

# Seoul UPF “Peace Summit” *Providential or Reactionary?*

## Commentary by Hamish Robertson

The recent high-level UPF conference in Seoul for Korean Re-unification is about as providential as promoting UK’s re-admission into the European Union or USA’s withdrawal from NATO.



True Father spoke often about the ideal of re-unifying the two Koreas, which would be central to a re-unified world. However, it was based on the principle of Godism. After the fall of Soviet Communism in 1990, there was an opportunity to bring true Unificationism, which is Godism, to North Korea and the Communist world. True Father also gave the Peace Messages in 2005 and 2006, in order to bring unification through Godism. There was possibly a chance for Korean unification, when Lee Myung-bak, a Presbyterian and a conservative, became president of South Korea in 2008.

True Father ascended in 2012, and the situation has changed drastically since then. The present South Korean president Moon Jae-in is Korea’s equivalent to UK’s Jeremy Corbyn, though more successful than Corbyn. Under the guise of being a democrat, Moon Jae-in is really a Marxist. He wishes to reunify South Korea with North Korea and to enter the Chinese area of influence. He prefers to antagonise Japan and to reject America.

This would not have been True Father’s wish or plan. True Father was inspired by God to throw an anchor into America, and connect the Korean providence with the United States, the bulwark of Christianity in the world. That is why True Father went to USA in 1972, and devoted so much time and resources there for the rest of his life. If he had thought otherwise, he would have gone to China, which has been the inspiration of Korean cultural life and language for two thousand years. True Father knew that the safety of the heavenly providence lay with the alliance between South Korea, Japan and USA. The key to God’s kingdom lies through Jesus, not through Confucius, and certainly not Marx.



The screenshot shows the top portion of a news article from The Washington Times. The header includes the newspaper's name, a navigation menu with categories like News, Policy, Opinion, Sports, Special Reports, Podcasts, and Games, and a 'Welcome Richard' notification. The main headline reads 'EXCLUSIVE: Seoul peace summit draws comments from North Korea, Dick Cheney'. Below the headline is a photograph of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un speaking at a podium. A small caption below the photo states: 'In this undated photo taken during the period of Dec. 28 to Dec. 31, 2019, provided by the North Korean government, North Korean leader Kim Jong-un attends a Workers' Party meeting in Pyongyang, North Korea. Independent journalists were not given... more >'. The byline reads 'By Guy Taylor - The Washington Times - Wednesday, February 5, 2020'. The article text begins with 'SEOUL — Past, present and future leaders from around the globe gathered in the South Korean capital this week to call for world peace and reunification of the Korean Peninsula.'

Moon Jae-in is simply riding on the wave of the latent anti-Americanism which exists among many South Koreans. It is a fact of history that the strength of Christianity in Korea before and during the Japanese occupation was in the north of Korea, but this was destroyed by the Soviet Communist takeover in 1945. Only the US and allied forces could save South Korea in the Korean War. However, the gratitude of South Koreans towards USA has grown less and less over the seventy years or so since the Korean War. The South Korean economy is deeply entangled with China now. Many South Koreans look to China as their main partner, not America. Capitalist-cum-communist China now converges with leftist and socialist South Korea. Communist North Korea can make it a threesome. Was that True Father's vision of Korean re-unification?

If the situation has changed so radically since True Father's passing, why has chairwoman Hak Ja Han and the UPF organised this conference, at obviously huge expense? If it is not based on the principle of Godism, which is true freedom, it will pave the way into slavery. It is also strange that this conference was arranged in honour of the 100th birthday of True Father, Reverend Sun Myung Moon, when Chairwoman Han has consistently omitted any reference to her former husband in public speeches over the last few years.

It is not enough to bring well-known names to a conference. For instance, Ban Ki-moon, whilst being a South Korean, managed to lead United Nations during his term as secretary-general into a steeper decline than ever, legislating in favour of



widespread abortion and 'sexual rights', a world of freedom without responsibility. Also, why emphasise the attendance of leaders of religions which either do not believe in God or worship a plurality of gods?

Chairwoman Han and UPF are simply following the external form of True Father's peace initiatives following the downfall of Soviet

Communism in 1990. They do not have the imagination to understand how True Father would act in the present world situation, but simply waste the resources that True Father has built up. They seem oblivious to the inner directions of True Father's heart, which are always to follow God's will and 'seek His kingdom and His righteousness'. God's kingdom, Cheon il guk, cannot be made by seeking superficial popularity and making compromise with evil.

Hamish Robertson  
2/7/2020