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The Basis and Significance of True Mother's Victory in Nagoya

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I wish for eternal blessings and protection on True Mother who is leading of God's providence.

We held the Japan Summit in Nagoya and a forty-thousand-person blessing rally and Hyojeong Cultural Festival October 5-6, in Nagoya. I'd like to explain the remarkable significances of five aspects of event.

The first point is that it was an epoch-making summit and rally in which Korea, Japan and the United States became united centered on True Parents, despite the severe state of the Japan-Korea relationship currently. Active legislators from Korea, Japan and the US gathered in one hall, at which former US Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, gave a keynote address and key Japanese Diet members, representing the governing party, made speeches and introduced True Mother as the host. That forty thousand members and new guests, who have been praying for improvement in the Japan-Korea relationship and for eventual reconciliation, welcomed True Mother at the rally while waving Japanese and Korean flags deeply impressed the Korean dignitaries. Additionally, True Mother announced the establishment of Asia-Pacific Union in front of forty thousand people. This new organization is to focus on the unity of nations in the Asia-Pacific region, including Africa, under our shared purpose—world peace and the realization of True Parents' vision.

The second remarkable point is that True Mother conducted an international press conference that for the first time, brought together a hundred journalists, thirty from Africa, twenty from Europe, forty from Korea and ten from Japan. True Mother clearly showed our providential orientation in front of those journalist and other concerned people and directly asked them to receive the blessing. The instructions which True Mother gave at the press conference were as follows:

1. Political leaders of a nation should listen to Heaven by offering a daily prayer in the early morning.
2. Journalists should report the truth objectively without bias.
3. We cannot realize peace centered on human beings, only centered on Heavenly Parent and True Parents.
4. To realize the ideal of one family under God, we should see ourselves as living together, not living only for our own countries.
5. True Mother is investing in Africa because she is bound by ties of affection to poor children, and she expects Japan to fulfill the role of mother nation well. That's why she chose Japan as the place for her first international press conference.
6. Only those who received the blessing from True Parents can enter the eternal world. Everyone who listened to True Mother's message should make up their mind and receive the blessing.

The third point was that Mother announced the 2020 Sunhak Peace Prize laureates from the Japan Summit venue. It drew much attention and many media outlets from all over the world covered it.

The fourth point is that among four thousand married couples (eight thousand people) who received the blessing among 40,600 participants in the rally, 76 couples were local political figures such as members of a prefectural or city assembly. I believe that the door for the blessing of politicians was widely open through this rally.

The fifth point is that True Mother was moved and comforted by the sincere and vigorous performances of second-generation Unificationists, especially, ones who weren't good at Korean but made speeches in Korean confessing their faith. True Mother was so glad and said they had empowered and encouraged her. True Mother gave them a great blessing by giving them warm winter jackets inscribed with "True Love TG" (Top Gun).

In addition, it was a providentially significant rally in which the holy fire starting from Mount Balwang in Korea spread to the world by way of Nagoya, Japan. I'm deeply grateful for True Mother's efforts and that of all members globally because this victory was made possible by the blessing and heavenly fortune through Heavenly Parent and True Parents over time.

I pray for True Mother's victory and health in the successive summits and blessing rallies in thirteen places, from Albania to New York at the end of December. We will make more resolutions and devote ourselves to allow Japan to become the next Sao Tome and Principe! I hope for the success and the happiness of members and blessed families all over the world. 

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Harmony among the Sciences and the Search for Absolute Values

True Father delivered this speech on November 27, 1976 at the Hilton Hotel, in Washington, DC, in the United States at the Fifth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences.



Honorable Chairman, Distinguished Scholars and Scientists:

I would like to extend my sincere welcome to all of you on the occasion of the fifth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences. I would especially like to welcome those of you who have participated in these conferences regularly. For the past several years, participants at these conferences have been discussing the subject of absolute values, and this year you will deal with the specific theme of "the Search for Absolute Values."

The origin of humankind and all creation

To discover absolute values, one needs to clarify the origin of the existence of human beings and the universe. Here we run across the question of whether the universe originated from something in existence or from nothingness. As you well know, natural science, social science, philosophy and religion have not been searching for truth in the world of nonexistence. Instead, they have been trying to locate a causal being in the world of existence and to discover the principles that have led to the existence and operation of the universe, including human beings, all proceeding from the origin itself. Ultimately, they have wanted to discover the reason for and value of any existing entity by clarifying its content or nature and by understanding the relationships between different existing entities.

If we consider the smallest unit necessary to constitute matter with a chemical identity, we may call it an "atom" and describe it as something in existence. If so, to say that the atom originated from something in existence, not from nothingness, would definitely be logical.

Modern science provides the view that the origin of the atom is a certain type of energy, which again must have had an origin. We can then draw the conclusion that this energy derives from some ultimate existence.

If we consider the vast universe as an amplification of the infinitesimal atom, and therefore also a result derived from an ultimate cause, we can clearly come to the realization that a human being is a resultant



Frederick, a professor of philosophy and a minister in the United Church of Christ who wrote *Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church*, an honest assessment of True Father and his mission and his wife Carol with True Parents

being and not the causal existence. Then there also needs to be a causal existence for human beings.

It is reasonable to set up a system of logic whereby all things were generated from an absolute causal existence and developed into more complex and higher beings. This system would need to refute the systems of scholars who insist that existence was generated from nonexistence. Thus, we can say that a certain absolute being that has existed from the beginning is the cause of the universe, resulting in all things from the smallest to the largest, connecting them and causing them to interrelate organically and initiate a variety of actions.

From this viewpoint, the established theory of evolution needs to be reexamined. For anything to progress to a higher level of being, some activity has to occur; and activity always requires energy. Can extra energy be created in the process of this activity? No, because during this activity, energy is being consumed. Therefore, for more energy to be generated, which could be used to give birth to a being on a higher level would be absolutely impossible. If, theoretically, energy is consumed in the process of activity, why have living things been evolving, instead of deteriorating?

And why has the general tendency of evolution been directed toward the development of things of greater value and higher dimension? This is the question.

The development of the universe through interaction and counteraction

The theory of evolution seems logical, but the process of the stage-by-stage progression of all living things can never be convincingly explained by the theory of random mutation. Without the addition of energy from outside the system, this progression toward beings of greater value and higher dimension is impossible. The evolution of animals has culminated in human beings, and we can say that human beings are the ultimate purpose of creation by the first causal being. Here again, we can establish the logic that the first causal being existed from the beginning.

Next comes the question of which was first, existence or energy? No being maintains its existence or activities without energy. There is energy that operates within an individual being and energy that enables the interaction between different beings.

The question now is how this energy is produced. To produce energy without the prior existence of a complementary pair consisting of a subject partner and an object partner

is impossible. That is to say, the relationship between a pair of subject and object partners is indispensable for producing energy. In the case of an atom, for example, both the proton, which is the subject partner, and the electron, which is the object partner, have to be present before they begin to interact. There can be no flow of energy until there is the purpose of uniting the pair of subject and object partners. Therefore, if the question is raised whether energy or the subject-object pair comes first, the answer is clearly the subject-object pair. Energy is the phenomenon resulting from the process of the two becoming one.

According to the variety of relationships between subject and object partners, the energy generated differs in degree, intensity, direction and objective. This results in the variety of beings in the universe. The reason the particular actions of subject-object pairs have directions and objectives is that the first causal being includes a fundamental subject-object pair that acts with a certain direction and objective.

Consider a being that has attained perfect unity between the subject and object partners within its individual self. For that being to form a relationship with another being, it needs to take either the subject partner or object partner position to unite with that other being. Thereby, the two beings progress to produce a greater form of being with a direction and objective of higher dimension. When a being in the subject partner position wants to interact with a being in the object partner position, they have to share a common interest or purpose. Then, by interacting, they can produce a higher form of being.

The universe provides protection against disease

The formation of this vast universe is the common purpose shared by all subject-object pairs. Thus, the universe protects itself and at the same time protects and promotes those beings that have attained unity between subject partner and object partner. Furthermore, it causes repulsion in those beings that lack harmony and repels those that try to invade the beings that have attained unity.



Father displaying the grace and exhilaration of a human being who walks with God

This is how perpetuity becomes possible. One may call the protective force the “correspondence force,” and the other, the “repelling force,” or action and counteraction, respectively. This is true in both the nonhuman and human worlds. When our mind and body are united in oneness, we receive the protective power of the universe and consequently experience happiness. However, when our mind and body are not united, the repulsion leads to suffering.

The suffering experienced in illness is produced in a similar manner. When the subject and object components in our body fail to attain unity and harmony, they lose the protective force of the universe, and the repelling force causes suffering. The medicine administered after a doctor’s diagnosis is a way to restore the harmonious relationship between the subject and object components. The same principle governs the individual and the family.

For instance, before marriage, a man and a woman enjoy being with friends of their own gender. After marriage, as subject and object partners, they eventually attain perfect unity and form a family, and thus receive the protective or helping power of the universe and become happy. At this point, as soon as a third party, another man or woman

comes, potentially interfering with their marital relationship, some repelling force starts to act, lest the perfection of the relationship be hindered.

The repelling power is not necessarily harmful to the third parties because it serves to indicate that they too can act constructively to find subject or object partners, attain unity with their partners, and thereby receive the protective power of the universe and become happy. In other words, the repelling power also serves as a stimulant for the third parties to attain perfection.

All existing beings resemble the first cause and multiply

For an electric current to flow and complete its circuit, a harmonious interaction between positively charged and negatively charged entities is needed, corresponding to pairs of subjects (plus) and object (minus) partners. However, if two entities have the same type of electrical charge, namely, a plus and another plus or a minus and another minus, they will repel each other. When all beings find their counterpart and form a proper relationship, they experience stability and happiness under the same law.

When a pair of subject and object partners become one as a result of give-and-receive action, according to

the theory mentioned above, they come under the protection of the universe. Since all the actions we observe in this universe are resultant actions derived from the first causal being, we can state that there exists a central being that is both causal and active. Just as children take after their parents, results take after the cause.

Let's look now into the seed of a plant. We find that there are two complementary parts in perfect unity within one coat. They interact with each other by give-and-receive action, and only by doing this alone can they produce another living organism. The development of a chicken egg is based on the same principle. Each egg has a yolk and a white, with the embryo between deriving nutrition from them; and they are all united in one shell.

The human fetus develops in a similar manner. When the subject and object partners of any species of living things, whether human, plant or animal, become one through give-and-receive action, they multiply beings that take after the form of their cause and eventually achieve that original form.

If we acknowledge that all these beings take after the ultimate first cause, we come to the conclusion that the first causal being is the basic model for all of them, having the perfectly united subject-object pair within itself. Then the first causal being takes the subject partner position to all other beings.

The purpose for creating all beings of creation on different levels

The objective of the progressive creation of all things in the universe is the human being. A human is the fruit, microcosm and model of the existing world. A human is the highest being and contains elements from the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms. Yet since humans are also resultant beings, one must conclude that they were made to take after the image of the first causal being.

In other words, there has to be an absolute subject being that takes the human being as an object partner. Since humans are beings of personality, with intellect, emotion and will, that absolute subject partner also must be a being of personality in order to relate with them. That



These roots of our movement are the elder members who never let go and never gave up.

absolute being is called "existence" in philosophy and "God" in religion.

Today the world is filled with confusion and contradiction regarding evolution, dialectical materialism, epistemologies, idealism, materialism and so on. Our immediate historic task is to reexamine all of these and to find and establish absolute truth. Only then will we be able to form a world of absolute value. The being of absolute value is eternal, unchanging and unique. Then, what principle in the universe is eternal, unchanging and absolute? It is the cause-and-effect relationship, which involves the relationship between subject partner and object partner.

When you apply these principles to human society, the heart of the matter is the parent-child relationship and the husband-wife relationship. The former may be termed a vertical relationship, and the latter, a horizontal one. The unity of the subject and object partners on the vertical plane plays the role of a greater subject partner to the object partner that consists of the unity of the subject and object partners on the horizontal plane. They conduct perfect give-and-receive action to create harmonious spherical movement.

This action is centered on love, forming the model of an ideal family, which is the basic unit of human

society. In this sense, one can recognize love as the most valuable thing.

The world of eternal happiness under absolute values

Since the ultimate source of love comes from an absolute, unchanging and causal subject being, and not from human beings, the family of love that maintains the causal being at its center is the basic unit for realizing the ideal in human society.

To realize an ideal of absolute value, we need to begin with this family of love and expand in scope to the nation and the world, thereby reaching the ideal world of unity where eternal happiness rooted in absolute value is promised.

I sincerely hope that this conference will contribute to providing solutions for the various problems present in human society and to straightening the path to the future. I urge all of you to bring the results of your research freely and fully to these meetings and discussions, so that the general welfare of humankind might be better served. May your efforts become a decisive, contributing factor toward the realization of an ideal world of peace, happiness and love. Thank you. *TP*

This is from Pyeong Hwa Gyeong, Book 5 Speech 4.



The Long, Necessary Course to Unity

True Mother spoke to an audience of speakers and participants at the Japan Summit Leadership Conference 2019 (JSLC 2019) on October 5 in the Nagoya Castle Hotel. This is a translation of what she said that day.

Honored guests from Japan and elsewhere around the world, respected leaders of various fields, ladies and gentlemen:

We came here today concerned about what we could do to achieve a peaceful world void of war and conflict. Heavenly Parent is advancing toward the completion of the providence and we are here to address historical facts and must be resolute about fulfilling Heavenly Parent's dream. When we look at the numerous problems that exist in the world today, large and small nations are unable to unite because they each put the self-centered needs of their own nation first. You and I both know that they have reached the limit of their self-centered efforts. Therefore, if we can create an environment in which we can attend God, the Creator of the universe, our problems will take a turn for the better.

From the biblical perspective of the six-thousand-year-long human history, the recent wars, World War I and World War II, caused terrible pain and sacrifice. The United Nations was founded to build a peaceful world with no more war. Next year marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the UN's founding; however, they still have no answer for unification or the need for harmony. Originally, the Creator, God, made all things in his image and he created a

man and a woman who would become humankind's ancestors. Then, he gave these human beings responsibilities. They should have matured of their own accord and reached a position in which they could receive God's blessing. However, that did not happen. Instead, they created the fallen world of today. Up until now, righteous people have appeared in every corner of the world, yet the peaceful world that humankind hopes for is still distant. Fallen human beings must change on their own. To teach human beings until now, God has allowed for different religions to emerge in every region of the world. However, these religions, too, do not realize what their purpose is. They do not know how to conclude, how to reach completion. God is omniscient and omnipotent. He is the Alpha and Omega. He is eternal. Such a God cannot fail. The issue is that God gave responsibilities to human beings. Therefore, the only way God can help is for a victorious human being to appear among fallen human beings and reach perfection on his own. To accomplish this, God made the Israelites his chosen people and carried out the providence of restoration through indemnity for the salvation of humankind, starting from the individual up until the national foundation formed. How wearisome, how exhausting, this indemnity was that took four thousand years!

The Crucifixion

After four thousand years, God was able to send Jesus Christ, whom he could refer to as "My son," God's only son. That is how God sent the Messiah, whom the people of Israel had so longed for. But what happened? Mary, who had given birth to Jesus, did not fulfill her responsibilities. The Israelites did not unite with Jesus. In the end, Jesus lost the entire prepared environment. As he was dying on the cross, he said he would come again. However, today's Christians believe that they attain salvation through Jesus' blood, shed on the cross. How painful is this to God? God cannot bear to look upon Jesus, who had endured being forced to go the way of the cross after only thirty-three years of life. Two thousand years ago, Christianity started through the Apostles, and the Holy Spirit led Christianity after resurrection. However, being human, they made many mistakes. What is Christianity's mission? They must become aware of Jesus' essence. They must be able to explain who God is clearly. Yet, Christians of today do not understand God. Every day, they look at Jesus hanging on the cross; they built a human-centered system that does not explain God's circumstances and then confined their faith to that system. This is the reality of today's Christian culture.



True Mother speaking at the Summit in Japan during a time when the relationship between Korea and Japan is at a low point.



- ① True Mother receiving flowers
- ② A Muslim cleric, a Shinto priest, a Catholic cardinal and a Buddhist monk took responsibility for the interreligious prayer.
- ③ From left: Kajikuri Masayoshi, Pres. UPF-heavenly Japan, Japanese Diet member Yoshiaki Harada, Adam Biggs, US Congressman, Newt Gingrich ex-Speaker of the US House of Representatives and Hiroyuki Hosoda Japanese Diet member

Korea's illuminating role

I want to tell you the truth about the providence and the truth about history. A hundred years ago, the Indian poet-saint [Rabindranath] Tagore (the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize [1913]) made a prediction. When Japan was still occupying Korea, he visited Japan [in 1929] and wrote, "In the golden age of Asia, Korea was one of its lamp bearers. And that lamp is waiting to be lighted once again for the illumination of the East."

Light is truth. It is the God's word. What all humankind hopes and longs for is not truth centered on human beings; humankind awaits God's word, to serve him. When God chooses a people but the people fail to fulfill their responsibilities, indemnity remains.... However, in the face of the completion of God's

providence, for the first time in two thousand years, to bring forth his only daughter, God had to find a new chosen people. God chose the Korean people. The Korean people hate war. Therefore, pressured by outside forces, they moved south in search of freedom and eventually settled on the Korean Peninsula.

Sixteen nations

To complete God's providence, God's only daughter had to be born. Therefore, on the Christian foundation, in 1943, God's only daughter was born among the Korean people. However, events that adherents of neither democracy nor communism could predict are occurring throughout the world. From the perspective of the principles of creation, God gave human beings time. God needed to give time for God's only daughter, born in 1943, to mature. When, the Korean War broke out, how did sixteen nations come to South Korea's aid? It was not through human power. God was with them.

Before coming here, I held a rally in Korea's Gyeongwon Sub-Region. That district is an area where good young soldiers from the sixteen nations shed blood in the Korean War. In the

Gangwon area, especially, the African soldiers from Ethiopia fought in more than two hundred battles and never lost. I mobilized the Little Angels to comfort these survivors and veterans before they pass into the spirit world. However, that is not enough to express the full extent of our gratitude. Therefore, I asked that we do our best so that each of the sixteen nations that took part in the Korean War can advance to a position in which they can receive God's blessings. That is right. Even in the world, having a good heart is knowing how to recognize and return a favor received.

It is the same for mistakes. I want to make a request to Japan. The current politicians and leaders of this nation must plead for forgiveness for the mistakes their ancestors committed in the past while not knowing God. That is the moral duty of a human being. Then, let us become one for the sake of world peace. We must do so to become a people that God can love; please do not forget that. I said that people must change.

It is time to come together

People in the fallen world today want to appear in God's presence. They

want to receive God's grace and love. However, there is the flawed "line of demarcation" [a "DMZ"] called Satan, a line they need to cross over. Therefore, God's providence gave birth to the God's only son and daughter, who were victorious and who appeared among human beings. True Parents had to open the door of the blessing, of resurrection, through which fallen human beings can be reborn.

The same holds true for both major powers and smaller countries. We must become one human family under Heavenly Parent. That is God's dream. There is no future for nations that are leaning away from unification. Heavenly Parent can no longer put it off. Why is that? Because the births of the substantial True Parents, who can guide us home as God's children, occurred on earth. In other words, those who do not have a blessed marriage from True Parents are not qualified to go to the kingdom of heaven.

Today, we crave peace. Japan is the closest country to Korea, yet we are growing apart. However, since I am God's only daughter, the True Mother of humankind and of the universe, your uniting with me will solve all problems. When we become individuals and nations that are one with our Creator, God, our Heavenly Parent, you will have nothing to worry about. Therefore, you need to receive education in how to guide ignorant human beings to become God's true sons or daughters, true people, devoid of fallen nature as God had originally intended. Many nations comprise today's world and each of these nations has its own laws. When we live in a peaceful and united world, would we need Japan's laws, America's laws, this law or that law? What more do we need than a place where brothers and sisters are united centering on God, singing joyfully in praise to him with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience while receiving God's blessings and love?

A pledge on Mt. Balwang

However, for six thousand years, humankind has become so obstinate; we cannot restore it to normal in a day. We know it takes time. Therefore, as a True Parent, I established the best environment I could. You are free to

take part in this or not. However, I hope that you are intelligent people. If you are currently suffering from something, shouldn't you build a world in which your beloved children will have a future without that suffering? Don't we have to create that? If you have the opportunity, I hope you go to Yongpyong Resort in Gangwon Province. There, on top of Mt. Balwang, I promised to return ignorant humanity to God's bosom as his citizens and his sons and daughters. I will make a torch that will light the way for unenlightened humankind through the gloomy darkness to return to God. Marking the Gangwon rally as the starting point, I have come to the Nagoya rally and afterward I will go to Europe, Asia, Oceania, Africa and Central America. This December, I will take the flame to a rally of thirty thousand Christian ministers in New York City, in North America.

The leadership needed now

Christian representatives made many mistakes in God's presence; as a result, the Christian realm lent itself to the emergence of democracy as well as to that of communism. Politics and religion must unite. Today's politicians must be in a position in which they can hear Heaven's voice with a humble attitude. They must become public figures that can receive Heaven's blessings. Look at what is happening in the world today. Selfish people boasting about themselves or countries thinking that they are the best. Things will not go smoothly for them. To begin with, these people cannot possess a humane heart. A person in charge, a parent, embraces his or her children. Such people need to take responsibility as leaders. They must become aware of God, the original owner, the owner of the cosmos. They must become leaders that understand and know God's dream, God's hope and humankind's wish and guide their people in that direction.

Unsettling changes in nature

They will not achieve this in a single day, but I have built the environment and am educating them. We all know that our original, beautiful planet created by God is suffering from environmental problems. The large

countries are polluting the environment the most. If we continue to be bystanders and delay, we cannot guarantee humankind's future or that of the earth.

Before, I had only seen typhoons in the summer. They are necessary natural phenomena. However, this year, Korea saw a lot of damage to human lives and property from a typhoon in the middle of autumn. I heard on the news that unexpected incidents also occurred in the United States due to heavy snowstorms and floods. Nature is appealing to us. History will accuse leaders who are careless about this.

Unity brings change

I do not hope for these things. Starting now, please unite with me and let us build heaven on earth and heaven in heaven as one human family centering on Heavenly Parent. To accomplish this, I have awarded the Sunhak Peace Prize for the third year. The candidates we will announce for 2020 will be representatives from the political and religious sectors. I plan to give the Founders' Special Prize to a person who has made significant contributions toward saving this deteriorating planet. Soon the committee will announce these individuals. This is what I want: I hope that this country will quickly become a heavenly Japan united with Korea and America, whose leaders attend Heavenly Parent.

I also plan to announce an organization that can vigorously usher in the era of the Pacific realm civilization in Asia. The Asian and African continental landmasses are home to more than two-thirds of the human population. By uniting with God's only daughter, True Mother, who is fulfilling Heavenly Parent's dream, these countries should nurture their children with the heart of a mother and strive for all areas of their country to be healthy. If we make such efforts, we will be able to witness the day humankind can manifest that dream. Distinguished guests and leaders who have come from all over the world to join me on this path, may you as those who received the blessing become people who fulfill their responsibilities today. ☯



How Best to Enter the Eternal World

This is the transcript of True Mother's statement at the press conference on Saturday October 5 during the Japan Summit and Leadership Conference in Nagoya, Japan. The press conference attracted fifty-nine reporters from fifty countries. Leaders from various nations were also present. The announcement of the 2019 recipients of the Sunhak Peace Prize laureates took place at that time.



Thank you for traveling such a long way. Throughout human history, there have been many prophets, righteous people and conquerors. However, their dreams did not surpass their time and those dreams all came to a close. The world's population is over 7.6 billion. There are more than two hundred countries. There were people that reigned for an entire era, yet they could not lead the world to unification.

They may have had profound influence in their region, but in the end, they were not permanent. Did the owner of the universe, the Creator, God, not have a dream? He had a dream. God, who exists as a spirit, wanted to have a physical body with which he could embrace and love humankind. So, he created the natural world in his image and created a man and a woman who could become our human ancestors.

God gave us free will

Nevertheless, he gave human beings their own rights. When we mature on our own through a growth period, God can meet us and give his blessing. That is how humankind can meet the True Parents. That world is where we today can shed our physical bodies in earthly heaven, which we have dreamed of, and enter the eternal world of heaven in heaven. This was the Creator's dream. When the first human ancestors, the man and woman, Adam and Eve, committed the Fall, God could not start over. Because the Creator is eternal.

Thus, the difficult and miserable providential course, the restorative course of salvation through indemnity, began. God, who has no relationship with fallen human beings, then sent Jesus Christ, whom he can claim as his son. In that era, Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, or figures surrounding Jesus, should have cooperated with Jesus to achieve the purpose for which he came.

Yet, through the Bible, we know that this did not happen. I have said this before: How could hanging on the cross God's only son—who had come based on a prolonged four-thousand-year period—have been the providence of salvation? That's nonsense! Up until now, it has been the same for humankind [generally]



True Mother and Il Sik Hong, Sun Hak committee chairman, with True Family members FFWPU-IHQ leaders and Tae-ik Chung, the chairman of Korean Council on Foreign Relations

and for the Christian church throughout its history. They did not fully recognize God, nor did they understand the difficult path that led to Jesus' advent.

The advent of God's only daughter

When a people blessed by Heaven fails to fulfill its responsibilities, it must pay indemnity.... Heaven does not reuse a nation that failed in its responsibilities. Because the people have indemnity that they must pay.

The Creator's dream is to become humankind's True Parent, but this is not possible with just God's only son, Jesus Christ. God's only daughter must be born. Two thousand years ago, Jesus said on the cross that he would come again and that when he did he would host the marriage supper of the Lamb. Therefore, those in the Christian cultural realm had to seek to learn when, how, and where the birth of God's only daughter would occur.

Those at the beginning of the Christian cultural realm could not practice even one verse of Jesus' teachings such as "Love thy neighbor as thyself." After Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection by the Holy Spirit, his disciples began compiling the Bible. In the early days, they received much persecution. After 313, as Rome officially recognized [Christianity], it spread from the Italian Peninsula, across Europe and reached the island of Great Britain. Great Britain [would become] a marvelous nation in which the sun never set. Its people took the Bible and ventured throughout the world. However, they did not understand Jesus' essence and committed unspeakable acts in the name of Jesus Christ. You are probably clearly aware of this.

Africa's new beginning

Many journalists from the African continent are here today. These Euro-

peans went out to the world to the African continent and committed many nasty misdeeds. They must repent. The Bible says, "...the last will be first, and the first the last" [Matthew 20:16]. Europe must repent now. A shape is forming for Europe to receive salvation again through Africa.

The issue of today is that humankind needs to attend God. The Creator, God, is the owner of the universe and that God wanted to become humankind's parent, yet all 7.6 billion people are unfilial children who fail to recognize or attend their parent. That is why humankind needs a savior. The Savior must come to explain the providence and educate fallen humankind in how to become Heavenly Parent's, God's, children through True Parents. Therefore, as I am a True Parent, the blessing is the event through which humankind, born on the wrong side, can be reborn without any flaws.

Listen to God's voice

Those who have heard me speak, need to loose what is bound while they are on earth [see Matthew 18:18]. Everyone should receive the blessing from God's only daughter, True Mother, during his or her life on earth because only blessed families can enter the eternal world. How will you journalists have blessed families? Is there a greater blessing from Heaven? You will become sons or daughters of the greatest being, the owner of the universe. God's only Daughter, True Mother is the one who will tell you of this path. With your help, I must carry out God's providence so that as soon as possible all the world's 7.6 billion people will listen to God's voice. I need you to guide them to follow their original mind, receive the blessing and become citizens of heaven. Will you do this? 



The Long Course to Today's Blessing Ceremony

True Mother gave this speech at the Hyojeong Cultural Blessing Festival and Nagoya's 40,000-Person Rally of Hope on October 6 at Nagoya Aichi Sky Expo.



Couples newly blessed today and all our blessed members, I love you! The Creator has waited for a day like this for six thousand years. The Creator created in his image the natural world and a man and a woman to become our human ancestors. He especially gave human beings the responsibility of [maturing through] their growth period.

The first human beings were positioned to grow beautifully, by uniting with the Creator in absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience and then receiving the blessing and becoming true ancestors to humankind. The Creator wanted to be part of that. In other words, the Creator is our Heavenly Parent.

Heavenly Parent, who only exists in spirit form, wanted to live with us as our True Parent within a physical body. He wanted to love humankind and live with us in heaven on earth and in the eternal world of heaven in heaven, which he designed. This is such a tremendous blessing for human beings.

However, Adam and Eve, who would have become our human ancestors, did not reach that position and caused the fallen humankind we see today. Human beings' original hearts long for Heaven, yet since they do not understand Heavenly Parent's essence, not for a single day throughout the six-thousand-year biblical history was there no war or conflict. Humankind has yearned for a peaceful world, but that reality has not come about.

Mistakes cannot remain

Heaven is omniscient and omnipotent. He is everlasting. He is the Alpha and the Omega. Therefore, for the human beings he created, now fallen human beings, to advance to the position in which they can uphold Heaven's will, need to pay indemnity for all their mistakes. That is how the undesired and painful history of restoration, the providence of salvation through indemnity, began.

The Israelites were the chosen people who had to take the course of restoration of God's providence, the salvation through indemnity alluded to in the Bible, until they formed foundations from the individual, family, tribe, people and nation.

We are aware that the Christian Old Testament contains many events that are hard to understand. We cannot bear to speak of Heaven's suffering as he strove to lead fallen human beings, who were unaware of Heaven's will, to enlightenment, until they could practice on their own. We are aware of the repeated frustration over how slow the providence has had to move.

Jesus' course and its conclusion

For God to send the only begotten son to the fallen world and call him his son took four thousand years. It wasn't forty years; it wasn't four hundred years. It was four thousand years. The great Roman Empire embodied the environment at the time. If only the Israelites understood Heaven and understood Jesus' essence, they would have absorbed the Roman Empire, and two thousand years ago, they would have achieved a world of peace. However, Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, did not take responsibility for establishing that foundation. Neither the Israelites nor the Jewish people took responsibility.

Jesus, who had lost his entire environment, labored during his three-year public life, but in the end, he hung on the cross. As Jesus hung on the cross, on his right was one criminal and on his left was another. The criminal on the left taunted Jesus, but when the one on the right heard this, he said that they were hanging on the cross because they had sinned, but Jesus had not sinned. How did Jesus respond? He said, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise." Paradise. Not heaven, but Paradise. Then Jesus said he would come again.

Heaven's efforts

Today's Christians know neither what the cause is nor what the result will be. That is why I have come forward to speak about historical truths and the truth of Heaven's providence. At that time, how do you think Heavenly Parent felt when he saw them hanging Jesus on the cross? He probably did not want to see humans ever again.

However, Heaven had established the principle that his creation would begin with our human ancestors. Therefore, Heaven had no choice but

to take a miserable course of tribulation. In other words, today's human beings are unfilial children in front of Heaven. Christianity's mission is to teach and spread this truth; deplorably, they are ignorant of this.

Starting over

The Israelites failed to fulfill their responsibilities. Therefore, Heaven set out to find a new people among whom an only begotten daughter could be born for the Messiah that was to come again and with whom he could hold the marriage supper of the Lamb. Two thousand years ago, [that new people] was the Han Tribe in ad 400. The Han people loved peace and were skilled at astronomy.

Because they hated war, spurred by outer forces, they traveled south and come to settle on the Korean Peninsula. Looking at this history, Japanese are probably also descendants of the Han tribe. Heaven took two thousand years to lay the foundation for Christianity and on that basis the only begotten daughter was born in 1943.

According to the principle of creation, we need a growth period. Japan occupied Korea at that time, during World War II. Following human desires, when human beings were unaware of Heaven and of Heaven's providence, led to a miserable past. This is true. I was born in 1943 and Korea's liberation came in 1945.

Joy dampened by separation

Korea experienced liberation but then north-south division, communism and democracy separated us. The North was ready to invade the South with the support of the Soviet Union, but the South's democratic government had not yet established any system. In that situation, the Korean War broke out in 1950. What does Heaven need to consider first? God's only begotten daughter, who could complete his providence for the first time in six thousand years, was born for the first time in two thousand years. He must protect the only begotten daughter.

Sixteen nations

Korea was not known to the world at the time and with the Soviet Union in the United Nations, how was it that



sixteen nations took part in the Korean War? We call the Korean War a holy war. They may not have had any stake in Korea, but [foreign] young people came to shed their good blood for our freedom. This was not possible through human power. This miracle was possible because Heaven was with us.

Thus, I knew what my mission was, and unable to delay any longer, I rose to the position of a True Parent in 1960. Fallen human being's hope is to meet the True Parents. They want to enter Heaven's presence, but the obstacle of the Fall arose. Therefore, the True Parents emerged and only through a blessing event such as the one today will the path open to becoming sons and daughters of God, our Creator, and Heavenly Parent.

True Parents' appearance was possible because Christianity laid the environmental foundation as the result of their faith while awaiting the Messiah for two thousand years, expecting him to come at any moment. Christians should have been the first to take the lead. However, that did not happen because they did not recognize Heaven's work. The two-thousand-year Christian history was set in motion through resurrection by the Holy Spirit and the disciples who began to compile the Bible.

Many failures and many incidents occurred during that process because it was human-centric. How could communism, which said that God was dead, stem from a Christian foundation that attended Heaven? It is the same for the Catholic faith. Do you remember the verse [Isaiah 2:4] about turning swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks? [Christians] have made many mistakes. That is why people do not trust the Christian church. Today the only path they can take is to accept True Parents' ideology.

Atonement is needed

Ladies and gentlemen! There is only one path taught by all religions. It is a good life! The desire to attend Heaven is the same whether you are Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim or Christian. However, the Family Federation is the only religion that teaches how we can pay indemnity for our mistakes and enter Heaven's presence. Neither their nation nor the Christian foundation supported True Parents. In that position, starting in 1960, True Parents began the blessing movement in search of Heaven's children. Today, sixty years later, blessed families are all over the world, in over 190 countries.

Heaven's dream and humankind's wish is for one human family attending Heavenly Parent, the owner of the universe. The world comprises more than two hundred countries, but in front of Heavenly Parent, people are all his sons or daughters. Whether they live in a large country or a small country, they are Heavenly Parent's children. True Parents are opening the way to becoming sons and daughters.

The twenty thousand couples receiving the blessing here today have an important mission—to fulfill your responsibilities, to advance to the position of fulfilling your responsibilities as tribal messiahs and to build a Japan that attends Heavenly Parent.

When looking at the world today, this applies to politicians, striving with human power, who are responsible for a nation as well as this country's greatest leaders. Human intellect has reached its limit. The conclusion is that Japan can permanently establish itself in front of the world only when the nation attends Heavenly Parent.

That is why I said, "Politics and religion cannot be separated. They must unite." Those who are responsi-

ble for their nation must wake up at dawn and offer devotions in front of Heaven. They must pray. They need to ask Heaven, "As someone who is responsible for this nation, what do You think I should do?" Only then will Japan last forever. Do you understand? [Yes.]

To the new couples

I want to say something new to those of you receiving the blessing today. In 2013, True Parents proclaimed Foundation Day, marking a new age and beginning a new history. We are celebrating the seventh year since its proclamation. I made a promise to Heaven. I promised that while I am alive I will create many citizens that love Heavenly Parent. However, when I think of their being 7.6 billion people, I cannot do it alone while I am on earth. How old do you think I am? Do you think that I can remain in good health until I reach a hundred? [Yes.] I hope so.

Thus, I hope that humankind will remember you as blessed families forever. I hope that you will become blessed families that Heaven and your descendants recognize. I hope your family can enter the records in Cheonbowon.

From now on, I will visit many countries around the world and host nationwide Blessing Ceremonies. Families that attend those ceremonies will become chosen families whom Heaven has blessed in this era. What an amazing, gratitude-inspiring and glorious day it is! Today, you have joined the ranks of the chosen people.

Unity among nations

Reporters from over a hundred countries are here today to see this rally. I declare in their presence the Asia-Atlantic Union. All the countries in Asia and all those on the African continent should unite. A hundred years ago, India's poet-saint [Rabindranath] Tagore said that on the day that Korea lit its lamp once again, it would become the bright light of the East.

The light he is referring to is the word, truth, the word from Heavenly Parent, True Parents' teachings. With the word, I hope that the Asia will unite with me and fulfill its mission to be a flame that sheds light on the world. 



Purpose, Direction and Renewed Hope

A church transformed

On Sunday, October 13, True Mother visited the Cheonwon church, which is situated in the Village of Seorak, not far from Cheongpyeong. She renamed it Cheonwon Gung, defined its role as a truly international church and expressed her expectations for it. The occasion was also a celebration of her victorious World Tour for the Firm Settlement of a Heavenly World.



- ① True Mother renamed the Cheongshim church Chun Won Gung Cheonwon Church
- ② True Mother cutting the cake marking the event
- ③ A group photograph in front of the building which already displays its new name
- ④ True Mother receiving flower upon her arrival

This nation, the homeland of the providence, must fulfill its responsibilities in substance and actuality. This nation must be in the position of having fulfilled its responsibilities. Heaven has raised the Korean people to be the chosen people and through them he gave birth to God's only daughter. Two thousand years ago, through the Israelites, God gave birth to his only son, Jesus Christ. Even though Jesus Christ was born in midst of God's chosen people, the people God had chosen could not accept God's only son; as a result, an enormous amount of indemnity had to be paid. Now, after a long wait of two thousand years, Heaven has raised the Korean people and God's only daughter was born. Now, while God's only daughter is alive on earth, the people of Korea must fulfill their responsibilities as a chosen people. Otherwise, they cannot become true chosen people. Do you understand?

Heaven must be victorious without fail. That is why True Parents have been working to bring fallen humanity back to Heavenly Parent by raising them and granting the special grace for fallen humanity to be born again as God's beloved children through the blessing. Everyone on

earth who receives the blessing while I am alive on earth—while God's only daughter, True Mother, is alive on earth—becomes part of the chosen people. When the homeland of the providence fails in its responsibilities, what do you think will happen? All of you blessed families who have Korean nationality must fulfill your responsibilities. You need to accomplish national restoration. Do you understand?

Korea must be successful

You saw the example of Sao Tome. Now, the president of this nation must also be able to move forward to the position of being in a blessed family. The only way for this to happen is for you in blessed families to educate him so that without fail, he can receive the blessing. I might move away from here to go to whatever country in the world has the greatest number of blessed families. So, Korean members must wake up and fulfill your responsibilities.

Therefore, in this era of Cheon II Guk, in order to firmly establish Cheon II Guk, we are holding this event to set up the Cheonwon church as Cheonwon Gung, as the model, to move forward with a concrete new tradition. I ask America and Japan to



join this effort along with Korea, and that all of you march forward with one system.

The Cheonwon church must be completely united with the Cheonwon Gung Headquarters to march forward for the sake of national restoration and world restoration and to show that it is ready to stand as the central internal church attending Heaven, so that through this Cheonwon church, the leaders responsible for governing all the

nations of the world can see how to develop into leaders who can govern their nations and love their nations and their people according to God will.

What do we have to do in order for this to happen? We must expand this Cheonwon complex. I earnestly ask all the providential organizations in Korea that are located here to unite with the church and work with one purpose to clearly establish the Cheonwon complex and the Cheonwon church as a model.

Personnel changes

From now on, Rev. Dong-woo Kim, who has been the district leader for the Cheongshim Church until now, will be part of the [FFWPU] International Headquarters. Rev. Kim will be responsible for working with the sixteen nations that I spoke about earlier, who sent combat troops to participate in the Korean War. Particularly, at the rally in the heavenly nation of Gyeongwon, I spoke about Ethiopia transforming into heavenly Ethiopia. In order to take responsibility, as we move forward, Rev. Kim, you need to be part of the International Headquarters and organize those sixteen UN Forces member nations from the Korean War. To assist in the

restoration of these nations, I appoint you as a special emissary to these sixteen Korean War nations.

To serve as pastors at the Cheonwon church, I appoint Sang-seon Park and Sang-pill Moon. Rev. Sang-pill Moon will be the pastor in charge of the youth, of developing the youth. Sang-seon Park will be in charge not only of the church here in Seorak but also all of the rest of Gapyeong county. The two of you must unite. I am appointing you as joint pastors of the Cheonwon church.

In addition, the Cheonwon church will play a vital role in the homeland of the providence. Because Korea, Japan, and the United States must unite together and work as one, the representatives of these three nations are also appointed as pastors of the Cheonwon church. While you work in the field in your nations, you also need to find time to come and give sermons at Cheonwon church.

It is my sincere hope that the Cheonwon church as Cheonwon Gung will be a unique and unequaled church at the very forefront in the worldwide providence, testifying clearly to Heavenly Parent, to the True Parents of Heaven Earth and Human-kind and to God's only daughter. 

Japan Summit and Blessing Ceremony



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- ① True Mother speaking at the 40,000-person Family Festival
- ② Both Hori Masaichi, vice-president of FFWPU, heavenly Japan and the first Japanese blessed child (thus the "ichi" Japanese for "one" in his name) and Newt Gingrich Speaker of the US House of Representatives (1995 –1999) and a US Congressman (1979 –1999) and a gave keynote address.
- ③ Representative couples onstage during the blessing ceremony
- ④ Hyojeong Testimonies are a good way to reach audience members' hearts
- ⑤ True Mother amidst a garden of blossoming their children
- ⑥ Religious leaders mix water to symbolize their harmonious interaction
- ⑦ Young people dance to a raucous song
- ⑧ The mansei moment to cap off a significant conference



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2019 Inter-Korean Unification Hopeful March Forward Rally





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- ① True Mother addressing an audience of Koreans for whom reunification of their nation is a key issue.
- ② The Korean government awarded Mrs. Inoue as an exemplary wife and daughter-in-law, who gave a Hyojeong Talk. The Ethiopian ambassador to Korea, who spoke about our recent African Summits; Bo-gun Hwang, Korea's Region 2 leader. Two Korean congressmen and a figure in *Mindan* (a group representing the South Korean political perspective in Japan) at the rally.
- ③ A view of the hall as True Mother address the crowd
- ④ True Mother receiving the customary bouquet of flowers
- ⑤ True Mother with a torch carried from Mt. Balwang, where she had promised God she would reunite God with all his children.
- ⑥ Religious leaders recite a pledge addressing the difficult times at present.
- ⑦ Japanese and Korean women hugging each other
- ⑧ The Little Angels gave a polished performance.
- ⑨ The Manseji moment



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Southeast Europe Peace Summit





- ① True Mother addressing the Southeast Europe Peace Summit attendees
- ② Sun Jin Moon, vice-president of WFPF International, her husband In-sup Park and Yeon Ah Moon, president of UPF-Korea in the Palace of Congresses for the Southeast Europe Peace Summit
- ③ Edmond Brahimaj, Baba of the Bektashi Order
- ④ True Mother onstage with various dignitaries during the Opening Plenary
- ⑤ Tom Walsh chairman, UPF, Elisa Spiropali, minister of state for relations with Parliament; Stevo Pendarovski, president of North Macedonia; Hashim Thaçi, president of Kosovo; Alfred Moisiu, ex-president of Albania
- ⑥ One of eight ex-heads of Balkan states that was in office during the Balkans wars receives a medal from Mother on the occasion of the founding of the international Summit Council for Peace
- ⑦ The eight awardees with True Mother and Elisa Spiropali



Southeast Europe Family Blessing Festival



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- 1 True Mother leading the couples through their blessing vows
- 2 Mother conducts the holy water portion of the blessing for a representative group
- 3 The couples are exchanging rings throughout the hall.
- 4 Sheikh Mansour Diouf from Senegal and an evangelical pastor from the Czech Republic offer prayers
- 5 True Mother receiving flowers
- 6 Young people pledging to maintain their purity
- 7 Mrs. Monika Kryemadhi, wife of Albanian' president Ilir Meta, congratulated the newly blessed couples.
- 8 True Mother donated money to various organizations.
- 9 A youthful traditional Albanian dance troupe entertains the domestic and foreign guests
- 10 A spectacular finish!



Japan Summit and Leadership Conference 2019 in Nagoya

Dear readers, given that this pivotal UPF conference took place in Japan, little information on it was available in English as the editor prepared to send the magazine to the designer. What follows is the translation of a report (by the editor's wife) of an account of the first day of the conference, posted online in the Korean language.



Young miracle makers listening closely to True Mother's speech

The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind hosted the Japan Summit and Leadership Conference 2019 in Nagoya, Japan, which is located on the Pacific coast on central Honshu (Japan's main island). Nagoya

is the capital of Japan's Aichi Prefecture and is the third most populous city in Japan. Joining True Mother were Sun Jin Moon, vice-president of the Women's Federation for World Peace International, Yeon Ah Moon, president of UPF-Korea; Wonju Jeong

McDevitt, chief of staff of True Mother's Secretariat; Yun Young-ho, secretary-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters; Lee Ki-seong, chairman of FFWPU-Korea and Eiji Tokuno, chairman of heavenly Japan and other religious leaders and political figures from around the world—approximately five hundred people in all—in attending the opening session at the Nagoya Castle Hotel.

The Japan Summit and Leadership Conference 2019 (JSLC) organized by True Parents began at 10:30 am on October 5 by Sun-jin Moon. True Mother said in her speech, Even in the outside world, if you receive blessings it is good to repay the kindness from the world. That is faith. In the opposite way, if you've done wrong, you must make amends. I want to ask if your ancestors did something wrong in the past because they didn't know Heaven, that you please make amends. Whoever has responsibly in this country in the present should apologize and ask for forgiveness. That's the human way. Then we must go forward together in unity for world peace. You must not forget that if you act in this way, you'll become people whom Heaven loves.

She asked those in the audience to go forward for the sake of world peace

after he or she has cleaned up wrong deeds of the past. She went on to say, It's the same for today's superpowers or small countries. Under Heavenly Parent, we should become one family. To do that, we must change. There is no future for countries that are increasingly disunited with the world. She emphasized that people under God and countries under God should be equal. True Mother concluded, Today we are looking for peace. Japan and Korea, close neighbors are becoming further and further apart. But since I am God's only daughter, the True Mother of the universe and of humankind, if you became one with me and we act together, each person, family and nation will become one with Heavenly Parent. So, what do you have to worry about? Don't you agree? That's why we need education to guide ignorant human beings into becoming sons or daughters of the true God.

Originally God planted a true person without fallen nature. There are many nations with many laws. To live in one peaceful world, do we need American laws or Japanese laws? A brother and sister centering on God with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience for Heaven return joy and glory to God. What more do you need than a position in which you receive blessings and love from God?

But I know it takes time to restore normalcy to the human race; it won't happen overnight, when people have remained stubborn for six thousand years. Because I am a True Parent I made the full environment to do as much as I can. It's your freedom to agree or not, but I hope you're a wise person, she said, reiterating that there is no peace in the world including in Korea and Japan without True Parents.

Japan–Korea friction

Masayoshi Kajikuri, president of UPF-Japan, said in a welcoming speech, "Many difficult tasks remain for us related to Korea and Japan. When you look at history, Korea, Japan and the United States have important missions, not only simple national relations. I think we have a mission, from being in the Pacific Rim civilization, to lead humanity to peace. In this sense, we appreciate your participation in this event,

which is of historic significance, and we ask for your cooperation to ensure the event goes well. Thank you again."

One Japanese Diet member stood onstage and expressed his gratitude for being invited to JSLC 2019 in Nagoya. "Thank you for inviting me to the JSLC 2019 here in Nagoya. I heard that this is the first time for an international conference of leaders to take place in Japan personally under President Hak Ja Han. I am pleased and grateful to you for the invitation to this precious event. Recently, the Japan–Korea relationship is getting worse. So when I heard you would hold this conference, I decided to take part in the peace movement led by the President Hak Ja Han, which is widely known as the Victory over Communism (VOC) movement in Japan. When the cold war mentality spread all around Japan, confusion spread. I was deeply moved by the images of young people who campaigned to save the nation by stopping the cold war chaos that had broken out throughout Japan," he said.

Making a difference

A Korean congressman in his congratulatory remarks, said, "Now UPF, a global peace movement, is contributing to world peace." President Hak Ja Han, based on UPF's foundation, has a presence in about a hundred countries in the world. She founded the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace and the Interreligious Association for

Peace and Development. After she founded the Summit Council for World Peace for the peaceful unification of North Korea and South Korea she has been making so much effort toward that objective. Many people are speaking about peace but not many people act as much as President Hak Ja Han does." He praised True Parents' peace theory and their global peace movement.

In a keynote speech, a former House speaker said, "I think it's time to think about the Pacific civilization. The center of the world has moved from Europe to the Pacific region from the North Atlantic. That's true of the world's population. More than half of us live in the Pacific region. In that sense, what's lucky for America is that it is between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. But to achieve

lasting peace effectively, we must unite with our allies. Only when Korea and Japan have a strong relationship can there be a lasting peace between Korea and the U.S. I hope that we will overcome our past mistakes and move toward being united prosperous countries with a united Korea and Japan," he said, urging leaders of South Korea, Japan and the United States, which form the Pacific Civilization bloc, to join forces to realize a peaceful world.

A keynote speaker said, "Thank you the President Hak Ja Han for your vision for world peace. As you know, if you look at the African movement, Africa is going to be the most prosperous place within the next sixty years. The peace movement Mrs. Han is making not only in Northeast Asia but also in Africa is amazing as she moves to make one family of the citizens of the world. In that sense, today's event will be an historic one." He expressed his deep gratitude to True Parents, who are leading the peace movement.

Economic influences on peace

A keynote speaker, from the Japan's Diet said, "Look back at history, between 1920 and 1930, and a lot has changed since then. In that time, trade fell by 50 percent, recession increased, and the Great Depression that ensued was the cause of World War II. In that sense, I think peace is closely related to the economy. After World War II, we saw the creation of the United Nations, free trade and the establishment of the IAED [International Agency for Economic Development] and continual international conferences to curb nuclear weapons in each country. Nevertheless, we still haven't reached a full peace agreement. And Japan is in a situation where it is also concerned about its relations with Korea. As we overcame and improved as nations, we faced a situation where we had historical issues, but from a future-oriented perspective, we had to take a favorable view. I think this conference can play a big role in that regard. Because it is not only time to claim one's own interests, but to listen to each other's opinions. In that sense, I think this conference, organized by Hak Ja Han, is very meaningful." He went on to ask for cooperation, hoping to resolve the crises facing both countries through this event. 

Rising Hope for Restoration in Southeast Europe

The UPF Summit in Albania



The communist-era hall where the main events took place

The UPF Summit in Albania on Security and Human Development, October 25–27, mainly took place in the Palace of Congresses in Tirana, which was built during Albania's time under a Marxist-Leninist government 1946–1992 to hold the congresses of the Albanian Labor Party.

UPF hosted the event, which was in part sponsored by the recently founded (February 2019) Podgorica Club, whose managing board includes five former presidents and two prime ministers of Balkan countries. At least one of those former presidents, Alfred Moisiu (2002–2007)

has long been a staunch supporter of True Parents' work. More than two thousand five hundred people attended the conference including ministers, lawmakers and religious leaders.

A stellar career

One of the highlights of the presentations was the keynote address by Dr. Christopher Hill, a deeply experienced former diplomat whose father was a diplomat. Christopher Hill, who was born in 1952, volunteered for the Peace Corps at the age of twenty-two and served for the Peace Corps in Cameroon for two years. Just to

mention a few of his significant postings, his first job as a diplomat was as Secretary for Economic Affairs at the US Embassy in Seoul. He was ambassador to the Republic of Korea 2004–2005. He transitioned in 2005 from ambassador to head of the US delegation to the Six-Party Talks which, sought to find a solution to the North Korean nuclear crisis. The six parties were North Korea, South Korea, Japan, the United States, China and Russia. He was the first US ambassador to serve in Macedonia 1996–1999 and was special envoy to Kosovo 1998–1989 (both in the Balkans). What was remarkable about his address was his description of the psychological and practical steps necessary for what we call “restoration.”

The Balkans harsh past

The assassination in 1914 of the heir to the throne of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and his wife in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on the Balkan Peninsula, precipitated World War I. In the aftermath of World War I, with the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Bosnia and Herzegovina became one of six republics along with Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia (and two autonomous regions—Vojvodina and Kosovo) comprising the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, a communist

country under the iron hand of Marshall Josip Tito. Yugoslavia covered most of territory of the Balkan Peninsula, which is slightly smaller than Spain.

In the republics which comprised Yugoslavia and are today independent, various worldviews prevail. Croatia (though many Serbs live there) and Slovenia are predominantly Catholic. Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia are overwhelmingly Orthodox Christians, while Bosnia is Muslim, though many Serbs and Croats reside in Bosnia. Under Tito's autocratic rule, Yugoslavians lived side-by-side despite a sometimes a strong grievance among minority groups that they are disadvantaged and sometimes ill-treated. (Isn't this the reality in many nations today?)

Tito died in 1980. When that happened, even some that had struggled and escaped from Yugoslavia, feared for what would happen once Tito's iron grip on society had prevented neighbor from attacking neighbor. According to one online source, when Josef Tito died, "the USSR began reforming and the Yugoslav economy began declining. The IMF agreed to loan Yugoslavia some money but required a series of reforms that worsened unemployment, decentralized the Communist Party and helped fuel nationalism."

Albania's restorative course

The following is from Dr. Hill's keynote address. "Let me join others in saying what a pleasure it is to be at this peace summit. You know, peace has been difficult to achieve. In some ways it's something we all dreamed of, but now we understand that peace isn't just the absence of war. It represents a kind of structure of relations between people, a structure of how one respects different points of view, what one can do to make a more stable and just world and a basis, really a foundation, for the prosperity that we all seek for our children and beyond.

"It has especially not been easy in the western Balkans. When I came to Albania for the first time in 1991... That's only twenty-eight years ago but it seems like a much longer time. There was a system of governance that existed in many different countries, in which one group thought

they had a monopoly on all thoughts and on how humankind should implement all their interests.

"Well, we now know that peace depends on different people coming together and respecting each other. I think dedicating oneself to peace, though, offers no refuge for those in need of instant gratification. After all, it takes a long time to form these structures and to systematize this respect for each other. I have heard many times in the past—one probably hears it today—that somehow people say... People in the western Balkans have been fighting for thousands of years. You often hear that. [It implies that] surely they [those in the western Balkans] are not going to be able to rise above that. Well, that is clearly, demonstrably, untrue. The people of the Balkans have risen about that and they have put together a community that I think is the envy of many parts of the world, [the envy of those who are] still unable to put together that sense of community.

"Now what we see in the Balkans is a desire to be part of something even better—that is, a united Europe, a Europe that is whole, that is free and that is prosperous. I know. I think everyone here knows of the disappointment—EU succession negotiations [for Eastern European nations] will somehow be postponed. I personally (as someone who worked in this region for many years) feel that disappointment, but I think it's important to realize that although the road forward is clear and continues to be passable, it will have problems. There will be twists and turns and there will be challenges ahead. So, the issue is not to celebrate the challenges but rather to understand that the task ahead is to overcome the challenges and to be neither stopped nor stymied.

"I have a great deal of confidence that the journey that the people of the western Balkans have been on, a journey that has taken them through very difficult times, is a journey that will not stop until the objectives are met. I have no doubt that there cannot be a Europe whole and free unless all the countries of the western Balkans are in that Europe, whole and free.

"I am optimistic that this process will continue, and I think the best thing for the people of the region is to

act as if the journey has been completed. That is, to act as if you are already European Union members. Don't say, We will begin to observe those standards once we're in the European Union. Start now and observe those standards now.

"I know that this is a mind-set that has worked in terms of NATO. If I had stood in front of an audience in Albania in 1991 and I had said, Well, you will soon be in NATO, I don't think many people would have believed me. And yet, look at the extraordinary progress! How did Albania do that? In fact, how did North Macedonia do that? The answer is that they accepted the reform process through their military, through civilian control of the military, through a certain mind-set that the military achieved and through working together with other NATO countries. I think the fact of the matter is that these countries had become NATO members even before they were conferred as NATO members. The task ahead, I think, is clear and it should not be slowed down by any of the challenges ahead."

Blessings from Heaven through True Mother

The Family Blessing Festival attracted 1,200 people on October 28 to the Palace of Congresses. The moderator asked the couples, many of whom were married, to raise their hands if they had one child. She kept increasing the number to see how large their families were. Many couples had six children. Some had seven; some had eight. One person raised his hand at nine. (Perhaps his was physical world-spiritual world blessing; he was there without his wife.)

Mother's Blessing Prayer lasted for five minutes and twenty-five seconds. Bajram Kosumi, prime minister of Kosovo, 2005–2006 and his wife Marina presented flowers to True Mother. A mayor and his wife offered True Mother a gift, inspired by a sunflower. Monika Kryemadhi, first lady of Albania, gave the congratulatory speech. The whole experience overflowed with the sense, Thank God Almighty, we are blessed. 

A True Peace magazine staff member produced this article.

Training to Bless Others



A hundred commanders and pastors of the Revelation Church of God (RCG) attended training to become mobilizers and fast track the pre-blessing activities in preparation for the December 7, 2019 continental blessing at the First National Bank (FNB) Stadium in Soweto.

FFWPU organized this one-day workshop, which took place at the African Center for Excellence (ACE), so as to have more mobilizers who are ready to take up the challenge of pre-blessing at least 430 couples each as part of the greater strategy to prepare as many couples as possible from within South Africa for True Mother.

The decision was made on Monday, October 7 after a meeting between Rev. Bakary Camara, regional group chairman of Heavenly Africa, and Prophet Samuel Radebe, founder of the RCG as well as the foundation that runs ACE. Prophet Radebe wants to ensure a bigger and better welcome to True Mother in December.

The program started with a prayer from Rev. Jean Augustin Ghomsi, director of the Heavenly Africa Witnessing and Education Department and another from a pastor of the RCG. They both prayed for a successful welcome for True Mother. President Derrick Sibisi, president of RCG, welcomed everyone and stressed the great partnership existing between FFWPU/UPF and the RCG as well as special bond between Prophet Radebe and Mother Moon. He then invited

Rev. Robert Williamson, the special envoy for South Africa, to speak. Rev. Williamson greeted everyone and expressed how pleased he was to be at the gathering.

Rev. Bakary Camara expressed his heart of gratitude to Prophet Radebe for allowing this workshop and conveyed the greetings of Mother Moon to all, greetings that they received with great applause. He shared how last Tuesday Rev. Ghomsi and he were invited to visit the "Temple," the holy ground of the RCG. It was a great experience, especially to be there with Prophet Radebe praying for the success of the December event. The trip started from here at 2:00 am and at 6:00 am we went to pray. "You have a great leader with special spiritual roots, and you should be proud of yourselves," Rev. Camara said. He told everyone how he is eagerly looking forward to working with them.

Lessons on blessings

Rev. Ghomsi, as a lecturer, introduced the program of the day that had basically three parts: 1) the value and meaning of the blessing, 2) the process of the blessing and 3) how to conduct the blessing. In the first part, he stressed the fact that True Parents have succeeded in establishing a true family and are sharing their victory with all humankind. "All the problems faced by human beings today are family related; thus, only by strengthening marriage and family can we eradicate these problems and

establish a peaceful nation. True Mother is offering the blessing as the solution to our problems, the problems of South Africa and the world," he said. He exhorted all the *amasoshas* (soldiers, members of RCG) to support the movement to heal South Africa, Africa and the world.

He then explained the history and process of the blessing with a special emphasis on how the blessing has become a global movement for peace. After lunch, Rev. Ghomsi showed some videos on the blessing before spending time on how to conduct the blessing using slides. He invited up a representative couple and went through the process of the blessing from the holy juice ceremony to the indemnity stick ceremony. This was followed by questions and answers. One could see that they had learned a lot and were ready to implement and mobilize many couples not just from RCG but also from their communities.

Sad facts of life

They all enjoyed the program and thanked FFWPU/UPF for organizing the training. They are more hopeful than ever to tackle the problems of rape, gender-based violence and femicide in South Africa. This workshop came at the right time, when many women and girls, few weeks ago, were on the streets marching against these problems and calling on the government to declare a state of emergency to seriously deal with the above-mentioned crimes and social ills. True Mother, yes, a new batch of heavenly "soldiers" has just been trained to help you in bringing back Heavenly Father's and True Parents' children home. Each has a target of pre-blessing 430 couples. Thank you for your grace and love. May you leave long and see the fruits of all these efforts! 

South Africa FFWPU submitted this to the FFWPU International Headquarters web site.

The Substantiation of Cheon Il Guk in Kalasin Province, Thailand



On October 4, a heavenly tribal messiah team in Kalasin, centering on Dr. Ronachit Phutthala, the former government district chief in Kalasin and Mrs. Sangkom Netsopa, a heavenly tribal messiah victor, successfully held a consultation to launch the Mayor's Association for World Peace in Kalasin centering on the heavenly tribal messiahs and the YSP providence with goals to expand heavenly tribal messiahship and YSP projects with ownership of the local government administration and community leaders to help the providence in Kalasin become a model Cheon Il Guk providence for the world.

There were 113 participants, including chairman of a sub-district administrative office, subdistrict headmen, village headmen, a director of health promotion from community hospital, teachers, government and community leaders with great support from former Kalasin University president and a former vice governor of Nakhon Phanom Province. All of them are blessed and many of them completed the three-day ceremony and went through Divine Principle seminar.

Dr. Ronachit and Mrs. Nuanchan

Phutthala who currently also are co-chairman of FFWPU Kalasin gave a wonderful concluding report on the work of FFWPU and YSP in all eighteen districts of Kalasin in last six years and how they are teaching and Father and Mother Moon's vision of peace. They are showing that FFWPU can help promote the peace, happiness and unity of the Kalasin people, especially solving the problems that government is deeply concerned and worried about, such as domestic violence, family break down, crime, youth problems, drug abuse, etc.

Explaining the vision

Mrs. Sangkom inspired all participants by her explanation of Father and Mother Moon's Vision 2020 to create world peace and her dream to make Kalasin a model of the most peaceful province in the world. Also, Dr. Ronachit explained powerfully that each process of education and all activities of heavenly tribal messiah and the YSP project can transform people and make people happy. That can support the vision of UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) for which FFWPU and YSP had signed MOUs with many local government administrative organizations in

Kalasin. Participants watched a video presentation about heavenly tribal messiahs and YSP projects in Kalasin since 2012.

Representative participants shared their experiences as blessed people who practice the teachings and blessed family traditions in their families and communities. They shared about what has happened in their sub-districts or communities after going through the blessing ceremony, workshops, education programs or YSP's Filial Heart of Thai Youth Camp. They also explained how heavenly tribal messiah and YSP projects influenced people in their communities to become better, happier people. All participants were inspired and determined to continue to invest, support and expand heavenly tribal messiah work and YSP projects. At the event, the desire to take responsibility and a united spurt to make Kalasin Province become model province of Cheon Il Guk filled the atmosphere. The event ended a charitable singing contest to raise funds to support the activities of FFWPU Thailand. 

Thailand-FFWPU submitted this to the FFWPU-International Headquarters web site.

A Public-Focused Life

Ban Ki-moon, recipient of the Sunhak Founders' Special Prize



Ban Ki-moon was born in village a few miles from the city of Chungju in central Korea in 1944, a year before Korea's liberation from Japanese colonization. A third of the village's population share his surname. His family moved to Chungju when he was three, but surely they visited their home village each year at Chuseok and on other occasions to pay their respects at his family's ancestral graves and to visit relatives.

Ban was the oldest child and has five siblings. Though he was born in a unified Korea he never actually experienced it. He was just a year old when the Soviet forces, then occupying northern Korea, sealed the inter-Korean border, cutting off all road and rail transportation, and ceased shipping much needed coal and even electrical power to the south (coal and most hydroelectric facilities were more prevalent in mountainous North Korean).

With the outbreak of the Korean War, his family fled into the mountains. The war began when he was six and ended when he was nine. In the mountains, they lived in poverty and suffered through hunger but did not encounter troops from either side. From the elevated area where they were hiding out, Ban recalls seeing aerial bombardment of cities and villages below them.

Education and experience

He must have studied hard as a boy. He was known as someone who spoke English well. This opened doors for him. In 1962, at age eighteen, the American Red chose him to be among 112 youth delegates to visit the United States, where they were to become acquainted "with the humanitarian ideals and values of Red Cross service, and to establish new avenues of communication for humanitarian purposes among youth." In his own words, he described the effect this had on his own life:

Thanks to the American Red Cross, I was given the opportunity to join teenagers from forty-two countries to travel across the United States visiting Red Cross chapters. The trip opened my eyes to the world. I returned to Korea a different person. In the newspapers and in my village, I was a bit of a celebrity, and I became known as the boy who went to America! But the trip was also a turning point on a deeper level. From small towns to the White House Rose Garden, where we met President John F. Kennedy, I was profoundly moved by the spirit of service. When President Kennedy told us, "There are no national boundaries; there is only a question of whether we can extend a helping hand," I resolved then and there to pursue a life of public service.

As a young adult, he earned a bachelor's degree in international relations at Seoul National University and a master's degree in Public Administration at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in the US. After passing the Diplomats Exam, he began working in South Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1970.

Family life

In 1971, he married Yoo Soon-taek. She had majored in Library and Information Science at Chung-ang University in Seoul and then worked as a librarian. She accompanied him on his first foreign service mission to India in 1976, where he served as first secretary in the Korean Embassy in New Delhi. They stayed until 1975. Their older daughter, Seon-yong, was born in 1972, apparently in Seoul. Their son, Woo-hyun, was born in 1974 in India. Today, these two are married to Korean spouses. The younger daughter, Sun-hee, was born in 1976. Her husband is an ex-soldier and a scholar from India. The two met in Sudan when they were both working with UNESCO. The Bans have at least four grandchildren. Ban Ki-moon's mother, Shin Hyun-soon, who was Buddhist, lived to be ninety-nine. She died on June 17 this year. At the time, Ban said, "I don't know how much time will be needed for me to see my pain relieved." In 2012, Mother met Ban Ki-moon and Yoo Soon-taek at their home in New York and spent some time with them.

Rocky path to secretary-general

Ban appeared to be rising up the ranks of South Korea's Foreign Affairs Ministry at a healthy pace. At an early stage he was secretary of state for protocol at the Prime Minister's Office and then consulate general at the U.S. Embassy. In 1996, he worked in four different posts, accruing experience as chief foreign policy officer, presidential secretary for Foreign Affairs and National Security; first vice foreign minister; and presidential secretary for Protocol. From 1998 to 2000 he was ambassador to the Embassy of Austria. While working as vice minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade beginning in 2000, Kim Dae-jung, president of South Korea 1998–2003, abruptly fired Ban Ki-moon in 2001. As Ban expressed it to *New York Times* reporter Warren Hoge in 2006, "I was totally out of work for the first time in my life."

During a time when a key ally of Korea's, the United States, had decided not to pursue an anti-ballistic missile treaty with Russia, Ban's office had sent out a joint communique that included praise for the treaty. That blunder led to President Kim having to publicly apologize for the error. The shame of having to apologize was the ultimate cause of Ban's unemployment. As he told Hoge, "You must understand the political impact in Asia that public apologies have."

Finally reaching the summit

As it happens, he was not idle for long. That September, Han Seung-soo, minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the Republic of Korea was elected to serve as the president of the United Nations General Assembly for the coming year. He appointed Ban Ki-moon as his chief of staff. Ban himself sees this as a steppingstone to his eventual ascension to the post of UN secretary general. Some among those who think that Ban was campaigning to become the next UN secretary general point out that he was in a better position than his competitors during his 2004–2006 stint as the Republic of Korea's foreign minister. In that capacity, he was able to visit the Security Council member nations and make his views known and his presence felt—he could make a deeper impression than others vying for the post of the eighth UN secretary general. He was voted in as UN secretary general on October 13, 2006. That a Korean would become secretary general seemed unlikely in 2006 given that it was a nation that had UN Peacekeepers deployed at the Korea's DMZ and South Korea had only been a UN member since 1991.

His accomplishments

According to the UN itself, Ban Ki-moon's priorities were to "mobilize world leaders around a set of new global challenges, from climate change and economic upheaval to pandemics and increasing pressures involving food, energy and water. He sought to be a bridge-builder, to give voice to the world's poorest and most vulnerable people, and to strengthen the organization itself." They point to the 2007 Climate Change Summit and efforts to keep climate change in the public consciousness and to the Millennium Development Goals and "a special emphasis on Africa and the new global strategy on women's and children's health" as milestone accomplishments. As secretary general he promoted women's rights and gender equality. He increased the number of woman leaders within the UN by more than 40 percent.

Given the state of the world, secretary general of the UN is a thankless job. So much needs to be done and so many crises exist. Now that he has left office and has returned to his native Korea, he has taken on another tough task. He is in charge of improving Korea's air quality, which includes pollution but more often features micro dust, tiny sand particles from China's Gobi Desert to which polluted particles adhere. For his years of investment and his tireless efforts he has won the Founders' Special Prize. 

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An Arab Christian Leader in the Middle East



Dr. Munib A. Younan is the bishop emeritus of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). The holy land refers to the lands roughly equivalent to ancient Palestine, including holy sites of the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic religions.

Family background

Bishop Younan was born on September 18, 1950 in Jerusalem into an Arabic family with an Antiochian Greek Christian lineage, but who had converted to Protestantism. His father, Andria Younan, and his mother, Alice Qandalaft, were both refugees who had come to Israel two years before his birth. Despite having been born in Israel, he too is registered as a refugee. In 1980, he married Suad Yacoub, nine years his junior. Mrs. Younan is the director of the Helen Keller School for the Blind in Beit Hanina, Jerusalem. They have two daughters and a son and five grandchildren.

Education

Dr. Younan received his general education in Israel in Christian schools—Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran School in Jerusalem and the Evangelical Lutheran School in Beit Jala, a Palestinian Christian town in the Bethlehem governorate of the West Bank. He then earned his high school certificate at Al-Ahlia College in Ramallah (ten kilometers north of Jerusalem). He studied to become a deacon in Finland at Luther Opisto [college] in Helsinki from 1969 to 1972 and went on to earn a master's degree in Theology at the University of Helsinki, where he studied from 1972 to 1976.

From priest to bishop

Upon his return to Israel from Finland, Dr. Younan received his ordination as a Lutheran priest at the Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem. Over the next twelve years he served the ELCJHL in various capacities in areas of pastoral leadership, youth leadership and Christian education.

ELCJHL schools have a long history of service to the Palestinian communities, dating back to the foundation of an orphanage and educational program for Arab girls in 1851. This was the first education program for the female youth of Palestine. Today, four schools are serving more than two thousand students with the help of nearly two hundred full- and part-time educators.

Dr. Younan spent 1988 in Chicago, in the US state of Illinois, studying and doing research at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC). When he and his wife occasionally visit Chicago, he gives sermons at various churches and talks in various venues on circumstances in Israel.

In 1990 Dr. Younan was appointed president of the ELCJHL Synod (a church governing body) a position he held until his election and consecration as bishop in January 1998. As bishop, he also chairs several boards and committees within the ELCJHL.

Notably, Bishop Younan was elected Lutheran World Federation president by the Eleventh Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Stuttgart, Germany, on July 24, 2010. That federation represents over seventy million Christians globally. As president, he also chaired the Lutheran World Federation Council, Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. He continued as president until 2017.

A heart engendering unity

As a Palestinian Christian, Dr. Younan seems a natural mediator in a land where Palestinian Muslims and Israeli Jews have an acrimonious relationship. He has made vigorous efforts to promote harmony and peace-focused interaction between the two groups.

As a refugee in Israel he has risen to the status of the Lutheran bishop of Palestine. As a Christian who seeks fellowship with his fellow man he has established a network of friends and fellow people of faith and good will in both Finnish Europe and Chicago USA. As a past president of the Lutheran World Federation, he has global recognition, global contacts and a global mission field.

In November 2016, the Pope was getting a head start on commemorating the 500th anniversary of the start of Protestant Reformation, sparked by Martin Luther in 1517. The Pope held a joint service in secular Sweden with the president of the Lutheran World Federation (Dr. Munib Younan). The Pope and President Younan wished to demonstrate Christian unity. For a Catholic leader, the Pope expressed a reasonable view of Martin Luther. According to reports, he "praised him for having restored the centrality of Scripture to the church." And said, "The spiritual experience of Martin Luther challenges us to remember that apart from God, we can do nothing."

Overall, it seems apparent that this 2019 Sun Hak Peace prize is going to person outside our faith who embodies the heart and unselfish dedication that True Parents have exhorted us to embody throughout our lives of faith.

A TPmagazine staff member contributed this article.

A Catalyst for Development



President Macky Sall was born in 1961 in Fatick, in western Senegal. He grew up there and in the Fouta region in northern Senegal. His father, Amadou Abdoul Sall, was a government employee and later a building custodian. He was a member of the Socialist Party of Senegal. His mother, Coumba Thimbo, sold peanuts to supplement the family income. Macky Sall has four siblings. He attended the University of Dakar, where he studied geological engineering and geophysics in the Institute of Earth Sciences. He graduated in 1988. He also attended the French Institute of Petroleum's National College of Petrol and Engines in Rueil-Malmaison, France. He is multilingual, with competence in Wolof, which the majority of Senegalese speak and which is therefore important in the areas of politics and business, as well as Serer, Pulaar, French and English.

A special first

Macky Sall married Marieme Faye Sall in 1992. They have two sons and a daughter. They met when she was in high school. She has seven siblings. Her date of birth is unattainable. She refuses to divulge her age. Of the four presidents that Senegal has had, the wife of the first was French, the wife of the second had a Lebanese father and Senegalese mother and was born and raised in France, and the wife of the third was French. Marieme Faye Sall is the first Muslim and the first first lady who is Senegalese on both sides of her family. As a couple, she and her husband represent a break with the past as political figures in Senegal.

Macky Sall's life in politics

Under the influence of his brother-in-law Macky Sall associated with Maoists for a time as a young man. His official government biography admits that while at university, Sall briefly flirted with the Marxist-Leninist Movement but adds that he shared "neither its political ideas nor the boycott strategy it adopted toward the 1983 presidential election." These were fleeting encounters that perhaps helped shape his worldview. He voted for the Liberal candidate (Wade) in 1983 and 1988.

He joined the Democratic Party of Senegal in the early 1980s. Abdoulaye Wade, president of Senegal (on his fifth attempt) from 2000 to 2012, had formed and headed the party. From April 2000 to May 2003, Sall was special advisor on Energy and Mines to President Wade. Simultaneously, he was CEO of Petrosen, Senegal's national oil company. He headed the Ministry of State and the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Hydraulics from November 2002 to August 2003 under Prime Minister Mame Madior Boye. Wade appointed Sall prime minister in April 2004. He remained in that position until June 2007. The Senegalese legislature (National Assembly) elected Sall as its president. He garnered 143 of 146 votes cast and held the post from June 2007 to November 2008. As if that were not enough to keep him busy, he was the mayor of his hometown Fatick from 2002 to 2008 and again from 2009 to 2012.

In 2008, he had a falling out with President Wade over his attempt to persuade Wade's son to testify about financial matters at the National Assembly. President Wade removed him as president of the National Assembly and Macky Sall formed his own political party, Alliance for the Republic, APR, on December 1, 2008 and joined those opposed to Abdoulaye Wade's administration.

In the 2012 presidential contest, Macky Sall placed second in the first round, but with the support of other parties allied against President Wade, he won the second round and became president on March 25, 2012.

His providential role

On this topic, we might turn to a pre-Summit interview of Sheik Mansour Diouf, head of the Murid Brotherhood, who spoke of President Sall's perspicacity in recognizing True Mother good intentions for the African Summit in Senegal: "Fortunately, the president of the Republic of Senegal, Macky Sall, after receiving a delegation from UPF, decided to invite the presidents that we would like to have at this summit. He also decided to get involved and participate in it. He quickly perceived the importance of this summit and the benefits it can bring to Dakar, Senegal and beyond. At this summit, Dakar will be the hub of peace in Africa and perhaps even in the world. For this reason, I appeal to all contemporary humanity to see the great importance of this summit, which must be one of peace, not only for Africa but for the world."

Surely, President Sall's opened hearted embrace of True Mother's initiative, which set in motion developments across Africa, is a portion of what makes him a Sunhak laureate today.

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In a largely successful new stage of development ancestor liberation is available far beyond Korea.

Brazil’s 2019 Heavenly Latin America Tour

Experiencing ancestor liberation in your own nation

On October 12 and 13, Brazil’s FFWPU Headquarters hosted the 2019 Latin America Tour—Hyojeong Cheonbo Brazil Special Event in Campo Grande in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul (MS) and this time it was held in Campo Grande City, MS.

Welcoming the 328 members present the president of the Cheonbo Branch in Heavenly Latin America, Rev. Nam-seong Kim and the leader of Subregion 1 and president of FFWPU in Brazil, Pres. Koichi Sasaki, celebrated this providence in a harmonious and dedicated environment where blessed families and members

were able to perform their ancestral liberation and the blessing ceremony for generations one to 430 (and the engagement ceremony between a spouse in the spiritual world and one in the physical world).

Entering the age of Cheon Il Guk, True Father in the spiritual world and True Mother on earth formed a substantial foundation for the ideal of creation, becoming fully united and opening an amazing new era directly governing the universe.

The program began on the first day in the morning, with the opening ceremony with the welcome remarks by Rev. Koichi Sasaki, regional group vice-president of Latin America,

leader of Subregion 1 (Brazil) of Heavenly Latin America, and national leader of FFWPU Brazil. On this occasion, Rev. Nam-seong Kim gave the main speech of the seminar. He explained about the foundation of Cheonbo’s providence and developments in the process of the liberation and blessing of our ancestors, now in True Parents direct dominion, and that upon that grace that we can reach the mark of 430 generations liberated and blessed.

During the seminar we had special lectures about the Cheonbo Spiritual Works by David Pereyra, a lecturer for Heavenly Latin America Cheonbo and by the Cheonbo Heaven and



True Parents offer a means of freeing our ancestors from eternal suffering in hell.

Earth Training Center Branch president, on this occasion he explained the progress of the branch mission on the continent and how events have brought benefits and healing to members and guests in various Latin American countries. With a heart of wanting to liberate themselves from the evil spirits that are in their bodies and to liberate their suffering ancestors in the spirit world, all participants from Brazil, including leaders, other members and guests participated actively in the seminar and chanyang sessions, centered on branch leader Rev. Nam-seong Kim.

In attendance to Heavenly Parents and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humanity, we established the Hyojeong Offering Ceremony for Inheritance of Heavenly Fortune. Many members have had the opportunity to receive great blessings from heaven and the opportunity to be born again. When they have delivered their wishes to heaven, they will surely be fulfilled. During the two days of the seminar, in the special lectures, in the chanyang sessions, in the ancestor liberation ceremony and blessing ceremony, the brothers and sisters felt great emotions and had many spiritual experiences. This were a wonderful moment when all can liberate and

bless their ancestors up to 430 generations by changing their lineage to Heaven's side by expanding the foundation of Cheon Il Guk, spiritually as well as physically.

Renewed vigor and hope

This special seminar has rekindled the flame of determination within blessed families and in the hearts of members so that they can, with the heart of heavenly Parents' son or daughter, fulfill their sacred mission to achieve victory in heavenly tribal messiah activities.

At the end of the special event, we had entertainment with musical performances. We had performances that delighted the eyes and calmed our hearts; Mato Grosso State youths sang two songs and Mato Grosso do Sul local songs in five performances. To wrap up the seminar brilliantly, the leaders sang songs to remind us of our True Parents. It was wonderful! 

tion ceremony I felt a very heavy fog as if it were smothering me. In the second liberation ceremony it was clearing, but only in the third did it seem everything had cleared. On stage I saw the spirit of our True Parents behind our young people singing very loudly, touching and supporting them.

However, as Inara [a sister] was stronger, our Father could see her strength and determination, able to die at that moment without giving up. In the crowd were the spirits of Daemo nim, Heung Jin nim and Hyo Jin nim who were also touching each person.

I saw bad spirits coming out of their bodies dissolving like smoke. This time they wanted to be liberated, but it was all closed and had to arise like great clouds dissolving in the air being carried by the angels.

I also saw our wish papers being consecrated in the bowl. It seemed to be boiling, because water bubbles began to rise with our requests, floating as if by magic. Angels put them one by one inside the pyre of water, bubbles rose with our prayers, the angels took each one. It was magical.

All my wish letters were answered. My daughter's corneal transplant was a success; there was no rejection. My granddaughter gave birth, though the doctors said her tubes were blocked and she could not get pregnant. Many other blessings I received through the letters. Aju!

REFLECTIONS

ALL MY WISHES WERE GRANTED

If everyone knew the value of each ceremony, they would give their all to participate in them. At the libera-



...they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy. He who conquers shall be clad thus in white garments, and I will not blot his name out of the book of life; I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. —Revelation 3:4-5

SEEING THE ORIGINAL GARDEN

I am heartbroken over not releasing 430 generations of my ancestors. But right at the opening of the workshop when Ayami sang, I saw a such beautiful garden with True Parents! And along came a great feeling of love that I have never felt in my entire life.

Everything was beautiful and everything was so full of love that I didn't know which one was the best; the beauty of the garden or True Parents' great love. I only know that everything was wonderful and throughout the workshop so far I am amazed by this experience, which I had here at this liberation workshop in Campo Grande.

Thank you, True Parents, for bringing this great grace to all of us. I thank you for the work of each person who has prepared with great love and certainty this special workshop. I miss you already and never want to forget this wonderful experience! Thank you very much also Heung Jin nim, Hyo Jin nim and Grandmother Daemo nim.

— Maria Aparecida Santos Gomes

MEETING MY ANCESTORS

My name is Jailson. I am a missionary and from the 1995 blessing group. The special Hyo Jeong Cheonbo workshop was a different experience from the first. The first day was

a little heavy for me, but I think for all of us because our mind tend to dismiss and distance we had to travel.

Once again, the scenario has changed, but not as intensely as the first time. I saw a city of gold, where True Parents were on a hill, dressed in gold clothes watching this city.

On the second day of ansu, it was much lighter, and I felt less pain. I could find inner peace again by keeping focused, and with my eyes closed I felt my mother's presence. So I called her to stand beside me. She was cheerful and radiant. At the first workshop in Campo Grande I gave her the blessing, so today I could see her cheerful countenance. During the prayer time, she got up and began to sing. After praying, I realized she was wearing white pants and a white polo shirt. She used to dress like this when she was on earth. What a wonderful scene!

In the prayer where we put the right hand over the left, she sat beside me and my right hand opened. She wanted to show something to me among the white clouds. I saw my father's face. I was glad for then but worried at the same time. I saw my father going and disappearing into the clouds but smiling. I wondered what that meant. Then my mother said, visit him; I was shocked, when I was going to ask her more details she was gone. I haven't visited my father for over ten years.

In the ansu session, where the young

helpers were in the middle of the corridor and in the corners of the walls, I could see countless numbers of young people also doing chanyang in line and in sync, dancing at the same time. Some people think that the workshop is happening to a physically limited number of people, but these experiences show to me that the workshop is happening in large spiritual proportions. I would like others to know that. They do not necessarily need to see it.

If each one of us closes our eyes and prays for forgiveness for the mistakes of our ancestors, not knowing whether or not they hurt other people, as long I still have life, I will apologize for them. Their mistakes will also be one of their ways for them to leave our body. I could see them agreeing with me, their arms crossed but nodding their heads positively.

At the blessing ceremony of the ancestors, with a heart full of peace I could contemplate the temple around me with the golden decorations, where the ceiling fans were. I looked at the ceiling and saw that it was formed of stars. Steadying my gaze on the ceiling, when moving, it at times formed the face of True Father and at times formed Jesus' face. Wow! I was amazed and grateful, because I know I didn't deserve to see that.

At the ancestor blessing ceremony, after the holy wine, at the time of the blessing declaration, many came to thank



A chanyang session

and greet me. One of them with oriental features greeted me and thanked me. With an inner smile I wondered if I have an Eastern ancestor. Well, I just know I was happy.

So I finish my testimony and at the same time I want to thank Rev. Seong Nam Kim for putting my testimony at the time of his conference. It certainly already had an effect on a guest of missionary Maria de Aral Moreira who came to me very moved with tears saying that they want to understand more about their ancestors and pay the fees to get started. She said she wants to come back at the next seminar and for me that was rewarding.

Thank you, True Father, who was in a flowered shirt, beige pants and barefoot among seminarians clapping and singing like a young teenager. Aju!

MEETING HYO JIN NIM

I thank God and True Parents for the opportunity to be at the Hyo Jeong Cheonbo special workshop. Right at the opening of the workshop I determined to have a purer and more sincere heart.

At the workshop, I made a heartfelt effort to ask Heavenly Parent to give me an opportunity to have an experience with Hyo Jin nim. In fact, I always asked to have an experience with Hyo Jin nim because I feel I have a very strong relationship with him.

So when we started singing in the first session, Rev. Nam-seong Kim started doing ansu on my head. The moment he started, I cried and kept crying. It was even hard to sing. It's unexplainable what I felt. It was as if Hyo Jin nim were telling me, I've been with you from that moment when you called me, and I will always be here.

I was so grateful that throughout this session I was welcomed by Hyo Jin nim, as if he were comforting me. With this experience I determined to do more for God and True Parents. Thank you! —Rebecca da Silva

AN ENCOUNTER

On the first day I was clapping very loudly and singing. I closed my eyes for a moment and saw many female and male spirits, too, but what drew my attention was that among them were seven spirits that jumped with joy. And I opened my eyes and didn't see them in the room anymore.

In the session after lunch I cried a lot, asking for forgiveness and hit myself hard, asking Heavenly Parent to give me his love. When the session was over, I went to pray where there was background music, when suddenly a light came on that seemed faint and shy and slowly became stronger than my shadow reflected in the light. I was thrilled and happy. I think it

was getting weak and gradually she was disappearing and I wanted her to stay longer, then she disappeared.

And I thanked God and the True Parents of Heaven Earth and humankind for such great grace. Aju!

—Luzimaria Nanizaya

A UNEARTHLY GLOW

Today at Hyo Jeong Cheonbo's first ancestor liberation ceremony, we were singing, purifying and releasing our ancestors. After we sang for a while, I saw two great evil spirits that went into the four corners of the room, wanting to leave. But then Daemo nim, Hyo Jin nim, Heung Jin nim and Jesus arrived.

Hyo Jin nim, seeing that those two great evil spirits who didn't want to go, ordered them to go with all his power and authority.

Hyo Jin nim with Daemo nim, Jesus and Heung Jin nim were smiling for everyone to enter the portal. In a beautiful glow that does not exist on earth was our Father.... At the wish letter ceremony, I saw angels picking up the cards and going through a portal leading to True Father. True Father was smiling and said Jardim made him happy. True Father said he will take everything to Jardim because that is the place of Ideal Families. True Father said that he would cherish everything he owns everything. 

My Journey, My Faith

By Cui Yulan

The writer gave her testimony at a Divine Principle workshop for thirty-five ambassadors for peace at the Sorocaba Athletic Club Headquarters in Sorocaba, Brazil, in July. This is part II. Part I is in the August-September issue.



We tend to think that Satan is far away from us. However, I realized that Satan is within me. As long as Satan is within me, I suddenly change and go crazy. In most cases, we think this is due to our character. But this is not true. Human beings have inherited Satan's fallen nature.

Satan knows me better than I know me. Satan knows human beings better than they know themselves. When God created humans, Satan helped. Satan has been at my side from the beginning up to this day. Once, when three hundred Japanese sisters gathered in Uruguay for WFWP activities, Rev. Moon said, "Do you know God? [Yes!] Do you know Satan? [Yes!] If you do not know Satan, you do not know God, either." Back then, I was a new member, and I did not understand what he meant. I thought, "I am here because I know God. Before joining the church, I was a Communist. I am now a Christian. Why does Rev. Moon say you don't know God if you don't know Satan?"

I thought murderers, mobs and thieves were Satan. I thought Satan was somewhere distant from me. But that was not the case. I did not know Satan. When Rev. Moon asked if we knew Satan, what he meant was if we know the Satan within us, we can change how he influences our thoughts and behaviors.

My seven-year assessment

I realized this after seven years of tears and suffering through my (blessed) marriage. I read the Divine Principle many times. I understood theoretically that Satan sends evil spirits and changes the way we think through our fallen nature. The theory is written in the Divine Principle.

However, I did not think that this theory applied to me, too. I did not realize that Satan was with me every time I felt hatred and anger toward my husband. After seven years, I finally discovered my fallen nature. I had not been able to see it because it adheres to me so tightly. My fallen nature attracted evil spirits. Satan takes over me by sending evil spirits to my heart.

How does Satan work when he enters my heart? I get upset, criticize others and hate others. This is the



The writer in green is presenting an ambassador for peace certificate as the president of WFWP in Brazil.

same for everyone. I am not the only one. Satan dominates all human beings in the same way. Since human beings are so stupid, Satan dominates us all the time.

Are we godly?

Then, when is God with me? I am sure God is with me when I am happy, when I want to help others, when somebody says, "I'm glad to meet you, Onnan," [her nickname] or when I am conveying smiles and happiness to others. However, things do not always work like this in everyday lives.

Rev. Moon said there is no such thing as a gray zone within our lives, only black or white. What is a life of faith? It is a life to cut myself off from Satan. Who is with you when God is not with you? Satan. It might be a huge Satan or a small Satan. When it is a huge Satan, you become crazy and when it is a small Satan you get a little bit crazy.

Certainly, Satan is within human beings today. All of the Peace Ambassadors who came here today, please realize who you actually are when you return to your homes. Please ask yourself, Who am I? Who is my true self? Which side am I on? If you know Satan, you know God.

I used to think that I would be happy if I married. But after seven years, I realized that this was not the case. This is our issue. My marriage was taking me through the deepest places in hell. Something Rev. Moon

famously said is deeply carved in my heart. He said, "You cannot enter heaven if you do not go through the deepest places in hell." Back then, I could not understand what he meant. I thought, Why would I have to go through the deepest places in hell? I want to go to Heaven directly. I don't want to go through hell!

If you do not go through the deepest places in hell, you cannot get to know Heaven. If you do not go through the deepest places in hell, you cannot get to know yourself. You cannot understand God or Satan. I realized which path I must take when I realized this was true.

From Russia to Brazil

After graduating from a graduate school in Russia, I became a professor at Sun Moon University, a college founded in Korea by Rev. Moon. Back then, Rev. Moon sent my husband, who is a UTS graduate, to Brazil as a missionary. In Korea, there are fixed [tenured] and temporary [non-tenured] professors. If you are a tenured professor, you get to study abroad for two years in your area of specialty. During that time, You receive the minimum pay without working.

Taking this opportunity, I went to Brazil to help my husband. I thought, My husband is stubborn and quiet. How could a person like him become a missionary? Poor him! I must go to help him. I know how to get along with anybody, so I will learn to speak Portuguese in no time.



President Koichi Sasaka, Cui Yulan and their children, a blessed family.

I have not returned to Korea since then. Whenever I fought with my husband, I told myself, If I go back to Korea now, this marriage will end. No, this is not the purpose of my life.

I was twenty-eight years old. Back then, it was very difficult to work as a tenured professor. It was highly competitive. In many cases, those who worked as tenured professors were fifty or older. I was one of the first people who became a tenured professor in her twenties. Back in 1994, I received \$5,000 dollars a month. In Korea, the salary for teachers was high. So, I was quite confident that I would do well when I headed off for Brazil to help my husband.

Ancient, invisible obstacles

However, during the first two years, many conflicts arose because our Japanese and Korean ancestors were fighting each other. Korea was under Japanese rule for more than forty years.

One day, my husband and I were taking a walk in Campo Grande under a beautiful large sun. My husband said, "Oh, look. What a beautiful sun! It's like the Japanese flag." In that moment, I became irritated. I was so angry I got goosebumps. It was automatic, so I realized that the hatred came not from me but from my ancestors.

Spiritual experiences

One day, I saw a woman in the spirit world. She had a bundle wrapped in

bojagi [a square colored cloth] and was running around making the sounds of warplanes and explosions with two children, carrying one on her back and leading one by her hand. We were poor missionaries so we used to buy instant fruit juice at street stalls, which I mixed in a blender, the noisy, annoying sound of which reminded me of her and her "war" sounds.

Another time, when I was cutting vegetables, I suddenly heard a voice saying, "Kill that Japanese with the knife!" Although I always got into fights with my husband, I never thought of killing him. I did not know about the spirit world well back then. I asked myself, Where did this thought come from? Perhaps I'm going crazy. I dropped the knife immediately.

When I asked, Who's making me think this?, I heard a voice like that of a man in his forties. "I am," he said and he showed me how he had died. Japanese soldiers buried alive with another Korean man. Back then, we did not yet have any children. The spirit said, "You cannot have a baby with a Japanese. Your homeland is Korea. Why are you in this hellish place with a Japanese? Go home! But first, kill that Japanese!"

My husband was terrified when I told him about this. We decided to do a prayer condition so that the spirit could go to the spirit world and so he could experience liberation from his resentments. After offering those points in prayer for seven days, we

went to Korea to attend a Cheongpyeong ancestor liberation workshop. My husband got down on his knees and apologized to the spirit in his devoted prayer. As for me, since I have a strong character, I scolded the spirit as I prayed. I said, "Spirit, if you want to go to a good place in the spirit world, you must listen to me. You must help me win victory in Brazil."

I had a firm conviction that he could go to a better place in the spirit world if he helped me. The spirit agreed to what I asked and said he would come back if he failed. Seven days later, I felt him give a certain sign and leave.

Growing closer to each other

Since then, my relationship with my husband has become better. My husband had not felt anything when I told him, "I love you." It was the same for me. But when the spirit left, we were able to feel the true meaning of those three words. It may be hard for people who never had experiences like these to believe me, but these things actually happened to me.

There used to be a high wall between my husband and me. But the departure of the spirit left bored a small hole in that wall. This hole made it possible for us to reach each other's heart a little bit. I used to say, "Koichi, you have to love everything about me because you are my husband. This is my character. I'm sorry but I'm not a humble, quiet Japanese. I'm a Korean with a passionate heart. I may burn you, but this is who I am." Later, I realized that it was my fallen nature and a part of the character I inherited from Satan.

Purification through marriage
Eventually, I realized why God from the beginning did not create humans to be perfect like him. We would solve all the problems if human beings were almighty. But then, there were the three great blessings. The first blessing is to "be fruitful." But how could you grow if there were no limit to time and space? How would you see growth? Am I supposed to be perfect already?

Fallen nature is stuck to my character. When my fallen nature appears, I feel arrogance, anger, envy and hatred. I realized that step by step, I must get rid of those fallen natures and perfect myself during my life in

the physical world. God wants his children to become creators and co-creators. But since humans have free will, God cannot predict what each son and daughter will do. This is why God gave humans responsibilities. Human beings must build up a good character without fallen nature while they are on earth. Then, how could we get rid of our fallen natures? I realized that this can be done through marriage.

A clothes basket

Once, I bought a huge laundry basket for the Campo Grande house. My husband would always put his laundry on top of the cover of this basket and not inside the basket. At first, I told him, "Would you please put your laundry inside the basket?" He answered, "OK, OK," but his laundry was always on top of the basket cover. This went on for a month, and finally, I went mad about it. I yelled, "You are not a little kid. Put your laundry inside the basket!" Then, with a serious expression on his face, he put the laundry inside the basket. But after three days, the laundry was on the cover again and I became frustrated. Then, one day, I asked myself, Onnan, you bought this basket to improve, clean and organize the house environment. This cannot happen if you are fighting over it like this.

Still, my conclusion was that my husband was wrong. I was certain that if the laundry basket has a cover, the laundry should be inside it. My husband was wrong and I was right. There was no way out.

I began to realize that I was dirtier than the laundry. My attitude was hurting the hearts of everyone in my family. When I realized that I was wrong and he was right, I ripped off the cover and threw it away. I thought to myself, "Look at this big hole. He can't put his laundry on the cover anymore." In this way, one at a time, I overcame conflicts I faced in our marriage.

Gradually learning

One day, when I cleaned the house, I also cleaned the floor. Our house in Campo Grande became muddy easily because of the red clay soil. The moment I finished cleaning, my husband walked in with mud-cov-

ered shoes on. Usually, I would get into a fight with him in the belief that I was right and he was wrong. But I thought, I should not fight with him over such small things. I talked to him gently and amiably.

At some point, Rev. Moon said, "A man is the head and a woman is the neck. Women must do some steering, moving from side to side. As such, a woman should know how to steer her husband's head cleverly and with love." So I said to my husband, "Hi, honey (with a little kiss). Don't you think the house is clean? I wanted to clean everything, I wanted to clean everything, but you've got this part, because you made it dirty." Immediately, my husband brought a mop and cleaned the dirty floor! It worked!

Numerous times in our lives we want to criticize some behavior or get angry. But if we speak lovingly, we can have the same effect without making our home gloomy or creating discord. Another way for couples to have a peaceful relationship is to say to say in bed whatever you need to say. Rev. Moon said, "Women have everything men like. (Pointing at his lips) the formation stage, (pointing at his chest) the growth stage, (pointing at his hips) the completion stage." Women don't need to yell at their husbands. Women already have everything. Men are born to have strong pride. Things become difficult for a couple if a wife hurts her husband's pride. This is why a woman should speak lovingly to her husband.

Marriage, our means of transformation

I realized that I must grow through my marriage. Every time I overcame my fallen nature, I felt more freedom. There is no laundry basket in our current home so my husband leaves his laundry on the floor. Since there are two bathrooms, I must pick up the laundry on the floors of two bathrooms and also in our bedroom. On top of this, there is also the laundry of my three children. However, this does not make me angry anymore. I embrace it all now.

I have a strong personality. The language I used toward my husband hurt his heart. But he no longer has hard feelings toward me. This means our hearts have grown. The two of us have fought for the happiness of our

marriage and family. We must fight for our happiness!

Seven years ago, I used to think that the source of all problems was my husband. But this was not true. I felt that everything turned out well when I improved myself. When I got better, so did my husband.

So, at which point should we grow? We must complete our loving character within a hundred years. This was what Rev. Moon was talking about. There are only a hundred years. Many gray-haired ambassadors for peace are here today. We do not have much time left.

That we will eventually lie in a coffin is true. All of us. I mean everyone. We will lose the ones we love. God did not give a five percent portion of the responsibility to dogs and cats but to human beings. What will happen if human beings cannot complete their portion?

When we die, we will go to the spirit world. Rev. Moon said, "There are several levels in the spirit world. If you put a grain of rice in water, ripe rice will settle to the bottom and half-ripe rice will float around the middle. Rice that has nothing but the chaff will float on the surface.

Neither God nor Satan hands down a verdict on my life. I must declare the verdict on me by how much my spiritual body grew, how much I developed my capacity to love and how much I fought to grow. God lost his sons and daughters whom he so wanted to reach perfection. Perfection of what? Perfection of the capacity to love.

Building a family

"Be fruitful." is the first blessing, The second is "to multiply." Do you think a perfected man and woman need time to become one? No, they don't. Patricia and Sergio [a couple in the audience] will be united the moment they complete themselves. Perfected human beings are the image of God. Why do we marry? Because we want to resemble God. Man and woman appeared when God divided himself in half. Therefore, when a man and a woman unite, they resemble God. God cannot feel joy alone. ☩

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