The Fundamental Principle of True Peace

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Dear President Mikhail Gorbachev, distinguished co-chairmen, honored heads of state and government, respected ladies and gentlemen: I would like to express my deep gratitude to all of you for attending the Second World Peace Conference of the Federation for World Peace.

Solutions for serious global issues

As we enter the age of internationalization and globalization in the twenty-first century, we are confronted with the urgent task of overcoming a large number of difficult obstacles to world peace. I have an absolute conviction that our global problems can only be resolved through a process that addresses their fundamental root. I have dedicated my entire life to the pursuit of the Will of Heaven based on this conviction. Please allow me to share a few of its core elements with you.

Our world today has become evil, filled with conflict, confusion and hatred. This is true of individuals, families, societies and nations. The root cause of so much wickedness is the conflict between the mind and body of individual human beings, a conflict that started at the beginning of human history and has been perpetuated throughout the ages.

As embodiments of discord, individuals naturally produce families fraught with conflict, countries torn by strife and a world divided by struggle. What is the result? The result is an evil, hellish world. For Heaven, it is the most abominable of all possible worlds. The origin of this ongoing conflict lies in the relationship between two individuals, man and woman, who are themselves torn by internal conflict.

Therefore, the solution to our complex global difficulties lies in creating unity between mind and body and in harmonizing the relationship between man and woman. By accomplishing these two goals, we will have found the solution to the problems of the entire world.

Why have mind and body come into conflict with each other? Why have man and woman been unable to establish harmony and unity? It is my firm conviction that through .the Fall, which took place at the dawn of human history, the mind and body of human beings became divided and strife emerged between man and woman. The human world became evil, with Satan at its center.

The first step in solving the world's problems then is to find God. The second is to cast out the evil Satan.

The third is for men and women to accomplish the unity of mind and body.

God expelled fallen Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden when they left God and became husband and wife centering on Satan. When they bore children while in that state, humankind inherited the lineage of Satan. Their lineage was corrupted.

Through adultery the archangel, who became Satan, stole the intended bride of Heaven. It is a principle of Heaven that whenever a relationship of love is established, whether false love or true love, ownership is established from that point. Because of this principle, the human ancestors came under the ownership of Satan.

Originally, the mind and body were to have become one, centering on God's true love. However, before the true love of God had a chance to be perfected within the human mind, the mind became bound by Satan's false love. That enabled Satan to take root in the body.

Originally the mind was to exert a positive polarity over the body, however due to the Fall the body formed another positive pole, repelling the original mind and finally dominating it.

For that reason, God has been working to project the power of true love into the human mind, in order to bring about the absolute subjugation of the body now engulfed in false love. Only when they are unified through true love, can the mind and body return to the state where God dwells within them.

We need to obey the commands of the conscience

Through the Fall, our ancestors became false ancestors. This created the need for religion and for a Messiah. The task of religion and the purpose of the coming of the Messiah are to break down the hell of false love, false life and false lineage, which have given rise to false individuals, false families, false societies, false states and a false world. Religion and the Messiah must guide us back to the original world of true love, true life and true lineage, the world of true parents with God at the center.

God is a relational being and He, too, feels loneliness. He created the heavens and the earth centering on a relational ideal and His reason was to find true love. Look at the created world. You will see that it is structured in pairs: the mineral world, the plant world and the animal world are all arranged in subject-object partner relationships as a way of providing ideal models for true love between human beings.

True love is the reason women are born for the sake of men and men for the sake of women. Solutions to global problems become possible only when our minds and bodies, and when men and women, come to live for the very purpose of becoming one through true love. True love can be found only in a situation where a person exists for the sake of his or her relational complement. Satan's love is self-centered whereas God's love is other-centered. These two kinds of love are in total contradiction to each other.

For our fallen bodies to be free from the satanic world, we need to know absolutely that the invisible God is our ideal subject partner of true love, and we need to achieve the position of a second, visible God as His absolute object partners. Our minds and bodies must be united by means of the invisible God and by means of true love, and we must honor and respect our heart and conscience just as we honor and respect God Himself.

We can recover our original self only by absolutely submitting to the commands of our conscience. God is the Parent of parents, the Teacher of teachers, and the Master of masters. This forms the basis for the "three subject partner's principle" that encompasses heaven and earth.

It is only through the conscience that these three can form absolute unity and fulfill the three subject partner's principle. Thus, the conscience is more important to us than our parents who gave us birth, more important than any teacher, and more important than the king of any country. Only when elevated to such a position can the conscience become an object of God's love. The conscience needs no education about right and wrong. We have to give it absolute honor and obedience, just as we would honor and obey God.

There is nothing I do that my conscience does not know about; it sees everything. The conscience objects whenever the body schemes to do something wrong. Yet, because the power of selfish love was stronger than the power of the conscience from the time of the Fall, the body is able to drag the mind around wherever it chooses. This kind of problem would not exist if the human conscience had achieved perfection and had formed a relationship of true love with God in the garden of Eden.

Adam's family in the garden of Eden was to be a family of true love, in accordance with God's ideal. God created Adam and Eve so that they would give visible expression to every kind of invisible existence. God, man and woman were in a subject-object partner relationship centering on true love. He created the two ancestral human beings, Adam and Eve, with the expectation that they would become the substantial perfection of the ideal children, ideal brother and sister, ideal husband and wife, and ideal parents existing

within God's heart. God wanted the true love of children to be perfected in substantial form. He wanted to see His object partners of true love perfected as actual brothers and sisters in a family, as actual husband and wife and as actual parents.

The family is where we experience the four realms of heart

True love in a parent-child relationship is vertical, in a husband-wife relationship it is horizontal, and in a brother-sister relationship it is on a front-to-back axis. God wanted such a spherical ideal of true love. Unity is accomplished at one central point, where there is a convergence of the upper and lower hemispheres on the vertical axis, the right and left hemispheres on the horizontal axis, and the front and back hemispheres on the third axis. This point becomes the focus of centripetal force.

Four realms of heart—the love of the child, brother and sister, husband and wife, and parents—are perfected when a man and wife, each centered on God, are married and enter their first relationship of love. This is the central place where perfected love bears fruit. Marriage thus represents the synthesis of the virtues of heaven, earth and humankind and the perfection of all things vertical and horizontal, left and right, and front and back.

Accordingly, Adam and Eve as husband and wife, as God's most beloved substantial object partners, were meant to be the second ancestors, after God. From that position they would stand as the second creators and would inherit everything that God feels. They would feel the joy of God in the positions of children, brother and sister, husband and wife and parents. Their joy as the second creators would be in the experience of bearing children by which they could experience the position of God, the first Creator.

From this perspective, God was the first Creator; Adam and Eve were to be the second creators; and the children of Adam and Eve were to be the third creators. The first, second, and third creators, God, Adam and Eve, and their children, would have established a formal pattern; a pattern that would have enshrined the fundamental principle that all humanity would follow.

From the perspective of Adam and Eve there would be connections between upper and lower (the parent-child relationship), left and right (the husband-wife relationship) and front and back (the brother-sister relationship). It would have led them to the perfection of their family. It would have been the united foundation of God, Adam and Eve and their children. As people approached God, they would accomplish the unity of mind and body and the unity of man and woman and they would form a stable foundation where peace, freedom, happiness and hope would converge, forming the fundamental basis of peace.

God intended that Adam and Eve, as second creators in the visible and substantial world, would participate in His act of creation by having children, who would be the third creators. Through this process, the family becomes the place in which the four realms of heart can be experienced generation after generation. The family is the base through which each form of true love can be brought to perfection. In this way, the family achieves the unity of God and human beings through love, and it serves as the starting point toward the perfection that enables us to establish true ownership in heaven and earth. The family is the origin from which we come to have children, brothers and sisters, husband or wife and parents. Only in such families can we find men and women who have accomplished mind-body unity, and only in such families can we find husbands and wives who have achieved the ideal unity between man and woman. Such families are the starting point for ideal parents. Here, too, we can see the creation of a model, centering upon true love, for the perfection of children, brothers and sisters, husband and wife and parents.

It was God's ideal of creation that this model would expand, not only to the level of the nation and the world, but to the entire cosmos. Thus it is possible to create a nation that is patterned on the family, and a world and cosmos that are also patterned on the family.

The cosmos seeks families that perfect the four realms of heart

Accordingly, the model for children, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents, who represent the four realms of heart, can be found in the family, in the nation, in the world and in the cosmos. Since a nation contains many families and is larger than a family, families ought to exist for the sake of the nation. Since the world contains many countries, countries need to exist for the sake of other countries in the world. In similar fashion, the world exists for the sake of the larger cosmos. Finally, the cosmos exists for the sake of God, who is the greatest and most central existence.

Thus, when the standard of the perfected four realms of heart within the family is projected onto higher and higher levels, the ideal of unity becomes a reality. On that basis, we can enter a cosmos of peace, happiness and freedom. This is why we have a vital need for family harmony centering on the unity of mind and body and man and woman.

God too has been growing, you see. He created Adam and Eve as the substantiation of the ideal within

His invisible heart, of son and daughter, brother and sister, husband and wife and father and mother. With Adam and Eve, God becomes a growing child, a brother and a sister, a husband and a wife, and finally a parent. As God establishes children, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents, God experiences His second self many times over. God unites them in true love, which brings boundless joy to Him.

Human beings are designed to give joy to God and to give joy to one another. We are all in the position of someone else's child, sibling, spouse or parent. All human beings are members of families centering on the four realms of heart, which makes the family the foundation to experience the ideal realms of heart. We all have a longing to form families and the reason is that only those people who deeply experience and embody the four great realms of heart can become ideal human beings, capable of making oneness in heart with anyone in the kingdom of heaven on earth or in the spiritual realm.

This explains the consummate human desire to achieve mind-body unity and husband-wife unity. Unless we achieve this all-important mind-body unity, we are unqualified in all other aspects and cannot develop unity in a true family. We will fall away from our families, from our nation, from the world, from the universe and from God Himself. Only through our utmost effort to accomplish mind-body unity and family unity can we achieve perfection.

We have to know that we ourselves are God's representatives. We are in the position of a second God. All people need to work together to establish the family into a realm of goodness and joy.

The kingdom of heaven begins with a couple united in true love

Please realize that the position of husband and wife is the union between a son of God and a daughter of God, the union of a brother and sister within God's family and the union of a father and mother. From the perspective of the four realms of heart, the position of husband and wife is the absolute goal of human life, through which we can actually achieve the perfection of our individual selves.

The husband, therefore, stands in the position that enables the wife to receive an ideal son of God, to receive an older brother of heaven, to receive a husband of heaven and to receive a father of heaven. This is also true of the wife in relation to her husband. Such husbands and wives bear children in a manner analogous to God's act of creation, and they feel joy through experiencing their own growth in a substantial manner through their children.

God's love is absolute. Accordingly, it is a principle of heaven that the relationship of husband and wife cannot be broken. Fallen human society has lost sight of this principle, and we have to be restored so that we may return to the original homeland. When such a restoration is accomplished, the Federation for World Peace will have fulfilled its purpose. At that point, the family-level heaven will become a nation-level heaven; the nation-level heaven will become a world-level heaven; and the world-level heaven will become the kingdom of heaven in the spirit world. This will be the point at which we will finally have achieved a world of peace.

The point at which a husband and wife marry and love each other with true love is the heavenly palace, which is the origin of the love, life and lineage of God and humankind. It is the starting point for the ideal of the kingdom of heaven on earth and in the spirit world. When children who are the fruit of such true love achieve perfect unity as husbands and wives, they form families living in attendance to God. This constitutes the base upon which peace and all ideals are established. Men and women, each the corresponding better half of the other, then become one body and as God's object partner, perfect the ideal of love.

On the foundation of true love, God perfects humankind as an existence of unlimited value. When that is done, God, too, will see the perfection of true love, the fulfillment of the family ideal, the fulfillment of His own ideal for the creation and the cradle of eternal, ideal love. From the perspective of Adam and Eve's family, God is the first ancestor; Adam and Eve are the second ancestors and their children are the third ancestors. Adam and Eve were meant to form a royal family with God at the center. God is in the position of grandparents; Adam and Eve are in the position of parents, and Adam and Eve's offspring are in the position of children. In this manner, the original pattern of three generations within the family is established.

According to this original pattern, the grandparents are in the position of king and queen of the spirit world, representing God in the kingdom of heaven in heaven. They are to be honored and respected as if they were God. The parents are in the central position of king and queen of the family, representing the kingdom of heaven in the present world. They are to be honored and respected just as we would the king and queen of the present world. Children are in the position of princes and princesses within the family. They are to be loved as the ones standing to inherit the future kingdom of heaven on earth and in the spirit world.

In this way, the members of Adam and Eve's family were to form a royal family with God at the center and live peacefully on earth until they moved into the heavenly, eternal world. Only in that heavenly world can human desire, freedom, aspiration, peace and happiness attain complete fulfillment. This is the purpose that humankind needs to fulfill.

The way to achieve world peace

As respected representatives from countries around the world, through tireless efforts each of you has devoted an important period in your life for the sake of your nation and the world. As a result of your sacrifices, humankind today enjoys conditions much better than what existed in the past. Still, the ideal world of freedom and peace, which is the fervent desire of all people, has not yet been achieved. Even at this hour, countless individuals in many places around the world are dying from hunger and pain as a result of conflicts and struggles among peoples, races and religions.

I have responded as a religious leader to God's calling. I have lived my life for the purpose of saving humankind from war and sin and of establishing a world of peace. Out of this calling, I have acquired a conviction and daily philosophy regarding peace, which I call Head-wing Thought. In my address today, I have expressed a few elements of that conviction.

The perspective of Godism and Head-wing Thought is that world peace will not be achieved by means of political ideologies oriented toward power, nor by any initiative that relies on physical force. Peace will only be accomplished when all men and women share in God's love and truth and put these into practice. This starts with the individual and expands to the family, society, nation and world to form one global family.

From this perspective, the founding purpose of the Federation for World Peace is to promote education and practices related to true peace as a means to realize peace in various societies, nations and the world. May all of us here perfect the family-level heaven and go on to play major roles in the accomplishment of world peace.

I pray that God's blessing be upon each and every one of you.

Thank you very much.