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**#63. THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND HAPPINESS**

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Bần Đạo often say that we rely on small details to speculate the big picture. All nations in the world now also feel in their soul the imminent destruction which will result from their divisiveness and mutual killing. It will not only happen in this age, but also in the future.

Before the First World War, they had established the United Nations to protect world peace. What do the current cruelty and violence signify? If we judge with justice, peace has been maintained to this day thanks to the United Nations. Without them, the third war would have started. Now that the world has foreseen the disaster, they have seen their (the United Nations') physiognomy. The United Nations may change their name, but their physiognomy is still a world-saving organisation. Without them, mankind would have fallen into self-annihilation. No power could have stopped their dangerous steps. Therefore, they appeared like Saint Gandhi who travelled the world with a stick and a mattress to appeal for compassion and mercy as a heart-changing remedy. He used virtue as the basic to save mankind from mutual killing. He protected peace in the boundary of virtue. He already accomplished (the mission) in India. I think His approach is in accord with that of the Supreme Being. The Supreme Being did not go before Him, and neither did He. He did not influence Saint Gandhi either.

There are many other sublime intellectuals who study mankind to waken themselves. They hold the fate of nations and devise plans to protect peace and human lives, i.e. they preserve the life of mankind.

They(\*1) have seen that at Chailot nations sought all sorts of methods to protect peace but still failed. What impact does divisiveness have on human mind? There are three forces: capitalism, communism and moralism. Communism says that materials on earth are enough to support mankind on earth. There are at least 2.500 people on earth. Materials on earth can support them. However, materials must be equally distributed; no one has more than others and no one has less. In order to distribute, they have to work to produce. The rule of distribution is already unjust. Furthermore, they do not work to produce: some do but others do not. How can they distribute! It is actually robbery. The philosophy is sublime, but their action is in contrast with what is right.

On the other hand, capitalism says that mass and abundant production will give people a happy life. They have rules to force people to share materials. It is not fair to share materials with those who do not work. Everyone must work beyond the expectations of mankind, which will make them very happy. However, those who keep materials do not share with others. As a result, their philosophy is good, but their action is also in contrast with what is right. The two ideologies exist in parallel, fight strongly against each other and form the two blocks of Russia and America.

Now, moralism is quite different from the others. Bần Đạo think it is not necessary to produce too much or to be rich. As Religions go, we should share suffering, deficiency and mishap in accordance with the situation. We may be poor, but we can protect each other. Large amount of material never protects us. We can only by uniting the entire mankind and changing the human mind so we regard each other as family. Only when mankind loves and protects each other like a family will we be happy. There are the strong and the weak; the sick and the elderly cannot work as much as the healthy. The weak cannot shoulder heavy duties. We can tell many cases of injustice. Only deep love brings mutual happiness. Regardless of mental or physical happiness,

mankind can only be happy when we sustain our means of living with love. Otherwise, our life will surely never be happy. We may be strong now, but will feel pain after stepping on a thorn. It is not happy to have to sit idle. People can never have complete happiness; it is but a dream. We will only have more pain.

Have we ever been happy in our life? Let us reflect how happy we have been in our life. Then, let us sum up what brought us happiness and whether we were happy. Alas! There was only suffering, as if we were living in a desert and longing for holy water under the scorching sun. It is no different than seeking happiness for mankind. Like what Bàn Đạo said, we will only be happy when humans love, respect and protect each other. Otherwise, we would be fishing on trees; there would be no happiness at all.