

Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Peace Festival -- Who is the Divine Being

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Peace is the desired goal of any social, political system or spiritual discipline. Hindu scriptures say, "Peace is the highest achievement for a human being."

But as humans, our predicament is that we have to learn the various arts of living, including peace. That is where the Divine intervenes in our history to show us the way to peace. Peace requires care, understanding, love and selfless service. For all these qualities, our mothers are the first and the best teachers. Therefore, the Divine manifests best as a mother. We are fortunate to have Dr. Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon. She is our beloved Mother Moon, who not only leads us to peace, but also nurtures and sustains peace, with her unbound love and care. Mother Moon is manifest in all beings as the Mother of Peace. Let peace be upon her.

Toward a proper religious and social behavior, the very first teaching a Hindu receives, is "Regard your Mother as God; regard your father as God." This teaching is a humble acceptance of the existential truth of ourselves coming into being, as a gift from our parents. This gratitude should not stop there. Parents shape and nurture our lives and for that we are always indebted to our parents.

To reflect that eternal gratitude, one of the most common Hindu prayer begins with the words: "You are the mother; you are the father, therefore you are the lord of my lords"

In Hindu understanding, the Divine Being is always a couple, with male and female energies, and so on. Their coming together is the cause of the cosmic manifestation of sentient and inert beings.

The Divine Parents not only give us birth but undertake the responsibility of shaping our lives in a proper way and direction. As parents, they nurture us, lifelong, with their love, care and wisdom. In the same spirit, Father Moon and Mother Moon are the True Parents. As a divine couple, they are manifest in the world.

Let peace be upon them. (*Aum shaanti, shaantih, shaantih*)