

Solving Unsolvable Problems

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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon addresses the Asia Pacific Summit 2018 in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Dec. 1.

True Mother (as Unificationists call Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, wife of the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon) recently concluded her world summit tours. The first continental-level event was held in January 2018 in Senegal, Africa, and the last in December in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The hallmark of these summits, as well as programs in Korea, Japan and America, was her proclamation that she is the only begotten daughter of God. She wanted to make this bold statement on the world stage and in front of heads of state and government as well as distinguished leaders in all fields.



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Including both the first and last summits, eight sitting presidents, prime ministers and monarchs attended. Additionally, in the audiences were former heads of state and government, deputy prime ministers and vice presidents, government ministers, speakers, members of parliament, elected officials, other high-level dignitaries, along with eminent religious leaders. It was a collective victory for God by us all.

In announcing she is God's daughter at these summits, True Mother is solving one of the most critical problems of our time. In societies around the world and throughout history, women have been raped, trafficked into prostitution, beaten at home, murdered, unwillingly impregnated, and forced into life-threatening abortions (mostly when the fetus in their womb was known to be female).

The solution to the way we mistreat women will never be fully addressed through the power of police, the number of prisons, the verdicts of courts, more laws, or even the fear of capital punishment. These have been tried but the problem remains unsolved.

The lasting solution is a fundamental change of attitude towards women, incorporated in a new heart and culture. We need something original and innovative; something never thought of or done before.

No woman in history ever proclaimed on a global stage that she was God's only begotten daughter. No woman ever invested so many resources in making this bold statement. True Mother's investment of financial and human resources is unparalleled. At the age of 76, she is investing all her energy. For older people, extensive travel, changing time zones to distant locales, and walking through long airport corridors is very difficult.

Her summits are not for the purpose of self-promotion; they are problem-solving on an historical level. Mother Moon is risking her position and the reputation of the worldwide organizations she represents (many she personally founded) to provide a much-needed answer to the critical problems related to

changing our attitude towards and treatment of women. Her declaration is a cosmic game-changer.

This is exactly what needs to happen. It is an entirely new approach, a new understanding and attitude towards women, where we begin to honor our daughters, sisters, wives, and mothers in the highest possible way, by acknowledging the divine feminine nature intrinsic in them.

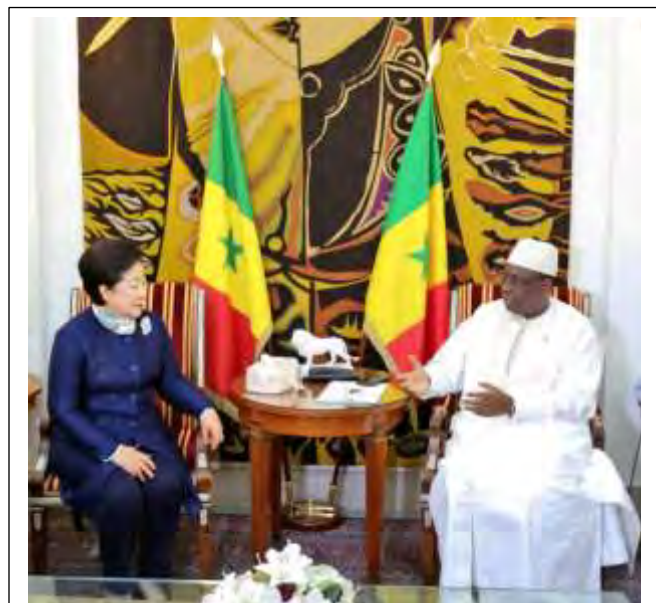
What if husbands thought of their wives as God's daughters? What if women thought of themselves as the daughters of God? What if brothers controlled themselves -- not just to avoid disease or impregnating a woman, but to protect their sisters as the embodiment of the feminine essence of God's divinity? What if children were raised knowing they and their siblings are sons and daughters of God? Even angels in the spiritual world would benefit from this revolutionary way of thinking initiated here on earth.

Sadly, this mindset and heart did not emerge at the very beginning of human history. Instead we inherited a legacy of selfishness that permeates our sexual thinking and behavior still today. Adam did not see Eve as God's daughter. Eve did not see herself as the daughter of God. The archangel looked at the first woman as a sex object for personal pleasure and a way to supplant God's heavenly lineage. This egocentric, sex-centered attitude towards women is not only the origin of our problems historically, but also central to some of the most ubiquitous problems we currently face.

Whether pedophilia in religious institutions, sexual harassment which now has become publicly-known through the #MeToo movement, the free sex movement of the 1960s, the same-sex movement today, or the disintegration of families, at the core of these unsolved social problems is the confusion related to the dignity of women and, correlated to this, the lack of understanding of the proper role of human sexuality. This is at the root of our fallen nature, culture and lineage.

True Mother is not a theologian. She has said so herself. Her declaration as God's only begotten daughter cannot be understood by dissecting her words. The big picture is that Mother Moon is sharing with us her upbringing, her life as a refugee during the Korean War, her Korean heritage, her motherhood bearing 14 children, and ultimately her victory of being side-by-side with her husband, True Father (Rev. Moon), for 52 years. Her victory of knowing she embodies the feminine divinity of God was her constant internal strength. She is sharing this victory on a global stage, telling each and every person of the inherent value, ultimate purpose, and utmost integrity of womanhood.

In declaring, "I am the only begotten daughter of God," True Mother is establishing a new benchmark. She is setting the record straight as to the unique position of women based on God's original principle of creation. In fact, she is also sharing with us the entire history of the providence of restoration. The human fall was the inability to recognize Eve as God's only begotten daughter. Likewise, the culmination of human history is the advent of God's first triumphant daughter/sister/wife/mother.



Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon meets with H. E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal, on January 19, 2018 in the Presidential Palace, during the Africa Summit 2018 in Dakar, Senegal.

Dr. Moon is addressing what happened at the beginning of human history. Why didn't Adam, Eve or the Archangel understand Eve's divinity? From where would they have learned this? Who would have taught them that Eve was God's begotten daughter? This could only come from God Himself. God knew who Eve was. Adam did not. If the Archangel knew anything about it, he surely did not share that with Eve when she asked about the meaning of the commandment, "Do not eat." Clearly, no one but God could have taught this concept to our first human ancestors. Then why didn't God teach that and why didn't our first human ancestors understand Eve's value and position?

In True Mother's recent speeches, it is clear she is emphasizing that selfishness, or a lack of filial heart (*hyo-jeong*) preceded the misuse of sex. In Vienna, Austria, at the "Peace Starts with Me" rally on April 29, 2018, she said, "when [Adam and Eve] had not fully matured, they developed greed. Due to that, the fallen

human beings of today, who have no connection to God, were born." A year earlier in Bangkok, Thailand, at the international launching of Youth and Students for Peace, she explained that our first human ancestors "... felt and experienced greed before they could become ancestors of humankind. They ended up having self-centered hearts."

Most recently during the Asia Pacific Summit 2018 in Nepal on December 1, she again mentioned that

"during this process [of the growing period] Adam and Eve became greedy and made the world of today, which has no connection to God." In other words, greed, self-centered hearts, or lack of *hyo-jeong*, led to the misuse of love which, in turn, then created the lineage of Satan and disconnected this world from its Creator, God.

In the Garden of Eden, God gave Adam the commandment, "Do not eat." The content was important, but opening up lines of communication between God and His children was more important than the content itself. According to the biblical account, after receiving God's instruction, Adam did not in any way acknowledge what he received. There was no "10-4" (a reply in walkie-talkie communication meaning "understood"), no question about its meaning, no inquiry for more information, no nothing.

On her part, Eve had questions about the commandment, but she asked the Archangel, not God, and was misled and deceived. There was no communication between God and His daughter. God did not want the conversation to end after giving them the commandment -- He wanted it to begin. Sadly, however, neither of our first human ancestors developed a free, open and honest conversation with God. There were many things He wanted to share with them.

In explaining to Adam and Eve why they should not have sex during their growing period, the conversation could have easily and naturally turned to God clarifying that Eve was His daughter. The commandment, therefore, would mean much more than sexual self-control; it would be the beginning of a relationship with God.

God's commandment to Adam meant he would be entrusted with the protection of God's daughter. Adam's responsibility was to keep Eve safe and in this way prepare her for marriage. While she is growing to maturity, Eve would come to recognize (through talking with God) that her position was to be the mother of all humankind. She was to create, along with her husband, God's lineage on earth.

But this type of education could only come from God, no one else. Because the first human ancestors did not have an ongoing communication with God, they never learned about Eve's true identity and value. The value of women is not bestowed on them by men or angels. It comes from God alone.

No response means no communication. No communication means no give-and-take action. No give-and-take-action means no energy to keep the commandment and, ultimately, no relationship with God. In this regard, Mother Moon correctly identifies greed, a self-centered heart, or lack of *hyo-jeong*, as the root of the problem at the beginning of human history. Extreme individualism is also seen as the underlying cause of secularism, family breakdown and social sexual chaos that are rampant today.

Clearly, there was no free-flowing communication between God and the first human ancestors. No lines of communication between God and His children means spiritual death, i.e., no *hyo-jeong*. The fall was not just sexual; it began with the undocumented "#MeFirst" or "#OnlyMe" movement in the Garden of Eden which destroyed the ideal of creation.

True Mother's teachings about *hyo-jeong*, her emphasis on God as our Heavenly Parent, and proclamation of being God's only begotten daughter are inextricably linked together.

Focusing on the meaning of *hyo-jeong*, it is more than just how we treat our parents (the traditional concept of filial piety in Confucianism). Filial piety focuses on and is limited to a child's love and respect for his or her parents. *Hyo-jeong*, on the other hand, declares that I must not only honor my parents with filial piety, but also honor them in the way I treat my brothers and sisters, by the way I treat my spouse, and in the way parents raise children and grandchildren.

We can almost say that *hyo-jeong* is filial piety in six relationships: parents and children, brothers and sisters, and husband and wife. Obviously, *hyo-jeong* goes far beyond and is much deeper than filial piety. This is probably why Dr. Moon felt compelled to coin a new term.

At her advanced age when many people would retire, True Mother is traveling around the world offering a solution to the most serious social problems of our time. In declaring her daughtership to God, she is liberating all women. At the same time, she is educating all men. In essence, she is asking all of us to change our attitudes towards ourselves and, especially, towards women. Both men and women need to understand the true identity of women as the daughters of God.

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