

Is God Essentially A Woman?

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Crucified Venus: Norman Lindsay painting

It is said: "God is love", in the Bible. In the Divine Principle, "God's Heart" is the source and center of God's intellect, emotion and will...**So if God's Heart had a form what would it be like? A Man or a Woman?!!...**

When Jesus went to the cross, his body was taken by Satan. In the Divine Principle, we know that "body" of a human being represents the woman and vice versa. So, as this painting, *Crucified Venus: Norman Lindsay*, depicts for me, **the tragedy of the cross was actually the prolongation of the suffering of women**, representing God's very core and heart. Since Jesus could not marry and had to die, the opportunity for women's true role to be valued, took another 2000 years, when finally True Mother could be born into us and the era of liberation of women could begin.

Our elder sister, In Jin Moon, recently emphasized the fundamental role of True Mother and women in the providence with these statements:

"...with the advent of True Parents we can finally understand how we can establish the true lineage of God. Yes, our True Father is the Second Coming. Yes, he's the Lord of the Second Advent, but as

awesome as he is, **without True Mother, he cannot be the True Parents** ...Throughout the centuries the church has done a great job of bringing brothers and sisters along, following the model of Christian piety, following Jesus' life of sacrifice and suffering. We thought that was the purpose of our lives ...If we really think about it, we see that **the role of the church is extremely feminine**. These functions of the church are ones that usually a mother would do in the home. But the interesting thing is that because Jesus Christ never had a wife, **church history has been dominated by men.....**The great thing about our True Parents is that through the position and the person of True Parents, men and women find their own dignity.... By having the woman take the lead, it's pushing the role of the church that much more in the forefront in emphasizing the importance of **compassionate giving, caring, and inspiring**. **These virtues are all extremely feminine, and they are necessary if we want to create a world of peace....**

And in below quotes, True Father emphasizes in the book "**As a Peace Loving Global Citizen**", the core value of **expressing emotion** (i.e. through Art and culture) and the **ability to listen**, which are very **feminine qualities**, as the **key path to building a world of peace**:

*"...That was exactly what the Little Angels had done. They demonstrated for the first time that Koreans from North and South, who had turned their backs on each other for such a long time, were capable of coming together in one place and watching each other's performances. People often think that politics moves the world, but that is not the case. It is culture and art that move the world. **It is emotion, not reason, that strikes people** in the innermost part of their hearts. When hearts change and are able to receive new things, ideologies and social regimes change as a result..."*

And another chapter of the book, True Father emphasizes the ability to listen:

"...Some were attracted to our church more because of such paranormal phenomena than because of the teachings. Many people think that spiritual powers are most important. The phenomena often called miracles, however, tend to confuse people in the society at large. A faith that relies on unexplained or miraculous occurrences is not a healthy faith. All sin must be restored through redemption. It cannot be done by relying on spiritual powers. As our church began to mature, I stopped talking to members about the things that I was seeing with my heart's eyes.

*Membership continued to grow. **Whether I faced dozens of people or hundreds, I acted the same way, as if there were only one**. I would listen whenever a person wanted to tell me about his or her personal situation. Whether it was an old woman or a young man, **I would listen with dedication, as if this were the only person** I had to deal with. Each member would say, "No one in Korea listens to what I have to say as well as Reverend Moon." A grandmother might start by telling me how she got married and eventually tell me about her husband's illnesses.*

I enjoy listening to other people talk about themselves. When people open up to me and talk about themselves, I don't even realize the passing of time. I listen to them for ten, even twenty, hours. People who want to talk have a sense of urgency. They are looking for solutions to their problems. So I feel that I need to listen to them with my full dedication. That is the way to love their life and repay the debt that I owe for my life. The most important thing is to think of life as precious. In the same way that I listened with sincerity to what others had to say, I also shared with them my sincere heart with fervor, and I would pray for them in tears..."