Liwanag at Dilim:
The Political Philosophy of Emilio Jacinto*

I

Fructifying in the midst of the Philippine Revolution, Emilio Jacinto's life is one of the most memorable in Philippine history. It was a brief career. Jacinto was born in Manila on December 15, 1873, and on April 16, 1899, when he was not yet 24 years old, he was already dead in Majayjay, Laguna, as a result of a bullet wound he received during a skirmish while in command of a Katipunan force and of malaria which he contracted afterwards. But it was a full life, overbrimming with great contributions to the country. Jacinto served the Katipunan, the organization that started the Philippine Revolution in 1896, as adviser, secretary-general, and general of the revolutionary forces of northern Manila. Jacinto also provided the Katipunan with a primer, the Kartilla, which Andrés Bonifacio, the father of the Katipunan, adopted as the official code of conduct of the organization. Jacinto was also the editor of the Kalayaan, the Katipunan newspaper, and the author of Pagkatatag ng Panahunaan sa Hukuman ng Silang, a constitutional document popularly known as the Sangguniang Hukuman, and a philosophical work, Liwanag at Dilim. Joining the Katipunan in 1894 when he was only 19 years old, Jacinto wrote his political works when he was only in his early twenties. But in spite of his youth, he was able to produce profound and lofty political ideas and ideals to guide the Katipunan revolutionaries and the Filipino people in general. Indeed, one can only agree with historians calling him "the brains of the Katipunan."

Fundamento de los Santos, a historian who wrote one of the longer accounts about Jacinto, said:

If one considers the social and the political atmosphere of those times, one marvels how Emilio Jacinto ever wrote what he did. His religious ideas or opinions on the commandments of the Deity are crystallized in Mabini's El Verdadero Decalogo, his Sangguniang Hukuman, and the liberty of worship of which it was the hierophant.

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found generous hospitality in the Political Constitution of the Filipino Republic of 1899, his doctrines on democracy, the relations between the people and the government, the exaltations of the son(s) of the people, and the dignification of labor, and other subjects now being tried in studies, classrooms, and lectures, and constituting the pride of publicists, were more or less successfully, but brilliantly, treated by Emilio Jacinto in his writings.  

Teodoro Kalaw, another historian, observed:

Jacinto's was an intellectually superior part in those first days (of the Revolution). He prepared the organization, he synthesized the political idea. He laid down the rules of conduct. He legitimized the bloodshed by the saving grace of aspiration. Take the Karilla away from the Katipunan and you have nothing left but a mere rising; but take the two together, and judge the movement by its purposes, by its ideal, such as Jacinto conceived it, and you have a struggle for freedom, a political and social movement portentous in the history of the world, a scheme for an ideal seemingly transplanted from the minds of reformers of old, based on the dignity of labor, the recognition of women, the morality of private life, social equality, humanity and brotherhood of man, patriotism, and the freedom of our beloved country.

It is ironic that up to the present time, Jacinto has not been given the full honors which he rightly deserves. There are full-length studies on Jose Rizal, Marcelo H. del Pilar, Graciela Lopez Jaena, Andres Bonifacio, Apolinar Mabini, and Antonio Luna, but there is none on Jacinto. A collection of Jacinto's works published in the 1930s has not been republished either by the government or private publishers, so that they are practically inaccessible to the post-war generation of Filipinos. Some authors have commented on Jacinto in their studies, a few journalists have written anecdotes about him in popular magazines, and numerous speakers have mentioned his name or his works in their addresses in school graduation ceremonies, National Heroes Day celebrations, and similar occasions. But these are about all that had been done for Jacinto.

Today, therefore, we ought to begin a serious effort to do justice to Emilio Jacinto. But the skeptic or the cynic may ask: Is Emilio Jacinto really worth studying? Does not Jacinto belong to the 19th century, and soon we shall be arriving in the year 2000?

I shall argue that even if Jacinto was a son of the 19th century, he continues to be relevant and significant to all of us, firstly because Jacinto's ideas constitute a philosophy of political development, secondly, because this philosophy is a solid ground for legitimizing the democratic government established by the new constitution, and thirdly, because it provides precepts which the people and the political elite can follow in order to correct misconduct in public affairs.

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In this section, I shall discuss first his ideas as they appeared in the Pamahalaan and the Kartilla. The third section will be on his philosophical work, Liwanag at Dilim.

It will be convenient to start with the Kartilla, for at least two reasons. First the Kartilla was written by Jacinto ahead of the Pamahalaan. The former was written around 1896, the latter was finished in 1898. Second—and this is the more important reason—the Kartilla provided the general conditions of political life while the Pamahalaan provided only the means by which those ends and conditions can be guaranteed.

The Kartilla is a brief code of conduct composed of thirteen normative propositions. Since it is short, I would like to quote the entire code:

I. Life which is not consecrated to a lofty and sacred cause is like a tree without a shadow, it not a poisonous weed.

II. A good deed that springs from a desire for personal profit and not from desire to do good is not kindness.

III. True greatness consists in being charitable, in loving one’s fellow men and in adjusting every movement, deed and word to true reason.

IV. All men are equal, be the color of their skin black or white. One may be superior to another in knowledge, wealth and beauty, but can not be superior in being.

V. He who is noble prefers honor to personal gains, he who is mean prefers personal profit to honor.

VI. To a man with a sense of shame, his word is inviolate.
VII. Don’t fritter away time, lost riches may be recovered, but time lost will never come again.

VIII. Defend the oppressed and fight the oppressor.

IX. An intelligent man is he who is cautious in speech and knows how to keep a secret that must be guarded.

X. In the thorny path of life, man is the guide of his wife and children, if he who guides moves toward evil, they who are guided likewise move toward evil.

XI. Think not of woman as a thing merely to while away time but a helper and a partner in hardships of life. Respect her in her weakness, and remember the mother who brought you into this world and who cared for you in your childhood.

XII. What you don’t want done to your wife, daughter, and sister, do not do to the wife, daughter, and sister of another.

XIII. The nobility of man does not consist in being a king nor in the heightness of the nose and the whiteness of skin, nor in being a priest representing God, nor in (occupying) the exalted position in this earth, but pure and truly noble is he who, though born in the woods, is possessed of an upright character, who is true to his word, who has dignity and honor, who does not oppress and does not help those who oppress, who knows how to look after and love the land of his birth.

When these doctrines spread and the Sun of beloved liberty shines with brilliant effulgence in these unhappy isles and sheds its soft rays upon the united people and brothers in everlasting happiness, the lives, labors, and sufferings of those who are gone shall be more than recompensed.

Any reasonable man who reflects and immerses himself in the ideas of the Kartilla will conclude that this primer is a code of civility and social justice.

The ultimate goal of the Kartilla is to unite the people into a community of “brothers in everlasting happiness,” into a society where all the members, regardless of their color, creed, position or status, education, and physical appearance are all equal, into a polity where there is neither oppressed nor oppressor, into a socio-political order where honor, dignity, work, love, charity, reason, freedom, and fellowship are the standards of living. In other words, the ends envisioned by Jacinto are a civil society and social justice.

The Kartilla, it is true, is too generalized, but the same may be said of the Ten Commandments in the Bible. One may even go as far as saying that it is a code of vague generalities, but one can never doubt its advocacy of a just question its sin in a society and

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advocacy of a just and civil order free from oppressors and oppression, nor question its sincerity, integrity, and consistency of its norms of a good life in a society under freedom, love, honor, justice, equality, and rectitude.

In any case, the general ends and conditions of political life are made concrete and specific in the Panahalaan.

The Panahalaan is actually a constitution. Jacinto conceived it as a means to safeguard and promote the civility and social justice advocated in the Kastilla. In order that civility and social justice as spelled out in the Kastilla would be advanced and guaranteed, it was necessary to have an effective government and a set of government officials, especially the military, under the law. This government was to be a democratic government.

That the form of government established by the Panahalaan is a democracy is clearly provided in Section 2, "Sovereignty resides in the people. This is the guiding principle upon which the Government of the East is established." 13

With regard to the government, it was designed to be effective by the principle of centralization. The political system was to be composed of districts, each district was to be constituted by towns. The towns, in turn, were composed of barangays. The political system was to have a Supreme Council, which was composed of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. Among the powers of the Supreme Council were the powers to establish a judiciary, to organize the assembly of delegates representing the towns, to establish an army, to assign the heads of district and towns, to solicit donations or voluntary contribution to the government, and to make, promulgate, and enforce laws. The heads of districts would have the right to appear, speak up, or explain matters affecting their respective districts before the Supreme Council. The district heads were also given the duties of informing the people in their respective districts of the acts and orders of the Supreme Council and seeing to it that the decrees were implemented. And with regard to the towns, they were to be governed by popular councils or sangguniang Bayan. In short, the barangays, towns, and districts were centralized and governed by the Supreme Council. The members of the Supreme Council were to be elected by the delegates of the towns.

In order that the government officials, especially the military, were to be placed under the law, there were provisions either enjoining them to cooperate with the judiciary or placing them directly under the authority of the courts. Thus, Section 61 of the Panahalaan provides, "All officials of the government, civil as well as military, have the duty to cooperate with the judiciary in the maintenance of peace and order within the territory of this government." 14 Section 54 is broader in scope in principle, for it authorized the judiciary to have jurisdiction over the military and civil officials. It provides, "All litigants and judicial disputes shall be under the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice." 15 Section 55 is specially addressed to the military. It states, "The officers and men of the armed forces shall be under the authority of the Court of Justice, if their crimes do not pertain to military..."
matters. Where accused of military offenses, these army officers and men shall be tried by the army authorities."

The only obvious provision missing in the Pamahalan is the Bill of Rights. However, this lack of a list of liberties is explained by the fact that the Pamahalan was not meant to be a constitution for the entire country but only for the province of Laguna, then under Jacinto’s jurisdiction as general for the revolutionary forces for this political unit. But Jacinto did not mean to disregard or ignore the inalienable rights of the people, for his Pamahalan explicitly provided in Section 1 “The Government of the East (Laguna) recognizes the Provisional Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines which was adopted in Buak-na-Bato on November 1, 1897 and accepts the supreme authority of its Government.”

Examining the Buak-na-Bato Constitution, we find the following provisions:

Article XXII Religious liberty, the right of association, the freedom of education, the freedom of the press, as well as the freedom in the exercise of all classes of profession, arts, trades, and industries are established.

Article XXIII Every Filipino shall have the right to direct petitions or present remonstrances of any import whatsoever in person or through his representatives, to the Council of the Government of the Republic.

Article XXIV No person, whatever may be his nationality, shall be imprisoned or detained except by the virtue of an order issued by a competent court, provided that this shall not apply to crimes which concern the Revolution, the Government, or the Army.

Article XXV Neither can an individual be deprived of his property or his domicile except by virtue of judgment passed by the court of competent authority.

III

Having discussed Jacinto’s ideas on civility, social justice, and the rule of law as they were embodied in the Katiliya and the Pamahalan, it is now time to show that Jacinto had systematized his ideas of these concepts into a philosophical system. I shall now defend this thesis by analyzing Luanag at Dilm.

Luanag at Dilm is a short work composed of seven brief chapters on (1) “Glitter and Light”, (2) “Liberty”, (3) “Men Are Equal”, (4) “Love”, (5) “The People and the Government”, (6) “False Religion”, and (7) “Labor”. Compared to the Katiliya in linguistic style, the Luanag at Dilm is not as polished, for Jacinto was not able to revise it into its final form. In fact, it was not published, for it was overtaken by the revolution which broke out in August 1896.
Epifanio de los Santos wrote

(Liwanag at Dilim) is a sort of a code intended for publication for the use of the sons of the people. It is less perfectly written than the karhila and the printed articles. It requires some retouching in a few details, fortunately insignificant, defects which the author himself would correct if he had it printed as shown by the Karhila, which is free from all blemishes. But because of these very imperfections, Liwanag at Dilim, has for the critic a greater psychological and historical interest, aside from its intrinsic value, which is very high, as a masterpiece in Tagalog.

Our interest in the Liwanag at Dilim, however, is neither in its psychological nor its historical dimensions but in the question of how Jacinto systematized the ideas of justice, social justice, and the rule of law, all found or adumbrated in the Karhila and one of which, i.e., the particular concept of the rule of law, made explicit in the Panahalaan.

Jacinto introduces his political philosophy by providing a thematic framework, based on the concepts of masquerade and light, which serves as a powerful means of giving qualitative nuances to and providing more or less clear meanings for the six other basic concepts discussed in the Liwanag at Dilim. "Glitter," observes Jacinto, "dazzles and destroys vision." On the other hand, "light is needed by the eyes in order to see the reality of things." Jacinto adds "Glitter is deceitful." Owing to these attributes of glitter and light, Jacinto prescribes that we should seek light and avoid glitter.

In contrasting glitter and light, Jacinto in fact is adopting the distinction made by Plato between doxa and episteme. Doxa or opinion is deceiving, episteme or knowledge is reliable.

Unfortunately, Jacinto says, the people have been worshiping glitter and rejecting light. On account of this fact, the people live in grief and poverty (sa hinagpis at dalita). Jacinto observes

This is indeed the reason why people with inordinate lust for power, especially the kings and governors-general, who were entrusted to promote the welfare of the people, have been attempting to emerge aglitter and to maintain themselves in power even if all these acts would lead to the death of the people who gave the government officials their authority to govern.

Jacinto’s real starting point in the exposition of his political philosophy is the concept of liberty. Liberty, according to Jacinto, is “the reason carried by man by virtue of his humanity, to think and do whatever is desired if this is not contrary to the reason of others.” Jacinto continues that liberty is Heaven’s gift to man, and this gift is inalienable. It is also so important and valuable that death is to be preferred to a state of affairs without liberty.
Since all men are endowed with liberty, it follows that all men are equal. Men are equal not because they are equally endowed with intelligence, a certain kind of skin color, or shape of the nose, and the like, but because they all possess the same essential attribute of man, i.e., liberty. In other words, all men are equal in being freemen.

Jacinto observes that although the reality of things is the equality of all men, this sometimes cannot manifest itself, for among other reasons, treachery can appear in royal robes and its followers do not lack glittering reasons to confound the truth. Thus, inequality appears as equality.

Man is not only endowed with liberty which gives birth to the equality of all men. Jacinto proceeds that man is also capable of love. Love, in fact, according to Jacinto, is the greatest and the worthiest of all sentiments of man. Love springs, he says, from reason, truth, goodness, God, and regard for fellowmen. Love is the bond which holds a society, a community, and a people. Jacinto asserts, "If love is absent, the social order or the civil society will not last and will immediately vanish from the face of the Earth, and all community, unity and livelihood will be like a dried leaf swept away by the gale."

However, Jacinto notes, falsehood and spoliation can appear in the form of love, and when this happens, the false and the despoiler can reap thousands of benefits from a small amount of service. This kind of service can also serve as a screen to conceal brutality and greed.

The ideas in the *Luwang at Dilim* thus far as discussed can be grouped under two fundamental concepts—civility and social justice. Civility implies amicable relationships or fraternal fellowships, mutual help and respect, tolerance and charity, all of which cannot exist without liberty, equality, and love as defined by Jacinto. Social justice implies that everyone gets his share of rewards and burdens in the society and no people are oppressed or oppressors in the polity, which conditions cannot occur unless liberty, equality, and love as defined by Jacinto obtain in the social and political orders.

After the analysis of liberty, equality, and love, Jacinto then proceeds to discuss the nature of government. This government—given the conditions that man is endowed with liberty, all men are equal, and they are capable of love—will have to be a democracy. Democracy is a form of political system where the people are the source of authority of the government. Jacinto asserts, "In short, we must not recognize that the political elite are sovereign over the people. The obedience and respect due to them are derived from the sovereignty of the people who gave the political elite the authority to govern."

The purpose of this democratic government according to Jacinto is "The welfare of the people is the only end of all governments on Earth because the people are everything: blood and life, wealth and power, all values are for the people."

Such a government also means that the government officials are subordinate to the laws. Jacinto says, "The laws, because they originate from the people, should be respected and obeyed first before the officials because these laws were formulated under the Congress by all persons citizens."

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because these authorities are mere trustees whose duty is to carry out the law." In another passage Jacinto is more explicit in putting the government officials under the law. Hence, Jacinto declares "The Constitution which was formulated and adopted by the Representatives of the people or by the Congress, should be given the highest respect and complete obedience by all persons from the highest government officials to the humblest citizens."

The government of laws is further stressed in Jacinto's exclamation "What great error on the part of the scheming who attempt to show off their power by the means of the torch of the gun!"

In order that the government will govern for the welfare of the people and the people may not be deceived, the rule of law, therefore, is indispensable. This condition or state of good government can be strengthened if the members of the political system and the social order are able to distinguish false worship from true religion. Therefore, at this juncture, Jacinto discusses the nature of the true and false religious beliefs. False worship, Jacinto says, is based on excessive glitter and pretense. But true religion is, Jacinto continues, "respect, love, and obedience to reason, as well as making one's deeds, words, and acts congruent with reason, for reason originates from and lives in the greatness, goodness, and divinity of God."

In the concluding chapter of Inuwang at Dilim, Jacinto returns to the nature of man. However, he looks at another essential aspect of man by discussing the concept of labor. Jacinto postulates that man will be true to himself if he realizes that there is nothing wrong in work. Contrary to the false belief that labor is a penalty and burden, it is in fact God's gift to man. Jacinto defends his position by pointing out "Work is one of the great and valuable gifts (of God) because through labor one's mind, will, and body are awakened and energized." Jacinto adds "In work, man is delivered from sin, misdeed, and frustrations, through labor he attains joy, strength, prosperity, and happiness."

Considering the Inuwang at Dilim as one system of ideas and relating it to the ideas in the Kortilla and the Pamahalaan, I shall conclude that Inuwang at Dilim is a synthesis of Jacinto's several ideas which cohere in the three principal concepts of civility, social justice, and the rule of law. The Inuwang at Dilim gathered all the three fundamental ideas together and presented them as a harmonious structure linked together through the analysis of liberty, equality, love, the people and the government, religion, and labor viewed from the contrasting perspectives of glitter and light. The rule of law was presented and analyzed in the chapter on "The People and the Government." But before this principle could be made viable, Jacinto has to lay solid foundations for it by giving an exposition on liberty, equality, and love. As Jacinto discussed these three concepts, he brought out in the process the principles of civility and social justice. The full meaning of civility and social justice was rounded off in the exposition on religion and labor in the last two chapters.
I must admit that I have made an interpretation of the Liwanag at Dilmun. I must also admit that Jacinto actually did not use the terms civility, social justice, and the rule of law in this work. Nevertheless, as my analysis of the Liwanag at Dilmun shows, it is valid to conclude that the three fundamental ideas of rule of law, civility, and social justice constitute the core of the Liwanag at Dilmun.

Since Jacinto did advocate a political system where civility, social justice, and the rule of law are regnant, I shall now conclude that Jacinto was an exponent of political development. I shall also add that this view is in line with the political ideas of the Propaganda Movement, especially of the national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. Moreover, it is also complementary to the principal political and constitutional ideas which were provided in the Malolos Constitution of 1899.

IV

It only remains for me to evaluate Jacinto’s political philosophy. What is the significance and relevance of the Karilla, Panahalaan, and—most especially—the Liwanag at Dilmun?

In Jacinto’s time, especially during the 1890s, there was no doubt that his political philosophy was a bright light that illumined the dark and dismal reality of social, religious, and political conditions of the country in the realm of politics, the Spaniards were oppressive rulers, and the Filipinos were oppressed subjects. Liberty, equality, civil order, and social justice were absent. There were fundamental laws for the welfare of the people, but the Spanish political elite did not implement them properly, or, in many cases, they even disregarded them contemptuously. In the area of religion, the Damasos and the Botids outnumbered the Florentinos. In the various sectors of the society, the Sicos, Crispins, Basíllos, Eliases, and Crisostomos, as well as the Tigos and Victorinas, were legion. The people, in general, were apathetic, superstitious, and either uneducated or miseducated. On the whole, they also have forgotten their ancient virtues of love for freedom, civic courage, standing by one’s word, dignity of labor, bayanihan spirit, respect for the laws, and caring for the weak and the oppressed. That Jacinto’s political ideas played a very significant role in opening the eyes of the people is partially shown in the fact that after the Kalayaan was published and distributed, the membership of the Katipunan catapulted from about 300 in March 1896 to about 30,000 in August 1896, a period of only five months.

The pertinent question for us today, however, is whether Jacinto’s political philosophy remains significant and relevant to our times. It does remain significant and relevant for at least two reasons. First, Jacinto’s political philosophy can provide a solid ground of legitimacy of the democratic government established under the new constitution. Second, it can provide wise precepts for the people and the political elite to guide them in their actions or behavior in public affairs.
As regard the first reason, let us begin by examining the new—that is, the 1973 Constitution. The preamble of the present constitution declares:

"We, the sovereign Filipino people, imploring the aid of Divine Providence, in order to establish a government that shall embody our ideals, promote the general welfare, conserve and develop the patrimony of our nation, and to secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessings of democracy under a regime of justice, peace, liberty, and equality, do ordain and promulgate this Constitution."

Jacinto's political philosophy definitely legitimizes the new Constitution. Jacinto's democracy, as spelled out in the chapter on "The People and the Government" in the *Luwang at Dilim* is one where sovereignty resides in the people and whose sole end is the welfare of the people. This is the same end of government established under the 1973 Constitution. The regime of justice and peace mentioned in the new organic law is also found in Jacinto's chapter on "Love" in the *Luwang at Dilim*, and of course, liberty, and equality appearing in the 1973 Constitution are discussed explicitly and separately in the chapters on "Liberty" and "Men are Equal."

As regards Jacinto's political philosophy providing wise precepts for the people and the political elite to guide them along the dark paths and crossroads of politics, I believe that it is not lacking in norms of right conduct in political life. In fact, it is rich in such norms I have already discussed them in Sections II and III of this lecture. There is no need, therefore, to discuss all of them here once more. However, I would like to stress a few which I consider fundamental and most important. Let me therefore reiterate these basic norms:

1. "The welfare of the people is the only end of all the governments on earth because the people are everything; blood and life, wealth and power, all values are for the people."

2. "The Constitution, which was formulated and adopted by the Representatives of the people or the Congress, should be given the highest respect and complete obedience by all persons from the highest government officials to the humblest citizens."

3. "If love is absent, the social order or the civil society will not last and will immediately vanish from the face of the earth and all community, unity, and livelihood will be like a dried leaf swept away by the gale."

4. "The nobility of man does not consist in being a king, nor in the highness of the nose and the whiteness of the skin, nor in being a priest representing God, nor in (occupying) the exalted position on this earth, but pure and truly noble is he who, though born in the woods, is possessed of an upright character, who has dignity and..."
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