

My 1996 spiritual experience with True Mother Hak Ja Han Moon in Montreal

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In 1996, True Mother came to Canada in Montreal on Wednesday October 9, 1996 at the Marriott Chateau Champlain in downtown Montreal to give a speech titled, "True Parents and True Family".

I was on security duty for this event. The day following the event, True Mother had time to spare as her flight was leaving late in the afternoon. We went to Saint-Sauveur, a ski resort area in the Laurentians about 40 minutes north of Montreal. After enjoying the view of the mountains and the fall colors, we stopped at her favorite donut shop, Dunkin Donuts. We then went back towards Montreal and stopped at a prestigious shopping center in Town of Mount-Royal. She gifted all the brothers with a tie, and the sisters with a scarf, all personally selected by her. What a privilege!

Then we were off to the airport, and in the waiting lounge we were standing in a circle with True Mother. I was trying not to look straight into her eyes out of deference and respect. At one point I lifted my eyes, and her eyes went in my direction, so here I found myself for a millisecond looking straight into the eyes of True Mother, I was somewhat uncomfortable and slightly embarrassed but also excited for this moment of intimacy as she was no more than 10 feet in front of me. As this happened, I felt as if a flash of light came through her and into me. It felt as if God was scanning my spiritual being and assessing my situation.

Following this experience, I came to the realisation that I should go to Portugal to go and meet the sister I had been blessed with and personally matched with directly by True Father in Korea in 1989. However after 7 years this relationship was completely stalemated. We were incapable of creating a relationship. It was as if 2 protons were trying in earnest to create a molecule. We had tried everything; I had gone twice to the Czech Republic where she was a missionary for a few months at a time. I had been in Portugal many months and even learned to communicate beginner level in Portuguese. She came to Canada to visit. But still our relationship was very uncomfortable and we didn't even go so far as to hold hands. To make a long story short, I was inspired that I should fly to Portugal and meet her to ask her one more time if she was willing to come to Canada. That's exactly what I did. She said no. So I continued our conversation cordially and went back to our respective places for the night. The following day I went to meet the national leader of Portugal Dr. Avelino Rodrigues and I submitted to him my letter to express my decision to put an end to this blessing. It was one of the most difficult decisions I had taken in my life.

I went back to Canada with a mixture of emotions, but in spite of doing something seemingly in contradiction with everything I believed in and was committed to since joining the Unification movement January 1st 1979, I felt strongly in my heart and spirit that God was behind me and accompanying me.

I had no idea that at that moment a Filipino sister was on her way to Canada, and that just a few months later I would be introduced to her with the support of our national leader Franco Famularo and our National messiah Chae Hee Lee, to be married and blessed together. We just celebrated 22 yours of blessed marriage. I am happier than I have ever been in my life.

God works in mysterious ways. Thank you True Mother!