

CHAPTER 50

The Way of Loving Relationships

So, we have come to the last chapter of our book. Before we part, we would like to share with you some of the inspirations that fed us while we were creating this book. When we were just beginning our work, we wanted only one thing—to tell you about love. We wanted to help you to find a love that would fill your life with light, that would create peace and harmony in your soul, in your relationships with others and in the world around you.

The words in this final chapter come from a speech by Dr. Sun Myung Moon, the founder of the International Educational Foundation, the organization that published this book. Perhaps for some of you the words will seem too religious. However, they simply speak about unconditional, faithful and unchanging love—God’s love. Our farewell wish for you is that these words will remain in your hearts and help you to discover such love in your own life.

The love of God is the center of the universe and all creation came about as a manifestation of this love. If the Fall had not occurred, the world would have been centered upon God’s love and God would have had total dominion over everything.

Creation occurred through gradual phases, beginning with the mineral kingdom and progressing through plants, animals, and culminating in human beings. What is the essence of nature? Nature is like the museum of the love of God. You can read the story of love by observing nature. The phenomenon of love is seen everywhere—in the trees, the birds, the insects and animals. God’s love created everything and that



is why everything in nature exists for the sake of love. Because all things have beauty and love, we are attracted to them—and we see God in them. All forms of existence seek to reverberate joyfully as a part of that love.

When our television antenna is very high, we receive more signals than a lower one. What is the highest love antenna in the creation? Is it the tall trees? The birds? No, the highest and most sensitive antenna in God's creation was given to men and women. Do you agree? The love antennae of human beings are invisible. They reach all the way up to God through the realm of thought and feeling.

Within the original vision of things, nothing within the universe would have thought of itself as alone or isolated. The concept of "self" as a separate entity is the result of the fall of man. The healthy, unfallen universe would be one in which every entity recognized its relationship with the whole.

Between men and women, there would be no concept of loneliness. No matter how great a man is, he would know that he is nothing without a woman. Likewise, no matter how beautiful a woman is, she would realize that she is nothing without a man. How does that make you feel to hear such a thing? The very purpose and meaning of our existence is for the sake of others. Subject exists for object and object exists for subject—men for women and women for men. How do we really know that we are one or the other?

The most holy place

In many respects, men and women have the same characteristics. We all have one head, two eyes, a mouth, two hands and two legs. In fact, when women are wearing men's clothing, it is hard to tell the difference! Of course, there is one absolute difference in the external features of men and women and that is the sexual organs. The man's organ gives him his manhood; the woman's gives her womanhood. That is truly the most precious part of a person because it determines our identity as a man or a woman.

What is the function of the sexual organs of the woman? We could say that it is the main pipeline of love. In other words, its function is to connect you to love. If you have four billion cells, every one of them will be activated and focused upon the activity of that pipeline when it is activated.

The most holy place within the human body is that area of love. God is the master of love and He wants to see His love manifested in the love between a man and woman. Therefore, men and women

cannot be permanently separated. They need each other and they look forward to their union in that most holy place. That is the essence of love.

Every man and woman possesses his or her own holy place. Can someone purchase that holy place with money? Love has a value greater than life itself even in the secular world. People recognize that love cannot be bought with money. How much more valuable is love in the heavenly world? A fundamental question is





whether life or love is the most precious. You say love, but why? No matter how long we live, our biological existence has no value unless we are experiencing love. Life does not automatically connect us with the most holy place, but love does.

Love is the supreme value. Do you men live for the purpose of eating three meals a day? Or perhaps you only care about sleeping eight hours a night? No, it is for the sake of love that we live. That is how God created us. Do you have any objection to that purpose? Likewise it is for the purpose of feeling and expressing love that the arts, literature, theater and so forth exist.

The universe welcomes those men and women who consider love the supreme value. Does anyone here think I am wrong by saying this? Love is almighty. It is greater than life itself. There are no adjectives large enough to describe love. It is absolute, it is unchanging, it is beautiful, it is sweet; yet none of these words encompass love. Throughout the history of literature and poetry, what has been praised more often, love or life? Perhaps power and money are the focus of poetry? No, love is most praised.

Men and women are willing to sacrifice their own lives for the sake of their loved ones. The word “holy” must be connected to love. It is only in the context of love that the word “holy” has meaning. For example, any husband who is able to sacrifice himself for his wife’s sake is a holy husband; the reverse is true as well. The person who is willing to die for the sake of his parents is called a child of filial piety. He/She is a holy son or daughter. The person who gives his life for his nation is considered a holy patriot. Likewise, the person who gives his life for the sake of all of humanity is a holy saint. Anyone who gives his entire life for the sake of God is truly a holy son or daughter of God.

A revolution of love is needed

Human beings are the primary pipeline of love to God, but what happened to men and women? They degenerated and turned their most holy places into the filthiest and most degraded places. Many women are abused by men who seek for nothing but to gratify themselves sexually. That is far worse than the animals.

The love of every person is connected, like an electrical outlet, to the source or the central powerhouse. That central powerhouse is God and that love flows through not

only to human beings but also to the animals, the plants and the mineral world. Human beings are the mediators of that love to the rest of the universe, but since man became a defective mediator, God's love became disconnected from the entire universe.

The most fundamental revolution needed in this fallen world is the one of love. Our most holy place is not a shameful place. It is a place of dignity. We should walk with great dignity and move through this world knowing that our most holy place is part of us. All the filth and disease of this world will be repelled by that attitude. The time will come when the whole world will bow down to the beautiful couple who walk arm in arm, united in holy love.

The Kingdom of Heaven is nothing other than this—the world in which men and women protect their love, maintain themselves in a God-centered way, and stroll down the street together in perfect harmony.

The textbook of love

People have been asking a fundamental question throughout history: Why did God create human beings and the universe? Many great philosophers have offered their thoughts on the subject and usually their thoughts were rather intricate and complicated. But the answer is very simple. All of nature reveals the answer to this question.

Did you hear the singing of the birds this morning? Everyone keep absolutely quiet for a few moments so we can listen to them. . . What are they doing out there? They are singing love songs to one another. Nature is our textbook. When I hear those birds, I feel inspired to sing a love song to my wife. Everything in creation exists in pairs—the cats, the birds, even the insects.

Therefore, I came to the conclusion that nature is our classroom of love—it is the holy place which God created in order to teach people how to love. Everything you eat—vegetables, fruit, bread, etc.—wants to become a part of your body when you have a loving attitude. They want to experience a higher dimension of love. But when you eat them with a selfish and hateful mind, they revolt against going into your stomach. They don't want to be a part of anything other than love.

Just as the things of creation gladly give themselves up to become part of a loving human body, we humans also willingly die for love because love is the most holy and

supreme impulse. If we can lay down our life for the sake of our spouse, we are the greatest lover.

Likewise, those parents who give their lives for their children have the highest love.

We should learn the lessons of love from nature and know how to relate to the beauty of nature and how to enjoy being in creation. The holiest people have always





been on intimate terms with nature. We should naturally want to go out every day and look at the sky and the birds and the animals in order to perceive new lessons in love. Our home can be one of love, not only for our family but also for the things of nature. All the creatures, including the insects, will want to become a part of our “love orchestra.” We can have plants, animals, flowers and insects dwelling together in love.

Even though we may be all alone, we can feel the thrill of seeing a lovely flower. We can watch the fish in a pond as they vigorously chase after each other and think: “They are running after love and they never get tired.” The salmon can teach a beautiful love lesson to humanity because they experience only one love and then they die. They give their lives to love, to hatch their eggs, and then they die. Their lives are consummated by the fulfillment of their love, so they have nothing more to live for.

Now you can understand the true concept of love. When you get up in the morning, why not time your walking with the rhythm of the birds singing? They are great teachers of love. When a husband and wife are truly in love, having a disagreement will not hurt but will increase your loving feelings later. After you clash with each other, you can embrace each other that much more strongly.

So now do you understand that your most holy place belongs to your spouse, not to yourself? We were not born for our own sake but for the sake of others. As long as our terminology is “we” and “us” the universe supports us, but as soon as we think in terms of “I” and “me” the universe will turn against us. Can we complain against this rule?

This is the beauty of marriage—it pushes people to think always of themselves in terms of another. Likewise, living in a family requires us to think in terms of “we”—the children think of their parents, the parents think of the children, each child thinks of the other brothers and sisters. But often this is not the case in many homes; for this reason many families are heading toward destruction.

People have simply not imagined that the love of God was supposed to have dominion over all creation. If you could choose between reading a difficult and complicated philosophy book or a poem about love, which would you prefer? Quite simply, people enjoy the sweetness of love over everything else.

The quest for original love

The fall of man wrought total destruction upon God's dream of love and degraded the most holy experiences into the most shameful. Human beings, the supreme creation of God, were degraded to a point far below that of the animals, plants and minerals. Man naturally seeks a direct relationship with God but instead we feel far away from God. The original love was supposed to be man's ticket into heaven but on the contrary man purchased his ticket to hell through illicit, self-centered love.

The misuse of love by the first human ancestors crushed God's ideal of love and He became brokenhearted. Think of the parental heart. Imagine that a wealthy father built an elaborate and beautiful home for his children, but all of a sudden the children died. Every time that parent looked at their home, it would make him more brokenhearted. By the same token, every time God looks at this beautiful universe He created for His children, he is reminded that they are spiritually dead. He must wish that such a beautiful home never even existed to hurt His heart.

Certainly God is always on the verge of anger, feeling that He would like to smash everything He created in order to be free of the pain. But God's very own purpose of existence is at stake, and therefore God must endure, no matter how terribly difficult it is. He must slowly but surely restore this shattered world into one healthy whole. The only power greater than fallen, selfish love is that of God's true, selfless love. That love is 100% pure love which cannot be found any other place except within God. Salvation can only come from this original, 100% pure love.

Original love is the only hope for man because no other power can break man's bondage to evil. Therefore the religions of history have had the basic purpose of pursuing that original love. Directly or indirectly, all men and women have sought to regain the original love, to possess it, embody it; that has been the dream of humankind. Idealistic people have always dreamed of societies, a nation and world centered upon original love.

Some people have a vague concept of what the ideal world might be like. It is the world centered upon original love. It must be realized in a substantial society on the earth, which we call the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. We are certainly not living in the original world at this time so we have to pursue it. It is the destiny of all people to seek original love through the path that religion has trod.

Centered upon this original love, we can establish original families, societies, and nations—where only the love of God prevails and God and humanity shall finally know true and everlasting happiness.

