

## My Unificationist Memoirs Chapter 74

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### The Only Begotten Daughter, Part III

"The sun in the springtime will have to shine many days before it is able to melt the frost, open the soil, and bring out the leaves; yet it shines out from the first, though it makes its power felt only gradually. It is one and the same sun, though its influence day by day becomes greater."

--John Henry Newman

I had the great pleasure the other day of speaking by phone with an old friend, a longtime member of our movement, whom I know to be a committed, faithful person. However, he expressed some concern to me about True Mother's assertion of her position as The Only Begotten Daughter. In particular, he felt the claim that she was first chosen by God, and then recognized by True Father, to be novel and seemed like an attempt to diminish True Father's messianic role. As I sought to address his concerns, my heart opened up and I knew True Mother's profound love for my brother. I hoped, as I spoke, that the words I conveyed carried the spiritual force of True Parents' love.

After concluding our call, I turned to a collection of John Henry Newman's writings on Mother Mary, "The Mystical Rose," and I came across the passage quoted above. Drawn from a letter to an Anglican prelate setting out the orthodoxy of Catholic devotion to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, it perfectly captures

the course of True Mother's growing influence over our spiritual lives in the era after True Father's ascension. Hak Ja Han has been present to us for 60 years, but only now have we begun to fully sense the brilliance, warmth, and profound power of her providential role.

Since the Fall of Man, never has the maternal nature of God, the motherly love of God, ever emerged with such force and impact in human history. In our lives, the dark winter of Satanic dominion is being driven back by the light and warmth of God's Parental Love. In this revolutionary moment, the most singular event has been the victory of our True Mother in her personal course and her anointing as God's Only Begotten Daughter. Finally, the eternal purpose of God to express femininity has been embodied and realized in our True Mother. Consider anew, with fresh eyes, these historically significant words from John's Gospel: "The Word has been made flesh."

This is at once novel and not novel at all.

This life giving sun, while eternally present, has only recently been revealed through our True Mother. Jesus proclaimed himself as "the Way, the Truth, and the Light." Just so, True Mother, by becoming the substantial expression of God's maternal nature, has increasingly dawned on our awakening consciousness as the Way, Truth, Light, and Love of a suffering humanity. As our awareness grows and we deepen our reciprocal relationship with True Mother, our sincere devotion and longing heart will gain intensity, and the providential and historical role of True Mother will become more clear, exerting an ever greater influence over our movement, our world, and the unfolding future. We must realize our own role as the "great cloud of witnesses" resurrected from the fallen waters by the light and heat of our True Parents' love.

All the while, our world continues to be, in TS Eliot's phrasing, "distracted from distraction by distraction." Absorbed by a weary pessimism borne of ceaseless disappointment, the lost children of God cannot imagine the magnitude of the providential transformation rapidly unfolding. We see and know with our hearts. If our hearts are shrouded in darkness, then we will be blind. Our mission, therefore, remains unchanged, though the parameters of our providential awareness have been expanded by True Mother: Move the hearts of others through love, sacrifice, and service; teach the fullness of God's Completed Testament Word; and reveal the providential course of Hak Ja Han and Sun Myung Moon, our True Parents, the singular, only begotten embodiments of our Heavenly Parent's longing and sorrowful heart.