their family. Thus, God created a plane and three-dimensional space to produce citizens of heaven, who would then enter and inhabit that vast realm. A good citizen must multiply the citizens of heaven. That is to reproduce many children.

A good citizen, from this view is also need to fulfill the mission to take ownership of love of their hometown, family, tribe, and nation as well the world. More importantly, good citizens need to raise and educate children to become true children. That is a way of embracing children, protects them, and be joyful. It needs utmost devotion, take responsibility to prepare everything, and make certain that all the necessary content is there, so that they may be blessed by God. In educating your children, do not teach them to love only their parents. Say to them, "We are loyal citizens and patriots who love this nation, love the world, love all human kind, and love God and True Parents. God's sovereignty of love is absolute, unique, eternal, and unchanging. As this is true of the sovereignty, citizenry, and property of His nation, thus, good citizens must reorganize everything and re-register with a national identity (Cheon Il Guk citizenship card[10]) that is absolute, unique, unchanging, and eternal.

### **d) Good citizen seen from the view of True Love**

It is very difficult to define the term "true love" without proper understanding of the origin of the term. It is originated from God. God himself is true love. In this context the true love is everything, unchanging, eternal and absolute because its creator, God is everything, unchanging, eternal and absolute. According to True Parents defined "true love" as the kind of love that makes you and another feel good even if you stay together forever. It is the kind of love that makes you feel good, even though you just stay together, live together, watch together, talk together, feel things together and listen together.[11] They added that "True love" is the type of love that lasts forever: true love in the spring, summer, autumn and winter; true love when you are in your teens, adulthood and old age; and true love even when you go to the eternal spirit world.

According to above definition, in this context, good citizens must embody this love and practice it in their daily life and spread to their community, and as a whole spread to society. When every individual who residing in a society practiced this love in general communication, in doing business, in studying, in cultivating children, in educating, etc, as consequence, there will be a great happiness and prosperity.

### **e) Good citizen seen from the view of the Three Great Blessings**

According to Divine Principle, human beings are created to resemble God's perfection. God blessed them with the three great blessings: the individual perfection, family perfection and perfection of dominion. The three great blessings are important for evaluating someone as a good citizen. A good citizen or a good character person required the completed fulfillment of this blessing.

The first blessing, individual perfection is refers to the unity of mind and body in oneness. An individual perfection is a life to pursuit truth, goodness, and beauty, based on true love. This is a resembling of God's perfection. When people are young, they do not understand well the values of truth, goodness, and beauty; but as they mature, their hearts gradually develop and they come to lead—centering on true love—a true life, a good life, and a beautiful life. Thus, they gradually come to resemble the perfection of God.

Since the human being is a dual being of spirit self and physical self, human growth involves the growth of both

spirit self and physical self. The first blessing is to grow to become an individual perfection, refers not only to the growth of the physical self, but primarily to the growth of the spirit self, namely, the improvement of a person's spiritual level. Yet, the spirit self grows on the foundation of the physical self, namely, through give and receive action with the physical self. Therefore, this is the first blessing, given as a promise to human beings and can be called as the first view of a good citizen.

Next, human beings must resemble God's nature of multiplication; namely, they must develop to the point where they can multiply their children. God is the harmonious being of masculine and feminine. Therefore, man and woman are supposed to resemble this harmony. The harmony of masculine and feminine in human beings refers to the harmony of husband and wife. Human beings were created through God's nature of multiplication; namely, through the harmony of God's masculine and feminine as well as through the unity of God's internal nature and eternal form.

Therefore, in human beings as well, they will create (multiply) their children through their harmony between these essences, as well as through the unity of their mind and body. The call to resemble God's nature of multiplication is a call for man and woman to grow to the point where they are qualified and able to be engaged in harmonious give and receive action center in God's true love. To accomplish this, man and woman must mature in such a way that they become qualified to get married and have children. That is to say, a man should become perfectly equipped with all the qualifications requisite to being a man, and a woman should become perfectly equipped with all the qualifications requisite to being a woman. Thus, the call is for them to become capable of fulfilling a man's duty as a husband and a woman's duty as a wife, respectively. When they come to possess such qualifications and abilities, they are to get married and have children. This is the second blessing, given as a promise to human beings and also the second view of a good citizen.

Furthermore, human beings must resemble God's nature of dominion. It is a third view of a good citizen as domination over all things. To resemble God's nature of dominion refers to inherit God's creativity, which is the ability to create object beings (new beings) centering on Heart (love). God created human beings and all things with His creativity, and intended to have dominion over them. Since human beings were originally endowed with this creativity, they were created to have dominion over all things, centering on heart. In other words, human beings were created to possess this ability once they mature. For example, all industrial activities are activities of dominion exercised by human beings over all things. Specifically, farmers cultivate the land, which is a form of dominion over the land. In a factory, workers produce goods out of raw materials by using machines. This is a form of dominion over raw materials and machines. Fishing is a form of dominion over the fish and the water, and forestry is a form of dominion over trees and mountains. To have dominion over all things is to manifest one's creativity.

In short, by manifesting creativity, all human industries, including agriculture, mining, manufacturing, commerce, forestry, fishing, and so on, are forms of human dominion over things. Science and art, also, come into the category of dominion over all things. Dominion over society, namely, participation in politics, also lies in the category of dominion over all things. The dominion all things must be act base on God's true love, as it is the origin of all peace, happiness, freedom and unification. If people fulfilled the three great blessings, they are a good citizen for family, tribe, community, society, nation, and for the world.

### **3.2 Good Governance**

The word "governance" is a universal force that exists in all societies. People use governance in their daily lives to manage human relationships, just as corporations and countries use it to manage their interaction and activities. The country's governance, which regarded with institutions (parliament) and processes (elections) are must be transparent and accountable to the people, allowing people to participate in decisions that affect their lives. Good governance has become an important criterion for building an ideal world. Yet, even as good governance takes hold, challenges to it also emerge. The greatest threats to good governance today come from the fallen nature of human beings, which cause corruption, abuse of power, hatred, war, discrimination of race and so on. Good governance, practically related to these major characteristics: consensus oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient, equitable and inclusive and follows the rule of law.[12] Governance also refers to the mechanism of government. It is not simply as a government, it is much more complicated. Governance is the sum of the many ways including the individuals and institutions, public and private.

Good governance, according to the Cheon Il Guk constitution is to bring about the firm establishment and completion of Cheon Il Guk. Based on the constitution, good governance will apply to all fields of Cheon Il Guk government for the achievement of the substantial Cheon Il Guk. It relates to the Cheon Il Guk executive power, legislative power, judicial power, financial power, and media power. The determination of good governance in Cheon Il Guk government and other related bodies can be observed through various views such as: Base on vertical and horizontal alignment, that is to check and balances of power. It is also concern with the centralization, which the citizen lifestyle, the social systems must centering on God and True Parents. Especially to live a live with true love in Cheon Il Guk society. The good governance also relates to a substantialization. It means that the people who are in the public office roles and all people in Cheon Il Cuk society must practice true love and must fulfill the three great blessings. In this kind of society, good governance also needs to be as standardization in understanding God and True Parents' words, and live a life of faith, proper understand about



people right and duty and so on. Good governance also needs to standardization in managing the budget transparency and evaluate base on God and True Parents' love. The systemization is also a part of good governance, which is relates to a strong sense of cooperation, checking and balancing, and opinion feedback and so on. In this kind of society (Cheon Il Guk), the heart culture is very highly required because the community where the Cheon Il Guk citizen are residing is a place where a service with heart of true love must be applied. The heart culture is to build up a beauty of community, to spread the culture of truth, and to practice goodness. Once the society practiced this culture, as consequence, freedom, peace, unification and happiness will realize.

#### 4. Conclusion

Establishing a substantial Cheon Il Guk is like building a nation where all people despite of race, nationality, believe, culture, or skin color are living together as a single global family. This kind of nation needs good citizens and good governance. These two aspects are related each other as a member of a big family related to his/her parents. Since Cheon Il Guk is a nation where centering on God and True Parents, the citizens are also going to live the same way. Earlier, I mentioned some important key points of being a good citizen. Those points are rooted in God's true love, and it can expresses through the human activities in society. Another point is good governance. It is necessary for connecting people in both vertical and horizontal ways to God and True Parents. Practically, good governance is existed to support for the greater achievement of people freedom, peace, unity, and happiness.

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