

As religious leaders, why did we create newspapers like the Segye Times?

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Distinguished international leaders, today is the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the *Segye Times* and many of you came to attend this commemoration. Thank you for your presence. People around the world recognize me as a religious leader. In light of that, how did we come to create newspapers? In addition, the early 1980s was a time when the United States, the nation representing democracy, faced the threat of communist powers. At the same time, there was another situation. From those in the Christian cultural sphere, who believe in God, mottoes like "God is dead" arose and communism gained prevalence. At that time, communism was conquering the world.

In that context, the United States was in a dangerous situation. Moreover, in the world's capital, Washington DC, there was only one major newspaper. As you all know, the *Washington Post* is not a conservative journal. Why would we do what we did? My husband and I are the Messiah. We are the Saviors. That means that for humanity, to know and attend God, True Parents have the responsibility of educating people. In fact, we have received a lot of persecution from Christians in Korea. Because we are the Messiah, we knew that if America collapsed, God would have no place to stand. That is why we founded the *Washington Times*. It will be thirty-six years old this year.



Korea, a precious nation

Today is the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the *Segye Times*. At the time of the founding, older people know that Korea was walking up a difficult path, threatened by communism. Ours is a country that saw its liberation in 1945! In 1950, when the Korean War started, how unknown this country was! How is it possible that for such a country, troops from sixteen countries as the UN Forces came and shed blood here? Have you ever thought about that?

In our national anthem, we can find the line, "May God protect and preserve our country!" Do you know what it actually means? We can no longer delay in revealing the truth of Heaven's providence. It's time to proclaim, I am the Messiah.

With a human-oriented political economy, Korea cannot become a true unified nation. The owner of this country is God, the Creator. You have to know in detail who God is, what Heaven's providence entails and why the Messiah should come. Two thousand years ago, Jesus came as the True Parent of humanity, but he was unable to fulfill God's will and died on the cross. He said he would return. Then, the Disciples resurrected through the Holy Spirit and Christianity could begin. In the early days, Christians received a lot of persecution. In 313, Rome recognized Christianity, which grew centered on the Italian Peninsula. It spread through the continent of Europe to the island of England. In the seventeenth century, King James translated the Bible into English. Many laypeople could study the word.



The environment at the founding

In the meantime, in the Catholic cultural sphere, there have been many failures. Many bad things occurred. In the norms created by humans, the human spirit was confined. That is why communism could emerge. Due to these laypeople, a movement that can attend God from their hearts appeared. This was the Puritan movement. They chose the United States. The founding of that nation occurred two hundred years ago and it became the central country, representative of democracy for the whole world. Thousands of years ago, many countries existed. But the heavens took America's side, heard America. If so, that country, America... What should it do for the will of God and for mankind? They have to take responsibility. In the position of the savior, True Parents came to educate America so that it could fulfill its mission. In order to make them aware, we created the *Washington Times*. That's why we established it. The same applies to the Korean people for the sake of the nation's salvation. We need to serve God. Whether or not there was a need to do so was not a question. It was dark! We could not look at the world. In such a situation, because we are the True Parents, we created the *Segye Times*. The *Segye Times* is not just a just a newspaper that informs, it is a newspaper that educates.

In today's world, there are over two hundred countries but many of these countries feel their existence is threatened, even the superpowers. It applies to them, too. Until a few years ago, I thought there was no pollution. This country's air wasn't polluted. Of course, this country is responsible, too, but isn't powerful China actually contaminating us? For this reason, a few years ago, I proclaimed, 'Let's awaken China!' One Mongolian housewife saw land that was undergoing desertification and started planting trees and created a green mountain. I heard that on the news. If the country had eyes on these things, wouldn't that be great? Increasingly, big and small nations cannot survive on their own. They have to live together; only then can there be a future.

The role of the media

The United Nations was meant for all to become one; it was founded in order to establish peace, but nations are not uniting. The reason is that they give their own national interests priority. Through human intelligence and human efforts alone, they cannot unite. That is the bottom line. So, what should we do and how? The original owner and Creator is God! God created human beings and had a purpose for the Creation. He wanted to become a parent, so, he created human beings. The invisible spirit, our Heavenly Parent, wanted to become a visible True Parent to humanity. That's why He created human beings.

There is only one conclusion. This country and all the countries of the world need to join in a movement of serving God, the owner. This is a must. We cannot do otherwise. The unification of North Korea and South Korea, becoming a heavenly unified Korea is the future for this country.

That is what I requested from the *Segye Times*. There is no perfection in ignorance. Education is needed. From now on, the *Segye Times* will go that way. Government leaders assembled here today, everyone from the academic world, this country, as a healthy country, will be able to be proud in front of humankind. You will want us to be such a country. As fast as possible, this nation should become one that serves Heavenly Parent; becoming filial sons and daughters is the only way to become such a nation. It is the only way for this country to survive. You have to lead in this work. To those at the *Segye Times*, who have pledged to move forward, please encourage your fellow citizens, guide and send them a lot of your love. Thank you.

