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# *God's Perfection*

Dignity is important, not only to God and man, but actually to every creation. The amount of dignity an entity possesses is related to its purpose. God endowed the highest purpose of creation to man, even making us in His image. Therefore, God's own dignity should be reflected in all human beings. The most supreme position in the universe is child of God, as it is of the highest purpose. Unfortunately, many people do not see themselves as belonging to God, and far more measure dignity by what a person possesses or lacks. Human beings have basically become the manifestation of Satan's "dignity." There are thousands of teenagers—runaways—who have become children of the street. Many beg, many whore, and many take drugs. From their lifestyle, are we able to see a true reflection of their personal integrity as a child of God? Are they? Their lives are filled with sin and they are so distant from God and His will; they certainly do not reflect God's dignity. Another phenomenon of this day and age is the bag men and women. Whether they chose their lifestyle of street living because of experiences that either disappointed or disillusioned them, they too have lost their integrity.

It is not hard to see how far into hell Satan has taken some of God's children. But we need to look beyond the beggars and street people, and discover how Satan has actually degraded *each* of us. No one is completely sure of his dignity and thus often struggles with self-confidence. Unconsciously, many human beings rebel against Satan and try to disregard his constant urging to do his will. But our rebellion is actually Satan's, and it is a direct hit against the dignity and purity of God. Because of our confusion, we are unable to see God's own eminence, and many people intuitively and often provocatively reject anything that has to do with a standard, morals, ethics, or godliness. Satan took the potential integrity which God instilled within His children and trampled it. He wanted to assure that God would have to fight against all odds to maintain His own dignity and to reach His perfection.

God exhibited such parental love when He created this world. But since He originally purposed His ideal, God was unable to perfect His heart and parental love. According to my understanding, God could never perfect His parental heart and love until He could incarnate into a sinless man and woman.

Once Father and Mother perfected their love, God could experience for the first time the union of one perfected body with another. Father has told us that God participates in the conception of every child but it was not until perfected man and perfected woman conceived a child that God was able

to participate totally and claim the child as His. The True Parents are His children; He has watched them grow and mature. He has been involved in nurturing their love; He has witnessed how they created and raised their family. All of these experiences expanded the boundaries of His parental heart. In a sense, the True Children are Heavenly *Father's grandchildren* and His parental heart developed as He helped educate those children through the True Parents. Today, some of them are married and have children of their own. This is yet a new adventure for God—great-grandparent!

God's parental heart has continued developing. This is not to say that His parental heart did not exist when He originally created the world; it has existed from the beginning, but God was devastated when Satan kidnapped His children. God was therefore denied the experience of having physical children and the sensations that are a part of parenthood; until recently, He never had any of His own *true* children. Our True Parents restored the mistakes of Adam and Eve, and their victory enabled them to perfect their hearts; it is easy for us to see how vitally important they are to God. They have such a crucial position in the restoration of this world, for without them God could not appear to mankind or the creation. Without them, His true parental heart could never be manifested.

There is a new history of God forming now. Every day God experiences something new; He must constantly marvel at how it feels to share His love with His children, and must treasure the experiences of their expression of love for Him. God was never able to do anything like this before. But living within the True Parents and True Family He experiences one miracle after another. After waiting thousands of years, it must be quite something for God to finally experience physical life for the first time. How thankful God is to the True Parents for going through all the struggles and emerging as champions over Satan. Because God now has a foothold in this world, He is also finally able to experience and share His heart through His perfected children.

The total manifestation of God's perfection will occur when the whole universe is totally restored and man fulfills his own purpose, finally establishing the three blessings. It means that God will appear in the flesh through man, as well as in all the other kingdoms—animal, plant and mineral. Although we may not usually think in such terms, it could be said that the love of God even vibrates through a stone. So many fields of science are discovering more about the origin of existence. One discovery after another will continue to reveal to the world more of the greatness of God, how all things are interrelated, and how even natural laws exist to fulfill man's purpose. When all mankind is finally God-centered, every discovery

of science and technology, and even those uncovered through prayer and revelation, will finally be used for the benefit of mankind, and for a good, rather than a detrimental purpose.

God is reaching a higher level of His own perfection through the experiences He has with True Parents and the True Family. Through this, God is being liberated. He has never been absolutely free before, and He has never been able to totally experience His creation. Although God knew in theory what it was like to have a mate, He never experienced it. He originally intended to share love through the union of Adam and Eve, but something went wrong; instead of experiencing love, He was forced to witness what some refer to as the human tragedy. When Father and Mother came together as husband and wife, God had His first experience with the emotions and sensations involved in a marital relationship of pure love. The birth of their first child, Ye Jin Nim, gave God His first experience of parenting an infant since the time of Adam and Eve. Even though He has been involved in the lives of human beings, He has been cut off from them because Satan still controls mankind. There are so many ways that God is being liberated through True Parents, and those of us who seek Him, can notice that more of His true self is unfolding every day.

In this sense, True Parents are not just the savior for mankind, but also for God. Our rebirth through the True Parents allows us to evolve into perfected human beings; this also has tremendous impact upon God's own perfection. God feels such tremendous joy through experiencing life within the True Family. God also has adventures of life with *each* person who accepts the Messiah and becomes connected to that purified lineage. Each of us is unique, and a totally different aspect of God's nature. God watches our reactions, wondering just what we will do based on our free will. And He gets one surprise after another!

This is an exciting time period for God. In a sense, it may be even more exciting now than it was at the time of Adam and Eve. Of course He was happy watching them grow and mature, but they were only two people. Now, He has so many of us to observe and live through, and His joy is refreshed as each of us matures to perfection.

Sometimes I am just overwhelmed and overjoyed when I think about how God feels when He looks at the development of every person. Each person brings new revelation and insight to Him; God is never sure how we will develop our potential. God is newly glorified with every person who turns back to Him. And the energy this produces within His own soul must be so dynamic, even explosive, continually propelling Him to new levels of love and joy.

God experiences new adventures of life through all blessed Unificationists. Humanity has been so far away from our Creator. Every person who returns to God is like a lost child who has finally been found. God has such tremendous joy when He is able to embrace each of us, and we in turn are able to embrace Him. It is as if He meets each of us for the first time. Although He has actually been so close to us, we have been blind to His perfect love, and could never meet Him.

These present years are ones of transition; the evil world is disintegrating, and God is beginning to break ground for the ideal world. We have to understand that building the Kingdom of Heaven is not a part-time job. This commission from God is for our lifetime. That is the very reason God cannot remain abstract to us. He cannot stay a "concept" to us; we surely do not want to continue talking to an entity we cannot see, therefore, He has to become more tangible to us. He will not all of a sudden descend from the heavens and appear to us in a certain form. *We* are the ones who must change; we are the ones who must make ourselves into a different "form." In other words, each of us must become the incarnation of truth; spiritually and physically we have to reflect the spirit of God. That is the way we help God reach His own perfection.

God is a spiritual being. Until His nature was embodied in the True Parents, God never made a full appearance on earth. He could never totally experience love or laughter, sadness or despair through the five physical senses. Of course spiritually His heart could feel depressed or elevated, but He could never cry actual tears, or feel the lines of a face crinkle from smiling. Because Adam and Eve fell, God lost the chance to manifest through a physical body; He could not feel how refreshing it is to wash a face in the snow, or the sheer delight of running His toes through the foam washing upon a beach. Neither Adam nor Eve matured to perfection; therefore, God could never perceive the whole universe through them. It is only through the True Parents that God has been able to experience the physical pleasures available in this world.

Father often speaks about how everything vibrates when a true man looks at the universe. He also frequently talks on the nature of supreme love. Although he speaks about these things with such authority, *we* do not totally comprehend them. We might be able to witness Father looking at a little plant and see tears stream from his eyes, yet not really understand why a tiny flowering plant could cause such a reaction from him. In light of

the fact that God lives *through* True Parents, the depth and profundity of the reason is revealed to us. *God* is able to look at that plant and experience it spiritually and physically *through* Father. It is because a man and a woman who have perfected their hearts finally give God that chance. In gratitude and amazement, it is God who simply cannot withhold His tears of joy.

**G**od is omnipotent and omniscient, and His Universal Prime Force is in all tangible things—even molecules, atoms, and particles. Yet God has never been able to totally govern His entire creation. He had invested million of years of work, but was still restricted, actually *barred*, from ruling His world. Since the emergence of True Parents, God is finally able to appear to the creation, and walk the earth as lord of creation in perfected man and woman. *Even though God has always been perfect and divine, He could never reveal His perfected essence and substance because previously, no one could relate to Him fully.* No one had discovered and solved the crime of Satan. Until the appearance of the True Parents, Jesus had the highest understanding of God and the most clear perception of Satan, but Jesus could perfect neither his heart nor his love because he was unable to establish a God-centered family. Now there are millions of people following the True Parents and participating in the restoration of this world. Each of us is trying to reach perfection. As we strive to be more divine, more of God becomes "unbridled," and the closer He gets to perfection. The universe never saw God in the fullest sense before a perfected Adam and a perfected Eve appeared on earth. God was never fully the almighty God of heaven and earth; a total manifestation of God has had to evolve. The totality of God's own perfection will be visible once His creation reaches perfection. As long as His children are held back from reaching individual perfection, God Himself will not reach complete perfection because He is not "perfectly" visible, neither to all mankind, nor to the universe. God wants to speed up restoration: He Himself needs to be liberated. In St. Paul's letter to the Romans we read that the whole "creation is waiting with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God." Not half as much as God is! God is waiting to "incarnate," or reflect His divine nature through all His children, and relate to His physical creation through physical bodies.

It is such a tragedy that God Himself has never been able to reach His fullest potential. He was in the midst of creating the world when something happened. Everything was unfolding so beautifully, but suddenly somebody put a damper on it. That somebody was Satan. God Himself was coming to life on earth when Satan put a stop to it. God's children did not yet love Him with a mature and perfect love, and their hearts had not yet developed completely before they suddenly switched their loyalty to Satan.

Later, they became aware that what they did was wrong, but by then it was too late. By their action, they also denied God from loving them with a perfect and a total love.

By gaining such insight and perspective on this matter, we can discern how grave the intervention of Satan was and how far-reaching Satan's crime is! It is almost impossible to imagine that God was not involved during this whole process. He did not merely stand by and watch this happen. He gave His commandment with good reason, and He watched to see how His children would react. He also watched His archangel. Unfortunately, Lucifer so skillfully stepped out of his "proper position." God made the force of love stronger than the force of the Principle, but because Satan abused these "forces," it was God who was then *forced* to watch Satan undermine His own rightful position. Satan destroyed mankind. Satan destroyed the literal "body" of God through the fall. It was not just mankind and the creation which suffered; God Himself agonized. He bestowed the gift of free will to His children, therefore when they made their choice to "eat of the fruit," there was literally nothing He could do—nothing but to grieve over the situation, and make efforts to restore Adam and Eve.

Imagine the suffering God withstood at that time and through the years. He yearned to have give and take with His whole creation, especially humanity, but His children instead obeyed a new ruler and king. Even though the creation was still unfolding, He was forced to make an entirely new foundation and begin the providence of *re-creation*, or restoration. The resultant long-suffering history of both God and mankind demanded that man establish the foundation of faith and the foundation of substance (as elucidated in the Principle), as well as undergo the tribulation of overcoming the original mistake and the points of fallen nature time and again.

On the foundation of certain victories made by central figures in God's providence of restoration, Jesus came as the "second" Adam. What hope God had in Jesus! God invested whatever possible to stabilize this foundation. But once again, the body of God (as represented by Jesus) was cut down. Adam and Eve died spiritually as a result of their fall from God. Four thousand biblical years passed until the coming of Jesus, and so much indemnity was paid. Yet Satan was desperate to retain his lordship over humanity and this world, and he did everything possible to prevent God from appearing on the earth. He worked feverishly to establish a standard of values, a way of life, an "ideology" that was closely patterned after God's idea, but which assured that all people were his followers. All people became "satanic" and through the inheritance of original sin, were bound to him; the attribute of true godliness was never manifested. Even though

Jesus was a supreme example of love, he could not share with mankind God's total ideal of love which should have been exemplified in the creation of a true God-centered family. Satan established the family in "*form*," but no one really knew how to behave according to God's law of true love. Satan did everything possible to make sure that Jesus died before he had the chance of establishing a God-centered family unit.

Both God and Satan have been busy throughout history. When God made an attempt to advance the restoration, Satan blocked it with great deliberation and cunning. Satan also hindered God's prophets who heralded new truths and revelations and tried to dispose of them as quickly as possible. He dreamed up a highly intelligent plan; Satan was the mastermind criminal who worked hard to bury his iniquity. The whole process called for great commitment on his part.

The power struggle between God and Satan is mighty, and the forces involved are strong. Satan does *not* want to relinquish his position. This is not an abstract thing we are talking about; it is neither a myth nor a hypothesis. In fact, Satan rules this world. God has been trying to obtain a foothold in this world from which He could eventually spread His sovereignty. But to do that, He must take everything away from Satan. God has been working on this since the time of the fall; it requires Him to lay many foundations. All the things which Satan has claimed, God must reclaim. To assume control over this world is God's ultimate goal, and He must start by securing a nation. This was one thing He did not have when Jesus was alive. He did not even have a family. God had only an "Adam," and unfortunately, he was killed. Yet the second Adam, Jesus, had no Eve. Jesus is truly God's son—a very able representative of our Heavenly Father—who encouraged us, "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect." He was talking about the fact that ideally all people should perfect themselves during their life on earth before they go to live in spirit world. He knew that God's love and God's perfection are real and that each of God's children is meant to share these attributes of God. Both Jesus and Father must help Him attain a more total perfection by tapping that reservoir, finding harmony with Him, and thereby, bringing Heaven down to earth.