

## UTS's webinar: Mother of Peace - Lessons in Leadership and Gratitude

Thomas Ward  
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130 participants from as far away as Korea joined the July 1, 2020 Unification Theological Seminary webinar entitled "Mother of Peace: Lessons in Leadership and Gratitude." The webinar explored this theme through the prism of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's memoir, *Mother of Peace*, which was published on May 25, 2020 and is now available through Amazon.

The program was well moderated by Mrs. Alexa Ward, Director of the United Nations Office New York and Chief Administrative Officer of Women's Federation for World Peace International. Mrs. Ward is also doing graduate study at UTS.

The webinar's first speaker, Ms. Grace Kellett, a student in the UTS Accelerated Master of Arts in Religious Studies program and Associate Director of the WFWPI office in New York, contrasted the inclusive leadership style of Mother Hak Ja Han Moon highlighted in her memoirs with the less comprehensive articulation of women's role in modern society taken by many feminists. Ms. Kellett explained how, after her own study of feminism over several years, she found that something was lacking. She found Mother Moon's approach to be a more constructive and forward-thinking approach where love and compassion are at the very center. She offered insights into the impact that this perspective can have in addressing gender issues.

Ms. Kellett was followed by Rev. Mari Curry, who noted that, in her memoirs, Mother Moon spoke about forgiveness and did so not just conceptually but through concrete life experiences. She shared of Dr. Moon's time with Rev. Sun Myung Moon in Hawaii prior to visiting North Korea together in 1991. Mother Moon noted that, through prayer and reflection, she could come to see her and her husband's one-time tormentor North Korean leader Kim Il Sung as not just a child of God but foster a parental heart towards him through her prayer.

Dr. Drissa Kone, Chair of the UTS Doctor of Ministry program, spoke of Mother Moon's remarkable attribute of patience that he uncovered in reading *Mother of Peace*. Mother Moon found the greatest meaning in her life through supporting and complementing Reverend Moon in his leadership role. Nevertheless, Dr. Kone noted that *Mother of Peace* reveals that, responding to her own sense of calling and at her husband's behest, she quietly prepared herself attitudinally and practically to assume the even more central role that she was called to assume upon the passing of her Husband.

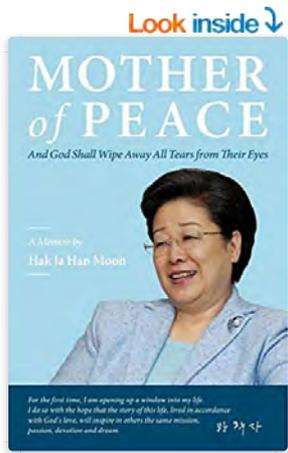
Dean Ute Delaney, Registrar and Lecturer, spoke of the clarity with which Dr. Moon states in her memoirs, "I know who I am." She points out that Dr. Moon's strength of self-understanding and her sense of calling explain her clear, decisive, and yet caring leadership.

The presentations were followed with questions and answers from the moderator and among the speakers followed by questions from members of the audience. UTS President Thomas Ward closed the evening, thanking the panelists and all who participated. He observed that this time of quarantine slows some aspects of life and fosters reflection and renewal. Mother Moon's memoirs, he added, provide insight into the meaning of this time and can point each of us toward the path of personal renewal and rebirth. *Mother of Peace* is now available on [Amazon](#).

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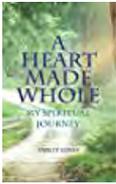
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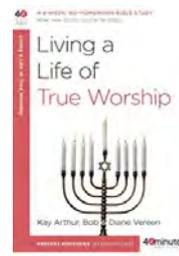
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*Mother of Peace* awakens readers on the journey of the "Only Begotten Daughter" extending parental love worldwide. A blessed exemplification of holiness in the culture of heart. - **Bishop Jesse Edwards**, *National ACLC Evangelist & Rev. Dr. Tanya Edwards*, *Co-Pastor, Pentecostal Apostolic Church, New York; National Executive Committee member of American Clergy Leadership Conference, USA*

The Father has always provided illumination in the darkest times of our lives, so we thank Him for inspiring this memoir, *Mother of Peace*, authored by His luminary, Mother Moon. This book of hope is a must-read in this trepid season! - **Bishop Noel Jones**, *Senior Pastor, City of Refuge Church, Los Angeles, California, USA*

Mother Moon is working to create a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. A world in which all people live together loving and respecting each other as brothers and sisters: one human family under God! Let us join her in this divine endeavor! Let us support this noble cause!

- **Prophet Dr. Samuel Mbiza Radebe**, *Founder of the Revelation Church of God, South Africa*

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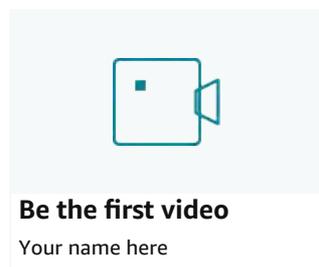
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I was so inspired reading this book. Mother Moon developed a strong faith in God as a young child--"God is my father"--and that closeness has guided her through a course of hills and valleys that continues to this day. The word "sacrifice" is mentioned throughout the book. I found that profound because faith by itself is belief within the mind, but sacrifice is putting that faith into practice daily by one's actions. Mother Moon has provided a model for self-reflection of my own faith and sacrifice to do God's Will. Thank you for this heartfelt memoir and its timely lessons for me and others, especially at this turbulent time in human history.

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★★★★★ **Read this then rise up.**

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The Mother of Peace is a powerful story of overcoming obstacles, with faith and determination. While so many in the world choose to be victims and blame others for their circumstances, Hak Ja Han shows how to take responsibility and be victorious. Her beginnings in war torn North Korea,

being raised by her mother and grandmother with deep faith, to becoming the head of a world wide movement for peace. This is an inspirational story of hope and peace which will give many people the strength to rise above their circumstances.

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★★★★★ **An all inclusive plan for Peace based on Parental love.**

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Dr. Hak Jan Han Moon lays out a proven plan for peace that is not dependent on national, religious or political affiliation. Her path was a painful one, surviving as a child refuge in war ravaged Korea, enduring the loss of 4 children and experiencing racism, criticism and religious persecution. Yet her center is always the Heavenly Parents and the experience of God's love for all people.

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 Marcia

★★★★★ **You can fill a mother's heart**

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I am just starting to read, but each page is a treasure filled with love to God and all mankind.

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★★★★★ **An intimate view into Hak Ja Han's inner voice**

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I distantly knew about Mrs. Hak Ja Han, her husband, and their impressive endeavors beneficially impacting so many people and nations. I'm only several chapters into this memoir, and it has already opened so much insight into her sincere absolute resolve to offer her life to God, even from such a young child. It also helped me gain perspective of the serious challenges she faced while growing up in a war torn Korea. I can't deny that my respect for her and her continual sacrificial efforts even at such an advanced age has deepened.

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★★★★★ **Connected With God**

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This work is an uncommon story of a most uncommon life. Any faith-based reader will not be able to put it down. Who knew that God shares the pain we feel when we consider the suffering of humankind? In fact, as Dr. Moon states, "God is our Heavenly Parent." How do you feel when your child is suffering?

The challenges this woman endured to get to where she is now - leading a worldwide faith-based peace movement - is both inspiring and awe-inducing. As the preface to the book of her movement's teachings, The Divine Principle, states, "God alone will remember it."

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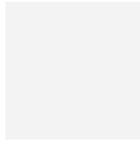
★★★★★ **Powerful**

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Great book. Very well-written. Would recommend. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is phenomenal at letting the reader into her perspective and life. She makes bold statements, I appreciate that; the world needs

more people confident in who they are that can back it up with their experience and impact. This one will really get you thinking and reflecting deeply about your own life.



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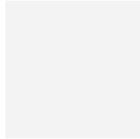
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Such a fascinating look into the life of a woman at the center of a new religion who is totally committed to her purpose of comforting the heart of God. Mother Moon's unwavering faith and relationship with God has taken her from a small village in war-torn North Korea, into a marriage with a man just as single-mindedly dedicated to God as she is. This book gives us a view into their wedding, their marriage, their relationship, and their life, as Mother Moon gave birth to 14 children, and the two of them traveled around the world on this mission, and amassed a worldwide followership/movement.

When I pick it up, the time disappears. There is no one who can tell the story of the Unification Church and Father Moon's mission from the kind of perspective that she has, and it feels surreal to be experiencing her life through this book. Highly recommend it!

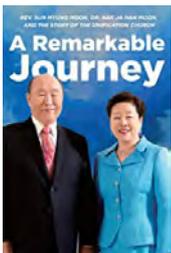


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