

East-West: Paradox of Restoration

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I wish it did not happen, but since it already happened, I am glad that it did. This may be a paradoxical statement to make, but I made it.

Though not all their responsibilities are the same, each True Child has a providential responsibility to fulfill. They each have a path to tread for the restoration of, among other things, specific groups or categories of people.

All the True Children are directly connected to True Parents' foundation. It does not matter whether one has rejected the True Parents like Hyun Jin Nim has done, but he still is and will always be True Parents' son. Hence, he has a major responsibility to fulfill centering on True Parents' foundation.

Though he is Korean by birth, Hyun Jin Nim is really a quintessential of the western mannerism. Among the True Sons, he is the second one to have highly embodied western mannerism. Hyo Jin Nim was the first one. The difference between the two of them is that Hyo Jin Nim manifested the Wild West type of mannerism while Hyun Jin Nim is manifesting the corporate America mannerism. In a sense, Hyo Jin Nim was old school; Hyun Jin Nim is new school. In short, Hyun Jin Nim represents the modern western mannerism for this is not only limited to the USA; it extends to the whole of the western hemisphere—including Europe.

The West is predominately Christian. However in its values, the West does not reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ. It has continued to teach some of Jesus' core teachings, yet, progressively distanced itself from them. In other words, the West sounds Christian in theory, but not in application. Though it has used its Christian foundation to develop materially, it has time and again ignored God and looked at its external prowess rather than God as the source of its excellence.

The reality is that the West has pulled itself so far away from God that it needs to find a way through which to return to God's bosom. Today, Hyun Jin Nim has pulled himself away from the True Parents in a similar fashion that the West has pulled itself away from God. However, there is a blessing in disguise here. Hyun Jin Nim may become the platform upon which the West could reconnect to God through the True Parents.

Think about the East for instance. What made it possible for China especially, and India to some extent, to gain such a momentum early on in the twenty-first century? Who could have predicted that China would become a worldwide force to reckon with in this early stage of the settlement of heaven? Though the major reason is True Parents' foundation of victory, the link to the providential reason why China has made such strides this early in the era of settlement of heaven is Hyung Jin Nim.

Given that both names, Hyun Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim, are very closely similar and may easily get confusing, I am going to use their western names in order to avoid confusion. Hyun Jin Nim's western name is Preston. Hyung Jin Nim's western name is Sean. Thank God that the True Parents decided to give the True Children western names besides their eastern names.

At some point in his life, Sean ventured into the ways of the East. His venture can be considered as a disassociation from the True Parents. However unlike Preston's, Sean's disassociation was not linked to materials, but to spirituality. Spirituality, and of course culture, are what the Eastern Hemisphere prides itself for.

One of the paradoxes of restoration is that the True Son who was born in the West is the one to establish the link of restoration that will connect for the whole of the East directly to the True Parents' foundation of victory; the one born in the East is the one doing so for the whole of the West.

Sean represents East not because he chose it to be so, not also because True Father decided it to be so, but because of his personal inclinations and disposition. By the same token, Preston represents West not because he chose it to be so, not also because True Father decided it to be so, but because of his personal inclinations and disposition. Their personal inclinations and dispositions are also results of their providential responsibilities and vice versa.

In his venture, Sean became a Buddhist Monk. He engulfed himself in one of the teachings that have dominated the East. When he reconnected to the True Parents' victorious foundation, Sean established a link through which the whole of Asia can directly connect to the True Parents. He expanded True Parents' platform of restoration. The sun started to shine brightly in the East from the time Sean reconnected to the True Parents' victorious foundation.

Though Buddhism started in India, its influence reached great highs after settling in China. Today Buddhism is found everywhere throughout the East. There is a lot of Buddhist influence in the different eastern cultures be it Chinese, Korean, or Japanese culture.

Unlike Buddhism in the East, Christianity is the major and dominant religion in the West. There is a lot of Christian influence in the western culture.

True Parents have already accomplished so much in their lifetime. But, there are some distant corners and narrow paths that True Parents will not reach. This is where their Abel type children, i.e. the True Children, and Cain type children, i.e. Church members, come in. We ought to expand True Parents' foundation wider than it is. It is our responsibility to make it wider than it is right now. This is what Sean did when he returned to the True Parents. He made the True Parents' foundation for the salvation of the whole of Asia wider than it was. And, brothers and sisters, this is also what a successful, honest, and repenting return of Preston to True Parents will do for the whole of the West. By returning to the True Parents, Preston will become a living link through which the whole of the Western Hemisphere can connect to the True Parents' foundation of salvation. This is why I began my article with the statement: "I wish it did not happen, but since it already happened, I am glad that it did."

The golden sun will shine brightly in the West when Preston reconnects to the True Parents.

Preston's return will be a great victory for heaven, but not the end yet. The next leg will be for the East and West to come together in harmony. Just like a man needs a woman and a woman a man, East needs West and West East. Just like a man's restoration is not complete without a woman, and a woman's without a man, the restoration of East is not complete without a harmonious relationship with the West and vice versa. This means that after Preston reconnects with the True Parents and establishes a strong foundation upon which the whole of the West can see unprecedented success centering on the True Parents, he and his brother Sean, occupying the Cain and Abel positions respectively, will have to unite in order to secure the victory not only of their

Cain-Abel relationship, but also of the True Parents' universal foundation of salvation, humanity's foundation of salvation, East-West harmony, North-South harmony, physical and spiritual worlds harmony, etc.

Another paradox of restoration is that East is becoming West; West is becoming East. Godly people are becoming godless while godless people are progressively becoming godly. Those who used to profess strong faith in God have progressively been excluding Him from their lives; those who used to reject Him are now progressively incorporating Him in their lives. When Preston re-embraces the True Parents, both East and West will stand strong on the foundation of the True Parents. Eastern hemisphere and western hemisphere will both become godly.