

## UPF Introduction

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The monthly introduction to Universal Peace Federation - UK in the Lancaster Gate HQ was attended by people we had come to know through recent events. There was a stimulating discussion of the five core, universal principles of UPF. (see below)

One person attending the UPF Introduction said on twitter that it was an 'inspirational evening'.

This meeting is usually held on the second Thursday of the month. On the last Tuesday of the month there is a group of more long term friends to consider peace making and good governance presentations.

### **Five Principles:**

1) We are one human family created by God. The way to rise above the pursuit of self-interest is to recognize our common humanity, given to us by our Creator. Just as a parent can intercede in the disputes of children, the parental heart originating from the Creator can help us resolve the differences that exist between nations, cultures and religions.

2) The highest qualities of the human being are spiritual and moral in nature. Human beings long for truth, beauty and goodness. Life's deepest meaning and purpose can be found through their pursuit. Each person has an eternal spirit that transcends physical life. Spiritual principles are to be practiced in this life so that we are prepared for the eternal world.

3) The family is the "school of love and peace." In the family, the most basic personal and public virtues are learned. Understanding the family as the school of love helps us to recognize that family is the most essential institution. The foundation for a healthy family is a faithful, committed marriage.

4) Living for the sake of others is the way to reconcile the divided human family. By practising living for the sake of others, we become other-centred rather than self-centred. The essence of good character is true love expressed through unselfish actions.

5) Peace comes through cooperation beyond the boundaries of ethnicity, religion and nationality. Lasting peace cannot be achieved through political compromise alone, but requires addressing the root causes of conflict. Transcending racial, religious and ethnic barriers is an imperative of our time. Faith can give people the power to forgive, and the love to overcome even generations of hatred, resentment and violence.





**U**niversal **P**eace **F**ederation

Principles of  
Ambassadors for  
Peace



**Ambassadors for Peace:  
A global alliance of leaders  
aligned with core  
universal principles**

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## Ambassador for Peace principles

- Are applicable at all times, and in all places.
- Establish the “common ground” for cooperation among diverse peoples.
- Form the basis for universal standards of peaceful behavior.
- Are found in the scriptures of the major religions.

*I. We are one human family,  
created by God, the Ultimate Reality.*



**Human Family**



Allah

God

Jehovah

Tao

**Parental  
Heart of  
God**

Yahweh

Ultimate Reality

Great Spirit

# Overcoming barriers

People of courage are standing on common ground and overcoming barriers that separate people of faith.





# Religious teachings

*“Have we not one father? Has not one God made us all?” – Jewish and Christian scriptures, Malachi 2:10*

*“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.” - Christianity, Matthew 6:9*

*-“All [human] creatures are God’s children, and those dearest to God are those who treat His children kindly.” – Islam. Hadith of Baihaqi*

*“Thou art Father, Mother, Friend, Brother. With Thee as succorer in all places, What fear have I?” - Sikhism, Adi Granth, Majh M.5*

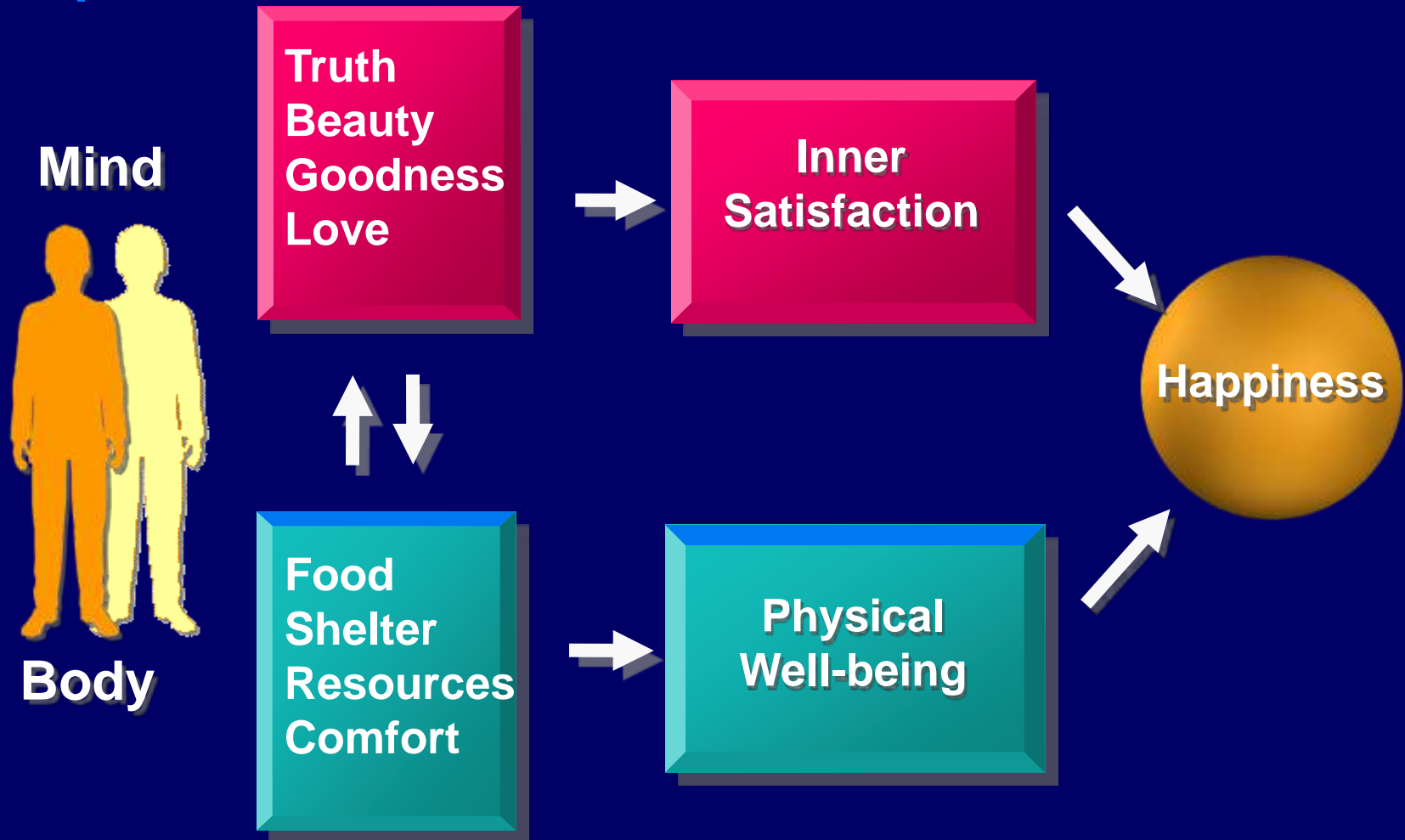
*“You men are all my children, And I am your Father.” - Buddhism, Lotus Sutra 3*

*“Heaven and Earth are the father and mother of the ten thousand things. Men are the sensibility of the ten thousand things.” – Confucianism. Book of History 5.1.1: The Great Declaration*

*“God! Give us wisdom as a father gives to his sons. Guide us, O Much-invoked, in this path. May we live in light.” – Hinduism, Rig Veda 7.32.26*



## *II. The highest qualities of human beings are spiritual and moral.*





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# Aiming for high goals

- Achieve our potential and develop our character.
- Build loving relationships and family bonds.
- Make a difference to society.

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# Cultivating our potential.





# Religious teachings

“Then the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” - Jewish and Christian scriptures, *Genesis 2:7*

“And He originated the creation of man out of clay, Then He fashioned his progeny of an extraction of mean water, Then He shaped him, and breathed His spirit in him.” - Islam, *Qur'an 32:8-9*

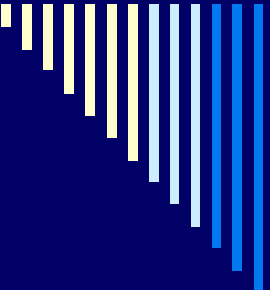
*“Now my breath and spirit goes to the immortal, and this body ends in ashes; OM O Mind! Remember. Remember the deeds. Remember the actions.”*  
– Hinduism. *Isha Upanishad 17*

*“Even ornamental royal chariots wear out. So too the body reaches old age. But the Dhamma of the Good grows not old.”* – Buddhism. *Dhammapada 147.51*

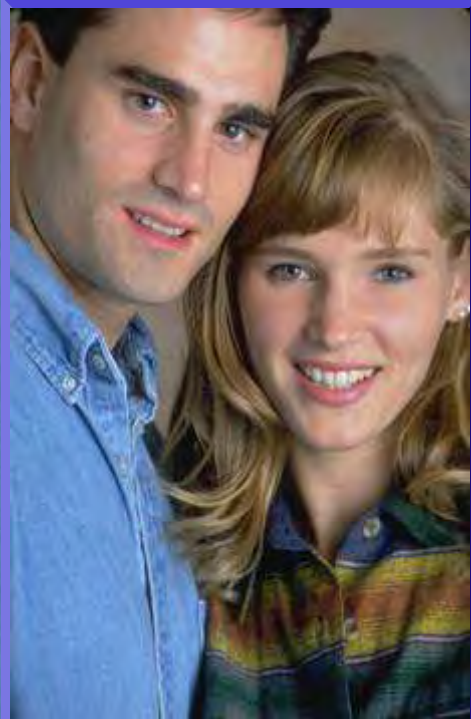
*“O shrewd businessman, do only profitable business; Deal only in that commodity which shall accompany you after death.”* Sikhism. *Adi Granth, Sri Raga M.1, p. 22*

# *III. The family is the school of love and peace.*





# Strengthening marriage and family



# Practicing peacebuilding



- Foundation of good society
- Basis for empathy for others
- We are one global family under God

# Extending the family model

- Society
- Nation
- World







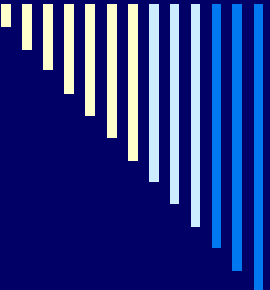
# Religious teachings

“He who loves his wife as himself; who honors her more than himself; who rears his children in the right path, and who marries them off at the proper time of their life, concerning him it is written: ‘And you will know that your home is at peace.’” - *Judaism. Talmud, Yebamot 62*

“Among His signs is that He created spouses for you among yourselves that you may console yourselves with them. He has planted affection and mercy between you.” – Islam. *Qur’an 30:21*

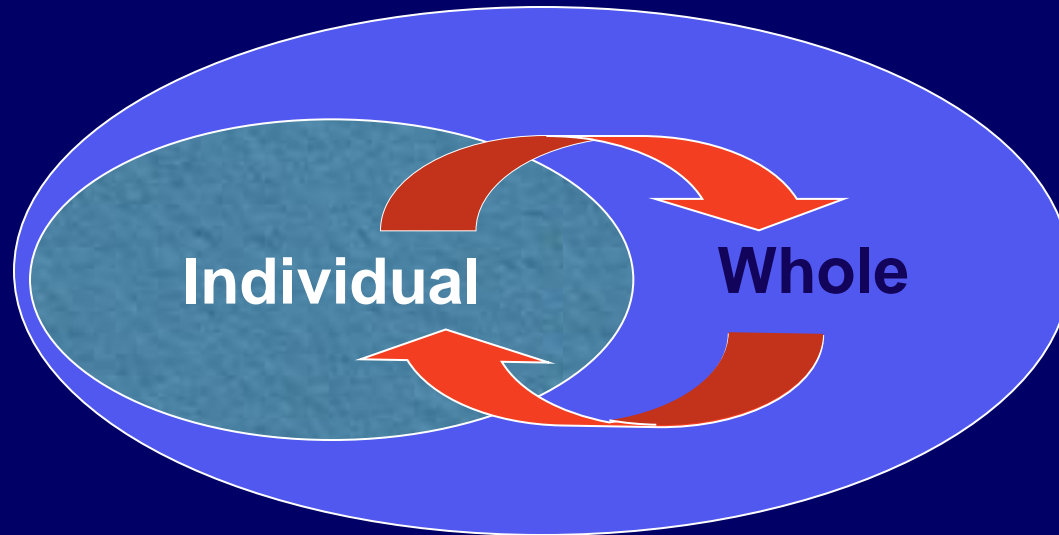
“Supporting one’s father and mother, cherishing wife and children and a peaceful occupation, this is the greatest blessing.” – Buddhism, *Sutta Nipata 262*

“I am He, you are She; I am Song, you are Verse, I am Heaven, you are Earth. We two shall here together dwell, becoming parents of children.”  
– Hinduism, *Atharva Veda 14.2.71*



***IV. “Living for the sake of others”  
helps reconcile the divided human  
family.***

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We exist in and through relationships, through giving and receiving. Broken relationships are healed through investment, through giving to the other.

# Practicing reconciliation





## Applying religious teachings

You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

*Matthew 5:43-48*

The good deed and the evil deed are not alike. Repel the evil deed with one which is better, then lo!, he with whom you had enmity shall become a bosom friend.

*Qur'an 41.34*



*We never get rid of an enemy by meeting hate with hate. We get rid of an enemy by getting rid of enmity.*

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Recognizing that giving and receiving have no limits.





# Religious teachings

*“All men are responsible for one another.” - Judaism. Talmud, Sanhedrin 27b*

*“Give and it will be given to you...for the measure you give will be the measure your receive.” - Christianity, Luke 6.38*

*“Give not with the thought to gain, and be patient unto thy Lord.” - Islam, Qur’an 74.6-7*

*“The man of perfect virtue, wishing to be established himself, seeks also to establish others; wishing to be enlarged himself, he seeks also to enlarge others.” – Confucianism, Analects 6.28.2*

*“The ignorant work for their own profit, Arjuna; the wise work for the welfare of the world, without thought to themselves.” – Hinduism, Bhagavad Gita, 3.10-26*

*“Without selfless service are no objectives fulfilled; in service lies the purest action.” Sikhism, Adi Granth, Maru M.1, p. 992*

***V. Peace comes through cooperation  
beyond boundaries of ethnicity,  
religion, and nationality.***







# Religious teachings

*“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” – Judaism, Isaiah 56:7*

*“If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all.”  
– Christianity, Romans 12:18-21*

*“O mankind! We created you from a single pair of a male and a female and made you into nations and tribes, that you might know each other [not that you might despise each other]. - Islam, Qur’an 49.13*

*“Let us have concord with our own people and concord with people who are strangers to us.” Hinduism, Atharva Veda 7.52.1-2*

*“When the Great Tao prevailed, the world was a commonwealth; men of talent and virtue were selected, mutual confidence was emphasized, and brotherhood was cultivated.” – Confucianism, Book of Ritual*



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## Drawing on spiritual resources

- Religious traditions teach compassion, love for one's neighbor, and consideration for those in need.
- The power to end the cycles of resentment, violence, and retribution comes from an internal, spiritual source.



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## Engaging in joint efforts

- Foster interreligious and international understanding and cooperation.
- Strengthen marriage and family.
- Promote a culture of peace and service.

# Inspired by the Universal Peace Federation founders



**Rev. Sun Myung Moon**



**Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon**

The application of fundamental spiritual principles is the path to lasting peace.



Become an Ambassador for  
Peace and apply the  
principles to bring  
reconciliation, healing, and  
hope to our families,  
communities, nations, and  
our troubled world.

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