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Globalization has made multiculturalism a common phenomenon, and South Korea is not an exception. It has already become a multicultural society where people from different ethnic backgrounds come and live together within the society. Despite the evident fact, multiculturalism has been an ongoing debate as South Koreans are reluctant to accept those people as the equal members of the society. Thus, being the minority in South Korea, people from multicultural backgrounds are suffering from various problems.

Discrimination and ostracization, the major problems they face, occurred as the South Korean culture is yet unable to follow the fast flow of multiculturalism within its society. Regarding the human nature to react within the boundary of bias, this is somehow a natural situation. Human beings tend to only see what they believe; they limit their points of view in their own ways of thinking and once they do so, it is very difficult to get out of the box of the limits. For multiculturalism, the problem happened since South Koreans started to only see the apparent difference in those people. People then excluded them as being weird and let them reside outside of their boundaries of South Korean society. Thus, people from multicultural backgrounds are exposed to the problem of lack of access to proper education, health care, and more seriously, prolonged social ills resulted from deep psychological scars.

In order to eradicate the problems that pose serious threat to the society, South Koreans have to get rid of the absolute perspective and take the relative perspective to look at others: they have to realize that the standard to distinguish good and bad is not absolute but different from situation to situation. To take an example, although parasites are widely considered as some organisms that take advantages of others, in a broader perspective, all organisms in the world can be parasitic since all life needs resources to survive and taking resources means not leaving them for others. That is, something that is considered good for an organism, which is utilizing the resources to survive, can harm others. To apply this to the topic, people have to realize that what is good for oneself can be bad for others. They need to consider every standard relative, and thus respect



others as different beings.

To sum up, the problem from multiculturalism emerged from the human tendency to limit their views in their belief. Therefore, they have to get rid of those limits and regard others as being unique individuals since all standards distinguishing values are different. It only comes to the ultimate benefit of all when everyone respects others, and then there comes the harmony.