

# Reflections for discussion on a “CAUSA type” curriculum on the Family

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## Purpose:

- To breakthrough the confusion around family values, gender, and values in general in our current societies
- To express clearly the CTA, “CIG Age” teaching of True Parents on God and man, the Family and Human Development.
- To explain that a “God-centered society” of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values means that a harmonious society (economics, politics) should be based on family ethics.
- Could be considered a second level of “CAUSA” material. Need a series of lectures that could be taught in a weekend seminar – complementing each other – and be used separately.

Here are a few issues that could be developed into sharper lectures:

## Introduction:

Link with CAUSA. End of Communism. Alienation.

Now the challenge of the family, gender.

## Ideological underpinnings and current consequence of the “sexual revolution” (mainstreaming of free sex and same sex relations, etc.)

- The philosophers of suspicion (Nietzsche, Marx, Freud) (“Les philosophes du soupçon”).
- Darwin, Marx and the denial of God
- Freud and the denial of sin
- Wilhelm Reich, Herbert Marcuse, Foucault and the mainstreaming of free sex and same sex relations
- etc.
- influence of a “new, universal morality” based on sexual health, sexual rights, etc.

## Social consequences of family breakdown

### Sex at the frontline of good and evil

- Sex as the basis for life, love, lineage and conscience
- Sex and responsibility toward conscience, spouse and children
- The misuse of sex and its consequences.
- The story of the Fall
- The question of lineage – discussion on consequences of surrogate motherhood, etc.

### Principles underlying the family( based “Family as School of Love” IEF lecture)

- Family order, cosmic order
- Four realms of heart – human development
- Three kingships of love (3 generations)
- Three Great Subjects: Parent, Teacher, Leader

**Family ethics: Basis for a Society of Interdependence and Mutual Prosperity**( well delineated in the Appendix of Unification Thought 2006 edition – easily available on internet if you don’t have the book at <http://www.unification-thought.org/neut/nEssentials.pdf>):

Dealing with real and current issues that people do not usually link to the family model: case for altruism in society fulfilled through the family model: balance of public and private purpose learnt in the family – centering on a higher purpose (beyond nation and world: God)

- Society of interdependence – concept of joint ownership
  - o Excess of private property in capitalism – excess of collective property in collectivist society – exclusion of love in the concept of property (materialism)
  - o Sharing of public goods and resources (ocean, air, etc.) – future challenge of humanity – imply a new vision is needed.
  
- Society of mutual prosperity :ideal of joint government
  - o Development of democracy based on individualism: capitalism based on liberal democracy caused unequal distribution of wealth, restriction of economic freedom, etc. Decrease of religion - emphasis on rights, equality and freedom for individuals (individualism) — rise of egoism
  - o The positive achievement of religious freedom in democracy – core of human rights
  - o Joint government – political parties do not relate in antagonism – “brotherhood democracy”
  - o (Headwing, beyond right and left, centering on higher values – God)
  
- Society of universally shared values: ideal of joint ethics - family ethics
  - o Social life is reinforced by altruism(“true love”) of parent, teacher, leader (“3 Great Subjects”) – raising up vertically (human and social development) and equalizing horizontally
    - Education of heart (parent), norms (teacher), creativity (leader)
  - o Society based on family relationships - four realms of love – gradual training in altruism - toward parental heart

### **Family, Role of Woman:**

- The role of woman in history (Noah’s wife, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Tamar, Mary, etc.)
- Current challenges of religions regarding family – position of woman
  - o Catholic
  - o Islam
- Women’s liberation
- The family as the fulfillment of religion

### **Family and Human Rights**

Clarify Human Rights issue

In his last public speech Father speaks of 3 eras: centered on material, centered on human feelings – and now entering a God-centered era centering on altruism, the Blessing, etc.

The Human Rights philosophy -end result of the second, “humanistic” era, needing to evolve into a God centered era where family, not the individual, is the basic unit