

## Why Honoring Parents Will Save the World

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### Here's why honoring one's parents will save the world

Let's go back to the start. Adam and Eve honoring their Parent was **the one condition necessary** for fruitfulness, multiplication and dominion.

Since then, religion has had one ultimate purpose: *to receive the Parents.*

For example, **Hinduism**: "Let your mother be to you like unto a god! Let your father be to you like unto a god!"

**Buddhism**: "Brethren, one can never repay two persons, I declare. What two? Mother and father."

**Judaism** and **Christianity**: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you."

**Islam**: "One companion asked, 'O Apostle of God! Who is the person worthiest of my consideration?' He replied, 'Your mother,' He asked again, 'And second to my mother?' The Prophet said, 'Your mother.' The companion insisted, 'And then?' The Messenger of God said, 'After your mother, your father.'"

Father Moon takes filial heart up a notch: “A child who walks the path of filial piety does not act apart from his parents. If his parents go east, he goes east, and if his parents go west, he goes west. Should his parents suddenly turn back, he turns back without dissent. ...Even when your parents do something that seems crazy, you should still follow your parents’ direction. Sometimes parents act capriciously to test their children, to pick the most filial child from among them. ...Therefore, you should take your parents’ follies as your vocation.”

### **Why Filial Heart Works**

Oneness with God gives us dominion over self and the universe. So what is the divine design by which each person can find oneness with God?

It is the true family, where oneness with God comes through oneness with our father and mother. So, filial heart gives each person dominion over self and the universe.

A marvelous passage from the Talmud sums it up: “There are three partners in man: God, father, and mother. When a man honors his father and mother, God says, ‘I regard it as though I had dwelt among them and they had honored me.’”

This explains why father and mother-led households are by far the most blessed.

Therefore Mother Moon calls our multi-faceted global work **a garden alive with a filial heart for Heavenly Parent.**

*(Citations: World Scripture and the Teachings of Sun Myung Moon II, pp. 933-37.)*