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The Spirit of Beomnetgol

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Looking back on the seven years since Father's Holy Ascension, True Mother has been like a small lonely boat in a vast ocean. But because she is a mother, in front of us, who were weak, she could not express the sadness she felt, but led a movement that would continue without ceasing to fulfill God's will. And she opened the gates of Cheon Il Guk on Foundation Day.

We have no choice but to achieve victory. With what spirit? With the spirit of Busan, the Beomnetgol spirit. That is why, on July 21, two hundred days before our aim of completing Vision 2020, Mother accomplished a great victory in the Rally for a Hopeful March Forward in heavenly Chungcheong, where she also made a special devotion for six days and requested a special prayer ceremony at

the Rock of Tears for leaders focused on achieving the victory of Vision 2020. We must make a fresh start with the spirit of Beomnetgol, where Father and Won-pil Kim built their cardboard hut.

True Father arrived in Busan and there spent the most miserable seven months as a refugee. He fought with evil spirits just to acquire the small piece of land for the Beomnetgol hut. That is why he wrote the Holy Song "Suffering Heart," and then he prayed a rock, prayed in tree and prayed for the whole world to fight against evil spirits. And then he wrote "Garden of Restoration" and longed for restoration. Finally he wrote "Grace of the Holy Garden."

In the depth of despair, he praised God with this heart, and he set a standard that moved even the evil spirits; they couldn't help bowing down, while the holy spirits sang and rejoiced. Finally, he defeated billions of evil spirits and found the Divine Principle, won Heaven's approval and began to preach to three people as if he were preaching to thirty million. He later said that since that time he had fulfilled all he had envisioned and all his prayers in Beomnetgol.


The spirit of Beomnetgol is the will power to drill through hell and create heaven. Even when you are in the most struggling state, if you sing "Grace of the Holy Garden," the evil spirits will leave. It is a song of power, of miracles, and of blessing.

On the day of the special prayer, True Mother said something especially important to the assembled members: She told us the Busan providence was the providence to find God's only daughter. No one could have even imagined this, but by looking at the song "Suffering Heart," I know she is telling the truth: "O, my dearest heavenly bride, now you've come home at last/ Deserts you crossed, searching for me, climbing the rocky peaks/ You persevered, faithful to me, longing for this day/ Come, O come; together we'll sing songs of eternal praise/ Taste now my love, treasure so pure, Heaven's gift for you..."

Finally, later in life, Father found his bride, God's only daughter. He accomplished the Holy Wedding with the "treasure so pure" and they became True Parents. The providence that started in the bottom of despair now has a foundation of victories in 190 countries.

As she took the seven-year course toward the victory of Vision 2020, Mother invested herself without reserve, putting her life on the line, and took action. The result is that the light of hyojeong is spreading throughout the world and fresh hopeful news is traversing the five oceans and six continents. Fruits that can be seen, felt and verified are being harvested.

Becoming one with True Mother is to become one with the Cheongpyeong providence. That is why on December 15, 2017, as the heavenly Korea Family Federation launched, she said "Become one with Cheongpyeong through the truth and the Holy Spirit."

After that, as we became one with Cheongpyeong, the number of the heavenly tribal messiah victors, which had been just fifty, grew to become 7,450. This is a miracle. Based on the Rally of Hope in the townships, districts and urban wards, community home churches arose in 3,500 localities. As a result, 330,000 people have registered in FFWPU since last year. Respected blessed family members, we have never been so incredibly popular. This is because there were great people like you that shed blood, sweat and tears for history and the providence of the substantial Holy Spirit, which is hotter than the recent heat wave. 

Rev. Lee is the chairman of FFWPU-heavenly Korea.

World Unity and the Reunification of South and North Korea Will Be Accomplished by True Love

Father gave this speech on February 10, 2000, at the Olympic Park Gymnastics Stadium in Seoul during the World Peace Sports Festival 2000 Opening Ceremony and True Parents' Eightieth Birthday Celebration.



Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, all the people in North Korea have armed themselves with Juche Ideology. We must arm ourselves with the true-love philosophy, which is capable of encompassing them. North Korea is a part of the northern culture because the Soviet regime's cold winds have influenced it. Let us work to naturally melt them with our warm-region civilization. Otherwise, both sides will go to ruin.

We must thoroughly arm ourselves philosophically. This philosophy is not one seeking the fulfillment of personal desires. Rather, it seeks humanity's salvation. It is not self-centered. Communists have the idea that everyone must work under a small group's orders, top Party leaders, who eliminate any potential rival. We are not that way. Our concept is to create an interactive environment to establish a standard of giving and receiving on a higher level. This is a principle in biblical history. Cain and Abel should've sought to become filial sons united in love so as to receive their parents on the family level, which is a higher level.

I do not believe South Korea needs to attempt to overcome North Korea militarily. Instead, we must love our nation more than they love theirs. We must have the philosophical conviction that we will love Heaven more than they love communism. We must become men and women with ability and character that can bring about their natural surrender. There is no other way for us to encompass North Korea.

In other words, we need to move them based upon how we live. We must be able to amaze the people who believe in communist ideology by our outlook on life and the standard of our character. We cannot restore that Cain-type nation unless we have an environment that can influence them.

If we cannot restore them, we cannot elevate South Korea's capability to the level at which it can be the starting point of a global nation centered on the kingdom of heaven. Although North and South Korea are pitted against each other, we must liberate North Korea by peaceful means.

The Korean people in both countries fervently desire to see their

nation reunited. How can we do this? Only when we put forward a sophisticated method allowing both sides to live together on terms both can agree on can they accomplish reunification. When the South goes to the North, or the North to the South, and says, "Let's do it our way," unification won't happen. We must find love that benefits both sides.

Now, North and South are going in different directions. One is trying to go south and the other north; their paths collide. Their purposes are at odds. If both sides insist on their own position, certainly the situation will again result in hostilities.

What can we do about this? Some South Koreans must love North Korea with greater love than any South Korean has for South Korea and some North Koreans must love South Korea with a greater love than any North Korean has for North Korea. No alternative, no solution exists other than this.

If even one person has patriotic love for a reunified peninsula greater than that of any South Korean for South Korea and greater than that of any North Korean for North Korea, the process of reunification can begin through that person. No matter how hard you think about it, you will find no other way.

What should the Korean people do? Our land straddles the left wing-right wing boundary, the thirty-eighth parallel. We were placed on that line; what are we to do? The issue is how to resolve this problem. We must make greater effort than either North Koreans or South Koreans. How are we to uphold such a standard of patriotism, established through suffering and transcending nationality? This is the only way for us to give this land life and solve its problems.

The same principle applies to overcoming the evil world and uniting the good world. Someone must appear in the good world that is a greater patriot for the evil world than anyone in that world. That person must set a higher standard of loyalty to his or her nation than anyone before has done. This is the only way to resolve history's divisions.

Jesus was particularly remarkable in this regard. He realized it would do no good for the two sides to fight. The

best thing he could do for God's sake and for the Israelites' sake was to die for God and for his people. This was the reasoning behind his decision to go the way of the cross. Jesus' love for humanity was greater than anyone else's since the beginning of history. His love for God was greater than anyone else's. Because of this, his death caused a history destined for destruction to take a new direction—toward a purposeful world. That direction resulted in today's Christian cultural sphere. This is historical fact.

Where and how will reunification happen?

Thus, the only way to unite North and South is to become a people that can die for both the North and the South, with the heart of truly wanting to live in harmony with the other side. There is no other path to achieve unity.

When a person considers how to lead his or her life, these are the fundamentals: a filial child's path, a loyal patriot's path, a saint's path, and a child of God's path. Each of these stages expresses the heart of wanting to live in harmony with others eternally. Logically, the summit of this path is to want to be with others regardless of whether they are higher or lower, front or back, left or right.

What is the common denominator among those who say, I want to live in harmony with others? It is not power. Power cannot transcend history. Whatever power one has is for a limited time. The same is true of knowledge. The world of knowledge is always changing. Does knowledge give us the desire to say, I want to live with this piece of knowledge forever? Clearly, we cannot keep either knowledge or wealth with us forever. What, then, is the common denominator that transcends above and below, front and back, left and right, and the changes of history across past, present and future? It is nothing else than true love centered on God.

A filial child lives among his or her family and loves his or her parents profoundly. A patriot lives with profound love for his or her country. A saint lives with profound love for the world's people. A child of God maintains a profound lifelong love for all human beings and God. Developing a true foundation in our hearts challenges us all. We must want to



True Parents' birthday will one day be celebrated throughout the world.

have a patriot's heart. We must want our lives to be in concert with our people's fate. If we do, we will look upon our people's difficulties as our own. We will look upon our people's joy not just as temporary but as eternal joy to share with everyone. Once we possess a true heart and form true loving relationships, we will receive Heaven's authority to participate in unification.

Ladies and gentlemen, if a woman lacking formal education marries a man with a doctoral degree, she suddenly becomes a scholar's wife. This is what I mean when I say that anyone who possesses the breadth of heart-based relationships and the desire to live harmoniously with others has the right to participate in unification. God is like that. If a person's life enables him to unite with others, he automatically has the right to participate in their lives.

Where does North-South reunification start? What is the first step? Do we begin by using our fists? If we forcefully subjugate the other side, eventually they will develop a force stronger than ours and the conflict will begin again. We cannot achieve unity like that. The way to unification will appear when each of our hearts compels us to say, Even though I live in the South, I want to live harmoni-

ously with North Koreans. I desire oneness with them.

If South Koreans look upon our northern compatriots and cry over their miserable living conditions, if we can say to them, We are living in a way that we can share in your difficulties, if we promise them that someday soon we will be prepared for their liberation and if we carry out a practical movement for unity, I believe unification is not far off.

We must consider how to live harmoniously with our northern compatriots. No one can be a patriot without wanting to live with his or her parents and compatriots. For such a person to claim to be a patriot would be a lie.

We must first be able to live in harmony with our own country before we can harmonize with the world. We must first live in harmony with the world before we can harmonize with God. That means we cannot be patriots without first loving our northern compatriots and giving love to society in that region of the peninsula.

Any politician who lacks the heart of wanting to share in the lives of ordinary citizens will soon disappear. No matter how well-bred or educated the officeholder may be, he or she will disappear like an air bubble floating on a water surface. A leader who does

not love the citizens will not be able to escape the citizens' judgment or history's. Healing the division between North and South is not simple. As fellow patriots struggle to bring this about, we will need the determination to work through many sleepless nights, transcending time and overcoming all manner of difficulties.

"I truly must live with them. I don't want to die unless I can die with them. I don't want to live unless I can live with them." The movement for North-South reunification begins when both sides have this heart toward the other.

The accomplishment of North-South reunification will be the beginning point in the effort to unite the democratic and communist worlds. Each of us must consider the future of our people and of the world. Each of us represents the world, its six billion people and Asia's three billion. In the same way that a teacher has the self-image of a representative of the school and all the students he or she has ever taught, we must steel ourselves to carry out a movement to share in the lives of our northern compatriots.

When such an effort connects you to the way of saints, you will come to resemble a saint. If you practice this



True Parents lighting candles on the cake as Neil Salonen, United States Unification Church president from December 1972 to May, 1980, looks on

with respect to God with loyalty as God's child, you will become God's heir and a successor to those who carried out God's will in the past. I tell you these things today, because I have already confirmed their truth in my own life. Once we accomplish Korea's North-South reunification, the world's unity will follow naturally. Do you think political power, military force or economic wealth can achieve unification? There isn't the slightest chance of this. Can weapons, wealth or knowledge free us from decayed philosophies? No, they cannot. Only true love, which comes from God, can do this. When you enter a true love relationship with God, you will receive absolute authority to have dominion, ownership and the right of inheritance.

What is true love?

...When we establish God's true realm of giving and receiving in our own lives, we will experience for the first time the unchanging glory of true love. Then we will be able to apply the ethics of eternal life by practicing true love with human beings.

Yet, who in the world is aware of such things? In 1984, when I was lying in bed in an American prison where I had been unjustly incarcerated, God came to me. He said, "You


are the only person I can trust. I want you to resolve the situation in Nicaragua." Am I truly the only person whom God can come to with such a command? America is said to be a great country standing at the forefront of all developed countries. It has a population of 240 million people and numerous religious leaders. How helpless did God feel, that he could not go to any of those people and had to come to me instead? At least it is fortunate that God knows someone who possesses his love, and he could contact him. If I had not worked for the sake of the world at that time, South America would have been completely ravaged by war by now.

Let's work for North-South reunification and world peace

My compatriots, filled with passionate hope for North-South reunification, let us together establish our value system on the basis of Godism and join forces in arming this country's people with this new teaching. Let us pledge to work toward North-South reunification, for the sake of the Korean people and world peace. Let us stand to answer history's call in our age and Heaven's call. Let us be leaders and people of righteousness at the forefront of the movement for North-South

reunification.

Women, particularly, need to take the lead in this. History took a mistaken course because of Eve's error at the beginning, so in the Last Days, women need to take the lead in overcoming conflict, strife and division with their motherly love and create a new history of reconciliation and unity. The mission of women is to restore their children, meaning all young adults and students, as true children through true education. Furthermore, mothers and children need to combine their efforts and set examples to restore their husbands and fathers. This is how women can become Heaven's true daughters, follow in True Parents' footsteps and attend God as the center of their family, in order to realize the ideal, the kingdom of heaven on earth.

I conclude this speech hoping once again that my words today will develop into an international movement that can advance the day when North Korea and South Korea can meet and harmonize in true love. I pray for God's blessing to be with you and your families. Thank you. 

This text is from Pyeong-Hwa-Gyeong Book-8 Speech 13. This is the second of two parts.



Let Us Move toward our Vision

True Mother spoke on August 10 at the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center's Main Hall to Japanese women, most of whom have Korean husbands, and to a few Japanese men—all of whom have the status of missionaries in Korea. This is what she said that day.





How long will you continue applauding? I will show to you the entire fulfillment of providential history, the fulfillment of history itself. You've just heard of the providential work and the global providence. After listening to this, can you now see in your mind the work we will conduct to complete the providence? Can you picture it?

If Jesus Christ, who was born as God's son after four thousand years, had completed his mission, you and I today would not have a relationship, would we?.. The Israelites lived as God's chosen people, yet from God's point of view, they did not properly understand God. They did not know why Jesus Christ had to be born. Finally, after paying tremendous indemnity and sacrificing for two thousand years, Jews founded the state of Israel on May 14, 1948. Israel's land area is only as big as Gyeong-sang Province and 60 percent of it is desert. It is undeniably true that they have achieved miraculous things in an area like that.

Jerusalem is a holy city where both Jews and Muslims live. They share Abraham as their ancestor. God's providence has gone through the Old

Testament Age, the New Testament Age and the Completed Testament Age. And today, True Mother, God's only daughter, has opened the doors of Cheon Il Guk. We are already in the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk. Meanwhile, a movement to accept True Mother, God's only daughter, is arising among Muslims. If humanity had not fallen, Heavenly Parent's providence of salvation would not have had to take place. Messianic thought would not have existed either. According to God's principle regarding the Creation, he created a man and a woman to live with him on the foundation of having fulfilled their responsibilities. You could say that True Parents are such a man and woman, completely victorious in that respect. Jesus came two thousand years ago to form the True Parents. Unfortunately, the prepared environment did not welcome him.... As a result, Jesus died, leaving a promise that he would return.

The current age

God's only daughter, whom God could not send two thousand years ago, must also emerge with the advent of the returning Messiah. In other words, the returning Messiah

- ① Su-yeon Kim, president of the International Families Association in Korea, including Japanese missionaries to Korea, accompanied by the five sub-region leaders, presenting a gift to True Mother
- ② Entertainers
- ③ The one hundred missionaries, selected through a drawing, who received a gift from True Mother

can fulfill his responsibilities only if God's only daughter emerges on earth. Given that I have continually spoken of and revealed the truth about history, you will all be familiar with this. When you look at the problems that the world and Korea must solve today, have you felt that Heaven is somewhat mysteriously yet profoundly working on the side of his only daughter, True Mother?

At the rally held by Sub-Region 5, I said, "I will complete the Divine Principle." It is not complete. I said that the Divine Principle must explain Heavenly Parent. The Divine Principle shouldn't have simply tried to address the issue of the Second Advent but should have included True Parents' theology.

From this perspective, we are now ushering in the seventh anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension. As



Japanese missionaries playing yut following True Mother's speech; the Cheonwon team (heavenly garden) won.

the Mother, I am seeking to fulfill the responsibilities we had not yet completed when Father was alive. Am I wrong for doing that? The reason I must speak about this today is because you must clearly understand who Heavenly Parent and True Parents are.

The universal dream

Only True Parents can achieve Heavenly Parent's dream.... Even the True Children have responsibilities. They are responsible to become people who can receive True Parents' blessings in the end.... Who launched Foundation Day and the first year of Cheon Il Guk? Only those who become one with True Mother, God's only daughter, can emerge victorious in this Cheon Il Guk era. You are all wise and your assessments are correct. Right? The longest time a person can live is about a hundred years. Compared to the eternal world, this is just like a speck. Hence, how precious is your time on earth, particularly this time spent with True Mother, God's only daughter? There will only be one set of True Parents for eternity within providential history and human history.

Vision 2020 alone is not my entire plan. Heavenly Parent dreams of having one big human family under him. The same goes for fallen humanity. To achieve that dream, we need to consider that there are more than two hundred nations today. And Korea, the homeland of our faith, has still to become a central nation in the world. Even if the 7.6 billion people from the two hundred or so nations around the world are unaware of Heaven's providence, they all wish for a world of peace. Yet, human history to this day has been filled with wars, conflicts and endless discord.

Much depends on you

Even today, I can clearly see what the superpowers, such as the United States, Japan, China and Russia, are doing. At times, it is quite a sight to behold! When will you bring them to know God, our Creator and Heavenly Parent? You, the blessed families, who have received True Parents' blessing, are their only hope.

During the Chungcheong rally, I used the term, "chosen blessed families." The Israelites, who were the first chosen people, did not fulfill their responsibilities. Christianity was

also supposed to move into the position of a chosen people, but they did not fulfill their responsibilities. Now, all blessed families, who have received True Parents' blessing, must fulfill their responsibilities as God's chosen people. To do that, you must complete your responsibilities as heavenly tribal messiahs. As blessed families who are registered in Cheon-bowon, shouldn't you be going beyond your nations and heading toward the world? Will you do that? How old am I? Forty-six! That would be great if it were true. I have prepared a token of my appreciation for you all today. Initially, I prepared seventy-six of these because I am seventy-six years old, but I decided to provide twenty-four more to make it a hundred....

Looking to the future

To prepare for our eternal future... I have taken into my hands the task of raising those in the third generation. We need to put them in the central positions. To do that, however, I need your commitment and cooperation.

That's why I will be making an exceptional declaration during this seonghwa anniversary. If I do it today, the declaration may lose its allure. I hope to be able to transition everything to the third generation, at least within my lifetime, while I'm in a state of good health. To do that, I must remain in good health until I am a hundred years old at least. This is not for me but for you. It is for your future descendants. I will make the announcement in 2020, and I will bless True Grandchildren in 2023. Unlike in the past, I will raise them myself. My hope is to raise them into people who are better than I, spouses for the True Grandchildren that can establish the eternal foundation of Cheon Il Guk, upon which Cheon Il Guk will prosper for eternity. If among your children, you have sons or daughters who can meet my expectations, please apply.

I am God's only daughter, the True Mother. I am the mother of the universe. The mother of the universe! Hence, I hope that you can raise your children well with such hopes and dreams.... How many people are celebrating their birthdays today? Those whose birthday is today please come forward. ☞



True Mother's Letter to True Father

One of the highlights of the Seonghwa Festival Commemorating the Seventh Anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension was this letter that True Mother wrote to her husband and earthly companion of fifty-two years, True Father, which Wonju Jeong McDevitt, chief of True Mother's Secretariat, read aloud.

Beloved Father! How we miss you! Father you are always with us! Seven years have already passed since your Holy Ascension to the heavenly realms. There is no place in heaven or on earth untouched by your sweat and tears. On this day, we particularly long for you.

Father, a year before your Holy Ascension, even though you were more than ninety years of age, you visited the United States eight times. Refusing to care for your health, you

invested yourself completely for the sake of the world and for humanity. What you had said, "Once we finish this task and there is little else to do, let us take a short break," never came true on earth in the end. Father, you worked day and night, and since I lived my life in attendance to you, I did not sleep more than three hours a night throughout my life.

During the sweltering summer of 2012, you entered the hospital for the final time, but even then, you rebuked those who recommended you stay in

there, saying, "There is still so much to do. Why are we spending so much time at the hospital?" You then hastened to return home. You gave the instruction, "Today, set the table for two, with Mother facing me." Hearing you say this puzzled the members because whenever we sat together for meals, I always sat by your side.

Although the lunch table had been set, Father, you did not once lift your spoon. Instead, all you did was gaze into my face. Father, I think that you



Wonju Jeong-McDevitt, chief of staff of True Mother's Secretariat, reading True Mother's letter to True Father on the seventh anniversary of his Holy Ascension.

were most likely engraving my face in your heart. I smiled, placed a spoon in your hand and some food on your rice. Then, I continued to gaze at you as you ate. Father, I also engraved your face in my heart.

The next day, a day when the sun's rays were particularly strong, you carried an oxygen tank the size of a full-grown person and toured the Cheongpyeong Lake area, beginning with the Cheongshim International Middle and High School. Then, after returning to Cheon Jeong Gung, you prayed, "Heaven, please give your blessing. I beseech you to allow me to conclude things." Then, you asked someone to bring a voice recorder. You offered your last prayer with me, saying, "I have completed the mission of the providence of restoration."

Then you said, "Mother, thank you! Mother, take good care of everything." Father, despite the difficulty of your condition, you kept saying, "I am so sorry and so grateful." I held your hand more

firmly, looked at you gently and spoke with a soothing voice, putting you at ease. "Do not worry about anything." Father, you then returned to Heavenly Parent's bosom and you are resting in Bonhyangwon, at the foot of Mt. Jeon Seong.

Father, following your Holy Ascension, I came to Bonhyangwon at dawn every day. There were countless justifications or reasons why I might have rested and not visited you; but whether it snowed abundantly in the winter or rained torrentially in the fall, I came to Bonhyangwon each day in those early morning hours. For forty days after you ascended, I prepared breakfast and dinner for you. When I missed you on numerous occasions, I came to Bonhyangwon and talked with you. Through those conversations, your thoughts became my thoughts and my thoughts became yours.

Whether the sun beat down, the wind blew or thunder and lightning suddenly struck and torrential rain poured down, or whether snow

blanketed the land, for 1,095 days following your Holy Ascension I carried on offering my devotions in remembrance of you. I also retraced the 5,600 kilometers you had traveled from Las Vegas to New York in the United States in the 1970s. I climbed the twelve mountains we had climbed together in the Alps. Then, I resolved to fulfill the promise I made to you to "return to the spirit of the early days of the church and revive the church in spirit and truth."

Then, on the third anniversary of your Holy Ascension, I beseeched you to freely ascend to the eternal Bonhyangwon, to attend and comfort Heavenly Parent, who had been lonely until then, and to be free from all burdens. Then, for you, Father, and for Heavenly Parent, I resolved to succeed in the restoration of seven nations by 2020.

East to west, south to north, I ran with all my might, seeking to embrace the world. My mouth was sore, my legs were swollen. . . . I could barely stand, yet I could not rest. This was because however difficult realizing the will may be, I had to keep the promise I had made to you that I would conclude everything within my lifetime. I lived each day reaffirming my resolve that I would "fulfill this without fail" and that "to do so, I shall not change." Every time I desperately missed you, I looked to the moon for companionship and spoke with it, reminding myself of the promise I had made to you as I stood before your holy body, "I will firmly establish Cheon Il Guk by the time I ascend." Living this way, seven years have already passed since your Holy Ascension.

Father, you know, don't you? Following your Holy Ascension, I felt lost for words, in a position in which I was the only one remaining. My heart felt as if I were in a vast desert amidst a sandstorm, having to find a needle yet unable to open my eyes. Nonetheless I found it. I had to find it.

My resolve to absolutely restore seven nations by 2020 and my resolve to register all blessed families in Cheonbowon as heavenly tribal messiahs are my gifts to you, Father. I pray that your gift, your life of hyojeong for Heavenly Parent, will radiate rays of hope throughout the world. Father, I love you. ☎



Our Tasks in the Months Ahead

True Mother spoke at the Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Assembly Closing Ceremony and Victory Celebration on August 19 at the Hyojeong International Culture Center. This is what she said on that occasion.



Connecting to True Mother's heart and hearing directly from her of the course toward victory in realizing Vision 2020 added gravity to Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2019.

Yesterday, at the Leaders Assembly, I saw leaders who confidently expressed their resolve to boldly push ahead to realize Vision 2020. Vision 2020! Has the victory you promised to Heaven and to True Father become your victory? I think that's good.... Originally, God the Creator made the whole universe in his image. He created a man and woman, Adam and Eve. He then gave them a period for growth. They were to become one with God through their absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience during that time.

In complete unity with Heavenly Parent, they were to grow and attain perfection. The day they reached perfection would have become the day they emerged as humankind's true ancestors and they would be with Heavenly Parent.

Yet, this did not happen due to the mistake they made. I say this repeatedly because we are now in the era of completing the providence. According to the principle of creation, the Creator, Heavenly Parent, must reveal himself. Until now, however, this could not happen. What has been lacking, therefore, we must fill in.

The second part of the Divine Principle should show that the True Parents, who are the victorious

human ancestors, absolutely must emerge to realize Heavenly Parent's dream and humanity's wish, instead of it focusing theoretically on the returning Lord, the Second Advent. In other words, the Divine Principle must be able to speak about the [actual] True Parents.

In this regard, we now have only a few months left until Vision 2020, the day we promised (in Heaven's presence) to realize. After that, I will work on establishing the foundation for the eternal Cheon Il Guk. I will reorganize and support all areas connected to building that future. 2028 will mark the sixtieth anniversary of True God's Day. If the Christian foundation had served as an environment for True Parents once they emerged, True Parents' Holy Wedding and Heavenly Parent's emergence would have happened on the same day. However, because no one had established that environment, True Parents emerged in 1960 and only later, in 1968, did we establish God's Day.

This was a time of deep remorse for us, particularly in front of Heaven. Soon, on the foundation of having successfully realized Vision 2020, that is, national restoration, as we advance toward the sixtieth anniversary of True God's Day (Heavenly Parent's

Day), you will see miracles demonstrating that Heavenly Parent is with True Mother, God's only daughter, as she works on earth for Cheon Il Guk.

For you to get over your stereotypes took a long time. When I spoke about Africa as the frontline of the providence, many people recommended I refrain from doing that, saying that Africa lacked a prepared environment. Others said only that they would prefer I not do it. In the end, you have seen and felt that wherever God's only daughter, True Mother, goes, Heavenly Parent goes with her.

Caring for Christians

While I am still on earth, I have much work to do. Throughout their history, Christians have been unable to comprehend God's essence and Jesus' essence. We must do something to mend this so that their hard work will not have been in vain; we must teach them. Being the True Parents, we have opened a way for them to be able to go to God as his true children. Isn't that right? There is hope for them if they believe in True Parents, accept True Parents and become families who have received the blessing. Heaven conducted the providence for six thousand biblical years to see this one day, and many righteous people around the world are working hard



for God. I am saying this to you because I would like to find them and give them the chance to fulfill their responsibilities in relation to completing God's providence.

Structure for earthly heaven

By 2020, I would like to see some substantial developments and see the five [governing] branches of Cheon Il Guk in full operation. Meanwhile, as I have said before, I will also be on the front line leading the work needed to achieve global restoration by 2028. To do that, I will combine the Cheonjeongwon [administrative branch] and Cheonjaewon [financial branch] into one branch and have the Cheonbo providence [Cheonbowon] be the other branch. The Cheonbo Training Center as well as the café and its educational centers will be under the Cheonbowon. In other words, I have upgraded them. The Cheonbobwon [the Cheon Il Guk judicial branch] will continue to operate, though it still needs augmentation in various areas. I'll work to make it better. As for the Cheoneuiwon [the Cheon Il Guk legislative branch] FFWPU is working well with UPF in each region. Hence, I will continue to manage members using the current people in charge.

Securing a good future

I will establish my grandchildren, directly guide and teach them to be central figures. Just as Heavenly Parent—the owner of the universe—is the one and only Heavenly Parent, True Parents are also the only True Parents for eternity. As I said, I must remain in good health until these grandchildren I am teaching and raising become forty years old. When I came onstage at the Seonghwa Festival, I had two grandsons, one on either side, helping me. Wasn't that good to see? I will give them time to grow into perfected, mature men, as well as to build mature families. I will also ensure that they have many diverse experiences.

Increasing effectiveness

I recently told high school students to go to Sun Moon University. Even the world-famous Harvard University began as a theological seminary. Sun Moon University's Department of Theology has been weak. That is why I said I will extensively develop it by making the Department of Theology into an academy that produces public leaders. Then, what should we call Sun Moon University? How should we rename it? The Cheon Il Guk National University! I will make it into a global university to which all second- and

third-generation members around the world want to go.

Right after Father's Holy Ascension, the first thing I focused on was raising talented young people. As you know, I sold the helicopter Father used to ride in to create the Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship. Consequently, I could help educate many second-generation members. I will directly manage the system to ensure that they receive a thorough education from now on. Those who graduate from the Department of Theology will get the Cheon Il Guk certificate [literally, "the Cheon Il Guk seal."]. Wouldn't that be an honor? I will ensure that Sun Moon becomes a university to which all parents, from generation to generation, want to send their children. In order to do that, I will establish a committee to promote Sun Moon University's development and will pay attention to every step of its management and operations.

Future central figures

I will proclaim worldwide that I am looking for wives for my two grandsons, Shin-chul and Shin-heung. I will accept recommendations. I am looking for precious granddaughters-in-law that can attend as well as develop Cheon Il Guk's future central figures. All those who are confident that they have or know just the right person, please recommend her to me. Then, they will have their engagement ceremony in 2020 and their wedding in 2023.

Please prepare and wait with a heart of gratitude for that day, the day God can trust and love us. I mentioned that I will make the Cheonbowon one of the five branches of Cheon Il Guk. I should add that the director of the Cheonbowon will come from the True Family. Do you understand?

To True Parents, the world's 7.6 billion people are our children. Those I put in charge of something should throw away their self-centered selves and deepen their unity with God's only daughter, True Mother. Only in doing that will you not make mistakes. You are now under one system. I would like you to take great interest in how this foundation, which True Parents established, works and especially in how it serves the world. ☯



Let's make São Tomé and Príncipe Heaven on Earth

This is True Mother's Opening Address at the 2019 African Summit on September 5 in the National Assembly Building of São Tomé and Príncipe

Distinguished guests from home and abroad, VIPs and former VIPs, peace ambassadors, the president of São Tomé and Príncipe, government ministers and distinguished guests from the continent! You have come here today to reflect on how we can achieve a peaceful world.

When we look at human history, so far, there has never been a time when we didn't strive for a peaceful world. That is how much humanity has wished for peace, but starting with ourselves, if we cannot unite our mind and body, we cannot hope for peace. Throughout the history of human civilization, many righteous people and righteous religious leaders arose. But the day they all sought to realize never dawned. Why was that so? Today, we know that human thinking and will have limits. Thus, we must know God's original nature and essence as the owner and the Creator of the universe.

God created all things in heaven and on earth in his image. Lastly, he created a man and a woman who were to become humankind's ancestors. God gave human beings responsibilities. During their growth period, they had to grow to perfection, but failed to do that. As a result, today's fallen human race is a people without a relationship to God.

Since God, our Creator, made all things with eternity in mind, he cannot change his creation simply because his children had made a mistake. Since God cannot abandon fallen humankind, he began the providence of salvation. He carried out this salvation until his chosen people were able to lay and expand their foundation from the individual level to that of the family, tribe, people and finally a nation. Only after a long four thousand years was God finally able to send Jesus Christ, his only son, a son he could directly talk to and relate to and one he speak of to humanity as "my son."

Unfortunately, the Israelites, God's chosen people, failed to recognize Jesus. Even though God finally sent Jesus, his only son, after four thousand years, among Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, Jewish leaders and the Israelites, none knew who Jesus was. They ended up putting

Jesus on the cross. Jesus promised to return as he died on the cross. On his left and right sides were two thieves. The thief on his left mocked Jesus while the one on his right rebuked the one on the left saying, "We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then, Jesus told the thief on his right, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." He said "Paradise."

God, the Creator, made his creation in his image. In this light, Jesus, who was born as a man and as God's only son, should also have God's only daughter by him. Sadly, such an environment could not be created. The kingdom of heaven is a place where only a perfected man and woman can enter as a couple. Jesus said he would return, but those in the Christian cultural sphere, which formed after Jesus' crucifixion, did grasp Jesus' essence.

True Parents must emerge

After Christianity became officially recognized as the Roman Empire's state religion in 313 CE, Christianity could move on to a new page. Beginning from the Italian Peninsula, it spread across Europe all the way to the island country of England. Then, people from many countries, with England at the lead, went out to the world with the Bible. I call this period the Era of the Atlantic Cultural Sphere. Sadly, they did not grasp Jesus' essence and ended up taking an egoistic direction in their endeavors. Jesus' essence called for the practice of living for the sake of others and for true love. That was not the kind of mission work they carried out at that time. All countries connected with the Era of the Atlantic Cultural Sphere were blind to Jesus' essence and prioritized their national interests instead. Such egoism caused much damage, particularly on the African continent.

The truth about God's providence must now be known. The six thousand years of history described in the Bible until now has been characterized by walls of wars and conflicts, walls of religions and cultures, walls that prevent us from uniting. This is due to the failure to know God. There are four great

religions in this world today, but they too do not know how to meet and become one with God.

God's only daughter was essential

God had to find and prepare a nation to receive his only daughter and the True Mother of humanity for the returning Messiah to be able to fulfill his mission. The only daughter could not be born in Israel to a people that had not fulfilled their duties. That is because they still had indemnity left to pay.

So, for the completion of God's providence, God sent his only daughter to Korea, in Asia. If God's only daughter hadn't appeared, we would neither ever see the fulfillment of God's providence nor that of human history.

Our Creator, God, made a man and a woman in his image. Therefore, to see the completion of God's providence, victorious human ancestors, True Parents, must emerge from among fallen humanity. Two thousand years ago, God sent his only son Jesus Christ without any connection to the fallen lineage, in the same way God's only daughter must be born without a connection to the fallen lineage for True Parents to finally emerge on earth. Only then can we witness the fulfillment of the providence.

That is why wherever you search in history today, you cannot feel any hope. However, since God's only daughter has been born, humanity has hope. After six thousand years, God could finally bring forth True Parents, who through the blessing movement open the door for all 7.6 billion people to come to Heavenly Parent's bosom. Because fallen humanity can now be in the position of children to God, the Lord of Creation.

Let's make this nation a model of heaven

There are around two hundred countries in the world today. In Africa alone are many big and small nations. Up until now, people lived here in an environment in which they could not unite. However, thanks to True Parents, through the families that received the blessing, the people of Africa can now become one. Through the blessing that we



An audience of elected leaders, successful entrepreneurs, people who care about and have invested in the future of their nation are experiencing personal contact with the True Mother of Heaven Earth and Humankind.

will hold tomorrow, by receiving True Parents' blessing, you will be in a position of true children that God can embrace and to whom he will manifest all his love. Heavenly Parent has longed to see this day for the past six thousand years; it is the day Heavenly Parent will say, "Now you have finally become my sons and my daughters." He fill his children with his love, shedding endless tears of joy. This is that blessed day.

Since God created the universe to last for eternity, for only a father and mother to receive the blessing does not suffice. The children too need education so they can enter Heavenly Parent's bosom. In the past, the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, did not prepare well and fell during their growth period. Children of the blessed couples receiving the blessing tomorrow must keep their chastity until the day God can finally say, You too have grown up well; you are now

ready. Only then can you become precious sons and daughters whom God can embrace. Therefore, I plan to bless this country's president and its government's personnel. I will give Sun Moon University scholarships to three people that the government chooses as future leaders of this country.

When True Parents have blessed all humankind, the world will become a place of blessings where Heavenly Parent can directly commune with humanity. If all blessed families fulfill their responsibilities, we will be able to see that day during our time on earth. As blessed families, work to create heaven on earth; if all the nations here become one, it will not only become heaven on earth but will also create the road to pass freely into the eternal kingdom of heaven in heaven. All of you here today can bring São Tomé and Príncipe to attend our Heavenly Parent and become heavenly São Tomé and

Príncipe. If all its citizens become blessed families and blessed children whom Heavenly Parent embraces, this nation will become heaven on earth.

I want to say this again: Responsibilities are always present when you receive blessings from Heaven. Heavenly Parent has blessed São Tomé and Príncipe. So, when you are able to fulfill your responsibilities on earth and realize Heavenly Parent's dream, you will be able to proclaim to the world that São Tomé and Príncipe has become a model of heaven on earth. That will be a day of glory, blessing and endless joy. Will you do your best to make this happen? I would like to particularly thank the president of São Tomé and Príncipe and all cabinet ministers for their cooperation and support in making this day possible. Let us determine to make São Tomé and Príncipe heaven on earth. ☩



Pure Water Will Cleanse the Nation

*This was True Mother's message at the YSP Special Rally
in São Tomé and Príncipe on September 6 at the Pestana Hotel*



Up until now in your life, who is the person that you wished to meet, see and love the most? Oh! You love Heavenly Parent and then you love True Parents. You also love True Mother, God's only daughter and want to see her, right? Is that it? Is this your first time meeting me? I can understand your "Si" [Yes] You are in the process of becoming pure water. If you hear what I say, you will know what I mean, but the wider world today has no connection to Heavenly Parent. It is a fallen world. During the six thousand years of history described in the Bible, Heavenly Parent has been yearning, searching and longing for his beloved children. It has been a history of suffering and tears. Meanwhile, fallen humanity also continued to pursue goodness through the influence of the conscience. People sought to attain a position in which they could receive God's blessings, investing much effort into gaining that position. This brought about the emergence of the world's four representative religions. Their founders were men. As a result, religions have


been bequeathed while being somewhat lacking and representing only one side.

In his image, God, our Creator, created all things. He created a man and woman to become the ancestors of humanity. He gave his blessings, a special privilege, to humans. They were to grow in purity and beauty from a position of absolute oneness with God, our Creator, during their growth period. They had to grow to a state in which God could say, "Ah! You have finally become perfect! I bless you." Unfortunately, that did not happen.

Today, here in São Tomé, blessed families, whom Heavenly Parent can bless and call his beloved sons and daughters, will be reborn through True Parents. And you are in their second generation, aren't you? I mentioned that you have a growth period to go through in the process of becoming pure water. As of now, you are pure water, united with God's only daughter, True Mother, who can grow into people who can receive blessings. You must keep your purity.

For the first time today, here in São

- ① Young people present flowers to True Mother
- ② That these young entertainers could perform so closely to True Mother is something they are likely to tell their grandchildren someday.
- ③ Mother speaks as Alejandro de Souza translates from Korean to Portuguese
- ④ An excited group in a commemorative photograph with True Mother

Tomé in Africa, a blessing ceremony will be conducted in unity with True Mother, God's only daughter, who attends Heavenly Parent. Under your promise of bringing about the completion of God's providence, São Tomé has even more hope because of you, who are growing into pure water. This pure water will purify all bad conditions that have made São Tomé's pure water muddy. Do you understand? When this happens, the kingdom of heaven on earth that Heavenly Parent has longed for can come about in São Tomé. That will be a day of great excitement, gratitude and glory. I am happy to see you. You are all beautiful. Could you all see well? Is True Mother, God's only daughter, beautiful? Thank you. I love you! 

Guide Them Home Heavenly Parent

This is True Mother's blessing prayer at the 2019 Hyojeong True Family Festival on September 6, 2019, in the São Tomé and Príncipe National Assembly Building



Our most high and noble Heavenly Parent! How long did you wait and what did you endure for this one day! Based on the ideal you envisaged at the time of the Creation, you wanted to embrace, love and live with humanity as your children. But because Adam and Eve, who were to become humanity's ancestors, fell, you ended up waiting for the prolonged period of six thousand years, constantly worrying about the day you could embrace your beloved sons and daughters once again.

The ideal creation you intended was to last for eternity. But because victorious True Parents must emerge from amidst fallen humanity for your ideal to be achieved, how many diverse difficulties you had to take on and endure! Heavenly Parent! About six hundred or so new couples are receiving the blessing today.

At this very moment, they are resolving to create true families and to become the original ideal people you had envisioned your children to be in accordance with your will. For the past fifty years or

so, True Parents have raised many blessed families around the world. Now, many blessed families who want to attend and live with You, our Creator and Heavenly Parent, are being born in all countries across the world.

Please enable the six hundred couples receiving the blessing today to realize that they are blessed families that are to lead this nation, though a small nation, toward becoming a heavenly São Tomé and Príncipe that lives with you, Heavenly Parent. Through living up to the principle of living for the sake of others centered on true love, this nation can become a nation you can embrace, a nation you want to love and bless.

As a nation, it that can also set the example for the whole of Africa as a nation that attends and lives with you. Please remember all your sons and daughters receiving the blessing today. I sincerely pray that you guide all couples here to lead lives that you can remember and feel proud of after this blessing. I bless and proclaim all this in True Parents' name. ㄸ

Your Cosmic Answer

By Sun Jin Moon

*Under the limitless dark expanse of the Hawaiian night sky
sparkling gem-like stars adorn Heavenly Parent's magical portrait of his eternal unconditional
true love for all humankind and creation*

*Before the break of dawn
We walk with you in our hearts, True Father,
praying for peace on earth*

*Each step is a blessing
Every breath we receive is Heavenly Parent's grace*

We walk as one united family

*Forever is your memory leading our path
As we strive to walk in your glorious footsteps*

*This walk is a meditation
Each step brings you closer to our hearts*

*We start at the eastern corner of the beach
where turtles came to greet our beloved True Mother*

*The sand is cool and conforms like down pillows nestling our feet
The waves ebb and flow whispering to us to come closer
as they gently plant wet kisses on our toes
Every drop of the ocean is Heavenly Parent's love baptizing us with new life*

*All I have is gratitude in my heart
Each moment reminds me of you and True Mother*

*The ocean dances and displays
its waves like the roll of the Little Angel's fan dance
They crest, fizzle, and bubble, and foam up with joy onto the shore,
jubilantly spraying out as gentle mists that hug and surround us
invigorating our mind, body, senses and soul*



Sun Jin Moon expresses her heart to her father seven years after he ascended. She recognizes him as a messianic public figure who invested himself into creating the conditions for God's one world family to emerge on earth, while expressing adoration for him as her own parent.

*I am complete and whole in your magnificent creation
The cool salty breeze tingles and tantalizes our slow-waking start
The air is pure, crisp, and crystal clean
refreshing our spirits*

*Each moment is lifted with an even greater gift of beauty
as a symphony of birds sings out in joyful song with
harmonious notes from a myriad of species
a choral masterpiece
all to welcome us and usher in another glorious day*

*Looking out into the expanse
the deep blue waters ripple endlessly into the deeper black sky
melding together with no borders*

*The universe and the cosmos
infinity and beyond
meet at the horizon where earth and heaven unite*

*The moon and stars offer their closing bows
as the sun rises to claim the starring role*

*In this moment of moonset and sunrise I look up in the sky to see you both shining down on us
The sun and the moon both balanced, full, and complete in the heavens
like a miracle of truth inscribed on the celestial canvas
the perfect union, our True Father and our True Mother, forever One*

*Your love is everywhere
It echoes in our hearts
and the whole of creation resonates and sings with your blessing
So much beauty and joy!*

Nevertheless, True Mother, as I witness this glorious harmony of creation

I know your heart rises heavy each morning with the burden of all those who suffer, and who are orphaned, lost, and destitute

I see you push beyond your earthly limits to save each and every child and to return us all back home as one family under God

*How your heart must have ached and longed for our True Father during these arduous seven years
Yet despite all your pain you still valiantly and wholeheartedly marched across globe to build a world of peace*

*True Mother, I know True Father is so proud of you
True Mother, we are all so proud of you!*

I know and have witnessed True Father singing his love songs to you from the zenith of the cosmos

*Father shines millions of diamonds,
dazzling, sparkling, prisms of luminosity and brilliance*

*Each night he masters and crafts each phase of the moon cycle
to complete the perfect sphere of the luminous full moon
spot-lighting this dark earth with his beacon of love*

*Each moment in this moonlight I can feel True Father's absolute gratitude to you True Mother
His heart-beams, highlighting the greatest love story since the beginning of time
his eternal love for you lights the heaven's each night
I feel True Father's longing to shower you with all the precious jewels creation can offer*

*In the night sky I see his masterpiece of undying love and gratitude
and each morning I'm reminded of how much he wants to be at your side
I hear him whisper as the new day begins, Omma Komawa, dangshin salanhae yo...*

*My heart is complete and at peace in your glorious absolute eternal unchanging union
The cycles of life, the ever-changing phases of our cosmos, night and day
Your oneness is our divine truth
Forever blessing us with True Love, True Life and True Lineage*

*Only gratitude and love beats in my heart as we walk and witness the glory of Heavenly Parent's
creation on this miraculous planet*

*As you shine in heaven
All life renews itself again with pure gratitude, grace, and rebirth*

True Parents, to life's questions, you are heaven and earth's only true answer

*Like the light of day, you never fail to rise and shine forth with true love, pure light, divine truth,
absolute peace, abundant joy, infinite grace, heartfelt compassion, sincere goodness, dutiful
faith, filial heart, profound wisdom and exceptional beauty*

*With all the love in our hearts we wish to serve and bring joy and victory to you, True Mother; to
you, True Father, and to you, our Heavenly Parent*

*We shall be one family under Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Yes! Aju!
kamsahamnida saranghamnida *

The poet at the time was the FFWPU international president. She is now WFWP senior vice-president with Europe and the Americas as her special area of activity.

Major Events

Seonghwa Festival Commemorating the Seventh Anniversary
of the Holy Ascension Ceremony of Sun Myung Moon,
the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind

2019 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Ceremony Officiated by the
True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind



Pledge Service for the Seventh Anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension



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- ① Sun Jin Moon attends True Mother at the morning Pledge Service for the seventh anniversary of True Father's Holy Ascension
- ② Ki-seong Lee, chairman of FFWPU-heavenly Korea, was the master of ceremonies, calling each group out to bow and then leading the recitation of the Pledge. Sun-jo Hwang, president of Sun Moon University, offered the invocation prayer; Wonju Jeong McDevitt read True Mother's Letter to True Father; after a video compilation of True Mother delivering several speeches, Yeon-cheon Song, director of the Sun Hak Academy, led cheers of Mansei.
- ③ A view of the elder members attending the service



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Seonghwa Festival





- ① True Mother makes a traditional offering at the annual commemoration of True Father's Holy Ascension.
- ② Sun Jin Moon, senior vice-president of WFWP, gave a poetic commemorative address (see page 15); Wonju Jeong McDevitt read True Mother's letter to True Father; Young-ho Yun, secretary general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, was the master of ceremonies.
- ③ From Left: Sun-jin Moon, In-sup Park, Ye-jin Moon, Kwon-jin Moon, Hwa-yun Chun (Kwon Jin Moon's wife) Yeon-ah Moon and Julia HJ Moon
- ④ Mother flanked by her grandsons, Shin-chul (left) and Shin-heung (right), UPA cadets, and other actors in the musical.
- ⑤ Shin Yuh Moon, oldest daughter of Hyo Jin Moon and Yeon Ah Moon, sang a Korean song about missing one's hometown and one's friends, in front of an image of her grandfather as part of this year's musical.
- ⑥ A wider view of Shin Yuh Moon singing



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- 1 True Mother with Kwon Jin Moon, Sun Jin Moon, Shin -chul Moon and Shin-heung Moon, responds as the audience shouts, We love you True Mother!
- 2 Paul Potts, the British tenor who won Britain's Got Talent in 2007, and Japanese soprano Seiko Lee perform a duet as David Eaton conducts the orchestra.
- 3 The Little Angels and Shin Yuh Moon, backed by the orchestra conducted by David Eaton, lead the audience in singing "Omayra Nunaya."
- 4 Shin-jin Moon reads a personal essay about his grandfather, True Father; Goodluck Jonathan, ex-president of Nigeria, giving a commemorative address. When he boasted of having received the blessing, the stadium erupted in sustained applause; Ki-hoon Kim, regional chairman of FFWPU in North America, led the final cheers to conclude the commemoration of True Father's Holy Ascension.



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Special Hyojeong Rally for the Victory of VISION 2020



- ① Sun Jin Moon and In Sup Park presented Hyo-Jeong-Festival-of-Sharing lunches to representatives from the audience.
- ② Secretary General Young-ho Yun spoke about progress in mission fields globally and plans for expansion; Prophet Samuel Radebe spoke about the rally in South Africa and testified to True Mother; Chairmen Chung-sik Yong (Asia), Ki-hoon Kim (North America) and Ki-seong Lee (Korea) related success stories and explained their strategies for success in 2020.
- ③ The choir from Cheonbokgung Church (Korea's headquarters church) sang melodically.
- ④ Audience members had all received battery operated candles and followed the onstage prayer (see picture 5)
- ⑤ Various leaders with lit candles prayed in unison with audience members. Ki-seong Lee, chairman of FFWPU-heavenly Korea, led the prayer overall.



Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Assembly 2019 Closing and Victory Celebration



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- ① Information on the cake: top tier: Victory Celebration; tier 2: ...True Parents of Heaven and Earth; tier 3: The Seventh Anniversary of True Father's Ascension 4: 7.19 on the Heavenly Calendar, August 19 on the Gregorian Calendar.
- ② True Mother receiving flowers from her grandsons
- ③ Wonju Jeong McDevitt, chief of staff of True Mother's Secretariat read True Mother's letter to True Father to the assembled leaders from nations all over the globe. Young-ho Yun, secretary general of the FFWPU of the International Headquarters, was the master of ceremonies.
- ④ A view of the audience as members prepare to bow to True Mother



- ⑤ Sun Jin Moon and her husband In Sup Park present a gift to True Mother; Regional chairmen present gifts. Kajiguri Masyoshi of UPF Japan and Gwangseok Song of the Citizens Federation for North-South Unification pledge to cooperate on the Peace Road Project for the sake of Korean reunification
- ⑥ In Korea, younger students will do something to celebrate the graduation of older students. Here, eight hundred Global Top Gun Youth (GTGY) workshop participants from seventy countries danced "Mirobucho!" [Push Forward!] as a tribute to the "graduates" of the Leaders' Assembly.
- ⑦ Two young representatives receive their GTGY graduation certificate from Mother directly.
- ⑧ The "Mansei moment" at the Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Assembly 2019 Closing





㉞ FFWPU International President Sun Jin Moon spoke passionately about True Mother's heart and current providential focus. Dr. Young-ho Yun gave an overview of the current National Restoration providence and how things will unfold over the ensuing months. Regional Group chairmen from around the world gave reports on their ongoing outreach work and outlined strategies for the remainder of 2019 and for 2020.

㉟ A commemorative photograph



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Dedication of the Hyo Jeong International Cultural Foundation



Exhibition of True Parents' Lifelong Achievements



The One Korea Peace Road 2019 Unification Campaign



Hyojeong Blessing Festival in São Tomé and Príncipe*



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True Mother and the President Evaristo Carvalho

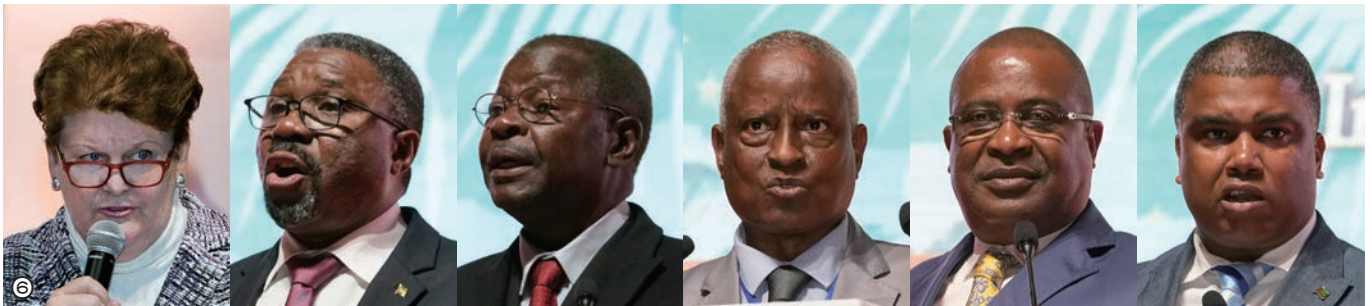
- Ⓐ True Mother and the chief of state of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe, President Carvalho, converse with the help of Alejandro de Souza, who spent some months refreshing his skills in Portuguese for this divine purpose.
- Ⓑ A gift for True Mother, the work of a local artist
- Ⓒ True Mother being interviewed by members of the media as Evaristo Carvalho, president of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe looks on.



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- 1 President Evaristo Carvalho greets True Mother
- 2 Prophet Samuel Radebe, the founder of Johannesburg's Revelation Church of God; and Bishop Johannes Ndanga, president of the Apostolic Christian Council of Zimbabwe; both African religious leaders that have sincerely supported True Mother.
- 3 Left to right: Bishop Afonso Nunes, Archbishop Emmanuel Dike and Imam Manuela Conceição Lima offered prayers from each of their faith's perspectives calling on the Creator to bless the event.
- 4 True Morthé addressing the audience
- 5 President Carvalho speaking to his nation's people about the profound and unprecedented event taking place in his nation under his jurisdiction.
- 6 Kathy Rigney, chair of UPF Africa, welcomed all; PM Jorge Bom Jesus gave opening remarks; Mahamane Ousmane ex-president of Niger (1993–1996), gave a keynote address; Manuel Serifo Nhamadjo, ex-president of Guinea-Bissau (2012– 2014) gave a keynote address; President Carvalho spoke, he was introduced by Wuando Castro de Andrade, minister of the Presidency.
- 7 True Mother delivering her salvific message to the leaders and people of São Tomé and Príncipe.



The Blessing Ceremony Proper





- ❶ True Mother leading the couples through the proclamation of their vows
- ❷ The holy water portion of the blessing ceremony
- ❸ Couples exchange blessing rings
- ❹ Religious leaders speak
- ❺ A representative couple makes a pledge to True Mother representing the audience
- ❻ True Mother presents the Good Governance Award to seventy-eight-year-old Evaristo Carvalho, president of São Tomé and Príncipe since 2016.
- ❼ Prime Minister Jorge Bom Jesus received a plaque inlaid with mother of pearl
- ❽ True Mother blows out the candles on a celebratory cake.
- ❾ A spirit of jubilation filled the hall as the Blessing Ceremony concluded. Couple by couple, reactions may have differed, but how could any couple's relationship not enjoy at least a brief period of bliss and joyfulness following such a profound and intimate ceremony?



President Gil Ja Sa Eu, a Cheon Il Guk Saint

By Chang-Shik Yang



President Gil-ja Sa Eu is one of the first three couples who served as a foundation for the providence of salvation led by True Parents. She was one of the greatest mothers in the unification movement, a great Divine Principle lecturer and teacher. She ascended to the spirit world on August 20 (7.20 by the heavenly calendar) at eighty-six years old. True Mother wrote a posthumous calligraphic tribute. Love and blessings from True Mother, world leaders and family members filled her seonghwa ceremony. True Mother heard about her ascension during a morning meeting, whereupon she, after a brief meditation, gave the calligraphic tribute, “A hyoseong family that opened the doors for the era of the safe settlement of a heavenly unified Korea.” As we try to build Cheon Il Guk, let’s look at the lessons we can learn from her deeds and life.

The providential role as a couple of President Hyo-won Eu and Gil-ja Sa Eu
True Parents’ Advent, resulting from their Holy Wedding on April 11, 1960 (3.16 by the heavenly calendar) is the most precious event in the history of the providence of restoration. To create the original true family that Jesus could not fulfill, True Parents went through

the indemnity condition of finding three couples representing Jesus' three disciples. They became engaged couples awaiting their marriage. True Parents' Holy Wedding happened on that principled foundation. The three couples are Won-pil Kim and Dal-ok Chung, Hyo-won Eu and Gil-ja Sa, and Young-hwi Kim and Dae-hwa Chung. These three couples had the mission of restoring the three archangels in the garden of Eden, who should have protected and supported Adam and Eve as well as of restoring the mission of the three disciples that should have followed Jesus. Furthermore, they were chosen as model families of the three eras—the Old Testament Age (formation stage), the New Testament Age (growth stage) and the Completed Testament Age (perfection stage).

Five days after their Holy Wedding, True Parents officially blessed the three families. They were to become the first blessed ancestors in the history of the providence for humanity's salvation. In 1961, a year after the three-couple blessing, True Parents horizontally expanded the blessing to thirty-three couples by selecting eleven couples in each of three sessions and creating the thirty-six-couple blessing group. Thus, Won-pil Kim, Hyo-won Eu and President Young-whi Kim led the thirty-six couples. Blessed families must attend and serve our True Parents, True Family members and these three couples, as they are our precious ancestors.

The family that wrote Divine Principle and compiled textbooks

The most precious and No. 1 treasure of the unification family is, without a doubt, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Furthermore, the Divine Principle, which teaches us about our True Parents and their value, may be called the No. 2 treasure of the unification family. Both Hyo-won Eu and Gil-ja Sa Eu were among the greatest contributors in the area of the Divine Principle. In Beom-naegol, Busan, True Father had a revelation and compiled *Wolli Wonbon* (Original Text of the Divine Principle). On that foundation, we saw the arrival of a new era, and the *Wolli Haeseol* (Explanation of the Divine Principle, 1957) was declared. From the compiled notes of the *Wolli Haeseol*, Hyo-won Eu, the first president of the Unification Church, created a logical explanation of the providence of salvation, from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and published the *Wolli Gangron* (*Exposition of the Divine Principle*) in 1966.

Dr. Seo Nam-dong, a Korean and a world-renowned theologian, praised the Divine Principle theory saying, "Out of all theological literature produced by Korean theological circles, so far, this is the best in terms of the quantity and systematic explanation." The Divine Principle has been translated into major languages, eventually leading people around the world to ultimately understand who True Parents are and what the fundamentals of life and of the universe are, thereby showing the path to a new life to fallen people. Following President H. Eu's systematic organization of principles, his wife, President G. Eu, contributed greatly to the compilation of educational materials, to make it easier to teach a wide range of people. In 1992, True Father created *Tongil Dang* (the House of Unification for World Peace) as a center of education, clarifying that the Chinese character dang referred to an educational institution, not a political party. For the past twenty-seven years, as the president of the House of Unification for World Peace, President G. Eu produced and distributed about fifty educational materials in Korean, English and Japanese.

In particular, President G. Eu created the popular 556-page color-coded Divine Principle book, which highlights sections (by the level of importance) based on keywords, making it easier for people to study the Divine Principle. It's available in various languages and has become a valuable resource. In the past, people that wanted to study the Divine Principle needed to participate in at least a one-week seminar. Now, various textbooks exist to make study easier, including the twelve-hour lecture manual, the three-hour lecture manual and even the one-hour lecture manual. These books have also been used by many members around the world for a one-hundred-time reading conditions. Moreover, many senior members have been giving lectures from memory, often using parables outside the Divine Principle and failing to present the content faithfully. Hence, President G. Eu's lecture manuals are a great contribution to upholding the tradition of authentic lectures. At present, a majority of the lecturers in the House of Unification for World Peace are women. She opened the door for anyone to easily become a Divine Principle lecturer, if the person concentrates on it. During her Seonghwa time, I was surprised to meet over fifty second- or third-generation members in middle school or high school that became Divine Principle lecturers under the President G. Eu's guidance.

An embodiment of the pursuit of truth and of the word

President G. Eu was in her fourth year of Pharmaceutical studies at Ewha University when she joined on March 3, 1955. At that time, many people joined through spiritual experiences. President G. Eu was a deeply devout Christian but had questions. When she could understand through the Principle the meaning of the Bible's ambiguous words and symbols, this touched her so deeply that she decided to join. She saw a ray of hope in her country, which the Korean War had devastated. During the war, she could not answer challenges by atheistic communists to show them God. But now, with her solid foundation in Christianity and through Divine Principle's scientific approach, she could



From left: Jinseung Eu,
Mrs. Eu and Dr Yang Chang-shik

understand God's existence.

After encountering the truth and the Holy Spirit, she deeply understood True Parents' value. She diligently took notes of True Father's words and left dozens of notebooks that record his words. She conveyed these words to us, pouring them out like a waterfall when she could. She would explain to us True Father's messages from the Divine Principle point of view, giving us the food of life. She was able to speak the word like a machine gun, twice as fast as ordinary people.

So many members have testimonies; they speak of how she helped them naturally understand the Divine Principle, making it enter their head, flow into their heart, and pour out from their mouth like a fountain of clear water. In particular, American and European families enjoyed stories of early experiences she and other close aides had with True Parents. To their ears what she said felt like sweet rain amidst a drought. The books that summarized many such experiences are *A Testimony to God's Word in Regard to Divine Principle and Danbury and the American Providence*.

One who lived a public life with absolute faith

In short, President G. Eu was a believer with absolute faith. There are two and only two words that permeate her consciousness and each cell of her body: "True Parents" and "Divine Principle." For her whole life she served as a missionary, itinerant worker, and educator, spreading the new truth. She held her current position until the last day of her life. In the last two to three years, even though she had difficulties moving about, she went to work every day, not wanting to miss a day in which she could devote herself to preparing textbooks and training lecturers.

In particular, she thought deeply about the future of the church; as a result, she paid keen attention to teaching the Principle to those in our second and third generations. She also went to Cheongpyeong Training Center every summer vacation and winter vacation to meet and teach students that came for vacation seminars. President G. Eu lived in intoxication from the word, so whether she walked or ate, and whoever she met, there was rarely a conversation outside of Principle topics, and when she opened her mouth, the Divine Principle would pour out like a waterfall. Despite being over eighty years old, she kept working and going around the world. Every time she toured the United States, Europe or Japan, her clear memory and logical way of explaining the word impressed blessed family members. President G. Eu was one of the few Korean leaders who could teach in Japanese (as naturally as she did in her own language); hence, she helped awaken many Japanese members' core faith. She was also quite good at English. She was a regional director for eight years from 1983, the year she arrived in the States, and was instrumental in nurturing many American leaders.

Whatever True Parents said or asked, she would do her utmost to obey to the letter. After Father talked about 30 percent tithing, she kept this tradition under all circumstances. She was highly intelligent, while her inner true love was consistently and quietly flowing; hence, many people who knew her say that she was indeed a great elder sister, and a mother representing True Parents. She lived a completely public life, with almost no private time, controlling herself and creating conditions to avoid any accusation from Satan.

When I went to her house after her Seonghwa Ceremony, I saw a single bed in a small apartment owned by the Foundation. Beside the bed, textbooks and notes were everywhere. These were all her property, all she owned. She lived with her son's family. Every night at bedtime, she would give each

member of the family a cheek kiss. She was such a warmhearted person. She lived a completely public life and a life of poverty, not owning a house or a car. As a result, her own children had to share the burden of her poverty. She indeed came with nothing and left with nothing. But who would say that she is poor? She is a hyoseong family of Cheon Il Guk, who lived as the poorest and yet the richest at the same time.

What we need to resolve—the Ewha Incident

President G. Eu grew up in a high-class family; her father was a prosecutor, and her uncle a Supreme Court judge and later the chairman of the Central Election Commission. However, after suffering challenges from non-believers of the Communist Party, she met True Parents and encountered the Divine Principle. After joining the church, she followed with absolute faith. On May 11, 1955, however, she was expelled from Ewha University's Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences during her fourth year in what is known in our movement's history as the Ewha-Yonsei Incident. It was only two months after she joined the church.

At the time, due to political pressure, the school expelled five professors, including Won-bok Choi, and fourteen students. It was an unprecedented illegal act and a violation of school rules, the Constitution and common sense. At the time, leading newspapers, including *Dong-A Ilbo*, criticized the school authorities in their editorials. What wrong could she have done during the two months of her church membership that she had to be expelled only one semester before graduation? Unfortunately, this incident became a source of many bad false rumors about our movement. In our efforts to right the wrongs of the providence, rectifying this unprecedented illegal act is a task we younger members must embrace as a top priority. Now the outside world is correcting many historical wrongs, reestablishing and revealing past wrongdoings through "history-correcting movements." The school should do likewise and restore the honor of the fourteen unfairly expelled students by giving them an honorary diploma. True Parents named the association of the expellees *Myeongwonhwe* and emphasized often that we must restore their honor. Only a few members of the association remain with us today—Dae-hwa Chung, Jung-won Kang and Young-sook Park. These elders we should serve with great deference.

A Cheon Il Guk saint loving wife registered in the Cheonbowon

President G. Eu only had ten years of married life after her blessing. When her husband passed away in 1970, she was left alone in her late thirties with three sons. True Father offered to give her a pharmacy store so she could earn a living and support her family. But she declined the offer and asked to serve God's will instead. Hence, True Father told her to continue President H. Eu's work and just like male leaders gave her positions such as an American regional director and a global itinerant worker. She went everywhere for her mission and never rested during her sixty-five years of public service.

After her husband passed away, she lived alone for fifty years, missing his company by her side. When I heard their life story, it seemed that the time they actually lived together as a couple during the ten years was less than a third of that time. What this means is that as the first church president, they had to create a foundation for the church and attend True Parents. Theirs was not a comfortable family life. In her thirties, she had to raise three sons and do her public mission work. Later, following True Father suggestion, she went to the Paju Wonjeon once every month and made conditions at her husband's grave. She had missed him for fifty years. As time passed, she patiently looked out for others and replaced that longing with the love she poured out to their children and to members. Now she is finally back in his embrace.

President G. Eu was intelligent. She sometimes seemed cold on the outside, but inside she always lived as if her husband were with her twenty-four hours a day. She did that for her family and for other blessed families. She loved everyone equally, whether they were from the East or the West. I am proof of that love. From my high school years, I fed on that love and that truth; I then decided to join the unification movement and live a public life.

Personally, I came to know her better than I did my own mother. I felt she was like my real mother and I called her mother. I kept as precious the many letters she wrote to me during her missionary years. When she wrote, she used to sign the letters with "your mother" and in my heart, I became Chang-shik, her son.

After fifty years of separation, you are finally returning to your husband, having completed everything that your husband left behind. Missionary Gil Ja Sa Eu, you accomplished everything and now you return as a Cheon Il Guk hyoseong family. My mother is an eternal Cheon Il Guk saint, a loving wife of the unification family, and I want to say this and call you a loving mother. ☩

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MOTHER HAS LEFT

The poet is the oldest son of the first president of the Unification Church Hyo-won Eu and Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu, who ascended on August 20.

By Jinseung Eu



*Mother has left
To be with father.*

*She is a beautiful one;
Her wrinkly face I like
More than the bouncy face of her youth.*

*Tonight while lying alone
I missed her and cried in stealth
Longing to touch that face again.*

*A beautiful smile on a wrinkly face
That will never return
I missed and missed
And cried in stealth.*

*She is one who lived in longing;
She walked a long road with her aching body
Longing for parents
Longing for family.*

*Now I realize
Things I did for her
Things I found tiresome and annoying
Were in fact sources of my little happiness.*


*One day, when the sun was warm and tender
Hand in hand I walked that sidewalk with her.
Like a little child she toddled along.
Like a gentle breeze we whispered.*

*Mother has left
To be with father.*

*Like a lover who lost his love
Like a child who lost his mom
I called and called but she was nowhere.*

*She is one who went on a trail of flowers;
I have seen her there, my mother.*

*To the place of her yearning, a place of no pain
Having left great love for me*

*Mother has left
To be with father. *

*Dr. Eu read this poem at his mother's ascension ceremony
on August 23.*

A New Dawn

True Mother's recent work in São Tomé and Príncipe

The spiritual transformation of São Tomé has brought the nation into heavenly Africa's warm embrace. The day Heavenly Parent and True Parents so long wished for finally arrived. Earlier this year, Evaristo Carvalho, who was born in 1941 and has been president of São Tomé and Príncipe since 2016, came to Korea for the celebration of True Parents' Holy Wedding anniversary. After studying the purpose of the founding of the World Peace Summit, the president was instrumental in creating a conducive environment for cooperation and last May, UPF and the government of São Tomé and Príncipe signed a memorandum of understanding on a New Africa project. São Tomé and Príncipe is noa carrying out the providence.



True Mother and President Evaristo Carvalho greets True Mother outside the gates of the Presidential Palace in São Tomé, the capital city of his nation.

Festival of hope, heavenly São Tomé and Príncipe

True Mother arrived in São Tomé and Príncipe on September 5. In a place where the last became the first, True Mother received a report on this victory upon her arrival in the country. Government officials including ones from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed her as did bright youths (as the pure water of São

Tomé and Príncipe) who came to cheer the first day of this renewed history. In the run-up to the São Tomé and Príncipe summit, True Mother visited the Presidential Palace, where President Carvalho warmly welcomed her and where she received military honors in the presence of President Carvalho. She also visited the National Assembly Hall, where the Summit took place. She later presented to the president—during an interview with national

television and several international media outlets—her solutions to problems, solutions that as they accumulate will lead to global peace and prosperity. In the interview, True Mother explained, “If we serve our Heavenly Parent, all nations will become sibling nations in his eyes. If we do that, we are certain to unite. There will be no more wars or other conflicts.”

The summit attracted eight hundred prominent figures, among



True Mother about to meet participants in the Global Summer Camp, a YSP project. They worked hard on service projects and attended character education lectures based, gaining a strong foundation upon which they could meet True Mother. (Read more about them in the article that begins on page 48.)

them, President Carvalho; Prime Minister Jorge Bom Jesus; the deputy prime minister; the President of the National Assembly, Delfim Neves; fifty-five deputies, fifteen ministers, heads of state and ex-heads of state, as well as representatives of heads of state.

President Carvalho gave the Opening Address. "We are pleased and honored to receive you in São Tomé and Príncipe and to participate in this African summit." Following an introduction of her by the ex-president of Nigeria (2010–2015) Goodluck Jonathan, True Mother in her message, granted her blessings to São Tomé and Príncipe and urged everyone to make it a model for Cheon Il Guk:

Today we must know the essence of God's providence. Up until now, what has characterized the six thousand years of history described in the Bible are walls of wars and conflicts, walls of religions and cultures, walls that prevent us from uniting. Through the marriage blessing that we will hold tomorrow, by receiving True Parents' blessing, you will be in a position of true children that God can embrace and to whom he will manifest all his love.

For six thousand years, Heavenly Parent has been waiting to be able to say, My son, my daughter... and to be able, finally, to kiss his children and fill them with his love, shedding endless tears of joy. This would be on the day when they received the blessing. If São Tomé and Príncipe becomes a heavenly nation that serves Heavenly Parent, and its people become blessed families and children that God can embrace, this nation will become the kingdom of heaven on earth. On this particular day, I would like to thank the president of São Tomé and all the ministers for their cooperation, and I hope that we will make São Tomé and Príncipe the kingdom of heaven on earth.

The participants responded with loud resounding cheers. Heavenly Parent had wrought a historic miracle before all their eyes. True Mother proceeded to award medals to leaders of the International Summit Council for Peace, of which Goodluck Jonathan is the chairman, as well as to the president of the Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe and to local and foreign government ministers.

Following the ceremony, a welcoming dinner, Pestana Hotel. A sense of

gratitude and congratulations permeated the dining hall. True Mother gave a brief message of love to the sons and daughters of São Tomé and Príncipe who were together as if they were one family. "Heavenly Parent is our parent and as his children we become one family."

Youth and Students for Peace

The following day, September 6, before the blessing ceremony took place, she spoke to 150 youth leaders. True Mother gathered the leaders of the future and educated them on purity and the blessing. "For the first time in Africa," she said, "São Tomé and Príncipe united with God's only daughter, True Mother, and promised to realize God's providence. As a result, the blessing ceremony can happen today."

Hyojeong True Family Festival

The new miraculous day when our Heavenly Parent's dream came true! In São Tomé, where the blessed family



Global Summer Camp participants exhibit keen interest in a Tong-Il Moo-Do martial arts demonstration. (You can read more about these campers in "Service, Camaraderie and Guidance" beginning on the following page..

movement is developing, six thousand pre-blessed couples came to participate in the event. On that day, six hundred representative couples, political leaders, religious leaders, and chiefs from seven states packed the hall. President Carvalho, government ministers and ex-ministers joined the event. In the presence of the president, they held a national level blessing ceremony in the National Assembly Building.

True Mother's Prayer

The future of this country lies in becoming one with Heavenly Parent and remaining aware that blessed families need to take the lead in making heavenly São Tomé and Príncipe. Those of you who received the blessing today, please remember that you are sons or daughters of a country that lives with and serves our Heavenly Parent.

Reaching out to others

More than two hundred YSP youths pledged to remain pure and create true families, and then True Mother bestowed on President Carvalho the Leadership and Good Governance

Award and presented plaques of recognition to the prime minister and to parliamentarians. After which the blessing started.

Fourteen media outlets broadcast the São Tomé and Príncipe Summit and the blessing ceremony including the state-run news agency. The live coverage reached beyond the island nation to several nations on Africa's mainland. The festival in São Tomé and Príncipe, was the first model of a nation that gave its full national support.

YSP Peace Festival

Since last June, in accordance with the agreement made with the government, a hundred and forty thousand youths and students, which account for 75 percent of the population, are studying hyojeong character education. Together, they prepared a giant peace festival in São Tomé in a large open space, National Stadium Square, which attracted forty thousand young students on September 7.

At the festival, the city mayor, youth, people from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Culture intermingled. The prime minister's

wife, five government ministers and an acting prime minister attended. The young people presented possible solutions for some of the world's problems. The national television station broadcasted various contests, a Tong-Il Moo-Do demonstration and hyojeong cultural performances and generally captured the synergy, live for seven hours.

Government officials expressed gratitude to True Mother for running organizations that focus on wholesome development and ultimately for the future of São Tomé and Príncipe. heavenly São Tomé and Príncipe is experiences heightened hopes and dreams that come from interacting and seeking to align with Heavenly Parent.

The first country that became one with Heavenly Parent awakens hope for Heaven's providence. A new era has dawned for São Tomé and Príncipe and for heavenly Africa. A heavenly world through the establishment of Cheon Il Guk is now arriving. A heavenly World through the establishment of Cheon Il Guk is on its way. *TP*

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Service, Camaraderie and Guidance

A path to internal transformation through a Youth and Students for Peace Summer Camp in São Tomé and Príncipe

By FFWPU São Tomé

Most of the people who came for this project are YSP leaders in their own country or UPA cadets and people who have done a lot in leadership positions or taken on responsibilities in our church. In total we had twenty-two different nationalities from Europe, Asia, South America, Central America, America and Africa.

The first three days after we arrived, we made preparations for the summer camp. We held a workshop for a hundred and fifty students from different districts of São Tomé. We divided them into different teams together with YSP volunteers for ten days. We were preparing the food and the lectures on character education and then printing the materials we would give to the summer campers, and the full schedule including the activities we will do during that time. Our lodging was in schools and other public spaces that we are going to repair or help to

reconstruct. Everything we did was with the support of the local assembly (town hall) of each district. Since the volunteers from STF Europe divided themselves up in various places, I have included their reports on the projects.

Mathias Mussy (Austria)

“We started our summer camp project in Lembá (São Tomé and Príncipe) with our twenty-five students (twelve–eighteen years old) including six soldiers, four boy scouts and eight volunteers (staff members). Our volunteers were from Brazil, Japan, the Philippines, Congo, Angola and Austria (me). On the first day when we arrived in Lembá, we had an opening ceremony with the local president at the City Hall. The president welcomed us, and we had a chance to explain about YSP and our summer camp project.

Our schedule consisted of hoondokhae from True Father’s autobiography, character education lectures, service projects (we are now collecting trash from around the school and on the beach)/ Tong-Il Moo-Do training and sports and games. The lectures were based on the Divine Principle and I could see from their taking notes and asking a lot of questions that the students and helpers have a lot of interest in the teachings.

I could also see how that here the people’s hearts compel them to help without being asked and that they are trusting. They have respect other’s belongings and take care of them as well.

I can see a big future for the people here in São Tomé. I’m happy to be here and to be a part of the foundation for the coming of True Mother.”

Andre Rivas (Colombia) and Junka Alves Ogawa (Venezuela)

This summer camp started on July 18 in the District of Cantagalo, São Tomé Island. We are eight people on the staff from Japan, Brazil, Nigeria, the Philippines, Venezuela, Angola and Colombia. We opened the camp with a ceremony in the Cantagalo govern-





Africa is brimming with youth and energy. It's important that these young people have a strong ethical base and determination to reach their goals. YSP provided a summer camp for them in which they immersed themselves in service projects and received guidance drawn from True Parents' teachings from instructors.

ment chamber, listening to the president of the chamber. When we finished, we went to the school and there the director welcomed us.

In the mornings, we have service projects. One of them is to build a wall in the back of the school that will stop delinquency in the place; usually people from outside the school enter and disturb the classes and activities. With the help of professionals in that area and people from the school, we are also building a fence. We pick up the trash, fix the classroom tables, clean the water tanks take care of the grounds.

On the July 22, we helped the community clean the debris left from a fire that happened the previous night in the building just in front and across the road from the school. I feel as if we were protected, so it didn't occur here in the school. No people were inside the building that where the fire occurred and only some injuries occurred when helping to put out the fire. That night, the soldier volunteers especially, and about half the staff and some students directly helped with the problem.

That we had the chance to work today together today was helpful to the neighbors and to the students. When we started cleaning, some families came out and joined us. Because few others were eager to help it was difficult, but our team unity

made it possible to solve the problem fast and harmoniously.

The participants are excited and open minded during the lectures that are about topics such as, sustainable peace, love between brothers and sisters, preparation for marriage and the meaning of being a good person mean. The environment is extremely comfortable because they can express themselves, ask questions and express their opinions.

They often the sentence "Everything is about living for the sake of others," and gave feedback, such as "I'm going to become the future of my nation," "I will spread this information to others when I go home" and "I will not do what I used to before coming here." We learned a happy dance to perform on the last day with all the volunteers.

Each day we are becoming closer. I can feel that they are learning so much about new things, also they are teaching us so many things each day. Many said that they feel at home and as a family, so as staff we are working on creating a space where they can really relate as True Brothers and Sisters and feel a lot of love from us.

Stefany Obando (Ecuador)

On July 18, we started the Global

Summer Camp in Vista Alegre, with the participation of twenty-three students, a boy scout, six soldiers and seven volunteers from Japan, Brazil, Angola, Ghana, the Philippines and Ecuador, all of whom were welcome by the authorities in the government chamber of Me-Zochi (a district in São Tomé) and by the community as well.

At the beginning, we gave an orientation about YSP and all the activities that we are going to do in these days so they can know the purpose of the camp and YSP.

We have the support of the authorities to bring water and trash cans for the students who are happy and enthusiastic. They interact well with the community and with the other volunteers with whom they have some cultural exchange, learning the dances and songs of previously unfamiliar cultures. They are also learning English through some lessons we provide.

Through character education, they learn how to practice living for the sake of others every day, so they voluntarily serve food every day and help cleaning without my asking them. The students and the community are open to change their minds and hearts, so I have great hope that they will receive True Mother in the best way possible and also they will transform São Tomé into God's country.



A group photograph from the workshop that was preparation for the summer camp experience

Karina Sampaio (Brazil)

I gave two lectures so far, one on “What does it mean to be good?” and the other on “Brothers and sister love,” which were good; they students deeply interacted with me. I showed some videos and they had great interest in both subjects. I did some translating, because I need Portuguese to communicate with the students here.

They are interested in the texts we use as materials to explain things to them, especially the hoondokhae from True Father’s autobiography. After reading, we made teams and make a space for them to express what they thought or to ask questions. On many occasions we went over the allotted hoondokhae time because they enjoyed discussing it.

My goal was that embody the idea, “I’m a pillar,” which I felt connected to. Many people there, depended on me, so I needed to be unchanging, always trying to be centering on Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I often asked myself what am I doing here and for whom am I here? My answer: for Heavenly Parent and True Parents, to support True Mother, for this community and for myself, for my own growth as well to be someone that can offer something better to others in the future.

This experience was a good training for when I am back home. It is a good opportunity for me to see each point I should still improve to be stronger internally in this environment. This experience was not what I expected, but I felt grateful! I will always do my best.

The closing ceremony

On the evening of Sunday, July 28th, the closing ceremony of the global summer camp took place at the national assembly of São Tomé and Príncipe. Youth and Students for Peace (YSP) had organized camps in six districts of this peaceful country.

The occasion was graced with the presence of the Prime Minister Jorge Bom Jesus, the Minister of Education and Sports and the Minister of Culture. More than three hundred young people of all races from twenty-four nations formed familial bonds with one another as a sign of their commitment to building a peaceful global family under God.

The chair of YSP Africa, Mr. Philbert Seka, took this opportunity to present to the guests the results of the projects undertaken by the international volunteers of YSP, the youth and students of São Tomé and Príncipe, as well as respective community members during the ten days

of the camp.

Some of the flagship programs of YSP include Character Education, Peace Designer programs, Tong Il Moo Do, as explained by Mr. Koji Matsuda, international vice president of YSP.

Through these initiatives, the organization aims to educate and nurture young conscientious citizens and leaders to address the challenges of the society and create a world of peace. To ensure security throughout the course of the summer camp, the government provided military men to guard the camp sites day and night. Additionally, through the ministries of Youth and Sports, and Education, the government has continued to extend its support to YSP, thus expressing its satisfaction and full commitment to the vision and programs of YSP.

“The Youth have energy, courage and creativity. However, these qualities need to be aligned with good character and personality in order to serve a good cause instead of an evil one,”—Prime Minister, Mr. Jorge Bom Jesus. The prime minister further encouraged YSP to increase its activities in the country in this era of globalization. ☞

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Our Cherished Hopes

By Michael P. Downey

One way that totalitarian governments control their population is by controlling what they say. Telling the truth is the enemy of totalitarianism and the lie is its fervent supporter.

As a volunteer English teacher and speech coach for TNKR (Teach North Korean Refugees) I've found a great deal of meaning in my life for this very reason. TNKR is an NGO headquartered in Seoul that was founded to give a voice to North Korean refugees that have escaped and now live in South Korea. TNKR matches teachers with refugees for one-on-one tutoring in English.

Why English? It's a good question. Recently one of my students told me the following story. After escaping from North Korea and sojourning through China, she expected life in South Korea to be idyllic. On the contrary, she found it to be no bed of roses.

She was intently aware of her status as a refugee. She felt she was discriminated against because she spoke Korean with an accent. In the beginning she tried hard to remove her North Korean accent but it was not easy.

One day at her church she became aware of a group of people gathered around two young men at the door to the cafeteria. At first she thought they

might be some sort of celebrities. She went closer to listen and she heard the folks praising the young men because they spoke English so well. A light bulb went off in her head; these guys were admired for speaking English well. Of course, it was the prestige language that many in South Korea aspire to master. She decided on the spot to stop trying to lose her accent and to focus on learning English. She has been quite successful.

Nowadays in South Korea, at least some degree of English ability is important for success. Many folks have made a lot of effort even from kindergarten on to acquire some English skills. In addition the modern day Korean language is littered with "konglish" words that baffle most who grew up in North Korea. Many folks from the north that I have tutored started at the ABC level. For these reasons they say English is important to them.

Justice, freedom and love

Most meaningful for me are the English Language Speech Contests that TNKR holds twice a year. At each contest seven to ten refugees stand up in front of an audience and give a ten-minute speech entirely in English. They talk about their lives in the north, their escapes, and their hopes and dreams for their futures.

You may remember the old

American folk song "If I Had a Hammer." The words, in part, go like this: "It's the hammer of justice. It's the bell of freedom. It's the song of love for my brothers and sisters...." When we tell the truth, we ring the bell of freedom. Who knows the truth about North Korea better than these folks? I'm proud to assist them in preparing and practicing their presentations. Along the way I've learned a lot.

There are thirty-two thousand refugees from North Korea living in South Korea today. In addition there are as many as twenty thousand trapped or for other reasons still living underground in China. There are clear reasons that so many risk their lives to escape. The human rights violations in North Korea are egregious.

They classify the population into three distinct classes based almost entirely on ideological considerations. The core class makes up 10 percent of the population. These are the ruling class, party cadres and others who are judged to be politically reliable. The wavering class are 40 percent of the population. This class comprises low-level managers, technicians, small scale merchants and small-scale farmers. This class also includes the politically unreliable such as those repatriated from South Korea, China or Japan. The lazy, the corrupt, the



With TNKR co-founders Casey Lartique and Eun Koo Lee and a refugee Speech Contest participant (holding her son) Mr. Downey received a certificate of thanks for his role as a speech coach.

bargirls, Confucianists and the practitioners of superstitions like shamans and fortune tellers also belong to this class.

Finally, there is the hostile class. These are the people assigned to dangerous and hard labor due to their class. They make up about 40 percent of the population. This class includes Christians, Buddhists, and Chondogyo members. Anyone arrested or imprisoned, their families, anti-revolutionary types, as well as many other conditions will get you membership in this class.

Ideological excess

This system is entirely ideologically driven. The root of the human rights abuses can be traced directly to the extreme ideology that exists in North Korea. The great famine of the late 1990s caused starvation for the lower classes and forced the people to resort to a black market economy to survive. This also pushed people to cross the border with China in search of food and hard currency. This is the genesis of the mass exodus of refugees through China.

By cooperating with North Korea in returning refugees to the regime and to the oppression that drove them to flee in the first place, China is in the position of an abuser of human rights. By denying the status of refugee to those fleeing the regime of

political and ideological forced starvation, China is complicit in the human rights abuses suffered by refugees in its territories.

Most refugees fleeing the north, cross the rivers that mark the border between North Korea and the three northeastern provinces of China. The crossing is hugely dangerous and border guards have a shoot-to-kill order. The crossing is facilitated by smugglers, brokers, and human traffickers. The bribes necessary to cross were around \$300, a huge amount in the late 1990s. Today it will cost you \$10,000.

Vulnerabilities

Seventy to eighty percent of those who flee North Korea are women. Once they arrive in China, they often become the victims of human trafficking. China does not recognize them as refugees. They have no legal status or papers. If they are caught by Chinese police they are returned to North Korea to face harsh punishment. Therefore they are vulnerable to organized gangs.

Due to economic and social conditions there is a great shortage of women in the rural provinces of China. Korean women refugees are exploited to fill this need. The young women are sold directly to brothels and the older women are sold to poor farmers by the very brokers that they

paid a fortune to in order to escape North Korea. The only hope to get out of China is to find and pay another broker to get you out. Sometimes this takes seven or more years.

In the early 2000s Christian missionaries, primarily South Koreans, became aware of the plight of their fellow Koreans and began to mount rescue missions to get them to South Korea. The brokers that knew the escape routes were for the most part ethnic Korean gangsters who demanded huge sums to guide the refugees out. The missionaries raised money to pay the fees and as much as possible made sure the brokers did what they were paid to do.

Paths to freedom

There were several main escape routes. The best is to enter a foreign embassy in China and claim political refugee status. The Chinese do whatever they can to block refugees from reaching friendly embassies. If the refugee is caught in Beijing near the embassies they are sent back to North Korea.

Another way is to reach Mongolia where they can be sent on to South Korea. In order to reach Mongolia a refugee must cross both internal and external borders closely guarded by Chinese border police. Again, if caught, it's back to the gulag. Then the refugee has to cross the Gobi Desert, a life or death journey in itself.

The third way is to pass through the Chinese mainland and reach Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, or Myanmar and eventually Thailand which will send the refugees to South Korea. All three ways are dangerous and expensive and never sure. The first two routes are no longer viable and today, most go south. Along with the Christian groups there are also other South Korean NGOs working on the ground in China to rescue refugees and get them to South Korea to be resettled.

Dealing with causes

The stories I've heard of the human rights abuses originated by the extreme Korean nationalism practiced in North Korea and the politically motivated indifference of the Chinese policy towards the refugees are horrific. The work being done by the missionaries and NGOs to rescue

those trapped in China is heroic. The effort being made by the South Korean government and NGOs to resettle the refugees in South Korea is an example of humanitarianism in action. That being said, I can't help thinking that the human rights crisis as it pertains to the refugees is only the tip of the iceberg. There are twenty-five million people living in North Korea who to one extent or another are suffering human rights abuses. If they all, or a significant number, decide to escape, it would overwhelm the resources of any nation or group to help. The only solution is to address the ideology of the North Korean regime that has led to this situation. In the final analysis it is the extreme Korean nationalism of North Korea that needs to be dismantled. This worldview and its extreme manifestation has its roots in Korean history and can be understood. The human rights issues can't be separated from the nuclear weapons and ballistic missile issue. They have one root cause.

Striving in North Korea

There are market forces at work inside North Korea that, given time, can produce change from the inside. Have you heard of *jangmadang*? This is the Market Generation and describes the lifestyle and mindset of the generation that came of age in the 1990s.

The fall of the Soviet Union and the loss of its huge subsidies had just about brought the small communist nation to its knees. By the mid-1990s, the cash and government rice rations had run out and people began to starve. How many died of hunger and its resultant diseases is controversial but after the first million it becomes a moot point. Everyone knew someone or had relatives who had starved to death. Then there were those who were simply shot for stealing food. Many recall being forced to watch public executions as the government struggled to maintain control of the population.

The funny thing is, those who were the best communists and were most loyal to the Kim regime in word and deed died first. The rebels, the skeptics, and the adventurers turned to the markets and survived. One of these was Hee-soon Kim (of course, it's not her real name) and this is her story.

Hee-soon Kim's mom was one of the market pioneers in their hometown in the northeastern hinterlands. After watching her own father turn into a bag of bones and pass away, her mom determined that she and her children would survive. It began small with five pitiful looking half rotten sweet potatoes. She had unearthed them almost accidentally when digging an outhouse. But they were edible and so worth their weight in gold. She boiled two and fed them to her ravenous kids for an unexpected evening meal. The other three she bartered to a neighbor for three cups of oil and a large handful of barley. It was a revelation and a way forward. By hustling around she began to not only feed her kids but also to build up a surplus. She bought an old bicycle with a basket and was able to move around the villages in the district, always with an eye out for anything that could be sold. Several bicycle vendors would meet up at a crossroads, lay out their wares on blankets spread on the ground, and people would come. Of course, someone would always watch for the police. When the cops approached on foot, the entrepreneurs would throw everything onto their bikes and pedal off.

Some, like Hee-soon's mom, were naturals at it and they branched out into used clothing, shoes, alcohol and anything else that there was a demand for. The markets expanded and sprang up like mountain mushrooms after a spring rain. The local authorities did their best to suppress this decidedly ideologically polluted activity but a full belly trumps ideology every time. It was dangerous and if caught, a marketer faced severe punishment. A bribe into the right hand often mitigated that.

Hee-soon began helping her mother early on and she found that she also had a talent for buying and selling. How wicked! she thought. Before long she initiated her own enterprises. Her specialty was *hooch*, a kind of homemade alcohol. She scrounged for the basic ingredients which were some kind of fruit, sugar, and copious amounts of water. It was close to rotgut but had the desired effect and there were always customers.

For a twelve-year-old girl the effect was powerful. By engaging in her

own business activities she became liberated. She made her own choices and would live or die by the results. She was freed from the thought control imposed by the Workers Party of Korea and the ruling Kim family. She began to think for herself and it was exhilarating. On top of that she ate every day and she and her mother became the saviors of their family and many others in the neighborhood. She and the other marketers her own age became the 'Market Generation.'

Today it is the markets that feed the people and drive the North Korean economy. Surprisingly, I learned that much of the capital that fuels these markets comes from North Korean refugees living in South Korea who work hard and send money to loved ones left behind.

Looking forward

Most refugees that I've talked to and prominent formerly highly placed defectors say the same thing: Never lift the economic sanctions. The regime and the Workers Party are broke. They desperately need hard currency to continue in power. Whatever humanitarian aid they receive from abroad goes directly to prop up the party and the third largest standing army in the world. Through the markets, people are thinking for themselves and eating well. Don't give the regime any more money and they will collapse.

The winds of change are blowing across the Korean peninsula nowadays. We have been treated to images of leaders meeting, shaking hands and making promises. I'm reminded of the Korean folk song, "Our Cherished Hopes are for Unity." Hope abounds. Without a doubt many people are sincerely longing for unification but the devil is in the details. Most folks I've talked to who were born in North Korea are saying we need to focus more on the people of North Korea in their efforts to be free than the promises of leaders with their own agendas. Let's tell the truth and continue to ring the bell of freedom for the people of North Korea. *✍*

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Music's Moral Power

From Christianity to 2020 and Beyond

By David Eaton

In a recent conversation with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon regarding the creation of new Holy Songs and whether we should compose “new songs in the old tradition,” she mentioned she enjoyed Italian classical music because of its Christian heritage.

In another conversation with her, I inquired about including more popular styles in our request for new songs for the ongoing Holy Song competitions. She cited the need for songs younger Unificationists could identify with, and as such, there should be a willingness to be open to all musical genres.

As we move toward 2020 and beyond, Mother Moon is emphasizing mentoring the next generations of musicians with regard to having a principled view of their creative gifts.

Her comment about the Christian heritage of music reminded me of Arnold Toynbee’s observation that the Christian church was the “chrysalis” out of which our Western society emerged, “the germ of creative power.” As Christianity in Europe emerged from its chrysalis, a substantial body of liturgical music was created as an expression of the faith.

Gregorian Chant and the early settings of the Catholic mass by Renaissance composers Jacob Obrecht and Josquin des Prez, and eventually Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven and

Schubert, as well as the sacred motets by Léonin and Pérotin in thirteenth century France and the cantatas and oratorios of Bach and Handel, point to the importance of music in the evolution of Christian ritual and worship. Well-known hymns such as “How Great Thou Art,” “Praise to the Lord,” “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” and “Be Thou My Vision” remain staples for many church choirs and congregations.

Initially having a timorous distrust about music performed in the church, St. Augustine eventually came to view music as having benefits in the process of developing a devotional frame of mind toward the Almighty, thus aiding one’s spiritual growth. Augustine’s epiphany concerning music as a facilitator of spiritual enlightenment was a precursor to Emmanuel Kant’s assertion that beauty was the archetype of revelation due to its transcendent potentialities.

Values, ethics and aesthetics

Divine Principle and Unification Thought teach that when assessing art according to the Platonic ideal of beauty, truth and goodness, we should not overlook the axiological perspective—specifically values vis-à-vis morality and ethics—when creating art. The concept of the moral power of the arts has been a narrative

in virtually every culture and will remain so as we advance beyond 2020 into the age of “settlement.”

Music in ancient times

The Chinese, Greeks and Hebrews of ancient Israel shared an understanding that music had moral power and thus musicians had a certain moral responsibility in the communities in which they lived and worked. Their attitudes about music and musicians comport with the concept of Godism as articulated by the FFWPU founders.

Confucius readily linked the moral condition of a society to the quality of its music. The Greeks intuited that the music they listened to and the recreations they engaged in influenced people’s attitudes. The influence of the Greeks on early Christian culture and its art and music is easy to trace. Echoing the ideas of Plato and the relationship between music and society, the sixth century Christian philosopher Boethius stated in his influential treatise, *De institutione musica*, that “music is related to us by nature and that it can ennoble or debase our character.”

Sanctifying the atmosphere

Martin Luther considered music to be “a sermon in sound.” Johann Sebastian Bach, the greatest composer of liturgical music, asserted that the



The soaring final notes of "Time to Say Goodbye" by Paul Potts and Seiko Lee as David Eaton conducts the orchestra

musical technique known as figured bass was the most efficacious way to "praise and glorify God" and to "re-create" one's mind and soul. Johannes Brahms, a good Lutheran, read scripture daily and considered his relationship with God to be essential in order "to compose something that will uplift and benefit humanity—something of permanent value." Schiller, Goethe and Kant considered aesthetic beauty to be a gateway to moral and ethical insight due to its transcendental aspects. For these European philosophers, art wasn't merely entertainment but could also be a repository of moral knowledge.

Friedrich Schiller, who as a young man possessed a desire to study theology and pursue a life as a cleric, believed that experiencing beauty edified one's soul state (*Seelenzustand*). For Schiller, "aesthetic education" could be the basis for a moral society that would help establish the freedom that political revolution failed to achieve. Kant, who was greatly influenced by Schiller's ideas about "aesthetic education," understood that the pleasure we derive from beauty was beyond pure reason, yet those experiences were valid and universal—everyone had them.

In his observations of Schiller's influence on Kant regarding the nexus of aesthetics and morality,

Roger Kimball, publisher of the *New Criterion*, writes: "The feeling of freedom and wholeness that aesthetic experience imparts is thus not merely private but reminds us of our vocation as moral beings. In this context, Kant famously spoke of beauty as being "the symbol of morality" because in aesthetic pleasure "the mind is made conscious of a certain ennoblement and elevation... a faculty for judging the sensible illustration of moral ideas."

We understand that we realize love through action. How we act and relate to our family and fellow citizens becomes the essential trial in our attempts to establish a more humane culture. Our behavior and what we create have consequences. Artists do not create in a vacuum. In short, that's what being a "community" is all about. Being responsible for our actions in relationship to our fellow travelers in our earthly journey ought to be our primary consideration. In that context, creating art that fosters goodness in the spirit of Godism remains a significant factor.

Another fundamental narrative in Unification Thought and the Theory of Art is that an "artist should have the attitude of wanting to comfort God, who has been grieving with sorrow throughout human history." The concept of the "suffering heart of God" and humankind's attempt to

alleviate that suffering has been a prevailing tenet of Unificationism. As the theologian Ronald Goetz points out, "The age-old dogma that God is impassible and immutable, incapable of suffering, is for many no longer tenable. The ancient Theopaschite heresy that God suffers has, in fact, become the new orthodoxy." From the Unificationist perspective, artists ought to be aware of this reality as they go about their work.

The arts in earthly heaven

Divine Principle instructs that God created human beings and the universe to obtain joy and therefore endowed human beings with the gift of creativity. True Mother is emphasizing the creation of a culture that embodies Godism—a way of living that comports with the three blessings as the foundational modality for artists, scientists, educators, journalists, economists, environmentalists and politicians. Her support of the Hyo Jeong Youth Orchestra (founded in 2018) and the new cultural academy, concert hall and recording studio being built on the Cheongpyeong campus testifies to her commitment to the centrality of art in the settlement era of Heaven's providence.

These projects will emphasize character education as well as musical development in the spirit of creating a



In the primarily rural area near Cheon Jeong Gung, True Mother offered free instruction in playing musical instruments to the young people in the area, mainly non-Unificationists. They make up the Hyo Jeong Youth Orchestra, seen here following their conductor, David Eaton.

Godly culture. True Mother's emphasis on attaining and practicing family values as articulated in Divine Principle and Unification Thought remains a central concern. Her instruction to artists has been to understand that before we are artists, we are children of our Heavenly Parent and parents to our children. With this fundamental consideration we can then practice our art in the spirit of Godism.

Furthermore, we will likely see more cross-cultural artistic expressions as we move beyond 2020. In 1983, at the Sixth World Media Conference in Cartagena, Colombia, Rev. Sun Myung Moon instructed several musicians (I among them) to study and master the classical tradition and then "combine the Abel-type aspects of other traditions—rock, jazz, folk—with the classical tradition." In his estimation this juxtaposition of genres would be "new age music."

Taking his cue, I have created music that merges Asian and Western styles, classical and hip-hop styles and Western classical and Middle Eastern styles. I've also created music that attempts to synthesize classical ballet and martial arts utilizing Western and Asian musical modalities.

In the current providence in the United States, it's interesting to witness how American Gospel music

has taken center stage at the various "Peace Starts With Me" events with the emphasis on creating God-centered families. Moreover, the "praise-and-worship" music of Christian ministries such as Hillsong, Mosaic and The Rock is attracting young people. Citing the importance of music in his book, *The Purpose Driven Church*, pastor Rick Warren states that if he could go back and do one thing differently when he launched his Saddleback ministry, he would have started by creating a first-class music ministry.

In the context of community worship, it will be important to educate young Unificationist musicians according to a principled view of worship music, no matter the style or genre. In the three Hyo Jeong Holy Song competitions that have taken place since 2017, nearly all 330 submissions have been in popular styles—rock, rap, praise-and-worship, Gospel, folk—but with lyrics that express the ideals of Unificationism.

Many artists are idealists at heart and wish to use their talent for a "higher purpose." Any attempt to determine just what the highest purpose in life might be requires that we be open to the idea of a higher authority. If there exists a chief author and propagator of truth that exists beyond the earthly realm ("beyond the starry canopy" as Schiller and

Beethoven put it), we would do well to seek out and know that deity. Knowing the causal dimension of life and creativity can then be a way to achieve the true essence of ourselves as children of our Heavenly Parent and principled artists. Moreover, if artists can come to know the heart of the Creator, they will be better suited to create art and music that embodies the attributes that our Heavenly Parent finds appealing and good.

Musicologist Richard Taruskin notes, "As long as some music somewhere is considered tref (not kosher), we have not forgotten that music is a powerful form of persuasion that does work in the world, as serious art that possesses ethical force and exacts ethical responsibilities." As co-creators with our Heavenly Parent in creating an ideal culture it is our portion of responsibility to use our talents and abilities to assist in that process. Regardless of the style or genre of music it is the motivation and intent behind our creative endeavors that ought to be central to the creative process. As such, the moral and ethical power of music will remain an important consideration in the age of settlement. *TP*

For more on the award-winning songs of the CIG Holy Song contests visit www.hyojeongculture.org or email: cigholysong-competition@gmail.com.

The Maturing of Tong-Il Moo-Do

On January 5, 1979, Father instructed Dr. Joon-ho Seuk to teach Tong-Il Moo-Do at the Belvedere Training Center to all the security guards working at East Garden (True Parents' home in the United States) and to students at the Unification Theological Seminary. Four of the security guards were already black belts in Kyokushin Karate, a style developed by Masutatsu Oyama, a Japanese man of Korean ancestry.

Four months later, Father seemed curious about the progress Dr. Seuk had made. On April 15, which happened to be Easter Sunday, Father came to the gym at Belvedere to observe the guards' training session. The students put on a brief exhibition for Father, after which Father wrote a motto in calligraphic script, "Advancing bravely forward with discipline." That day marks the birth of Tong-Il Moo-Do as a fighting style.

The United States of America

Celebrations of having reached the forty-year mark took place in numerous places, including the United States, Brazil, Paraguay and most significantly in South Korea. In the US, they celebrated in motion, that is to say, the national chapter of Tong-Il Moo-Do held a tournament at the its the Boys and Girls Club in Clifton, New Jersey on May 19.



Master Vincente Belmonte led the event, which forty-nine martial artists competed in. The tournament attracted Tong-Il Moo-Do practitioners from chapters in New York City, Tarrytown and Barrytown, also in New York State; Clifton, Little Ferry and Elizabeth in the State of New Jersey and San Francisco in far-away California.

Martial artists from the Clifton Martial Arts Academy and the Shotokan Karate Dojo, both of which adhere to a fighting styles other than Tong-Il Moo-Do, also took part.

The Federative Republic of Brazil

The two South American countries held commemorations in cooperation with their national governments, highlighting the internal aspects of Tong-Il Moo-Do, such as character development—loyalty to one's parents and nation, love for one's siblings, mind-body unity, endurance through difficulties, courage and willingness to fight injustice. Good citizens make a good nation. Congressman Luis Miranda and Congresswoman Gleyce Elias, the president and general secretary (respectively) of a Brazil-South Korea legislative group gave the opening remarks. Dr. Joon-ho Seuk,

- ① Young competitors at the tournament in New Jersey to mark the fortieth anniversary of Tong-Il Moo-Do
- ② Dr. Seuk and local leaders at the celebration of Tong-Il Moo-Do's fortieth anniversary in Brazil
- ③ In Paraguay, Tong-Il Moo-Do celebrated in their nation's National Congress Building.



Grand Master of Tong-Il Moo-Do, a veteran of the Vietnam War, who received the blessing among the 777 couples in 1970 with Hye-seuk Moon, spoke for thirty minutes. The event, which UPF co-sponsored also saw a number of congress-members becoming ambassadors for peace.

The Republic of Paraguay

Under the theme, Forming Leaders with Principles and Values to Build World Peace, on July 23 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am, Paraguayan members celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Tong-Il Moo-Do in the Bicameral Hall of the National Congress Building, to which a hundred and fifty leaders from all areas of society had come. At the center of the commemorative event was the creator of the Tong-Il Moo-Do style, Grand Master Joon-ho Seuk, who is the international president of the World Tong-Il Moo-Do Federation. The vice president of federation, Master Venus Agustin accompanied Dr. Seuk. We felt True Parents' spirit throughout the event. The senior authorities transmitted love and understanding to us reflecting Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' hearts.

Tong-il Moo-do is the perfect tool to take young people today along the path of discipline and perseverance in its technique and its aspects of spiri-

- ① True Mother speaking to two hundred Tong-Il Moo-Do practitioners from twenty-one countries
- ② Two young martial arts enthusiasts present flowers to True Mother
- ③ Seasoned Tong-Il Moo-Do athletes demonstrated their skills.

tuality. In Tong-il Moo-do, for young people to deepen their respect for their parents and respect for their nation and its flag, to care for their brothers and sisters and fight against injustice with an unchanging spirit are some of the daily goals. When they enter the dojang [gym], they bow to the flags of both the organization and the nation, as well as photograph of the True Parents, and thus incorporate values to develop humility and a pure heart.

The youth of the Paraguayan Federation of Tong-il Moo-do, showing great skill and discipline, gave a martial arts demonstration in front of the political leaders. The audience appeared moved and responded with loud applause. The youth instructor, Carlos Núñez, who is the twenty-years-old son of the president of the Paraguayan Federation of Tong-il Moo-do, Master Viviana Moreyra, addressed the audience, giving the opening statement of the event, in which he highlighted the values one learns within the practice of Tong-il Moo-do.



BRIEF TESTIMONY

I started my path in martial arts at eleven years old in 1972. When I left a movie theater and after having seen Bruce Lee's movie "Operation Dragon" my whole being felt strongly that I should practice martial arts.

I went to the Gimnasia and Fencing Club in Buenos Aires, Argentina, which I was a member of and observed the practice of Judo and Tae Kwon-do. Eventually, I pursued martial arts through the practice of the Korean martial art Tae Kwon-do.

At nineteen I received my black belt and I had a strong desire to teach. I did not care about money; I just wanted to find someone who wanted to learn the style. Then at age twenty, I encountered the Divine Principle and True Parents and dedicated myself full-time to fulfilling the sacred ideals found in Divine Principle. Finally, I resumed Tae Kwon-do in 1987 in the city of Rosario, in Santa Fe Province, three hundred kilometers from Buenos Aires.

I reached the Second Dan (level of expertise) in 1988 and when I was going to receive the Third Dan and had developed a school with three hundred students, we welcomed Master Kensaku Takahashi from Tong-il Moo-do to transmit to us the technical style and Tong-il Moo-do's philosophy, which is connected to the Divine Principle and the Unification Thought.

That gave a clearer meaning to my life so I dedicated myself to expanding popularity of the Tong-il Moo-do style throughout Latin America. It was not easy



A commemorative photograph with True Mother to mark this significant milestone, forty years of efforts to expand the reach of the Tong-il Moo-do martial arts form and its underlying outlook on the world as one family under God.

and there is still much to do. I am deeply grateful to Grand Master Dr. Joon-ho Seuk, who along with Master Hoshiko Takamitsu and Master Venus Agustin supported me at all times.

— Master Gustavo Giuliano, seventh degree black belt

Republic of Korea

On August 28, the ultimate celebration of fortieth anniversary of the founding of the World Tongil-Moo-Do Federation took place at the Hyo Jeong Cultural Center in the HJ Cheonwon complex. After an opening prayer by Dr. Venus Agustin, vice president of the World Tong-II Moo-Do Federation, Young-ho Yun, director of the Hyo Jeong Cultural Center, spoke about the establishment of a great training hall, which True Mother had decided to establish in HJ Cheongwon for Tong-II Moo-Do called "Sedowon." Sedowon is to be the mecca for Tong-II Moo-Do, to which athletes from all over the world will come to practice their martial arts. Dr. Seuk reminded everyone of the spirit of Tong-II Moo-Do and encouraged all the athletes. "Today, through this celebration, I wish you all become true hyo jeong rang for True Parents and take the lead in the realization of a Unified heavenly Korea and a peaceful world. In the spirit of athletic success, Dr. Seuk and Master Takamitsu Hoshiko presented


a tall trophy to True Mother for her years of promoting true values and guiding us to the realization of a world of peace. She then spoke briefly.

As the True Parents, we have earnestly sought to reach out to fallen humanity, trying to bring back one more nation, one more life to Heavenly Parent during our lifetime on earth, as well as to guide them to a position where they can receive blessings as true devoted children of Heavenly Parent.

It is with such ardency that we created Tong-II Moo-Do. Unfortunately, the body does not follow what the mind desires. It is tremendously difficult to bring unity in the family, nation and world when the individual still struggles from body-mind disunity. However, we know God, the Creator, our Heavenly Parent. We also know that True Parents are our true parents. That place where you reach absolute unity with True Parents is the place where your bodies and minds become one.

I sincerely hope that through Tong-II Moo-Do, you can live not only for yourselves, but also for your neighbors, tribe, nation, and world. Celebrating forty years today, Tong-II Moo-Do is in a position of maturity and manhood.

What then should you do, being in that position? Shouldn't you expedite your efforts? I sincerely hope and ask you all not to stop until you take your last breath, to boldly advance until you attain that position in which Heavenly Parent can bless you, saying, "You are my proud sons and daughters!" Tong-II Moo Do has spread unification thought in more than 190 countries. In the Philippines, it has helped rehabilitate young drug addicts who had run away from home. In the Middle East, where there are ongoing religious conflicts, it opened the doors to dialogue and cooperation.

We discipline our mind and body through Tong-II Moo Do and acquire a heart of filial piety and loyalty that allows us to have dominion over all things. In line the teachings of True Parents, who affirm that filial piety and loyalty is the foundation for dominion over all things, our two hundred athletes from twenty-one countries with a heart of total devotion disciplined their minds and bodies and reaffirmed their resolve to take a leap towards achieving a peaceful world, by spreading the Tong-il Moo Do spirit. 

A TPmagazine staff member compiled this article from various reports.

My Journey, My Faith

By Cui Yulan

The writer gave her testimony at a Divine Principle workshop for thirty-five ambassadors for peace at the Sorocaba Athletic Club Headquarters in Sorocaba, Brazil, in July.



Good evening! You have heard many lectures today. You heard lectures on the Principle of Creation, the Human Fall, the Advent of the Messiah and the Purpose of His Second Coming. Now, I would like to talk to you about how I came to know God through my life. I am a Korean born in China. In college, I majored in Economics. After graduating from a college in China, I went to a graduate school in Russia and got a masters and a doctoral degree in Economics. It was the time of Perestroika when I was in Russia. During this period, communists broke into or destroyed many churches; they specifically attacked many Korean full gospel churches. I was also a communist back then. From an early age, I learned at school that human beings evolved from apes. They taught me that all my ancestors were apes and they suddenly evolved into human beings in the days of my ancestors. Even today, some schools teach that. Once I visited a school with a diagram on the wall showing the evolution of apes to humans.

Until I graduated from college, I used to think that humans share similarities with dogs and cats. Communists teach you that humans are a bit more evolved than that. In light of this, I thought nothing remains after death. When I was seven or eight years old, at bedtime every night I would worry. In total darkness, I would crawl under my blanket and think to myself in fear, Everyone will die someday. Dad, Mom, brother and sister—everyone I love will die. They will vanish from the world.

Time passed, and I had a chance to study in Russia again. While I studied, I also taught at the same college. One day, a member of the Teachers' Association asked me to attend a seminar. Around this time, my maternal grandmother started appearing to me suddenly. She would appear abruptly when I was walking down a street or even when I was sleeping. She died when I was three months old, so I didn't remember her at all. Back then, poor people never had their photographs taken, but she appeared to me distinctly.

Confirmation

I thought that was strange, so I

decided to ask my mother. Since it was expensive to phone, I wrote a letter. "Mother, your mother appears to me all the time. She appears to me when I am outside, when I am asleep, or when I am correcting my students' exams. Wasn't your mother like this and that? She is always wearing a white traditional clothes (hanbok). She sometimes appears with a white cloth over her head. She has very black hair parted in the middle. She binds her hair on the lower part of her head. The woman who appears to me looks like this. Is she your mother?"

My mother was astonished. My grandmother never wore colored clothes in her life. She always wore a white Korean hanbok. She had the same hairstyle, too. She never changed it. She lost her husband when she was thirty years old. She raised four children on her own. She died when she was sixty. She used to cover her head with a white cloth during the winter. I was surprised to hear this. I asked my mother again, "Mother, are you sure she's your mother?" My mother asked, "You've never seen your grandmother before. She died when you were three months old. How did she appear to you?"

I needed an answer to this. Where did she come from? How could this happen when nothing remains after death, and she had been buried many years ago? Why did she appear to me?

In search of an answer, I visited every full gospel church and questioned the ministers. "I want to believe in God, too. Please tell me how I can believe in God! You mentioned in your sermon that God is love. He is our father and we are his children. Almighty God can do anything! But why are we living in misery? God's children are fighting and killing one another. They also die of illnesses. Why doesn't God Almighty do anything about it? Where is God's love? Look at Africa (as I showed a famous photo of an African child wasted away to skin and bone). Children are starving. If God actually exists, he must do something about this!"

None of the ministers was able to answer my questions. Each week, I visited a different church. Visiting every church around me, from Catholic to full gospel churches took

me two years. But nobody could give me an answer.

Encountering our movement

Around this time, an FFWPU member invited me to attend a lecture. She was my boss and she liked me very much. She invited me to a lecture that they held at her house.

The lecture was in English with Russian translation. The interpreter was not fluent in English or Russian, so I think the interpretation was only 30–40 percent accurate. Fortunately, a Korean missionary was there, and he gave me a one-on-one lecture. There, I asked everything I had wanted to know for years. Finally, I got answers to all my questions. I was so happy. When I heard the Principle of Creation, I rejoiced because it told me clearly that God exists. If God exists, it means that the spirit world also exists. In other words, your loved ones will not disappear after death. You can see them again someday in the spirit world. This was why I was so happy when I knew for the first time that God exists. I believe all of you here have gained much information today. Back then, I, too, felt that abundant information came into my head at once.

God exists. I felt that God manifested himself through the Principle of Creation. It was as if it explained who he was and what he looked like. Then, why are humans living in misery? Why does God leave his children that way? God is not just shedding tears. He is bleeding tears.

I finally understood where I came from. But where should I go? I have a son and two daughters. If even one of them disappeared, I would search for him or her for the rest of my life. Isn't that so? If I knew for sure that he or she were alive, I would search for my child to the ends of the earth. This is a parent's heart. Who gave us that type of heart? He is God, our Creator and Father. Since he has that heart, he gave that heart to his children as well, which is why we have it. Since God is love, we also have much love. What is most important in our lives? Love is. Nobody can live without love. Without love, this world would become colorless. Everything would turn gray. Since God is like that, so are his children, so are we.



The writer, in the yellow jacket, with (among others) her husband Koichi Sasaki, president of FFWPU-Brazil

When I learned about the Fall, I was incredibly sad. I was full of anger against Eve. If only Eve had not fallen, human beings would not have fallen lower than animals.

No answer came

Learning the truth, I realized that God had been searching for me. I had to answer him in some way. I don't know how many times I prayed as I called to him. "Father! Here I am! Can you see me? If you are God Almighty, you can see me, right? Can you hear me?" However, although God could hear me repeatedly calling him, he could not answer me.

From that I realized that I had to fulfill my responsibilities. I had to take on the responsibility of returning to God. If not, God could not even touch me. God wants to hold me, kiss me and put me on his lap and say, "My beloved daughter, I am your father." Most of the time, we cannot hear God's voice. This is because we are spiritually deaf. I shouted, "I want to hear your answer! But I cannot hear you! Why?" I learned that human beings, including me, have inherited Satan's nature due to the Fall.

God did not create Satan or sin. Therefore, God cannot touch us as long as satanic blood flows within us

and we have satanic behavior and character, which we call "fallen nature." God would say, "Yulan, I cannot touch you." If God touches me under these circumstances, this means God is accepting Satan as another Creator.

In light of that, how could I return to God? I wanted to know every aspect of the process of returning to God. God wants to save me so he could hold me. God is love. What should I do to receive that love?

Three great responsibilities

Today, you studied up to "The Messiah: His Advent and the Purpose of His Second Coming." Tomorrow, you will study the latter half of the Divine Principle. You will hear lectures on the principle of restoration through Adam's family, Noah's family, Abraham's family and Moses' course. The "Principle of Restoration" shows God's plan to bring his children back to the garden of Eden, their original home. This is God's plan. When I learned about this, I was so happy because I could now participate in that plan. Now I can return to God's home, which is also my home. I have the right to go home. But how?

I have realized something as I read the Divine Principle over the years: There are some things in common

among Adam's family, Noah's family, Abraham's family, and Moses' course. They are the "foundation of faith" and the "foundation of substance." I wondered why they were repeatedly similar paths. This was because humans have repeatedly failed to restore the foundation of substance. What, then, is this foundation of substance?

You have learned through Rev. Inowan's lecture today that God has given us three great blessings. This, in other words, means God has given us three great responsibilities. He did not give them to dogs, cats or monkeys. He gave them only to his children.

What are those three great blessings? The first blessing is to be fruitful. What does it mean to be fruitful? I have grown up. My mother spent a lot of money for me to eat, sleep and graduate from graduate school. This year, I will turn fifty-two years old. My parents have passed away. Is this the first blessing? No. When a baby comes out from the mother's womb, she starts to breathe automatically. When she is hungry, she will cry, and her mother will feed her. She will excrete and sleep. She grows as she repeats those processes.

However, God did not refer to these processes when he told us to be fruitful. For example, within me exists another me, but this other me is not fifty-one years old. She is much more immature. Why? Like it or not, our birthday comes around every year. We cannot avoid becoming a year older when that day comes. But how old is my spiritual body?

According to Rev. Moon, we must do three things to make our spiritual body grow. First, how does a spiritual body breathe? It breathes through prayers. Second, what does the spiritual body eat? It eats the word of God. Lastly, one must practice a religious life of loving and serving others.

Our spiritual body's health

As for me, I came to know God while I was attending graduate school in Russia when I was twenty-four years old. Therefore, my spiritual body had not grown until I was twenty-four. I had never prayed or read God's word. I may have done a few good deeds, but a spiritual body has no chance to survive without breathing or eating.



The writer bestowing the status of an ambassador for peace on Michelle Bolsonaro, the wife of Brazil's president

She cannot survive in that situation.

Even if I have invested great effort into doing these things from when I was twenty-four years old, my spiritual body may not have grown much. I believe you all know that to live for the sake of others and to serve others is good. However, this is much easier said than done. Isn't that true?

Let me give you an example: A wife comes home from work and finds her husband watching a football match on television while the house is messy and a pile of dirty dishes is in the kitchen sink. In that situation, most wives would go crazy. Could her spiritual body grow if she goes crazy? The answer is no.

Her action does not match her thoughts. In her head, she knows that this is a critical moment and that she must stay calm, but she cannot take it. In her head, she knows that she must endure this situation and that she may "kill" her family if she says anything, but she says it anyway. When she does, there's no turning back. She knows what she should have done, but her body did not respond.

Getting back to what I was saying, I am now fifty-one years old and I am turning fifty-two this year. This is not a secret anymore. (Please quickly forget this!) Anyway, it is clear that

my spiritual body is not fifty-one years old. She needs to grow and I must help her grow. But how?

For days and nights, I searched for the answer in Rev. Moon's teachings. How could I complete the first blessing, to be fruitful? I could not find a theoretical answer, but one day, I figured it out. For the first seven years of my blessed marriage with my husband, I shed so much sweat and so many tears. I cried out and prayed, "God! You said this was a blessing! You told me this was your blessing! But I've been in hell for seven years already! How could this be a blessing? (I'm not talking about seven days or seven months, but seven years!) Where is your blessing, God?"

Not an easy fit

My husband is the FFWPU-Brazil president, Rev. Sasaki, who gave the lecture last evening. When we have arguments, he is always calm. When he makes any statement, he first feels something deep in his stomach. Then his sense of feeling comes up to his chest to check if his heartbeat is slow, fast or very fast. It then comes up to his throat to feel if that is itchy or not. When it reaches his tongue, he tastes if it is sweet, very sweet, sour or bitter. Only then does he finally utter the words he wants to say.

I am not like that. I say whatever comes to my mind. The moment I think, I'm already doing it. My husband and I are poles apart. I felt as though my husband were from another planet. He was not the type of person who lives on my planet. Men and women are different, right? They are very different. I did not realize this for seven years. I did not realize that he was actually from another planet.

I was thinking to myself, "How can I complete God's three great blessings?" At the same time, I was telling my husband, "You married me. I will shout when I'm angry and I will go against you when I'm upset. This is me. You don't think everybody thinks and acts like you, do you?"

Who am I?

Until then, I used to think that that was the real me. However, after seven years of suffering, I realized that this was due to my fallen nature. I used to think that it was a part of my character. I am indeed straightforward and direct. I say whatever enters my mind. I am also very passionate. My husband probably does not like people with passionate characters. He likes kind, warm-hearted people. Unfortunately, I am a fervent person. He and I are different. Being different from each other does not mean he is wrong, but I used to think he was wrong. I thought that he was wrong if he had a different opinion from mine. Seven years later, I realized that the fallen nature mentioned in the Divine Principle adhered to my character. I did not realize it because it adhered so tightly.

Originally, God is supposed to be in me and I am supposed to be in him as mentioned in the Bible. However, because of the Fall, Satan is in me and I am in Satan. Most people think that Satan does not exist. They think that Satan is in the kind of person who collapses when a pastor offers a strong prayer. They think that he crumbled because Satan left him and that only one Satan was within him.

We tend to think that Satan is far away from us. However, I realized that Satan is within me. ☞

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