

## FFWPU USA: Response to Mr. Howard Self's attacks on FFWPU

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Dear Pastors and Leaders,

As you may be aware, Howard Self has circulated an open letter in August 2022 and then followed by several speaking engagements, during which he has made false and misleading statements.

I have asked Dr. Michael Mickler, Distinguished Professor of Historical Studies at Unification Theological Seminary, to author a response on behalf of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification USA.

The enclosed response letter can serve as a tool for your own understanding as well as to answer questions from others after engaging with the comments Mr. Self has made.

I am very grateful to Dr. Mickler for this deep, eloquent and detailed response, and I encourage all our pastors and leaders to read this, as it will equip you with needed knowledge.

God Bless you,

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Note:

Howard Self is Hyun Jin (Preston) Moon's Family Peace Association's President. Hyun Jin Moon is sometimes referred to as H1.

## **Response to Howard Self's Open Letter: How the Unification Movement Came to Suffer from the Loss of Adamic Authority**

On August 24, 2022, Howard Self, President of Right to Believe and former President of the Family Peace Association USA founded by Hyun Jin (Preston) Moon circulated an Open Letter to Blessed Families and Friends of the Unification Movement. In it, he holds FFWPU responsible for the July 8 assassination of former Japanese prime minister, Shinzo Abe. He also advances theological positions concerning “Adamic authority” and the role of Hyun Jin/Preston Moon. In late 2022 and early 2023, Self invited Blessed Families and Friends of the Unification Movement to presentations on the content of his 30+-page letter at several U.S. locations.

Self's letter contains many false and misleading statements. These include both errors of fact and distortions of Unification teachings. He also uses rhetorical strategies intended to mislead and prejudice readers. The following are responses to his more egregious claims and strategies.

### **False and Misleading Statements**

#### **1. "Bad fruits" of FFWPU**

- **Self's claim**

- Self identifies the “root cause” of the assassination of Shinzo Abe as FFWPU's “betrayal of God and His providence,” particularly its “Satanic attempts to destroy the true Adamic authority and lineage.”
- He claims that FFWPU is making “a pathetic and desperate attempt to position the current Unification Church as the victim of religious persecution by the Japanese government and the media” following the Abe assassination.
- He states, “The Japanese public and media are well justified in addressing their concerns” and describes FFWPU leaders as “the worst violators of religious rights and freedom.”

- **Response**

- Self joins with Japanese "anti-cult" organizations and lawyers in blaming FFWPU for Shinzo Abe's assassination and ignores the views of scholars and human rights organizations.
- Massimo Introvigne, founder of the Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR) and world leading authority on new religious movements, criticized efforts to blame the Unification Church and vilify its members for the assassination.
  - Introvigne stated, “This would already be unfair if the assassin would be a member of the Unification Church. However, the assassin ... was not a member ... [but] On the contrary, hated the organization.”
  - He referred to the “twisted logic” of “blaming the victims, Abe and the Unification Church, rather than the perpetrator” who “was fueled by the hate speech of the anti-Unification-Church activists.”

- The Paris-based Coordination of Associations and Individuals for Freedom of Conscience (CAP-LC's) filed a 22-page complaint with the U.N. Human Rights Committee which states that the human rights of UC members in Japan "have been seriously, systematically, and blatantly violated."
- As chair of the Unification Church International (UCI) from 2006 and Co-Chair of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) from 2007, Hyun Jin (Preston) Moon was a primary beneficiary of HSA-UWC Japan's financial contributions. There is no record of him voicing objections or taking steps to alter any of its practices.
- As with the rest of the world, the Family Federation was shocked by the July 8 assassination of Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Our members worldwide grieve with the nation of Japan for the tragic death of Mr. Abe. However, it is illogical and outrageous to blame FFWPU directly or indirectly for the assassination.

## 2. Centrality of the Adamic Figure

- **Self's claim**

- Self exclusively identifies the Messiah "as an Adamic figure."

- **Response**

- Self's claim ignores multiple statements by True Father that True Parents are the Messiah
  - In his first public declaration of messiahship at the first World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) on August 24, 1992, True Father stated, "My wife, WFWP President Hak Ja Han Moon, and I are the True Parents of all humankind who are together the Savior, the Lord of the Second Advent, and the Messiah."
- The *Cheon Seong Gyeong* (Holy Scripture) includes voluminous passages explicitly stating the same. The following are representative examples:
  - "The returning Lord and his bride are the True Parents. The Messiah means the True Parents, who are the final destination of human history."
  - "The Old Testament Age was supposed to be the time for the restoration of Adam and Eve as the True Parents. The New Testament Age was also a time for the restoration of the True Parents, as is the Completed Testament Age. God's purpose to restore the True Parents has always been the same. The Messiah is the True Parents."
  - "Judaism was to receive the Messiah, the True Parents, on the national level, and then expand to the world. What about Christianity? Christianity was to receive the Messiah, the True Parents, on a global foundation after Jesus departed this world."
  - "The purpose of the providence of salvation is for God and the Messiah, the True Parents, to unite and liberate the world."
- The Holy Blessing, as the central messianic salvific work and sacrament, cannot be accomplished without the full participation of True Father and True Mother

- Consistent with their teachings, True Parents appointed tribal and national messiahs as couples

### 3. Significance of the Fourth Adam

- **Self's claim**

- Self states it is True Father's messianic responsibility as the Third Adam to raise up a True Abel from his family to stand in the position of the Fourth Adam.
- He asserts that FFWPU clerics spread the false notion that "everyone is the Fourth Adam."

- **Response**

- A comprehensive reading of True Father's words on the Fourth Adam shows that True Father referred to the era, realm or sphere of the Fourth Adam, not a single person.
- In fact, True Father explicitly identified Unification blessed families as the Fourth Adam. The following are representative examples:
  - "Now humankind, moving up to the whole world, can be blessed, establishing the foundation for true love, life and lineage. This is the realm of the fourth Adam ... all humankind, all the families in the world, can stand on the same level and in the same liberated position as Adam and Eve who would have lived an original life in the Garden of Eden, and receive the Blessing all at once." (02.02.1998)
  - "The crossing line represents 3.6 billion, the entire human population. It is the realm of the completion of the fourth Adam. No indemnity, complete liberation. Here, parents give the blessing to their own children. Here the kingdom of God on earth will be proclaimed and automatically connected to the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven." (04.26.1998)
  - "Now the time has come for your families to become ideal families ... You need to form families in the place of the first, second and third Adams, and serve God." (*Cheong Seong Gyeong*)
  - "In the era of the realm of the fourth Adam, Adam and Eve should be established in the world as the blessed ones not the fallen ones, by all the blessed Unification Church members." ("Proclamation of the Liberation Day for the Blessing of the Whole Cosmos," 10.23.1999)
  - "I explained about the Fourth Adam era today. We have, so far, about 430 million blessed couples in the world. They all represent Adam's position." ("Arrival of the Era of the Fourth Adam's Realm," 10.24.99)
  - "What is the meaning of the fourth Adam era? Your families are the fourth Adam." ("Speech on 47th Foundation Day," 05.01.2000)
- Identifying blessed families as the Fourth Adam was consistent with True Father's actions in having blessed couples pray in their own names and match their children.

#### 4. **Hyun Jin/Preston Moon as the Fourth Adam**

- **Self's claim**

- Self claims, "On July 19, 1998, under the banner of the FFWPU International Vice-Presidential Inauguration, True Father presided over the historic event proclaiming on the global stage the acknowledgement of Dr. Hyun Jin Preston Moon (Dr. Moon) as the Fourth Adam."

- **Response**

- Preston Moon did not rise to a level or status equivalent to True Father in 1998 or afterwards.
- In his "Introductory Address at the Vice-Presidential Inauguration," True Father did not proclaim Hyun Jin Moon the Fourth Adam.
  - True Father stated that "Hyun Jin Moon has now been assigned as the vice president" of FFWPUI rather than president because he "still has a course to go."
  - He further said that it "because of the foundation of all the millions and millions of blessed couples now all over the world and by the grace of True Parents, now my son Hyun Jin Moon ... is taking this position," -- as International Vice-President of FFWPU, not Fourth Adam.
- In dozens of speeches on the realm of the Fourth Adam after the Vice-Presidential Inauguration, True Father never mentioned Hyun Jin/Preston Moon's name.
- Hyun Jin Moon, in major public addresses and statements, also did not identify himself as the Fourth Adam:
  - He did not mention it in his addresses to FFWPU International Leaders Conferences in 2006 and 2007.
  - He did not mention it in his March 23, 2008 "Report to Parents" which outlined his role and vision for FFWPU.
  - He did not mention it in his November 4, 2009 "Letter from Co-Chair of UPF Presiding Council" in which he announced his departure from FFWPU.
  - He did not mention it in his November 26, 2011 "Letter to the Worldwide Unification Community."
  - He did not mention it in his February 13, 2013 "Letter to All Blessed Central Families on the Meaning of Foundation Day."
  - He did not mention it in his Dec. 12, 2017 Inauguration Address on the founding of the Family Peace Association (FPA) as an alternative to FFWPU.
- There is evidence that Hyun Jin/Preston Moon prayed "in the name of Hyun Jin Moon the Fourth Adam" on August 14, 2018 on performing a Blessing ceremony in Korea (Japanese Family Peace Association newsletter, not translated)
- Self only began identifying Hyun Jin Moon as the Fourth Adam in a September 12, 2020 statement, "The Truth About the Unification Movement Schism: What the DC Courts Got Wrong."

## 5. Practical leadership of the movement

- **Self's claim**

- Self claims that TF gave over practical leadership of the movement to Hyun Jin/Preston Moon and repeatedly instructed all leaders (including the True Family) to absolutely unite with him,
- He describes Hyun Jin/Preston Moon as "the person overall in charge of the Movement."

- **Response**

- For eight of the ten years after his 1998 appointment as FFWPUI Vice-President, Hyun Jin/Preston Moon's leadership was confined to youth education (World CARP, Youth Federation for World Peace, and STF).
- Hyun Jin Moon did not exercise practical or providential leadership of the Movement
  - He did not have a role in setting movement policy;
  - He did not initiate or have a role in major Blessings officiated by True Parents (International Marriage Blessings, Interfaith Clergy Blessings, and others);
  - He did not have a role in activities and projects at Cheong Pyeong Lake Heaven and Earth Training Center;
  - He did not have a role in the compilation of the *Cheong Seong Gyeong* holy scripture;
  - He did not have a role in the launch of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC), UN work, Ambassadors for Peace, the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI), the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) or other of the movement's providential initiatives
  - What role he did play in movement-wide initiatives (such as leading Hoon Dok conferences or speaking publicly with other members of the True Family) was at the direction of True Parents
- Far from being a leader of the movement, Hyun Jin/Preston Moon was an outspoken critic.
  - In his addresses and reports, he criticized Unification leadership and openly dissented from the movement's direction (see "Report to Parents," 03.23.2008)
  - It is not surprising that once he was given authority over UCI and leadership in UPF, breakdowns shortly followed

## 6. Immutable providential recognition

- **Self's claim**

- Self claims, "the position of Fourth Adam is an absolute anointing -- first recognized by Heaven and then by the Third Adam."
- He states, "It cannot and will not be changed by a whim or political machination."

- **Response**

- Self's category of "immutable providential recognition" is a novelty that runs against Unification teaching on the human portion of responsibility

- Providential roles, in particular, are conditioned on a given figure's fulfillment of their portion of responsibility.
- Self attempts to create a gap between Heaven and True Father
  - He claims that FFWPU clerics influenced True Father to criticize and deny Hyun Jin/Preston Moon
  - The implication is that Heaven's recognition remains intact and that Preston Moon was justified in breaking away from FFWPU and disregarding True Father's directions.

## 7. True Father's frailty

### • Self's claim

- Self emphasizes "the effects of aging on True Father," claiming that True Father "prophetically announced that he himself would eventually become like a child."
- He claims that clerics took advantage of his vulnerability, subjecting him to "elder abuse."

### • Response

- Self's claims run counter to testimonies of those who interacted daily with True Father and who testified that he maintained a schedule that taxed attendants to keep pace.
- A short list of True Father's initiatives and activities over the last several years of his life includes the following:
  - He initiated Original Divine Principle (ODP) workshops, later Original Substance of the Divine Principle (OSDP) which introduced fresh theological content.
  - He published his autobiography, *As a Peace Loving Global Citizen* and participated in multiple large-scale launch events, both in Korea and the U.S.
  - He launched a new Heavenly Calendar.
  - He initiated and spoke at Legacy of Peace festivals.
  - He kicked off a workshop for "world ocean leaders" at Yeosu, Korea (at age 90), by speaking for 23.5 hours, beginning at 4:30 a.m. and continuing until 4:00 a.m. the next day.
  - He conducted a 2011 UPF Founder's Tour of 10 nations (Korea, Spain, Italy, Norway, Greece, Turkey, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Germany, and Las Vegas) in less than a month.
  - He visited Nigeria in July 2011, met then-President Goodluck Jonathan and spoke at UPF international conference
  - He designed and dedicated the *Won Mo* boat (August 2011) and inaugurated the *Wonmo Pyeong-ae* (Peace and Love) Foundation.
  - He invited 172 representative American clergy to Korea in September 2011 and visited the group thirteen times during the two weeks they were there.
  - He prepared the "Eight Great Textbooks," (2012) summarizing his teachings.
  - He officiated an "International Holy Blessing Ceremony of Unification" for 5,200 couples on March 24, 2012

- He initiated “closing door education” workshops in May 2012, intending them to expand worldwide, “east, west, south, and north” to “fives seas and six continents”
- He completed rigorous conditions on Lake Mead, NV during the last year of his life, spending freezing nights fishing, teaching, and praying
- He launched the Abel Woman's UN (July, 2012)
- He flew on eight transcontinental flights between Korea and the U.S. during the last year of his life in pursuit his initiatives
- Those with whom True Father interacted, including large numbers of non-Unificationists, did not testify to his frailty or lack of clarity.
  - It was Hyun Jin/Preston Moon's supporters who had no direct interaction with True Father, who asserted his frailty and impugned his state of mind
  - This was part of an ongoing effort to undercut True Father and his directives that Preston Moon ignored or disobeyed.

## 8. Bringing the movement to its highest pinnacle

### • Self's claims

- Self claims that Hyun Jin/Preston Moon's Global Peace Festivals (GPFs) conducted in 2008 brought the Unification movement to its highest pinnacle.
- He states that they "achieved the most unprecedented results within the entire history of the Movement."

### • Response

- GPFs did not bring the Unification movement to its highest pinnacle nor achieve the most unprecedented results in the movement's history.
- They were mostly minor, small-scale events. They received little or no public notice and were far from being landmark events in the movement's tradition.
  - They were not equivalent to the international marriage blessings True Parents conducted at Madison Square Garden, JFK Stadium, the United Nations, or Seoul Olympic Stadium.
  - They were not equivalent to True Father's God Bless America Festivals at Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument.
  - They were not equivalent to True Mother's “Peace Starts with Me” festivals and “Rallies of Hope.”
  - They were not the equivalent of True Parents' meetings with Richard Nixon, George Bush, Mikhail Gorbachev, Kim Il Sung or Ban Ki Moon among dozens of world-level leaders, including current and former heads of state.
- GPFs piggy-backed on the global foundation of the Unification movement.



## 9. Fraudulent three-son's framework/deification of True Mother

- **Self's claims**

- Self claims that Unification clerics falsely attempted to position Sean (Hyung Jin) and Justin (Kook Jin) Moon on an equal footing with Preston (Hyun Jin) Moon.
- He claims FFWPU clerics propagated the deification of True Mother as the “co-equal and one-half of the True Parents” in their “efforts to chip away” Hyun Jin/Preston Moon's authority

- **Response**

- Hyun Jin/Preston Moon began his public ministry earlier than his younger siblings, but once they began public work, there is no evidence that he had a higher authority.
  - At Cheon Il Guk Leader Assemblies in 2006 and 2007, all three sons were given an equivalent amount of time to speak. Preston Moon spoke before his younger brothers, but after his elder brother Hyo Jin Moon.
  - When disagreements between Preston Moon and his younger brothers became evident, True Father did not affirm Hyun Jin/Preston Moon's authority but stated, “You three must become one” (February 3, 2006)
  - True Father subsequently established a tripartite division with Hyung Jin responsible for Korea, Kook Jin for Japan, and Hyun Jin for America.
    - Preston Moon acknowledged this in statements that he had responsibility for the Americas,
    - It was consistent with efforts he made to gain control of HSA-UWC boards in the U.S. and Brazil.
  - True Father conducted ceremonies in which he identified Hyun Jin Moon as being in the Cain position to his younger brothers
    - On November 8, 2008, True Father conducted a ceremony in which he stated Preston Moon was in the Cain position to Hyung Jin Moon.
    - On April 6, 2009, True Father conducted a ceremony in which he stated Preston Moon was in the Cain position to Kook Jin Moon
- FFWPU has not deified True Mother, but upholds her as the Unification movement's co-founder
  - True Father explicitly stated this on innumerable occasions going back to the 1990s.
  - The following are examples:
    - You should not say things like, “Why hasn't he established an heir?” Fundamentally I am the first founder of the church and Mother is the second founder of the church. Even when I am alone, I represent True Parents. And the same goes for Mother. When she is alone, she represents True Parents (03.27.1990)

- Even if I (True Father) go to the spirit world, wouldn't Mother have to become the second founder of the Unification Church? (07.02.2005)
- Even if I (True Father) suddenly go to the spiritual world ... no one should be discouraged because Mother will become the second founder of the Unification Church (04.05.2006)
- "Mother will carry herself in a dignified manner as the second founder. Do you understand? She has to do what her husband could not. (09.23.2006)
- Mother will do more than I can right now. She is younger than I, so there would be no problem with her leading even if I die. (09.28.2006)

## 10. The Blessing Right

- **Self's claim**
  - Self claims "True Father officially transferred to Dr. Moon the authority over the Blessing ceremony"
  - He states, "No one else on Earth has received such authority."
- **Response**
  - This is not factual
    - Ye-Jin Moon co-officiated a 1978 Blessing ceremony with True Father
    - Numerous True Family members co-officiated Blessing ceremonies with True Mother during the 120 Nation Inaugural UPF World Peace Tour (2006)
    - FFWPU leaders officiated over Blessing ceremonies during the True Family, Three Generations World Peace Tour in the U.S. (2006)
    - Hyung Jin/Sean Moon and his wife were given authority to officiate over Blessing ceremonies during his tenure as FFWPU International President.
  - Preston Moon co-officiated over Blessings with True Mother during speaking tours but he and his wife did not officiate over a Blessing ceremony under their authority during True Father's lifetime.

## Rhetorical Strategies

### 1. Loaded language

- Self's statement is riddled with demagogic words such as outrageous, brazen, betrayal, manipulation, elder abuse, cabal, pogrom, diabolical, depraved, treason, kangaroo court, treacherous, assassination, etc. intended to create negative impressions and bias readers.
- Self refers to Hyun Jin/Preston Moon throughout as "Dr. Moon" (an honorary degree given by Sun Moon University) and his younger brothers by their first names, "Koon Jin" (Justin) or "Hyung Jin" (Sean).
- Self denigrates the person and position of True Mother, referring to her dismissively throughout as "Mrs. Han."

- Self goes beyond loaded language to hate speech in describing UM leaders as “the worst villains in God's entire providential history” and the UC and its leaders as “worst violators of religious rights and freedom,” entirely meriting social repression.

## 2. Unsourced Claims

- Self claims True Father “repeatedly instructed all the leaders of the Movement to absolutely unite with and support Dr. Moon” and that he “gave the exact same instruction to all his children as well as to his wife” but offers no sources for statements he claims True Father made.
  - The following are examples:
    - That True Father replaced the entire slate of the Movement’s top leadership with leaders 48 years and under and stated “I am making these changes to open my son’s path.” (no source)
    - That True Father demanded that core leaders, as Dr. Moon’s “John the Baptists,” pledge to assure that this transition of authority to his successor would happen smoothly (no source)
    - That True Father “instructed the representatives of Korea, U.S., and Japan as well as all the providential organizations to unite with Dr. Moon.” (no source)
    - That True Father “emphasized repeatedly that ‘we should lay the foundations’ for Dr. Moon and help him to ‘establish the realm of elder-sonship on behalf of True Parents,’ saying this was ‘heaven’s law and principle’.” (no source)
    - That True Father explicitly said “The only reason ... leaders were in their positions, was for one purpose only, and that was to absolutely unite with and support Dr. Moon.” (no source)
  - An online search of True Father’s words did not turn up any of the alleged quotations.
- In sections which attempt to deflect criticism from Hyun Jin/Preston Moon and blame FFWPU leaders or True Mother, Self relies on hearsay and writings by Preston Moon partisans: Chung Hwan Kwak (Hyun Jin Moon’s father-in-law) and Joonsuk Kim (a FFWPU critic)

## 3. Distorted Principle of Interpretation

- Self claims, “There were two categories or “buckets” of statements that True Father would make”
  - The first were “providential and principled statements” about which True Father was very careful because they had profound providential and practical implications
  - The second were “political and situational statements.” Self describes these as “snap judgements on a given topic or person” and asserts that True Father “might change his mind about ‘Second bucket’ topics as time went on.”
  - He states that FFWPU clerics took advantage of TF and members “in their selective quoting of True Father to the members.”

- Self 's principle of interpretation is a clumsy and simplistic effort to apply critical theory and critical method to True Father's statements. Even if one accepts this approach, Self does not employ it consistently or fairly
  - He classifies True Father's words "in disagreement with or chastising Dr. Moon" as "Second Bucket" type statements used by clerics "to project "a false negative image of Dr. Moon to the members."
  - On the other hand, he regards extemporaneous statements of True Father purportedly criticizing FFWPU leaders or even True Mother as definitive.
  - In short, Self's principle of interpretation is entirely politicized and self-serving.

#### 4. Self-Serving Accusations

- Self levels accusations against FFWPU actions which more accurately describe actions of Hyun Jin/Preston Moon and his supporters.
- The following are examples:
  - He refers to TF's description of God as "a father toiling his whole life" only to have "the fruits of his labor ... stolen by a thief in one night."
    - Self claims this applies to FFWPU clerics hijacking True Father's providential foundation
    - It more accurately describes the actions of Preston Moon and supporters in usurping control of UCI and Unification movement assets
  - He refers to FFWPU as "a soulless operation" that "kicks out anyone" not approved.
    - In fact, Preston Moon and supporters kicked out UCI board members appointed and supported by True Father
    - They fired *Washington Times* employees who were FFWPU supporters
    - They fired FFWPU-related employees from True World Foods.
  - Self accuses FFWPU of excommunicating Preston Moon followers "when there is no such concept in the Movement." I
    - FFWPU did not excommunicate followers of Preston Moon. They left on their own.
    - Excommunication was employed by Chung Hwan Kwak, who while serving as HSA-UWC President of Korea, circulated official memos announcing the excommunication of individuals from the church.
  - Self claims that FFWPU clerics "even resorted to violence and litigation to force their illegitimate and criminal will."
    - There are no recorded incidents of violence by FFWPU leaders against Preston Moon or his followers.
    - On the other hand, there are recorded instances of Preston Moon assaulting FFWPU members and leaders, including videos of him calling on supporters to remove the FFWPU Continental leader of South America from the pulpit of the HQs church in Sao Paulo and hitting, slapping and kicking both him and the Brazilian church president the next day.

- Preston Moon’s followers took actions to have the FFWPU Continental Leader of South Asia banned from the Philippines and to vandalize and damage a vehicle of True Father’s Special Assistant in Mongolia.
  - Self claims that UC clerics, acting as “Satanic agents,” were “striving to achieve what Satan desires most – the obliteration of the True Family and the Adamic lineage.”
    - FFWPU leaders have upheld and uphold the True Family.
    - True Mother made it clear that the “center” of the True Family’s continuing lineage is “the son of the elder son” (Hyo Jin Moon, not Hyun Jin Moon) and the line continues through him.
    - For his part, Hyun Jin/Preston Moon stated in his 2011 Letter to the Worldwide Unification Community, “Do not think that when I refer to the True Family I am referring to my siblings and relatives.”

## 5. Big Lies

- Self employs “the big lie” as a propaganda technique.
  - This refers to the fabrication and continuous repetition of a lie until it becomes accepted as truth.
  - Continual repetition in many different media is necessary for the success of the big lie technique.
- Self and Preston Moon followers have employed the big lie in three major instances:
  - Preston/Hyun Jin Moon as the Fourth Adam. The assumption appears to be that repetition of the falsehood that Preston Moon is the Fourth Adam in statements, websites, demonstrations, court arguments, videos and speaking tours will make it true.
  - “Wickedness at Its Worst in Sokcho, Korea” (March 2009)
    - For more than a decade, Self and Preston Moon supporters have cited a supposedly fraudulent “spirit world message” as evidence of FFWPU clerics effort to manipulate True Father and dislodge Preston Moon from his leadership role.
    - They have persisted despite knowing that the statement clarifying the roles of Preston Moon and his brothers was NOT a spirit world message, but a report written by Dr. Chang Shik Yang according to directions dictated to him two days earlier by True Father. (See Chang Shik Yang, “The Truth About the So-called Sokcho Spirit World Message,” 2011)
  - Recently, the Family Peace Association (FPA) released a video claiming that “the current True Parents standing on earth” are Hyun Jin/Preston Moon and his wife. ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umuldTRT1tE\\_13:51](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umuldTRT1tE_13:51))
    - The latest lie blatantly disregards True Father’s teaching that there is “only one set of True Parents” and “no second True Parents.” (<https://www.tparents.org/moon-talks/sunmyungmoon97/970101a.htm>)

## Conclusion

FFWPU does not intend to minimize the work or accomplishments of Hyun Jin/Preston Moon when he was under True Parent's authority or the significance of his appointment as FFWPU International Vice-President in July 1998. True Father clearly recognized his abilities and potential. However, it is a mistake to conclude that in 1998 or afterwards he rose to an Adamic level or status equivalent to True Father. It is fiction to think that Preston Moon and his wife are the current True Parents standing on earth.

Hyun Jin Moon had great difficulty accepting True Father's acknowledgement of his younger brothers. Instead of loving and supporting them with the same heart as his father, he perceived them as a threat, especially when they were given positions that he previously held. He turned on his brothers and rebelled against his parents. Sadly, he lacked the humility and flexibility to accept viewpoints other than his own. As he put it, "I can only see what I've decided ... I cannot listen to others." (<https://www.tparents.org/Moon-Talks/HyunJinMoon/HyunJinMoon-070225.htm>)

In the end Hyun Jin/Preston Moon demanded everything. He claimed to be the True Elder Son, the True Abel, the Fourth Adam, the person in charge of the Movement and now, apparently with his wife, the current True Parents standing on earth. The truth is that he lost faith in True Parents. FFWPU recognizes Hyo Jin Moon, True Parent's eldest son, and Heung Jin Moon, True Parent's second eldest son, both of whom maintained faith in True Parents to the end of their lives, as true models of filial piety. Sadly, Hyun Jin/Preston Moon seeks to preserve kingly/hierarchical authority centered on himself rather than as an inheritance for all humankind.

Hyun Jin/Preston Moon and his followers have attempted to convey to the public the false image of a Unification schism and FFWPU as one competing faction rather than the reality of FFWPU as the mainstream Unification body and the Family Peace Association as a tiny splinter group. Thankfully, though departing with movement assets, they have induced only a miniscule number of Unificationists to join them in rebellion against True Parents.