



Innaecheon (人乃天) and harmony between gods and humans

Innaecheon and Sinin-johwa

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Inae Cheon (人乃天) Thought and Significance

People are the sky

It is a concept that originated in early Donghak, and is an idea that emphasizes the intrinsic value and sacredness of humans. By interpreting the thought of Suun in Cheondogyo, it developed into a concept. Although Suun did not express it directly, it is a concept representing Donghak modernity. It maximizes the intrinsic aspects of the relationship between heaven and earth in Donghak philosophy, such as the spirit within and the spirit outside.

historical context

In traditional society, only the “son of heaven” was a being connected to heaven, but Inae Cheon’s ideology presented a revolutionary perspective that all people can have the same dignity as heaven.

A pioneering

expression of the idea of equality

- **Equality beyond social status:** The traditional class system was challenged with the view that even low-income people like Baekjeong (白丁) could become heavenly beings.
- **Gender equality:** The idea that women could also be respected was a progressive perspective in a patriarchal society.
- **Age equality:** The concept that children are also respected as heaven challenged the traditional age hierarchy.
- **Modern implications:** A concept consistent with Western modernity, emphasizing the equal dignity of all humans.

Perspectives of

limitations and Daesoon Thought

Daesoon Thought believed that it would be difficult to achieve an equal world with Inae Cheon Thought alone. It presents the view that true equality is gradually realized through repayment and forgiveness to heaven and earth rather than through transformation.

“In pre-modern society, where only the Son of Heaven could become heaven, equality was provided in the human world, excluding the divine world.”
“It was a very advanced idea that could be developed.”

Harmony between God and Man in Daesoon Thought

harmony between gods and humans

Harmony between God and Man is a concept unique to Daesoon Thought that combines the words 'harmony' of harmony and 'hwa' of harmony, and emphasizes the harmonious relationship between gods and humans. In Daesoon Thought, humans cannot be equal to heaven, but must recognize the grace of heaven and earth and be in harmony with it. 「Work success lies in heaven and earth, not necessarily in people」

God's intention (God's intention)

It is an idea that does not allow humans to become heaven, but rather realizes a harmonious world through a relationship between God and humans that relies on and guides each other. This is Daesoon Thought's View of Humanity, which is different from Inaecheon's.

relationship

between God and man

- **Grace of Heaven and Earth:** Daesoon Thought points out that modernity and humans who have forgotten the grace of heaven and earth are the causes of the problem, and emphasizes respect for heaven and earth.
- **View of the Three Worlds:** A new movement of heaven and earth is achieved through the harmonious relationship between gods and humans in the three worlds consisting of the heavenly world, the earthly world, and the human world.
- **Separation and coexistence:** I believe that an equal world is gradually realized through separation and coexistence, not transformation.
- **Role of spiritual being:** In Daesoon Thought, spiritual being is a being 'ultimate in truth' and participates in the affairs of heaven and earth.

Differences from

Donghak Thought

While Donghak maximizes the inherent aspects of humans, Daesoon Thought emphasizes the interaction and harmony between humans and God. It is not that humans become heaven, but that heaven, earth, and humans should be in harmony in their respective roles.

"God-in-God Harmony seeks to create a world of true equality and harmony through knowing the grace of heaven and earth and living in harmony with God. This is the way to make it happen."

Inaecheon vs. Incheonjohwa: A philosophical comparison

Inaecheon (人乃天)

The core of Donghak Thought - people are the sky

- Emphasis on human dignity and equality
- Maximizing intrinsic aspects (Concept of inner spirit)
- human-centered world view
- A transformational approach

Harmony between gods and humans

Core of Daesoon Thought - Harmony between God and Man

- Emphasis on the harmonious relationship between God and humans
- Repayment and forgiveness for the grace of heaven and earth
- An integrated view of the three worlds (heaven, earth, and people)
- A method of gradual growth and harmony

Comparing philosophical perspectives

relationship between heaven and humans

Humans can become equal to heaven

Humans are different from heaven and earth and must be in harmony with each other.

How to achieve equality

Aiming for immediate realization through revolutionary change

Progressive realization through resolution and coexistence

Samgyegwan
modern significance

Mention of the divine world, centered on the human world

Emphasis on the interaction between Heaven, Earth and Man