

Principal Contradiction of Human Culture and Solution Directions : 'Liberty vs Love' and Ethics

Have recognized a big contradiction at the root of the poverty problem (2015-2016)

The role of motivating and coordinating both Liberty and Love is Ethics (2017-2018)



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I have been working on the R&D methods in science and technology:

Since 1997, I introduced and disseminated TRIZ (Theory of Inventive Problem Solving), developed USIT (Unified Structured Inventive Thinking) for easier and more effective ways to apply, and developed a new paradigm 'Six-Box Scheme' for creative problem solving, which can integrate various creativity methods and problem solving methods for a wide range of application fields.

I tried to apply the method to real social problems.

I have chosen the theme 'Poverty problem in the Japanese society'. I have visualized the contents in the book "The Low-living Elderly" by T. Fujita. At the basis of the disputes among the readers, I have recognized the conflicts between 'the poor are self-responsible' and 'spirits of mutual help'.

I realized the conflict between Liberty and Love at the root.

Both Liberty and Love are important goals in the core of modern culture, but the two conflict in people's understanding, in real social problems, and in the basic philosophy. This conflict problem need to be understood and solved at the basic philosophical level.

I obtained the Basic Hypotheses as follows:

Human Culture takes Liberty as the First Guiding Principle, and aims at extending it.

Liberty = To decide for oneself and act according to one's own decision, and to live.

Liberty conflicts mutually. Competitions emerge inevitably, and Liberty endeavors to Win in them.

In the Competitive society, the Disparity between Winners and Losers expands.

The Winners rule the society by setting new 'Social rules' and Maintaining them.

Losers' movements for the Release from the ruled situations and for Reformation turn over the ruling.

Reformation in Human Culture is the significance of Liberty.

Essence of the 1st Guiding Principle Liberty = To pursue my (or our) own happiness and interests.

Human Culture takes Love as the Second Guiding Principle, and aims at expanding it widely and universally.

Love = To love one's children, family, and neighbors, and to help and protect them.

Love is to Help each other, to Serve, and to Cooperate.

Love seeks for Harmony and try to Coordinate people sometimes by suppressing Liberty of one's own or some people in the group.

Love tries to find Cooperation of a diversity of Liberty while keeping their mutual respects.

Another prototype of Love is Sexual Love and Marriage.

For protecting the Family (or Insiders), Love tries to resist/defend against the Outsiders. Love, trying to protect/defend the Insiders, generates a Conflict at a higher social level.

Love aims at Helping the weak, Reducing the disparity, and Reforming society as a movement

Essence of the 2nd Guiding Principle Love = To pursue happiness and interests of all the members.

The range recognized as 'all the members' is crucial in this concept.

Expanding Love universally need to cross the borders at many social levels.

Between the two Principal Guiding Principles, Liberty and Love, there exist Conflicts and Contradictions

Conflicts between My/Our own happiness/interests (Liberty) and All the members' happiness/interests (Love).

A person has made up his Decisions and Actions (Liberty), but some other persons around try to stop him for the sake of Love. Love asks for Mutual help and Cooperation, but Liberty refuses them.

Liberty wants to finalize an issue by Competition or Fighting, but Love wants to settle the issue in a more peaceful way without Fighting.

When the Social Winners build new Social Rules, Love sometimes protests against the new rules.

Liberty raises a movement for Reformation, but Love sometimes opposes against it. Love, for making bands of the members, tries to restrict the Liberty of the members.

Love, distinguishing the Insiders from Outsiders, sometimes excludes the opinions and actions of Outsiders (Liberty).

Human Culture takes Ethics as the 0th Guiding Principle, aims at Deepening it.

Ethics = Deep inside the human heart, serves to distinguish Good from Bad as the guiding principles for personal life and for society

Ethics is acquired after birth depending on history and society, whereas the 'Conscience' (i.e., Ability to distinguish Good from Bad in the depth of human heart) is supposed to be inherent for humankind, resulting from evolution of living things.

Ethics motivates both Liberty and Love, and coordinates to solve the Principal Contradiction 'Liberty vs Love'

The understanding of Ethics itself has been developed in the History of Human Culture.

Essence of the 0th Principle Ethics =

Everybody has the rights to pursue one's own happiness and interests.

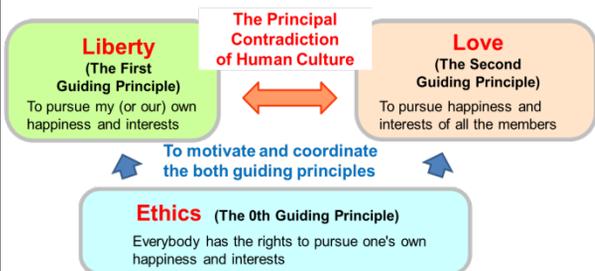
The core concept of Ethics in a clearly stated form is Fundamental Human Rights.

Ethics needs to be understood properly in the heart of individuals and practiced properly. (basis of social institutions and practices)

Insufficient understanding/practice of Ethics ruins the spirits and practice of Liberty (Fundamental Human Rights, Essential equality)

Insufficient understanding of Ethics ruins the spirits and practices of Love.

The Principal Contradiction of Human Culture: Structure of 'Liberty, Love, and Ethics'



'Liberty vs Love' is the Principal Contradiction of Human Culture, which has never been solved throughout the Human History.

Keys to solve the Principal Contradiction are Ethics, which can motivate and coordinate both Liberty and Love.

What I Understand as the Conclusion:

Human Culture should proceed further following the directions guided by the whole system of the three Principal Guiding Principles; i.e., to Deepen Ethics (the 0th Principal Guiding Principle), to Extend Liberty (the 1st Principal Guiding Principle), and to Expand/Universalize Love (the 2nd Principal Guiding Principle), Together. (this is the direction of Good)

On the way, Human Culture will face with various contradictions.

Especially, insisting/stretching only a part of the 3 Guiding Principles is NOT Good. Because the 'Liberty vs Love' Contradiction intrinsic in the Principal Guiding Principles will emerge clearly and severely.

The directions for solving such contradictions will be found mainly with the keys of the 0th Guiding Principle Ethics.

Because Ethics can motivate both Liberty and Love and coordinate them.

It is critically important and fruitful for us all to understand these findings thoroughly, spread them widely in the world, and apply them to various problems/issues in whatever fields.