THE GREAT FAITH OF THE THIRD UNIVERSAL AMNESTY TÂY NINH HOLY SEE ***

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SERMON #20 - EXPLANATION OF THE TWO SENTENCES: "THE NATIONAL FAITH BECOMES THE GREAT FAITH; VIETNAM'S CUSTOMS WILL ONE DAY BECOME HUMAN CUSTOMS."

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Today, I will continue explaining the Divine message of the Supreme Being, i.e. "*The National Religion now becomes a Great Religion, The Vietnamese customs will one day become human customs.*" Let us observe how our National Religion can become a Worldwide Religion.

At this moment, mankind only follows their own intellectuality. They have attained secret divine mechanism to build extraordinary machineries on earth. Those machineries are bestowed by Creation on the minds of the intellectual so they can protect human life and bring happiness to mankind.

On the contrary, intellectuals in this age who are acknowledged for their scientific mindset use such knowledge to kill mankind and cause cruel scenes. Furthermore, we have witnessed two world wars where humans killed each other and countless lives were taken. Has intellectuality brought happiness to people in this age? In contrast, it causes tragedies in front of us all. Bần Đạo would only like to remind children of the Supreme Being that as mankind now tends towards scientific intellectuality. They disregard mutual love and have caused innumerable painful tragedies. Mankind no longer loves each other, and conversely treats each other worse than animals; they do not respect each other's life, and even kill each other for happiness.

As parties are born on this planet, they only aim to eliminate each other; they do not have any regard for human life. They do not respect human life, and only build their own honor upon human bones. We have witnessed their cruel intention and the tragedies, but no one has clearly understood the miseries of the people to show them compassion.

Only after Buddhism was born did mankind have compassion for each other. When there is a loving soul, previous Religions are a remedy to the tragedies of mankind on this earth. However, such remedy cannot cure the illnesses of intellectuality and science produced by humans on this earth. Have we brought happiness to them? We can only spread the word 'humanity' to build the foundation for their happiness.

Our race is one of struggle and bravery. Since antiquity, our forefathers have lived in kindness, respect, love, and dear respect for human life; the wisdom and intelligence of our forefathers originated from kindness. There is nothing in front of them that our forefathers could not seek to understand.

Since Vietnam is a fertile land, our forefathers respected the life of God's children, acknowledged mankind as their brothers of the same

root, and believed in the saying that "*All four seas are our brothers.*" Our forefathers loved mankind; any race or people that had the wisdom and intelligence to render mankind happy would be worshipped by them. Any Religion that spread to Vietnam was immediately worshipped by our forefathers; and thus, all Religions that came to Vietnam achieved perfect success. The religiosity of our forefathers centers on kindness as the basis, and on humanity as the means; their solemnity has been obvious since antiquity.

In our country, there are now Religions of integrity and justice who are looking after the people like parents and bring happiness to them; they are heroes who preserve the national essences, support the nation and worship humanity. We have seen our Religions instill humanity into the human mind as a remedy to their cruelty.

Due to their over-confidence in and reliance on science, mankind has lost the core spirit of human ethics. Now, we spread humanity and righteousness to wake them up so they treat each other with love and guide each other to universal fraternity.

Our foundation of humanity and righteousness can become a bridge between nations of the world; **our doctrine of humanity and righteousness** is the basic characteristic of Vietnam and can become the National Religion.