

Statement made by the leading trinity of the Family Federation for World Peace in Germany on Mark Bramwell's 27 page essay entitled Hyun Jin Nim: Truth brought to Light dated May 24th, 2013

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We know and appreciate our brother Mark as a principle-loving combatant for God's providence. He is known to never withhold his opinion, albeit sometimes in the past he liked to make use of a rather sharp edged language. However, he was always concerned, especially when it came to conflicting views within our movement, to keep a neutral and meditative attitude. He has a keen sense of discerning the points of strength and weaknesses of the various sides.

All the more we were taken by astonishment, when we received Mark's 27 page essay not only from him, but almost in the same instant from Massimo Trombin. We could hardly believe that this quite one-sided statement came from the same brother, with whom we held neutral and reasonable conversations during the Berlin ELC just last November. We discussed the need for and the possibilities of solving the various conflicts within our movement and how conducive this would be for the entire providence. We agreed that each of the sons and daughters of True Parents is capable of contributing a lot to God's providence to establish Cheon Il Guk in his or her own way, be it in the field of religion and spirituality, in the field of the academia and politics, in business and commerce, or in arts and culture. None of the children can claim for him- or herself to be the sole and exclusive heir of Father's tradition, which would be an attitude of utter haughtiness. We realize that differences of opinion take place between siblings, but with good will and compromising even extreme conflicts can be resolved. Our very principle shows the way of how to overcome and solve such conflicts!

We find nothing similar to this way of thinking in this most recent paper written by Mark. Instead the 27 pages are an accumulation of the well-known line of arguments by one side. There is hardly anything really new about it – we can't find a single conciliatory note in it either. It is this fact which causes the actual disappointment while reading his treatise.

Mark did not mention even one word about the important role which True Mother has taken on in our worldwide structure after the Seonghwa Ceremony of True Father. Without a doubt she is the person most closely associated with Father and most knowledgeable of the providence. By stepping into the footsteps of True Father and taking on the responsibility of the entire movement, she deserves our full respect and support. How wonderful and productive it would be, if the true children, under her leadership, (or just as a mother, who is loved and respected by her children), not only reconciled with each other, but together, each with his/her own capability, would strive for the realisation of our big goal, namely the establishment of Cheon Il Guk? This is the true spirit and vision of our movement, not mutual accusations and one sided statements. Thus the German leaders have always objected to the blame game, irrespectively of who did it.

It is the desire and hope of all our members that the children may have the necessary attitude of humbleness to reconcile with their mother (which is not asking for too much, in our opinion) in order to act together and move towards the same direction.

Our advice to Mark: partisanship was never conducive to mutual understanding and reconciliation – it never was and never will be.

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Who is Hyun Jin Nim and what does God intend his role in the Unification Movement to be? Most of us must have asked that question. This paper attempts to provide an honest answer according to my personal experience with Hyun Jin Nim and my understanding of the Principle and its application. I have given my utmost effort to ensure factual accuracy, having spent much time in communication with the sources and on putting the material into a coherent order. I have also tried hard to keep the text short and ask your forgiveness if it has turned out to be too long after all.

Having worked with Hyun Jin Nim as European CARP President, I had ample opportunity to observe him and assess him as a person; he would call us to the USA for regular meetings which lasted over several days; he led and greatly developed World CARP, guiding the activities; he would spend days listening to our reports and would include the wisdom and experience of CARP leaders in formulating the strategy for World CARP; he conducted many world tours and has inspired the second generation all over the world. Through STF and Junior STF, he enabled the Second Generation to become owners of their parents' foundation, treating them as members of his own family. Later, some of these graduates wanted to become missionaries to other countries.

In the late 1990s when I met True Mother in Albania, she personally asked me to support Hyun Jin Nim; between the years 2000 and 2002 I endeavoured to do so as European CARP president (she also asked me to please learn Korean, which I am still doing). After 23 years of full-time mission, in 2002 I decided to take up a profession as a full-time university lecturer. That profession is very energy absorbing and even more so when one starts it at the age of 45. I could not continue to be involved in Hyun Jin Nim's global work and have concentrated on the local level. I would, however, write letters to Hyun Jin Nim reporting on what I was doing and encouraging him to continue with his excellent work. I liked him as a person and considered him to be a worthy representative of the True Family. I always felt peaceful and at ease in his presence; I felt that he was well connected to God's Providence and to the heart's desires of True Parents. I encouraged him to continue to stand for the professionalism, honesty and strictly God-centred culture that he had been introducing into the movement. Over the years Hyun Jin Nim has vividly appeared to me in dreams several times giving me and my wife guidance. Before I began to be influenced by misinformation, I felt disappointed when he began to be maneuvered onto the periphery; I firmly believed the movement (and humanity) needed Hyun Jin Nim's approach to organization and leadership.

When the shocking development came about whereby Hyun Jin Nim was branded a renegade, damned and even sued, I unfortunately did not hold firmly onto my own convictions and began to believe what was being said about him by his siblings and international leaders. Even I, who knew Hyun Jin Nim's good character from the past, was unfortunately persuaded by the false information. I had been too naïve in my trust toward those in authority, believing Hyun Jin Nim had become "misaligned". Recently our son asked me if there was anything I regretted in my life. I replied that there were some things I regretted about my lifestyle before meeting True Parents, but afterwards I did not seriously regret anything, rather I am proud of my life of dedication and sacrifice for God and True Parents. However, I must now confess that there is something I regret and that is having believed the malicious lies about Hyun Jin Nim and eventually complying with the "instructions to banish" coming from headquarters.

Then, in summer 2012, shortly before True Father's ascension, I experienced a "rude awakening". One after the other, Hyun Jin Nim's siblings revealed their true standards and motivations; the masks slipped to reveal unpleasant realities. Our sister In Jin Nim's was the most obvious betrayal and not much needs to be said about it. In my view, more harmful, because not immediately apparent, was the theological and ideological deviation of the two younger brothers. The "strong Abel" notion, based on retribution, and its corollary of "eternal" armaments, even in the Kingdom of Heaven, felt like a fist in the face (see the July/August 2012 edition of *Today's World* for an insight into "Strong Abel" and "Freedom Society"). It was immediately apparent to me that the Principle had been turned on its head. It was then that I began to realize that the banishment of Hyun Jin Nim was one of the many manifestations of this false ideology. In early August 2012 I wrote a private letter to Hyung Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim appealing to them to turn away from their false course. I then actively sought to investigate for myself what on earth had been going on among the top levels of our leadership while I was busying myself with my job and focusing on the local community here in Germany during the last few years.

Like almost everyone else, some things had dumbfounded me and led me to distance myself from Hyun Jin Nim. When he was told to stop his activities in 2009 he did, but decided not to spend a year at True Father's side. Why not? When he was asked to give up the assets over which True Parents had given him stewardship, he decided it would not be right to do so. How could he justify these actions? This apparent disobedience seemed so out of character with the Hyun Jin Nim I knew, who has dedicated his life to God's providence and to True Parents.

I began to meet people working with Hyun Jin Nim and questioned them to find out about "Hyun Jin Nim's side of the story." I recently attended a Global Peace Foundation (GPF) quarterly meeting which extended over several days. I had the opportunity to put questions to Hyun Jin Nim himself and GPF leaders to understand the development of his work and personality since I last worked with him a decade ago.

Hyun Jin Nim's work

I believe it is necessary, when trying to grasp Hyun Jin Nim's motivation, to understand some basic things about the work he is doing. For the sake of brevity, I have omitted discussing in detail the work of the Global Peace Foundation in the main text. Instead, I have included an outline in an addendum (see page 26). Additionally, I would recommend everyone to go to the website of GPF (www.globalpeace.org) and to Hyun Jin Nim's own website for a more detailed study.

The first thing that struck me when I met Hyun Jin Nim in February is that his loyalty to God, True Parents and God's providence are absolutely unchanged. His life remains inextricably bound up with these concerns. He is the same Hyun Jin Nim I knew a decade ago and has continued to develop and strengthen his character and resolve. I don't think anyone who meets him personally could deny that this is true.

Hyun Jin has an impressive grasp of geopolitics; he has the spirit of True Father as he holds the world in his hands. He is able to pierce the veil between present and future and see the possibilities. He studies intensively, even knowing detailed statistics by heart. He is developing workable, sustainable models for pulling the world out of its misery, starting with character education programs to give people a sense of dignity.

Living for the sake of others on a global level means helping poor countries to first overcome their most basic lacks in order that people do not lose their lives; True Father always saw it as his mission as True Parent to at least solve the problem of hunger. This inevitably means the organization of service projects dealing with the basics: food, clean water, clothes, rudimentary shelter. The next stage is to provide energy, thus the "All Lights" project is now

being introduced by GPF in a number of countries. As the energy issue is being dealt with, the next stage is to encourage direct foreign investment. Throughout this process, spiritual values and moral standards are spread among the people.

Projects in major nations work hand-in-hand with governments and NGOs, creating much leverage and a strong international network. Many former presidents of nations are involved. GPF has well thought through strategies for involving top level people. Hyun Jin Nim's knowledge of both the roots of religious conflicts and the potential of religions for world peace is in-depth.

In contrast to the general trend of our movement, GPF does not have the contradiction between what is said to the external and to the internal communities, thus there are no hidden agendas. This is why GPF is trusted in the public realm and is experiencing rapid development. The elements of GPF are:

- A spirit of ownership, enabling GPF representatives to explain the project with ease
- Spiritual awakening and natural alignment of people to God, due to GPF being rooted in principles and values
- Global networks and partnerships allowing leverage of resources, networks and influence
- An indigenous foundation where the local people stay with the project
- Infrastructure
- GPF strives to work on national levels and network with key national leaders

GPF's central goal is to provide the badly missing sung-sang aspect for the United Nations so that the UN can finally fulfill its providential role as humanity's global government, leading to permanent world peace.

Hyun Jin Nim's "ism" is Familyism

Next, I believe it is necessary to go into Hyun Jin Nim's thought, even if superficially. He himself can explain it far better than I can and it is available in his official speeches, but I am outlining it here to put this paper in context.

Salvation

Hyun Jin Nim's "ism" is neither to create an internal organization nor a denomination, rather it is the conviction that *not only* True Children are members of the True Family, but we *all* are and we all work to connect everyone in the world to this True Family. There must be universal grafting such that the distinction between the original True Family and the rest of mankind disappears.

God, the root, raised up the True Family as the trunk, not for its own sake, but in order to be God's conduit to deliver His love and life force to humanity. Humanity, as the branches, can then go on to bear good fruit according to the parables of Jesus in John's gospel, such as "I am the vine and you are the branches". From this perspective, True Father's and Hyun Jin Nim's heart toward God on the one hand and the members on the other can be comprehended; a vine with neither root nor branches cannot be "The True Family" any more than any other family.

The grafting process is very long-term; we must create an organization that can involve people at a variety of spiritual and intellectual levels. The difficulty is not to conduct the Blessing – people like to receive blessings - but to grasp its significance. Just as most Christians do not deeply grasp what it means to be baptized as a "Christian", most "believers" in True Parents in the early years of the Kingdom will not fully grasp who True Parents are; we ourselves still do not fully understand who True Parents are. Yet the clarity and completeness of the Principle and the merit of the age will, in time, create a new civilization far above what the Gospel could achieve.

The term “Messiah” in this process will not bring a greater understanding, rather greater confusion because not only is it restricted to the Christian religion, it is also a term that has been burdened over the millennia with many incorrect concepts about God’s son. The terms “True Parents” and “True Family” far more accurately represent what God is striving to establish as His foundation to connect all of His children to himself.

Mission

There are many things in our lives that we cannot choose, but it is our individual responsibility to choose the kind of work we do and through it the kind of people we become. We need to have pride in our work, giving 120% best effort because our work reflects who we are. It is difficult for God to work with those Unificationists whose main motivation is not to advance the providence, but to advance a private group.

Leadership

There is a serious lack of moral, qualified leadership in our movement, both in terms of intellectual honesty and spiritual maturity. The Abel figure is always in a state of discomfort and tension, blazing the trail for the rest. A comfortable environment weakens a leader’s perception of reality. A leader must always be challenged by himself or others in order to create new value. A leader bears a cross, not a privilege; leadership has nothing to do with ruling over others; anyone entertaining such fantasies is definitively excluded from leadership. Leadership is morally mature people raising up the immature and it is based on family love. Not everyone is suited to leadership outside their own family; humans are born with differing capacities.

A leader is not a leader for his or her own sake, but for unfolding God’s providence on earth. Secondly, Leadership is not to dictate, but to fully motivate others to have the same passion and commitment as oneself. A leader must feel to his bone marrow that he is a sibling; therefore, he is committed to team work. People have to feel that they are substantially benefiting from someone’s leadership and that through him or her they are coming ever closer to God.

As an example of what good leadership means, it is not God’s way to throw overboard what you inherit as a leader from your predecessor. To judge or deny the work of your predecessor is the secular leadership paradigm, based on egoism and self-aggrandizement; it damages organizations and can be seen every day in social and political relations. Communist leaders, for example, practised this constantly because they could not master their fallen nature. Hyun Jin Nim inherited the STF project from the previous World CARP director (Jin Hun Park). Even though World CARP’s area of activity in fact hardly went beyond the US at that time, Hyun Jin Nim did not criticize this fact, but instead expanded CARP to the world level and revolutionized STF, thus honouring his predecessor. In stark contrast, Hyun Jin Nim’s younger siblings took over World CARP from him and utterly dismantled it, depriving God and humanity of a foundation erected by the blood, sweat and tears of many people.

Next, Hyun Jin Nim’s providential view of leadership is that not just leaders of the Unification movement are Abels, but we are *all* Abels in the world of Cain. True Father emphasized the autonomy of blessed families, to live centering on the Word and one’s own conscience as tribal messiahs. Nevertheless, The Cain-Abel theory is being used as a tool of control in our movement, a form of spiritual coercion, rule by threat of damnation, not as a tool of restoration. This is why our movement ceased to grow and lost hope, happiness and freedom; it stagnated, which leads to death. The ideology of blind obedience has incorrectly been imposed on True Father and subsequently on all leaders. The *absolute* obedience mentioned in the Family Pledge does not mean *blind* obedience, rather total investment. True Father’s understanding of obedience is that everyone is obedient to everyone else (“The younger is obedient to the elder and the elder to the younger”). This is to help prevent us becoming an instrument of evil by insisting on our own way instead of God’s.

It has been drilled into the minds of members for decades that God works only through leaders. Where did this theory originate? Because of this mindset, many of True Father's projects failed and a culture of dishonesty arose in the Unification movement. As members, we are also responsible for allowing this to happen. Recently we have experienced in the most dramatic way that this theory is false; this paper will help to demonstrate it. The signs were many, but we refused to believe them because we had been so conditioned by this theory. The clear lesson is: to be fully human means to exercise your *own* portion of responsibility and judge whether a leader is operating in a true or false way. God works only through subject partners who practice true love and observe heavenly law. Subject partners that do not live like this become channels for evil. Furthermore, God works not only through a true *subject* partner, but also through a true *object* partner, though in a different way.

The leadership style required today is above all moral, innovative, ownership oriented, and 100% aligned with God's providence. The first imperative of leadership is the ability to *grasp* God's providence. Having established *where* to go, it can then be discussed collectively *how* to get there. Group work then comes into play and decisions are not made unilaterally by one leader, but through consultation.

True faith and filial piety

True faith must be voluntary or it cannot be true. Therefore, we cannot have faith without conscience. If our faith does not match our conscience, we cannot truly believe. Furthermore, our conscience requires knowledge through experience and education in order to function properly: "There can be no perfection in ignorance". Our faith does not increase the more we praise True Parents or True Children. True faith is firmly rooted in the Principle; there cannot be any deviating from the Principle, even if it means personal tragedy and loss of face in the short term.

The beginnings of the split

True Father trusted Hyun Jin Nim implicitly, which is why he gave him so many responsibilities, starting with the international vice-presidency, that by 2007 he was in control of almost the entire movement. It seems that Hyun Jin Nim's siblings began to feel concerned that they would be left out. Supported by top leaders who were antagonistic toward Hyun Jin Nim, they started asking True Parents for positions in the church. One may ask why, if they wished to serve God's providence, they did not serve their elder brothers' activities? This would have been the natural and gradual way, considering the great responsibility that comes with leadership.

Hyun Jin Nim is a firm believer in authority through merit and accomplishment and believes it is not correct that True Children automatically inherit positions of responsibility in the movement. He himself does not covet positions of authority, has no desire to compete for these and has never asked True Parents for positions in the movement; he also has no intention to defend his organizational positions. If anyone were able to do a better job than he at heading up the task of building Cheon Il Guk, he would not hesitate to hand over his responsibility to that person. Hyun Jin Nim's tendency to turn down multiple responsibilities was one of the very reasons why he sometimes courted True Father's displeasure.

Nevertheless, Hyun Jin Nim had already made his promise to God to take responsibility for the world providence. Once he promised to take on this responsibility, he has never changed course, but continues with an indomitable spirit and commitment irrespective of what happens around him. When he took on his public mission it was a deeply serious moment for him; it was a commitment to the blessed central families, whom he feels to the depth of his heart to be his own siblings (and you can feel this). True Father had asked Hyun Jin Nim to follow God and follow True Father's footsteps; he did not ask him to be an obedient servant.

Did True Father support or oppose Hyun Jin Nim?

True Father sacrificed his own family to educate the Cain world. Could such a man initiate law suits against his own son, who is doing God's work? True Father has always looked for someone who can carry on his mission, so why did he appear to be erasing 88 years of his life of dedication in his final four years by turning against the most promising mission carrier? If True Father was really the one who initiated destroying his own son, would he not have been trampling upon the Family Pledge, the constitution of the Kingdom?

What kinds of arguments were used by leaders to create an atmosphere of antagonism toward Hyun Jin Nim? We have seen above that the growth of our movement had been blocked by the grip of control over members' lives through the theory of blind obedience. Another destructive method has been to give unbalanced and even falsified reports to True Parents. As an example of an unbalanced report, True Parents were being informed by leaders that millions of dollars are being spent on world tours while our community is not growing. However, we cannot consider only numbers of "core" members (of which True Father often said we had enough to restore the world, if each member were truly committed). Hyun Jin Nim's purpose is to connect *opinion makers, and the millions who follow them*, to God and True Family. True Father created UPF, for example, for this purpose, not in order to find new Unificationists in the short term. Committed blessed couples would naturally come about in the long-term; most urgent is to connect as many opinion makers as possible to the core of the providence. In contrast, Pastor Hyung Jin Nim, at his inauguration as Chairman of UPF proclaimed that "we do not need friends, we need disciples". This view does not do justice to the providential purpose of UPF. We *do* need friends – and many of them, especially influential ones.

It should be noted that Hyun Jin Nim never gave True Father glamorous reports, but told him the facts. Some may regard it as not filial to tell one's father unpleasant facts. Different understandings of filial devotion are culturally determined, but what concerns us here is what *heavenly culture* is; heavenly culture is always based on both love and truth. True Father was not only in the position of Hyun Jin Nim's physical father, he was also leading the world movement. A leader must know the truth; it would be unethical to give a leader falsified reports. Hyun Jin Nim's honest and straightforward approach made him many enemies, especially among leaders who compromised the Principle and thus felt judged and threatened in their positions. Hyun Jin Nim is a morally upright person who does not spread lies about others but feels it is his duty to speak out the truth, no matter how unpleasant.

True Father would frequently reverse his position and change his mind from one extreme to another concerning Hyun Jin Nim's projects. Why was this so? One explanation is that he wanted to create challenges for Hyun Jin Nim to help him take full responsibility for his actions. In this context, we may recall that True Father himself was sometimes opposed by God, Jesus and the entire spirit world, but stood his ground, insisted that he was right and was in the end acknowledged. Hyun Jin Nim embodies True Father's spirit and standard of attendance; True Father did not rely on God for directions, but pioneered the road himself.

Another explanation for True Father's vacillation is that, as a human being, he is not omniscient, so it would have been natural for True Father to question or doubt any new proposals, especially innovative ones. Whatever the reasons, the facts are that True Father at one moment opposed projects, then at another wholeheartedly supported them. For example, when Hyun Jin Nim started to introduce the "core values of the culture of heart", such as vertical tradition and living for the greater good, he was accused by key leaders of using a business approach to raise up new leaders and True Father joined in the criticism. However, when Hyun Jin Nim explained the core values to True Father, he was very inspired and endorsed this approach.

Let us take some more concrete examples. After again receiving negative reports at a leaders' meeting, True Father admonished Hyun Jin Nim for establishing a project (Service for Peace) that was not founded by True Father himself and for leading a separatist organization. True Father invited CARP members to Han Nam Dong, where he rather cynically and publicly challenged his son's project: "Can service bring peace?" However, Hyun Jin Nim did not waver but overcame the "tough mountain" of his father, without being arrogant or confrontational. He explained to True Father that Service for Peace is an organization uniting word and deed, combining cognitive with experiential learning. Since true love possesses both a sung-sang and hyung-sang aspect, love must be revealed physically through service; our values must be embodied in our lives through a culture of heart. SFP is a vehicle to educate the world's youth in word and deed to live for the sake of others. Furthermore, it needed to be an independent organization so that governments, corporate companies and NGOs could freely invest in heaven's broad initiatives. When True Father heard these explanations he was very pleased and blessed Hyun Jin Nim to continue. He was even dancing at the inauguration of Service for Peace. After about two to three years, True Father said, "It would have been a tragedy if you had stopped those activities".

When Hyun Jin Nim took responsibility for STF, he renewed the programme, but True Father challenged him, saying it was not necessary. Hyun Jin Nim knew that a new programme to fit the changed situation of the international Second Generation was indeed necessary and forged ahead with it. To his mind, it was better to take personal responsibility for the work and perhaps become the target of his father's wrath than to simply say, "Yes, I agree", while knowing full well that he could not agree. However, he believed that his decision would be proved right after a couple of years and that True Father would again concede, "What you did was right". And, indeed, what Hyun Jin Nim did for the Second Generation through STF was very successful. When True Father saw the standard of the European Second Generation, for example, he was deeply impressed and recognized his son's contribution.

From the above examples, we can begin to comprehend Hyun Jin Nim's standard and style of leadership. We would do well to reflect that Hyun Jin Nim's relationship to True Father was of a very different quality than ours (though we should also aspire to attain that quality). What we might call "disobedience" was Hyun Jin Nim's deep filial devotion to his own father's ideals and aspirations. A leader of lesser caliber, distant in heart from True Father, would not have taken personal responsibility and simply cancelled his project. Later, if time proved that the work had actually been necessary, the lesser leader could have blamed True Father, saying, "You told me to stop".

A similar situation arose with the launching of the Global Peace Festival. True Father again opposed the activity at first, but afterwards, on seeing the results, changed his mind and said, "Go and spread GPF all over the world!" He called in Sun Jo Hwang, Peter Kim, Dong Moon Joo and Chang Shik Yang and rebuked them for misinforming him. Some continental directors, such as Rev. and Mrs. Pyung Hwa Kim of Asia, even wept over the opposition that Hyun Jin Nim was continually receiving from some key leaders, who were trying to destroy his good work through giving inaccurate reports.

Asian leaders testify that GPF has accomplished great things there. In the Philippines it gathered the warring tribes together in Mindanao and they even ended up celebrating in unity and highlighting their varied cultures. At the same time the "Sultan Summit" gathered heads of the Islamic faith to involve them in the peace process. 300 former rebels surrendered, trusting only in GPF. These activities were the build-up for the conventions and festivals to be held all over the Philippines; literally hundreds of thousands of youth were involved in community service projects, resulting in national TV coverage; the government was funding our activities.

Opposition to Hyun Jin Nim further degenerates into a campaign of character assassination and ruinous litigation

Suddenly in 2009 the Global Peace Convention in the Philippines was ordered to be cancelled, even though national government ministers from the Department of Education had already paid their registration. Again, intrigues and conspiracies at top levels in our movement were behind this decision. Some of the Philippine government representatives became very angry, shouting that those responsible for the cancellation must be communists as they are undermining the welfare of the nation. Though the Convention did take place in the end, evil rumours were being spread about Hyun Jin Nim, saying that he is addicted to power and speaking to large crowds, and that he is usurping True Father's position. Though True Father was so inspired by GPF, there were evil forces *within our own movement* constantly attacking these providential activities.

Hyun Jin Nim expected that after True Father asked him to stop GPF activities in 2009, True Father would again change his mind and everything would blow over as it had repeatedly done in the past. However, the persecution against Hyun Jin Nim took on a new quality: his siblings and top leaders actively began to defame him, not only in front of True Parents but the entire world membership as well, and even in the public media.

Church leaders such as Dong Mo Shin (former regional leader to South America) and Joshua Cotter (former vice president of the US church) proclaimed that Hyun Jin Nim wants to "sue True Mother". At that time, however, there was not even any law suit. In reality, when in November 2009 Dong Moon Joo and Peter Kim illegally transferred millions of dollars from Washington Times Aviation to the World Mission Foundation (of which Kook Jin Nim had made True Mother chairwoman), legally there was no choice by American law but to freeze the assets so that they would not be diverted for other use and would eventually be returned. If Hyun Jin Nim had not done this, both True Mother and himself could have ended up in prison for money laundering. Several notices were sent to World Mission Foundation to return the funds, but all were ignored. Later, in May 2010 (the "month of the family" in the Korean calendar) many articles appeared in the Korean press titled "Son sues mother". Over 100 news agencies reproduced the article. However, when the press was informed about the facts, a retraction of the article was printed on the front pages a few days later. Nevertheless, irreparable damage to the image of the Unification movement had been done – *by our own leaders*. The Korean public began to despise the Unification movement as an organization divided within itself, replete with power struggles.

Next, in an interview for the Korean magazine *Shin Dong Ah* Kook Jin Nim was quoted, "My brother is Satan" and even said, "Our Unification theology clearly proves this". Kook Jin Nim was ruthlessly defaming the movement and the Principle; he could apparently not care less about True Father's reputation.

If we truly care about True Father's legacy and principles and the value of true love, we cannot possibly initiate lawsuits against members of our own movement. Yet from the beginning (from 2009), the motivation of Hyun Jin Nim's opponents was not to find an agreeable solution to reconcile diverging views, but rather to attack and "kill" (according to the misguided ideological concept of "strong Abel"). Litigation can be misused as a modern form of assaulting and even destroying someone.

After staging a global propaganda and character assassination campaign (Hyun Jin Nim as "fallen Adam", Rev Kwak as "Satan", etc.) to convince members that litigation was necessary, the legal onslaught against Hyun Jin Nim began. Obviously, such an approach can never bring reconciliation, only conflict. Even average people who do not know the Principle normally do not behave like this; they first seek to resolve conflict through mutual agreement before going to court. Because the way of truth, true love and reason was not sought, however, our movement has now been devastated and split in two. The latest

information indicates that the current leadership actually seems bent on *expanding* the law suits and even initiating them in new countries. This is suicidal madness; our movement is heading for destruction.

True Father's calling of Hyun Jin Nim to a "one-year break"

Why did True Father call upon Hyun Jin Nim to stay with him for one year? Was Hyun Jin Nim doing anything wrong? Remaining physically at True Father's side would have meant that Hyun Jin Nim would have to give up his responsibilities. But after all the investment of manpower and assets and the successes of the work to date, he could not simply abandon his responsibilities. When we have understood the extent to which Hyun Jin Nim was maligned by leaders and then by his siblings, it is hardly surprising that True Father began to react with angry outbursts when confronted with this united battering ram of opposition. The membership needs to know what exactly leaders close to True Parents reported to them about Hyun Jin Nim.

We do know that Peter Kim announced publicly (22 February 2010) that Hyun Jin Nim is teaching that True Parents had "failed". This is a fabrication, similar to the false accusation of Christians that Unificationists teach that Jesus failed, whereas we say it was the people who failed, not Jesus. True Father was also being told that Hyun Jin Nim was trying to usurp his position, but, again, there is no evidence to support this. A parallel situation in the history of the Unification Movement is that of the Dursts (US national leaders) in the 1970s and 80s. Korean leaders reported to True Father that the Dursts were usurping his position by calling themselves "Omma and Appa"; consequently they were relieved of their responsibilities. This sort of report is an effective way to drive a wedge between True Parents and providentially important figures like Hyun Jin Nim. The truth is that Hyun Jin Nim has the mind of an owner doing the father's work and has no desire to take the place of the parent.

True Father always looked to Hyun Jin Nim to take full responsibility for any problems among the siblings, so Hyun Jin Nim typically became the target of his father's ire even in situations where he was clearly not at fault. At the same time, True Father's attitude was *always* to love Cain more than Abel. Hyun Jin Nim is the most Abel-like figure in the True Family. He was absolutely trusted by True Father, which is why he received so many responsibilities. Hyun Jin Nim was accomplishing great work, but when members witnessed True Father's wrath against him, instead of sympathizing with him and comforting him, members assumed that True Father favoured the younger siblings and the leaders. Hyun Jin Nim himself tried to follow the heavenly way of serving Cain first. Instead of spending long periods of time at True Father's side, he has without pause (except for 2009 when he was asked to stop activities) worked at the global level to save Cain. This is his way of practising love and filial devotion toward True Father. Far from wanting to steal True Father's position, Hyun Jin Nim's fervent desire is that all his victories can be True Father's as well; that is his heart.

Is Hyun Jin Nim "disobedient"?

A further accusation is that Hyun Jin Nim is "disobedient". As we have seen above, there is another level of obedience to parents than that practised by those with a servant mentality: this is the obedience of a son or daughter. Whereas the servant does not question but only obeys, the child questions and wishes to *embody* what the parent desires, not just go through the motions of obedience. If someone questions the master of the house, however, the servant will want to eject that person because in his heart the servant cannot go beyond blind obedience – a mindset that belongs to the age of restoration.

Is there a type of dedication and loyalty that sometimes requires a person to disobey orders? When your beloved spouse persuades you to go a certain way, sometimes you intuit that it is right. But occasionally you intuit that it is wrong and you go 180 degrees in the opposite direction. That does not mean you have ceased to love your spouse. It merely means that in

some areas you trust your own judgment more, while in other areas you trust your spouse's judgment more. In the end, the whole family benefits by your being courageous enough to persevere on the right road, even though that road may appear new and threatening.

It is part of being human that each one of us is better than others in some field of life. Even a perfected human being cannot possibly be better than others in every field, otherwise he would not be human. Hyun Jin Nim's special strength lies, in the words of his father, in his unique ability to "see through an organization". That is, Hyun Jin Nim can grasp the essence of social relations and align them with God's laws and principles, just as a compass always points north; this is my personal experience with him. In my view, such a leadership figure is needed in this age – someone who can go beyond group interests and entrenched fallen cultures and realize the global Kingdom of God, not only vertically but also horizontally (that is, based on ordered human relations).

Hyun Jin Nim did not just wait for orders from True Parents but immersed himself in providential work on his own initiative. In 2004, as the crucial growth stage of the 12 year course approached, as international vice-president he visited all major churches in Korea and Japan, investing heart and soul to rekindle the spirit of blessed couples and the Second Generation in order to receive the opening of the Era of Cheon Il Guk. While he was travelling day and night someone reported to True Parents that Hyun Jin Nim was "promoting himself". This kind of absurd accusation is similar to those repeatedly hurled at Jesus or True Father when they were doing God's work.

Soon after this, True Father began to talk about other siblings taking over leadership positions in the movement. There were unofficial statements such as that Hyun Jin Nim should take responsibility for "Western society", Kook Jin Nim for "Eastern society" and Hyung Jin Nim for "the religious realm". Hyun Jin Nim expressed to True Father that his siblings were not yet ready to take on such responsibilities, either from the viewpoint of their motivation or the content of their character. He expressed his fear that his siblings may be influenced by the inadequate culture of the current leadership, who were not attending True Parents at the level required by the new era. They lacked the mindset of owners and were mere followers, valuing the wrong things: position and political clout. Hyun Jin Nim had a plan to educate his siblings, but this unfortunately could not go into fulfillment. Regrettably, Hyun Jin Nim's misgivings were justified: soon after they gained positions, it is evident from the actions of his siblings that their motivation was not to learn, but to completely take over the movement and eliminate any potential threats to their power. When we become aware of the attempts to destroy Hyun Jin Nim's work, more pertinent than asking whether Hyun Jin Nim was disobedient, is asking whether he should have allowed his work to be destroyed or not.

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This short overview of Hyun Jin Nim's basic attitudes, his responsibilities and the battles he has continually had to wage within our movement helps us to understand his stance today; there is a clear consistency. The most revealing point is that no one can identify what exactly he is doing wrong. If his wrongs are so diabolic that he has had to be relieved of all responsibilities and sued for continuing to administer the funds, how is it that no attempt has been made to explain what is actually wrong with Hyun Jin Nim's work? People were seeing their own fallen nature in Hyun Jin Nim's actions as in a clear mirror – that is, they were projecting their own fallen value systems onto him.

Or perhaps some sort of character defect is the problem? Everyone knows that Hyun Jin Nim has a good moral record concerning attitude to positions, use of money, or his principled family life. His opponents cannot come up with any proof of wrongdoing, which points to the fact that there isn't any. The conclusion is that the opposition to Hyun Jin Nim is due to personal vendettas. Fallen values have won the day, even in God's own household, the

Unification Movement. It is a crime that our movement has been all but wrecked by certain leaders' personal dislikes relating to Hyun Jin Nim's leadership style or his strictly principled approach to the public mission.

The world membership has been lied to and deceived

It will shock many members to learn that they were lied to and deceived by top leadership on several occasions in recent years.

On 13th February 2009 True Father left Las Vegas and came to Korea. He asked Peter Kim to announce that Hyun Jin Nim will be responsible for the USA, Kook Jin Nim for Japan and Hyung Jin Nim for Korea. Throughout February, 2009, Father emphasized Hyun Jin Nim's role in America several times during Hoon Dok sessions and on other public occasions. In July 2008, however, In Jin Nim had already become chairman of the US church *against True Father's wishes*. True Father had instructed that she is *not* to be chairman, that she is not to be more than pastor, and that her husband Jin Sung Nim is not to be involved in church affairs at all. In Jin Nim had been distant from the movement for many years and True Father did not want her to be too quickly involved. True Father reiterated that Hyun Jin Nim was definitively in charge of the US movement on 14th September, 2008.

The shocking facts are not only that In Jin Nim illegitimately gained the position of chairwoman, contradicting True Father's wishes, but also that True Father's announcement that Hyun Jin Nim is to take on that responsibility *was never conveyed to the world membership*. Hyun Jin Nim was waiting to receive written notification of his appointment, but it did not arrive. He finally asked Dong Moon Joo, Boon Bong Wang for the USA, to clarify the situation. Mr. Joo confirmed with True Father that Hyun Jin Nim is indeed responsible and conveyed this message to Hyun Jin Nim. Nevertheless, Hyun Jin Nim's three siblings refused to send out written confirmation to the membership. Later that month Hyun Jin Nim conveyed Father's instructions once again to In Jin Nim, but she refused to acknowledge them, in effect playing the role of an impostor. Hyun Jin Nim asked North American regional director Pyung Hwa Kim to assemble the US leaders in the New Yorker Hotel, so that he could provide guidance before starting on a world tour. However, after this meeting, Kook Jin Nim sent a dishonest message to regional director Kim through international vice-president Joon Ho Seuk that In Jin Nim's position as chairman had not changed. It is thus clear that, by this point in time, True Father had sadly lost control over the world movement due to the brazen-faced dishonesty of key leaders. Furthermore, True Father's name was being misused to legitimize actions which did not stem from him at all.

Another disgraceful incident was the faked revelation from spirit world announcing world leadership changes on 8th March 2009. While Hyun Jin Nim was doing a global speaking tour, True Father asked him to stop and to come to Sokcho, Korea. After rebuking Hyun Jin Nim for restoring part of the HSA-UWC board of directors (which In Jin Nim had dismissed), True Father summoned Hoon Mo Nim to read her supposed "special report", saying that this report is "the reality of the spirit world". However, Hoon Mo Nim did not appear, so True Father asked Dr. Yang (current international vice-president) to read it, which he did. This text contained announcements of major leadership changes, such as that Hyung Jin Nim should become world president of FFWPU and Hyun Jin Nim should become Chairman of UPF.

Though True Father believed the text had originated from Hoon Mo Nim, Dr. Yang avoided confirming this. The astounding fact is that this text was not from Hoon Mo Nim at all, but was merely a set of reflections written down by Dr. Yang himself and reviewed by Peter Kim! Dr. Yang already had the paper in his hand at the beginning of the meeting. Later he admitted that the text actually originated from him and not from Hoon Mo Nim. After the meeting, both Hyun Jin Nim and later Rev. Kwak had a chance encounter with Hoon Mo Nim in the corridor, who confirmed, "I am not responsible for this, I did not write it". Yet the entire world membership was made to believe that "Hoon Mo Nim's special report" was a revelation

from the spirit world, due to True Father's comment, "This is the reality of the spirit world". Hyun Jin Nim was understandably deeply pained by this sham set-up, reminiscent of a communist show trial, through which major decisions impacting God's providence were being made. He was especially grieved that True Father had been misled and his dignity insulted. After protesting to True Father, he left the room, not wanting to be a part of such dishonourable proceedings.

Who would have ever dreamed that our movement could someday descend to such a level of shabbiness where important decisions are taken based on fake revelations? A dark cloud has descended upon us like the spiritual counterpart of the cloud that enveloped the helicopter and almost killed True Parents. In such an atmosphere of crookedness and deceit in which truth and lie seem to merge, in retrospect it can be understood why Hyun Jin Nim did not wish to spend a year at True Father's side. Furthermore, it is in my opinion fully legitimate and indeed fortunate that Hyun Jin Nim did not relinquish his stewardship over the movement's assets. I, like the rest of the world membership, had been kept in ignorance of the events surrounding the supplanting of Hyun Jin Nim through such means. A clear picture of egregious dishonesty, malice, treachery and conspiracy emerges. How can the movement's assets be entrusted to such leadership? If I had been in Hyun Jin Nim's position, I hope I would not have simply said, "Very well, I accept all the treachery that has led to me being asked to surrender the assets, so here they are". I hope I would have maintained my stewardship, no matter how controversial that path would have been. The notion that Hyun Jin Nim has "stolen" assets is completely absurd, even more so when one knows the background.

And the mischief continues: True Mother's recent demand that the law suits be terminated in order to make ourselves worthy to receive Foundation Day is still being ignored. Do we need more evidence of the waywardness of our leadership? Litigating against an innocent member of the True Family is clearly the work of evil; I do not envy the fate of those actively involved. Moreover, the movement is being bled to death while millions upon millions of dollars are thrown to the wind. Since the Unification movement is supposed to be the model for the future Kingdom of God on earth, dishonesty, sleaze, abuse of power and wastage of public funds cannot be permitted; all Unificationists must be mobilized to eradicate these from our midst; this is our human portion of responsibility.

Misguided strategies and theologies

There is ample evidence that what has been going on in the movement in recent years has not been in accordance with True Father's will; he was not fully aware of how the movement was developing. We have seen above (in the announcement of missions) how True Father's directions were flouted. The current leadership reverted back to the "Unification Church", which was clearly against the development of the providence, only to recently do a U-turn and revert back to the FFWPU. In the Age after the Coming of Heaven, the association that heals souls is the Family Federation, not a church. God works through our original nature better than through institutions, which can all too easily be penetrated by non-principled elements.

The impulse to continue the Unification Church originated with certain leaders who believe in the Christian denominational church model and were glad to use Pastor Hyung Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim to promote their agenda. The elder brother Hyun Jin Nim is now erroneously being accused of having "left the Church", but how can this be the case when he never signed a membership form? The decisive issue is our devotion to the aspirations of True Parents.

True Father has always taught that he is ready to sacrifice the Unification Church for the sake of the world; this is the principled understanding of the function of a church. Human weakness, however, can easily prefer to focus on its own security at the exclusion of others.

When churches in history ceased to practice the principle of offering themselves for the world, they disappeared. Since Hyun Jin Nim's focus was not on preserving a denomination, this became a point through which leaders with an interest to preserve a church could attack him. Even True Father himself was the object of criticism from such leaders for his various attempts to "universalize" the movement (e.g. homechurch, tribal messiahship, hoon dok family church). I have witnessed this in my leadership missions. Yet True Father's internal purpose was to shift the locus of power from an *institution centred* worship and mission style to a *family centred* worship and mission style.

To summarize, the motivation of top leaders in opposing Hyun Jin Nim was based on a combination of a limited understanding of God's providence (which is to literally create His Kingdom on earth), as well as the selfish desire to occupy positions of power and influence in the movement in order to receive love from members and have a secure position in an organization. A further motivation was to hack down someone like Hyun Jin Nim who is receiving God's love because his standard is higher. True Father's neck was on the line while foolish leaders were playing political games. How many leaders ever said just a few kind words to comfort True Parents and reassure them about the value of the providential work that Hyun Jin Nim was doing? He needed this kind of moral support from leadership, but it was so hard to find.

To buttress their campaign against Hyun Jin Nim, key leaders have latched onto the new theory currently being taught by certain theologians in our movement that True Parents are God Himself. Supposedly we are to assume that True Parents are therefore omniscient, always knowing the whole truth when someone is lying to them. This kind of theory is extremely dangerous as it trivializes human responsibility. Professor Oh Taek-Young of Sun Moon University, who has apparently exercised much influence over Pastor Hyung Jin Nim, has accomplished great things, especially by preserving True Father's words. However, he ought to refrain from creating pernicious doctrines. He recently proclaimed (at a seminar in Schmitten, Germany in August 2012) that anyone who says they communicate with God is a liar and that God speaks only through True Parents. This clearly heretical view is being used as a weapon to attack Hyun Jin Nim and to stifle God's spirit working through humans in general.

This kind of theory, even worse than the Christian theology that caused the rejection of True Father (for at least Christians do not deny direct communication with God), has apparently filtered down to many Unification leaders. Under all the pressures, instead of resorting to drugs, licentiousness or other pathological behaviours, Hyun Jin Nim would retire into nature to offer jeong seong, just as True Father would go fishing. On seeing this, Dong Moon Joo commented: "Seeking God in the wilderness is exactly Hyun Jin Nim's problem. True Parents are God, so he only needs to go to them". This distorted understanding of the relationship between God and humanity obstructs our communication with God, weakening the very root of our faith. The heavenly kingdom is not based on irrational theologies, but on conscience and reason. According to Unification Christology, each and every human couple is destined to form their *own* trinity with God (EDP, p. 172). The Third Peace Message points out that we all have a direct relationship to God within the family, each of us forming a partnership of true love with Him and sharing our life with Him.

A providential view of the fate of Hyun Jin Nim within the True Family

True Family is unique in history as it is the first restored family, beyond the realm of the Fall, completing the heavenly four position foundation. This means that Hyun Jin Nim is the restored elder brother. In other words, he providentially stands in the true subject position toward his siblings. He never insisted on this, but left it to his siblings to understand by themselves. There is no Cain or Abel in the True Family, but only the original principle of elder and younger sibling. It is a moral crime that people are trying to destroy the original

order in the True Family; this has led to great confusion not only within the True Family but within the movement as well.

I believe the most striking biblical parallel to the roles of the True Children is the history of Joseph. Joseph's brothers were envious of him as he was favoured by his father, who gave him a "coat of many colours". The brothers stripped him of his coat and intended to kill him; his life was saved only through the intervention of Judah (Judah thus produced righteous descendants and became the ancestor of Jesus). Joseph was then thrown into a pit. One cannot help but draw a parallel with the way in which Hyun Jin Nim has been treated by his siblings. The coat of many colours might represent the many and varied talents with which God has blessed Hyun Jin Nim or the many and varied responsibilities that True Father laid upon his shoulders. God cannot bless a family in which siblings try to destroy their brother. We can only hope that they will have a change of heart, as Joseph's brothers did.

As a morally upright person, Hyun Jin Nim does not publicly badmouth members of his own family. For example, during the crisis that arose in 1998 due to the publication of Nan Sook Hong's book *In the Shadow of the Moons*, Hyun Jin Nim, as international Vice-President, volunteered to take full responsibility for the crisis and called an emergency meeting at East Garden. As co-ordinator of European public relations, I also attended. Suddenly Hyo Jin Nim entered the room and began voicing his viewpoint about Nan-Sook. Hyo Jin Nim spoke in an abusive way to Hyun Jin Nim, who was leading the meeting, but Hyun Jin Nim did not react angrily nor did he speak a word of criticism about his elder brother after he left. I have witnessed on other occasions how he would not tolerate public criticism of members of his family. Hyun Jin Nim respects the principle of honour toward the elder sibling or at least tries to contain any disagreement within the family, whereas the current leadership has trodden this principle underfoot. Hyo Jin Nim had been able to maintain basic order among the siblings. After he had ascended, siblings thirsty for power could more easily attain their personal ambitions.

Some see in Pastor Hyung Jin Nim's "stealing of the blessing away from Hyun Jin Nim" a parallel to Jacob's stealing of the blessing from Esau. But I prefer this interpretation: the Esau-like siblings and servants took historical revenge on the restored Jacob figure for having been the victim of deceit in Isaac's family. They have done so by snatching Jacob's blessing out of his hands by foul means. The mother figure, in co-operation with the siblings and servants, this time opposed Jacob and supported Esau instead. The father (Isaac) figure was pressured by the siblings and his wife to give a special blessing to Esau instead of Jacob (recall the video film of the famous "Heretic and Destroyer" set-up in True Parents' bedroom).

Such biblical interpretations are, of course, in the realm of conjecture; nonetheless it seems clear in the context of today's global restoration, who is closer to Heaven and who has left the track of providence by ignoring Heaven's principles.

Hyun Jin Nim himself tries to take a philosophical attitude toward all the bitter injustices that have been his lot, saying that progress comes from challenge and that he has greatly developed his spiritual side. Since Hyun Jin Nim has been jostled off a precipice and thrust to the bottom of the valley, no one can accuse him of riding on the wings of his father. Moreover, the division between the two "sides" of the movement serves to bring into stark contrast the values and priorities which each side represents.

Conclusion

We have seen that top leadership contrived together with Hyun Jin Nim's siblings to form a united front against him, undermining his work and maneuvering him into the position of a pariah. This has corrupted our movement, creating factionalism and in-fighting, as in fallen cultures. Humanity needs peace, unity and tranquility, imbued by the love of God, but our

movement has been morally, intellectually and theologically hijacked. Even the basics of the Old Testament Commandments have been flouted by the recent leadership: adultery, bearing false testimony, coveting property, and more. All these are precisely the things of which the world must rid itself. The hopeless atmosphere at True Father's Seonghwa, which was more like a conventional funeral, was very far from our Father's burning heart of love that overcame all things – surely even death - and his hopeful message of salvation. Even True Father's will to be laid to rest in a simple grave next to an ordinary member has not been respected.

Plainly, it is not Hyun Jin Nim who has split off from the movement, rather he has maintained heavenly standards while the movement itself has departed from the Principle. The "Unification Church", i.e. the current regime, sought to selfishly consolidate its power by persecuting those seen as a threat – the typical behavioural pattern of a faction. There was a strategy to reverse the positions of perpetrator and victim in order to win the sympathy of the members – and the world membership proved to be completely gullible. There is no way God can bless our movement in its current state. Unificationism has become unrecognizable as the heavenly movement that True Father created. World Headquarters has created the split and must now take responsibility to solve it.

The current leadership has introduced many things into the movement in the last few years that most alienated the "Cain world" from religion in the past. Within our very own movement we have even seen a repetition of the persecutions against True Father in the early years of the church as well as the past failures and excesses of Christianity. These include the misuse of power, masks of virtue hiding moral decadence, misuse of money, the predominance of irrationality over reason in the form of trash theologies, witch hunts, and Inquisition. In an atmosphere of mistrust, a repressive church was needed to control the members' thoughts concerning the standard of good and evil. While Hyun Jin Nim was being bombarded with abuse by his siblings and top leaders, most of the world membership came to believe that he is a prodigal son and a thief, though from the viewpoint of heaven, the opposite is the case. We should never have allowed ourselves to be deceived and deluded. "Satan, when he's slapping the person belonging to God, does so with the most viciousness and ugliness." (*Cain-Abel Relationships*, 1975.3.15)

Not surprisingly, Hyun Jin Nim feels disillusioned with us blessed families for not having the courage to take responsibility by protesting against some of these very visible and shameful developments. Unfortunately, the closer blessed families are to the political centre of the movement, the worse their standards tend to be. For example, the *How well do you know your Moon?* blog is run by children of East Garden staff. This staff had to work under conditions of continual vying for power among leaders. Therefore, in a way, we should not blame the True Children for their misdeeds, since they grew up in a cesspool of corruption created by leaders. These may sound like shocking words to us idealistic members, who always wanted to believe that everything about our movement is good.

For sure, the true world will be a true meritocracy of principle and values, which cannot be trumped by self-centred ambition. The sad reality, however, is that many of the top leaders of our movement are hardly better than people in secular society at resisting the temptations of the world. It is amazing how many of them in our supposedly religious movement covet their positions; this is only possible when motivated by secular interests such as recognition, money and power. Such desires are in essence narcissistic, but if one truly has a relationship with God, how can one possibly be narcissistic? One who does not love God as his centre tends to love himself as his centre instead, thus becoming the prey of evil.

As True Father has revealed through the Principle, while sexual crime was the vehicle for taking control over humanity, the actual root of the Fall was corruption and vying for power, position and recognition ("Who loves power? Satan does."). The continued rule of evil on earth is maintained today through the element of money (*The Age of Repentance*, 1978.9.1).

Hyun Jin Nim always wanted to put an end to the competition among leaders, the vying for power and for True Father's attention, attitudes so distant from heavenly standards and damaging to the movement. He also condemned financial corruption and opposed actions among his siblings that ran counter to heavenly standards, such as divorce. At various crisis points in his mission, Hyun Jin Nim asked True Father to allow him to relinquish his responsibilities in the movement, but True Father would not allow it because he trusted Hyun Jin Nim the most.

Hyun Jin Nim has never tried to patronize blessed families but to train us; his speeches are therefore honest and appear blunt to many. His thought is that since there is no hiding place in the spirit world, it is better to change now. Despite Hyun Jin Nim's popularity among the public, to some members he appears too self-confident – like Jesus, he speaks with “a note of authority” (Matt. 7:29), questioning norms. He never said that members should respect or follow him because he is True Father's son, but always relied on moral authority. Though it may offend some people, he has a transparent and outspoken leadership style, hammering home fundamental norms and principles. This is surely what a true religious leader should do; we are not here for ourselves but to establish standards for the Heavenly Kingdom. We all need to be beacons, giving light to the world in the darkness of ignorance.

True Father once said that Satan has been playing a game throughout the millennia in which he constantly undermines God's attempt to establish His Kingdom or nation on earth. If anyone is working seriously to realize the Kingdom, forces of evil will do anything to sabotage that work. Hyun Jin Nim is the one who is working to realize the Kingdom according to the blueprint laid down by God and True Father. His focus is on raising up and educating the public, infusing our values into existing structures and systems.

Because the window of opportunity in the Providence is not open for long, the age of “universal membership” has arrived in which we need to gather together humanity as a world family and lower all barriers that may prevent people from associating with us. The greatest love is to save a person's spiritual life totally, yet this process will take time on the global level. Therefore, important providential goals, such as the re-unification of Korea, cannot be accomplished through telling people who know nothing about God's providence that True Parents are the Messiah or by proclaiming oneself to be a messianic icon or chairman of this or that; only moral authority can accomplish such things, which is why True Father asked Pastor Hyung Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim *not* to say that he is the Messiah (*God's Strong Homeland*, 7.3.2012, printed in *Today's World*, 3.2012, page 7).

True Father has brought to the earth all the words, principles and laws needed for building the Kingdom. These can be regarded as the skeleton. The task of humanity, together with the angelic world and our ancestry, is to now put the flesh on the skeleton and build the Kingdom, enabling it to become substantial. I have prayed and I have scrutinized the work of Hyun Jin Nim. In my personal opinion, his work is worthy to succeed the global work of True Father. Hyun Jin Nim's accomplishments, starting with the revival of the Second Generation, the new impetus and boom in growth he brought to the movement at the beginning of this millennium and his current global public work, despite horrendous persecution from within the movement, are clear for all to see. So far there has been no other leader in our movement capable of deeply grasping God's providence and transforming True Father's aspirations into reality.

Though we must all focus on our work at the local level, competent global leadership is nevertheless mandatory in order to set on course the general direction of the movement and the world. A principled group for finding a nation based on divine values (Cheon Il Guk) is urgently required. Secondly, the role and fate of the True Family in God's providence is not a trivial matter, so a member of the True Family who is working according to Providence and is taking responsibility for the mission of Elder Son, should be encouraged and supported. Even now, though Hyun Jin Nim has been maligned and stabbed in the back by his siblings

and top leaders, he feels responsible for the entire Unification Community as the Elder Brother.

It is significant that, even though Hyun Jin Nim has been expelled and his other siblings eliminated, the other international leaders remain, and the opposition to the Elder Brother is as strong as ever. This suggests that it was they who were behind the persecution. These same leaders fully endorsed all the teachings and actions of the other siblings, yet now shun them and have done nothing to prevent their departure. They seem to have used the other True Children for their own purposes and then cast them off when things did not turn out well.

Lessons to be learned

The unfortunate events that unfolded during the latter years of our True Father's life teach us many lessons which we would do well to note.

1. The most important lesson is that we do not know as much as we think we do, nor is our standard as high as we think

We therefore need to be vigilant and practise humility at all times as we fervently search for truth. What has been happening in our movement has proved that we are little better than the rest of the world, perhaps even in some ways worse.

2. While we should co-operate with good leaders who are acting according to heavenly law, we must never blindly believe anyone

True Father has made it abundantly clear that our own conscience or divine mind is sovereign. Our judgments must be based on Principle and truth, not persons. Our first duty is to defend the ideals of Cheon Il Guk before being loyal to any person. Moral laws are just as much hewn in stone as physical laws. No person is above moral law. Anyone in a leadership position, including any member of the True Family, has to be morally transparent. If he or she has any personal problems affecting their work, these have to be spoken out and not covered up with lies and deception. Our leadership has developed a culture of hiding their sins, of brushing inconvenient truths under the carpet. This obsession with "saving face" at the expense of truth and honesty is totally alien to God's Kingdom.

What members of the True Family do as private persons is their own responsibility. However, in the moment that they take on responsibility for the public, their deeds must be open to public scrutiny. There is no end to the value we place on True Mother for her life of faith and sacrifice which, together with the birth of True Children, made it possible for the First Generation to be reborn. Like every other human being, however, True Mother is not infallible. If our True Mother in her public position was involved in any kind of wrongdoing against the True Children or the membership, even she must publicly confess this in order to maintain her internal dignity as True Mother. As True Father said, parents must ask their children's forgiveness for any wrongs they have done against them. Similarly, if any of the True Children in their public positions have committed any wrongs against members, they too must all publicly confess, even after they have departed from public life. Hyo Jin Nim at least had the honesty and humility to ask members' forgiveness for wrongs that had affected his public work. If Unificationists commit any wrongs against the Cain world, we must openly confess this too.

3. There must be a much more careful screening of leaders in the Unification Movement, especially at top levels

Anyone who cannot show a moral character and proved commitment through challenging training is not qualified to be a leader. If this thorough screening is not done, poor quality leaders, like devils, may steal the Principle, distort it beyond recognition and lead others

astray. There can be an assortment of motivations for becoming a leader, many of which stand in opposition to God's providence. A leader is not permitted to use immoral and treacherous means to secure his or her power. It seems that the motivation of many of the current leadership to maintain a traditional church structure was in order to prosper together with the organization. Anyone who grabs power and prestige, but does not have the moral authority and heavenly standard to buttress it, is an impostor. Central figures are first predestined, then called, but it is only when they fulfill their responsibilities that they can be justified and glorified (EDP, p.160). Any leader who fails in his responsibility must pass on his mission to someone else. The most noxious leader is the one who is self-confident, bold and decisive while being incompetent.

The role of leadership must be completely demystified through clarifying exactly what the aims of leadership are. Looking at the situation soberly, the current leadership has failed according to even the most elementary criteria: we are light years away from the Heavenly Constitution and a world community of "freedom, peace, unity and happiness".

How can our "religious" world leaders be so smug as to pretend that nothing has happened as they continue to conduct the affairs of the movement? In my opinion, they ought to confess their dishonesty to the world membership, stop covering up, and retire from their positions. They would do well to note the final words of the Bible: "Happy are those who wash their robes clean! They shall be free to eat from the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the perverts,the fornicators, the murderers and idolaters **and all who love and practice deceit**" (Rev. 22:14-15).

4. The standard of judgment of good and evil is the extent to which someone is living and working according to the standards and values of Heaven in order to realize God's Kingdom on earth

Morals and standards on earth reflect the nature of the spirit world: timelessness, reliability and consistency. The values of the Unification movement should also possess these qualities. The way of God, though leading to ultimate liberation, is indeed very straight and very narrow. I believe I have a good moral standard, but realized that Hyun Jin Nim's thinking is more strictly based on heavenly law than is mine. When I met him in February, I suggested to him that when he was FFWPU vice-president, it might have been wiser for him to have kept back his harsh criticism of top leaders' transgressions until he had consolidated his power within the movement, because in that position he could more easily have got them to resign. He disagreed and pointed out that such behaviour would have been Machiavellian; God's wisdom prefers trying to change leaders' mindsets through love, truth and persuasion rather than by political means. For the same reason, Hyun Jin Nim never compromised with political groupings in the movement; consequently he was reduced to a small minority and ultimately pushed out. In this sense, he shared the same fate that True Father had experienced in the world. Hyun Jin Nim's being averse to positions of power may have unintentionally created a power vacuum at the top of the movement, which was then filled by power-hungry individuals.

The easiest way for Hyun Jin Nim would have been to compromise his principles. In this way, he could have consolidated his power in the movement and more quickly reached the providential goal, but at what price in the long-term? Hyun Jin Nim was not prepared to let the ends justify the means, even if it meant total expulsion from the movement. If he had, rotten precedents would have been set which would in future destroy the Kingdom. He maintained his priorities like Jesus in the wilderness, who was tempted by Satan to take the easy way.

Some people centre their criticism of Hyun Jin Nim on his refusal to surrender his stewardship over assets. However, let us put Hyun Jin Nim before the Court of Heaven and ask these fundamental questions first: "What is your understanding of God's providence and

are you fully committed to it?” “Are you the owner of God’s will?” And then ask *ourselves* a question too: “What, as a member, do I most wish to see realized – why did I join?” Only after having asked and answered those questions, would it be appropriate to raise the issue of funds. The focus on the issue of assets is reminiscent of the secular world’s understanding of True Father as being primarily a businessman; yet, in truth, he used position and money selflessly for God’s providence.

It does not seem that the content of Hyun Jin Nim’s character, his alignment with God’s providence and his life’s work could have been the source of the rift between him and True Father. Would the malice of siblings and leaders toward Hyun Jin Nim and the lack of support of True Mother have been enough to turn True Father against him? If True Father appoints a successor, is his role to simply anoint, or should he have done more to support and testify to that person? On the other hand, did Hyun Jin Nim do enough to cement the relationship? There seems to be further, perhaps providentially significant, dimensions to the events which we have yet to grasp. One day, I believe all will be brought to light.

Perhaps True Father’s allowing Hyun Jin Nim to be “crucified” was supposed to serve an educational purpose, such as forcing members to take responsibility and to make conscious choices based on Principle. Perhaps his “crucifixion” compelled Hyun Jin Nim to re-think his approach to building the Kingdom, especially the degree of involvement of the rest of the Unification Movement. Jesus, too, had to bear the brunt of formidable hatred and fear felt towards him by his own people. Could Jesus have done more to soothe the minds of those who felt threatened, thus avoiding becoming totally isolated?

Perhaps True Father’s purpose was, as it were, to drive out his son so that, in his adversity, he may reveal the depth of his character. If Hyun Jin Nim’s motivation had been selfish in some way, he would already have given up his public work long ago. That he continues to do providential work with an even higher degree of commitment allows the membership to see his true caliber. Even though apparently deserted by Heaven and Earth and even though his earthly offering was seemingly rejected like Jesus’ was, He did not allow his foundation to be utterly wiped out through terminating his mission, but preserved his good accomplishments. He unwaveringly continued the original mission that God and True Father had entrusted to him.

Those who stick with Hyun Jin Nim are not those of weak spirit looking for a convenient faith. Hyun Jin Nim is gathering all those who feel they were born to help substantially realize the Kingdom of God on Earth and not just to hope for it at some distant time in the future while centering on our own religion. This is an opportunity for all of us to reveal our character through how we deal with this challenge; God is showing us all clearly where we are at.

5. False perceptions about the nature of the Messiah are dangerous and can lead to demagogues, distorting the Principle and appealing to crude instincts of believers

First, no human being is infallible, no perfected human and no member of the True Family or Tribe. This is one of the fundamental differences between God and human beings. How many times have we taught in the lectures on the Principle of Creation that perfection does not mean infallibility? Only our love can eventually be perfect; in other areas there will always be the possibility of misjudgment, for example, in assessing the capacities or trustworthiness of people. True Father has never said that he cannot err. I recall a former continental director returning from a meeting and sharing that True Father admitted that he had made mistakes in the past; the continental director then added with a touch of humour, “But unfortunately he did not tell us what the mistakes were.” Fallibility is always a possibility for humans due to us having to exercise free will and human responsibility within the context of our imperfect knowledge. If even the True Adam can make mistakes, then so can any other human. This is a lesson to be learned for eternity – no one will be able to claim that he or she is infallible.

This has far-reaching consequences for the structure of human society in the Kingdom of God.

Looking at it another way, every human being, perfected or unperfected, constantly and in every situation carries a portion of responsibility. When it comes to analyzing whether any person is actually fulfilling his/her human responsibility in a specific situation, there are sometimes no clear cut answers in that moment, though at a later stage in history it will become apparent. As an example, True Father, shortly before ascending, said in a Hoon Dok Hwe that Jesus should have at all costs avoided dying even if it meant retreating to another place to begin the Kingdom. Did Jesus, then, fulfill his portion of responsibility in all matters? Perhaps in his fateful prayer in Gethsemane, when he was struggling with God to allow him to continue his mission, he should rather have prayed, "Even if you do not help me, I will take responsibility to build the Kingdom in a foreign land with my own hands. I will never allow satanic powers to defeat your heart's desire". In the end, Jesus did go the way of the cross and two millennia of unspeakable suffering ensued, which have not ended until today. Christians cannot believe that Jesus' mission was not completed, thinking that God is almighty. However, even God depends on our human responsibility, as do Jesus and True Father; without it they cannot accomplish their goals.

Secondly, history will rightly judge True Father to be the returned Christ, the True Parent of humanity, yet it would be against the Principle and a myth like the virgin birth or the physical resurrection of Jesus to maintain that True Father is better in all areas than everyone else. He has merely said of himself, "I am master of all spiritual matters"; he has never said, to my knowledge, that he is master of all worldly matters. The tendency to idealize the Messiah is very strong, particularly in those of us with Christian backgrounds. However, even Christians say that Jesus was "fully divine but also fully human and therefore had human weaknesses". They cite his supposed fear of torture and death when he prayed in Gethsemane, his wrath when he used a whip to drive money changers out of the Temple, or his forlorn cry from the cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" True Father himself criticized Jesus for crying this from the cross. He also deplored the fact that Jesus did not clarify even once that he would come again in the flesh as a new person.

The True Family is disunited at present and that disunity even seems to be increasing day by day. True Mother now seems extremely isolated. Who is responsible for the divisions in the True Family and the movement? All parties are to some extent responsible. Each of us must act to heal the divisions and this begins with bringing truth to the surface and returning to the ways of God. By the same token, the True Family itself can be healed only when it resonates completely with God. Merely calling a truce and tolerating all the different unprincipled ways of the members of True Family is no solution; this will only continue the confusion, just as Jacob's and Esau's truce further separated Abraham's descendants into two different peoples, who later made war on each other. The Way of God and God's Principle is only one.

6. As Unificationists we should not underestimate our potential, despite our knowledge of the Principle, to totally misjudge persons and situations

In this way, great personal injustice and providential damage has been done through the ostracizing of Hyun Jin Nim. We should always beware of the destructive power of the mob and hold on tightly to our principles. When the mob at the time of Jesus cried "Crucify him!" they had no idea what grave historical error they were committing, they were only heeding the advice of their leaders. Similarly, those who headed up the nasty game "Hit Hyong" – an immature and immoral prank having nothing to do with God's culture – have caused untold pain to Hyun Jin Nim and his wife and children as well as to those blessed families and peace ambassadors supporting Hyun Jin Nim's providential work. We must never again be tempted into committing sin just because people in authority sanction it.

Even now, some members continue to recklessly persecute Hyun Jin Nim. It is as if we have become so accustomed to the spectacle of one half of the movement bashing and destroying the other, that we have become numb to the evil of such actions.

7. The world movement needs a new structure and a transparent reporting system

Without a professional organization, our movement has no long-term future. We can also have no hope to establish a principled culture for the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as larger living organisms require a skeleton, when a family is extended to a global community, that community needs a structure. True Parents have been given false reports by top Korean leadership, who have been practically the only ones with direct access to them. In other words, the power of these leaders has been far in excess of what was due to them and they have not represented the will of the world membership. Their reports became the source of our current conflict.

It is also not optimal that top leadership is almost exclusively Korean, that is, people who have grown up in a certain national culture which lacks many aspects of the heavenly culture. Heavenly culture includes, in particular, Christian universal thought (as opposed to Old Testament Age in-group/out-group mentality) and the egalitarian and rational spirit of the (Abel-type) Enlightenment, embodied in Christian civilization. Christian universal thought and the Abel-type Enlightenment were gifts of God as a foundation for His Kingdom. The USA, the Second Israel, a republic, is supposed to represent the growth-stage prototype of the Kingdom of God. The Unification Movement is supposed to represent the completion stage. It is clear even from the Old Testament that God was not in favour of monarchies and absolute power; God's Kingdom is supposed to be ruled ideally by His spiritual laws and principles, not by persons monopolizing power. Because the Israelites cried out for a king like all the surrounding nations, God compromised. However, True Father has consistently emphasized that there is little need even for government in the Kingdom of God; and any government will be primarily occupied with the task of the equitable distribution of goods (*World Scripture*, page 1022).

In my opinion, our world movement should be presided over by a council which includes representatives from all the major cultures and nations. To maintain justice and proper representation, no more than one third of the members of the world council should belong to any particular nation, for example, or to one region of the world; no more than two-thirds of the council should comprise one gender. I believe that True Mother ought to be creating such a representative structure right now. She ought to finally rid the movement of its current extremely deficient top leadership structure, consisting of a few Koreans of questionable character. Perhaps this lack of appropriate, professional organizational structure was one of True Father's weaknesses, like an Achilles heel, which finally resulted in the current misery and confusion. Perhaps True Father trusted too much in the goodness of people ("love is blind") and omitted to take preventive measures in case they did not fulfill their responsibilities and thus did not turn out to be so good after all. Though our Father's accomplishments and sacrifices tower above anyone else's in history, we may expect that there were some aspects of True Father's leadership that our Heavenly Parent did not fully approve of.

I believe that the lack of principled structures in the movement is a major reason why we cannot attract significant numbers of people: it does not mirror the principled, ideal model of a professional organization, let alone the Kingdom. A complex living organism requires both skeleton and flesh. When I worked with Hyun Jin Nim over a decade ago, my fervent hope was that our movement would finally be able to take on a balanced form and gain widespread acceptance in society. Those hopes were dashed especially by stubborn Korean leaders' refusal to co-operate with Hyun Jin Nim's reform efforts. Little wonder that the necessity of a Fourth Israel began to be proclaimed.

True Mother must now create the necessary the principled structures; there can be no Kingdom without principled structures. The current structure at the top is very far from any ideal for the Kingdom of Heaven and looks more like an assemblage of courtiers in any palace in fallen history. According to my understanding of the Principle, the Kingdom of God is not ruled by a human monarch, and certainly not through an absolute monarchy. Such a system goes against the grain of original human nature. The current state of our movement only serves to highlight the destructive results of a monarchical system in which power goes unchecked.

God named His ideal civilization a “Kingdom” to emphasize that God Himself is the all-knowing, all-loving and all-giving King, the Axis and the Parent, and all mankind as brothers and sisters are His family. Though mankind will forever be grateful for the accomplishments and sacrifices of the True Parents as our very first ancestors, only God can act as the eternal centre. It is only through God that all humans are able to emotionally connect to one another, since only God’s character, wisdom and knowledge are endless and perfect; only God understands each human being and His own Creation perfectly. In the spirit world, only God is Parent. According to True Father’s word, in the spirit world all people, even parents and children of the same family, relate as brothers and sisters.

Although it is appropriate to talk about “parental heart”, it is a dangerous analogy to refer to certain persons as literally being in the position of “parent” toward other adults in any political sense, because it suggests that mature adults are supposed to submit with the blind obedience of children to people in authority. Even True Parents are more accurately “True Grandparents” today, because we now have our own children and thus we are in the parent position. If Adam and Eve had become the True Parents, we cannot imagine that, after becoming grandparents, they would still have issued commands and directives to their descendants; surely they would have taken on the role of advisors and handed over parental authority to the actual parents of families, as God originally intended. Any other way would hinder the complete unfolding of original human nature and potential.

If Adam and Eve’s family had not fallen, we would be their unfallen descendants today, so who would be world monarch? That would be a symbolic role and it would hardly matter which family played the role of world monarch, because we would all be equal and share a single lineage. That family would simply represent God on the world level; it would not need to have any significant political power. For this reason, the Family Pledge (the Constitution of Cheon Il Guk) clarifies that we are to realize kingship in each family, the place where God is ultimately to make His home; it does not mention kingship on the world level because that is relatively unimportant, being geographically remote.

All humans are destined to attain the same level of divinity that Jesus and True Father reached and even go beyond it. Even St. Paul knew that Christ is the first fruits and we the next (1 Cor. 15:23). True Father once said that he expects and hopes that people in future will attain a higher level of heart than he has.

Many shameful events have taken place in our movement, which would not have happened had we had more professional, principled, and representative decision-making structures. As an example, in 2010 the then speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, Jose de Venecia, who has done so much to promote God’s providence and had a fervent desire to help heal the rift between Hyun Jin Nim and his siblings, arrived at Cheong Pyeong to visit True Father. He was met by Peter Kim, who turned him away, saying, “Father Moon is now so old that he cannot communicate properly. You will not understand him because he talks to spirits.” In this way, True Father was prevented from communicating freely and receiving information, under the pretence that he is apparently suffering from senile dementia. De Venecia was understandably incensed about this incident because he knew full well that Father Moon was quite capable of communicating normally with him. Even Hyun Jin Nim was required to sign statements before meeting with his own father, which he never

agreed to do. This style of leadership continues; the membership is being kept in ignorance about the progress of the law suits launched against Hyun Jin Nim; no official information is being sent out.

In fact, the dispute concerning Hyun Jin Nim should have been openly discussed in an international tribunal consisting of representatives of the world membership. The fate of the movement is not simply a matter for the Moon family: it affects every one of us and concerns the future of humanity. *We all* have a stake in the Unification Movement and in Cheon Il Guk as its owners. We are all members of the Moon tribe, or has that been forgotten? If the nuclear family cannot resolve its problems, the matter must be dealt with by the extended family and the tribe. Why, then, was not the slightest attempt made to involve the international membership before initiating the law suits? The problem cannot be resolved by external authorities in the fallen world such as courts of law! That is completely insane, especially when the accused is innocent of any crime. How can an amicable solution to the division be found under such circumstances? The international membership is sick of being treated like plebeians instead of members of an extended family. At least the plebs could revolt and change things, but even this possibility is denied the membership, as it goes against the grain of the blind obedience culture.

Finally, the movement's finances must be handled in a principled way. For example, it is in my view unprincipled that the huge donations given for ancestor liberation and Blessing remain in Cheong Pyeong and are controlled by one person, namely Hoon Mo Nim. I suggest that one-third of these donations remain in the nation of the donor, one-third be used for the restoration of Cheon Il Guk (e.g. for Korean re-unification or another promising nation) and one-third for the upkeep of Cheong Pyeong. While the German movement is on the brink of financial ruin, German members continue to transfer hundreds of thousands of euros to Cheong Pyeong and not a cent of it is used for the restoration of Germany (much to the distress of our ancestors, I am sure). What has happened to basic Divine Principle, such as give and take action and the ideal of true subject and object partners? Cheong Pyeong appears to have strayed far from these heavenly standards.

A further example of financial amateurishness: Mission Foundation receives staggering amounts of money from Japan every year, said to amount to around 500 million dollars. This money was earned by the sweat, tears and even blood of Japanese members, but only a small group of Korean leaders knows what is done with the money. Some members have fallen so deeply into debt while giving huge donations amounting to six thousand dollars per month, that they lost hope to be able to repay the money and subsequently committed suicide. How far this reality is from the Kingdom of Heaven! Who can take responsibility for this appalling state of affairs? There is no way that this sort of "kitchen table culture" can continue if we are to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. If we are concerned about our movement's future, members have to demand an audit and a report about how funds from Japan and the rest of the membership are used.

If the Unification community does not change its course in these vital matters of decision-making and financial procedures, God will sadly be compelled to seek another vehicle to set the standard for His Kingdom; His providence must progress at all costs. Until such a time as principled structures are set up, the last resort would be for members and national leadership to not heed global directions and to safeguard all world donations in their own specific bank accounts.

Where do we go from here?

We are living in Age after the Coming of Heaven, which is parallel to the time after the Flood. Noah became drunk on wine; the lesson for us is that we must not be drunk on our religion, dreaming of monarchies and grandeur. Cheon Il Guk is still waiting to be established! We

must soberly understand what God expects of us at this time. It is meaningless to be proud of our faith unless we have become the pillars of our community and country.

Our movement has taken a providential detour which has led it into a mire of confusion. The resources that should have been used to support the tribal messiah mission, creating thousands of new communities, or for the global mission of restoring the UN, were instead used for in-fighting and senseless court cases. Consequently, Foundation Day became a day of regret rather than a day of joy, as we had not fulfilled our human responsibility. We were supposed to offer something substantial to Heaven but were instead begging for forgiveness. Our movement has been transformed into hell on earth:

“The people in hell are fighting and struggling all the time; consequently there is no unity and no beauty or harmony there.” (*The Blessing*, 1977.2.20) “Hell is the place without godly love.” (*The Brothers and I*, 1973.4.8)

True Father was intending to entrust his entire legacy to Hyun Jin Nim, who had proved himself a victor on many levels. Irresponsible leadership wanted to prevent this and has consequently split the movement and practically destroyed it. GPF was being prepared as an offering for God and True Parents for world restoration. Much of this global foundation was already prepared by 2008, but much lost again through the attacks on GPF’s work. It was no longer possible to complete this offering by Foundation Day; the substantial founding of a nation has had to be postponed until a future time. Our movement has been tainted by the filth of lies, cheating, deception and hatred; these are the Devil’s character traits, not God’s. Such a rotten foundation will destroy the Kingdom if it is not cleansed. I am deeply, deeply saddened and disillusioned by the limited vision of our world leadership and its fallen values. We have been plunged into an agonizing situation, being forced to choose between members of the True Family.

To facilitate the transition to the Fourth Israel, each of us must personally seek out our way to be most closely aligned to the task of Kingdom building while observing the laws of Heaven. Though we must focus our work as tribal messiahs on our relatives, workplaces and local communities, the Kingdom of God can only be realized when the community providence is married to the global providence. Local must be protected by global and global supported by local; today is the global age and restoration *must* take place on that level according to the Principle of Restoration. We need someone heading up the global mission today who not only practices the morals and principles of Heaven, but is also skilled and trusted in the public realm. We may assume that, through his own lineage, True Father can work even more effectively from the spirit world. In the near future, many global problems will come to a head, and people with both spiritual and worldly wisdom are called upon to solve them.

We must look at the facts, use our God-given powers of reasoning, search our hearts, and decide. Each of us must declare our commitment. We must not shy away from making choices: in God’s providence, there is no fence to sit upon; we either choose God’s principles or the wastelands. It is our God-given duty to stand up for the Principle and the truth and defend the Kingdom. True Father once said, “The time is coming when lies will appear as truth and truth will appear to be lies”. Like the Israelites leaving Egypt, at this historic moment we have to be prepared to offer our lives once again. In that process, I believe that Hyun Jin Nim will not desert the blessed families but will continue to honour the great work of True Father in pouring his love and energy into them.

Ever since the current leadership reached its peak of waywardness shortly before True Father’s ascension, I have personally been going through spiritual agony, divided in myself. I asked God, “How can Hyun Jin Nim and a small minority be right and the rest of the movement be led astray?” I was faced with three choices: unite with the current leadership and its grave deficiencies, unite with the maligned Elder Brother and be branded a renegade, or go my own principled way and be branded an apostate. In making my choice I had to consider the relevance of the True Family, as well as the merits and sacrifices of my

ancestors and their expectations of me and the Unification movement. Because Hyun Jin Nim is faithful and true to God's ideals and principles, I perceive that the higher spirit world is behind his work and that together with him, we will be able to drive forward God's Providence on the global level at this crucial moment in history. This is why I have decided to give Hyun Jin Nim my moral support and to assist him in his work in whatever way I can. This has given me a sense of inner freedom and tranquility.

Several days ago, as I was struggling with the task of completing this paper, I had a vivid dream in which I was in the midst of two groups of members who were fighting with each other. In the dream I felt exhausted, saddened and ill. Then eventually the two sides began to come together and a loud and clear female voice, accompanied by soothing music, spoke words written on a beautiful artwork depicting Heaven and Earth, the gist of which was:

"We will cease to attack you. Be our division, that we may see ourselves for who we are - but do it with love..."

"Our origin is one, we are divided, and there will be union."

I got up and wrote down what I heard (the last phrase seems to allude to origin-division-union action in the Divine Principle).

We may recall the words of Hyun Jin Nim: "The movement has been split down the middle; now it must be reformed and reunited". It occurred to me that the Reformation was initiated by God in order to reform Christianity from within. When established Christianity refused to be reformed but expelled Luther instead, God had no choice but to support Luther's breakaway movement. However, the first crucial condition for establishing Cheon Il Guk on earth is the reunification of Christianity (*Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity*). But who can make the condition of unifying? One of the missions of the Unification Movement is to substitute for Christianity. Let us therefore hope that we can succeed in unifying a movement that has purified itself in the eyes of Heaven, accomplishing a feat that Christianity so far could not.

Notes on further research

Recommended for further information and discussion forum

The WIFL (What is Father's Legacy) forum has been set up to encourage exchange on issues related to the future development of our movement, including the substantial establishment of the Kingdom and the solving of internal problems of the movement such as the current split. Go to:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/?fromgroups#!forum/what-is-fathers-legacy>

On following the link you will be required to create a Google account, after which you will be able to participate in the forum. Alternatively, you can send an email to simplewords16@gmail.com and they will send you an invitation to the group. Joining this conversation group does not entail becoming affiliated with any person, group or organization.

Recommended as a compendium of some of the most significant transgressions of the current leadership

<http://faqs.tumblr.com/>

Addendum: The Global Peace Foundation – an outline

GPF's work consists of a strong network among global opinion makers.

Interfaith

Interfaith initiatives are carried out according to True Father's concept: people of faith rise out of their own 'religious boxes' to meet on a higher platform where they can become peacemakers in their families, communities and on the global level. The way is not "multifaith" where each religion remains encapsulated from the others, rather true interfaith, based on shared principles. People of faith are encouraged to live up to the vision of their founders to become instruments for substantial social change.

Religion today must play the stabilizing role, uniting nations into blocks; interfaith will then unite those blocks on the condition that people of faith focus on universal spiritual values. God and spirituality must be brought to the centre of the peace process; religion will be harnessed as a powerful force for peace, instead of being misused for war. Beside the UN Security Council, a UN peace council of world religions must be created; this is a providential inevitability. Religious communities must not only be praised but also strongly challenged to re-examine their faiths in the light of bringing about peace. Religious terrorism, for example, is a clear sign of immaturity of faith, demonstrating the inability to deal with faith issues based on morals, principles and reason.

United Nations

All of Hyun Jin Nim's work is imbued with the conviction that mankind can reach a level of nobility and divinity to create the world of peace. Spirituality is an element in all GPF activities. There are many peace organizations, but the world needs one that emphasizes God's own aspiration. The UN until now has not succeeded in bringing lasting peace in any of its interventions worldwide. The reason is because the spiritual dimension was missing. Poverty is one of the prime problems but this is related in large part to mindset and so cannot be effectively tackled unless the issue of spirituality is addressed. GPF is therefore developing character education not only for youth but also to strengthen families. The platform for character education is service, which is why GPF continues to conduct large-scale service projects.

True Father established WANGO (World Association of NGOs). Hyun Jin Nim has acted on this initiative and is focusing on educating NGOs so that they do not impose contrary value systems on the developing nations they are serving. Developing nations often have superior family value systems and these should be preserved. Eventually missionaries could be sent from the developing world to educate the developed world about family values.

Hyun Jin Nim has remained true to his principled convictions, therefore God is blessing his work. GPF is a global institution that is leading the activities that the UN should have done. The UN has been restricted by its own charter: due to the inclusion of atheistic nations, religious principles were excluded.

Korea

Part of the bedrock of the vision for a re-unified Korea includes awakening the Korean consciousness of national identity and destiny – this is what binds together all Koreans. The Korean government now sees that NGOs must take a much more central role in facilitating a sustainable movement for re-unification. GPF has gathered together several hundred Korean NGOs and is now leading the movement for Korean re-unification. GPF is rekindling the fire of desire for re-unification (which had subsided after the 1980s) and is making it a grass-roots movement for all Koreans. Together with around 300 civic groups, instead of fundraising campaigns, GPF last year launched a *Lifestyle Re-unification Campaign*. Families and individuals are doing something for re-unification in their daily lives, be it fitness, dining or any other daily activity. This approach, which embraces the entire population, has

sparked interest in the academic world and the media. It stands in contrast to the “strong Korea” approach, which pursues force, engendering mistrust in the North Korean regime, which already feels itself cornered. On the other hand, South Koreans are being educated to see North Korea as a developing market and therefore an opportunity, not a drain.

GPF is also working to organize the Chinese diaspora all over the world so that it can have a global impact.

Financing of projects

Contrary to the rumours being spread about GPF, it uses relatively few resources but has large impact. Conventions are held not just for their own sake, but to fulfill a multitude of purposes, for example: to inspire the conviction of one family under God, to inspire people to become owners, to introduce the root of interfaith based on a central theme (e.g. ‘Moral and Innovative Leadership’), to found new academies for this purpose, working with the universities.

Hyun Jin Nim is keen to adopt a third party audit (e.g. universities, think tanks) in order to prove that GPF projects work with a minimum amount of resources. The global programs of GPF help to build the national level foundation. GPF or UPF – it does not matter much for the Providence what the organization is called, but what the content of its work is and how much it has the potential to realize Cheon Il Guk.

Core values

GPF is a place where people can find hope and sanity. Hyun Jin Nim’s core values are living for the greater good, ownership, and teamwork (developed through leadership education). Ownership includes taking responsibility for both good and bad and staying true to oneself. These core values reflect precisely the inner core of True Father’s teaching.

Fundamental human rights are the basis for God’s sovereignty. The US constitution is a precursor of the heavenly constitution. For the first time it clarifies that fundamental rights are given by none other than God and that it is the duty of government to protect those rights. Thus fundamental religious principles must be part and parcel of politics. The separation of church and state was solely for the purpose of preventing any one denomination dominating the life of the people and thus taking away their freedom of conscience and religion, as happened in Europe.

Summary of the basic concept of GPF

1. GPF activities start with a vision of world unity based on the global family.
2. Security issues in the nation are tackled.
3. The next stage is education, giving the population the necessary skills for moral living and industrialization, and curbing corruption and bad government policies.
4. Parallel to education is ethical economic development, encouraging direct foreign investment.

Following this pattern, a country can be pulled out of poverty, eventually leading to the “equalization of blocs” that True Father spoke of.

The restored Garden of Eden is a society of abundance and equity, which is why GPF is working in the area of service and ultimately economic development. There is no better way to honour True Father than to substantiate his life’s dream. GPF is bringing down to earth with great professionalism the visions and dreams that True Father cherished. What has grown over the years is a model movement for world restoration, the kind of movement that can in future work in partnership with the UN to bind all humanity together through Godism and Familyism.