

The Cyclic Economic View of Daesoon Thought

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1 The Duality of Money and the Necessity of Circulation



The Duality of Money

“Money is a treasury of human freedom and also a yoke of freedom—a perplexing entity that cannot be unbound except through circulation.”



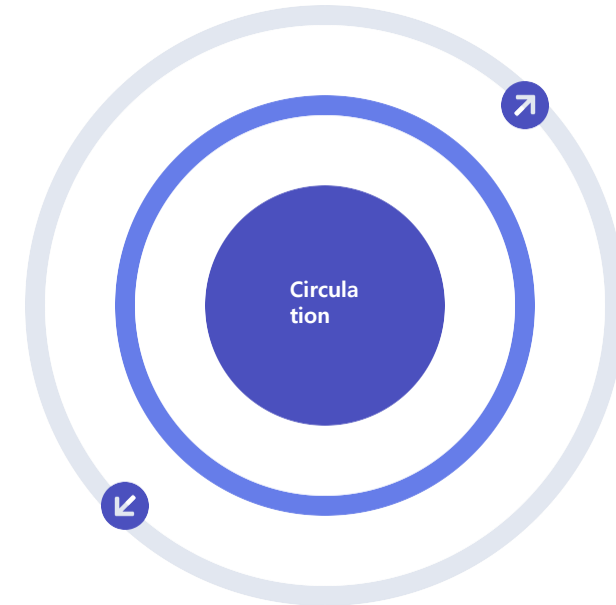
The Crisis of Halted Circulation

When circulation halts, the disappearance of economic motivation, the collapse of economic ethics, and the environmental crisis ensue.



The Cyclic View of Daesoon Thought

Daesoon Thought seeks to solve today's economic problems by circulating the Three Teachings, connecting this to the integration of economy and ethics and the recovery of the meaning of human existence.



2 The Limits of Contemporary Economics and the Alternative of Circulation Economics

The Limits of Neoclassical Economics

"The present is a capitalist age, an age that most reveres wealth, yet it is relatively an age that conceals economics."

Supply-and-demand curves alone conceal the secret of monetary circulation and its relation to the Three Teachings.

The Alternative of Circulation Economics

Pursuing sound freedom grounded in the social contract through circulation between freedom and community, and recovering human economic motivation through the integration of economy and ethics.

Solving the Contemporary Economic Crisis

From a cyclic perspective, solving simultaneously the environmental crisis, the disappearance of economic motivation, the collapse of ethics, and ideological confusion.

Neoclassical Economics

Maximization of individual freedom

Separation of economy and ethics

Externalization of environmental problems

Entrenchment of ideological division



Circulation Economics

Balance between freedom and community

Integration of economy and ethics

Circulation of environment and economy

The Integration of the Three Teachings and Western Religion

3 The Core Concepts of the Cyclic Economic View of Daesoon Thought



Economic Motivation: The Pursuit of Freedom

“The ultimate economic motivation of humanity lies in freedom. Yet freedom is possible only when circulation is presupposed.”

A cyclic approach in which one forms a community and then again travels the path to freedom.



The Utility of the Community and the Social Contract

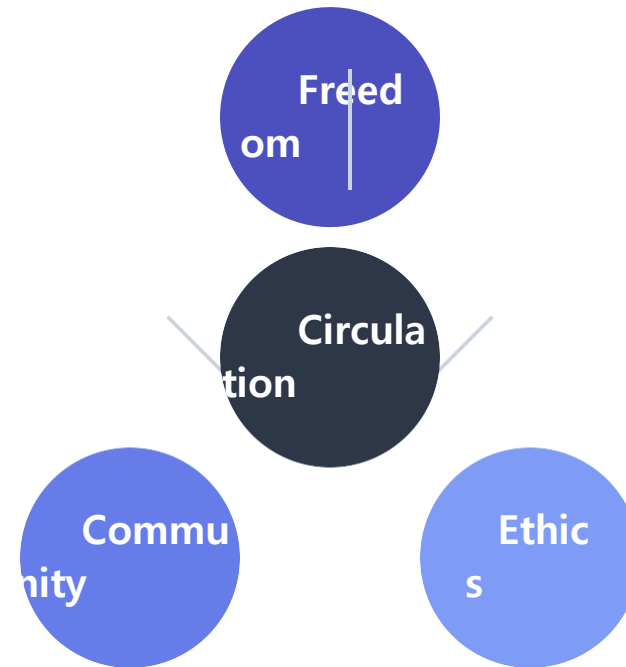
“Freedom is grounded in a sound social contract, the social contract in the utility of the community, and the utility of the community in the very existence of the community.”



Integration of economy and ethics

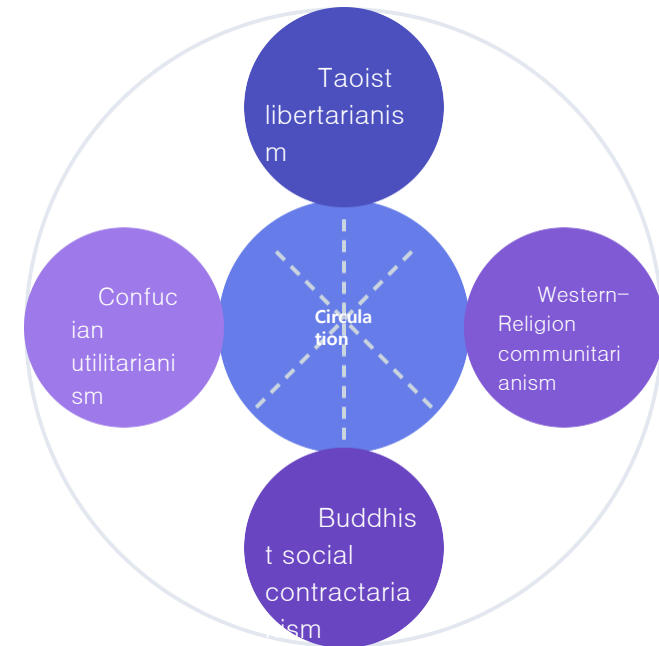
“Uniting sage and hero, the offices of counsel and command must become one strand.”

Valuing both propriety-and-righteousness (禮義) and emolument (祿), pursuing a synthesis of economy and ethics.



4 A Comparison of the Economic Thought of the Three Teachings and Western Religion

Thought	Economic Ideology	Core Value
Taoism (道教) Libertarianism	Non-action and naturalness (Muwi Jayeon) Respecting the natural flow of the market	Freedom and the individual Pursuing cyclic freedom through Eumyang Hapdeok
Buddhism (佛教) Social Contractarianism	Dependent origination (Yeongi, 緣起) Interdependent economic relations	Distribution and justice Return-oriented distribution grounded in Sinin Johwa
Confucianism (儒教) Utilitarianism	Governing the world and relieving the people (Gyeongse Jemin) Valuing the interest of society as a whole	The public good and order Harmonization-oriented (Junghwa) utility grounded in Haewon Sangsaeng
Western Religion (Seogyo, 西教) Communitarianism	The common good Community-centered economic activity	Environment and sustainability A flow-oriented (Yuhaeng) communitarian view of goods



5 Measures for Solving Contemporary Economic Problems

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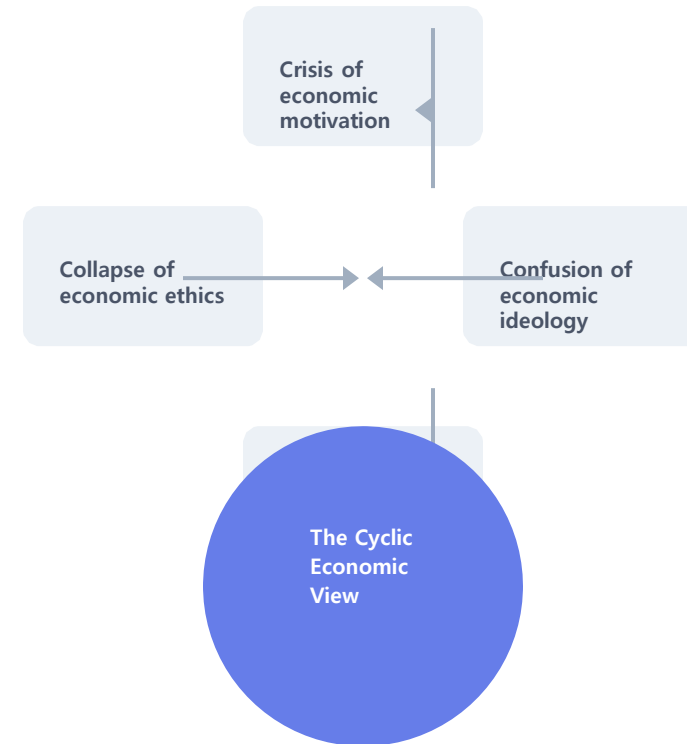
Composite problems arise—the disappearance of economic motivation, the collapse of economic ethics, the confusion of economic ideology, and the environmental crisis.

↻ The Solution of the Cyclic Economic View

Daesoon Thought presents solutions through Eumyang Hapdeok, Sinin Johwa, Haewon Sangsaeng, and flow-oriented communitarianism.

🤝 An Integrative Approach

Economic motivation: the Daedae libertarian view of wealth
· Economic ethics: the return-oriented social-contractarian view of distribution
· Economic ideology: the harmonization-oriented (Junghwa) utilitarian view of labor
· Environmental problems: the flow-oriented communitarian view of goods



6 The Particularity of the Korean Economy and Its Cyclic Background



The Distinctiveness of the Korean Economy

The Korean economy, which overtook the Japanese economy even amid a global economic crisis · The historical background of having maintained one of the world's top-two economic powers until the 18th century.



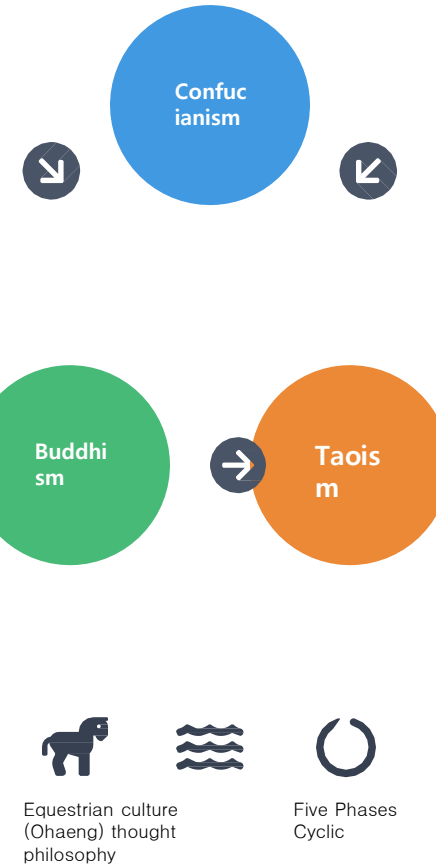
A Foundation of Cyclic Thought

Korean thought, whose greatest feature is the cyclic theory of the three-fold union of the Three Teachings · A tradition of cyclic science as a nation of a distinctive equestrian culture and of the Five Phases (Ohaeng).



Family-Centered Communal Circulation

As the world's only Confucian cultural sphere that makes the family the basis of the economy · Valuing family and ancestral spirits (Seollyeongsin) in accordance with Injon (human-dignity) thought, the foundation of communal circulation.



7 Siru Economics and Injon (Human-Dignity) Thought

The Symbolism of the Siru (Steamer) and the Sot (Cauldron)

“The siru is a vessel in which individual grains of rice become one mass by being steamed into rice cake—symbolizing the gathering of all divided peoples and civilizational thoughts into one, returning them to unity.”

The three legs of the cauldron are the substance (che) of heaven–earth–humanity, and the circle of the steamer is the function (yong) of heaven–earth–humanity, forming an Eumyang (yin–yang) relationship.

A Human-Centered Circulation Economics

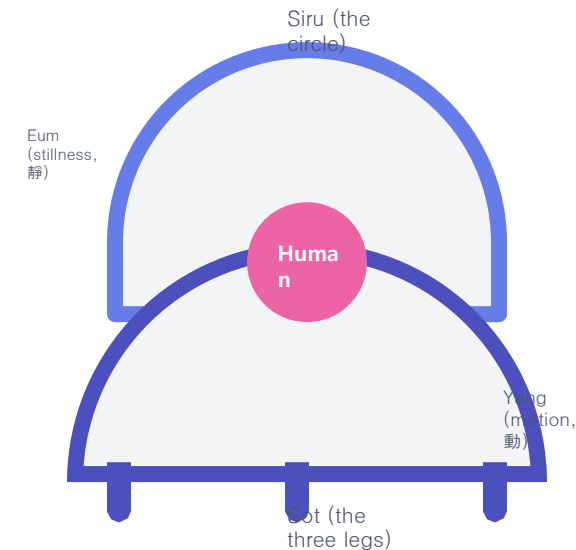
“In the Injon (human-dignity) thought of Daesoon, the human being becomes the center of circulation, ripening all things like a siru.”

A human-centered economic view capable of self-referential feedback through the Eumyang (yin–yang) of spirit and body.

The Fusional Character of Korean Tradition

“Korea, unlike Japanese culture which dislikes mixing, found taste and elegance in mixing, as in its bibimbap culture.”

The practice of a cyclic economic view through Daesoon Jinrihoe's medical, social–welfare, and scholarship undertakings.



Conclusion and future tasks



The Significance of the Cyclic Economic View

The cyclic economic view of Daesoon Thought is a new approach that contrasts with the reductionist methodology of conventional science.

It presents the possibility of solving contemporary economic problems through the harmonious circulation of economy and ethics, humanity and nature.



The Contemporary Application of Siru Economics

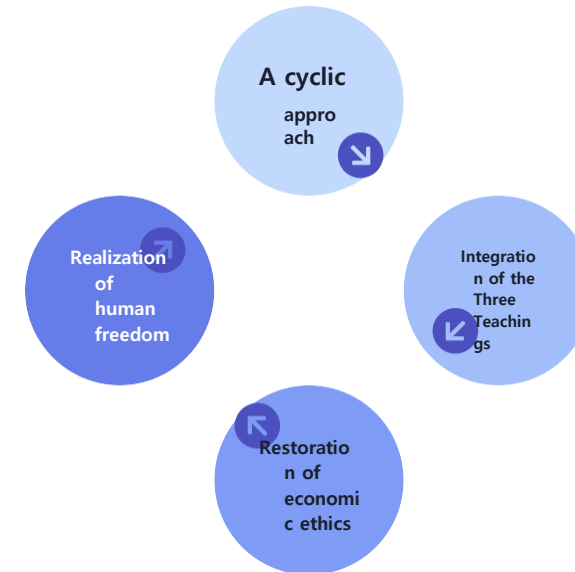
As a distinctively Korean economics, it can solve individuals' economic problems and the difficult problem of ideological division · The attainment of freedom through monetary circulation in a society where everything has been monetized.



Future Research Tasks

Research on concrete practical measures for improving individuals' economic situations · The practical application and verification of circulation economics.

Applying the cyclic methodology of Daesoon Thought to various fields of economics and science.



“Today, when everything has been monetized, if money circulates, the freedom of humans and all things can be attained.”