

## To destroy us, you have to dig up our roots. Good luck with that

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When I took over my community garden plot, there was a tree in the middle of it. I didn't want it, and so I cut it down to the ground. And every year I cut it again, because the roots are deep and it keeps coming back. And it will keep coming back, no matter how many times I cut it down, unless I dig deeper than its roots and pull them out.

If you don't see the roots, you may think you have killed the tree by cutting it down.

There is a way of thinking that you if you control people's bodies, their minds will follow. That you can change hearts and spirits by passing laws, by punishing, by imprisoning, by forcing, by killing.

Many think that if you crush their bodies, take all their money, take their physical freedom, destroy their homes, you have crushed their spirits.

There is a belief that this physical world is all there is. That spirit is just some chemicals in our brains.

They thought that if they killed Jesus, that would be the end of him, and his followers would give up. They tried to annihilate religion in the USSR, they jailed and killed believers, but it sprang right back up again. There are those who think by taking our buildings, our legal status and our money, they have eliminated our church.

This thinking sees the tree, but it does not see the roots deep in the ground that brought it into this world. Thinking that by controlling what they see, they also control what they don't see. Thinking this way, they will always be surprised when spirit cannot be killed.

The only way our church can be destroyed is by someone digging deeper than our True Parents' roots go. Good luck with that.

Those who have tried to kill spirit by controlling the material world have never succeeded. However rich, powerful, cunning and dominating they may be, such power in this world never lasts, because the real source of life is in the spirit, not in the material. And the spiritually powerful are not measured by their suits, their houses, their bank accounts or how many people they can hire and fire. They are measured by how much they love.

This material world came from spirit. The atoms and molecules this world is made of are nothing but particles of energy dancing with each other. Those who work in harmony with spirit know how to make things that last. Those who think spirit doesn't matter will struggle to build material things and then fight others to keep it, and when they stop forcing their will, what they build will crumble. Only things built on the harmony of spirit and body will last.