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WA and JIHI for the Culture of World Peace

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Abstract: This lecture aims to renew the concept *WA*(和) and *JIHI* (慈悲) for the culture of world peace. In the ancient Chinese tradition, *WA* was understood, in contrast to *DOH* (同), as a dynamic principle for *peaceful harmony and development without assimilating others*. In Japanese tradition, *WA* (和) is meant as a principle of the harmonious activity not only within a group but also among various groups. The concept *JIHI* (慈悲) is Buddha's compassion for all animate beings to save themselves from sufferings in this world and consists of a cardinal virtue together with the wisdom (智慧) in Mahayana Buddhism. This ethics advocates the salvation of Self cannot be separated from the salvation of others. Moreover, this ethics based upon *JIHI* was developed to a public welfare (Gemeinwohl) policy. The idea of *WA and JIHI* for the world peace must be now reinterpreted as *transnational value of reconciliation and solidarity* among the peoples all over the world.

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