

## DOCTORAL THESIS IN BRIEF

LÊ THỊ TUYẾT BA. *Ethical awareness in market economy of Vietnam nowadays.*

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As we know, ethic and ethical awareness are social phenomenon affected by economic relations. The significant changes of socioeconomic life has been affecting deeply to spirit life of people. The transformation from centralized economy to socialist-oriented market economy, two different type of economy, inherit and replace each other with many contradictions and difficulties. This change hardly evades conflict of differs, even clashes because of value levels in content, appearance and role of those values.

Nowadays, Vietnam's economy is changing from centralization structure to market economy with socialist-orientation. The repeated changes of economic mechanism create changes of spirit life in general and ethical life in specialty. Social problem becomes more complex and flexible than at any time, and it becomes the top attention of society. Researching the ethical awareness in condition of market economy of Vietnam at present, especially analyzing to clarify the significance of ethical awareness to the development of society, explain systematically the verification and change of moral awareness, show the cause of the change when it varies deeply in moral and material life of

society (from 1986 up to now) is very important. This is also the main task and goal of Lê Thị Tuyết Ba presented in her PhD Thesis of Philosophy.

Beside the introduction, conclusion and references, the Thesis consists of 3 Chapter, 7 Section.

Chapter I (pg.10-41), the writer shows her analysis of *Historic-material view of ethical awareness*, for example: ethical awareness is one form of social awareness reflect existence of society and it is one of the key factors for the improvement of human beings. Moral awareness is product of moral action, composed from many basic elements (at sensible level, it is demand of morality, moral feeling; at physical property, it is moral knowledge, moral standard, moral ideal), presented in many different level. It is significant, contributes to the adjustment, direction of activities, be standard to value the morality of human, as well as stimulus feature of development. Moral ethic also presented by moral ideal- the standard reflects social development tendency.

Chapter 2, the role of ethical awareness and the change of ethical awareness in situation of market economy of Vietnam. (pg.42-117). Due to the writer of the thesis, first of all, it must mention the adjusting role and direct human behavior of moral awareness. As product of social existence, awareness changes with the development and change of social existence and also affect vice versa. Moral awareness is not the reflection of socio-economic conditions but the

adjustment role of relationship between person and person, person and society, and all activities of people in general. In our country, the construction and development of socialist-oriented market economy is to improve economic growth, and ensure the progress, equivalent, and harmonious development between persons and society. Therefore, the adjustment and direction role of moral awareness is necessary than at any time. The author believes that, if we know the way to take advantage of normative directive roles of morality in all aspects, it will contribute to the rationalization of human activities, contributes to prosperous economy and improvement of society.

Also, moral awareness acts as role of motive force to social development. The human development connected to the improvement of practical morality and ethical awareness. Ethical awareness is always connected to the development of economic and political life, affected by profitable relation and class's relation and other social awareness model. It is one of elements to ensure stability of politic and create favorable conditions to the growing of economy. If we know how to uphold the role of morality in economic activities, it will contribute to improve healthy competitive capability, exploit effectively resources to make contribution to prosperous economy. The development of morality itself ensures less social damage because of reversion of market economy.

On the other hand, the development of socio-economic affects the change of social morality, personal morality and morality of community. Those changes can occur in positive and negative way.

The author of this thesis analyzes, explains and shows the main reasons of such changes and she believes that, during the development, we need to focus on the positive impact, prevent negative impact of market economy. And, we have to build a healthy market, combine the benefit- the good and the beautiful to direct toward a developed society and humanities.

Base on this analysis, in chapter 3 of the thesis, the author suggest “Some *solution to build ethical awareness in market economy of Vietnam*” (pg.18-182). She thinks that, develop a market economy, appreciate economic growth and also pay attention to building moral awareness for each person, especially for young generation. Because they are the root, the foundation for a stable development, it is the line to connect each individual in the society and connect generations together, to reach true and beautiful things.

Repeated changes of socio-economic life, the development of scientific and technical revolution and the industrialization and modernization of the country in globalization will not reduce the role of moral awareness to follow the law but bring it to a new level, more scientific and rationalist. To improve the role of morality, so that it is really the basic of spirit, the resources of stable development, we need to carry out harmoniously economic, legal, educational solution, and firstly:

1. Complete the socialist-oriented market economy as an economic foundation of ethical awareness, because when the market structure is more completed, an economic direction in

conformity with conditions and ability of the country, and in accordance with general tendency of the era in order to bring back a healthy, stable, prosperous development for the country.

2. Increase the role of law; create favorable conditions, environment for the forming and developing of moral awareness. As practical, the Law plays an important role to protect the significant morality of society. Law is a necessary means to the normal existence of society in general and morality in special. To create a good environment condition for forming and developing moral awareness, people need to realize the importance as well as the role of it in legitimate state; build a comprehensive and perfect system of law; pay attention to quality of legal agencies and law enforcement agencies; enforce law strictly and effectively bring law into social life.

3. Educate in morality to make contribution to build an ethical awareness in market economy. Moral education needs to be carried out in family, school and society. Those three environments of moral education is

connected, related and inherited form each other in process of educating one's morality. In opinion of the author, moral training must include some main contents such as: increase education, cultivate virtuous character, revolutionary ethics as requirement of a new era, a new stage in the development of the world. Among those, educating the ideal of national independence and socialism play an decisive role; educating working consciousness and studying consciousness; self-aware, positive creative working spirit; educate independent self-strengthen spirit and virtue of citizen in a new era, a new world; educate behavior regulations, moral standard in scene of modern life; combine education and self-education, self practice.

Also, the author analyses and provides some specific models, methods, solutions used in moral education.

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