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the world through roads, bridges, and sea lanes, restructuring the United Nation as a bi-cameral institution with a spiritual and religious chamber apart from the General Assembly to usher in peace and harmony in a strife-torn world and preparing the Korean peninsula for world leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> century may seem utopian to an ordinary mortal. But when such lofty ideals come from a superman imbued with spiritual and religious fervor, it has a serious meaning. That was Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon who shook the world through his life-long quest for peace, brotherhood, and harmony.



(Mother of Peace Hak Ja Han Moon Donates \$250,000 USD in the Fight Against COVID-19 Pandemic)

Postulating these ideals in his immortal autobiography "As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen", late Dr. Moon fathoms great depths revealing his personality as a great Christian faithful in search of world peace and harmony through interfaith efforts, love and brotherhood among nations. Dr. Moon, an engineer by training, has now left the legacy to his compassionate wife Hak Ja Han Moon who is relentlessly pursuing his goal through the Universal Peace Federation whose motto is to bring peace in the world through interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values.

An indefatigable optimist of world peace, Dr. Moon traverses through his life's chequered history—he was imprisoned several times in capitalist America, communist North Korea, and imperialist Japan—to emphasize the point that nothing is impossible to achieve if one has a strong will and determination to do good to humanity coupled with the blessings of God Almighty.

A devout Christian born in a simple family with 14 siblings in what is now North Korea, Dr. Moon leaves none in doubt that the ills of today's world steeped in tension, strife and cut-throat competition could be cured only through mutual love and brotherhood. "In today's world, there is an endless series of conflicts and confrontations, large and small. Tens of millions suffer from hunger with nothing to eat. Yet, trillions of dollars are spent on weapons. The money spent on guns and bombs alone would give us enough to end hunger for everyone", he says in the book which drew superlative comments from several world leaders, including Alexander Haig, former US Secretary of State, His Excellency Alfred Moisiu, former President of Albania, Abdurrahman Wahid, former President of Indonesia, Dr. Eva Lutham, President, Human Rights Teaching International, The Hague (Netherlands), Hon. Ruila Odinga, Prime Minister of Kenya and H.E. Rodrigo Carazo, former President Costa Rica, among others.

For years, Dr. Moon called for all religions to come together as one, all races to live as one and all nations to exist as one. One way to facilitate this, according to Dr. Moon, was through the International Peace Highway, a huge undertaking that will link Korea and Japan by an undersea tunnel and create a bridge across the Bering Strait that separates Russia and North America. When completed, it will be possible to travel by car from Africa's Cape of Good Hope to Santiago, Chile, and from London to New York. "There will be no roadblocks, the entire world will be connected as if by capillary vessels", he writes with emotion.

Describing his wife Hak Ja Han Moon "a quiet girl who never raised her voice and never sought to bring attention to herself", Dr. Moon writes she had a strong determination despite her pure and gentle ways. "We are becoming husband and wife to complete the mission given to us by God to become True Parents and not to pursue the happiness of two individuals as is the case with other people in this world", he told his newly married wife to which she responded: "My heart is already set. Please do not worry." Since then, Dr. Moon never looked back and toured the world many times over, sometimes together, to preach and bring about lasting peace in the world. Mother Moon, as she is referred to by loyal followers around the world, successfully took her late husband's mission forward. Hardly two months ago, she held an international conference of world leaders in Seoul under the aegis of the Universal Peace Federation. In the

conference, 172 countries participated with a representation of over 5000 delegates.

As a child, Dr. Moon displayed supernatural or what he calls “paranormal ability”. He could know things that others didn’t. He would, for example, predict illnesses of people living elsewhere and they were found sick. He could tell many other things as a fortune-teller did and they all came true. Naturally, he commanded the willing obedience of a large number of people when he started his Unification Church. He set up branches of the church in many parts of the world, even in places hostile to other religions. That was because of the unflinching faith that God had sent him with a job to create a peaceful world.

Dr. Moon faced incarcerations in North Korea and Japan where he worked for his Church. But arrests and torture did not down his spirits. On the other hand, his resolve grew stronger. Words like ‘heretic’ and ‘pseudo’ were placed in front of his name. “It was hard to hear my name without these words”, he writes referring to his opponents in Pyongyang and Tokyo in the early days when he was suffering for want of money and resources. He, however, succeeded in pushing his faith in most hostile of circumstances.

Recounting his days in a gripping flow of events, Dr. Moon describes his sojourn to America where he built everything from scratch to become a powerful persona attracting important political and religious leaders who came close to him for his overbearing presence in the Cold War era. In 1974 and 1975, he was invited to address the Congressmen in the Capitol Hill in Washington DC where he exhorted them to “re-awaken the Americans to return to its founding spirit”, unite Christianity divided into several denominations, absorb all religions and open a new future for world civilization. In his speech to a gathering of followers on October 24, 1975, Dr. Moon prophesied that “within the next 30 years, there will be a President of the United States who was born into an interracial black and white family.” Indeed, he proved right when Barack Obama took over as President of the US.

A staunch anti-communist all his life, Dr. Moon had the guts to tell President Gorbachev of the then USSR on his face in his first meeting with him in April 1990 that the days of communism were over. Gorbachev listened to him calmly only to realize later how prophetic Dr. Moon was.

So was his visit to North Korea in 1991 during which he met late Kil Il Sung who gave him a standing ovation, so much of political enmity notwithstanding. His dramatic mention for the reunification of the two Koreas left Kim Il Sung speechless. Dr. Moon addressed the North Korean Assembly for two hours, signaling his deep love for the people of North Korea.

The two Koreas could not re-unite in his lifetime, but Dr. Moon’s honest and sincere efforts have gone a long way in bringing the Peninsula closer. Once reunited, the Korean Peninsula will give leadership to the 21st-century world, which, according to Dr. Moon, belongs to the Asia Pacific.

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