

## Testimony: True Parents Love Japan

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In 1965, True Parents and their entourage visited Japan. At that time, I was in the national headquarters' General Affairs Department.

Father, as soon as he arrived, went onstage and immediately began to cry out in prayer.

We were finally able to meet the person whom we had long awaited. Though I had waited for two years, Christianity had waited continuously for two thousand years. In his sermons, every time he mentioned Jesus, tears overflowed his eyes. The understanding came to me: This person's heart is the same as Jesus'.

Unavoidably, our history being what it is, to be honest, the first impression Father made on me was like that of a construction company boss. He was someone that had gone through many hardships and genuinely

understood other peoples' suffering.

This is what I thought. Perhaps if I had been in the Yakuza (mafia), I would have seen him as a Yakuza boss. To Christians, he was of course the returning Lord.

At that time, I was spiritually open and able to see an aura behind people. Based on the aura's size, depth and radiance, I was able to evaluate a person.

Teacher Nishikawa's [Masaru Nishikawa Sang Ik "Papasan" Choi] aura was amazing. Father's, radiating in a shining, golden color, was exceptional. As a wave of spirits of that golden hue engulfed the entire hall, brothers and sisters there began to shiver as if a deeply moving sensation had overwhelmed them. They began to cry.

Tears as a river flowed.

Someone tried to ask a question, but the moment he raised his hand, "Yes!" Father responded, "Leave that question for later" though no remark had been made. Father knew what kind of question it was. This surprised me.

There is more: Before going to sleep, I entered the hallway next to Father's room and prayed. The following morning during breakfast, he told us, "Yesterday, someone was praying in the hallway." I was once again surprised; he was aware that I was praying on the other side of the wall.

One day, when Father was taking a walk alone, we came to be standing face-to-face. No one else was in the area. A smile -- meant for me -- came across his entire face. That meeting alone is a memory I will never forget for my entire life.

He asked, "What do you think of teacher?" To which I replied, "Second Coming!" He muttered, "Second Coming, huh..." while looking far into the distance, seemingly deep in thought. Around that time, in Japan, we still called him "Big Teacher." We say, "A *bushi* (a Japanese samurai warrior) would die for the sake of one who understands himself." I realized that this person, who understood his past, present, and future, was one whom even a *bushi* would lower himself to. Though in my student days I was taught that *budo* (martial arts) meant obtaining the truth with one's whole being, this person was a one that revealed what the truth is and even taught others how to resolve the truth; that is, not to take revenge over the truth but to love one's enemy. Father himself forgave and loved Japanese people toward whom he had felt resentment. Father, to save Japan, had done a forty-day fast after sending Mr. Nishikawa to Japan as a missionary.



Japanese members fell in love with Father's broad smile, as it filled us with his true love. The moment he smiled at me, my thoughts soared and I decided, "Let's follow this man!" In this way, I, too, decided to follow the returning Lord and become his disciple.

In the 1970s, the Japanese government continually denied Father a visa.

The Japanese government's refusal, compounded by Father's imprisonment at Danbury, became official. Not as a political matter, but under Japanese case law, anyone that has spent more than

a year in prison comes into conflict with Japanese policy and is denied entry into the country. Though Father could not enter Japan, Japan received his sincere heart. The Japanese Unification Church foundation is unshakable, and it will continue to grow.

Father protects Japan; he gave his all to make it possible for Japan to live. I directly saw this aspect of Father's heart. Even now, he exerts effort for Japan's benefit. Japan received such favors and responded with disrespect; a country that opposes God will not prosper. With Japan's collapse, people's hearts would be lost.

Having done wrong, Heavenly Law dictates that a nation must pay indemnity.

If the Unification Church members were not in Japan, Japan already would have faced decimation.

We have to become a Japan that gives back as much love as we receive from our Heavenly Parent.