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The Eastern Transformative Contact View of Humanity

Comparison of Eastern and Western views of humanity

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Western

View of Humanity

- Emphasizing the sky above the sky (transcendent being)
- Separation and opposition between humans and God/nature
- Perspective of conquest and domination over nature
- Existential consciousness that values personal growth and achievement

Oriental

View of Humanity

- Emphasizing the sky within the sky (intrinsic existence)
- Emphasizes the role of mediator between heaven and earth and humans
- Pursuing harmony and interaction with nature
- Emphasis on the consciousness of misfortune that participates in the harmony of heaven and earth

fundamental difference

The Oriental View of Humanity beings is based on correlational thinking. While the West views heaven and earth as something that must be utilized through human abilities, the East sees heaven and earth as having given abilities to humans and humans as beings who must repay heaven and earth for their kindness.

Fundamental differences in perception of the relationship between humans and the universe

Oriental perspective on human existence

Correlational thinking and fractal theory

What is Oriental correlational thought?

It is a way of thinking that the part and the whole are interconnected and that all elements of the universe are interrelated. We view heaven, earth, and humans as an interconnected system rather than as separate entities.

- Emphasizing the organic connection between part and whole
- Humans are not separated from heaven and earth but are viewed in a correlational relationship.
- A comprehensive way of thinking in contrast to Western analytical and reductive thinking.



Gwang-Hyeon Shim's Fractal Theory

- Self-similarity, where the overall structure is repeated from part to part
- "Fractal" is a repetition of the same structure even though it is complex.
- Characteristics of Korean culture

Yin-Yang and the Five Phases and Fractal Structure

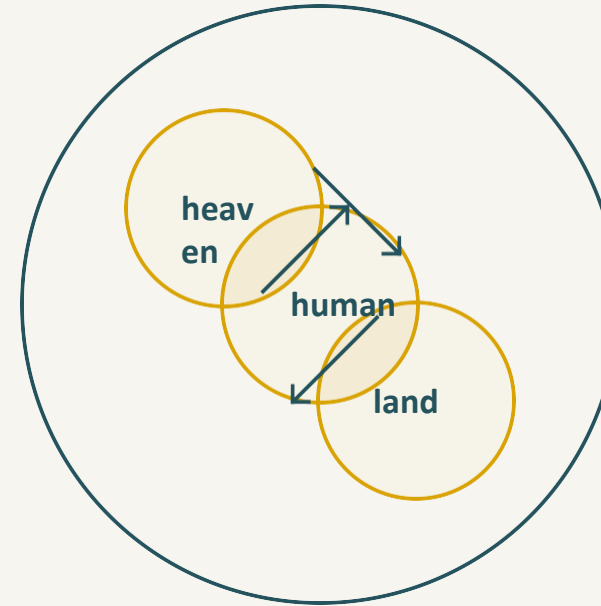
- The structure of Yin-Yang and Five Phases in the sky exists equally on earth and in humans.
- The universe repeats yin and yang like a repetition of 0 and 1.
- If you know the human structure, you can

Oriental perspective on humanity

The Concept of an apical View of Humanity

What is grafting?

Convergence means that heaven and earth (universe) and humans are connected and interact with each other. In Eastern thought, humans are not viewed as separate beings from heaven and earth, but from an integrated perspective, existing as part of the universe together with heaven and earth.



A being where the energy of heaven and earth is concentrated

- Humans are beings endowed with the outstanding energy of heaven and earth.
- Human beings are the ones who have become the most essence through the energy

Obligation to participate in the reconciliation of heaven and earth

- Man's duty is to participate in the incarnation of heaven and earth.
- Heaven and Earth incarnated human beings through the Bible and God.

The Meaning of heaven and earth and incarnation

The Meaning of heaven and earth and flesh and nature

- The energy of Yin-Yang and the Five Phases flows into heaven and earth, and the outstanding things become people and the dregs become things.
- Humans who receive the energy of heaven and earth have a nature, and must repay heaven and earth with all of this nature.
- A relationship in which heaven and earth incarnate humans through the Holy Spirit, and humans reciprocate through the Holy Spirit.

惟天下至誠, 能盡其性, 能盡其性, 能盡人之性, 能盡人之性, 能盡物之性, 能盡物之性, flexible transport to heaven and earth, transformation to heaven and earth, transport to heaven and earth.

(Only those who practice extreme sincerity in the world can fulfill their sincerity... they can help the incarnation of heaven and earth, and they participate together with heaven and earth.)

- 『中庸』Chapter 22

Oriental Concept of sexuality

- Creative interaction between heaven and earth
- The basis for human participation in the incarnation of heaven and earth
- The fundamental principle that connects heaven and earth and humans

Whitehead's Creativity

- Ultimate Categories in Organic Philosophy
- Contrast with the 'absolute' of Western monistic philosophy
- A concept closer to Eastern philosophy than to West Asia



Oriental perspective on human nature

Contemporary re-evaluation and research trends

East-West exchange and modern rediscovery

In the process of Western modernization, the Oriental View of Humanity, which was dismissed as a pre-modern object of enlightenment, is being reevaluated in various aspects according to exchanges between East and West. In particular, Research on reinterpreting correlational thinking from a modern academic perspective is actively underway.

Key researchers and research achievements

Incheol Choi

- Joint research with Nisbet
- Proof of Oriental correlational perception from a cognitive psychological perspective
- Proven through psychological experiments on group/individual differences

Jo Geun-g-ho

- Study of oriental psychological system
- Establishing study abroad psychology to understand the parts from the whole
- Psychological interpretation of the Concept of holistic moderation

Jo Ok-gu

- Research on language pedagogical perspectives
- Comparison of a thousand characters
- Presenting the possibility that Eastern correlational thinking could become an alternative science

Jaejoo Park

- Comprehensive research focusing on Whitehead's thoughts
- Presenting a comprehensive explanation of the correlational reasoning system
- A Study on the encounter between Eastern and Western worldviews and ethics

Modern Meaning of Eastern thought

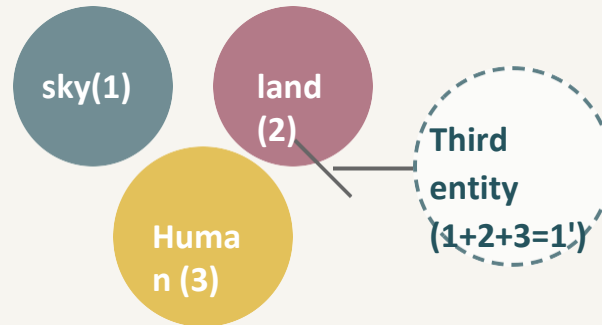
- The stage in which Eastern correlational thinking is scientifically proven through the development of cognitive science and psychology

Oriental perspective on human beings

Liminality theory and autogenous modernity

What is liminality?

In Lee Young-ran's liminality theory, humans are beings with boundaries and transitions, and have the potential to change from one state to another.



Human adaptive characteristics and possibility of change

- Mathematical connectivity of heaven (1), earth (2), and humans (3) (Lee Young-ran's interpretation)
- Humans are capable of self-change through the yin and yang (soul and white) given by heaven and earth.
- Humans play the role of 'intelligence' who understands the universe's performance of heaven, earth, and flesh.
- Furthermore, humans must develop into beings who perform in space.

Western shock and homegrown modernity

Eastern ideas were challenged by the shock of Western modernization, but through this, the East sought its own modernity. In this context, liminality theory serves as a theoretical foundation to prepare for the

The modern Meaning of the Oriental approach to humanity

- Reorganize modern society's segmented View of Humanity into an integrated and relational perspective
- A philosophical foundation for re-establishing a harmonious relationship between humans and nature in an era of ecological crisis
- An alternative thinking system to solve the problem of human alienation in a technology-centered society

Modern applications and implications of the interactive

View of Humanity

Environment and ecology field
Forming sustainable environmental ethics through recognition of the mutually beneficial relationship between heaven and earth and humans. Overcoming the ecological crisis by restoring the coexisting relationship between heaven and earth and humans rather than human-centered

Education and character development
Development of an integrated educational methodology through correlational reasoning. Character education that values harmonious relationships with the community and nature rather than individual achievement

Philosophy of Technology and Science
Searching for a new scientific paradigm through fractal theory and correlational thinking. Presenting an ethical direction in which technological development can contribute to the harmony of heaven and earth

Final
Takeaway

The Eastern cultural View of Humanity is not simply a reproduction of past ideas, but an alternative human and world view to overcome the crisis of modern civilization.