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Title Freedom, Democracy and the Rule of Law.

What is different among various political systems? According to Aristotle, Mobocracy is a perversion of Democracy, just like Tyranny is a perversion of Monarchy, and Oligarchy is a perversion of Aristocracy. Surprisingly, the great Greek philosophers Plato and Aristotle are negative toward democracy. Plato thought the best political system is Monarch which is philosophical King with virtue. Aristotle thought a few leaders who have a public mind and virtue is the best leader. They knew democracy was destined to become Mobocracy. Then, what is the different between democracy and socialism? It's deeply related to capitalism. Democracy is a component of Socialism in theory. Socialist advocates for equality and empowerment of the oppressed class, which is Proletarian workers who don't own their means of production. This class is the majority of Socialists who advocate democracy of equality, human rights and freedom. However whenever Democracy and Socialism come together, it becomes Communism. What is different between Socialism and Communism? It is said Communism is the final stage of Capitalism. How are these political systems transformed?

Capitalists always exploit workers. Especially in the beginning of the Industrial Revolution in England and France, the conditions and environment was so terrible that some Christians such as Saint-Simon and Robert Owen tried reforming industrial society without class conflicts by creating better environments and establishing labor union

so that Bourgeois and Proletariat would be restrained mutual egoism. But resulted in vain. Marx and Engels both thought their dream was unrealistic and called them Utopian idealists.

In the 18th Century, Jean-Jacques Rousseau who made a theory of Democracy said citizens who have a general will (which means good will and public values) can govern themselves and govern the nation together. Montesquieu laughed at them, if some leader believed such miraculous citizens existed, he isn't qualified as leader at all. We have sin and innately vicious natures. I think Machiavelli who wrote The Prince『君主論』 and the Chinese realist 韓非子 Han Feizi who was a great military leader and believed in the theory that human beings are innately evil must have laughed at their idealistic theory too. In fact, despite the General will theory, peace and freedom and human rights with public values and goodness did not change society. In contrast, such a bloody French Revolution occurred.

Let's see the situation of American Democracy today. Due to the loss of faith in America. America is no longer, the Champion of Liberal Democracy, but may have become the worst example of fallen Liberalism. the people were not able to control freedom. Generally, freedom is the freedom to fail, freedom to have guns, the freedom to make love with the opposite sex or the same sex, etc. Without morality and ethics and norms that at least to prioritize orders, individual freedom and human rights and equality can never exist all together. We need a universal rule of law. Liberalism, Capitalism, Democracy, Socialism - all political systems seeking equality, freedom, prosperity and human rights - are all on the assumption of people having good will with public values and responsibilities to keep laws and God's spiritual laws, which are like commandments. However, in our modern age, due

to the surge of Enlightenment, people tend to believe and think on the basis of rationalism and scientific positivism, which led people to atheism and materialism. In this trend, Marxism was spread especially to people who were hungry for freedom and equality and human rights under the suppression of landlords and capitalists. Originally, freedom and equality and human dignity are given as all people are created as God's children. But in Communist theory and motivation, there is resentment and jealousy toward capitalists. To make matters worse, Communist theory is so radical that violence must change society, as we have witnessed through the history of Communist revolutions such as Russia and China, North Korea and Cambodia so on. How do we protect against the penetration of Communism? What are the strategies of communism today?

I should point out some mental and cultural silent invasions of Communism. Since the Marxist-Leninist revolution had been a failure except in Russia, Communism had adopted different strategies by Frankfurt School. Instead of a violent revolution, a more intellectual, and cultural revolution was pursued. Destroy traditions and culture, and family structures. Through long history, we can not live without community like family and tribes or nation so that we can assure our identity. Another threat to democracy is propaganda and fake news by TV and newspapers given by major News media. We can't see true pictures of what is happening in the world. Specifically adult web sight by internet is decaying the souls of young people to accelerate sexual desire. In this sense, we need religious reformation before technological revolution before human beings risk being dominated by AI and atheism which denies God and the spiritual world otherwise, we can't gain true peace and tranquility in our minds and spirit. Only spiritual liberty can liberate our true freedom and overcome the materialism and atheism of

Communism.

The reason why the Marxists prevailed in the world is due to disappointment with religion. In the Middle Ages, such nonsense beliefs as Ptolemaic theory or Witch Hunt and fallen Vatican driven intellectual people to think more rationally and scientifically. As a matter of fact Marxism theory is seemingly scientific with three basic thoughts. Dialectics materialism of Hegel, Historical materialism, and Materialism of Feuerbach. That theory should be proven fake, the development of quantum physics and so on. Humans, as in nature, always pursue truth. Through both sides of religion in the metaphysical world and science in the phenomenon world. However, after the Enlightenment age up to today we have a tendency to think only in the brain alone. As we have the mind and body, our ways of thinking out are balanced between physical world and spiritual world. Or Hellenism and Hebraism that are the origin of science and religion. Originally, natural theology extended to natural philosophy and finally to natural science, which ought to have been on the same line. In fact, Newton and Copernicus were very pious Christians and they were seeking truth and God through Physics and Astronomical observations. Likewise, the roots of democracy and freedom as well based on two origins.

Einstein said that religion without science is crippled and science without religion is blind.

I believe that within this century, by the development of quantum mechanics, the life after death and the existence of the soul world will be clarified scientifically rationalistically.

Then our views of value and ways of life would be drastically changed, including our thoughts and philosophy and political systems as well.

Because we can realize the law of causality, which is reflected as results of what you have done.

What you have thoughts, regardless of someone see or know. Truly, the world of Utopian ideas society that Saint-Simon and Robert Owen Long aspired after their dreams, real Freedom and Democracy, Equality and mutual prosperity world be realized soon by integration of science and religion under God's love.

Thank you for listening.