

## Connecting to Our Origin and Moving Forward

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True Mother gave a lot of thought to her decision to come to Europe. She told me that this historic tour has two main objectives or goals. First, she wants to express eternal gratitude to our brothers and sisters who have sacrificed and worked sincerely to carry forward Heaven's providence. Secondly, she wants to chart a course for us to fulfill and encompass the full spectrum of true love for all humankind and to establish God's kingdom of Cheon Il Guk substantially.

### Europe and the providence

In Divine Principle, so much of the history known as the last four hundred years of preparation for True Parents, took place here in Europe, with the Reformation, the Renaissance, the Enlightenment, the rise of modern democracy, free market economics and the scientific revolution. Even the vision for the United Nations has roots in Europe.

True Parents have always loved and invested their heart and soul, and resources, in the development of our movement in Europe. They fully understood Europe's providential role, as well as its painful history. They wanted so much for Europe to help God's providence and usher in an era of peace centered on True Parents. As such, the nations of Europe are called to embrace each other, and the

entire world, as one family under God. What a glorious, yet difficult task.

What I say to you today has value only if it is linked with the universal truth of our Heavenly Parent and our True Parents. Therefore, I hope through this speech you may be encouraged and inspired to study and delve more deeply into the true word and the sacred blessing that our Heavenly Parent has tried tirelessly for millennia to convey to all humankind.



*Members that came to the event in the United Kingdom join Sun Jin Moon and her entourage in the ballroom of the Royal National Hotel to celebrate fifty years of effort to bring salvation to Europe following Sun Jin Moon's address.*

The gift of truth comes alive only to those who, like divers searching for pearls, are willing to dive down to the depths of the ocean to retrieve them, and it is only fully manifested when we share that truth with others. This gracious gift opens the way to true love and goodness. We should treasure these gifts and share them with others, just as our Heavenly Parent and True Parents continually share them with us.

### The origin

In order to map our path to a glorious future we must follow the steps and inherit the wisdom of those

who have gone before. In this way, we come to know where we should be headed. We must know our true origin.

From those deep roots, we can start to grow and progress even further on our own path and journey. But no matter what step, pace, style, or skill you may have individually, there is only one way to walk, one foot in front of the other. But even this act of taking our first wobbly step does not come automatically.



*European leaders, join Sun Jin Moon, Park In Sup and others for a commemorative photograph.*

For example, when you took your first step as an infant, who was there to hold, buffer, urge, praise, and teach you to do so? It was your parents, your mother and father. If we trace human history back to its origin we find God. If we truly understand Principle, we know that God is our heavenly parent, the perfect union of masculine and feminine energy from where all life began.

Our Heavenly Parent created everything out of a heart of love and a desire to have a perfect object partner, a perfected man and woman, the True Parents. Once the position of True Parents is established it is possible to build a True Family, and ultimately one family under God.

True Parents have shown us the way out of the darkness. We have been nurtured and guided on the path of restoration, and engrafted to the true olive tree. We have been given the light of truth and a road has been cleared and paved for us, so that we can be liberated from the long history of human suffering.



*Jack Corley, president of FFWPU in the UK*

In True Mother's recent speech she gives guidance about where we are on the growth chart that shows our spiritual and professional development. She counsels us about how we should train ourselves in order to achieve Cheon Il Guk.

The first point True Mother highlights is the significance of our "original mind." This is our conscience.

This is the heavenly GPS system to guide us out of darkness. It is the divine light and direct link to our Heavenly Parent's heart. As True Mother said, "We must find our original mind by ourselves." We have the responsibility to listen

to that inner light and voice and take action to get in shape and compete on a worldwide scale.

I know that I have not lived a perfect life and that I have moments of doubt and struggle, but as I have seen True Parents go their course, the voice inside screams at me to help them, to ease their burden, to not sit by and watch or add to their suffering. This is why no matter how inadequate I am, or how inadequate you may feel yourselves to be, we, as filial sons and daughters, must serve, care for and bring victory for our True Parents. We have been given the gift of true love, life and lineage. If we do not honor these blessings, we are not qualified to be eternal sons and daughters of True Parents.

When I recently read True Father's words on conscience, from his speech "True Family and I," I was moved to tears. He outlines the path we must take as filial sons and daughters. Here is an excerpt:

If you study yourself, you will notice that your conscience knows everything about you. Your conscience is closer to you than are your own parents. It desires to possess eternal love and to be embraced eternally in God's bosom.

When we marry, we separate from our earthly parents, but not from our conscience. The conscience exists with us prior to our birth on earth. It loves us, and its mission is to transform us



into eternal sons and daughters of God. In this sense, the conscience does not need a teacher....Until today, we did not know that the mission of the conscience is to convert us into unblemished, true sons and daughters of God....The role of the conscience for a man is the same as that of a compass for a ship....The conscience's ambition demands the maximum amount of love. It wishes to possess the Absolute Being.

When we realize the eternal true love and infinite hopes our Heavenly Parent has for us, how can we not listen to our heavenly inner voice to guide us? Many times in life, we become lost or confused by the noise or distractions that lead us away from our original mind. People complain about the many challenges swirling around them. This brings further disillusionment and sometimes despair.

Yet, as True Parents have shown us, our guide is always there. We just need to listen and follow that glowing path of true love. Had we fulfilled our responsibility we would not be where we are today. If we look at the history of our movement, I am sorry to say, there are many times when we did not fulfill our portion of responsibility.

This is why we always need the help of the word to train and hone our ability to listen to and to obey our true conscience.



*In Sup Park, international vice-president of FFWPU; his wife, Sun Jin Moon, international president of FFWPU, and Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, president of WFWP International cut a fiftieth anniversary cake.*

### **The present time**

As you know, True Mother appointed me as the international president of FFWPU.... I could not say no to True Mother. For too long, I have witnessed her lonely, silent and suffering course over many years. I cannot simply withdraw. I know I have to become a person who can stand and help carry our True Parents' burden. I have seen the burden she must carry on a daily basis, especially since True Father's ascension. I only want to serve our True Mother. Perhaps that is my only qualification for this mission.

Even though we are going through a time in our movement when there are voices of confusion and discord, we must not lose sight of our center which resides in True Parents, in the word, and in our own consciences. They serve as our compass so that we can navigate with an even hand, even while sailing on stormy seas.

After thousands of years of providential history, marked by countless setbacks, True Parents have reestablished the center point. Let us never let go of that center. Only by learning from True Parents' words and emulating their example can we become true filial sons and daughters. True Parents are eternal and they have completed everything, restoring the position lost at the time of Adam and Eve. However it is our responsibility as filial sons and daughters to honor True Parents' legacy and to practice and perfect true love for our tribes and future generations. That is our responsibility and path, to restore a world of

true brotherly and sisterly peace for all humankind and for creation.

Then as true filial sons and daughters of True Parents, more than any other people on earth, we should know our eternal center, our birthplace, and our true origin. It is only because of the complete unity of True Father and True Mother, as True Parents, that we can be blessed with true love, life, and lineage. However, this center is only secure if we, as filial sons and daughters, honor and share it with others.



*Mr. Keith Best, CEO of the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture, who gave a congratulatory address at the event in London on May 16*

Human history diverged from the ideal path, and as a result, we are all suffering under the weight of the Fall, unable to pull ourselves out of this swamp. If we look around us, we still see war, suffering and division. Can we just remain inactive and point at others for not fulfilling their portion of responsibility? No. We must emulate True Parents' example, practice living for the sake of others, unify the realms of Cain and Abel, and carry forth the providence until we are victorious!

We can only be victorious if we become one family under our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. That is our path, the truth of vision 2020, and the heart of Cheon Il Guk. We must reflect on this point, and study hard to honor our holy genealogy revealed

in the Chambumo Gyeong. We must grow each day and study in earnest about our divine roots and origin.

True Mother, remains steadfast and true to her responsibilities as our True Mother, as the remaining True Parent on earth. She is not simply the mother of fourteen children. She has never seen herself that way. She is the True Mother for seven billion people, the sons and daughters of our Heavenly Parent, all separated from their true origin and root.

It has been my constant prayer and hope, since True Father's Seonghwa, that the True Family and all blessed central families could unite as one family to love and support our True Mother, during her most trying times, especially after she was no longer able to live together, side by side, with our True Father on this earthly plane. For the past three years I have attended True Mother. Not a day goes by in which she is not loving, praying, offering devotion, and reaching for a connection with our True Father. Indeed, that connection between them is eternal and unbreakable.



I will do my best to serve our True Father and True Mother, and I will continue to pray and hope you can all join us as one united family. They are the one and only origin of all humankind.

True Father has given us the truth, the word, and he has lit the light for all of us to come out of the darkness. Yet, we also know that for fifty-two years he did not do this alone. Can any of us be sons and daughters without a mother? Think about that deeply and rationally.

All of human history has been incomplete without a True Mother. True Mother has shown us the way of absolute faith, love and obedience. She has made it possible for true love to be

manifested substantially in our lives. She is the only woman who became absolutely one with our True Father.

Together, as the true son and daughter of our Heavenly Parent, they completed and fulfilled heaven's will on the earth for eternity. We must emulate and honor that legacy with absolute faith, love and obedience.



I stand before you today with a feeling of deep gratitude and appreciation for our True Mother. She has lived her entire life with a clear vertical attendance to our Heavenly Parent.

Her responsiveness to Heavenly Parent's providential will has been the constant thread that runs throughout her life. Prior to meeting our True Father, True Mother was nurtured and protected by heaven. Dae Mo nim raised True Mother as the only begotten daughter of God, not simply as her physical daughter. Dae Mo nim had received guidance from Heaven telling her that True Mother was to be the bride of the messiah.

Heaven protected our True Mother during the perilous period of Japanese occupation and the rise of North Korean communism, culminating in the Korean War. So many times, she could have been killed or prevented from going forward, but she remained under Heaven's protection. Then, miracle of miracles, she met True Father.

Think about it. True Mother was just a young girl of seventeen. How could she possibly have had the external wisdom and maturity to enter into this relationship at such a young age?

Knowing True Father's position, we cannot begin to imagine that his blessing with True Mother was some accident. Rather, she is our miracle. Heavenly destiny and vertical duty had guided True Mother.

From 1960, True Mother lived day and night with True Father, for over fifty-two years. Just imagine True Mother's situation, in attending True Father without any break over fifty-two years. What an amazing accomplishment!

What an unprecedented victory! None of us -- no child, no member, no other being living on earth -- can claim this victory.



When I asked True Mother how she survived and gracefully endured her history of indemnity, she said that in her heart and in her soul she always knew her mission; it wasn't taught to her by any elder. She knew her inner voice. It was Heavenly Parent's voice and she completely followed it no matter what. She is the only being remaining on earth who has completed the absolute path and shown the way of absolute faith, true love and obedience.

While writing this speech I came to understand more deeply that I am in the presence of a woman who has divinely mastered her mind-body relationship and fully developed her conscience. She bases every decision on her true love for our Heavenly Parent, our True Father and the seven billion children on the earth. I am always in awe of our True Mother.

Neither Heavenly Parent nor True Father could fulfill the providence of True Parents without True Mother fulfilling her own portion of responsibility.

Heavenly Parent has been waiting for the true couple, the True Parents, for all time. If you look at history, you see that it is riddled with the suffering of women and children. In all religions and civilizations, women have been paying indemnity for the Fall.

All the imbalance of the human family -- the wars, the genocide, the greed and suffering -- is because there was only one side to the coin being continuously flipped. There was no level playing field. It was, rather, a rigged game, the Archangel's game. Likewise, children have too often been orphaned, abandoned, murdered and forgotten.

Brothers and sisters, let us also continually strive to build a community that embodies the true love ideal that we have been taught. Let us be known throughout the world as "the live for the sake of others community," the community that radiates joy, love, warmth, character, virtue, care for others, and wisdom, all of which derive from our True Parents.

### **My offering**

What I hope to offer during my term of service, as international president, is to expand the foundation of

our movement worldwide so that many more millions of the world's people come to know and love our True Parents.



In order to accomplish this, however, we each need to grow internally and externally, renewing our faith and expanding our capacities. We need to practice “absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience,” just as we pledge each time we recite kajong maengsae, our family pledge. In addition, we should practice karma or Jeong Seong, our sincere devotion and conditions, not only to move the heart of heaven but to unite our mind and body so that we can impact and transform the world. These exercises are part of our 5 percent portion of responsibility.

These practices are not burdens. They are our dharma. They empower us to fulfill our responsibilities on our path of restoration. They usher in opportunities that open our eyes, on the way to fulfilling the glorious vision of our True Parents. In August, we will honor the closing of the third year since True Father's passing. This will be a very important occasion. We honor True Father, and at the same time we unhesitatingly move forward centering on and absolutely attending our

True Mother. That is how we honor his legacy. Let us work together to fulfill True Parents' vision.

We are richly blessed. We have our Heavenly Parent and our True Parents leading the way, and unconditionally loving us and raising us. For this reason, we have the power to change the world. Let us pledge, therefore, our devotion and energies to fulfill the hope of all the ages, a world of universal peace, balance, true love and prosperity.

I pledge my service to our Heavenly Parent, to True Parents, and to each of you. Let us work together to advance the true victorious providence and complete our mission of Vision 2020 and Cheon Il Guk. May our Heavenly Parent bless each precious family member here today, and throughout the world!