

W-CARP President Hyun Jin Moon's Speech

A VISION OF PEACE

- Remarks at Ambassadors for Peace Awards -

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On behalf of my parents and my whole family it is an honor and privilege to stand here before you and receive such an honor.¹ I know that as a son looking at the life of my father, such a distinction is something that I would like to have seen in my lifetime, in his lifetime. Yet, knowing my father, I know that distinctions and honors aren't what motivate him. In one sense he's a visionary and he's true to a vision, and it is that vision that has allowed him to endure whatever difficulties and travails that he has faced in his life.

The Fundamental Truth behind All the Works of My Parents

I would say that that vision is a common vision that humanity has been seeking for ever since the beginning of human history. That is the vision of peace. The question of how that peace begins, however, starts with each and every one of us, does it not? If we cannot find peace within ourselves, how can we pass peace to others? That is the fundamental tenet and truth by which he lives and the principle by which he inspires thousands of others from all nationalities, all walks of life.

I think one of the reasons why his message in his lifetime has touched so many is because it is a truth that resonates in each and every one of our hearts. Regardless of whether you are a Jew or a Christian or a Muslim or Hindu, or whatever faith that you deem to be your own sacred truth, is it not peace that we seek? Is it not love that we seek? Is it not value that we seek? We recognize that that value, that love, that peace comes from some divine source that some call God, that some call Yahweh, that some might call divine energy or force, whatever the name that source has been called, do we not in our hearts live according to that being as our parent, as a source of our being?

It is that fundamental human principle that my father used in his teaching to give intimacy of God to those of various different backgrounds. If we try to understand God in an intimate way that we can recognize as human beings, such as a parent, does He not become a being that is not distant, not omnipotent, not detached, but is very real and part of our lives?

Once we have that, can we not look at each other—regardless of our background, regardless of our race, regardless of our belief, regardless of our nationality—as a brother or sister? This has been the fundamental truth behind the work that my father has

¹ Rev. Sun Myung Moon was presented the Crown of Peace and Glory in this ceremony—*Ambassadors for Peace Awards*. His third son Hyun Jin Moon, President of W-CARP attended this ceremony on behalf of Rev. Moon.

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engendered. And that is why it has been so appealing. It has been the unifying vision behind such endeavors as International and Interreligious Federation for World Peace, and countless other organizations.

Own the Vision of Peace Rooted in the Ideal of One God-Centered Family

I want to congratulate each and every one of you who have received the mantle of peace to become Peace Ambassadors. I hope you truly can own that vision that my father has owned ever since he was a young boy, that he has passed to my family and that he has passed to countless others who have rallied to his call.

I want to take this auspicious time and moment. I know that I am not the best ambassador in one sense. It would be a lot better if my parents were here in person, but as you know, my father is 84. We just celebrated his 84th birthday. (Applause) And he spent 60 years of globetrotting all around the world, spreading his message of peace—the message that was rooted in the ideal of one God-centered family, recognizing that humanity is one because of God’s divine energy and force as a supreme father and mother, our parent.

Even though he wanted to be here, the travel from Korea to the United States just for this one event, as my mother recommended, would be a little bit taxing. So since I was in the United States anyway, I could be the relief pitcher—I was called to come down and receive this on their behalf. I know that they are truly thankful for the appreciation that you have shown of their life’s work. Thank you very much.*