

The Only Begotten...

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A Personal Reflection

According to the Bible, Adam was the first human being created by God. Hence making him the first man and the first son of God. Eve was the second human being created by God. Hence making her the first woman and the first daughter of God.

The Bible also indicates that God lost both the first man and the first woman in the early stages of their lives. Since then, God has been working very hard to restore the positions of the first man and first woman. Four thousand years after Adam lost his position of the first man and that of God's first son, God was able to see a man occupy the position of God's son once more. This happened through Jesus.

Jesus came as a man with the mission to restore the position of Adam, the position of God's son, and fulfill the responsibilities of God's son, which, among other things, include becoming the divine ancestor of humanity. As the man who carried such a mission, Jesus has been known throughout the Common Era as the Only Begotten Son of God.

Still, even though Jesus occupied the position of the new Adam, there has never been a woman who has occupied the position of the new Eve. This means that there has to be a woman who must occupy the position of the new Eve, at some point.

As the Only Begotten Son of God, Jesus was in the position of the new Adam and was fulfilling the mission of the Adam-Messiah. This means that the first woman to restore the position of Eve will be known in history as the Only Begotten Daughter of God because she will be fulfilling the mission of the Eve-Messiah. In other words, just like there was a counterpart for the first son of God, Adam, there has to be a counterpart for the Only

Begotten Son of God, Jesus. Otherwise, the providence of restoration cannot be fulfilled.

The general understanding is that Jesus has been referred to as the Only Begotten Son of God because he was born without original sin. Though this may be true, it cannot be the only reason because Adam was created sinless. He was the first man to be without sin. Yet, he has never been referred to as the Only Begotten Son of God.

Even though Jesus was not the first man to exist without original sin, he has been referred to as the Only Begotten Son of God. Why has the title of Only Begotten Son of God been bestowed unto Jesus but not unto Adam?

During the providence of restoration, as God was working to restore what was lost in the Garden of Eden, He used many central figures. For instance, Noah was the first person to display unprecedented faith to God. Yet, he has never been referred to as the Father of Faith. Instead, Abraham who came after him was. Why?

Abraham has been referred to as the Father of Faith because he was the first individual to establish a foundation of faith (or should I say a solid foundation of faith) that God could build on.

It can therefore be concluded that being the Only Begotten Son or Daughter of God is less about a person being born without original sin, but more about the foundation that a sinless person has established on behalf of heaven.

In this regard, as a man who came with the mission to restore the position of Adam, the position of God's son, and fulfill the responsibilities of God's son on the victorious foundation established by Jesus, which, among other things, include becoming the divine ancestor of humanity, Rev. Sun Myung Moon can also be referred to as the Only Begotten Son of God because he was the first man who established a God-centered physical lineage. Something that Jesus would have done if the circumstances of his life did not prove preventive.

The New Adam and New Eve are Begotten Son and Begotten Daughter of God, respectively.

Saying that Rev. Moon is the Only Begotten Son of God does not take away Jesus' accomplishments. Jesus is the first man to be known in history as the Only Begotten Son of God. That title remains his and will not be taken away. How many Greatest Of All Times (GOATs) are there in any given sport? Many! Everybody who has been referred to as a GOAT has not only been good at their craft, but also has left an impact that has changed the way their specific sport is practiced or looked at. Hence, no accolades of any subsequent GOAT will take away from the accolades of the first ever GOAT of any sport. Needless to say, any subsequent GOAT builds on and benefits from the legacy of previous GOATs. As a result, the list of GOATs expands, rather than shrinking. The more new GOATs there are, the more precious and historical the achievement(s) of the first GOAT become(s). Here is a list of a few GOATs in the world of sports: soccer, Pelé; basketball, Michael Jordan; tennis, Roger Federer; boxing, Muhammed Ali; football, Tom Brady; baseball, Babe Ruth, just to name a few. Though there are many, each one of them is exceptionally unique.

Jesus has been the Only Begotten Son of God since the beginning of the New Testament Era. As such, he is exceptionally unique and his contribution to the fulfillment of God's will is incomparable. Rev. Moon has been the Only Begotten Son of God since the beginning of the Completed Testament Era. He, too, is exceptionally unique. As the first and only woman to fulfil the restoration of the position and mission of Eve, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is the Only Begotten Daughter of God in history. She, too, is exceptionally unique. All this is possible, in part, because of the victory that Jesus left behind.

(7) Jesus came as the Messiah in the position of a parent, but first he had to fight with the archangel. He fought, saying, "I am the one and only Son of God." The only Son of God means that he was the first man to receive God's love as a son. As God's one

and only Son, he was to find God's one and only Daughter, and together they were to attain the perfection that the first Adam and Eve should have attained had there been no Fall. Jesus was the only Son of God. He came as the Messiah. The Messiah is the one who recovers the lost parents by attaining the qualification of True Parents, and who revives people by engrafting the lineage of the Parents. This is why Christians say that no one can go to the kingdom of heaven without being born again. (**Cheon Seong Gyeong Book 2: *True Parents***, Chapter 3, Section 2)

As the Messiah, would Jesus not be happy to see other human beings joining him in the ranks of God's Only Begotten Sons or Daughters? Does God want to have only one Only Begotten Son? Wouldn't Jesus be elated if every human being is striving to become God's Only Begotten Child? Who benefits when only Jesus remains the Only Begotten Child of God? Think about it.

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