

Building a Culture of Hyo Jeong

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The inaugural assembly of the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace will take place in Thailand, where True Love outreach has been very successful. In one province, to fit all the young people who wanted to make the Pure Love Pledge required a stadium.

The International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP) will play a key role in building Cheon Il Guk because the root cause of the human fall was a youth problem. Adam and Eve were teenagers when the Fall occurred. Restoration, therefore, will require the vision and energy of youth in order to set a new standard and create a culture of true love. This is primarily the responsibility of young people and is the mission of IAYSP. We often say the human fall was the misuse of love. However, before Adam and Eve misused love, they lost their vertical alignment with God. They lost hyo jeong, or filial heart. This becomes crystal clear when reading the account of the Fall in the Bible.

God gave the commandment, "Do not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil..." True Father unlocked the meaning of the symbolism in this story. It means that Adam and Eve should not have had any sexual relationship at this time because they were still growing toward perfection; that is, they were immature and not blessed in marriage by God.

But what was Adam and Eve's response? According to the Bible, God was talking to his children on several occasions. He gave them his blessing to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion (Gen. 1.28). Now after devoting millions of years to the Creation, and after investing everything in his beloved son and daughter so they would be in the image of God, our Heavenly Parent was giving his children a directive for the first time. He was giving them responsibility. This is obviously very important in the timing, content, and especially in the response from Adam and Eve.

The commandment "Do not eat..." contains within it so many significant elements: the very essence of God's love and the purpose of creation, human being's 5 percent portion of responsibility, Adam and Eve's identity and value, their relationship with God, as well as their protection during the growing period. In addition, inside the commandment is the basis and model of true love, which would expand to create ideal families, societies and nations ultimately developing into a world of peace. Just "Do not eat." Just wait a little longer.

Although God gave the commandment, he was more interested in Adam and Eve's response. Our Heavenly Parent was yearning to hear how they would respond. They should say something. They might even have asked a question like, "Why not eat?" Jesus taught we needed to ask, seek and knock because on that foundation it would be given, we could find and doors would open. (Mt. 7.7) But how did Adam and Eve respond? What did they say?

Nothing! There was only silence!

This is the beginning of the Fall. Adam and Eve said nothing. They did not reply. Instead, the next person they are talking to is Lucifer. There is a lot of give-and-take between Lucifer and Eve, but no communication between God and our first human ancestors -- just deadly silence.

An essential part of hyo jeong is communication. It is critical. (It is also essential to the relationship

between husband and wife.) But in the Fall story, God is speaking and the response from our first human ancestors is silence. This is not a record of any give-and-take action between our Creator and his children. As a result, the filial heart, hyo jeong, between God and his children was lost. This is the root of the human fall. The misuse of love was devastating because with it our lineage changed. But the misuse of love is only the consequence of the loss of vertical alignment, or hyo jeong.

True Mother's emphasis on hyo jeong is crucial for fulfilling Vision 2020 and building Cheon Il Guk. Therefore, the mission statement of the IAYSP, as I see it, is simple: To create a culture of hyo jeong among youth and students of the world today.

Launching on a good foundation

IAYSP is planning its inaugural assembly for Bangkok, Thailand, in a few months. The foundation of Pure Love education in Thailand is one of the best in the world. Government education officers fully support these programs. In Buriram, one province of Thailand, five thousand youth filled half a soccer stadium to take the Pure Love Pledge at the end of last year. The governor, who attended the program, said afterward that they will fill the entire stadium next time because the educational material was the best he ever heard and was so desperately needed today to give proper guidance to precious young people.

Just two days ago in the same province, a one-day Pure Love teachers-training program was conducted. Mr. Jakrin Iamsam-ang, the Pure Love project director for Thailand, gave four powerful presentations. There are sixty-six high schools in this province; fifty-two schools sent representatives to attend the training. The chief district education officer, the deputy director of schools and the student council teacher administrator for the entire province all attended. At the end of the program, the deputy director of schools said, "You are doing much more than just preventing a problem, you are re-creating people. When people are re-created, the nation will be re-created!"

Just a few days ago, the first president of WFWP-Thailand, Mrs. Delia C. Javanasundara, who is a Filipino blessed to a Thai brother, passed into the spiritual world after years of suffering. The regional president and special emissary for Asia, Dr. Chung-sik Yong, called this a national- and regional-level sacrifice. Prof. Yeon Ah Moon sent a letter of recognition. Asian leaders understand this as an internal offering allowing Heaven's blessing to come to Thailand and Asia at this time.

Using the foundation of the Universal Peace Federation and the Women's Federation for World Peace (having special and general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, respectively) we are planning to have the inaugural IAYSP assembly at the office of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. This is the UN's third largest building complex and it is responsible for both the Asia and the Pacific regions.

We are now starting to plan the assembly, for which twelve thousand youth and students will receive Pure Love education and take a public pledge to remain pure until they are married (something that Adam and Eve should have done). There will be a three-day leadership conference for the Asia, Pacific and Greater China regions. Of course, we will invite Korea, Japan and the US along with other nations, too. More specifically, we will extend invitations to government ministers of education from all of these nations. We will also invite student leaders and religious leaders. When this proposal went to True Mother, she upped the ante and said we need to add a cultural program. It will be and it will be centered on hyo jeong.