WON BUDDHISM PERSPECTIVES ON RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM AND TERRORISM

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OVERVIEW

• Challenges
  - Social consequences
  - Economy
• Won Buddhism
  - Belief
  - History
• New Interfaith International Organization
CHALLENGES

• Terrorism: unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims.

• Extremism: holding of extreme political or religious views.
CHALLENGES - SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES

- Cause suspicion and tension among different ethnic and religious groups
- Causes paranoia and fear
- Refugee Crisis
- Chemical Weapons, Nuclear
CHALLENGES-ECONOMY

• The economic cost of terrorism increased by 61 per cent in 2014. The economic cost of terrorism reached its highest ever level in 2014 at US$52.9 billion. This is a 61 per cent increase from the previous year and a ten-fold increase since 2000.

• Terrorist activity increased by 80 per cent in 2014 to its highest recorded level. The largest ever year-on-year increase in deaths from terrorism was recorded in 2014, rising from 18,111 in 2013 to 32,685 in 2014.

- Global Terrorism Index 2015 report from Institute for Economic and peace
**CHALLENGES**

**Staggering Human Toll**

Terrorist groups are deadlier than ever, killing 80 percent more people in 2014 than a year earlier.

- **Total**
- **Iraq & Nigeria**

Source: Institute for Economics and Peace, START Global Terrorism Database

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CHALLENGES

WHY RELIGION?
## CHALLENGES

### The Top Issues For Voters In The 2016 Election

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<th>% of registered voters saying each is &quot;very important&quot; to their vote in 2016</th>
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- Top Issues for voters in 2016 election by Statista, Niall McCarthy
YOUTUBE VIDEO SPREAD OF 5 RELIGION

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvFI6UBZLw4
REMEMBER
WON BUDDHISM-BELIEF

- Dharma kaya Buddha, original source of all things in the universe, mind-seal of all the Buddha and sages, and the original nature of all sentient beings.
WON BUDDHISM-HISTORY

- 1891-1943
- Relationship with Buddhism
- Transition period
- Practical & Modernized
- Japan / Colony

Park Jungbin [So Tae San]
WON-BUDDHISM/THREEFOLD

1. Spiritual Cultivation

Spiritual Cultivation is settling down and focusing our mind. This can be done through sitting meditation, chanting, and prayer. It is like weeding a field before planting seeds.

2. Dharma Study

Dharma Study is a way to hone and brighten our wisdom. We hone our wisdom in all human affairs and universal principles by means of scripture study, koan practice, and dharma discussion.

3. Mindful Choice in Action

Mindful Choice in Action is a path to use our mind according to its nature. Observing precepts, mindfulness practice, and heedfulness are the subjects of Mindful Choice in Action.
WON-BUDDHISM

- Dr. Chung Ohun Lee (Supreme Council of Won Buddhism)
  “Get away from the hatred, greed, anger and delusion”
  “Build a solidarity, global citizenship, and bonding among religious groups”
  “Our aim is to become adherents of a broad and consummate religion by incorporating and making use as well of the doctrines of all the world’s religion” – The Scriptures of Won-Buddhism
ONE HUMANITY & RELIGION

• Won-Buddhism: The fundamental principles of all the world’s religions are also essentially one, but as different religions have long been established with different systems and expedients.

• Christianity, Bible : Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

  Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor.

  If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.

• Islam, Quran : Quran 49:10 Humanity is but a single Brotherhood; So make peace with your brother.
ONE HUMANITY & RELIGION

“If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together”
NEW & DIFFERENT FUTURE
AGENDA2020

UNRP
RELIGION FOR PEACE
UNITED NATION RELIGION FOR PEACE
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- Peace, justice and strong institutions
- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
UNITED NATION RELIGION FOR PEACE

MOTIVATIONS

• What is the ONENESS?
  - “If You Want to Get There Fast, Go Alone.
    If You Want To Go Far, Go Together.”

• Power/Voice of Non- Governmental Organization
  - Temple of Understanding, Religion for Peace.

• Efficiency of the meeting - United Nation Head Quarter
UNITED NATION RELIGION FOR PEACE
UNRP - SYSTEM

- Delegation System
  - Each religion has 4~5 ambassadors for Resolution & Negotiation
  - Each religion gets 1 vote
  - Within the UN but work separately
  - Non Political
UNRP- SYSTEM

• UN RP Headquarter : Church Center → Peace Center
• General Assembly
  - Secretary General : 5 years term, NO CONSECUTIVE TERM
  - 5~7 Candidates → 3 Candidates(Debate + Speech)
UNRP- SYSTEM

Diplomatic Congressman

- New Expert Group
- Cooperate with other UN organizations
- UN HQ, WHO, UNDP
- Observer
UNRP- SYSTEM

- Continental Committee
- Specialized in each continents
- Temporary

- UNICEF
- World Health Organization
- Fundraising
- UN Women
Education / Youth – Temple of Understanding

- Internship Opportunity
- High School : Research 75~100
- Undergraduate/ graduate : Experience 75~100
- High School + Undergraduate / Graduate
- Significance of Education.
PLAN

- Religion for Peace
- Temple of Understanding
- Religious Leaders
- Delegation System
- Fundraising
- Promoting
- App Project
THANK YOU!!

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