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Materialism and Idealism

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**Philosophy teachings from
GrandMaster Taejoon Lee** - "In
philosophy and science there is a battle
between two juxtaposing views:
materialism and idealism. Materialism
states that everything in existence can
be explained through matter, whether
visible or invisible. Whereas, idealism
states that all things in existence is
consciousness and is invisible, ethereal.
And before the technological
advancements of our era, people
devoted their lives to God, to
spirituality, to family, to living.

As we come into the modern era, the
advancements in technology has made
our labor easier, creating more time for
leisure, but relieving more than just the
burdens of living, but the knowledge in
how to live free and independent.

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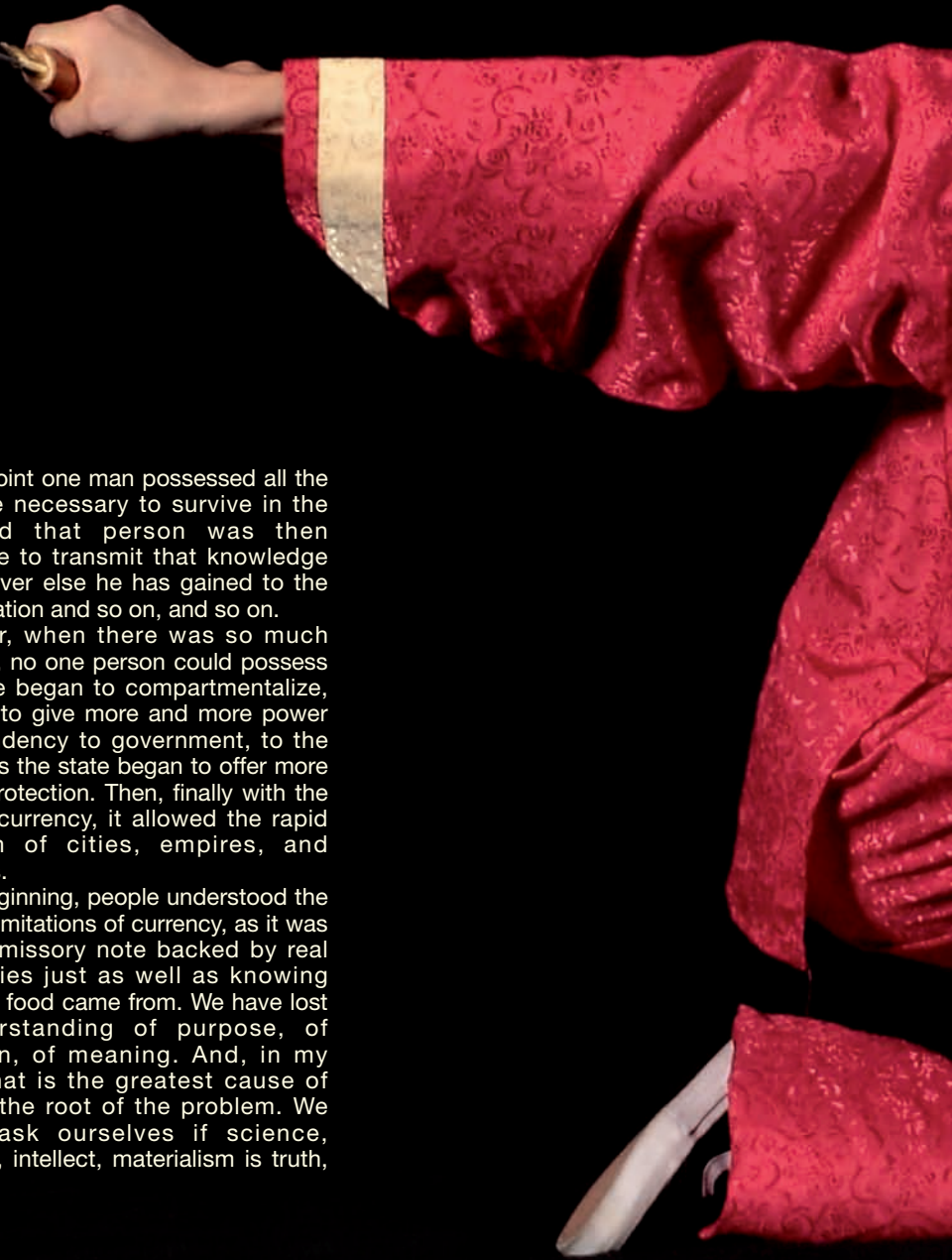
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However, when there was so much knowledge, no one person could possess it all so we began to compartmentalize, specialize, to give more and more power and dependency to government, to the landlords as the state began to offer more than just protection. Then, finally with the advent of currency, it allowed the rapid expansion of cities, empires, and civilizations.

In the beginning, people understood the value and limitations of currency, as it was only a promissory note backed by real commodities just as well as knowing where their food came from. We have lost the understanding of purpose, of foundation, of meaning. And, in my opinion that is the greatest cause of suffering, the root of the problem. We have to ask ourselves if science, knowledge, intellect, materialism is truth,





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then why is the world in so much chaos, so much hunger, so much sickness, so much war. And more people today are lost in purpose and meaning as it is evident in our millennial generation that desires above all things than success and money; they want change, any change, just something other than what is: Not realizing that the change must come from them rather than asking for it, but of course in order for them to create change they must know what must change and for what end.”

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