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The Concept of Degree Numbers in the Thought of Jeungsan and Jeongsan

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Abstract: The term, Degree Number, was religiously re-interpreted by Jeungsan (甞山) Kang Il-Sun (姜一淳, 1871~1909) and used by him to imply ‘the principle of ruling the world.’ It was especially the case that his usage of Degree Number referred to the new law that will rule during the Later World, and the significance of this was promoted during Jeungsan’s Reordering Works of Heaven and Earth.

And Jeongsan (鼎山) Jo Cheol-Je (趙哲濟, 1895~1958), who received a revelation from Jeungsan, established new religious movements including Mugeuk-do and Taegeuk-do and gave a broader meaning to the term Degree Number which he adopted from Jeungsan. He endowed it with the additional meaning of ‘all the religious activities performed to achieve an ideal world.’

In the history of Korean religions, Degree Number was newly interpreted by the religiously-gifted Jeungsan, who appeared at the end of the Joseon Dynasty. The lineage of religious thought related to Degree Numbers was constantly transmitted through Mugeuk-do and Taegeuk-do both of which were founded by Jeongsan Jo Cheol-Je. Later, Park Han-Gyeong (朴漢慶,

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