

FFWPU USA: 32nd Anniversary of True Parents' Visit to North Korea

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"Seeking the shortest path to a world of peace, I devoted myself to inspiring change in the political process and to changing people's ways of thinking," True Father wrote in his autobiography, *As A Peace-Loving Global Citizen* (2009). "I met then-President Kim Il Sung of North Korea for a serious discussion on how to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula."

This year marks the 32nd anniversary of a landmark trip to North Korea where True Parents met with former leader Kim Il Sung. At the invitation of the North Korean government, True Parents embarked on an unprecedented weeklong visit to Pyongyang from November 30 through December 6, 1991. True Father recalled in his autobiography the great significance of his meeting with President Kim - which followed a meeting with former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev - and the imminent fall of communism.

"I knew that when the Soviet Union collapsed, most other communist regimes in the world would also

fall," True Father wrote. "North Korea would find itself forced into a corner, and there was no telling what provocation it might commit."

"North Korea's obsession with nuclear weapons made the situation even more worrisome," he continued. "To prevent a war with North Korea, we needed a channel to talk to its leadership, but we had no such channel at that point. Somehow, I needed to meet President Kim and receive his commitment not to strike first against South Korea."

It felt like an impossible goal, but after continuous prayer and devotion True Parents were invited personally by Chairman Kim Il Sung to visit North Korea. True Mother writes of the spiritual preparations she and True Father made leading up to their visit in her memoir, *Mother of Peace* (2020). It would be the first time True Parents returned to their homeland in over 40 years.

"Before setting foot in North Korea, we had to resolve any painful feelings knotted up in our hearts," True Mother wrote. "We had to forgive Kim Il Sung, whose regime had hurt the nation and the world, not to mention our extended family and ourselves. If we had thought of him only as our enemy, we could not have forgiven him. Only in the position of parents, only with the heart of his mother, could I forgive. To save her son sentenced to death, a mother will even seek to change the laws of her country. That is what the maternal heart is like. What that heart, I pledged to forgive my enemy."

Despite years fraught with Japanese occupation, imprisonment, and the subsequent division of his beloved homeland, True Father and True Mother remained hopeful for a peaceful reunified Korea - the key to peace flourishing globally.

"The Korean Peninsula is a scaled-down version of the world," True Father wrote. "If blood were shed on the Korean Peninsula, it would be shed in the world. If reconciliation occurred on the peninsula, there would be reconciliation in the world. If the peninsula were unified, this would bring about unification in the world."

True Father also noted he was "not going to the house of my enemy, but rather, that of my homeland and that of my brother," and stated that the Korean people should never again engage in a war against one another.

"We identified with Jacob offering everything he had, going at the risk of his life to meet with his brother Esau, who intended to kill him," True Mother recalls. "... To change an enemy into a friend is truly impossible without the heart of a sincere parent."

True Parents' historic trip to North Korea included visits to Kumgang Mountain on December 3, True Father's hometown of Jeongju on December 5, and meeting with then-President Kim at Jusuk Palace in Majeon, Hamheung, on December 6. The two exchanged a letter of agreement for peaceful unification based on a joint statement that contained 10 articles regarding key points such as hosting a North Korean - South Korean summit meeting, a peaceful resolution to the issue of North Korea's nuclear armament, and organizing a reunion between millions of separated Korean family members.

You can learn more about True Parent's visit to North Korea in True Father's autobiography available [here](#) and in True Mother's memoir available [here](#).


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Reverend Sun Myung Moon’s autobiography shares stories of his family and childhood and his calling from God. The early years of the Unification Church, the expansion to an international ministry, and the importance of global wedding ceremonies are all explained in first-hand accounts. Rev. Moon’s love for nature, his deep respect for all people, and his single-minded determination to see God’s ideal realized are central themes in *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*.

"My encounter with Jesus changed my life completely. His sorrowful expression was etched into my heart as if it had been branded there, and I could not think of anything else. From that day on, I immersed myself completely in the Word of God.

At times, I was surrounded by endless darkness and filled with such pain that it was difficult to breathe. At other times, my heart was filled with joy, as though I were watching the morning sun rise above the horizon. I embraced new words of truth that Jesus was giving me directly and let myself be completely captivated by God. I began to live an entirely different life. I had many things to think about, and I gradually became a boy of few words.

Anyone who follows the path of God must pursue his goal with his whole heart and total dedication. It requires a steadfastness of purpose. At times, I felt I would rather avoid the path. A wise person will place hope in the future and continue to move forward, no matter how difficult it may be. A foolish person, on the other hand, will throw away his future for the sake of immediate happiness. I, too, at times held foolish thoughts when I was still very young, but in the end I chose the path of the wise person. I gladly offered up my life in order to pursue the way God desired. I could not have run away if I tried; this was the only way I could have chosen."

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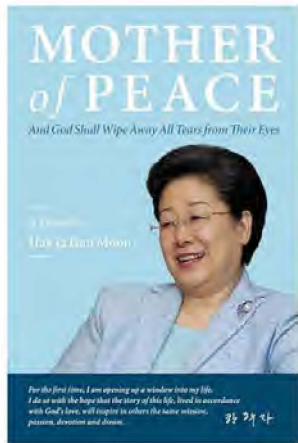
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This inspiring memoir reveals the Divine heart within our beloved True Mother, the only begotten Daughter, and describes her true love in building the Holy Community on earth. -- Dr. Luonne Abram Rouse, National Co-Chairman, ACLC & Minister Marie L. Rouse

Mother Moon is bringing God's message to the world, and works to help marriages and families survive during these troubled times, bringing all nations and religions together to achieve world peace. -- Hon. Dan Burton, U.S. House of Representatives, (1983-2013); International Co-Chairman, IAPP & Dr. Samia Burton, M.D.

Mother Moon's memoir is one of a life lived in total devotion to God and humanity. It comes at a time when our fragmented world is in dire need for a comprehensive view of world peace. This book is a must-read for all. -- H.E. Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, GCFR President, Nigeria (2009-2015), Chair, International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) Africa

Mother Moon's endless work for peace is an example to follow, especially her constant struggle for preserving the traditional family unit, teaching our children moral and spiritual values and putting God, love and peace at the center of our everyday life. -- Hon. Maria Fernanda Flores, First Lady, Nicaragua (1999-2002)

We politicians don't always succeed in fulfilling our commitments. Dr. Moon is not a politician; she is a private person. Thus, she could have chosen a very comfortable life; however, she chose to act. -- H.E. Dalia Itzik, President (2007), Israel

The book is a must read for all who are advocates for a peaceful world. It comes at a time when our fragmented world is in dire need for a comprehensive view of world peace. -- H.E. Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, GCFR President, Nigeria (2009-2015); Chairman, International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) Africa

Dr. Moon's initiatives bring together all the actors of the international community and of social and family life around the ideals of peace, harmony and shared prosperity. She is truly recognized as the mother of peace. -- H.E. Brigi Rafini, Prime Minister and Head of the Government of Niger

During these extraordinary times when divisiveness, hate, and a climate of fear threaten global unity and international discourse, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is a beacon of hope to those who continue to believe that long-lasting peace is an attainable goal and not just a dream. -- H. E. Leni Robredo, Vice President of the Philippines

For many years, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has been motivated by a deep heart and wonderful impulse of generosity, and has dedicated much time and effort to contribute to peace and the welfare of humankind. She has a unique ability to care for people while also bringing comfort to others to build a community of love and solidarity. -- H.E. President Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal

Unique to Dr. Moon's vision is her appreciation for the contribution of faith leaders and Godly principles as cornerstones in the foundations for peace. What has been most special in this work over the years is the intentional effort to bring heads of state and members of parliaments together with faith leaders and break through racial and cultural barriers to see the policies that are possible. -- Hon. Matt Salmon, U.S. Representative of Congressional Delegation, American States University US House of Representatives (2009-2021 and 2023-2025)

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Dr. Moon has been a role model for women around the globe as she has worked for world peace. Her dedication to re-establishing the family as the most important building block of strong and peaceful societies may be her most important and lasting legacy. -- **Hon. Ellen Sauerbrey**, former Assistant Secretary of US State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration

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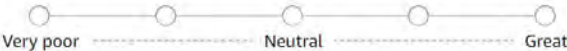
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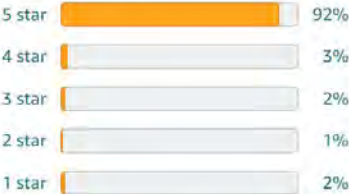
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This book "Mother of Peace" has brought me the understanding and the feeling of how our God is working in our time and how He has raised up people of faith to take His work of salvation to a higher dimension and becoming a living example, a textbook for us to read, to follow and the ladder for everyone to climb up to become the people that He needs at this time.


There are heights never achieved by anyone in history other than those that have been raised and taught by God Himself. These were raised to be the ones to guide us all through the path of restoration.

Recognizing the people of God is the most important thing at this time. They are the ones to bring forth the keys to open the doors that have been closed to us since the human fall. It says in Revelations 10:11 You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.

This book has inspired me so much!

Thank you Mother of Peace!

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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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I loved True Mother's devout faith as she walked on this course of loneliness to accomplish God's Will

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This memoir follows the remarkable, real-life journey of arguably one of the greatest peacemakers of our time. How is it that a young girl, growing up in a quiet and humble village in what is now North Korea, could find herself some seven decades later meeting with heads of state and addressing huge gatherings at arenas and stadiums around the world? This is a story of unfathomable vision, self-sacrifice and determination. As you read through this book you may find yourself asking, how on earth could any human being sustain such a high level of commitment to creating peace in the world despite the many setbacks, widespread opposition and agonizing personal tragedies. My conclusion is that this could only be possible where there is a love for God and for this world that is also, unfathomable.

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History is filled with women of note.

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I look forward to a second memoir from her.

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Do a Google search for Women Peacemakers 21st Century and you will find a list of Nobel Peace Prize winners and "Seven women peacemakers who should be on your radar." But you won't find Hak Ja Han Moon on any of those lists. After reading her Memoir you will have to ask yourself why? In her Memoir she talks of escaping from North Korea during the Korean War as a young girl with her mother and experiencing firsthand the horrors of war. Today at 77 She is known by Heads of State, Religious leaders, Economic leaders and Scientists on every Continent. She has emerged as a major force in the cause for World Peace. Nobel Women's Initiative take note! An intriguing, inspiring, heart-breaking, and heart-warming read.

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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 me 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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This is treasure for humanity now and for ever, both on Hearth and in Heaven.

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Mother Moon as she is affectionately known leads us gently into an understanding of her life and mission. I see so many similarities with the life of Rev Sun Myung Moon her husband as well, her deep love of nature, her intense spiritual training, her gradual awakening to her true value in her relationship with her Heavenly Father. Her vibrant and deep relationship with God is surely the source of her spiritual courage and true love. In more recent years she expressed that she was God's only begotten daughter as her relationship and communication with her parent God is so deep and natural. She draws us all into this realization that we all have this potential to be filled with God's spirit and essence as well. All human beings can have this profound understanding of their value as God's children and that we can have a beautiful relationship with our God who is our Parent. God does not need to be distant and all mighty but is as close to us as our husband or wife, our parents and our children. This is my initial review and commentary having only read the early chapters of this memoir. I am sure that i will find further insights and realizations as I delve deeper into this memoir 'the mother of peace'. I wholeheartedly recommend this book to others.

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For anyone who looks for a role model or hope in their life.

This is a must read. Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon is the women who has created uncountable organizations of peace, as well as hosting peace conference. She is leading the world towards peace and is a true role model to all of us.
If we would all just practice a little more of the values she resembles - living for the sake of others - the world would truly be a better place !

I really loved this book and all the work she does ! I can only recommend it !

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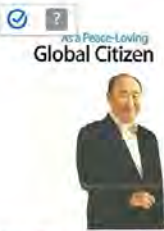
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