

# The Oceanic Era Represents the Universal Era of Women

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# Leadership Training

- “I designed the basic route for the core of our movement who come through the Seminary at Barrytown.
- After graduation, they should first go to CARP and train on the campus. Then, automatically they should come to Ocean Church. ...After that ...the seminarian should go on to state leadership.

# Leadership Training

- “Every state must have that kind of leader. Anyone who wants to qualify in the future for state leadership must first qualify for leadership in CARP and Ocean Church.
- “What shall our education center upon? Tradition.
- “And what is that tradition? That tradition will include CARP tradition, Ocean Church tradition and state leadership tradition.

# Leadership Training

- “CARP and Ocean Church ...should work together. ...
- “CARP members can ask their college student friends to come with them to their boat .... and teach them about our vision for the future.” (*God’s Will and the Ocean*, p. 130-3)







# Where this talk started

“The oceanic era has begun. It represents the universal era of women. The culture of the oceanic sphere constitutes the original women's culture, transcending all nations and crossing all oceans.” (2008.08.27, *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, p. 1587)

# What others came up with

- Some compared women to men:
- Deep vs. shallow
- Mysterious vs. obvious
- Interesting vs. dull

# Some called forth the mom metaphor

- The ocean is:
- All-embracing, it accepts everything
- Womb of all life—the water world
- An endless resource for the world
- Powerful yet delicate
- Peaceful outside, but sharks and volcanoes prowl under the surface

# Some called forth the mom metaphor

- It purifies everything
- It fills in the lowest points
- It is the home of the tides, it moves with the moon, in parallel with the menstrual period—the ebb and flow in the womb.

## 2 Cheon Seong Gyeong 6-4-3

- "The ocean is like a beautiful woman. Sometimes it resembles a dancing girl.
- "But once it gets upset, it can be more furious than a lion springing at you in the wilderness. ...The waves are so audacious."
- "Nature's power is enormous. People who love the ocean cannot be arrogant."

## 2 Cheon Seong Gyeong 6-4-3

- "What is more beautiful, the land or the ocean? The ocean is more beautiful.
- "Why did God create water? We can say that He made it specially for His own enjoyment. He hid its depths away and did not open them to the public.
- God probably had more interest in the ocean than in the land." (True Father, *2 Cheon Seong Gyeong*, p. 661)

# Lessons for a husband

- Father told us to relate to our wife as to the ocean.
- “Let me ask you something. Since you came here, did you like the strong winds or did you hate them? Did you feel on a windy day just like you do when you are meeting your fiancée or wife?”
- “...In the start of the morning when you see a windy day did you say, ‘Today there will be something great out there waiting for me!’”

# Lessons for a husband

- “We have to accept everything, cold water and stormy skies. Always welcome the water with your hands, your feet, everything of your body.” (GWO, pp. 92-3)

*My life has been like an ocean*



# *My life has been like an ocean*



My life has been like an ocean.  
The ocean can generously  
embrace and unite  
with the sky  
and resemble its color.  
It is in the lowest place,  
where it accepts  
all the water of the world.

# *My life has been like an ocean*



The ocean embraces everything  
and

conceives all life.

In the ocean

all varieties of living things are  
born

and raised in abundance.

# *My life has been like an ocean*



Its tides ebb and flow  
in response  
to the pull of the moon  
and the changing seasons.  
It responds  
to the rays of the sun,  
creates water vapor  
and influences the weather.

# *My life has been like an ocean*



A calm ocean is peaceful  
on the surface,  
but deep inside  
enormous currents  
that move the ocean  
are constantly surging.

# *My life has been like an ocean*



When waves of a tsunami rage,  
they can swallow  
everything.

People cannot see  
the whirlpool beneath the  
surface.

# *My life has been like an ocean*



Heaven's providence has surged  
like a typhoon,  
and my life  
has unfolded  
in the midst of it.

# *My life has been like an ocean*



There are so many circumstances that cannot be spoken of, which only I understand from the center of the providence.

# *My life has been like an ocean*



Crossing over that whirlpool,  
not allowing it  
to pull me down,  
I joined Father in the work  
to complete the providential  
history  
of restoration.

*(Chambumo Gyeong, 13:4-4-28, 2013.12.06)*

# Where our WFWP started

- The Women's Federation for Peace in Asia.
- “The time finally has arrived for the East to fulfill its global mission as the prime mover of spirituality. That is why this age has come to be called the **Asian-Pacific era**.
- “I hope you will broaden your consciousness and way of life so that Japan will stand clearly as the **mother of Asia and the mother of the world.**” (Sept 17, 1991, *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, p. 876, 80)

# The Asian-Pacific Era

- On August 27, 2008, 40 days after the helicopter crash, True Father spoke on “The Proclamation Ceremony of the Day of Complete Rebirth, Complete Resurrection and Complete Eternal Life.”
- Father laid out the migration of civilization from **rivers** in Asia, to the **sea** between Africa, Europe and the Middle East, to the **smaller ocean**, the Atlantic, and now to the **greater ocean**, the Pacific.

# The Asian-Pacific Era

- Father then talked about what the world would have been like “if Jesus had fulfilled the complete messianic mission during his life on earth.” (1577)
- Heaven would have saved the world through “Rome’s strong civilization.”
- In the latter days, God raised America “to bring harmony and unity to Christianity and ...to fulfill the responsibility that had been the Roman Empire’s.” (1578)

# The Asian-Pacific Era

- “Through me, Rev. Moon,” God revealed the solution to unite Christianity, to understand spirit world, “and to establish a model, ideal family, a true family.” (1578)
- The US and UN defended the Messiah’s homeland but “were to recover the homeland and hometown of God’s desires. They did not do so, leaving the job half done.”

# The Asian-Pacific Era

- Now True Father states a mission of the Universal Peace Federation of which I had not been aware:
- “In order to **restore this through indemnity**, I established the Universal Peace Federation...
- “then the peace kingdom corps and peace kingdom police force,...

# The Asian-Pacific Era

- **“consisting of women of Heaven’s side who have received the marriage Blessing, who love peace, and who are willing to serve and sacrifice.” (1580)**
- So this connects the women’s era and the Asian-Pacific era: **“The oceanic era has begun. It represents the universal era of women.”**

# The Asian-Pacific Era

- So providential history's migration leads to the **Asian-Pacific era** and to the **women's era**.
- Precursors: Eve's birth culminates God's creation; Abraham's three offerings; Joachim of Fiore's three ages; Father: "once you find a man, you seek a woman"—and that's what the Unification Church proposes to do.
- Continuing the speech:

# The Asian-Pacific Era

- “The culture of the oceanic sphere constitutes the **original women's culture**, transcending all nations and crossing all oceans.”
- “To create this culture, all women need to unite in heart and take concerted action under the guidance of True Mother.

# The Asian-Pacific Era

- “You need to fulfill your mission and take the lead in overcoming every obstacle to give birth to a new civilization **that transcends the Pacific Rim civilization.**” (2008.08.27, PHG 1587)
- So the Pacific Rim civilization is the next step, **but it will be transcended.**

# Bridge and Tunnel

- So too, True Mother said, the “movement for women” **will be transcended:**
- “I stated emphatically that WFWP is not just a movement for women, rather it is the movement for bringing ideal families together to form ideal nations and an ideal world.” (*Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, p. 965, March 5, 2012, True Mother)

# Bridge and Tunnel

- So, where do the oceanic era and the era of women, once they join together, lead?
- I'll just offer one constructive guess—one piece of True Parents' cosmic design.
- They lead to the Bering Strait.
- It's the point on the **Pacific Rim** where **East** and **West** *almost* touch.
- And it's where True Parents want to build a bridge and tunnel.

# Bridge and Tunnel

- The Bering Strait unites the land masses of Asia and America ...
- But it also divides them.
- The ocean unites the world, but divides it. Do two tribes share a river, or fight over it?
- Analogously, women's culture can unite or divide men.

# Bridge and Tunnel

- Fallen Eve's culture is one in which the merchants grow rich and the kings fight wars.
- The True Eve's culture brings universal values, interdependence and mutual prosperity, by men and women working together.
- This is within the power of the peace police.

# Bridge and Tunnel

- The Bering Strait bridge and tunnel represents **men and women's shared responsibility**.
- Centering on Korea and Japan, the Father and Mother nations, the era of women, the oceanic era, unites the Cain and Abel nations across the Bering Strait.

# Women captains

- Can the world's mothers, wives, sisters and daughters do it?
- That was the purpose of
- Ocean Church!
- **“I will establish a system in which you women will be the captains and your husbands the first mates. You men will have to say, "Yes, ma'am," when the captain gives orders, even though she may be your wife.**

# Women captains

- “If you are a seasoned captain, then **whether you are man or woman doesn't make any difference**; the crew has to obey.
- “How would you feel being the captain of a boat loaded with grain and headed for a nation where many people are starving?”
- I would select **the tiniest of all women to be the captain** of such a boat and have her wear a special hat with official decorations.” (GWO, 311-12)

# Women captains

- “You sisters, show me your muscles! Oh, not very much.
- “I have the ambition to train many women captains. You will still have your charming woman's smile, but will act strongly like a man. That will be very poetic.” (GWO, pp. 12-14)

# True Mother's course

- “I was planning to travel around and look at businesses in Alabama, for instance.
- Mother was somewhat hesitant and said, **"Father, you know that's a man's job, so you go and I will stay home."**
- However, I told her **she should come along anyway."** (GWO, pp. 312)

# True Mother's course

- “I, who had been in the position of following Rev. Sun Myung Moon as he established the victorious tradition of the True Father, **now stood on an equal footing with him.**
- The True Mother appeared for the first time in history.
- Thus I proclaimed the liberation of women **worldwide.”** (*Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, 965)

- Thank you for your kind attention.