



The value of the cyclic economic view of Daesoon Thought

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Seeking means to resolve contemporary economic problems through the cyclic economic view of Daesoon Thought



**Eumyang
Hapdeok**
Yin-Yang
Harmony



Sinin Johwa
God-Human
Harmony



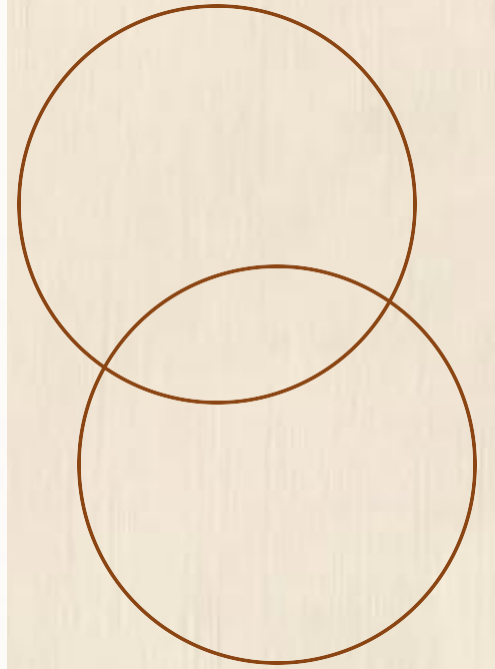
**Haewon
Sangsaeng**
Mutual Beneficence



**Dotong
Jingyeong**
Unification with Dao

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A conceptual understanding of Daesoon Thought

Daesoon Thought is a system of thought formed on the basis of the truth of the Reordering Works of Heaven and Earth (天地公事) presented by Sangje Kang Jeungsan Ilseon; it pursues a harmonious relationship among humanity, society, and nature and aims at building a paradise on earth through the Later-World Reordering (Hucheon Gaebyeok, 後天開闢).

Eumyang Hapdeok

A principle that pursues mutual betterment (Sangsaeng) and harmony through the harmonious union of yin and yang, achieving a balance of matter and spirit, and of reality and the ideal

Sinin Johwa

A principle that pursues the divinization of humanity and the restoration of cosmic order through a harmonious relationship between the divine (神) and humanity

Haewon Sangsaeng

A principle that realizes an ideal society in which humanity and all things flourish together by resolving all grievances and following the Way of mutual betterment (Sangsaeng)

Dotong Jingyeong

A principle for realizing an ideal world in which humanity, by becoming one with the Dao (道), enjoys true blessings and achieves harmony with heaven, earth, and nature

These four principles are interconnected and form a cyclic system, presenting solutions to the economic problems of contemporary society through the cyclic economic view of Daesoon Thought.

The cyclic economic view and contemporary economic problems

Modern capitalism and social contractarianism have brought material abundance to humanity, yet, lacking a cyclic perspective, they have faced various limitations. The cyclic economic view of Daesoon Thought presents solutions to these problems.

Loss of economic motivation

The hypertrophy of material desire and the weakening of spiritual motivation caused by libertarianism

Recovery through
Eumyang Hapdeok

Disappearance of economic ethics

The prevalence of ethical nihilism and relativism due to the limitations of social contractarianism

Regeneration
through Sinin
Johwa

Discord of economic ideology

The problems of wealth disparity, ideological opposition, and growth stagnation caused by utilitarianism

Harmony
through Haewon
Sangsaeng

Environmental crisis

The severance of nature from humanity and the unsustainability of the ecosystem due to the limitations of communitarianism

Overcoming through Dotong Jingyeong

The cyclic economic view of Daesoon Thought approaches contemporary economic problems through the principle of mutual betterment (相生). Emphasizing the circulation not of mere material exchange but of spiritual, ethical, and ecological values, it resolves economic problems from a holistic perspective.

Eumyang Hapdeok and the recovery of economic motivation

The complementary-opposition libertarian view of wealth grounded in Eumyang Hapdeok

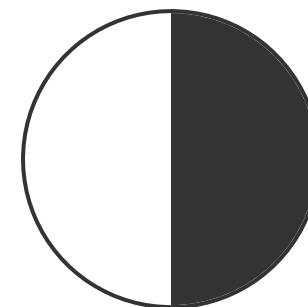
Daesoon's complementary-opposition libertarianism seeks to resolve, through the principle of circulation, the loss of economic motivation in modern capitalism, which is biased toward market freedom alone. This means expanding liberty while applying the principle of Eumyang Hapdeok—which exchanges the positions of water and fire—to build a circulating economic system.

The main principles of the recovery of economic motivation

- Responding with the power of circulation: restoring, through the principle of circulation, the spiritual wounds and the gambling capitalism caused by mutual-conflict (Sanggeuk) libertarianism
- Ethics before matter: "Things have root and branch, and affairs have end and beginning..."—one must first make the fundamental, ethics and morality, thick, and make wealth thin and later
- The transformation of order: practicing by changing only the single order from "one returns after another has given" to "one gives first, before another gives"

"Our work is the study of making others fare well. One may take only what remains after others have fared well..."

— Jeonggwan, Gueheon ch 1, v 2



Complementary-opposition libertarianism

The harmony of ethics and matter

Root (本):
ethics-morality

Branch (末):
wealth-profit

The structure of the recovery of economic motivation

Making others fare well

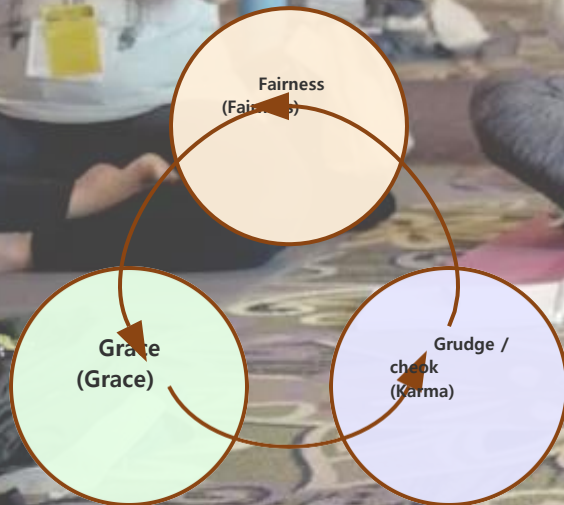


The principle of circulation



Sinin Johwa and the regeneration of economic ethics

The return-based social-contractarian view of distribution grounded in Sinin Johwa is an alternative economic view that restores, through the principle of circulation, the disappearance of economic ethics caused by Western social contractarianism.



Overcoming the disappearance of ethics in social contractarianism

Social contractarianism pursued the realization of justice, yet, for lack of cyclicity, it instead brought about ethical nihilism. Sinin Johwa regenerates economic ethics through the power of circulation.

A complex-systems view of distribution

The return-based view of distribution in Daesoon Thought forms not a simple input-output structure but a complex-systems network in which fairness, grace, and grudge (cheek) mutually circulate. The principle that "they do not know, but their divine spirits know" operates.

An economic ethic of giving first

Return-based social contractarianism practices a cyclic economic ethic of "giving first, then receiving." On the basis of the belief that what is given will certainly return in another form, it makes active ethical practice possible.

Haewon Sangsaeng and the harmony of economic ideology

The harmonization-based utilitarian view of labor grounded in Haewon Sangsaeng

Haewon Sangsaeng (解冤相生) is a core principle of Daesoon Thought that achieves balance and harmony by resolving all grievances and being mutually life-giving.

The cyclic harmony of the discord of utilitarian ideology

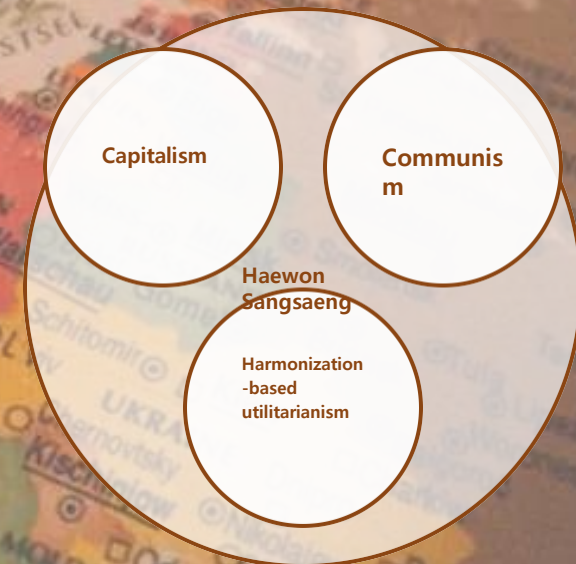
It presents a cyclic perspective that reconciles the opposition of capitalism and communism and resolves conflict between classes.

Care for the weak and an orientation toward the mutual betterment of all

It pursues an ideological integration in which all economic actors flourish together through cooperation and care, not competition alone.

Social harmony and the realization of the public interest

It presents an economic paradigm in which individual interest and the interest of society as a whole cyclically achieve harmony.



"Do not form grudges (cheok) with others; guide them by the Way of mutual betterment (Sangsaeng)."
— Jeongyeong, Haewon Sangsaeng section

Dotong Jingyeong and the overcoming of the environmental crisis

Dotong Jingyeong (道通眞境) means reaching a true state by becoming one with the Dao (道). Through this, Daesoon Thought restores the cyclic relationship between nature and humanity and presents a communitarian means of overcoming the environmental crisis of contemporary society.

The environmental meaning of Dotong Jingyeong



Responding to the environmental crisis through a cyclic structure of mutual betterment



between nature and humanity; securing ecosystem sustainability through the joint

management and circulation of resources; resolving environmental problems through the

restoration of a harmonious relationship between humanity and nature

"The ideal of Dotong Jingyeong—uniting with heaven and earth and achieving harmony—becomes a core principle for resolving the contemporary environmental crisis."

Application to contemporary society and implications



Building resource management and a circular-economy system centered on local



communities; a transition to an economic system that respects and restores the value of



nature; seeking means to resolve environmental problems through communitarian

cooperation

Sustainable development that pursues a balance between economic development and environmental preservation

The Dotong Jingyeong of Daesoon Thought, through the cyclic harmony in which humanity and nature become one, provides the wisdom to overcome the environmental crisis of contemporary society and open a sustainable future.