

We will begin the second lecture on Comparative Religion. /We will begin our criticism of heretic groups one by one. /We will first criticize heretic groups in China.

Chapter 1, Dong Fang Shan Dian Pai, or Eastern Lightning

I. The founder of Eastern Lightning is Zhao Weishan.

/This group was founded in 1993 in Henan Province, China. /This group consists of a female Christ. The founder of this religious sect is a female Christ. /However, there is someone who controls the female Christ. /His name is Zhao Weishan. /Zhao Weishan was originally from Huanan Pai, also known as the Shouters.

/He joined together with the powers of followers of the Shouters and formed the “Church of Almighty God.” /Zhao Weishan is from Acheng shi in Heilongjiang Province. /Zhao Weishan changed his name to Xu Weishan in the year 2000. /He established headquarters in Tokyo, Japan and New York.

/There are many names for this group. /Qi ling pai. /Er ci jiu zhu pai. /Zhen guang pai. /Zhen guang pai.

II. Lightning Deng, the female sect leader.

/The woman Lightning Deng calls herself Christ. /Genesis 1:27 says that God created male and female. /“God first incarnated himself in man and called him Jesus.” /“Then he incarnated himself in a woman.” /Lightning Deng claims that she is the incarnated woman.

/Criticism: The image of God in Genesis 1:27 refers to God’s spiritual image. /God created man’s spirit in God’s image, and God made man’s physical body with the dust of the ground. /The man and woman are Adam and Eve.

/Eastern Lightning first elected seven leaders. /They claimed that these seven leaders were God. /The seven were given names such as “All Glory,” “Full Authority,” “Almighty,” and others. /Of the seven, Zhao Weishan had the highest position.

/Among them, Lightning Deng was called “Almighty.” /She became the “Almighty God” of Eastern Lightning, and she became the “female Christ.”

/Lightning Deng once lived in the vicinity of Zhengzhou of Henan Province. /In the past she suffered from a mental illness. /She participated in the Shouters’ activity where she learned about the heretic doctrine.

/She claimed that she had dreams and saw visions. /She claimed that she personally recorded God’s word of revelation. /She claimed that she was “Almighty God.”

/What did Zhao Weishan do? /Zhao Weishan exalted Lightning Deng as an almighty being. /He called himself the Chief Priest of the “Almighty God.”

/Zhao Weishan and Lightning Deng are the main people associated with Eastern

Lightning. /Zhao chose seven women and made them serve Lightning Deng. /Common people were not allowed to approach Lightning Deng.

III. Origin of Eastern Lightning

/The root of this group is the Shouters. /The doctrines and terms used by Eastern Lightning resemble those of the Shouters. /Eastern Lightning's religious rituals are also similar to those of the Shouters. /For example, they shout loudly /and dance, /among other things.

IV. Organization of Eastern Lightning

/This group has a strict outline of activities called the "Ten Standards of Administration." /This is similar to the world of organized crime. /The main organization consists of a Chief Priest and "the one used by the Holy Spirit." /There is also the "Lord of Province," /the "Lord of District," /and leaders of cell organizations. /There are strict organizations.

/There are local branches in each district and section. /There are small group leaders, of which groups consist of 10-20 people. /At times, these leaders lock up believers and brainwash them.

V. Books of Eastern Lightning

/Books of Eastern Lightning are copies of sayings of Lightning Deng. /Some of these books are doctrinal, /and some are of songs and poems.

VI. Main Contents of Books

/Their books speak absurdly of the "God of Christianity." /On the other hand, Lightning Deng is deemed "Creator, Savior, Almighty, Almighty God." /They say, "If Lightning Deng didn't exist, the heavens would be dark, the earth would be in chaos, and man would live amid famine and infectious diseases."

/They claim that Lightning Deng is the savior of all mankind. /This is wrong. /She is a self-proclaimed prophet. /We humans cannot become God. /Revelation 2:2 /Revelation 2:9, 20.

VII. Three Different Periods

/1. They claim that there are three different periods.

/First, the era of the law. /Second, the era of grace. /Third, the era of God's kingdom.

/First is the era of the law, in which they claim God's name was "Jehovah." /They say that Jehovah did not have all the attributes of God. /They also claim that Jehovah did not know that Adam would eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

/They say that God destroyed humans after he created them, which makes him an inconsistent God. /They claim that God cannot save humans from sin.

/Second, they say that there is the era of grace. /They say that God of the era of grace is "Jesus." /They say that Jesus is the master of the era of grace, and he is a tolerant God.

/Third, they say that there is the era of God's kingdom. /"God's name in this era is 'Lightning.'" /"There is only judgment and punishment in his era." /They say, "Jehovah and Jesus are false Gods." /They call this time period "the ear of God's kingdom."

/"The God of this era is a 'female Christ,' and we must believe in her." /"God is Almighty in the era of God's kingdom." /"She is the female Christ." /"The female Christ came in the image of a Chinese person." /"The God of the era of God's kingdom is the real God." "That is why people can see her." /"The female Christ, the Almighty God, is the true God." /They claim, "Whoever does not believe in the female Christ will perish."

/2. Five Kinds of People.

/First, the Many Elder Sons. /These elder sons are gods who came from God. The elder sons have attributes of God, and have the right to judge, curse, and punish.

/Second, the Many Sons. /They submit to the female Christ.

/Third, the People. /They have been subdued by the voice of God.

/Fourth, the Servants. /They are those who resist the female Christ. /They are children of Satan. They will submit to the female Christ after they die and return to the human earth. They will be reincarnated.

/Fifth, the Damned. /They are people who will never believe the female Christ. /They will enter the eternal pit of fire.

/Like this, they claim that the female Christ rules over this period. /They say that one must believe in the female Christ to be saved.

/Criticism: /It is wrong to think that there is a separation of time periods. /Man does not return to this earth after he dies. /They claim that there is reincarnation. /This is a Buddhist ideology. /Lightning Deng cannot be a savior. /It is also foolish to believe that the Savior would come as a Chinese person. /The way to salvation does not change according to each time period. /All people of the Old and New Testament times are saved by faith in Jesus Christ. /There are only the chosen and the unchosen.

VIII. A Biblical View

/They interpret Revelation 5:1-2 in the following way. /It says that there was a scroll in the right hand of him who sat on the throne. /They claim that this scroll is the sacred book of Eastern Lightning. /They say that it is the book that they made.

/Criticism: The scroll in Revelation 5 is the book of the salvation plan. /It is God's word of prophecy of the redemption that is to come. /Revelation 6:1 /Ephesians 3:9.

/They also speak of Revelation 14:6. /It says, "the eternal gospel." /They claim that the "eternal gospel" is their gospel. /They say that the word became flesh and has appeared today. /They claim, "This new era needs a new sacred book." /"Our teachings of the

sacred book is today's eternal gospel."

/Criticism: The "eternal gospel" in Revelation 14:6 is the Bible. /The gospel of Jesus is the eternal gospel.

/In Daniel 12:4 is /"the words of the scroll" that is rolled up and sealed. /"This is the book about the descent of the female Christ." /"The Bible is only a historical book." /They claim, "The influence of the Bible is now over."

/Criticism: We believe in the Bible. /The Bible is the only law of our lives. /Our Jesus alone gives us the eternal gospel.

/They also say, "We cannot believe in the Five Books of Moses." /"The Bible is wrong." /"The Bible is nothing more than an ancient item of the past era." /"The book that we made is the new book and new way." /"They away the Bible." /"The book written by the female Christ is the real book."

IX. The Doctrine of God

/They say, "The Trinity God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit do not exist." /"God is not only and is with error."

/Criticism: They deny the Trinity God. /They deny the Almighty God. /Genesis 1:1 / Exodus 6:3 /Psalm 139:1 /Jeremiah 32:17. /The Bible clearly speaks of the Triune God. /Matthew 28:19 /John 14:16 /2 Corinthians 13:14.

X. Christology

/They deny the resurrection of Jesus Christ. /They also say, "Jesus Christ did not solve the problem of man's sin." /They claim, "Jesus' ministry of redemption was not perfected."

/Criticism: This is the denial of the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus. /This is the denial of the merit of the blood that Jesus shed. /Then they proceed to claim, "Redemption was made complete through the female Christ."

/Next, they deny the Second Coming of Jesus. /They deny the return of Jesus, and instead they say that God came incarnated as Lightning Deng. /They also deny heaven and hell.

/Criticism: The Bible says that Jesus will come on the clouds. /Acts 1:11 /Revelation 1:7.

/Isaiah 41:2 says, "Who has stirred up one from the east." /Regarding this, they claim, "The second Christ that God will send will be from the east." /"That person came in China."

/Criticism: Isaiah 41:2 refers to King Cyrus. /Persia is to the east of the land of Judah. /Isaiah 45:1.

/Next, they claim that there is a “second incarnation.” /“The first incarnation was that of Jesus, /and the second incarnation is that of the female Christ.”

/Criticism: This is the denial of Jesus. /It does not say anywhere in the Bible that there will be a female Christ. /Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for eternity. /Hebrews 13:8.

XI. Pneumatology

/They deny the power of the Holy Spirit. /They deny the personality of the Holy Spirit. /They deny the Holy Spirit’s guidance of believers.

/Criticism: The Bible speaks of the personality of the Holy Spirit. /Romans 8:16, 26. /The Holy Spirit knows the deepest parts of man. /The Holy Spirit prays for believers according to God’s will. /Romans 8:16, 26.

XII. The Doctrine of Man

/They say, “The souls of believers were the dead souls of Christians before the female Christ came.”

/Criticism: This is a syncretic religious view. /This is based on the idea of reincarnation of Buddhism.

XIII. Eschatology

/They base their belief on 1 Peter 1:5 and claim, /“The one who will appear in the last days is the female Christ.” /They say, “The female Christ came as God incarnate to complete the work of atonement that Jesus did not complete.”

/Criticism: This is a wrong claim. /Jesus completed the redemption of man. /Jesus died on the cross for our sins and resurrected. /When Jesus died, He said, “It is finished.”

/Hebrews 9:28 says, “he will appear a second time.” /They believe that the one who will appear “a second time” is the female Christ.

/Criticism: The one who will “appear a second time” is Jesus when He returns.

/Matthew 24:27 says, /lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west. /Regarding this, they claim, “The female Christ is the lightning from the east, China.” /They say, “The female Christ is the God who returned from the east in China.”

/Criticism: This is a wrong belief. /Matthew 24:27 speaks of Jesus’ return. /“Lightning that comes from the east [that] is visible even in the west” /means that Jesus’ return will be sudden and clearly visible.

/It also means that the location of Jesus’ return is not restricted to a certain area.

/All can see lightning when it strikes. /In the same way, all peoples on earth will see Jesus when He returns.

XIV. They are a Wicked Group

/Heretics will use whatever methods and ways they can. /They are cunning. /False teachers use whatever methods and ways they can to accomplish their goals. /They secretly enter existing traditional churches.

/They deceive people. /This is the work of the devil. /The devil is the father of lies. /John 8:44 /Revelation 19:11 /They say that it is okay to lie. /They lie about their names, age and addresses. /However, Jesus is truthful.

XV. Their Evilness

/1. They are a perverse group. /They say that perverse actions are normal and spiritual. /Their believers abandon their families and live in immorally. /A characteristic of heretics is that they are perverse and materialistically greedy. /2 Peter 2:1-3.

/2. They are a wicked group. /They are a wicked group that physically harm those who refuse to join the group. /This group violently assaults anyone who betrays them and runs away.

/They insist on absolute submission to the female Christ. /They make believers leave their families and keep them from getting married. /The younger believers are forced to leave their families and go preach about the female Christ. /These believers are threatened if they do not obey.

/3. They take the riches of believers. /They take individuals' properties.

/4. They make them escape from reality. /They say, "The time of judgment began in 1998." /"The youth must not go to school, and the middle-aged must not work or farm." /They say, "Now that it is the end of times, sell your properties and come." /These are characteristics of heretics. /Heretics rob the riches of believers.

/Criticism: True Christianity is a religion of sacrificing oneself to save others.

/Micah 6:8 /Anyone who is destructive and violent is a slave to the devil. /Luke 3:14 /Habakkuk 1:3 /Anyone who hurts others belongs to Satan's group. /Therefore, we must be careful so that we are not deceived by wrong erroneous heretics.

/Here we will conclude the second lecture on Comparative Religion. /Thank you.