

# **The Creation of a Peace Culture for the Twenty-first Century : A Perspective of Phra Dhammapitaka (P.A.Payutto)**

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Ven. Phra Dhammapitaka (P.A.Payutto) is widely acknowledged and respected for his profound knowledge in many academic fields ; Buddhism, education, economics and the science etc.

He indicates that now culture is based on the belief that human is superior to nature, can overcome and control nature. Therefore, human can control, manage and consume nature.

This wrong belief leads to the crisis of human and society in today. The world, now is global and borderless but human's mind is not. So, in the twenty – first Century, human has to adjust his attitude .Because in any human relationship, he believes, human can make compromises with one another, but truth cannot be compromises . Therefore, in the new culture, human has to relate to each other with goodwill and to relate to reality with wisdom.

He believes that a peace and a peace culture must begin in our mind. Human can only be achieved by his minds that enjoy inner peace, freedom and happiness. In his opinion, peace, freedom and happiness are the goal of our culture in the new millennium.

To achieve this goal, he suggests that ;-

1. the physical science, applied science and technology would have a relationship with nature that is characterized by a pure desire for knowledge, rather than a desire to exploit nature
2. the social sciences will not look at mankind, with a specialist reductionistic view of human society disconnected from nature but will instead see them as friends or fellow citizens of the natural world
3. the humanities will concern themselves with the human effort to realize the highest quality possible for a human being, which is inner freedom.

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