

## Reflections on Substantial Word's Foundation Day and Seonghwa Book

Several brothers and sisters have asked me about the "Substantial Word Research Group" and their new book, *Foundation Day and Seonghwa: The Kingdom of God Father Left Behind*. I recently participated in a 3 hour discussion with brothers and sisters involved with this ministry and would like to share some reflections centering on 4 issues, covering two this week and two next week.

1. I resonated with the book's focus on True Father's words about the crucial role of personal repentance and a true life of faith, mind/body unity and judgment by God's Word, Heart and Character. I agreed with the book's statement that our salvation is NOT based on a) faith of indulgences, b) slave-type faith, c) faith of achievements, or d) conditional faith. I appreciated the emphasis on connecting with God's heart and *shimjeong*, as Father taught us many times.

2. Unfortunately, the Foundation Day and Seonghwa book (FDS book) makes theological assertions about the lineage of the True Family and the True Mother role that I believe contradict the Divine Principle and Father's words. For instance, on page 45:

*"Saying that one's mother has fallen implies that she was in a state of imperfection. What lineage would the children born from such a mother have? Can someone with that lineage be the successor? If they can, then what is the basis for that?"*

*And on page 46: "from this perspective, for one to claim their legitimacy as the true successor of God's lineage by virtue of having the same lineage (biologically), inevitably means that when he or she was born, the mother must have been perfect."*

Clearly the FDS book is stating that for the children in the True Family to be born without Original Sin the "True Mother" must be perfect. Is that what Father taught? Or does the Substantial Word group really think that the anointed heir's claim is merely biological?

The Divine Principle explains that Christ must come "as the True Parent of humanity because only he can remove the original sin by giving rebirth to humanity, born of fallen parents (Exposition of the Divine Principle, p 179)." In *Blessing & Ideal Family - I*, Chapter 4, Father explained that "Before Christ came, woman was laboring as the archangel's wife. But when the Christ comes, the archangel will lose his bride to him."

In other words, Christ comes with the unfallen seed and restores a woman from the fallen world. The "True Mother" need not be "sinless" and she need not be perfect, as suggested by these words in the FDS book. In 1960 Hak Ja Han was prepared, but she was not "perfect." Neither were the two previous candidates. As can be seen in Father's statements below, despite her many trials and challenges, she sadly did not achieve perfection in later decades either.

True Father praised Hak Ja Han many times and encouraged her to fulfill her portion of responsibility in an extremely difficult course, but it is clear from Father's words in the last decade of his life that he was painfully aware that she was struggling. To give a few examples:

The Providence through the Blessing, Vol. 312, p. 177, October 15, 1999  
Uruguay "Mother also must have Absolute faith, Absolute love, Absolute obedience. It

is not centered on self. Absolute faith, Absolute love, Absolute obedience to Father. Therefore if Mother, who is present here, has her own thoughts and builds her own nest it will become a big problem. Rev. Moon will not be tangled up in that. But if that inevitably happens I will jump over that. I'll build a mountain again. Now we entered the Completion Era and if Mother does not fulfill her responsibility, there are plenty of candidates."

Sermons of Rev. Moon, Vol. 394, pp. 35~36, October 6, 2002 "Jesus was called "the only begotten son." This is an amazing word. He attended God as his Father, and said, "I am the only begotten son." The only begotten son is a first son of first love. God's hidden love is his root and everything should become the fruit which is connected to him. Although Jesus was the only begotten son, was there the only begotten daughter who was supposed to be his object partner? History of salvation is [history of] restoration. Where is the only begotten daughter? She is a fallen woman. A fallen woman. ("Absolute faith, love, obedience and a path for glorious establishment of fatherland," Oct. 6, 2002)

Volume 433, page 139, January 26, 2004 "Now, Mother is here too, but what the teacher is saying is that he wants to split with Mother and prepare for a new marriage. That is right. My God, she is still tainted! Of course, what I mean is not that I will form a family with someone else. What I am saying is that I cannot keep up my love for her. The slate needs to be wiped clean, and there has to be love anew."

Volume 489, pages 27-29, of Father's speeches, February 2004: "So finally the True Parent came along and worked hard in order to become one with God and lay claim to the body for eternity. You need to know this. Mother needs to be recreated, remade. There is nothing over which Mother can lay claim... Mother do you understand? You need to know your responsibilities and the responsibilities of Father."

Father continued by admonishing the leaders: "You wretched people. Do you know what happens when you peddle Mother who hasn't even succeeded in the divine right of kings? Satan will knock you down. In the United States the person who was the chair of the Women's Federation was asking these kids, 'Does Father respect or worship Mother?' And this bastard was teaching the kids that Father ought to worship her."

February 21, 2005 "Is there a center of the Unification Movement? Is there a family core? The teacher is enduring all these difficulties until now in order to overcome the tribulations that can only be overcome by properly establishing Mother... Unifying the world is easier than raising a woman and making an ideal wife of her...Mother does not know about this. She should be listening right now. She should know this. Do you know what she said yesterday? She said, 'Father works by the Principle but I do not.' "

July 3, 2005 "Mother needs to become completely united with Father by the time we enter the greater world. Mother does not know this. Until now, Mother has been just like any other woman in the world."

February 16, 2009 "I am trying to bring Satan under submission with the supremacy of the Garden of Eden, Mother is not able to. 97% is done but 3% is still remaining. While in Las Vegas, Father and Mother did not become one. She said, 'I won't listen to what Father says.' Had I responded to that, the two

could have split and Father and Mother could have become unrelated people."

Comments: As Father has explained, True Parent's marriage in 1960 was the formation stage Blessing; only after 4 decades of family life could they receive God's Blessing on the growth stage. The final completion level Blessing which was originally scheduled for January 2012 and then postponed to Foundation Day was never substantiated. That is the ever so sad and shocking reality with which God was faced in respect to what has happened at this time of the Second Advent.

Until his last dying breath, Father prayed for Hak Ja Han to overcome. Can you imagine how much Father suffered knowing that his wife of five decades had long ago divorced him in her heart? *Wasn't this the worst crucifixion he had to endure?* After Mother cast him out in early 2013 for not supporting her Only Begotten Daughter heresy, Hyung Jin Nim also waited two years before "Breaking the Silence" in order to awaken brothers and sisters to what really was going on.

But as Father said in 1999, there were other candidates. Father instructed several sisters not to get married. Later he blessed these sisters to saints in the spirit world. After Hak Ja Han's rebellion to Father's clear directions became evident, one of these sisters, Hyun Shil Kang, at the age of 89 exhibited extraordinary courage and faith by coming to Pennsylvania to attend and support True Father's anointed heir, Hyung Jin Nim. Her doctor warned her that she might die if she took the long distance flight to America. She was in fact willing to do so.

On September 23, 2017, this outstanding sister, his first disciple in South Korea, whom Father called the "Mother of the Unification Church," was blessed to True Father in the Perfection Level Holy Blessing of True Parents. His shattered heart must be healed knowing that this exceptional sister risked her life to love and attend him one more time.

As explained in the Divine Principle, if Christ's physical lineage is of no importance, then He did not have return to the earth a second time. Restoration is BOTH physical and spiritual. That is why Father said an heir from his direct lineage would always serve as the center point to preserve his teachings and continue the providence.

It is also true that Hyung Jin Nim's qualification to be the anointed heir is not just based on the fact that he is one of Father's sons. Father asked him and Yeonah Nim three times if they had kept purity until marriage. Fortunately, they were victorious in this area, which is one of the reasons they have a beautiful Absolute Sex marriage and two decades of experience as parents that new and older blessed couples continue to benefit from. Hyung Jin Nim did not seek this position and he did not appoint himself. He simply surrendered to Father's heart and will that he serve in this role.

It is regrettable that the *Foundation Day and Seonghwa* book does not clearly discuss the facts that True Father anointed his youngest son three times and said he was more qualified than any other person in the True Family or in the entire Unification Movement. The brothers and sisters from the Substantial Word group say that they and Mrs. Komaba know that Hyung Jin Nim is the anointed heir whom Father chose. If that

is correct, she should clearly say so. It is not her job to evaluate his worthiness when True Father himself said he is exceptionally qualified far beyond anyone else.

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## Reflections on Substantial Word's Book- Part 2

*"Today, at this time, there must only be one line of authority. The center, centered on Korea or on the world, over the entire Unification Church will stretch out and become larger. From now, I can leave someone in charge of my work on my behalf. Currently, there is no one among our church members who surpasses Hyung Jin in his standard of faith or in any other way. Do you understand? I am appointing him." SMM, April 16, 2008, Korea*

In last week's discussion of the *Foundation Day and Seonghwa* book written by Kumiko Komaba and her husband, Seung-Cheol Lee, I raised questions about whether the Substantial Word Research Group honors True Father's anointing of his youngest son, Hyung Jin Nim, as his heir and successor. Several brothers and sisters involved with this ministry assured me that they really do and I hope that is correct.

On the positive side, the *Foundation Day and Seonghwa* book reminds us of the importance for each of us to strive for perfection to attain God's sovereignty and authority. Each of us in our daily practice can and should maintain our relationship with Christ through prayer, reading his words and action.

Since they reject Hak Ja Han's claim to be the "sinless Only Begotten Daughter" it is not clear why they still believe that D-Day 2013 is still the day that Cheon Il Guk started. Although True Father completed his mission, there was one thing that Father could not do himself. As he explained in 2011, the Han Mother must "[put] me on top of the God of Day, must be able to attend to me as the God of Night. When it is done, everything is fully finished. If Mother does not do this, I will not go to that position."

*"The Substantial God / God incarnate attends to the God of Night. I put Mother in that position and she must attend to me as I did to the God of Night. She is like my physical body. Even if Mother goes up to that position (of the God of Day) she must know that there is the God of Night upon her. She, putting me on the top of the God of Day, must be able to attend to me as the God of Night. When it is done, everything is fully finished. If Mother does not know this, I will not go to that position." April 12, 2011, "The Internal and External God Are Not Separate Entities"*  
Hoon Dok Hae, Cheon Hwa Gung, Las Vegas, NV

Since Hak Ja Han lifted up herself rather than her husband, it is clear that Father "did not go to that position." Instead of being a day of victory, it was a day of betrayal. Consequently those who drank the "Holy Wine" given out by the Family Fed or participated in that ceremony in February 2013 engrafted themselves into the Han Mother's fallen lineage.

Given this reality it is not clear why Substantial Word says it doesn't matter which Holy Wine you take, the one from Hak Ja Han's fallen lineage that has no seed or the one from True Father's faithful anointed lineage that does have the lineage of Christ. To say that "change of blood lineage" is purely spiritual ignores the fact that the main reason for

Christ to return was to do what Jesus could not do at his first coming, establish a perfected Blessed Marriage and an unfallen lineage.

If the Holy Wine has no value in and of itself, then there would be little or no necessity for Christ's Second Coming, since Christ and the Holy Spirit already came to the earth 2,000 years ago. Just as Christians have been commanded to be baptized and to receive communion, those attending Christ at his Second Coming must engraft themselves into his lineage internally and externally through receiving the Holy Wine, especially the one made available through the perfection level Blessing of True Father and Hyun Shil Kang that took place on September 23, 2017 and the true "D-Day" that took place with with the Perfection Level and Book of Life Registration Blessing on February 28, 2018.

What also seems to be missing is a discussion of the role of the Central Figure for our age and why True Father appointed Hyung Jin Nim as a successor and chose his grandchild Shin Joon Nim to be the future 3rd King! As Father explained:

*"There will always be a physical representative of the real father here on earth, from one generation to another, there will be that axis on which the earth will turn, so all of you here on earth and all the peoples of generations to how it will "*  
SMM, The Will of God and the World (1985), p. 649.

Another concern I have is Substantial Word's contention that God's Nation is not a literal nation. As is stated on page 172 of the *Foundation Day and Seonghwa* book, "God's nation also cannot be seen or entered without being born anew. It is indeed not a nation that is somewhere on the planet earth, but a nation in the Holy Spirit." and on page 174, "does not have national borders and is a nation whose origin is connected to God. This is not a nation built by the forces of power, wealth, or military force. It is built solely through true love."

While it is true that God's ultimate goal is the restoration of the whole world and indeed the entire cosmos, it is also clear that True Father sought to restore a real, sovereign nation:

*Without God's being able to find a nation of His choice, He cannot have other nations become one to make the whole world under God's will.*  
SMM, The True Path of Restoration 1-11-72

*In this sense, you should recognize how immature your faith is and how far away it is from the Principle. Even though some of you are attending this meeting for the first time, someone will receive consolation and feel joy centered on himself. However, though the Kingdom of God may exist in your own mind and God feels joy from you, it does not mean that the Kingdom of God has been established on earth. It may be an individual Kingdom of God, but it's not the whole Kingdom of God. From this viewpoint, what God desires is not the individual Kingdom of God. God does not feel joy seeing that. Can we say that because a man feels joy, the nation is established? (46-74) SMM, Earthly Life And Spirit World II: Understanding the Kingdom of God (Part 2)*

As far as the Kumaba's contention that True Love cannot have anything to do with power, wealth or military force, how do they explain the following statement:

"All Unificationists must take an interest in guns now that I have am doing business with guns while on earth. Why am I involved with guns? The satanic world has done its conquering with guns. Conquering the world with guns is not our intent, but we must bear arms and create a strong protective fence... Future generations will wonder why I was interested in guns. We absolutely need them to create a defensive fence to shield ourselves from satanic world attacks. That is why I am interested in guns." SMM, "Organization and Outreach in Chaotic Times," *Today's World*, Dec 2011

Last question -- is the gun in True Father's hand in the accompanying photo, an instrument of evil or an instrument of True Love?



*True Father at 2011 Shot Show*