

## To End the Zero-Sum Game

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### Introduction

One should know that "The Zero-Sum Society"<sup>1)</sup> is the end product of the society which originally has some problem that may yield the zero-sum society. Therefore, to end "the zero-sum game" one has to seek the root which causes to raise the zero-sum society. That the root of the problem is the fallen nature of that society is said in the Divine Principle.<sup>2)</sup> In Thuro's another book, "The Zero-Sum Solution"<sup>3)</sup> he conclusively said that "..... America can, however, regain parity; America can remain one of the world's economic leaders. It will not happen automatically — social organization will be required — but America can have a world class economy." Should the zero-sum game work the above statement may threaten many countries besides the United States for America will dump her losses to some underdeveloped countries and the countries which are still remained beneficiaries of America to make up the Zero-Sum. In "The Zero-Sum Solution" Thuro asked the human animal American a fundamental change and asked to accelerate their rate of growth of productivity.

Now the world is facing unlimited competition in every regard. The Uruguay Round, the Green Round, the X-Round, ..... what will be next? And we are committing unforgivable abuses: waste of natural resources and skilled manpower and money by repetitive research into so-called hitech for national benefit, rather than for global benefit. Six thousand years of biblical history have passed.

But the problem of mankind has remained unsolved. Rather it seems that the harder people work to get them the worse they end up. Who is/are going to solve the problems we have been facing and how? Should we wait for another six thousand years for someone to come to help resolve our global problems? It clearly tells us that time will not do any good but rather exacerbates the problems as history proves that it has created a history of struggle through constant conflicts. Besides, we do not have much time left before unscrupulous people render this earth utterly uninhabitable.

One should not ignore the very fact that a coin has both sides: physical (exposed) and spiritual (hidden). Every game looks outwardly like "the Zero-Sum Game" with some exception, but have neglected the other aspect of the game, God's side: providential aspect of politics, economics, ... and finally human history. As a matter of fact the human history is the providential history that God has been exerting to restore the fallen human nature to the original human nature.

In addition, in the fallen human nature there is the providential shift: a continental civilization, to a peninsula civilization, to an island civilization, back to a continental culture, and the direction is to be reversed. The absolute truth to the problem seemingly has not revealed to us until the time of the Second Advent. We have to find out the answer leading to the co-living, the co-prosperity and the co-righteousness. This is the only way to end "Zero-Sum Game" and will establish on Earth an Eden Heaven above and will prosper altogether and live happily with God.

### Main Subject

Human beings are created to be the rulers of the universe, to be the mediator and the center of harmony of the cosmos to encapsulate in a substantial form the essences of everything in the cosmos. "The Zero-Sum Society" which plays "the Zero-Sum-Game" firstly is the end result of the fallen human nature: the human animal as Thuro said in the reference, and it is the end product of "Take-and-Give Action" which contradicts to God's original action: "Give-and-Take Action", and secondly is that religion and the economy cannot develop freely without a relationship, because these two have the divided missions to restore the internal and external lives of fallen men (Ref. 2). Therefore, religion and economy have formed respective histories of Christianity and economy by their relationships with our

social life, although they may have conflicted with each other in some aspects. Religion and economy relate to our social life through politics. (Refer to the Divine Principle, ref. 2)

Americans prospered and flourished when their Pilgrim Fathers trod the way that God asked to tread, when they practiced the New Truth not knowingly in their 1950's, 1960's and 1970's. They gave, gave, gave..... their surplus to poor countries, and took good and the best scholars from those nations under the Fulbright Program in return. Those scholars after their scholarly training in the States have contributed not only to the United States but also their own countries and to the world as well. As far as the author knows that the remnants still contribute to the States greatly in every aspects of fields accordingly. The contribution that they endowed the States can not be counted in numerical figures.

One also should know that the ancient continental civilization which arose in Egypt and Mesopotamia bequathed their fruits to the peninsula civilizations of Greece, Rome and Iberia, and thence to the island civilization of Great Britain. This island civilization passed on its culture to the United States, a continental civilization. Then the direction was reversed, with the United States passing on its culture to the island civilization of Japan. Now these fruits are to be harvested in the peninsular civilization of Korea, where the Second Advent is to be taken place.

Let us, now, introduce human history briefly seen from the standpoints of religion. In the providential age of New Testament any organized system in the politics and economy at that period could not enjoy any separate development. Christian clan society gradually prospered while being persecuted bitterly by the Roman Empire, finally forming Christian tribal society. When Christianity spread among the German people, a vast Christian society was established. Following the clan society in the course of development of history is the feudal society. Feudal society was made of a political system according to the master-servant relationship created among the major, middle, and minor feudal lords and the knights under the premise of obedience and service, and of the economic system of self-sufficiency of the manor system. The religious aspect also developed toward the same direction as the feudal society discussed above, centering on Christianity. This is called Christian feudal society. That is, the patriarch, the archbishop, and the bishop had positions, each corresponding to a major lord, medium lord, and minor lord; just as the king was one of the feudal lords, the pope was also one of the patriarchs. There also was a religious type of government system

under an absolute master-servant relationship.

The bishops, possessing the feudal lands donated by the believers, were similar to the feudal lords, who enjoyed a powerful position among the many classes of feudal society. Next, studied from the economic aspect, this period was that in which the ancient slavery system was shifted to the manor system. Accordingly, common people came to possess land from this time. Thus, the social position of the people under the land system of this period was separated roughly into four classes: the nobility, the yeoman, the serf and the slave. In this way, God could provide the foundation in which to erect, later, the kingdom on the Heavenly side by establishing the feudal society around the Germanic people whom he had elected, and by strengthening the small units of heavenly territory in the three aspects of religion, politics, and economy on the foundation of the fallen Western Roman Empire. Monarchic society came after the feudal society in the course of the development of history. ....(ref. 2)

As for the course of economic development in this period, the feudal system of economy persisted, even in the absolute monarchic society in which the political system was centralized after the decline of the feudal system. Thus, not only in the aspect of agricultural economy, but also in the other economic spheres which had been turning to capitalism, the economic system until the French Revolution could not transcend the limits of feudalism. That is, even the independent farmers (yeoman), who relied on the power of the king in order to resist the rule of the feudal lord, could not remove themselves from the limitations of the feudal system, while the manufacturers, who conspired with the king, knowing the disadvantage of the feudalistic division, finally ended up by becoming feudalistic mercantilists themselves. If feudal society is followed by monarchic society in terms of political structure, then what would follow feudalism in terms of economy? This would be the capitalistic society, and the imperialistic society following it. The centralization of capital is a characteristic of capitalism, especially of imperialism, just as centralization of power in politics is a characteristic of monarchism. Capitalism began to bud out from the beginning of the absolute monarchic society in the middle of the 17<sup>th</sup> century and gradually entered its maturity after the period of the industrial revolution in England.

In this way, capitalistic society arose in order to develop the small-unit economic foundation which had been secured through the feudalistic economic system into a large-unit foundation. Further, in order to restore a worldwide foundation of economy, capitalism

moved to the stage of imperialism. What we must remember here is that the pattern of God's providence of restoration had been formed centering on Western Europe. Accordingly, the imperialism discussed here also indicates what has developed centering on Western Europe. The imperialistic idea which had expanded in West Europe motivated the Christian nations of West Europe to obtain colonies all over the world, before and after World War I. Thus, the world progressed, radically, into the Christian cultural sphere.

The age of democracy followed the age of monarchism. Meanwhile, the reason that the age of monarchism came was to erect the kingdom capable of receiving the Messiah as King. However, this age having failed to fulfill such a mission, God destroyed this society and set up democracy in order to work a new providence for the reconstruction of the Messianic kingdom. Democracy is a principle under which the people are given the sovereignty of running the government for themselves by their own will. Consequently, the purpose of democracy is to break down Satanic dictatorship and to set up a new political system, enabling the fulfillment of the providence of restoration to receive the Messiah as King. As history goes on, man's spirit becomes brighter and brighter, under the benevolent influence of the age through the providence of restoration. Therefore, man's original mind, in correlation with that providence, comes to seek after religion unconsciously. This original mind in search of religion, after all, inquires into Christianity, which God provided as the final and ultimate religion.

This is, in fact, the reason that today's world is on the way to form one sphere of Christian culture. Naturally, as history draws near its consummation, the will of the people inclines to be Christian-like, and the democratic government following the will of the people is also forced to be changed into that of Christianity. Thus, when the Messiah comes again into the society under the democratic government well matured by the Christian spirit, he will be able to set up God's sovereignty on the earth by the will of the people, thus restoring the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. We must know, therefore, that democracy is, ultimately the political principle of God's final providence to annihilate the dictatorship on Satan's side and to restore, according to the will of the people, the sovereignty of God centering on the Lord of the Second Advent. Thus, the democratic spirit that arose against the absolute monarchism in the late 18th century motivated the democratic revolution in England, America and France, collapsing the monarchic society and establishing the foundation of democratic society. We have studied democracy from

the viewpoint of the development of history, but democracy seen from the providential progress of the Hebraic and Hellenic ideals will be Handled in Ref. 2 in full detail. ....

On the other hand, in the course of the development of economic history, socialism came about in order to break imperialism and to establish a democratic economic society by the same law of development. Thus, World War I may be regarded as the war for the imperialistic nations to obtain colonies, while toward the end of World War II, national democracy made its appearance to tear down imperialistic colonial policies, forcing the great powers to abandon their colonial politics and to liberate the lesser powers. Accordingly, the age of capitalistic economy was shifted into the age of socialistic economy, with the collapse of imperialism as the turning point. It is only too natural for the Satanic world, which is headed toward a communistic society, to advocate socialism. This is because Satan would attempt to realize, in advance, the course of the heavenly side going toward the socialistic system of economy, though the directions and contents of the two may differ from each other.

Seen from God's principle of creation, man's original value endowed at the creation must be equal between any two individuals. Consequently, God intends to give everyone an equal environment and equal conditions of life, just as human parents would do their children. Therefore, production, distribution, and consumption must have the same organic relationship with one another as that between the stomach, heart and lungs of the human body. So there should not be any competition over the market because of excessive production, nor any accumulation or excessive consumption which would bring obstruction to the purpose of the life of the whole, due to unfair distribution. There must be a necessary and sufficient amount of production, distribution in fair and proper quantities, and reasonable consumption for the general purpose, just as in the liver of the human body there should be an appropriate reserve for the smooth operation of the entire body.

Man, having been created with such an ideal, cannot help demanding such a socialistic system of life since he quite naturally searches for his original nature, striving after the democratic freedom at the consummation of the providential history which will enable the restoration of the original ideal. If the will of the people should demand this, the politics according to the will of the people must also go in the same direction. Therefore, there will ultimately have to come a socialistic society centering on God. We can find a socialistic idea even in ancient Christian society, while the ideal of "Utopia" by

Thomas More of England in the 16<sup>th</sup> century was also socialism, and the ideology based on Owen's humanism in the period of the industrial revolution of England was also as such, together with the Catholic socialism and Protestant socialism, brought about by the Christian idea of Kingsley of England. All these must be regarded as coming from the natural expression of man's original nature, which is headed for the ideal of creation.

The benevolent influence of the age of God's providence of restoration helps to develop man's original nature endowed at the creation, which was prevented from displaying itself by Satan's invasion. Therefore, in accordance with such spontaneous desires, endowed at the creation, men unconsciously search for the world of God's ideal of creation with ardent aspiration. Consequently, man's original mind, headed for a socialistic society of the heavenly side, comes after all to advocate the principle of co-living, co-prosperity and co-righteousness, finally realizing the ideal world in which God's purpose of creation is actualized. This is the true Kingdom of Heaven on earth centering on the Lord of the Second Advent. Satan, always trying to realize God's providence in advance, is steering his way toward the world of communism by advocating so-called "scientific socialism" based on materialism. Communists say that human history, having developed from a primitive communistic society, is now going back to a communistic society, but without knowing its cause. God, having once promised man to realize the Kingdom of Heaven on earth after His creating man, permits Satan, who had his blood relationship with man first, to realize his non-principled world in a pseudo-form of the Principle in which Satan realized in advance the imitation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, which God is going to restore.

Democracy came about in order to replace the political dictatorship of monarchism and to win the sovereignty back to the hands of the people. Likewise, the Heavenly side is trying to realize the principle of co-living, co-prosperity and co-righteousness, after going through socialism, in order to break down the imperialistic system of economy in which the state property is monopolized by a certain individual or class, and to establish a system of economy in which all people may equally enjoy the wealth. Meanwhile, the Satanic side is trying to realize communism, in advance of God. Accordingly, socialism presents itself to realize an economic society of a truly democratic type. We have previously clarified the fact that the history of the providence of restoration, centering on Western Europe, has been separated into the three aspects of religious history,

political history, and economic history, each developing through a formulary course. How, then, will these be able to provide the foundation for the ideal of the Second Advent by completing the providential history, in which they unite with one another on the same course of history? The development of history has been made in three divisions because religion and science (Ref.2), which were to overcome man's spiritual and physical ignorance were not unified as one theme. Accordingly, in order that history, having thus developed under three different aspects, may be concluded into one focal point in which to realize one ideal, the new truth, which can solve the problems of religion and science under one unified theme, must manifest itself.

Then there will come a political society in which all mankind, having been unified into the heart and bosom of God through the religion based on the truth, will realize the ideal of creation on the economic foundation centering on God's ideal. This is the true Messianic Kingdom based on the principles of co-living, co-prosperity and co-righteousness.

The idea of the separation of the three powers was advocated by Montesquieu, who was an authority in the school of the Enlightenment. The separation of powers was to decentralize national power and prevent it from being concentrated in a specific individual or organization as had been done in the political system under absolutism. Originally, this separation of the three powers was the structure of the ideal society designed by the Heavenly side, but as it always had been with all the courses in the providence of restoration, this also had been realized in advance by the Satanic side, in a pseudo-form of the Principle.

Let us here study what the structure of the ideal society is like. The world of creation was made with the structure of a perfect man as the model. The ideal world, consisting of perfect men, would have resembled the structure and function of a perfect man. Just as all the organs of a human body would move according to the command of the brain, all the organizations of the ideal world must work under the command of God alone. Just as all the commands from the brain would be transmitted to all the members of the body through the medium of the peripheral nerve system centering on the spine, the commands from God must reach the entire society, without omission, through the medium of the saints, corresponding to the peripheral nerve system, centering on Christ, who corresponds to the spine. Again, the peripheral nerve system centering on the spine in the human body corresponds to the political parties of the state, so the

foundation corresponding to the political parties of an ideal society must be performed by the saints centering on Christ.

Just as the lungs, heart and stomach maintain smooth give-and-take action without any conflict, according to the commands of the brain which are transmitted through the peripheral nerve system, the three organs — legislative, executive and judiciary — of the ideal society, which correspond to the three human organs also must be able to have a relationship of give-and-take action in the Principle according to the commands of God, which are transmitted through the saints centering on Christ, corresponding to the political parties. Just as the limbs of the human body move for the purpose of living according to the command of the brain, so the economic structure, corresponding to the limbs, must move toward establishment of the purpose of ideal society according to the command of God. Just as the liver in the human body saves nutrition for the whole body, in the ideal society, too, there must always be a reserve for the accomplishment of the purpose of the whole.

Since each of the limbs and all parts of the human body have a vertical relationship with the brain, the horizontal relationship among the members is automatically established, forming an inseparable organism. In the same way, since men of the ideal society have a vertical relationship with God, the horizontal relationship among them is automatically established, forming an organism which shares all feelings. Therefore, in this society one cannot commit crime because harming others results in harming oneself.

Let us next study how the providence of restoration has restored the social structure. There was in the course of historical development of Western Europe a period in which the kings should execute all the functions of the three powers of legislative, executive and judiciary, and of the political parties. However, this changed into another period in which the king held the three powers and churches centering on the pope took charge of the mission of the political parties. The political system of this age was again divided into the three powers — of legislative, executive and judiciary — due to the French Revolution, and political parties came to bear a marked political mission. Thus, by establishing the constitutional political system in democracy, they could at least realize the pattern of the system of an ideal society.

In this way, the political system has changed through the long period of history because the society of fallen men has been restored into an ideal society which resembles the structure and function of a perfect man, according to the providence of restoration. In this

manner, today's democratic government is divided into three powers and produces many political parties, thus making itself finally resemble the structure of a human body. But this is, after all, like a fallen man who has not been restored, and naturally cannot display the original function endowed at the creation.

That is to say, the political parties, without knowing God's will, may be compared to a peripheral nervous system centering on the spine that has lost the function of transmitting the command of the brain. Since the constitution is not made of God's words, the three organs of legislative, executive and judiciary become like three organs of a human body which are rendered unable, due to the severance of the nervous system, to feel and respond to commands from the brain; they can not help opposing and conflicting with one another, and lack mutual harmony and order. Therefore, the purpose of the ideal of the Second Advent of the Messiah is to make the present political system — resembling the structure of a fallen man — display perfectly its original function centering on God's will by connecting it to the perfect central nerve.

God's ideal of creation will not be realized simply by forming a human society without sin. Man, to fulfill God's blessing of dominion over all creation<sup>4</sup> must realize a blessed social environment by finding out the principles hidden in the created world and by developing science to the utmost degree. Religion and science have respectively been in charge of overcoming the two aspects of ignorance of fallen men, one spiritual and the other physical, thus gradually restoring the ideal society (Ref. 2). Therefore, at the consummation of history, the Word that can completely remove our spiritual ignorance must appear, while science must be so developed as to be capable of removing completely man's ignorance of physical reality, thus realizing a scientific society of a stage prior to the emergence of the ideal society. Seen from this providence of God, we can understand that the Industrial Revolution of England came from the providence of restoring the living environment for the ideal society.

The economic organization of the ideal society must also resemble the structure of the perfect human body. Therefore, as previously mentioned, production, distribution and consumption in that society must have an organic relationship of give-and-take action, such as that among the stomach, the heart and the lungs in the human body. Consequently, there should not be the destructive competition for the market — caused by excessive production — nor accumulation nor

consumption that hinder the whole living-purpose by partial distribution. Production sufficient to fill man's needs, fair distribution — neither excessive nor insufficient — and rational consumption for the purpose of the whole must occur.

### Conclusion

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Therefore, we have to have God's man making the present political system — resembling the structure of a fallen man — display perfectly its original function centering on God's will by connecting it to the perfect central nerve. Describing the ideal society, the ideal economic system, the ideal political system, and the ideal world the author is coming to conclude that to end the Zero-Sum Game is still too far to reach and is very sympathetic to the very person, the God's man, the Reincarnation of Christ, and can not be a bystander, but should actively join the processes to establish the Kingdom on earth. We all should join to end the Zero-Sum Game.

Time and tide wait for no man, nor country, but rather move on from the continental culture, the island culture to the peninsula culture toward the goal of the Co-living, Co-prosperity and Co-righteousness.

### Notes

- 1) *The Zero-Sum Society*: Lester C. Thurow, 1980
- 2) *Divine Principle*, The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity
- 3) *The Zero-Sum solution — Building a World-Class American Economy*, Lester C. Thurow; SIMON AND SCHUSTER, Inc., 1985
- 4) *Bible*, Gen 1:28