

## I believe in God - There are many interpretations of God

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If someone asked you, "Do you believe in God?" It is not a yes or no answer. There are many interpretations of God and unless the person asking the question to me has the same interpretation as I do then my answer will have to be "no". The best definition of God I have ever encountered is the following:

"God, the Creator of all things under the sun, is the true parent of all humanity. He is not a parent in the parochial sense, existing only for a certain religion, a certain race, or the residents of a certain region. You may call Him by any name, be it Jehovah, Allah, or any other. What is important is that He certainly exists, lives as the true parent of all people, and is carrying on the great work of creation. He governs everything in the universe, and He carries out His providence through history in accordance with the principles and laws of nature that He set up at the beginning of time." [Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, April 10th, 2006 Korea 3rd peace message](#)

I can relate to the God describe above. I respect him and yearn to know him well. What about you, would you?

In Christianity God has been portrayed as a fearful God, an authoritarian God, a God of judgment, and also a God who knows everything past, present, and future. Only in recent history does God become a God who loves.

Rev. Moon says that first and foremost God is a parent. As a parent, would you want your children to be afraid of you? As a parent would we want our children to be condemned for eternity to suffering if they break our rules? There is another way, and punishment by eternal fire is not it.

# THE TRUE OWNERS IN ESTABLISHING THE KINGDOM OF PEACE AND UNITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH I

*The keynote address Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon gave on April 10, 2006, during the Third Assembly of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace, in the Republic of Korea.*

Leaders from all over the world who are working hard for the development of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation and the Universal Peace Federation, which was launched as the "Abel-type" UN!

Hand in hand with heavenly fortune, a new spring has finally come to my homeland, on the Korean Peninsula. I would like to welcome you all to this meaningful event on behalf of all the members of my family. Thank you for attending despite your busy schedules. I hope you will fill your hearts with the new spring of heavenly fortune and take these blessed words back with you to your nations.

Distinguished world leaders, this is the Third Assembly of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation. After inaugurating the Universal Peace Federation in New York, on September 12, 2005, I went on to complete a global tour of 120 nations in order to pass on my inaugural message. I proposed that the Universal Peace Federation, in the position of the "Abel UN," be developed as a new international peace organization and that at the same time the United Nations, as a "Cain-type institution, should be reformed by having a Peace Council—a legislative organization consisting of global religious leaders of the same rank as members of the current UN Security Council—established within it. I am referring to the founding of a Peace Council that will speak not for the interests of a particular nation, as the existing UN representatives do, but which will truly work for the welfare and peace of humanity from an interreligious and universal perspective.

The concept of the Universal Peace Federation, which was launched with such a grand purpose and objective, could not have emerged from the wisdom of one human being. It is the greatest, supreme blessing Heaven has given to humanity, and is ushering in the new millennium. It is my hope that the Mongolian Peoples' Federation, too, will fulfill its duty as a partner of the Universal Peace Federation in achieving its noble goals.

Toward that end, I would like to pass on to you today a revelation from God that is absolutely essential to all 6.5 billion people that make up the human race. I hope you will all be wise leaders who open your minds and listen to the voice of Heaven. I will impart to you this extensive message of Heaven under the title "*The True Owners in Establishing the Kingdom of Peace and Unity in Heaven and on Earth.*"

Leaders from around the world: God, the Creator of all things under the sun, is the true parent of all humanity. He is not a parent in the parochial sense, existing only for a certain religion, a certain race, or the residents of a certain region. You may call Him by any name, be it Jehovah, Allah, or any other. What is important is that He certainly exists, lives as the true parent of all people, and is carrying on the great work of Creation. He governs everything in the universe, and He carries out His providence through history in accordance with the principles and laws of nature that He set up at the beginning of time.

## **The Spirit World Really Exists**

Ladies and gentlemen, the human mind is more elevated than the human body and the spirit is more elevated than the mind. God resides in a place more elevated than the spirit world, where our spirits are destined to pass on. Only when we have become completely one with God in true love are we complete. Such a perfected person might be a small individual but would nevertheless represent all of history and all potential future relationships and so could be said to possess infinite value. Once we are aware of our having such universal value, we realize that our lives should be led by and carried out in service to our minds.

That is why your conscience knows and remembers not only every action you have performed, but also every thought you have entertained. Your conscience is aware of these things before your own teachers, parents or even God are. Hence, if you were to live in absolute obedience to the commands of your conscience, which is your teacher for eternity, you would be absolutely guaranteed to have eternal life. Such is the way of God's creation.

Looking at the structure of a human being from another perspective, we can recognize that God created us as beings with dual characteristics. He created our physical bodies as miniatures of the corporeal, tangible world and our spiritual bodies as representatives of and lords of the incorporeal world. Accordingly, we are to live for one hundred years or so in the physical world and, once the physical body ceases functioning, to pass on naturally and automatically into the incorporeal, spirit world. In this way, though it cannot be perceived by the eyes in our physical bodies, the spirit world is the automatic and inevitable extension of our lives on earth, humankind's eternal, original homeland, created by God.

The spirit world does actually exist. It is not a world that has been fantasized or imagined into existence. We do not have the right of choice concerning it. It is not a world we can go to if we please, or refuse to go to if we would rather not. Just as God is eternal and unchanging, the spirit world created by Him is also eternal and unchanging. Just as we live in the physical world in our physical bodies and form all sorts of relationships with the existing world, even in the spirit world we are destined to continue living in our spiritual bodies, forming and maintaining close relationships with all phenomena of the spirit world.

## **The Relationship between the Spirit and the Physical Body**

However, in the relationship between the spirit and the physical body of a human being, the spirit is the more important of the two. The physical body lasts for about one hundred years before it ceases to function, but the spirit lasts eternally, transcending time and space. No matter how well you fare in the physical world, you are bound to die. Therefore, before you pass on to the next world, you should achieve harmony between your spirit and your physical body by living your earthly life in such a way that you meet the standards of both the physical and spiritual worlds.

In other words, you have the responsibility to perfect your spirit within your physical body on the basis of the finite life you live in the tangible, physical world. This does not mean, however, that the perfection of your spirit self happens automatically. Only on the basis of your having achieved complete unity between your mind and body during your earthly life, by expressing true love through action, can your spirit self fully mature.

Ladies and gentlemen, in order for fruit to ripen and be put into storage in autumn, it must first pass through the growing process of spring and summer and be provided with the nutrients supplied by nature and the tender loving care of its owner. Fruit grown in an orchard by a lazy and ignorant farmer, will be afflicted with all kinds of diseases and be affected by foul weather. Eventually it will fall from the tree before it is ripe, or be classified as worm-infested. Though it

will still be fruit, it will be different from other fruit since it will never be good enough to sell in the market.

Fruit that has fully matured on the tree will automatically go into the owner's storehouse. Similarly, only when the spirit of a person has reached perfection during his life in the physical world, which can be likened to the tree, can it automatically enter the incorporeal spirit world of the kingdom of heaven. In other words, a person will enter the kingdom of God in heaven automatically only when he has qualified for and enjoyed the kingdom of heaven on earth by living as a fully mature person in his physical body.

While living on earth, your every action and movement is recorded on your spirit self, without exception, with the public laws of heaven as the standard. Accordingly, you will enter the spirit world in the form of your spirit self, which has recorded your life on earth with 100 percent accuracy. Your spirit will show plainly whether you have led a ripe life of goodness, or a wormy, rotten life of sinfulness.

What this means is that God will not judge you; you will be your own judge. If you are aware of this astonishing rule from Heaven, will you spend the remaining days of your life on earth in selfishness and immorality, succumbing to all the temptations of Satan and in pursuit of nothing but pleasure? No, rather you will abstain from injuring and scarring your spirit, even at the risk of your earthly life. Please bear this truth in mind: Whether you are bound for heaven or for hell is determined by your thoughts, words and deeds in each moment.

This does not imply, though, that the spirit leads its own life or that it can express true love through actions on its own. Your spirit self grows, matures and is finally perfected only within your physical body, through an earthly lifetime of having actualized true love, bringing your mind and body into a smooth, unified relationship of give and take.

Nevertheless, undeniably, your outer self and inner self are in a constant relationship of conflict and struggle. How much longer will you allow this fighting to continue? Ten years? A hundred years? In contrast, there is undeniably a proper order for all forms of existence in the universe. This indicates that God did not create human beings in this state of conflicted disorder. You need to know that it is your duty and responsibility as a human being to dispel all temptations directed at your outer self (your physical body) and achieve victory in life by following the way of your inner self (your conscience). Heavenly fortune will be with those who lead their lives in such a way. They will attain the perfection of their spirit selves.

### **The Limits of Heaven and Hell**

Ladies and gentlemen, what kind of places are heaven and hell? What kinds of people enter heaven? If it really does exist, where would it be? Would it be outside the galaxy, on the other side of the sky? Or is it only a product of our imagination? These are questions that everyone will have pondered and asked at least once.

In brief, heaven is a world overflowing with God's true love and established with true love as its axis. It is a world where true love is the external form as well as the internal content of every environment. It is a world where true love is present at the beginning and end of life. It is a world full of people who were all born through true love, who live in the embrace of true love, and, following the track of true love, finally pass on into that next world, the spirit world.

Consequently, antagonism and jealousy cannot be found in that world, for it is a natural world where each person lives for the sake of the other. It is not a world governed by money, honor or power. It is a world wherein the success of a person represents the success of the whole, the likes of a person represent the likes of the whole, and the joy of a person represents the joy of the whole.

Heaven is a world filled with the air of true love, where all breathe true love. It is a world where life throbs with love everywhere, all the time. It is a world whose constituent members are all connected to the true God through blood ties. It is a place where the whole world and all people are linked together in an inseparable relationship, like the cells in our bodies. It is a world that is governed only by true love, the love that is God's essence. Accordingly, God also exists for true love.

### **A Life of True Love**

You should lead a life that is completely devoted to true love. Your life should be one in which you love God more than did Adam, Eve or Jesus. By thoroughly actualizing true love, you should perfectly unite your mind and body and find and establish the realm of the relationships of true love. To put it another way, you should perfect a true family on earth, and the three generations of grandparents, parents and children should live together in true love. Only then will you be eligible to enter heaven.

What kind of love is true love? The essence of true love is found not in having others serve you. Rather, it is found when you give out to, serve and live for the sake of others. It is love that gives and forgets that it has given, and continues to give endlessly. It is love that gives with pleasure. It is the heart of pleasure. It is the love of a mother nursing her baby at her breast. It is love expressed through sacrifice as when, with pleasure, a child acts with filial piety toward his or her parents. It is a love just like that which God expressed when creating humankind, an act requiring absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal love that gives without conditions or expectations of receiving anything in return.

Ladies and gentlemen, true love brings about the spiritual order, peace and happiness that serve the common good. True love is love that determines the source, center and owner of the universe. True love is the root, and the symbol of the will and power of God. Therefore, when bound in true love, it is enough to be together eternally; for it is a love that can attract not only the universe, but even God. The value of true love lies in its power, which is strong enough to eradicate the walls of national, racial and religious boundaries, created by fallen human descendants. That is why the absolute condition necessary to enter the kingdom of heaven is a life that has been lived for the sake of others, that is, a life of true love.

Yet, look at the world we are currently living in. The people of the world are caught in the trap of extreme selfishness, clamoring for material gain. They have lost all sense of values and have fallen into the depths of self-gratification and degradation. The world is filled with alcoholics. As if drugs and free sex were not enough, there are even those who commit incest—an act not even seen in the animal world—and still live with their heads held high. This world has become one wherein beasts with human faces roam freely, even after violating women—grandmothers, mothers, wives and daughters. This world has become one wherein the swapping of spouses between couples is rampant. Such circumstances are without a doubt the pinnacle of the destruction of morality and the very last of fallen acts. This world has become hell on earth, where the perfected world, embodying the ideal God envisaged at the Creation, cannot even be dreamed of.

### **The Results of the Fall**

We have come to know that all these problems are rooted in the Fall of Adam and Eve, our first ancestors. Adam and Eve, who were at the perfection stage of the growth period, had a sexual relationship before their rightful time, due to the temptation of Satan. The Fall was therefore an illicit sexual union of a man and woman. This is why, over thousands of years,

people have continued to commit such indecent acts, traitorous acts that drive a sharp spike into the heart of God. They have been unable to escape from the realm of the fallen lineage.

Ladies and gentlemen, a man or woman alone can only be one-half of the whole. That is how God created us. For that reason, He has interchanged the owners of the sexual organs, the love organs. The owner of the wife's sexual organ is the husband, and the owner of the husband's is the wife. Only when each is rooted in true love for the sake of the other are they in the position of the owner of their spouse. In other words, irrespective of who they are, human beings can only become perfected individuals—rather than one half—when they have secured the position of an owner through marriage.

The human sexual organ is sacred. It is the palace of life where the seed of life is sown, the palace of love where the flower of love is made to bloom, and the palace of lineage where the fruit of the lineage is given life. Through this absolute sexual organ, the absolute lineage, absolute love and absolute life are brought forth; and absolute harmony, absolute unity, absolute liberation and absolute tranquility are brought about.

For what reason, then, are we trying to restore the position of the owner of the sexual organ? It is in order to possess God's love from that position. He is the subject of three great loves. As the owner of the universe, He is the true teacher, true owner, and true loving parent. These form the basis for the true, "three great subjects" principle. All these teachings and truths are created through the life of a true, model family; and with its expansion, the society, nation, the world and even the universe will be transformed into the peace kingdom of the model, ideal family.

However, because of the Fall, the first Adam lost the original, true lineage and consequently failed to form the original couple and the original family. Adam, who should have become the true teacher, the true parent and the true king, inherited the lineage of Satan and was degraded to the position of a false teacher, false parent and false king.

When we come to think of it, the purpose for Jesus' coming down to earth did not lie elsewhere: it was to reverse the effects of the Fall. If Jesus, who had come as the second Adam, had not lost his life on the cross, he would have restored the original lineage of God, unrelated to the Fall, and would have made up for the failure of the first Adam, established the true family as the Savior of humankind, and founded the original homeland for humankind on earth. This would have been the global kingdom embodying the ideal of peace, the kingdom of heaven on earth. However, his disciples, the Jewish leaders and the leaders of the nation of Israel all failed to recognize the Christ, and their disbelief caused Jesus' life to come to an end in such a wretched and tragic way.

Has anyone really known the grieving heart of Jesus, whose passing from the earth was so untimely, and who left no descendants? Though two thousand years of Christian history have passed, has there been any Christian who truly understood Jesus' sorrowful circumstances?

Jesus departed this world suddenly, leaving few traces other than a promise to return. Though his physical body has long been buried and become dust, the will that God had tried to fulfill through him is finally in the process of being completed at this time, at the conclusion of history, through the True Parents who have received the seal of Heaven and appeared on earth.

However, the life of Reverend Moon, whose task it is to complete the mission of True Parents, has been one of sorrow, marked by inexpressible suffering and persecution. The third Adam, the True Parent, needs to indemnify and completely reverse all the failures of the first and second Adams. His task is to complete not only the mission of the Savior, Messiah, and Lord at his second coming, but also the missions of all those major figures from whom religions have sprung. With similarities to God's creation of the universe, his life has constituted the great work of the re-creation of humanity, where not even the smallest error is permitted.

It has been a lonely course that cannot be fully comprehended by anyone. It has been a course that took him down thorny paths through the wilderness—paths that he had to follow while utterly

alone. Not even God could acknowledge him. Hovering many times between life and death, even vomiting blood, he has still had to rise again like a phoenix to remain true to his promise to God.

Though he was innocent, Reverend Moon has had to endure unjust imprisonment six times: for working in the underground independence movement when he was studying in Japan in his early days; for propagating the will of God in Pyongyang, which was under communist rule immediately after Korea's independence; during the Syngman Rhee administration, after Korea had been reborn as a free nation; and, furthermore, even in the United States, which proudly presents itself to the world as a model of democracy. Who on earth can understand the life of Reverend Moon? His has been a life of misery, which he has endured by biting his tongue, for the sake of comforting God, and for the salvation of the fallen people of the world who are suffering in the realm of death. Even now, if one person were to look into my heart and speak a word of sympathy, I would burst into tears and they would flow like a great waterfall.

### **Heaven Begins from the Family**

Ladies and gentlemen, the sinful era of restoration through indemnity, the era before the coming of heaven, has passed and the era of the constitutional government ruled by heavenly law is upon us. This is the era after the coming of heaven, You are now living in an era of grace in which, after receiving the Marriage Blessing from True Parents, completing the conversion of lineage, and leading a life that is vertically aligned with Heaven, such that no shadow is cast, you can automatically enter the kingdom of heaven. That is to say, if you establish a true family on earth and lead a heavenly life, once you die your life will be connected to the kingdom of God in heaven, and you will enjoy eternal life.

Therefore, in the framework of the family, you should serve God as the Father in the highest position. Every one of you should become His child, perfecting the parent-child relationship with Him through sharing your life with Him, connected by blood. In short, you should form a partnership of true love with God, and live together with Him.

Who would be the greatest grandfather of the universe? The first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, call God "Father." Should their children call Him "Grandfather"? No, they too should call Him "Father." Why is this so? From the viewpoint of God, the vertical center, all object partners of love are equal. His object partners, who are produced through the horizontal expansion and multiplication of His love, assume equal value regardless of who they are, transcending time and space. Simply put, everyone has equal value in perfected love.

The kingdom of heaven must first be achieved on earth. What this means is that the kingdom of heaven being established in the corporeal world is prerequisite to establishing the kingdom of heaven in the incorporeal world. Therefore, heaven is not a world found in outer space on the other side of the galaxy, nor is it the by-product of imagination existing only in the human brain. It refers to the substantial kingdom of heaven on earth, which can only be created when you have led a life expressive of true love. When you leave the physical world on that foundation, you automatically enter the spiritual kingdom of heaven. This means that only when you have led a heavenly life on earth, can you lead such a life also in heaven.

Only the fruit that has fully ripened on the tree is classified while in storage as a product of the best quality. Herein lies the reason why your life should not be one that is bound for hell, like a fruit that is devoured by insects on a tree. You should never forget that, through your life on earth, you yourself determine whether you go to heaven or to hell.

### **The Value of the Family**

Ladies and gentlemen, the reason why we miss the family we have left behind is that at home there is love for one another. It is where the love of mother and father, the love of elder brothers and sisters and younger siblings, and the love of one's spouse, children and close neighbors are all deeply embedded. It is a place of mutual affection, where all relationships and affinities are brought together through mutual love. This makes you want to cherish each and every member of your family. It is the yearning and desire of any wanderer who has left his family behind to reappear boldly before his family one day as a liberated being, and to embrace mountains, streams and trees, love his kith and kin, and sing songs of ecstasy.

However, the situation of humankind, descended from the Fall, has been different: banished from their hometown and destined to wander in isolation and defeat, human beings are unable to go back, no matter how much they miss their family, for they have lost the root of the heart of their original homeland.

However, with the ushering in of the era of a new heaven and a new earth after the coming of heaven, human beings have been pulled out of the swamp that was sucking them down, and the way has been opened for them to return to their hometowns—hometowns that they could not forget even for a moment—and meet with their family. Could there ever be a day of greater blessing for humanity? The time of heavenly power and fortune has now come, a time to reestablish the original family that was lost through the Fall of Adam and Eve.

### **A Family of Three Generations Living in Harmony**

When seeking after the lost original family, you should set out from the position of the perfected Adam, the position of the perfected Jesus, and the position representing the perfected Lord at his second coming. God will dwell in such a family. That family would be one of three generations—grandparents, parents and children—living in harmony. In such a family you should serve and attend your grandfather as the historical root representing your ancestors.

The family sets the pattern for all people to live together in harmony. The family where parents and children love and respect each other, where husband and wife are grounded in mutual trust and love, and brothers and sisters trust and rely on each other, and all live together as one, is the model and the ideal. This means that you need to establish a true family wherein the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love.

Such families contain the living root of history and the roots of the kingdom of heaven. In such families, the kingdom of heaven on earth takes root. They are the soil in which God's everlasting kingship is firmly planted. The grandparents, parents, and children represent the roots of the past, present and future, respectively. The root of the past represents the spirit world; the root of the present is the palace representing the world today; and, the root of the future establishes the grandsons and granddaughters as princes and princesses, and erects the palace of peace representing the two worlds, the spirit world and the physical world.

In such a manner, the three generations of grandparents, parents, and grandchildren should live together as one family, serving the eternally existent God. You should know that to seek after and establish such a family of *Cheon Il Guk* (God's kingdom) is the responsibility of tribal messiahs, the mission of the Ambassadors for Peace, and the desire of God.

The movement to realize a society of mutual existence, prosperity, and benefit, by making humanity one great family, breaking down the walls in our hearts and eliminating even the boundaries between nations, begins thus from one family. Therefore, we should bear in mind that to form and establish true families is our providential calling, advancing the establishment of the universal peace kingdom on earth.



You should form families that God will miss and yearn to return to after He has been away. You should raise families to which He can come freely as the Parent visiting His children. That is what it means to live in service to God. In such a family, God becomes the subject partner of our conscience, acting vertically. Following that vertical subject partner, your mind stands in the position of the vertical subject partner of yourself, and brings your mind and body into unity. That is where parental love, conjugal love, children's love, and siblings' love—in short, the four realms of love or the four realms of heart—are perfected. Only in such a family can the upper and lower, front and behind, left and right be connected as one and spherical motion ensue.

If the world were filled with such true families, that world would be one governed by the heavenly way and heavenly laws, with no need for lawyers, prosecutors or even judges. Ponder this for a moment. Who would be most fully aware of your good and bad deeds? It would be your grandparents, your parents, your spouse and your children.

Is there anything that cannot be resolved within the family? When parents and children, husband and wife, and elder and younger siblings set an example of living for the sake of one another, how could they do anything unforgivable? What reason would they have to commit crimes? A world governed by the heavenly way and the heavenly laws is a natural world, an unobstructed world of truth and pure reason, and a world of the settlement of noon, where no shadows are cast.

Esteemed representatives of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation, we should all return gratitude and glory to God and True Parents for enlightening us about the incredible providential age in which we are living. We should give praise and thanks for eternity to True Parents for opening the era after the coming of heaven, which is unprecedented in history and which will never be repeated in the future, and for bringing about the era of the settlement of the realm of true liberation and complete inner freedom. Just as the sun rises with brilliant light in the eastern sky, heavenly fortune is now shining upon all people. The curtain of darkness that shrouded us for thousands and tens of thousands of years is lifting at last, as Heaven's will is taking root in your hearts. This is a path of destiny you cannot avoid. Therefore stand up with courage and shout out, "Whoever wants to die will live, and whoever wants to live will die!"

Ladies and gentlemen, the mission of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation has now become clear. Serving the Universal Peace Federation as the vertical Abel, and the religious realm and national realm of the world as the horizontal Abel, it should be in the position of Cain and work as the central figure in establishing the global kingdom of the peace ideal. I hope you also will participate actively in the Bering Strait Tunnel Project, currently being promoted as a Universal Peace Federation construction project. Through the completion of this project, humanity will become one great family and the establishment of a war-free world of the peace ideal, espousing the blessings of eternal peace, will come to be.

Please become true princes and princesses who can attend and live together with God, the eternal peace king, as the true parent of humanity. Let us develop the Mongolian Peoples' Federation into the Mongolian Shared Lineage Federation by receiving the Marriage Blessing of True Parents and perfecting the change of lineage. Please take to heart that this is the task assigned to you by God, and become the true owners in establishing the kingdom of peace and unity in heaven and on earth.

May God's grace be upon you, your families and your nations.

Thank you.