



## Confucionismo

O Céu e a Terra são o pai e a mãe das dez mil coisas.

As pessoas são a sensibilidade de dez mil coisas.  
Book of History 5.1.1: The Great Declaration

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Online Interreligious Forum

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Lisbon, Portugal—UPF hosted its second online interreligious forum, with the theme “**God as Father and Mother**”.

As the focus for the discussion, UPF used the book “**World Scripture and the Teachings of Sun Myung Moon**” (Page 53, “**Heavenly Father and Mother**”) with its associated passages from various religious scriptures.

The forum on October 13, 2020, is part of a planned cycle of online interfaith meetings, whose the first one took place on September 7 on the theme “**The Universal Identity of God**” (Page 10, “**The One God**”).

Within this forum, again, the objective was for each religious representative to read and comment on a passage from his own Sacred Scripture, thus giving the other participants the opportunity

to discover the same common knowledge of God as Father and Mother.

After the UPF national president opened the meeting and welcomed the participants, Professor Doctor Shiv Kumar Singh, President of the House of India and professor at the Faculty of Arts, University of Lisbon, where he is the Director of the Center for Indian Studies, offered some considerations about the fundamental importance of ecumenical and interreligious initiatives.

Other speakers were Cristina Carvalho - Advisor at the **Hindu** Community of Portugal; Dr. Mamadou Bah – President of the **Islamic** Community of Algueirão & Mem-Martins; Lecturer Jorge Silva from **Seicho No-Ie** (Japanese Philosophy); and three speakers from **Christianity**:

Brother Manuel Silva - Marist Congregation (**Catholic** Institution); Bishop José Barbosa - **Lusitanian** Church in Portugal and Rev. Pt. Barros Novo - **Anglican** Church in Portugal.

There were also readings of passages from various other spheres: **Sikhism, Shinto, Tenrikyo, Buddhism and Confucianism** from the UPF Board Secretary to show how they also are all related.

Last but not the least was the words of Father Moon on this theme, presented as Unificationism and explained by the UPF national president.

Final Considerations, Announcements and Closing were made by UPF National President.