

Donald Trump and Hyung Jin Nim

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In the run-up to the American presidential election, we might have been in some confusion as to which candidate to support. It seemed as if the United States political system had sunk to an all-time low, throwing up as its final presidential candidates Hilary Clinton and Donald Trump.

Was Clinton trying to get her own back on her philandering husband, who had disgraced her during his time in office? Was the equally philandering Donald Trump setting off on a massive ego trip, with the benefit of his billionaire fortune behind him? Most people outside of the United States probably would have chosen Hilary Clinton to be president, as a democrat and as a woman, and as the lesser of two evils. Her opponent seemed to represent to the rest of the world the unacceptable face of America.

Not so to Hyung Jin Nim, and to his elder brother, Kuk Jin Nim. They unashamedly supported Donald Trump, the republican, from early in the campaign, attending his meetings and speaking out in his favour. Pennsylvania, where they are based, was a crucial swing state, usually inclined to vote democrat.

There were three televised presidential debates before the election. In the first, it seemed that Clinton just came off best. She delivered a few well-aimed smacks on Trump's jaw, and managed to look quite smug with her success. Trump was committed to building a wall facing Mexico – walls like Hadrian's Wall and the Great Wall of China are always failures in the end. Clinton seemed more knowledgeable about world affairs – always a weak area for American politicians. The second interview continued the trend. However, in the third debate, Trump suddenly delivered a corker. "So you can take a baby and rip it out of the womb in the ninth month on the final day", he said to Clinton, referring to her policy of allowing abortions until the end of pregnancy. It turned out to be a knockout blow. When the election results became known, the majority of states, including Pennsylvania, had voted for Trump.

Coincidentally, a month before the famous last debate, Hyung Jin Nim had announced that he would hold a ceremony for the liberation and blessing of ancestors, including a special liberation for all children who had died before birth as a result of miscarriages or abortions. He had asked True Father before his ascension, "When does the spirit enter a baby?" Father had replied that the spirit enters when the sperm unites with the egg at conception. We might have had a clue to this beforehand if we remembered the Korean tradition of numbering a person's age, not from the time of birth, but from conception.

The ceremony for the unborn children was held on 30th October, just a week before the presidential election. Imagine the joy in spirit world. The unborn children will have grown up to the same age as their brothers and sisters who had been lucky enough to be born. We may have thought they never existed, but now all mankind, especially the mothers, can have the satisfaction of knowing that these unborn children have grown up in spirit world and are released from the hell of non-recognition, forgetfulness and abandon.

All that is good in spirit world will try to help those on earth who promote God's feelings of love and mercy. Clinton's liberal policies, which favour widespread abortion, homosexual marriage and the horror of transgenderism, can only deliver humanity into the labyrinth of an ever-growing hell. What catches on in the United States is adopted, sooner or later, by the rest of the world. Curiously, God found a champion in Donald Trump, to turn the tide against American and worldwide liberalism. The future president has the authority to appoint new judges to the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), the ultimate court of nine judges who decide what is law, and what is not law, in USA. One place on the court must be

filled immediately; three more places will have to be filled in the next few years. These judges, who have tenure for life, have the power to keep their country on an even keel, or to capsize it. Better, that Trump chooses those judges than Clinton.

Clinton has lots of experience in foreign affairs, but she is committed to a position of hostility to Russia, whether over Crimea, Ukraine, Syria, or any other area of tension and conflict. Obama has just expelled thirty-five Russian diplomats from USA. However, Trump wishes to heal the rift with Russia. If America and Russia can cooperate, they could deal with China.

After the election, Trump was on the phone with the president of Taiwan, or Nationalist China. No American president or president-elect has dared to be in contact directly with a president of Taiwan since the 1970's, when Red China insisted on the One China policy. When USA, or any other country, recognises Communist China, it is obliged, officially, to abandon diplomatic recognition of Taiwan. In December, the Chinese, who threaten Vietnam and Philippines in the South China Sea, found an American underwater drone in the disputed sea, and confiscated it. This was no doubt a warning shot from China to Trump, before he takes the presidency. Every country in the world is in awe of the growing economic and military might of China. However, it is doubtful if Trump is going to be impressed.

If Trump can get Putin to face east instead of west, to stop confronting Europe and America and to confront China instead, then Russia and America together can bring pressure to bear on China, and see an end to communism in China. That will also be the end of communism in North Korea. The communist government of North Korea is continually propped up by communist China. With the end of communism in North Korea, reunification of the two Koreas can follow. Is that not a primary goal of 2020?

When True Father backed Reagan to become president in 1980, he ensured that USA would take a leading role in bringing an end to communism in Russia. The political and social situation is much more complicated, even dangerous, today, maybe as a result of our failure to spread the teachings of Divine Principle sufficiently. However, If Trump can bring an end to communism in China and North Korea, and reverse the trend of immoral policies and social disintegration in the West, he will surely be a champion for God and His kingdom. God bless him and God bless Hyung Jin Nim, who had the wisdom and daring to support the most unlikely presidential candidate, Donald Trump.

Footnote: Trump is a New York billionaire. He fits the bill for the typical American rich man turned politician, easy for prim Europeans to sneer at it. However, his paternal grandfather came from the Rhineland area of Germany, south of Mainz. His mother came from the Gaelic-speaking island of Lewis, in the Scottish Hebrides, an island famous for its strong Presbyterianism. Donald Trump owns three major golf courses in Scotland.

I went with my wife and elder son to the fateful field of Culloden, near Inverness, a few days after the American presidential election. Culloden was where many a Highlander gave his life in the cause of the one he considered his rightful king. After walking over the battlefield, we had tea in the nearby Culloden House Hotel. The hotel manager had just returned from USA. He said he had the impression there that Americans considered Clinton to be "a sheep in wolf's clothing", and that Trump "said it all". In other words, Trump was open about what he felt, and expressed it honestly, even though it might not please his audience. May God guide Trump during his presidency.

My wife and I wish you a Good New Year.

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