

Remembering Hyo Jin Moon

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This week we pause for a moment of reflection and appreciation for the life of our elder brother, Hyo Jin Moon, True Parents' eldest son who, due to a heart attack, unexpectedly ascended to the spirit world eight years ago on March 17th, 2008, at the age of 45. True Father and Mother were deeply affected by his sudden passing, and True Father wrote a special calligraphy in recognition of his life of filial piety, which reads in English, "He will open and liberate the deepest heaven and turn it into a flower garden as the lord who opens the gates of loyalty and filial piety."



The Life of Hyo Jin Moon

Hyo Jin Moon was born on December 29, 1962 and was an elder brother to our international community. He actively spoke around the world during his presidency of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) over a span of 10 years. He earned a Master's degree in religious studies from the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) and an honorary Doctorate in theology from Sun Moon University. In 2006, he accompanied True Mother on a Universal Peace Federation (UPF) global tour.

Hyo Jin Moon is widely remembered for his leadership qualities, his impact on the worldwide Unificationist community, and the 10,000 passionate songs he wrote during his lifetime. He actively wrote, performed and produced music, and hosted many professional musicians at the Manhattan Center Studios where he served as president and chairman. He also founded Manhattan Centers in Korea and Japan.



I Remember Hyo Jin Moon

“I remember Hyo Jin Moon at the World CARP Convention in London in 1989. At that time I was serving as the British CARP President, and one day toward the end of a very busy week with Hyo Jin Moon, we were watching the Hanmadang Sports Games. Suddenly, news came that one brother from Japan had collapsed during the 5K race and been taken to the hospital. Although there did not seem to be immediate cause for alarm, when I reported the incident to Hyo Jin Moon a few minutes later, and he suddenly became very attentive and prayerful. Within a few seconds, he decided, ‘Let’s go right now to the hospital and pray for him.’

When we got to the hospital we learned from the very worried doctors that the situation was much more serious than we thought and there was a real risk that the brother might not make it. Right there in the hospital Hyo Jin Moon led us in a beautiful, passionate prayer that his life would be spared, and indeed he recovered consciousness the next day and after several weeks of convalescence was eventually able to return to Japan and make a full recovery.

I’m quite convinced that without Hyo Jin Moon’s decisive leadership and prayer on that day, the outcome could have been tragically different.”

-Dr. Michael Balcomb, FFWPU USA President

“I remember the calm stillness of a windless day, fishing with True Parents on the Hudson river for stripped bass. I was always uneasy getting too near to True Father’s boat and interrupting the concentration and intensity of his fishing. This afternoon, the stillness was broken as a Good Go boat came flying up the river, its wake spanning out across the calm water as it pulled a u-turn and came to rest alongside True Father’s boat. Hyo Jin called out to his dad; I don’t remember if he climbed on board, but I do remember thinking nobody else but a true son could express that freedom, the simple expression of love from a son to his father. Thank you Hyo Jin for showing that true courage, love and integrity can shine through the battles of life. We still miss you.”

-Kit Ogden, United Kingdom

“I was so fortunate to be in Korea for the Coronation of God’s Kingship. I will never forget when True Parents came out and walked down the center aisle toward the stage. In the procession we saw Hyo Jin Moon. How wonderful, how much joy filled my heart to see him there. He is truly a warrior showing us incredible will and perseverance.”

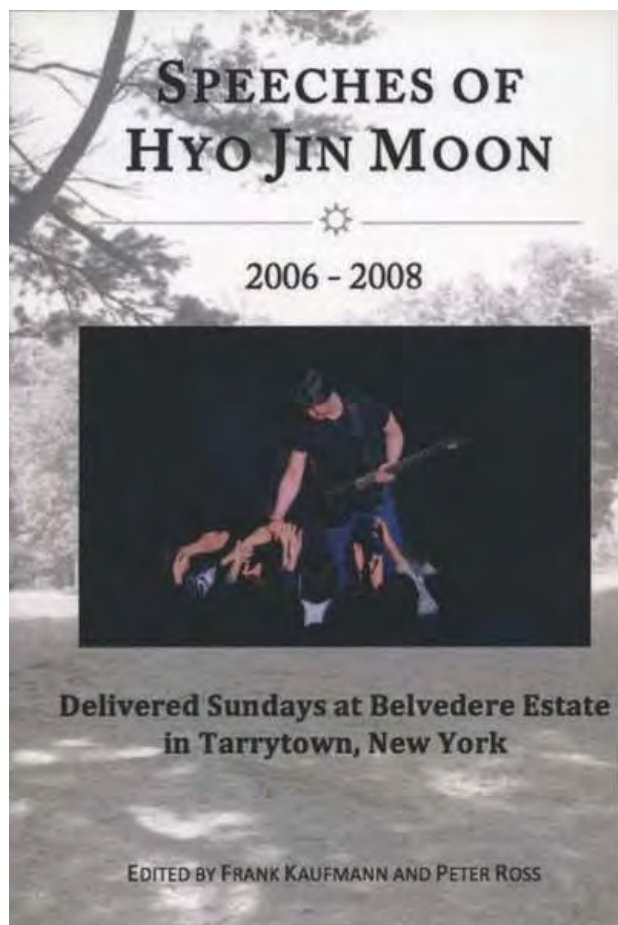
-Dominick Ladolcetta, Alabama

“After long, hard training for a 5000-meter race in preparation for the Hang Ma Dan Games in France for the 1990 France CARP Convention, I took my first flight ever out of the country. I sat in a crowd in the Paris Convention Center, where Hyo Jin Moon got on the stage and started strumming that guitar like I’ve never seen before. All the strain and fatigue I felt just receded. His powerful spirit uplifted me and I was ready to receive our brothers and sisters from East Germany and partake in the 5000-meter run the next day. His beautiful lyrics, melodies and talks were a way to welcome in his warm embrace our brothers and sister from behind the Iron Curtain. It feels just like yesterday. Hyo Jin Moon is very much alive in my mind.”

-Ernest Thabo Leballo, South Africa

“In Berlin, suddenly Hyo Jin Moon came into a lecture room with a humble attitude one cannot forget. He said a few words, but they were to the point. His passion still lives in the over 100 albums he composed dedicated to True Parents. Hyo Jin Moon was a rough diamond, but a diamond nevertheless, for which one digs deep. His short but meaningful speeches toward the end of his short life puts it all in a nutshell. Dear beloved older brother, Hyo Jin, we love you and miss your jokes and music!”

-Campagne G., France



Words and Music

Speeches of Hyo Jin Moon is a compilation of messages delivered by Hyo Jin Moon on Sundays at Belvedere.

“How do we go about changing reality? Oh, boy. Where should we start? Look at you. Look at yourself. What can you do? If that is the basic simple question that we have to answer, where do you stand? What kind of community can you make? Ultimately achieving that goal, that’s the task at hand. Somebody has got to do it.”

CanaanStation is a compilation of Hyo Jin Moon's music, video projects and concert photos. Revisit his words and work and take a moment to send him your thoughts on this day.



Hyo Jeong Legacy

At the joint celebration for True Parents' Birthday on February 2, 2017, two of Hyo Jin Moon's children, Shin Heung and Shin Yeo, sang with the Hyo Jin Moon Band for the finale of the Hyo Jeong Culture Festival. Their performance was a true tribute to their father's life and vision for principled arts as well as their parents' legacy of filial love for God and True Parents.

