

## Environmental Restoration in the Era of Frontier Science

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Distinguished participants attending the third International Conference on Science and God, greetings! I am Sun Jin Moon daughter of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the founder of the ICSG series, and I am truly excited to see you all. You are among the greatest scientists, thinkers and illuminating minds from across the globe. It is indeed my honor to welcome you and to share my parents' insights and visions.

I'm especially pleased to welcome the participation of Professor Lisa Miller as our keynote speaker. I have had the greatest privilege to learn from her at Columbia University's Teachers' College, where she has established the Spirituality Mind Body Institute. She is the vanguard of enlightenment in the science of spirituality and is trailblazing the path for optimal health and wellbeing.

She's a true advocate for all life and the Creation. Thank you Dr. Miller for your amazing work and your presence here.

Today we are gathering virtually from multiple time zones around the world, so I wish attendants a glorious morning, a lovely afternoon and a wonderful evening. Wherever you are zooming in from, we thank you for your participation, passion, concern and care for the future of our planet. Through these integrated and collective exchanges, we hope to discover and chart paths toward peace and prosperity for all people and all life on this planet.

The noble goal of world peace has been the mission of my parents, who have devoted their lives for this great cause. And I am deeply moved to witness the third ICSG, where we are whole-heartedly called to pave a future path toward that dream for a world of harmony and cooperation.

The theme for today's conference is "Environmental Restoration in the Era of Frontier Science," and rightly so, for the world we see around us is in deep need restoration. The word "restoration" means "the act of correcting, reforming or returning something to its original condition, unimpaired or improved."

This restoration is needed not only for the nature on this planet but also (a greater and primary task) it needs to be restored in the hearts, bodies, minds and souls of all divine life on it. It is our mission in life to restore our internal and external nature back to its original form and original mind, thereby manifesting true love, divine and collective oneness, harmony, joy and peace. Now, more than ever before, peace and prosperity for all seems like a distant dream as we all witness the turmoil in the world, but in spite of it

all, we are interconnected and interdependent, and a threat to peace anywhere is a threat to peace everywhere. We are confronted with attacks by North Korean missiles in the East at the same time we are watching the horrors of Russia's war on Ukraine threatens the West. No place on earth is free from the consequences of these conflicts. And underscored by multi-layered human and environmental suffering and global economic uncertainty, we are also ongoing with the pandemic. The emergence of new viral variants has us in a race for new vaccines.

As cases spike and fall, we are left in a dizzying battle to find some normalcy and stability in our home, family, work and life. We start realizing that nothing is stable, as the planet is reeling under the effects of climate change -- severe weather, extreme drought, record-breaking fires, flood storms and tornadoes carving up and destroying our beloved hometowns. We are witnessing the displacement of the world's people on a daily basis and a mounting loss of precious species on earth. All these glorious life-giving gifts from the universe are being polluted, squandered and exhausted. We are witnessing more people in need as a result. The humanitarian environmental aid needed around the globe is skyrocketing everywhere. We are in a constant battle with each other, divided amongst ourselves and all life on this planet is suffering



### Love is the key

In 2017, when addressing scientists at the twenty-third International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, my mother acknowledged some real benefits of scientific research, yet she also saw problems that had arisen from a selfish mindset. She urged them, "You must know God. Human beings are headed in a direction that threatens human survival and threatens the life of all creation of heaven and earth. We cannot guarantee the future of human beings through its byproducts. This means we must not ignore this and propose we research only things that we immediately need today. We must look toward the future of generations of life to come. That is precious and eternal.

Sadly, when we think of our future, time is not on our side. With an ever decreasing supply of sustenance

to live on and a compounding need to consume what is left, we have tipped the scales of the Earth so far that we are at an existential crisis.

So where is a path toward peace in these unsustainable times? We seem to be losing the gift of a pristine and abundant creation due to human greed and heartlessness. How can we restore this world, the beauty of the amazing creation if we cannot restore our own hearts, so that we live in gratitude, stewardship, responsibility, harmony and love for all life?

The answer to this question was offered by my father, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon in his autobiography, entitled, *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*. He writes, "Even the smallest grain of sand contains the principles of the world, and even a speck of dust floating in the air contains the harmony of the universe. Everything around us was given birth through a combination of forces so complex we cannot even imagine it. These forces are so closely related to each other. Nothing in the universe was conceived outside the heart of God. The movement of just one leaf holds within it the breathing of the entire universe.

"We need to feel the difference between the sound of spring rain falling like a soft whisper and that of the autumn rain falling with pops and crackles. It is only a person who enjoys resonance with nature who can be said to have true character. A dandelion blooming by the side of the road is more precious than all the gold in the world. We need to have a heart that knows how to love nature and love people. Anyone who cannot love nature or love people is not capable of loving God. Everything in creation embodies God at the level of symbol, and human beings are substantial beings created in that image of God. Only a person who can love nature can love God.

The key to return and restore our original mind, body and soul, to resonate with the highest consciousness and divine being -- from the inception of all life in the cosmos, is love. We must know how to love nature and love people. When we will know our true internal nature, which is imbued with divine love, happiness, oneness and peace with all life and creation by understanding the divine heart of God, Allah, Yahweh, Adonai, Higher Power, Spirituality or whatever resonates with you. It is that give and take, deep resonance and symbiotic relationship of collective consciousness that opens our hearts, minds, bodies and souls to revere, care, honor and love all life and this creation. It is only when we tap into this inner power of unconditional love that the external result will be a world we've all dreamed of, a world of peace, wellness and joy.

Today, I am proud to be among the great minds and hearts that are bringing this theme, "Environmental Restoration in the Era of Frontier Science" to life. I hope we can all return to the highest source of wisdom that leads us to this dream of peace, prosperity and wellbeing for people and the planet. Thanks to scientific development, we can now hope to unveil the world that lies beyond matter and even encounter God, the ultimate cause of the universe. My expectation is that ICSG will explore what has not been touched on by traditional science and will play a meaningful role in defusing myths about the relationships between the environment and human beings, between mind and body, psychology and physiology, spirituality and so on. By doing so ICSG will contribute to the opening of a new history of science and enhance the ways by which we can restore the environment. I thank you all for your great contributions and I know your work will change the trajectory of the world from existential destruction to an enlightened restoration, reconciliation, sustainability and peace for future generations to come. I hope this conference, anchored in the shared sense of solidarity will prove a valuable opportunity for each of you to offer your ideas and research results to change this world to a higher peaceful reality. I look forward to hearing your presentations and deliberations during this conference. Thank you very much.