

## Living in Search of the Center of Love

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We are born in love, are raised in parental love, and mature as we broaden our love horizontally. The first stage of horizontal love is completed when we meet a partner of the opposite sex and grow together to a point where we can represent the love of heaven and earth and bear children as the fruits of that love. Children are born from the heart's core as a result of love.

A child born from a man and woman who share love based on heart creates a path for the parents to the central point of love. If you go through this center and follow the path, you will meet God. By having children as fruits of love, human beings come to deeply experience the love by which God created all things and human beings. When parents love their children with the love in which they themselves were born and received as they grew up, they come to have a deep understanding of the parental heart. The love that parents pour out to their children is not a materialistic love but an intrinsic love.

Though everything else in heaven and earth may change and the eras of history may change, the love that

parents give their children will never change. By becoming parents and loving our children, we come to understand much more deeply how God has loved human beings. We can confirm this through our experiences. By becoming parents and loving our children, we can feel how much our parents loved us and come to a realization about this.

This is why we revere our parents even more in their old age and fulfill the duties of filial piety with love. If you are not able to do this, you are unqualified to be parents and your love towards your children can only be considered hypocritical.

Human beings need to feel and realize how much God has loved us by becoming parents ourselves and loving our children. This will let us love God with even greater sincerity. A person should love their aged parents more than they love their children, and love God more than they love their parents, knowing that this is the order and law of love.

When human beings are born, we are born in love. After birth, we receive love and grow through our childhood years. Once we grow to a certain level, our parents' love alone is not enough for us, and we begin to expand our love horizontally to include love among siblings and love within the clan.

In other words, we mature as we receive all the love that exists in heaven and earth. In particular, as we enter the years of adolescence, we begin to crave for the love of the opposite sex. It is by giving and receiving love with the opposite sex that we are able to enter a realm of love that is comprehensive, and, for the first time, become able to set out in search of the center of love.

The center of love that emerges through this movement of love is also the core of existence for the entire world of creation. The earth exists, because it continues to engage in motion around a center of love. The center of love is a place where there is an unlimited amount of force enabling this movement to continue. The center that appears through the sphere of love in this manner is also the place where God dwells. All created beings existing in the world are given birth and exist by virtue of God's love, and seek the center of God's love. God is a furnace of love.