

Report from Hoon Dok Hae in Athens, Greece

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I was sitting just a few feet from Father and Mother. Father was very grandfatherly, and I was happy to see him explaining lots of things about the fundamentals of the how the Principle works to an Imam from Albania who was on the front row. I'm not sure how the Imam understood things like, "Is there a male and female inside God?" [Moslems have the concept of a masculine Almighty God] then he said, "Which is first? Men and women give and receive with each other equally." [I liked this, he didn't tell the Imam straight, just asked questions which led him to realise that men and women are equal in value – so God also must be like that]. Then he asked, "Why can Moslem men have 4 wives? Can women have 4 husbands?" [emphasising this point again]. Then he went on to say that even though a man might have four wives, and hence many children, actually this would weaken him.... Anyway the Imam seemed happy and seriously listening throughout.



There was an interesting part where Father got into numbers and geometry... He took a napkin that was folded as a square and counted points along one edge: 1 for one vertex, 2 for the middle of the edge, and 3 for the next vertex. Then he did the same for the next side 4 for the vertex, 5 for the middle and 6 for the next vertex at the end of that edge. Again 7, 8, 9 for the next edge and then 10, 11, 12 for the last edge. Then he held the square horizontally and said that the only way for the square to be rotated in the horizontal plane, without it moving or wobbling out of the plane, is if all the points change equally. And then he folded the square into four so all the sides touched each other, and then he bit the apex which, when the napkin was unfolded again to its original shape, became a pointy centre. And he showed by spinning the napkin on his finger at that point, that all the points can only change equally if they are rotated about the centre.



The message I received was that the square is the four position foundation. Each side (between vertices 1 and 3, 4 and 6 and so on) is the relationship between the positions in one plane of the relationship, so where they all touch each other (when folded) is where they are all equal, and that can happen also if they are rotated onto each other's position through a central point, i.e. a round God. In other words, if they all 'rotate' - have good give and receive action - around God, they all have equal value. Father was explaining all this to the Imam - it was Principle without any religious texts. Who but Father can think like that! It was as if the Principle was just inside Father bursting to get out!



Everything tied up with a few songs, and then Father, Mother and the whole party just got up left the room and got into cars to go to the airport, without any breakfast - Father just wanted to be with us until the last possible second.



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