

Truth In The Unification Church

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On October 31 of 1972, I met my spiritual father Regis Hanna at the University of Washington where he was giving a lecture titled; "Life in the World Unseen".

On November 10, I was invited to come to the Seattle Tacoma airport to greet Reverend and Mrs. Moon (whom members of the church called True Parents). When I got there, since no one was sitting across from Mrs. Won Pak Choi; I simply went and sat in that empty seat.

Listening to Regis, I stayed after his talk to tell him why there were many points I disagreed with him. While I was seated in front of True Father, True Mother and Mrs. Choi; I realized there was a lot of things about both the church and True Father that many members were not aware of, and that may never be aware of.



Second gen became the first generation to realize that would be true.

One thing is people reading the words of someone you have never met or been with in person. Another thing is being able to be with the person who wrote those words from 1972 till 1992.

Minutes after I was matched in 1979 by True Father; I realized that the world that my future wife had lived before she joined the church was completely different from mine before the church. My wife's parents were Jews from England. My parents were Catholics from Puerto Rico. She had been a hippie and had dropped out of college. I was a son of diplomats, was a singer, dancer, designer, stage director working on my Masters degree.

It was then that I also realized that the 7 years my future wife had lived in the church, had nothing whatsoever to do with my seven years in the church. All my wife knew about the church was her life on MFT.

Two months after I met the church, I was helping to prepare the house True Father would be staying at during his stay in Seattle where he would be holding True Father's 'Day Of Hope Tour'. After the third night of Fathers speech I was invited to a McDonalds where True Father was meeting with member who

had helped with Father's event in Seattle. Colonel Pak stood up and told everyone that an opera singer was now going to sing for True Father. I had no idea who that my be. Regis pointed at me. After I sang "The Impossible Dream", True Father asked me to sing one more song. I sand "Tonight" from West Side Story. When I finished singing True said something to Colonel Pak and Colonel Pak stood up and said:

"True Father has just informed me that he will creating "The Celebration of life Tour" where I (Colonel Pak) will be the main speaker and I. will be the lead tenor." After I finished the tour; True Father gave me a full scholarship to return to the University to finish my Masters and Doctoral work there. I had only been in the church 8 months; had never been on MFT; and had never been to a 7 day workshop. Seven years later when I got matched; I still had not been a day on MFT, nor had ever gone to a 7 day workshop.

After eight years of marriage and three children; my wife and I separated, and three years later we got our divorce. My wife remained dedicated to Women's Federation with Family Federation, and I remained close friends with some who had left the church and a handful of church members who some are part of Family Fed and others are part of Sanctuary Church. My relationship with my spiritual father dissolved into nothing to have to do with each other; and my three children became part of the second gen generation that refused to be matched and or blessed and want nothing to do with Family Fed or Sanctuary Church.

When I met my spiritual father I did not see him as a member of anything. I saw him as a man with an opinion about things. When I began hearing about True Father and his speeches which were called, 'Master Speaks'; many members asked why I did not like hearing True Father be called MASTER. I simply would answer: "I am nobody's slave." "I see True Father as the father I never had; nothing more and nothing less."

No one can take away the actual memories someone has lived.

No one can erase the truth that is your own.

When I was a member of the Unification Church; most members and leaders didn't believe I was a member because I had never been apart of what was then called "The Formula Course" - Three years on MFT, three years witnessing, and three years..... I can't believe that was so long ago that I can't even remember what the third part was. It doesn't really matter because I was never a part of any regular church team or group. I was considered part of Performing Arts; but I really wasn't. I was attending the University and working with professional theater, musical and Opera Companies in the United States, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

People outside of the church never believed I was (what we were back then called) a "Moonie" because my life had nothing to do with "Moonies" people met witnessing or on MFT.

In New York I was part of Performing Arts; but not part of the members who were using drugs with Hyo Jin Nim.



I remember having arguments with members and or church leaders who claimed that in the kingdom of heaver there would be no ballet with men dressed in tights because True Father was against homosexuality and dancing. Everyone who said that had not met Hoon Sook; Colonel Pak's daughter who had been part of the Little Angels, became a prima ballerina; and for whom True Father later created the Universal Ballet Company.