

Treatise on the Teachings of the Sanctuary Church - Part 6

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Part 6: Establishment of Radically New Ceremonies Never Recognized or Referenced By True Father

The Sanctuary Church (SC) often promulgates complaints about True Mother (Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon) that address actions that could be classified as an adjustment of current customs, but not completely new ceremonies. For example, she has been accused of sitting in a chair normally reserved for True Father (TF); changing the wording of the family pledge; producing an edited volume of TF's speeches; adding her name to the blessing rings; reducing her emphasis on the Bible; uplifting the Han lineage; replacing some photos of True Father in the palace; selling some historical properties and giving away historical gifts; promoting the name Heavenly Parent over invoking the name Heavenly Father; and producing new holy wine and holy salt.

Several of the more lurid accusations leveled by the Sanctuary Church have been shown to be misleading. For example, the oft-promoted SC assertion that True Mother was teaching that the Fall occurred between Adam and the Archangel (AA) proved to be a misinterpretation of a simple result-of-the-Fall diagram that Rev. Sudo and other lecturers have been using for 30 years. The diagram shows that Adam has fallen under the dominion of the AA and that Adam also has dominated Eve. To claim that TM is teaching, or in any way would authorize, that the Fall was between Adam and the AA, and then between Adam and Eve, is a complete falsehood.

Some of the SC accusations are considered by mainstream members to be overblown (True Father and True Mother often sat in each other's chairs, and TF has directly said that TM represented him even when she was alone), or were things that TF did or spoke about (the term "Heavenly Parent," giving away of historical gifts, changing of the pledge, producing new holy salt and wine and candles, editing of texts, permission to sell historical properties, giving speeches that did not emphasize the Bible, etc.). In general, the fact that such things are being done by True Mother has the theological authority from True Father's words:

- 1) "Even when I am alone, I represent True Parents. And the same goes for Mother. When she is alone, she represents True Parents. (CBG 12-4-3 3, 1990. 03. 27).
- 2) "The responsible person of the Unification church is not Hyung Jin nor Kook Jin. On the top of Hyung Jin there is Mother, and on the top of her, there is Father. Do you understand? Do not forget this. An order starts from one." Mongolia is the origin of Korean ancestors. April 4, 2011, Hoon Dok Hae, Cheon Jeong Gung

On the other hand, the Sanctuary Church has been engaged in several radically new ceremonies with no foundation in True Father's own history of ceremonies. These go beyond those SC actions that might themselves be considered analogous to the SC claims about True Mother (For example, SC photoshopped True Mother out of a historical ceremony; SC produced a calendar with only True Father, HJN, and Kook Jin Nim and no True Mother; SC promotes a rigid view that does not allow editing of errors or repetition in texts; SC essentially criticizes True Father's theology as ditheism when the SC denounces the use of the terms Heavenly Parent(s) and Heavenly Mother, which were utilized by True Father).

Among the totally new traditions created by the Sanctuary Church are the following:

- 1) Full immersion baptism. On several occasions, HJN has held full-immersion baptisms for the Sanctuary Church members, a practice that did not originate with True Father and is outside normal unification tradition.
- 2) Knighthood ceremony. According to multiple reports, in 2015 Hyung Jin Nim conducted a Knighthood Ceremony. During this ceremony, a select group of SC members were "knighted" and given the title of "Sir" and "Dame" and were presented with a Kahr Arms handgun. In a ceremony held in secret, and continuing to be shrouded in secrecy, the members reportedly pledged their fealty to their King and made a secret pledge to the King as well.
- 3) Bequeathing Ceremony. In 2015, HJN conducted a ceremony in which he has his wife bow down to their son, Moon Shin Joon, and pledge that upon Hyung Jin Nim's passing, she would recognize his son as being the King and authority figure, with her role limited to that of support to the new King. This also fits with the constitution they produced, in which it is stated:

“The King of CIG is the head of state of the United States of CIG. The Kingship is bequeathed from the Lord of the Second Advent Moon Sun Myung to his son Moon Hyung Jin as second King and then to Moon Shin Joon as third King. The Kingship will be bequeathed henceforth to a son of the presiding King. If the King has no son then the Kingship will be bequeathed to a male heir within the direct lineage of Moon Hyung Jin.”

Neither the ceremony, nor the recognition of the lesser status of the position of True Mother relative to male heirs, nor the inheritance of authority being restricted only to male heirs, had ever been done or stated by True Father. Indeed, True Father had said in a leader’s meeting that all of his children were eligible to succeed True Parents – he did not say only his male children.

Ironically, Hyung Jin Nim’s being referred to as King goes against his own words from not that long ago:

“What we want to be very clear, there is no new king, I said that from the very beginning when I was inaugurated as an international president, I said there is no new king, I’m not the new king, don’t even expect it, and don’t ask me to do it, I’m not it, so there is no king. What is very clear for us is that True Parents are the eternal kings, they’re the eternal center, theologically that’s very important to maintain, and since I studied theology, it’s very important theologically that there won’t be any future kings, but everybody that’s truly supporting the activities of True Parents, truly, truly the co-owners of our church traditions, those people are the ones that will be able to bring glory to God.”

Hyung Jin Moon, January 17, 2009. Chung pa Dong Church

4) Firing of True Mother by Hyung Jin Nim. While not a ceremony per se, it bears mentioning the radical departure from True Father’s actions in the “firing” of True Mother by Hyung Jin Nim and replacing her with his own wife. True Father always raised this position to the highest level, and proclaimed the success of True Mother and True Parents many times. Given that HJN even claims TM failed during TF’s lifetime complicates his actions even further. In addition, he gave a new title to the position of True Mother as “leader of the brides,” a term never referenced by True Father.

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