

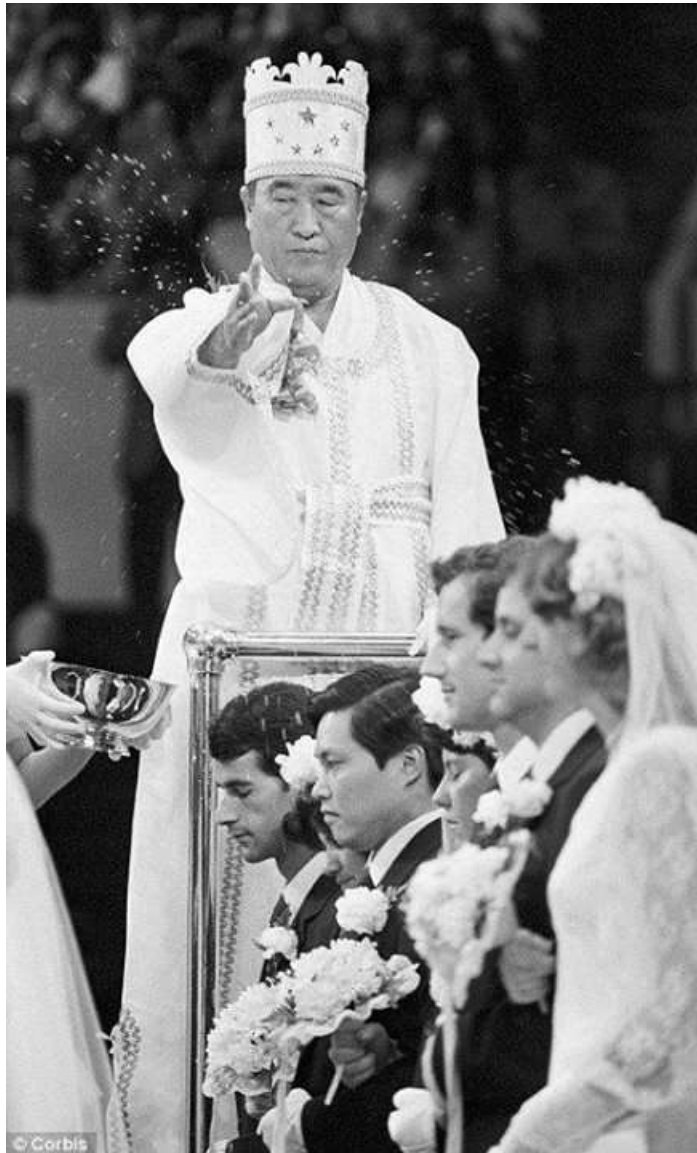
## The Value of Human Beings as Individual Embodiments of Truth

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Ladies and gentlemen, can you find another person who resembles you one hundred percent? Think about it. Is there anyone else that has the same individual qualities you have? Would the lives of identical twins who were born on the same day and time and who die at the same time, even, be the same? No man can take another person's individuality, even if he is the handsomest man in the world and the other person is the world's ugliest man, because that ugly man is a unique embodiment of truth.

In this we can discover the standard of absolute value that makes a human being human. As with the interdependent and harmonious relationship between flowers and butterflies, human beings were created to live for one another and share true love. This means that the human standard of absolute value is established only within a life of true love, when the relationship between subject and object partners blooms in harmony.

Ladies and gentlemen, flowers and butterflies form relationships as subject and object partners. They depend on one another and prosper through their give-and-take action. In the same way, the Principle of Creation defines and predicts the course of relationships between humankind and nature, between people, and between God and human beings. Thus, Mother Nature is the combined body of all the individual

embodiments of truth in creation, harmoniously bound together. Mother Nature stands as an absolute object partner before human beings, her subject partners. Her ordained role is to enable human beings to realize their absolute value.

In the same way, people establish families of three generations and live within that basic framework. There they learn and familiarize themselves with the vertical and horizontal relationships of above and below, left and right, and front and back. This means that each individual seeks a life of harmony and love

through give-and-take action within the relationships of subject and object partners. These relationships enable each family member to attain his or her absolute value as an individual embodiment of truth.

What about the relationship between God and human beings? As the Creator, God's nature is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. On a closer look, however, we find that God stands in the subject position as He engages in reciprocating relationships with His creation within the sphere of the Principle of Creation that He established. That is because, although we think of God as the absolute being, He cannot feel joy outside of the give-and-take relationships with His object partners.

Had Adam and Eve, the first human ancestors, not fallen but instead perfected themselves according to the Principle of Creation as individual embodiments of truth, people today would be manifesting our absolute value. We would serve God above as our Lord with absolute obedience, and we would relate with the creation, the natural world, as our object partners, rejoicing in God's eternal kingdom of peace. We would live as the citizens of the eternal kingdom of Heaven, not only on earth but also in the spirit world.

Then how did human beings, created as the children of the all-knowing and almighty God, come to fall into such a state of ignorance? The first ancestors, Adam and Eve, followed the false parent, Satan, along the path of the Fall. Indeed, this is the first tragedy and the most dreadful and sorrowful shame in human history.

God cannot forsake humankind. Within His grand ideal of creation human beings were created to be His children and absolute counterparts in true love. Therefore, God has endured the long years of history with a heart full of bitter pain, grief and anguish. God is the eternal True Parent of humanity, yet He has had to persevere through virtual imprisonment in the shadows of history. No one has known this reality.