

*Politics and the True Law*

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I will deliver the message this month for the first time in a long while. Since very dry and rigid political discussions have been featured for some time, those of you who have difficulty in understanding such issues may have become a bit bored. At last, however, the general elections in Japan will be over by the time this is in print, and no matter what the outcome is, we would like to leave the subject of politics for a while. Nevertheless, from time to time we must continue to criticise mistaken ideologies.

I know that one organizer of a meeting for the True Law said he could not understand why Heaven chose to interfere in political matters, and that he was unable to justify it. I would like to address this question in this month's message.

Probably this organizer became critical because he only looked at the superficial aspect of Heaven speaking on political issues. Depending on the state of political affairs, however, there are times when we must sharply criticise the bad elements in order to draw the attention of the world to these matters. Heaven remains silent while politicians are making efforts to conduct a just government in harmony. We have no choice but to raise our voice to warn people on the third dimension so they can correct the problem in situations like the recent developments where ideology, especially that which is blatantly evil, is becoming deeply entrenched in the political arena.

This is consistent with the activity of good spirits which lead Israel since more than 4,000 years ago, which constantly warned the Israelites through their prophets and spared no words to guide them through decisive moments in their history. Those who are familiar with the history of Christianity can probably understand our involvement with the destiny of a country called Japan in this day and age.

Joan of Arc was similarly guided. She was led by Archangel Michael to sacrifice her life to save France. This phenomenon can be regarded as clearly a case of political intervention. Buddha, while he was still living, taught many kings the laws that should be learned as a king governing a country. This is a form of political intervention known as giving council. There were times, of course, when Buddha taught kings only after being beseeched to do so.

On the other hand, in the Islamic religion, Mohammed was given a complete book of laws called the Koran which was enough to build the Kingdom of God, and this was used to build one vast empire. If not politics, this can be called the laws of an autonomous community. This is also politics in the wide sense of the word, by which a community governs itself.

Many such examples can be found through the history of our reincarnations. Cases of political involvement can be substantiated throughout history by studying the table of our reincarnations and spiritual union (in-dwelling) with historical figures. Our union with the Seven Wise Men<sup>12</sup> in Oriental legend is one such example of our guiding a host of good spirits.

Another reason the organizer mentioned earlier is doubtful about the intervention of Heaven in political matters is perhaps because he does not understand that at this point in history we are no longer teaching the True Law as just a religion. He does not realize that this is meant to be a movement to enlighten people, so it does not matter what we choose to criticize, or who we guide in the right direction, and that we are completely free to do as we will.

This is the reason why Miss Chino repeatedly states on behalf of Heaven that we are teaching virtue, righteousness and faith so as to rid the world of evil. If one of the evils in the world happens to be in the area of politics, criticizing this and calling on

people to correct this is action which is certainly justifiable by any standard. We intend to continue teaching the followers of the True Law these things as their duty and code of conduct.

If this organizer refutes our argument from the standpoint that "religion and politics must be kept separate," it must be that he is under the illusion that the True Law is still an ordinary religion, and cannot rid himself of this notion. To speak of the religious needs of the organizer, he has to study Christianity as well as to realize the difference between religion and the current True Law. Here I would like to quote the words someone mentioned in the question and answer section of this publication as having used to answer his opponent in an argument.

"Pray correct your lack of understanding!"

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