

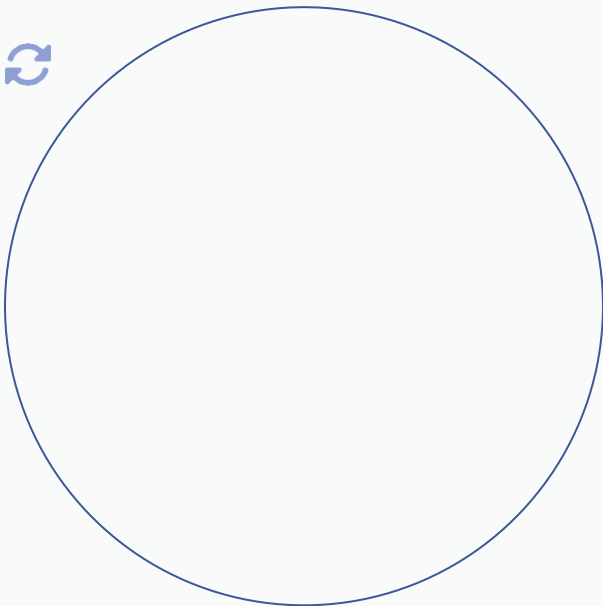
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Presentation

# The Cyclic Economic View of Daesoon Thought

A Study of the Economic View  
of Daesoon Thought and  
Postmodern Economic Ideas

# Introduction

The Meaning of 'Sun (巡)'  
and the Economic View



- **What is 'Sun (巡)'?**

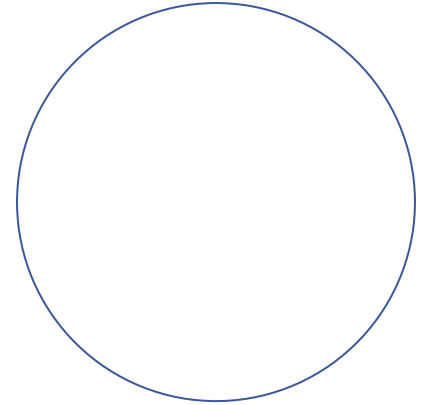
The Meaning of 'Circulation' That Makes  
Everyone First

- **The Importance of the Economic View in Daesoon Thought:  
Solving Modern Economic Problems Through the Principle of  
Economic Circulation**

- **C i t a t i o n   f r o m   t h e   J e o n g y e o n g**

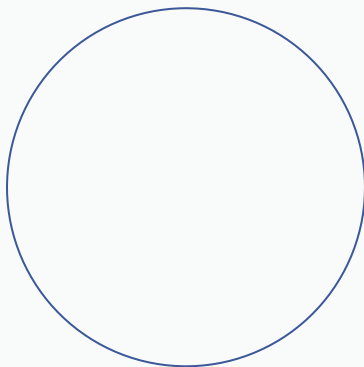
*"My work is to live well when others are dying, and to enjoy glory and blessings  
when others are living well."*

Jeongyeong, Gyobeop 1:6



# Background

The Relationship Between Religion and Economic Thought



- **The Origins of Modern Economic Thought**

Economic thought originated in the cyclic economic ideas of religion, but in the modern era this origin has been forgotten.

- **Max Weber's Study**

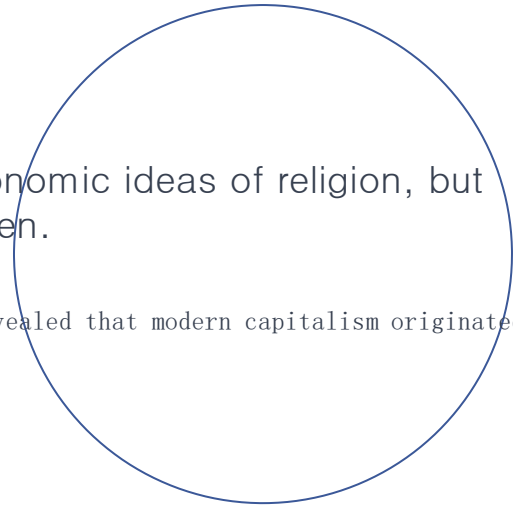
In *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, he revealed that modern capitalism originated in the asceticism of Protestant Christianity.

- **Eastern Religions and Economic Development**

The Three Teachings (Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism) and Western Religion served as driving forces of economic development; religious thought and economic thought have been historically closely linked.

- **Religious Values and Economic Ethics**

A virtuous cycle in which religion develops ethics, and ethics develops the economy.



# Contemporary Significance

The Economic Growth of Korea, China, and Japan and the Three Teachings



- **The Background of Economic Growth in Korea, China, and Japan**

The Link Between East Asia's Remarkable Economic Growth and Its Cultural Foundations

- **Re-examining the Cyclic Economic Thought of the Three Teachings**

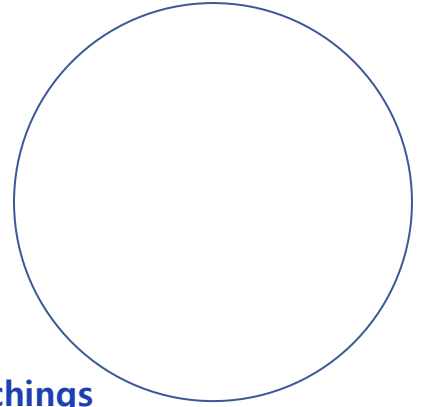
Breaking away from Western-centered economic thought to discover new value in East Asian traditional thought.

- **The Process of East Asian Modernization and Religious-Economic Thought**

The Three Teachings, once regarded as obstacles, are today reinterpreted as a new economic driving force.

- **The Shift Toward Postmodern Economic Thought**

A paradigm shift from the linear, growth-centered Western economic view to the Eastern thought of cyclic harmony.



# Circulation and the Economy

The Cyclic Economic View of Daesoon Thought



"Money is a thing created and used through the principle of circulation."

In Daesoon Thought, the economy is understood to circulate like the cycle of the four seasons:



## Winter — View of Wealth (Taoism)

A period of accumulation and reserve of resources; the libertarian economic principle.



## Spring — View of Labor (Confucianism)

A period of production and value creation through labor; the utilitarian economic principle.



## Summer — View of Goods (Western Religion)

A period of abundance and growth; the communitarian economic principle.



## Autumn — View of Distribution (Buddhism)

A period of harvest and distribution; the social contractarian economic principle.

- **Contemporary Significance**

A cyclic economic view, rather than a linear one, offers clues to solving modern economic problems.

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## Between Religions

Circulation System



## • The Mutual Circulation of the Three Teachings and Western Religion

A new paradigm for solving economic problems through the complementary relationships among religions.

## • Four Economic Ethics

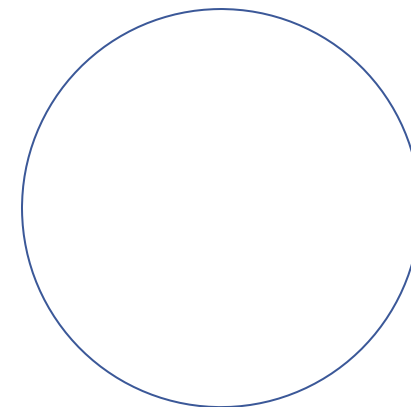
- Libertarianism: View of Wealth (道) — pursuing economic freedom and abundance.
- Utilitarianism: View of Labor (儒) — the value of labor and a pragmatic approach.
- Social contractarianism: View of Distribution (佛) — fair distribution and social consensus.

## • The Fusion of Eastern and Western Thought Community-centered management of goods

"Matteo Ricci (Imadu) led the civilizational debts of the East and opened the flourishing of culture in the West."

## • Applying the Circulation Principle of Daesoon Thought

Solving modern economic problems through the harmony of the four economic ethics.



# Postmodern Cyclic Solution



- **The Principle of Circulation for Overcoming Linear Modern Thought**

A shift from a linear development paradigm to a cyclic paradigm.

- **The Contemporary Harmony of the Four Economic Ethics**

An integrative approach uniting libertarianism (Taoism), utilitarianism (Confucianism), social contractarianism (Buddhism), and communitarianism (Western Religion).

- **Applying the Daesoon Principle of Circulation**

The economic realization of the structures of the Five Phases, Eumyang, Hapdeok, and the spiral (螺線).

- **Solutions to Economic Problems**

Cyclic solutions to the crisis of economic motivation, moral hazard, ideological conflict, and environmental problems.

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*"Just as in traditional Korean medicine all diseases of the human body can be cured through blood circulation, so today the problems of the modern economy can be solved through the principle of circulation."*

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## Conclu sion

Answers to Economic Problems Through  
Daesoon Thought

- The Tenets of Daesoon Thought

Economic harmony through Eumyang Hapdeok, Sinin Johwa, Haewon Sangsaeng, and Dotong Jingyeong.

- The Integration of the Three Teachings and Western Religion

Solving economic problems through the mutual complementarity and balance of diverse religious values.

- Presenting a Cyclic Solution

Building a new economic paradigm within the circulation of religion, ethics, and economy.

- A New Economic Outlook

Overcoming the modern economic crisis through the postmodern principle of circulation.

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*"Just as blood circulation heals the diseases of the body, so the circulation of the economy solves social problems."*



A New Future Through the Cyclic Economic  
View