

Towards the Formation of a New School of Science

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Honorable President Kyung-Jone Lee, renowned scholars, professors of the Sunmoon University, and all home and foreign VIPs!

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all distinguished scholars who have come all the way to this distant land of Korea despite their busy schedules, and all those who have made this symposium a great success by participating in it.

The topic of this symposium is "Constructing Unification Thought in the Age of the Global Village". I feel that Unification Thought, which is the founding idea of the Sunmoon University, should be presented as an ideology that ushers in peace in the era of global village, rather than being limited by the ideology of a specific region or that of a certain country.

At the 9th International Unification Thought Symposium held around this time last year at the Sunmoon University, President of UTI Sang-Hun Lee emphasized the following point. The reason for quoting his speech is for us to cherish the memory of the late President Sang-Hun Lee, who had dedicated his entire lifetime in systematizing the thoughts of the Reverend Sun-Myung Moon, and to inherit his idea through this 10th Symposium.

"As you know well, when we watch the current global situation, especially when we watch that from the viewpoint of establishing an ideal world, we can find that all spheres of culture including politics, economy, society, media, arts and so on, are collapsing as a whole. If we let this situation as it stands, I am afraid, it may be next to impossible to realize the lofty idea of humanity. I am, at this occasion, very desirous that we provide a momentum for overcoming today's

confusion by creating a revival movement centered on unification Thought. I would like to call this movement 'the Renaissance of Godism.' That is to say, I suggest that we revitalize the Unification Movement by bringing the Renaissance of Godism into existence at this occasion."

The 'Godism Renaissance' Movement presented by the President Sang-Hun Lee signifies that all scholastic world and cultures must be newly established centering on God, not materialism or humanism. God is the truth of all truths and the source of truth. The posture of learning how to love God is the beginning of all forms of learning and the fundamental of solving all social problems. We have to create an opportunity for pulling the absolute value centering on God as the centripetal point of the various forms of sciences, and for re-establishing science.

This symposium should be the stage for testing and verifying it. Our concern in this symposium is to demonstrate whether the explanation and logic of Unification Thought can indeed point out the limitations of other varieties of sciences. While acknowledging the superiority of the logic and system of Unification Thought itself, some scholars also brought up problems in those sections that apply and criticize Unification Thought in the various sciences. By repeating such a symposium, however, not only can the logic of Unification Thought be applied concretely in various fields such as the current thought, politics, economy, natural science, history and pedagogy, but it can also be presented as a definite alternative measure.

I sincerely hope that this symposium does not end in the exchange of the opinions of various scholars, but by applying Unification Thought to your own area of specialization, a turning point for forming and re-constituting new science will be achieved. Though this is not a meeting of many scholars, having a new perspective in science is of paramount importance. When this movement influences the scholarly world peace in the era of global village will come even more quickly.

It is my hope that through this symposium, Unification Thought will be developed into a movement of sciences. The centripetal point for shaping sciences is Unification Thought, and we need to tap the possibility of unifying the various thoughts with Unification Thought as the axis.

A special cultural characteristic of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries that is the worthiest of close attention is related to the formation of a school of science. Unification Thought has the specialty of not being able to be prescribed with the mundane features of

school since it unifies all sciences with the absolute value system centering on God.

In this sense, this symposium builds up the flow of a new science with Unification Thought as the centripetal point. Hence I think this should be a gathering by which the movement of science with a new viewpoint quickens.

The papers to be presented this time are new in terms of their composition and creativity, and each bears the hard work of the presenters. I would like to request all of you to show keen interest in them and hold lively discussions on them. A culture of heated and highly-spirited discussions must fixate in order for a school of science to be formed. Through the course of such discussions, some theory or ideology will be substantiated and the 'durability' of that ideology can be solidified. 'Coolheaded' logic and stringent criticism are the life-force of the world of science. Even Unification Thought can only be activated through a culture of lively discussions.

Moreover, the meeting of the oriental and occidental scholars centering on Unification Thought becomes the cornerstone of a peace movement. Political or economic exchanges are limited by the profit of one's country. On the contrary, a meeting in the real sense of the word is only possible when spirit and truth-seeking spirit, ideology and ideology meet.

May this symposium be a meeting of such kind of spirits and that of souls, and a genuine movement of peace be realized. The settlement of peace in the era of global village begins from a truth-seeking spirit. In this sense, cultural exchange and the meeting of ideologies which make Unification Thought their media have a very significant meaning. When that happens, Unification Thought will have contributed to the settlement of peace in the era of global village. It is my fervent hope that excellent fruits be borne through today's discussions, even within an unprepared environment. I promise all of you a more wonderful and prepared environment in future. Thank you very much.

Research Direction of the Unification Thought and Glimpse of the Epistemology in the Give-and-Receive Rule Aspect

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Introduction

Dr. Sang-hun Lee compiled "The Unification Thought" based on "the Divine Principle" of Rev. Sun Myung Moon. But "Essentials of Unification Thought — the Head - Wing Thought" endeavored, written by Dr. Lee is nothing but a pilot leading to the Unification Thought as I mentioned. He emphasized and requested that we have to complete Unification Thought.

The Unification Thought is distinct from all the existing philosophies which seek to find the essentialities of Human. Unification Thought is not oriented to the human standard of value but oriented to God's. This is invaluable to those who are to unite with God and to those who make God's Ideal: Heaven on Earth to be realized. Therefore, we are obliged wholeheartedly to complete Unification Thought founded on the base Dr. Lee laid for the generations yet to come.

This work is to facilitate the above mentioned remarks and to make some suggestions regarding to its problem, its direction and its contents conveying my personal view, especially the Epistemology in the Give-and-Receive Rule aspect.

In this paper I manifested that the Unification Epistemological system subject to the Give-and-Receive Action which is centered around the stage structure of the "Internal character" and "external form" of Essential Being does not contradict to the Western Epistemological System based on the Divide Rule; nor to the Oriental eigen-Epistemoligical system based on Undivide Rule, but rather goes well with each of them. It clearly indicates that the Unification