# The Theological Significance of True Mother

With comments regarding recent challenges to her authority

# **True Father's Mission**

- 1. Complete Jesus' unfinished work
- 2. Complete restoration through indemnity and subjugate Satan
- 3. Salvation of humankind
- 4. Foundation for God's kingdom (Cheon Il Guk)
- 5. Liberate God

# True Mother is essential to all five purposes

### 1. Complete Jesus' unfinished work

• Jesus called him to marry:

• "When I was 17 years old, Jesus came and called to me, 'Elder brother Yong Myung (용명형님).... I came here today to go with you to join the marriage." (July 16, 2012, at the founding of the Abel Women's UN)

### 1. Complete Jesus' unfinished work

- Had Jesus married, he would not have been crucified
- His marriage was to have been the starting-point of the True Parents
- God had prepared his Bride: John the Baptist's sister

### 1. Complete Jesus' unfinished work

### Marriage Feast of the Lamb

- Father: 14-year course of preparation
- Mother: 3 generations of preparation
- Establish True Mother
  - 7-year course to perfection at God's Day (1968)
- Recover the "Bride" religion and nation
  - WFWP led by True Mother took the place of worldwide Christianity (1992)

# 2. Subjugate Satan

- True Father carried the cross of restoration through indemnity
  - To recover lost Judeo-Christian foundation
- Final indemnity condition had to be made by True Mother
  - To subjugate Satan as Eve should have in the Garden
  - Adam cannot subjugate Satan by himself, because Eve was the weak point where he invaded

• Establishment of God's Day (family level)

Since a man got the victory, a woman also had to gain the victory. Mother confronted the society and nation that opposed her and overcame everything during that 7-year period.

When, for the first time in history, God and man could believe in a woman 100 percent, God's Day could be established. That was January 1, 1968... Mother and I could obtain God's seal as a true, perfected family, and we could take our position on the earth. (GWW pp. 577-8, May 1, 1981)

- Willing obedience in faith
- Not because Father explained everything
- True Mother knew because God, Daemonim and her grandmother had raised her to be that way
- Mother had her own portion of responsibility to unite with God and Father 100%
- Just as God did not explain everything to Eve in the Garden

- 180-nation speaking tour in 1996
- Basis for rapid expansion of the Blessing in 1997
- Declaration of *Chil Pal Jeol*, the Cosmic Sabbath
- 72-city Cosmic Expansion of True Families world speaking tour in 1999
- Satan surrendered to God and True Parents
  - March 21, 1999
  - Proclamation of the Liberation of the Cosmos, Americano Hotel, Pantanal, May 14, 1999

• True Father gave True Mother an award for her cosmic-level victory

Mother established the condition through the 8o-city speaking tour to make even Satan surrender to God, True Parents and humankind. Therefore we are holding a ceremony honoring this victory; it is the Ceremony for Proclaiming and Celebrating True Parents' Cosmic Victory. (June 14, 1999)

### 3. Salvation—change of lineage

- Rebirth through perfected Parents
- True Mother is absolutely required; Father alone cannot give rebirth
  - Salvation based on True Father alone is only spiritual, like Jesus' level
  - To deny Mother is to deny the very basis of salvation

### 3. Salvation—change of lineage

- How can True Parents be the progenitors of God's lineage? God and True Parents must be one
- "Vertical True Parent" and "Horizontal True Parents"
- "Parent of the Cosmos" and the "Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind"
- Complete resemblance is required

Complete resemblance between Heavenly Parent and True Parents

### • Duality

• Heavenly Parent is both Father and Mother, so there must be Father and Mother on earth

### Attributes

- Absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal
- Absolute faith, love and obedience
- Authority over heaven and earth

Complete resemblance between Heavenly Parent and True Parents

- To claim that Mother could deviate or separate from Father is to deny their resemblance to God:
  - Duality
  - Attributes
  - Absolute faith, love and obedience
  - Authority over heaven and earth
- Tantamount to denying that True Parents can be progenitors of God's lineage

### Starting point of God's lineage

 Only when the vertical Parent and the horizontal Parents harmoniously join together centered on true love can this place of convergence of firmly established love become the origin of life and the connection to God's lineage. People born from that place are sons and daughters born in God's love, who can live for eternity with God's lineage. CSG (2006) 791-92

- By the logic of lineage
- True Parents are the unique starting-points of God's lineage on earth
  - Root of the new, unfallen humanity
  - They must stand in the position of God's only-begotten Son and Daughter
  - They must experience that reality from birth, childhood, betrothal, marriage, parenthood

### • By Mother's experience

- Daemonim told in a dream: "The child is the Lord's daughter, and you are her nursemaid"
- Satan attacked Daemonim, trying to kill Mother
- Heo Ho-bin's mother blessed Mother at age 6: "You are Heaven's Bride"
- Daemonim raised her with awareness of her special position

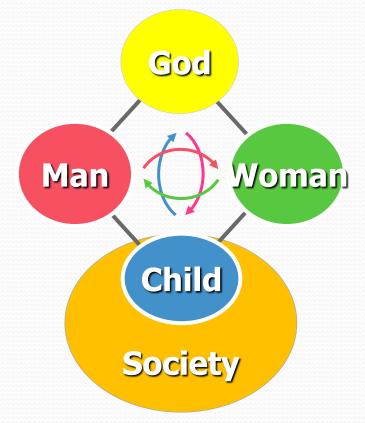
About one month after my birth, my mother had a dream. Kim Seong-do of the New Jesus Church appeared to her in white clothes on a white cloud, and said, "Sun-ae, you must have worried a lot about your baby. But don't you worry. She is the daughter of the Lord, and you are like her nursemaid. Make sure to nurse her and raise her well." (CBG 2.4.1, #1)

- "No original sin?"
- A Christian concept
  - The virgin birth
- Conditional at birth, confirmed at the Holy Wedding
- Applies to Father and Mother both

# 4. Foundation for God's Kingdom

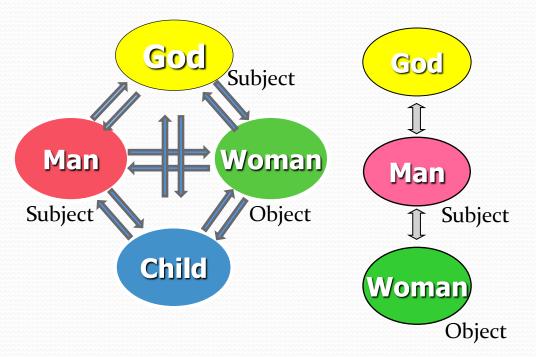
### Four-position foundation

- True Parents' marriage is eternal
- The starting-point for expansion to the kingdom
- The basis for our hope for eternal life
- To see True Mother has as having separated from True Father is to deny the basis of the Kingdom on earth



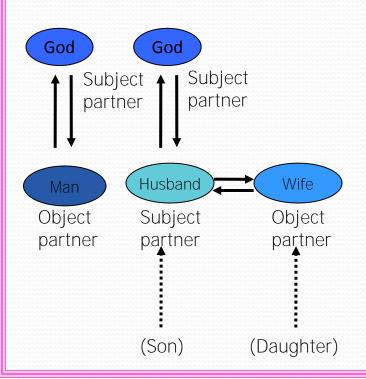
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- True Mother has her own direct channel to God
  - Guidance from True Father, also directly from God
  - Relates to the feminine side of God—Heavenly Mother
  - To view her as only a follower of Father is a Christian paradigm; ignorant of the four-position foundation



## What's the Issue Here?

### Tref3」 The fulfillment of the True Family Ideal



① The husband in the subject position unites with God, the subject partner, and then completes the wife.

(2) The wife in the object position unites with her husband, the subject partner, and completes the husband.

③ The husband and wife were born as sons and daughters. They grow and perfect by attending their parents.

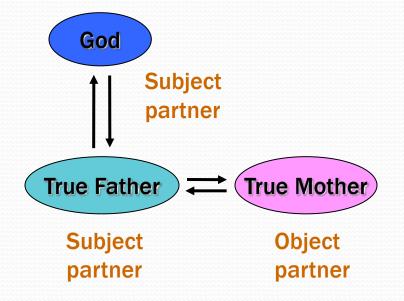
(4) Therefore, the husband must attend his wife as he attends his mother and the wife must attend her husband as she attends her father...

#### Source: Original Divine Principle

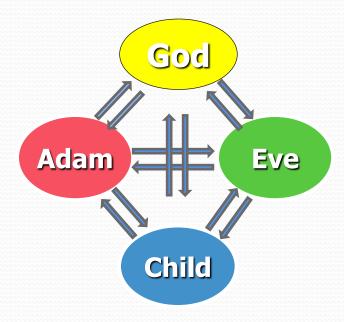
Confusion between the Principle of Creation and Restoration

### In Restoration

- Jesus restored position of Adam
- Father relates to God on Jesus' foundation
- Father raised Mother
  - 20 years younger
- Her way to God was through Father



Confusion of Principle of Creation and Restoration



### Principle of Creation

- Adam and Eve both have relationship to God
  - Adam to God's original masculinity
  - Eve to God's original femininity
- Women need integrity in their own relationship to God
  - How else can they have a wholesome partnership with their men?

### Respect Mother's direction as from God

- Her own direct connection with God
- In constant communication with Father
- Her directions have God's support as well as Father's support on matters such as:
  - The new Cheon Seong Gyeong and the 3 CIG Scriptures
  - God as Heavenly Parent
  - Liturgical innovations

# 4. Foundation for God's Kingdom

- True Father and True Mother each represent half of humankind
  - Father victorious in restoring man's dominion
  - Mother striving to restore woman's dignity
- Mother, representing womankind, carries a heavy cross
  - Eve's sin
  - Women's denigration by men

### Mother's Cross for Womankind

 At the Ceremony for Proclaiming and Celebrating True Parents' Cosmic Victory, Father declared Mother's position equal to that of Father

I will proclaim this to heaven and earth... From now on, Mother stands in a position equal to my own. The age of the equality of man and woman has **come**. (June 14, 1999)

### Mother's Cross for Womankind

- True Mother made the condition herself
- Restored the dignity of Eve

Through the Rally for the Advancement of the Globalization of the True Family in 80 cities around the world, **True Mother won the supreme victory over the highest level of Satan's world.** She attained this position based upon recognition by God, Satan and all people that she had fulfilled her responsibility as the True Mother.... She can occupy... the precious position of Eve whose mistake in front of Adam has been restored. (CBG 12-4-3, 8)

## Mother's Cross for Womankind

- Women's denigration by men continues:
  - Cultures that relegate women to the domestic sphere
  - Religions that privilege men as closer to God
  - Scriptures written by men from a male point of view
  - Language that is subtly male-centric
  - Women's lack of relationship to God's feminine side
    - "Bride of Christ" is not enough

# Let Mother be Mother

- Not a cookie-cutter duplicate of Father
  - Our expectation of the Messiah should not be based solely on a male model
  - Mother's character and leadership style may be different

# God designed masculine and feminine to be complementary

### Masculine Sungsang

- Will:
  - Determination to push forward
- Intellect:
  - Problem-solving
  - Goal-oriented
- Emotion:
  - Enthusiasm
  - Pride in achievement

### Feminine Sungsang

- Will:
  - Create harmony
  - Tend to relationships
- Intellect:
  - Sharing and discussion
  - Sensitivity to environment
- Emotion:
  - Compassion
  - Nurturing

### Masculine and Feminine Leadership

### Masculine Leadership

- Goal-oriented
- Charismatic and enthusiastic speaker
- Gives directions and expects obedience
- Encourages achievement and competition
- Rush ahead despite hardships

### Feminine Leadership

- Team-oriented
- Says little and looks to others to respond
- Promotes discussion to share ownership
- Nurtures growth in second generation
- Consolidates and lives frugally

# Let Mother be Mother

- Not simply Father's object partner
  - Mother's position > wife's position
    - Men are Mother's children, not husbands who can judge Mother as if she were their wife
  - In the mother-child relationship, mother is the subject partner
  - To children, father and mother are **co-authoritative subject partners**

# 5. Liberate God

- To fulfill the purpose of creation, God needs object partners
- Who must resemble God by having:
  - Emotion, so God can share His heart
  - Intellect, to know God's situation
  - Will, to exercise free choice as co-creators
- They must co-create that reality
  - 5-percent human portion of responsibility

# 5. Liberate God

- Mother, as God's object partner, must be a co-creator with God
- Father cannot instruct her; she has to figure things out for herself
  - Just as Father had to come to the Principle for himself
  - Mother has to be able to say, "Father didn't teach me" to be True Mother

- Proclamation: "When we pray, we need to address God as our Heavenly Parent" (CSG 12.4.3, 38, January 7, 2013)
- Haneul Bumo: "Heavenly Father and Mother"
- True Mother opened the door for Heavenly Mother to manifest to Her children

- True Father was aware of this issue: Wolli Wonbon
  - When we know God and attend Him as our Father, and likewise when we know God and attend Her as our Mother, that is the time when the ideal of re-creation will commence on earth. We must know when this time is. We must have the experience of finding our Father and Mother once and for all. (55-56)

 True Father was aware of this issue: Wolli Wonbon
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The Spirit Selves of Those Who Attend God Only as Heavenly Father Live Incomplete Lives

• People continue relating to God, the Creator of heaven and earth, only as their Father. This is due to the Fall, which caused human beings to be imperfect (645)

- True Father was aware of this issue: Wolli Wonbon
  - Throughout human history we have related to God only as our Father and not as our Mother. We have not even thought about why God had to become the Father, but not the Mother. Further, we have not even considered that the fundamental meaning of God is as our Parent our Father and Mother. *How can we even fathom the pain and bitterness of God...* (278)

- True Father was aware of this issue: Wolli Wonbon
  - God must be inaugurated as the Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother. Only then can we begin the ideal family as God's children. (278)
- Peace among the children requires the Mother's active involvement

- Why did Father leave this portion of the Principle to be proclaimed by Mother?
- For the dignity of Eve and womankind
- Mother's position to know Heavenly Mother, as she is Her embodiment on earth

Mother liberated God by officiating at Foundation Day

- Foundation Day of CIG was the absolute victory
- God is liberated to work everywhere in the world
  - Beyond the constraints of restoration through indemnity
- True Mother stood as True Parents on earth to proclaim Foundation Day
- With absolute faith despite Father's passing

# After Foundation Day

- God is beyond the constraints of restoration through indemnity
- Can bring unity through heart and love
- God's sovereignty is becoming ever more apparent in the world
- Vestiges of evil are being exposed, for judgment
- God needs us to co-create the new world and restrain the evils of the old world

# After Foundation Day

- Cutting-edge of the providence is the liberation and elevation of women
- Mother's providential role is crucial for this time
- We should defend her against those who, in cutting her down, are standing against the providence