

The Course True Parents Blazed

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Heaven's eternal aspiration has been to establish a unified nation of true peace, Cheon Il Guk. This same aspiration drives Vision 2020, centering on our True Mother's leadership. UPF, from its beginning has always had this goal in mind, that True Parents and their worldwide family have their nation. At the outset of their ministry, True Parents were called to take on an enemy with tens of thousands of manifestations, each uniquely masked, and each attacking simultaneously; a world bent on disorder and deception. Fundamental principles are rejected: subject-object relations and give and take action; masculine and feminine complementarity are cast aside by many, in favor of individualism; dialectical, oppositional dynamics; even the rejection of gender differentiation and complementarity, the pillar of family ontology.

As the underpinnings are dismantled, individuals, families, societies and nations lose their bearings. Mental disorders proliferate. Families, to have been the crown of God's creation, are redefined in progressively dysfunctional ways, and fall apart, becoming factories of disordered sons and daughters. True Parents identified the errors, the evils, of dialectical materialism, and its historical manifestations in totalitarian states committed to dialectical expansion. CAUSA was launched. PWPA convened the 1985 conference that announced the pending collapse of the Soviet empire. Systematically they framed the counterproposal, dismantled the infrastructure, and at the same time, made their plans to meet and embrace Mikhail Gorbachev and Kim Il Sung. They understood the challenge that an errant Islam would present to the world were it to be dominated by extremists and fail to embrace dialogue, modernization and interfaith cooperation. Desperate, heartfelt relationships with Muslim leaders—from Syria, from Yemen, from Egypt, from Jordan, the entire Middle East, and all across Africa and Asia, were formed, intensive dialogues undertaken, educational programs sponsored, and summits for peace convened.

In 2000, True Parents called upon the UN to develop a special interreligious council, so that religious leaders could deliberate along with the member states to solve our world's critical global problems. After bringing an end to the cold war era, they visited Moscow and Pyongyang, and invested everything they had to try to open the gate to peace. They knew what would happen if either country failed to embrace the way of peace that True Parents offered. True Parents knew that what the atom is to all things, the family is to all of human society. If the family breaks down, so too will the political, economic, cultural and civic institutions. Moreover, true peace among various ethnic, racial, national, and religious subcultures would ultimately require intermarriage, producing children who were beyond the divisions of history. Disorder seems to reign in our world as we approach Foundation Day 2016, but that is not the final outcome. The underlying trend is toward peace, led by True Parents, led by our Heavenly Parent, stimulating the original minds of even the most wayward and lost sons and daughters. The conscience of Heavenly Parent's sons and daughters, trampled upon for millennia and facing the death of a thousand cuts, remains indestructible, even when wounded and broken.

Let us rise up, centered on our True Parents, as Cheon Il Guk, as Family Federation, and with UPF as an "Abel UN", forming an unbreakable phalanx of spiritual power. From this base of unity and resolve, let true love spread like an epidemic of goodness throughout our families, our villages, our cities, our businesses and associations, our political institutions, our nations, our faith-based organizations, healing the divisions, healing the planet, healing the heart of Heaven itself.

As we go forward proudly and wisely, fully engaged and active in the world, in our missions, in our professional lives, in our communities and neighborhoods, networking with others, let us form alliances, develop partnerships and in this way become an integral part of our local, national and global society. Not in order to be transformed by the world, but to transform that world. There are millions and billions of brothers and sisters who are receiving insight and awareness and who can embrace our message, and our service with hospitality and gratitude. The moral, social, political and economic disorder that plagues our world is tragic, and yet, at the same time, there are unprecedented opportunities. The Last Days are not days of fire and judgment only, but days of the unfolding of the three great blessings, an unfolding that is unstoppable, irreversible, and at hand. Happy birthday True Father, happy birthday True Mother; long live True Parents!