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# A Turning Point in the New Revolution in the Culture of Heart

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As we experienced the fourth anniversary of True Father's universal seonghwa, we could feel that Heavenly Parent's providence in the Cheon Il Guk era based on True Mother's leadership is coming to a turning point, and a new revolution in the culture of heart is blossoming as we move toward the realization of Vision 2020. I truly believe that the absolute unity between True Mother on earth and True Father in the spirit world has brought about the unity of heaven and earth and opened a gateway between the spirit world and physical world through which the power of True Father's seonghwa and a cosmic, substantial Pentecost can manifest through True Mother here on earth. This will bring about a great revolution in the culture of heart and the rapidly expedite Cheon Il Guk's realization.

Based on True Father's last wish for us to fulfill the heavenly tribal messiah mission and True Mother's initiative to expand this mission work throughout the world, we have experienced a breakthrough in the expansion of successful heavenly tribal messiah activities in Asia and in Africa. We can also now see the potential for continuous growth in FFWPU membership and Cheon Il Guk citizens. This comes through not only our members' sincere efforts and investment but also through the mobilization of the heavenly spiritual world, which caused a change of environment for witnessing on earth.

To expand the good environment for witnessing and the restoration of Cheon Il Guk, True Mother initiated the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace through UPF. With the momentum from the great success of these inaugurations in all our regions, the role and mission of UPF as the Abel UN gains substance.

To prepare future leaders, True Mother continued to invest love and care in young people by sponsoring the twenty-one-day Global Top Gun Workshop for more than a thousand participants. They took part in the Seonghwa Cultural Festival and in her launching of the revolution in the culture of heart by inheriting the heavenly heart of filial piety and becoming the light of the world. This great event brought about transformation in the participants' hearts and created a sense of being one great family.

The Seonghwa Cultural Festival was so beautiful, magical and heart moving. The magical manifestation onstage of True Father descending and True Mother ascending with a beautiful chandelier representing Heavenly Parent appearing signified the start of the new revolution in the culture of heart on earth.

True Mother is committed to finding ways through ICUS to solve global environmental problems and restore nature to its original state. Her great vision and mission is to create the beautiful original heavenly garden of Cheon Il Guk in Cheongpyeong, as a visible model of heaven and a holy land for all humanity on earth, to be expanded to the entire world, realizing the kingdom of heaven on earth.

At this year's Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Assembly, with reports of the development and potential of the thirteen key strategic nations plus Korea, Japan and America, the atmosphere was one of great excitement, expectation, hope, determination and unity as never before for the advancement and the realization of Vision 2020. We can already see systematic changes and development in our movement to a higher dimension during the past four years under True Mother's leadership.

In my experience in Thailand, breakthrough in the heavenly tribal messiah mission followed victory over the twenty-one-year course of national persecution in 2011. Great development occurred with the expansion of successful heavenly tribal messiah activities, opening the way to expand UPF and FFWPU activities to the national level with the cooperation and support of local and provincial government officers and religious leaders. This kind of phenomena is happening and spreading throughout many nations in Asia and even across continents to nations in Africa. This is truly like a new cosmic Pentecost in the Cheon Il Guk era.

With our heart of filial piety to Heavenly Parent and True Parents and our unity with True Mother's heart and wish for the realization of Vision 2020, in absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, we can all become one and together we can overcome all barriers, create miracles and achieve victory for Vision 2020. 

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# The Seonghwa Ceremony

*These passages are the entirety of Cheon Seon Gyeong, Book 11, Chapter 3, Section 2.*

**B**ecause Unification Church members know that there is a spirit world, they are not afraid of dying. In the Unification Church, a funeral is called the Seunghwa Ceremony. It means to ascend nobly to heaven. The Seunghwa Ceremony is about ascension. To inaugurate it, I had to rejoice more over the death of my son than I did at the birth of my sons and daughters. I had to experience the joy that God would have felt had his princes and princesses been born to him. If this did not come to pass, my son could not have crossed over the hill of death. At the place where he died, we, his mother and father, had to offer a prayer to celebrate the victory of love, that is, of his having achieved liberation. That is why, when Heung-jin passed away, I did not shed even a single teardrop. Because he had a long way to go in the next world, I held the Unification Ceremony for him.

### **Seunghwa and Seonghwa**

A three-year course that to be established during the forty-year period of the restoration of Canaan on the world level. Through this three-year course, we needed to reach the conclusion. The second year was the most dangerous. It was the most difficult time. That is why, at that time, Heung-jin passed away and I went to prison. As the leader who had been shouldering responsibility for heaven and earth, I was very serious. Satan was the one who caused what had happened to Heung-jin. Therefore, I first conducted the Unification Ceremony, then the Seunghwa Ceremony, and then because I had to send him on as my victorious son, I did not shed any tears until Heung-jin passed away. This is a dream-like story. However, in this world, things are actually happening just as I prayed and just as I said. Unbelievable events are taking place.

When Heung-jin went to the spirit world, I held the Unification Ceremony and declared the Day of Victory of Love.

The love of the Parents treads on Satan's world and overcomes death. That is why, as I viewed Heung-jin during the three days before his passing, I could not shed any tears. Even in the presence of our dead sons or daughters, we should be able to

share God's love and dedicate our love to him or her. For this reason, I declared the Day of Victory of Love. Because love triumphed over everything, the ceremony is called the Seunghwa Ceremony.

In the Unification Church, we call a funeral the Seunghwa Ceremony. Our birth, the Holy Wedding Ceremony and even the end of our life are to be offered to God. The complete fruit of these is the Seunghwa Ceremony. However, you have no idea what an embarrassment it is for a person to be given a Seunghwa Ceremony and honored with many flowers if they lived a careless life and did as they pleased. Therefore, knowing the Principle, we should lay our foundation by living in accordance with it.

Though Heung-jin passed away alone, I blessed him on earth on the fiftieth day after his passing—just as on the Pentecost fifty days after the passing of Jesus, the one hundred and twenty believers gathered in the Upper Room were filled with the Holy Spirit, as recorded in the biblical book of Acts (2:1–4). With that, I made up for all the incomplete work that Heung-jin would have done during his lifetime. I could not shed tears as I sent him on. I also made Mother pledge not to express sadness in front of Heung-jin when he departed for the spirit world. If I had not prepared the way for him at the time, he would have gone to the spirit world in tragedy, like other people. He would then have had no relationship with Jesus or the world of the blessing amid a spirit world rife with divisions. That is why I named his departure the Seunghwa Ceremony. That ceremony I conducted was the original Seunghwa Ceremony.

At Heung-jin's Seunghwa Ceremony, no one was allowed to shed tears. This was especially so for True Parents. Later, in the United States, only after they received the report from Korea that the Seunghwa Ceremony had been performed joyously, they shed tears of blessing as they bid him farewell. In this way, the history that had been divided in tears was brought together in harmony with tears. Therefore, no one should shed tears during a Unification Church Seunghwa Ceremony. If tears are shed, the deceased cannot go the way he or she is supposed to go.

There is no hope without a heart of

love. You cannot form bonds with others if you do not have a loving and caring heart. You should even embrace death itself; otherwise, you cannot form a relationship with God, who governs the world beyond death. Without transcending death, you cannot enter God's world of love. You need to rise above the fallen realm; otherwise, you cannot find love no matter how eagerly God awaits your arrival. Where there is hope, there is love. To have hope for the spirit world, you need to love, which will enable you to overcome even death. That is why in the Unification Church, a funeral is called the Seunghwa Ceremony. It signifies breaking through Satan's wall straightaway and ascending to heaven.

Throughout your life, you should have nothing to be ashamed of in front of your wife or husband. You should be able to say, "I have kept true to the tradition of safeguarding God's pure lineage, in order to bequeath it to my descendants. I have lived my life according to the tradition of building the kingdom of heaven, where God desires purity, and now I am departing. I am coming to you, my Father, and I entrust myself to you." With that, the commemoration of your death will be called a Seunghwa Ceremony.

People do not know what it means to die. They think it is a sorrowful occasion, but it is not. Death is a transition from a lower-dimensional world to a higher-dimensional world by crossing the bridge of love. That is why the Unification Church calls death Seunghwa. To die is to ascend to a higher dimension. It is possible only through love.

A funeral in the Unification Church is called a Seunghwa Ceremony. Since it is a ceremony of seunghwa (ascension), you should not hold on to the deceased and cry. When the spirit of the dead person sees you cry over him or her, that spirit will lament. He or she will say, "The people's ignorance is a rope that ties me down and prevents me from going on my way." Since we know these things, we in the Unification Church call it a Seunghwa Ceremony. "Seunghwa" means soaring gloriously to heaven. With the power of love, you should lift the deceased up. Instead of pulling the dead person



members of the Unification Church will be known as a “wonjeon.” To enter the wonjeon means to find our way to the original palace within our mother’s womb. Where is your wonjeon? It is the inside of your mother’s womb before you were born. From the moment your father’s sperm met your mother’s ovum, although one was small and the other large, they breathed together, clung to each other and lived in joy.

They dwelt together, holding on to each other and giving each other a boost. You need to pass through the ideal of that wonjeon. In the word wonjeon, the character “jeon” (殿) means house. It is the same character as the “jeon” in “gungjeon,” meaning “palace.” You are to find your way to the origin within God’s ideal, which existed before your mother’s ovum met your father’s sperm and you were born on earth.

Do you know what a mortuary table is? When a person dies, before the body is placed in a coffin, it is washed clean and prepared. Before the body can be moved into a coffin, it is placed on the table and washed clean. Unless someone can unite in heart with the deceased at that place, the body cannot be placed in the coffin. Who is supposed to carry out this task? It should be done by the person who loved the deceased the most. The garments for the deceased should be prepared with care in advance, and the deceased should be dressed in them before being sent off.

The “cerements” are the garments that the body is dressed in when placed in the coffin. A representative, loyal friend, or filial son or daughter should receive the fabric for the cerements and sew them. If the deceased is to go to the kingdom of heaven, to a good place in the spirit world, he or she should have upheld the tradition of a loyal patriot and loyal subject. A Korean funeral has this type of significance. The place where the Unification Church buries its dead is not called a graveyard but a wonjeon. To liberate heaven and earth, we should desire to be buried in such a place. The wonjeon refers to the original palace. It is not a place where just anyone can be buried. Only those who have been martyred or whose life was on a comparable level can be buried there. ㄸ

down, you should lift him or her up.

The Seunghwa Ceremony began with Heung-jin. The meaning of “victory of love” in the Day of Victory of Love is being victorious over death through love. Other people’s mothers would be overwhelmed with sorrow, writhing and wailing with deep emotion, but Mother was required not to shed tears. We needed to hold his ceremony within three days of his passing. We had to proclaim victory over death. It is on this basis that we can hold the Seunghwa Ceremony in the Unification Church. It is a ceremony of going beyond death and onward to joy. Those who go through the Seunghwa Ceremony can easily cross over all the valleys in the spirit world.

The word “death” is sacred. This word should not evoke sadness and anguish. That is why I announced that I changed “seonghwa” to “seonghwa.” The character “seong” (聖) means to be sacred or holy. We should no longer use “seung” (昇), meaning “to ascend.” “Seonghwa” is a term I have coined. The previous word, “seunghwa,” did not clearly reflect the sacredness of death, so I rectified it and announced that it is now “seonghwa.” The moment of entry into the spirit world is the time when you enter the world of ecstasy and victory. It is the moment, after your life on earth has bloomed and borne fruit, when you embrace the fruit of your life. It is a moment that comes only once. That is why you should rejoice in that moment. In that

moment, others should congratulate you as much as they desire and then send you off. In that moment, they should shed tears of joy, not tears of sadness. Every person has eternal life. Compared to the span of eternity, the period of three days after death is shorter than a second. So the question is, Why should you feel sad about it? If you lament during that time, your prospects for eternal life will vanish. How dreadful is that? It is so true. It is a time when people should shed tears of joy, not tears of sadness. This seonghwa refers to laying out the body of the deceased for three days and offering devotions for his or her passage into the spirit world. I have changed the term Seunghwa Ceremony to Seonghwa Ceremony.

### The Wonjeon Ceremony

Members of the Unification Church overcome fear of the spirit world. I have no fear of death. The Fall brought about death, so religion should create the realm of resurrection. Based on the Day of Victory of Love, we could begin holding the Seunghwa (ascension) Ceremony. Also on that condition, we could call the burial site the wonjeon, which means “original palace.” It is not about dying but about direct passage to the kingdom of heaven. This palace is a link from the earthly nation to the heavenly nation. That is the meaning of “wonjeon.” There is no religion in the world with anything like it other than the Unification Church.

The place of burial for deceased



## To Honor Father's Life, We Must Complete Our Responsibilities

*True Mother's address on August 19, the fourth anniversary of True Father's seonghwa*



**R**espected dignitaries from home and abroad, ambassadors for peace, beloved blessed families and other members from around the world, I love you! As you saw in the video, during the third anniversary of True Father's ascension, we told True Father we would fulfill our responsibilities on earth. "Father, please ascend to the eternal resting place. Please comfort Heavenly Parent, who has been lonely until now. Become an offering and become free. Please ascend to Heavenly Parent." Do you remember that?

#### **Afire with hope and activity**

Our responsibilities on earth—what are those responsibilities? They are to testify to True Parents, to love True Parents, and to convey True Parents' wish to all 7.3 billion people, so that all 7.3 billion people around the world can be aware of that wish. Are you doing that?

We have organized thirteen regions based on their languages, and various events, such as tribal messiah activities, are taking place. Going

beyond the tribe, going beyond the nation and expanding to the world, the providence is moving forward. Asia, Africa—all thirteen regions—are alive with the fire of tribal messiah efforts. All people on earth must hear testimonies to True Parents. Only by knowing about the True Parents can all human beings find hope. This is the fulfillment of each human being's inherent wish.

This is also Heavenly Parent's dream; however, for six thousand years, as reckoned using the Bible, all human beings have suffered under Satan's domination. Human beings have a strong yearning for heaven, yet remain ignorant of how to find heaven.

#### **The long hard path**

This is because for a fallen human being to go directly to our Heavenly Parent was not possible. A condition of indemnity was required. How difficult must it have been, how painful must it have been, that fulfilling the indemnity condition required six thousand years through the histo-

ry of the providence of restoration, which God had led!

Raising the people of the chosen nation took four thousand of those years. Having paid with various conditions of indemnity, God raised the people to the level of a nation. On that foundation, God sent his only begotten son, Jesus. Yet Mary, who was a central figure, and the family of Zachariah, the family of Joseph, the Jewish leaders, the people of Israel—they were all ignorant of Heaven's providence.

Until then, countless human beings had been born on earth, but after four thousand "biblical years," for the first time in history, God sent his only begotten son, the person he referred to as "my son." That being the case, the central figures should have embraced Jesus, the Messiah. They should have prepared the requisite environment for Jesus; however, we know the outcome. They failed in fulfilling their responsibilities. That is why Jesus was crucified. On the cross, Jesus said he would come again.

What would Jesus do on his return?



He said he would host the marriage supper of the Lamb. What does that mean? That refers to the realization of Heavenly Parent's wish and the inherent dream of all human beings. Human beings dream of finding True Parents, because only through True Parents can human beings return to being God's true children.

### Be heavenly tribal messiahs

By their own effort, fallen human beings cannot return to being true children of God unless True Parents lead them. Fallen children cannot be born anew into the kingdom of God; therefore, for the first time in six thousand years based on the foundation of the Korean people, the only begotten son and only begotten daughter were sent, and they hosted the Holy Wedding and became the True Parents, for whom humanity has yearned for so long.

Therefore, what path must these people of Korea choose? All of you in blessed families, who have received the blessing ahead of others, please fulfill the responsibilities of heavenly

tribal messiahs. Go beyond the tribe. Go beyond the nation. Reach the world. Establish a foundation on the world level for True Parents. This is the status of blessed families worldwide. Right now, through the world's thirteen regions, this work in taking place.

In addition, this year during Foundation Day, we launched the parliamentarians association. In July, members of our movement in Nepal launched the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace, as well as Peace Road, the great journey linking humanity and peace. More than a hundred and forty nations participated in Peace Road, and with the founding of the parliamentarians association, in each nation, virtuous men and women will be participating, warmly welcoming these initiatives.

### Finish the year strongly

The final launching of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace will take place in December. Until that day, these initiatives will continuously take place. When we look at these initiatives, the hearts of people all around the world yearn to go toward the realization of global peace, but no one has known how to reach that objective. Therefore, they must wholeheartedly participate, support and happily join the Family Federation for World Peace.

### Remaining obstacles

True Parents' dream and every human beings inherent wish is to realize one family under God. However, today's world is filled with various issues—religious conflicts, racial conflicts and territorial conflicts. All these conflicts stem from self-centered actions. Furthermore, since the Industrial Revolution, the livelihood of most people has changed. Economic prosperity, material prosperity has been achieved. Second, third, and fourth superpowers have emerged.

Rather than focusing on the positive points, instead of focusing on the future, many problems are arising. One of them is climate change. If humanity is to survive, the Earth cannot be laid to waste. Most important, in terms of material things, are sunshine, water and air. These are decreasing; climate change is affecting these.

### Ahead of his time

Looking at this reality, True Father worked in South America to resolve the issue of future food security and resolve the climate change issue. Father said that we must apply these principles to solve humanity's problems. For decades, he led the history of the providence.

People concerned about humanity's future have provided many good opinions, and they have identified many of the issues. However, when it comes to solving those issues, when it comes to providing viable solutions to those issues, the experts have not been able to do it. One cause is the superpowers' self-centeredness. Until now, civilization has developed science based on destruction, science that focuses on war.

Therefore, I want to revive the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences. All issues afflicting the world must be resolved, because God originally created our beautiful world with an ideal in mind. Effort and a movement must develop to restore the world to its pristine state. Experts and scholars must take the lead and support this great initiative. That is how they can earn humanity's trust.

Therefore, I want to restart the ICUS conferences as the center of academic, scientific studies. Through the media, I want to educate the masses and the population. I also want to engage in work that can bring about tangible results.

We all saw a beautiful performance on this stage today. In that performance, one thousand two hundred second- and third-generation Unification Church members from around the world participated. They are the future leaders of the unification movement. Even though their languages and cultural backgrounds may differ, they know True Parents, and they can unite. Therefore, we will realize Heavenly Parent's dream and True Parents' dream and all humanity's wish without fail. Until that day, we will march forward—we must march forward.

Today, on the fourth anniversary of True Father's ascension, let us embrace this great mission in our hearts. Let us make a firm determination that we will realize it! This is my request of you. 7

# Our Spiritual Legacy from True Parents

*Sun Jin Moon, international president of FFWPU, read hoondokhae as a starting point to interacting with Global Top Gun Youth Workshop attendees, aged fourteen to twenty-four, on August 2. What follows are some excerpts from the two hours she spent with them.*

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Clearly, FFWPU International President Moon connected deeply with her audience.



Early on, Sun Jin nim told the audience, "No podium, today. If you're on the ground, I'm on the ground."

**T**oday, I brought True Father's autobiography to do hoondokhae from.... Last night, True Mother talked about what it meant to be True Parents, the course she had to go through and the course that True Father had to go through to pave the way spiritually so that all your parents could join, be reborn and engraft to the true olive tree. All of you are that miracle; when Mother was talking about six thousand years of human history, when Heavenly Parent was searching for his children, each one of you is that precious gift, you are that amazing child that True Parents have been waiting for, Heavenly Parent has been waiting all throughout history for....

#### Amidst hoondokhae

"True love cannot be learned in any place other than in the family." That is a powerful paragraph. I am sure many in the second generation here struggled in your family life too, because many of your parents, like True Parents, have taken the path of indemnity for the sake of human-

kind. Even when we were growing up, we never saw our parents. True Parents were always doing their public mission. We were raised by brothers and sister who were young members. So, in many ways we didn't get that parental connection. I am sure many of our brothers and sister here, because your parents are missionaries, working hard for the sake of the world, they were not able to give you this kind of parental love. Does anyone have that kind of experience here? Yeah? Show of hands...

There is no shame here; we are just all one family. So if you haven't received that love or if you have received that love, you know how precious is it. Right now, as we are one family sharing together, if you know a brother or sister who hasn't had that kind of love, show them more love. Give them that kind of love if you know what it feels like.

That is the power of passing down this legacy of love. We are here all together to support each other, not to judge each other but to uplift each other so we can all get to the point where we can receive God's love and

True Parents' love and feel it deeply in our hearts....

#### Following hoondokhae

Is there anything that came out of this chapter that anyone has a reflection on or wants to make a comment on? Yes, brother in the front, and where are you from?

Mr. Sousei: Japan [Speaks in Japanese, summarizes in English] I think a filial heart toward heaven is needed to be a true child.

Yes, absolutely; he is absolutely right. Even the official name True Mother gave this workshop [참부모님 주관 HJ천원 특별수련, True Parents' HJ Cheonwon Special Workshop]... I'll tell you a little story: True Mother came to Hawaii and she was saying, We need true families; we need true children. So, she took "Hyo," which you know... Hyo Jin oppa, Hyo Jin nim, is the eldest son. True Mother had fourteen children. Hyo Jin nim is the eldest son and his name means "filial piety." And, then, all the way to the youngest daughter, Jeong Jin. Her name means "heart." So Mother wanted to include the whole span of

all the children because to create a filial heart is the most important task that all of us have.

That is the wish she had. If you think about it, True Mother and True Father had to pay the indemnity for Adam and Eve, and it took six thousand years to restore the position of true parents—the husband and wife level. Now imagine that our responsibility is to be restoring Cain and Abel and become true children under True Parents.

What happened to Cain and Abel? Do you know? They fought, right? Cain killed Abel. It turned into a battle. That is the start, where we need to realize that the way we can serve each other is to love each one of our brothers and sisters. We need to be doing the opposite of what went wrong.

True Parents taught the way to have a true marriage, a true blessing. We have to create the culture of what it means to be a true family, and love each other, not compete with each other, not beat each other down, but lift each other up and care for each other, become one in heart and one in mind to bring joy to our parents, because Cain killed Abel. That must have brought so much suffering to Heavenly Parent and to their parents.

This is not what we want to do. We want to create a system where all our brothers and sisters in the world start treating each other with love, care, kindness, forgiveness, compassion, goodness—all the virtues that True Parents teach us. It starts here, so be good to each other. If you see people struggling, please help them. Are there any other reflections on this “true family” passage from Father’s hoondokhae? We are getting a lot of wisdom. No matter what age you are, you have tremendous wisdom to share. Remember, you are the divine true children of True Parents. Don’t doubt that in yourselves.

### Yes, brother in the back

[Paraphrased]: Are you able to spend time with your family?] Absolutely! Family is everything. We didn’t have True Parents raising us. In many ways, I’ve seen each of my brothers and sisters suffer through that kind of chapter where there is loneliness and pain and a void in their hearts. I’m sure many of you, because your parents were doing the mission for



- ① Sun Jin Moon responds to a question from a young man near the stage.
- ② Questions came in Japanese and in English.
- ③ She encouraged questions and answered each one thoroughly.

God too, may not have felt that complete love and protection.

It is only through family that we can heal this pain. It is only when we learn (as in this chapter, where Father says that when you realize that God is the center, is your eternal parent, and that unconditional love never changes) that whatever void you feel in your heart, whatever love you didn’t get, you can replace that with God’s love. So, it is absolutely important to connect not only with your physical parents, in this life with a parent–child relationship but all of us here need to get in touch with the spiritual legacy that you all hold because of our True Parents. Get in touch with that spiritual legacy—beyond what we experience in our own families, in our own lives but which touches the life of Heavenly Parent—at that kind of level. This is what True Mother knows. She raised all fourteen of the True Children and that was not an easy course. Many, many things in the True Family... You see so much suffering.

True Mother understands that everybody in the growth stage can go through suffering but she wants to make sure to protect and raise the next generation of children to not have to suffer as much. How can we connect to a higher level of love and understanding in brotherhood and sisterhood and in the parent–child relationship? How do we raise these children to surpass and go beyond, survive and not struggle at that level? This is why the workshop and this kind of family teaching is important.

I want to get the brother in the back. Thank you, your name?

### Ju Young Okaf

I am originally African, but I live in the “sunshine state,” Florida. My question: Do you have suggestions for how we can reach out with love and encouragement to those in the second generation whose parents were busy doing mission work and who did not feel love?

Ju Young, that’s a good question. I

can only give words of encouragement based on what I've experienced. We understand that there are many in the second generation... I'm like forty years old now. A long, long time ago, in the seventies, we were growing up as blessed children in America. Way before your time, there was a lot of persecution in the 70s because True Father and True Mother had just come to America and there were not many Asian people there. There was racism. Everybody we grew up with was white. So we went through a lot of persecution, also because we were physically True Parents' children. At that time they thought Father was a cult leader. Many people would persecute all of us, growing up, saying, Oh, your Father is a cult leader, a moonie. Go home, you Asian person.

So much hate and so much suffering and we didn't have our own parents to go to. We didn't have anybody to comfort us or to lead us or guide us. Many blessed children we grew up with had the same experience. We saw not only our own family members but other blessed children suffer a lot, go through a lot of persecution.

### Discover your own faith

It is difficult to find your faith and your trust and your strength in God when you feel like the whole world around you is coming on your shoulders and not supporting you. When I think of that and when I think that (as you're saying) many blessed children feel disconnected and are not able to feel love, I think we have to find love through our faith. That is the best advice I can give you. Only faith, only something higher than what you are going through, is going to pull you out of whatever darkness or heaviness is pulling you down. And that faith—no one can give that to you but yourself. You have to find that light in yourself to be able to pass through all the darkness. I am forty and I could not find that light for the majority of my life.

I'd be the first person to admit that I'm not perfect. I am probably the least equipped in my family to be number one, to be in this position, serving True Parents. Many things I could not do—like even public speaking. I couldn't speak in front of a crowd. I was so nervous, felt so much anxiety that I couldn't breathe.

So how am I standing in front of you and talking to you today? How is it that I am saying we need to have hope?

It is because True Parents never gave up on me. At every point in my life—my parents, my family, my husband—all these people never gave up. So it comes to the point when you realize that you feel gratitude for that, and you don't take love for granted and you don't think about what you're lacking but you start focusing on what you have. Because what you focus on becomes your reality. I could sit here and say, Oh I wasn't loved. I wasn't nurtured. Oh I was beat up. We grew up in a *makdaegi* [stick for inflicting punishment], an indemnity culture, being put down because I'm a girl. Can't do anything. When I was young I was very overweight, picked on, called a nerd. Asian... All these things that would put a person down.

I never had good health. I had cancer. Every kind of illness you can think of that makes you less than a

person I have felt in my life and I have gone through. I felt lower than a dog many times. Not what in

America you call an underdog but below a dog. Because of the illnesses I had, I wasn't able to have children—an even bigger failure, especially in our movement, where we are supposed to have families and I can't have children.

From all these things, you feel like a failure. I can't do this and I'm not good enough to serve True Parents. Then, three years ago, when Father passed away... In my whole life, I had just been working on how to repay or rebuild or to work on the things I could not do. Mother said, You know, Sun Jin, I need you to help me, right now. Father passed away and there are many problems in the family. I have no one; I need you.

Me? I am so unworthy; I can do nothing to help you. I felt, I can't do this, Mother. I don't have the ability. I am so fearful. I am so anxious. I have so much hurt.





Sun Jin nim's husband, In-sup Park and her sister-in-law, Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, listen from the main floor.

She said, No, I need you and you can do it because I believe in you. Whatever you have been through, throw it aside. Just know that True Parents love you, and we need you and you can do it and you are our daughter.

This is the kind of advice I would give to anyone that feels they have not been given enough, that they are lacking in something. If True Mother can say that to me, the least of the least, the lowest of the low, if she can say, I believe in you; I need you... She needs all of you just the same.

All of you are true children. She needs all the other true children that have left her. They all need to come back. Somehow, we all need to grow and be able to restore ourselves and to build our faith.

### Discover your history

The best thing I started doing when I first got this mission was hoondokhae. Doing hoondokhae became like my lifeline. This book right here and all the books that True Mother has as holy books, from those you will learn a path that no regular person, who is a person like me or a

fallen person—someone who hasn't achieved that level of growth that our True Parents have, perfection as True Parents... Everything that you need to know that can help you in your life path or to help others with suffering or struggling is in these holy books. So the more you study, the more you will realize. The more you start to understand who True Parents are, the more you will begin to value your life and your parents and how amazing each one of your parents is, too. I urge you, because it is by studying True Parents' lives that I came to value my own life. I didn't know the value of my life because I didn't know True Parents. This is the real important starting point. Find your history. Ask your parents how they joined. Ask them why they joined. Connect to them in a parent-child relationship because that is going to be the greatest legacy you get, because actually each of your parents is a saint. They overcame many, many struggles. They separated themselves completely to try to come to live for the sake of the world; this is a saint. So, learn from your parents and in this workshop learn from True Parents. I hope

that answers some of your question.

### Finding True Mother

[My name is Sato Moridae. What can I do in order to become one with True Mother's heart?]

True Mother's heart, like she was saying, absolutely loves you and what you can do is become—like our brother was saying here—a filial son or daughter to True Parents. So, just as we were talking about loving each other in true families, living for each other and saving the world, you start loving True Mother and bringing her comfort when you find your dreams and you use those dreams to bring glory and goodness to True Parents and the rest of the world. If you can bring that back to her as children, that is going to be the victory not only for True Parents and Heavenly Parent, but for each one of you.

As our brother was asking, how do we connect to True Mother and bring her happiness? Do you think she wants you to be unhappy, to think you are a failure, to not live your dreams but to suffer? No, she wants you to be joyful, find your dreams, thrive, grow and go beyond what you think is the limit, to reach all the people in the world with the potential for greatness that each one of you has. Please, try to find that. No one can take that path but you. ...

As True Mother said yesterday, each one of you has a unique gift. Everyone is different. You have different talents, different dreams. How do you engraft those dreams to True Parents? You live what you love. You find your dream; you excel at it and you offer it to True Parents and the world. That is how you change the world. Some of you may be athletes, musicians, artists, scientists. Whatever field of study you enjoy, please excel in it. Once you get to the place where you have reached the top level, the master level, offer it up to True Parents and offer it up to your brothers and sisters. This is the amazing network we will have in the future, when all of you grow to live your dream. These dreams are going to be what changes the world.

So, please find that, especially you young people. Father always said that this is the best time of your life. You're in school right now. You are figuring out what you like and you



The dance portion of the program saw all the young people on their feet and moving in rhythm to the music.

enjoy what you are good at. Invest your heart and soul in that and know that through whatever you choose to do, if you love it, you are going to bring True Parents joy. Please excel and do great things with your lives. That is definitely a way to make True Father and True Mother and your parents proud.

Now, I'm going to go with the brother in the back because he had his hand up before, with the glasses.

#### **Hello. What's your name?**

[Andrew Olsen... from Texas: I like how you point out that if we challenge our limitations, pass any barrier, we can go forward with our dreams. My question is, How long did it take you to realize your parents were the True Parents?]

A long time. I am like forty years old now. We have been talking about this from the beginning. We grew up in an environment with a void, like no love, a lot of pain and suffering, so I couldn't understand. I would hear lectures and Divine Principle, everybody talking about true love, but I never felt it. I never felt that somebody loved me.

In the kind of family life we grew up in, there was a lot more fighting than loving, a lot more competition than sharing with each other. Everybody was pushed to be the best. To be the best, you had to be better than everybody else and put everybody else down. We grew up in that kind of environment. If we had True Parents taking care of us, I am sure none of that nonsense would have happened, but because they were serving a higher purpose, serving to save the Cain children of the world, we weren't able to understand who True Parents were. No matter how many Divine Principle workshops I went to, all I heard was the Fall, indemnity, you are never good enough, you have to fight evil, you have to cut this part of you away. It was a kind of violent way to grow up, thinking everything is a battle and Satan is going to attack me everywhere. So where do we find love? Where do we find True Parents? How do I connect with God?

It took many years, a tremendous amount of years. I would say that the thing that changed my life was the blessing. I think that, individually, I did not have the tools to find individ-

ual perfection. You know, mind-body unity is number one. This is something that I started getting into just three years ago—with Father's seonghwa—I started becoming a yoga teacher. This is when I first learned how, individually, to perfect even my own mind and body. But the thing that made me understand True Parents and love was being married to my husband, because through his love I was able to feel: Oh my gosh! This is so amazing that someone could love me this purely.

I had not experienced that in my life—such a kind husband, a good husband, a loyal husband who just supported and loved me, no matter what. This is what the love of a family, the true love of a spouse, the true love of True Parents, is—unconditional love. You can find that anywhere through each other. We can practice unconditional love with each other. We are doing that now. No matter what you go through, I am going to love you. No matter what you struggle with, I am going to love you. I am not going to give up on you. This is Heavenly Parent's love, True Parents' love. 

# The Intricacies of Love

*A reflection on Sun Jin nim's talk to young people*

By Kim Kayoung

**L**ove is somewhat strange. Even though I had never seen the True Children while growing up in Africa, I still remember looking at videos on the True Family with admiration and love. Even though French was the language I spoke back then, "Country Roads," an English song that the True Children loved singing, took a special place in my heart. Having grown up in the church and with members alone, I never had the opportunity to learn outside secular songs nor found interest in them until I came to Korea at the age of eighteen. I have tried to learn different popular songs ever since, but I believe "Country Roads" is one of the few songs I can sing from memory and is a song that will always pop up first in my head, a song I sing to my daughters when I try to put them to bed. I always find this facet interesting. But it is true.

Though I unconsciously always admired the True Children, it also true that I never truly had the chance to know them in person. I have to confess that some of the news I heard later about them greatly shocked me. Some shook me so badly; I experienced anger for days, not wanting to understand them. I came to terms with what was happening, coming to the realization that the True Children also have their portion of responsibility. I only hoped that they are able to indemnify and rectify any mistakes while on earth, our only chance to redo anything.

## **Sincere and frank guidance**

In this sense, Sun-jin nim's message opened a completely new level of heart and love in us. Her words came from deep down in her heart and were full of wisdom, experience, and her love for all those present on that day. I could sense Sun-jin nim wanted to have a heart-to heart talk with everyone there, and that's exactly what happened. It is diffi-

cult to express this in words, but it felt as if we had truly become one in heart as brothers and sisters centered on our elder sister.

When a student asked how he could help struggling friends, she said that we can only find the answer to such struggles from something above us, if I properly recollect what she said. She gave examples from her life—how she hit rock bottom and how she could find her way out only through Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Her instant answer and its wisdom showed me how close to God in heart she is and that she is continuously endeavoring to be one with God; more than anything, I could feel she was a person of the heart.

She shared many life stories based on the questions she received from participants. I was truly able to feel the great many difficulties she experienced and the breakthroughs she had and how much love she had for True Parents, the True Family and all of us.

## **Finding a deep connection**

One story brought me to tears. She spoke of a time she found herself alone with Father in an elevator—the only time in her life; how leaders and people who attend True Parents had always surrounded Father, making it impossible to spend time with him alone. I could see how public a life True Parents had led and how sorry they must have been to the True Children for not raising and guiding them directly in life. I just could not imagine how what must have been like for the True Children. My parents were missionaries, and members always surrendered us. However, we still had opportunities to have one-on-one talks with my parents, which I confess has been of such great help in my life of faith. Had it not been for my parents, I wonder where I would be wandering today. Imagining that the True Children had no such opportunity

broke my heart. I realize that we, the Cain children, had taken away all the love they were also supposed to receive.

It broke my heart, but I was able to grasp with a bit more depth how difficult it must have been for the True Children, not having True Parents to directly guide them and give them counsel and love.

Sun-jin nim then led everyone in meditation. She helped connect the heart-to-heart atmosphere of unity in the room to Heavenly Parent. The meditation focused on finding the divine light in us. Until now, I took meditation lightly, but I realized that when done centered on Heavenly Parent, it was

beautiful message, Satan certainly ended up challenging me; I stumbled, almost gave in to the temptation to be proud and self-centered, but thanks to Heavenly Parent and True Parents, I was able to get out of that hell of self-centeredness.

After we listened to that song, she then led us in a few upbeat but beautiful songs. By then everyone had been so moved that we just all stood up and danced in unity. This dance was not simply dancing to a song; it was a dance of unity under God's love and sibling love.

I truly thank Sun-jin nim for this special gathering and hope she can arrange many similar gatherings in the future. My hope is that we can embrace



The writer in her three-generational home with her parents-in-law, her husband and their two children

powerful spiritual exercise for the mind, which could help us become more spiritually aware. I hope I am able to pursue meditation when time allows.

After meditation, she played us a music video titled, "Humble and Kind," by Tim McGraw. After focusing on my divine light, the message in the song just hit home. I listened to that same song for a whole week after that. Interestingly, trying to be humble and kind in rhythm with the song and

one another, regardless of past mistakes—mistakes we have all made, and truly love one another. True Parents have led their entire lives for our sake and the public's sake. I think it is now time for us to tell True Parents it is okay to embrace and love the True Children in front of us and that our love will always be eternal. 

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# Overview of the Events

*Director-General Cho Sung-il gave this presentation to a monthly meeting of all personnel in Hyo Jeong organizations.*



In preparing the seonghwa festival, True Mother gave us the theme, “Heart of filial piety toward Heaven, becoming the light of the world.” Thus, we sought harmony and a starting point to be the light of the world as we inherited True Parents’ filial piety toward Heaven. I believe True Mother absolutely succeeded in doing this.

We set up the Pledge Service offering table for True Father’s seonghwa in the same manner as we had many times in the US, when he was alive. Later that day, to honor all his legacy, the celebrations began. You must have felt, too, that the participants and the fifty thousand people watching witnessed a revolutionary event in the culture of heart. The key point was our directly experiencing, in the first part of the celebrations, our Heavenly Parent and True Father in the spirit world and True Mother on earth completely united as they lead the providence.

Two months before the event, True Mother had

told us, “To be frank, the seonghwa festival should be a twenty-four-hour festival. So on that day, for the entire day, we must give glory to our Heavenly Parent and True Father, and we must start anew.” Thus, the first part of the seonghwa festival comprised the ceremony and the second part the cultural performances.

## **Radiating love**

We worried, but from the beginning, we saw the US, Japanese and Korean teams had invested much preparation in their cultural performances. Apple Heaven showed us the culture of heart embodied in their performance with the True Grandchildren.

What followed, the Food is Love Festival, moved all the world’s members. True Mother, having tied back her hanbok with a belt, mixed bibimbap with our thirteen regional presidents. She personally scooped out the bibimbap and bestowed it on three families. Everyone felt her motherly heart.

## **Regional dances**

In the second part, throughout the afternoon, our regions, Asia, South America, Africa and the Greater China, gave cultural performances showing off their regions’ character. The Little Angels, which has played a providential role since 1963, gave an hour-long performance. Celebrity singers performing songs loved by True Parents touched our endless longing for True Father centered on True Mother.

Next, True Mother bestowed holy items and through Korean Maintenance Foundation’s sponsorship, she was able to directly give gifts to members.

## **Exuberant music**

From 7:30 in the evening, after the Moon Hyojin Music Festival, the Hyo Jeong Music Festival took place. This performance focused on the youth in the twenty-one-day workshop. They had a DJ and a

break-dance team. They'd based their performances on Hyo jin nim's songs so members of all ages could unite with them. For the last performance, at around eleven o'clock, True Grandchildren, Shin-chul nim, Shin-heung nim and Shin-yeon nim, came onstage and sang. True Mother was with us, watching over the whole event from the skybox.

### **Providential milestones**

Beyond the festival were many important developments, such as the dedication of the Sunhak Institute of History Building, which also holds the Supreme Council, PeaceTv and other offices. It will play an important role. Mother had visited it eight times before the ceremony.

The celebratory banquet covered the Seonghwa Festival and the building dedication. Mother asked Western leaders, Dr. Walsh, international president of UPF; Bakary Camara, regional president for East Africa; and Jack Corley, regional president for Europe, to speak. Each testimony was distinct and offered True Parents the glory. I felt that foreign leaders follow True Parents' providence just as Korean leaders do.

After a one-hour break, the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly began. The thirteen key strategic nations shared their strategies for national restoration by 2020. Korea, Japan and the US did as well but with a focus on contributing to global restoration. UPF, WFWP, the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation, and the International Martial Arts Federation for World Peace reported on how they will help the thirteen key strategic nations.

We felt united. Korea, Japan, the US and the FFWPU International Headquarters reported on their respective seonghwa [burial] cultures. The Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly was also a time to address false rumors in order to accurately distinguish these from the positive truths of the providence as we move forward.

### **Scholars convene**

No sooner had the Leaders Assembly finished when the Inauguration of the Cheon Il Guk Academy of Arts and Sciences began. This featured some important presentations. Ye Jin nim read her thesis, "Understanding God through Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother." She sincerely explained God's dual characteristics and the importance of True Mother's work during this age. At the end, she confessed that she was still lacking in areas and almost came to tears as she explained the heart we should have as we attend True Mother.

Dr. Selover spoke on the significance of True Parents' Holy Wedding, and Dr. Wilson spoke of True Mother's activities after the Seonghwa, com-

paring it to the Pentecost. Director Kim Jinchun of the Cheonbeob Won spoke of "Administrative methods of Cheon Il Guk for the sake of establishing the Ideal World." These were surprising and enlightening.

### **Parliamentarians**

Ten days after the seonghwa, West Africa opened a chapter of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) in Burkina Faso. Parliamentarians came from all but one West African nation. From twenty-four countries came 122 parliamentarians, five chairmen or vice chairmen, ten ex-presidents, six ministers and six village chiefs. Seven TV stations covered it. West Africa's inauguration of IAPP reminds me of when elder-brother Hyo Jin attended True Mother as they toured Africa. The leaders there recall her message now. The leaders share her views on the many problems in their nations and problems such as global warming.

### **Peace Road**

Peace Road has firmly taken root. Nations around the world (140) signed on; fifty have participated so far. Young workshop participants came to Imjingak, surprising the nation on such a hot day. Through our children, we were able to set a foundation. The University Student Symposium at the National Assembly also made an impression on society.

### **Youth development**

Another topic of interest is True Parents' Special HJ Workshop. True Mother presided over the opening and closing ceremonies and over the whole twenty-one-day Global Top Gun Youth workshop. She gave them much love.

For the first time, they received completion certificates given in True Parents' names. The students can keep this forever and their parents may feel moved to renew their own efforts.

During their closing ceremony mother gave us the message, "You are the heroes who can understand True Parents' hearts and accomplish the desire that Heavenly Parent, True Parents, and humankind are longing for." Now, these students as heroes can go forth to restore the world's 7.3 billion people. They have set off to the field with the vision of becoming the best in each of their home areas.

Through this Seonghwa Festival, Heavenly Father and True Father in spirit world and True Mother here on earth, united as one to move the providence. Now as Mother has told us, we must expand our environment.

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*Director-General Cho heads the FFWPU-International Headquarters.*

# Major Events

Festival to Commemorate the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the Universal Seonghwa of Sun Myung Moon,  
the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind



## The 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Foundation Day



- ① A representation of True Father descending to earth during the commemoration
- ② One section of a joint choir
- ③ Two innocent children led the way into musical at the commemorative event.
- ④ The Little Angels and True Mother led the audience through the Korean version of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.
- ⑤ True Mother giving True Parents' Address.
- ⑥ True Mother placing flowers on the altar
- ⑦ FFWPU International President Moon gave a commemorative address.
- ⑧ Director-General Cho Sung-il was master of ceremonies for the cultural events on the program
- ⑨ President Ryu Kyeong-seuk was master of ceremonies for the ceremonial portion of the program.



# Musical Offerings by Region





- ① For the United States, David Eaton led musicians on the main floor as operatic tenor Matthew Hill sang onstage.
- ② Japan had diverse performances and featured a powerful vocalist.
- ③ The 400 Korean team members raised the level of hope for Cheon Il Guk.
- ④ Asia, with its diverse population, displayed cultural richness.
- ⑤ South America displayed harmony among their national performers.
- ⑥ European women danced with grace, sophistication and elegance.
- ⑦ African dancers transported the audience with their heart-felt performance.
- ⑧ Greater China's performance displayed ambitions for a better world.
- ⑨ True Mother took in all the cultural performances at a time when she is guiding us to bring godly change through culture.
- ⑩ Apple Heaven performed with Hyo-jin nim's daughter, Shin Yeon nim; and Julia H. J. Moon's daughter, Celina.
- ⑪ The Bibimbap Food is Love Festival, True Mother, members of her family and thirteen regional presidents mix sauce, fried vegetables and meat



## Musical Offerings by Region



- ① With True Mother and her family members in the center, Rev. Kim Ki-hoon, president of the North America region, led everyone through cheers of og mansei to conclude the ceremonial portion of the commemoration.
- ② To mark the beginning of the cultural portion of the event, drummers came onstage and rocked the Peace World Center with rhythmic thunder.
- ③ Sun Jin Moon and her husband In Sup Park picking numbers for winners of Holy Items as well gifts for lucky lottery winners.
- ④ The Little Angels continue to travel the world, giving a glimpse of heavenly culture to audiences in diverse lands. This year for the fourth anniversary of True Father's seonghwa, they did an hour-long performance.
- ⑤ Professionals — Ms. Insooni and Mr. Cho Hang-jo, sang songs True Parents love



# The Hyo Jeong Music Festival



- ① The Moon Hyo Jin Music Festival took place within the wider Hyo Jeong Music Festival
- ② Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, Hyo Jin nim's widow, spoke at the concert.
- ③ Mr. Moon Sang-pil, the CARP-Korea president, addressed the audience.
- ④ Clockwise from top-left: Hyo Jin nim's children, Shin-yeo nim, Shin-heung nim and Shin-chul nim; Matthew Hill, a US member and an operatic tenor; Song Ji-yeong, singer in the band, Eternal Flame; and Kang Su-bin, a K-Pop artist
- ⑤ US FFWPU President Balcomb spoke with intense enthusiasm.
- ⑥ Total investment. Break Dance!



# Seonghwa Anniversary Morning Pledge Service



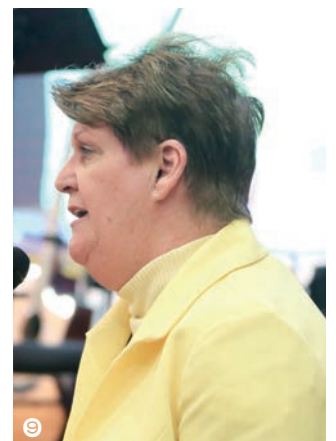
- ① True Mother, attended by Sun Jin nim, lights the holy candles, early on the morning of the fourth commemoration of True Father's seonghwa at the beginning of the Pledge Service
- ② True Family members, some of whom have traveled great distances to attend the commemoration
- ③ True Mother, wearing green, a color she recently spoke of as representing hope
- ④ Jeong Won-ju, chief of True Mother's Secretariat, read the hoondokhae verses
- ⑤ Dr. Seuk Joon-ho, director of the Cheon Jae Won, offering the prayer
- ⑥ Dr. Yang Chang-shik, True Parents' special envoy to North American and South America, led three cheers of og mansei.
- ⑦ The crowd of members that had come to begin the fourth commemoration of True Father's seonghwa responded with loudly with cheers of og mansei



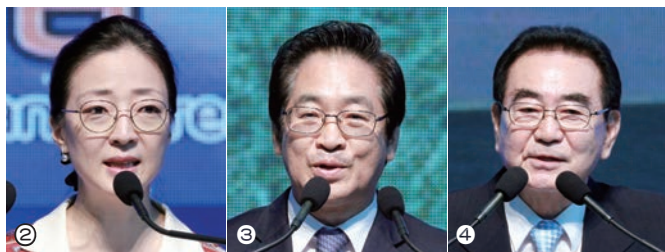
# Celebrating Investment and Victory



- ① True Mother receiving flowers from Jeong Won-ju, chief of True Mother's Secretariat.
- ② True Mother speaking at the banquet celebrating the Seonghwa Festival and the dedication of the Sunhak Institute of History Building
- ③ True Mother awarded those with more than forty years of mission work
- ④ Ryu Gyeong-seuk, president of FFWPU-Korea speaking at the banquet
- ⑤ Cho Sung-il, director general of the FFWPU International Headquarters was the master of ceremonies during the banquet.
- ⑥ Dr. Thomas Walsh, president of UPF, gave his insight into the Seonghwa Festival
- ⑦ Pres. Camara, of our East African region testified about the Seonghwa Festival.
- ⑧ Pres. Corley of our European region also testified about his experience. in the seonghwa festival.
- ⑨ Rev. Kathy Rigney, the Cheon Il Guk special envoy to Africa, at the victory banquet



# Conference on the Hopes and Dreams for One Korea



- ① True Mother speaking about the unification of her homeland
- ② Julia H. J. Moon, chairwoman of the Universal Cultural Foundation
- ③ Kim Jong-seo, vice-president of education in Seoul University
- ④ Seong Dae-seok, chairman of the Association of Korean Journalists
- ⑤ The hall was crowded: Korean relations of deepened interest recently
- ⑥ True Mother spoke candidly to the conference attendees.



# Dedication of the Sunhak Institute of History Building



# The 2016 Interreligious Peace Cup



# Cheon Il Guk Academy of Arts and Science



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1 Ye Jin Moon gave a presentation at the Inaugural event

2 Professor Yeon Ah Moon, president of the Womens Federation for World Peace International

3 Cho Gwang-myeong, Head of the Cheon Il Guk Academy of Arts and Sciences

4 Dr. Kim Jin-choon, Chairman of the Beob Won

5 Dr. Akifumi Otani, Director of the Unification Thought Institute in Japan

6 Dr. Tyler Hendricks, past president of the Unification Church of America and of the Unification Theological Seminary

7 Dr. Andrew Wilson, professor of Scriptural Studies at Unification Theological Seminary

# A Nationwide Pilgrimage for Youth Seeking Heaven



These young people, many from far-away nations, are delving into the roots of their faith in Korea.



Young people feel the deep heart absorbed by the Rock of Tears as they touch it and recall True Parents' anguish.

**O**n August 3, the Global Top Gun Youth (GTGY) Workshop participants got up bright and early for the first day of our pilgrimage to historic and sacred holy ground sites located throughout Korea. Since there are so many of us, we split into two groups and charted separate courses.

Group One started with Cheongae or “Blue Sea” Garden in Yeosu, the location of which True Parents selected as the central location for the ocean providence in Korea in January 2003, after an extensive search. During their stay there, the GTGY participants visited the local church and True Father’s hoondokhae room.

Group Two went to Paju Wonjeon, to Cheonbok Gung, and then to Cheongpa-dong. Our guide knew so much of the history, and shared about when True Parents spent their days there.

Paju Wonjeon is a Unificationist burial ground located in the city of Paju, Gyeonggi Province. The approximately half a million pyeong (roughly four hundred acres) of land was donated by Lee Shin-shil, a Presbyterian who joined the unification movement in the 1960s.

For staff member, Shinyoung Chang, it was her first time going to Paju Wonjeon. “I had no idea it was so large,” she said, “and that there are already ten members of True Parents’ family resting there. Having hundreds of us there at once made the experience more profound than it could have been otherwise. There are many paths and levels, very beautifully landscaped. The entire experience felt like a true pilgrimage of faithful people paying their respects.

“Being an older second-generation Unificationist, I cannot but cry when it comes to Hyo Jin Moon. This is was my first time greeting him at his resting place; Young Jin Moon as well. I said a little prayer at both graves, asking them to please watch over their younger brothers and sisters at this time and show them each how to connect to True Mother’s heart. What touched me most was individuals who took the initiative to stop and pray alone.”

At Cheonbok Gung in Yongsan, Seoul, participants again had an opportunity to pray on their own. True Parents officiated its dedication ceremony in February 2010. Cheonbok Gung serves as the FFWPU-Korea

headquarters church. Korea has always had a headquarters church. In the early days, it was the one where True Father gave the Sunday sermon. After some development, they also have a church headquarters, which is an administrative office building. The headquarters church has changed many times over the years. Two still exist in Cheongpa-dong. We visited the older one, which saw many historic moments in the unification movement, from some of the first educational workshops about the Divine Principle to the engagement and Holy Wedding ceremonies of True Parents, as well as the birth of several of their children.

The group in Busan visited the Beomnaegol Memorial Hall, built around the outcropping where True Father and one of his earliest disciples, Kim Won-pil, built a hut out of mud and cardboard, in which True Father completed the original manuscript for the Divine Principle.

A few minutes’ walk from the memorial hall, we came to the Rock of Tears, where True Father as a young man and later True Parents together, offered intense and tearful prayers of devotion to realize God’s will for humankind. Connecting to



Pilgrims following in True Father's footsteps at Mungyeong Saejae, which Father and his companions passed through on their course south from North Korea



- ① The young pilgrims visit the Paju wonjeon
- ② Posing in front of a statue Confucius, Buddha, Jesus and a plinth with a Koran on it representing Muhammad at Cheon Bok Gung
- ③ Praying at Ocean Resort
- ④ Listening to the FFWPU Headquarters staff member who takes care of properties speak about the church in Cheongpa-dong where True Parents' Holy Wedding took place
- ⑤ Visiting our church in Yamok, which is regarded as the beginning point of the ocean providence.

that same, deep spirit of prayer, many people were similarly moved to tears as they placed their hands on the rock in prayer.

Continuing up the mountain, christened "Mt. Cheonbu" by True Mother in 2001, we reached the summit, where you can look out over the whole of the Port of Busan and two, large pagodas stand, representing True Father and True Mother. True Father was said to walk up to the summit, after a day's work down in the port, to meditate and reflect on his mis-

sion and God's heart.

Our other group visited Mungyeong Saejae, a mountain pass through which True Father, Kim Won-pil, and a third companion, Pak Jeong-hwa traveled on their way south after True Father was released from Hungnam Prison. This was an important, hard-to-reach landmark on the journey south. Pak Jeong-hwa had suffered severe injuries to the lower half of his body and could not walk on his own, so the trio continued southward by alternately carrying him and utilizing a bicycle that had come into their possession to make their way.

In memory of the selfless and sacrificial heart demonstrated by True Father and Kim Won-pil toward their injured companion, our GTGY participants took turns carrying one another toward the entrance to the path.

We are grateful for those that have kept GTGY in your prayers. ㄸ

*This article is from FFWPU in the United States.*

# Peace Road 2016

*The following was adapted from a report to True Mother about the culmination of Peace Road 2016 at Imjingak, South Korea.*



It was scorching hot that day. In the background is the altar and incense-burning area for aged Koreans to make offerings to their ancestors as they look toward the place of their birth, North Korea.

On Tuesday, August 16, students from sixty-three nations came together to participate in the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) Peace Road at the Imjingak Pavilion, in Paju, Gyeonggi Province. Imjingak is just 4.5 miles (7 km) from the South Korean side of the four-kilometer Military Demarcation Line, which has separated North Korea from South Korea since 1953. Imjingak is a place close to the hearts of those whose families fled North Korea. The elderly still come to perform their ancestral rites as they look north toward their hometowns.

For students from sixty-three nations to have chosen Imjingak as their meeting place is novel. This place symbolizes Korea's broken heart over the long separation between the people of North Korea and South Korea. These young people have walked or ridden bikes to demonstrate their own longing for Korea to be whole again. This attracted Korea's major media outlets, the Korean Broadcasting System (KBS), Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) and Seoul Broadcasting System (SBS), along with lesser-known media



The large urn is used to burn incense when making offerings for one's ancestors. In honor of those North Koreans who have suffered and are suffering today, the group bows their heads in prayer.

organizations reported on the event.

The success of the event would not have been possible without the participation of the one thousand two hundred young people from the Global Top Gun Youth Workshop.

At the Imjingak Peace Road event, Mr. Jeong Tae-ik, president of the Council of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Yoon Hu-deok and Mr. Lim Jong-seong, both members of the South Korean National Assembly; Mr. Hong Seung-pyo, president of the Gyeonggi Tourism Organization; Mr. Lee Hyeo-yeong, vice-president FFWPU-Korea; Mr. Kim Yeon-cheol director of Unification Research Institute; and other distinguished guests participated. In addition, in each Korean city the Ambassadors for Peace Councils organized Peace Road events and the UPF branch managers participated.

### The cyclists' entrance

The event began as cyclists from around the world, who had set out on bikes from Busan on August 9, came onstage and participated in a welcoming ceremony. They cycled around the crowd of young students, coming to a stop in front of the stage

and received flower leis from distinguished guests. The riders gave testimonies of their experiences. A Japanese and a Korean university student along with an American professor, Alan Hokanson, spoke. Professor Hokanson said, "Here at Imjingak, where I can see North Korean land, I feel deeply saddened by the separation on the Korean peninsula. Sixteen nations fought with the UN Forces at the time of the Korean War. Based on Vision 2020, if a hundred and sixty nations from across the globe participate in this Peace Road event, the unification of North Korea and South Korea can become a reality." Following this, everyone climbed up to the highest point along the barbed-wire fences at Imjingak and sincerely wished for the reunification of the two Koreas.

### Entertainment

Performances were a way to celebrate the success of Peace Road 2016. First young blessed children from Korea danced to "Song for the Day of Unification." Next, a group of FFWPU members from overseas performed an African dance to the song "Waka Waka," which raised the spirit of all

the participants. Holics, a K-pop group gaining popularity in Korea, also gave a performance celebrating Peace Road.

Mr. Jeong Tae-ik, president of the Council of Foreign Affairs welcomed everyone. "Today at this event, the fact that young people representing sixty-three nations from each region of the world have come here to Imjingak, a symbol of the separation of North Korea and South Korea, to promote the reunification of Korea and world peace is significant. I am positive that each step and pedal you take here as you walk or cycle near the DMZ will add to the foundation for the reunification of Korea. I find great hope in the future world as I look at all of you who are participating in Peace Road."

### Connecting to True Mother

Mr. Song Kwang-seuk, president of UPF Korea, received the Peace Road flags that had traveled across the world to Imjingak from representatives of Korea, Japan and the United State. He, in turn, passed the Peace Road flags and an offering of ten thousand origami cranes from UPF-Japan, representing their wish



for Korean reunification, to Cho Sung-il, director-general of FFWPU International, who received them as a representative of True Mother. These symbolized gratitude, as members offered the honor and result of their Peace Road experiences to True Mother.

### Congratulations

National Assemblyman (NA) Yoon Hu-deok congratulated the riders and marchers by saying, "Today is a historic day because we have assembled here. From Imjingak to Gaesong City in North Korea is only twenty-two kilometers. Through Peace Road, I hope our cheers for the reunification of North Korea and South Korea will spread and travel across the North Korean territory. NA Lim Jong-seong, who had also participated in the recent UPF International Leadership Conference in Nepal, gave high praise, saying, "I give my congratulations to the Korea DMZ Peace Road. All of you here today are true ambassadors for peace."

Mr. Hong Seung-pyo the president of the Gyeonggi Tourism Organization added, "All you who are partici-

pating in Peace Road, even in this hot weather, constitute the path to the reunification of North Korea and South Korea and world peace."

Director-General Cho gave words of encouragement. He said, "Not long ago in the Philippines four thousand people marched for twenty-one kilometers and in Japan they biked for more than four thousand kilometers for Peace Road.

All around the world people are hoping for the unification of the Koreas. I believe that to the degree that we sweat today, the realization of the unification of North Korea and South Korea and the world will come nearer. Let us all march forward with passion."

### Symbolic peace gestures

Afterward, representatives of the foreign students from sixty-three nations recited a pledge for peace. A ceremony to cut, symbolically, the DMZ barbed-wire fence took place and many people signed the Peace Road banner. Students then released doves, symbolizing peace, followed by more cultural performances. Finally, everyone sang Tongil" for



unification before the DMZ tour began.

Though there were some difficulties at the DMZ Peace Road at Imjingak due to the scorching heat, which had been a factor in South Korea for the preceding few days, the young second- and third-generation members were very sincere throughout the event. It was an important providential time in which they could see with their own eyes the separation of True Parents' homeland as they walked and biked along the DMZ. This is also the nation of their faith, which caused many to think deeply as they experience this for themselves.

After the event, NA Lim and the



- ❶ Riders about to receive certificates of completion for their investment in drawing attention to the plight of the two Koreas.
- ❷ Even under the hot sun, young people entertained the many people, including a large contingent of media personnel.
- ❸ The riders that made the final exertion from Busan to Imjingak were awarded leis by the important political and social figures that were at the event.

president of the Gyeonggi Tourism Organization discussed sponsoring an international event in the city of Gwangju in Gyeonggi Province similar to our DMZ event. They would invite our young foreign students.

### The last leg

After singing “Urie So Wonun Tongil,” we heard some testimonies from participants. Some of the young second-generation members said it was very difficult and they had even considered quitting, but in the end, they all worked hard together and were able to finish. They even made the determination to participate again next year.

After the event, the Peace Road bikers did a final stretch, essentially

to round off the number of kilometers. They began on Seoul’s Yeouido Island and cycled forty kilometers to Incheon’s Nampo Dam to conclude their trip having traveled a grand total of seven hundred kilometers.

### DMZ Peace Road Testimonies

Mr. Jeong, president of the council of foreign affairs, a former Korean ambassador to Russia: I would like to express my regards to the Unificationist organizations for their work for the reunification of North Korea and South Korea. At this time, with high tensions between the countries, most groups that began with the goal of reunification have stopped their activities, but FFWPU has not stopped; it has even increased its activities. Especially this year, the Citizens Federation for the Unification of North Korea and South Korea has been working with the UN and has received a favorable response from the UN. Sixteen nations participated in the Korean War, and even after the ceasefire, we have maintained close relationships with those countries. That is why I feel that the proposal to build a fifth UN office in Korea to

promote peace has great significance. I have conviction that this Peace Road event held today with civilians, and other events all around the world, will play a big role in the future of the unification of the Koreas and world peace.

Han Ki-hoon, chief of NA Lim Jong-seong’s secretariat: To be honest, I was the only person in NA Lim’s secretariat that opposed his participation in this event, but his determination to participate was very strong. I felt that in his position as a member of National Assembly it was important for him to treat each religion the same. Thus, I felt that NA Lim’s participation in a Unification Church event could cause problems. Nevertheless, after participating in the event today, I felt that this was an important occasion for the sake of the unification of North Korea and South Korea and world peace. In the future, if any more events arise that are held by the Unification movement and you invite NA Lim, I will be the first to agree to and support our participation. 

*UPF-Korea contributed this article.*

# THE IAPP AND NEPAL'S SEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Mt. Everest



**A**t their July 28–31 International Leadership Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal, UPF launched another chapter of its International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP). This is a wonderful opportunity for UPF to continue its great work of demonstrating the value of our True Parents’ vision of one family under God to a people with desperate needs. Nepalese parliamentarians will have the opportunity to interact with their counterparts from other parts of the world, from other nations whose governments have also endured similar long periods of continual political tumult and instability but have managed to rise above their difficulties and create a calmer political atmosphere in which their people might find hope. The more we learn about remote Nepal, the more likely we are to feel compassion for her people and send out prayers for the success of the Nepalese chapter of IAPP.

#### **Economic difficulties**

A feisty old American woman, Elizabeth Hawley, lives and works in Nepal. When she came to the country as a foreign journalist, she thought she would stay for two or three years. Fifty-six years later, she remains in Kathmandu. She has never climbed any of the high mountains Nepal is famous for, but for all these years, she has recorded the success of those that have reached the summits any of “more than 340 significant Nepalese peaks.” She uses her journalist skills to confirm or dispute claims of success by asking many questions and interviewing others who would likely have seen a group as it reaches the top of the mountain in question. Miss Hawley records, too, the deaths of climbers and guides. She adds the data to the Himalayan Database, which has records of climbs going back to 1905.

Naturally, Mt. Everest, the world’s highest peak, attracts particular attention. For the first time in more than forty years, the Himalayan Database records that no one climbed to Mt. Everest’s summit in 2015. The last year without a summit record for Everest was 1974. This is of course in part because of the

devastating Gorkha Earthquake on April 25, 2015, that killed more than nine thousand people and caused \$4 billion dollars of direct economic loss (repair or replacement costs). One of many indirect areas of economic loss is the decline in tourists visiting the country. Tourism accounts for 8 percent of the economy in the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

#### **Severe living conditions**

What is life like for the average Nepali? We could look at the 2014 Human Development Index, which the UN released last December, but sometimes less direct sources are better at getting to the heart of a matter. A 2014 article on an avalanche that killed thirteen Nepali climbing guides on Mt. Everest stated, “a lead mountain guide earns as much as \$6,000 during the three-month climbing season. The monthly average salary of Nepalis is \$48.”

Forty-eight dollars a month is very little, but let us take a closer look at those that earned the higher figure: these guides are the famous Sherpa, which literally means “of Tibetan origin; akin to a Tibetan.” Sherpa live on the high southern slopes of the Himalayan Mountains in Nepal. Their work involves much more than guiding wealthy clients from Base Camp to the summit of Mt. Everest or another Himalayan peak. Before the season begins, they climb to great heights to position ropes, ladders and other climbing aids to help their clients, who might pay \$30,000 to \$60,000 to ascend Mt. Everest. A person with more knowledge in the subject included “stocking camps, shuttling clients’ gear, food, tents and oxygen up and down the mountain” in a list of Sherpa chores.

#### **Reward divided by risks**

An understanding of what these Sherpa are willing to go through to gain this higher income provides further anecdotal evidence of economic conditions among the common people in Nepal. Apa Sherpa, one of only two people who have climbed Everest twenty-one times, explained in a Washington Post interview, “We are way behind in education. There



A Little Angel hugging Bidhya Devi Bhandari, president of Nepal



are no other options to meet our most basic [needs]. Regardless of all the risks involved in climbing the mountain, the Sherpas do it.... People climb Everest once in a lifetime to experience the adventure. Things are different for us. We keep on climbing more than once because we have to do it. I climbed Everest the first sixteen times to support my family."

Outside magazine ([outsideonline.com](http://outsideonline.com)), which covers topics appealing to outdoor sports enthusiasts, including mountaineering, ran an article by its senior editor Grayson Schaffer on the profession of Sherpa guides, titled "The Disposable Man." It tells the story of forty-three-year-old Sherpa guide, Chhewang Nima, who had reached Mt. Everest's summit nineteen times. On October 24, 2010, on a peak near Everest, while connected by rope to another Sherpa, Chhewang was hammering a pointed stake into a small shelf of ice and hardened snow. Abruptly, the shelf beneath his feet separated from the mountain and Chhewang plunged to his death. Both men would have died in that instant if something had not cut through the rope connecting Chhewang to his fellow guide as he hurtled through the air.

#### A perilous occupation

Outside did more, though, than simply describe one Sherpa as a disposable man. Outside put into context the very high risk of death that follows these Sherpa—as if it were their own shadow—every moment they are on the mountain for the only ninety days a year during which they will earn \$2,000 a month. Mr. Shafer's article looked at deaths by nationality among mountaineers. At the time he wrote it, ten Americans, seventeen Britons, seventeen Indians, eighteen Japanese and seventy-two Sherpa had lost their lives climbing Everest since 1922. Another article on Outside's web site, "Everest Deaths: How Many Sherpas Have Been Killed?" by Jonah Ogles, provides a broader understanding of the risks the Sherpa guides have to contend with. Ogles' article includes a comparison of annual fatality rates of Sherpa guides with workers in several other notoriously dangerous occupations.

Some of these occupations employ many thousands of people and some a much smaller number. In this study, Ogles compared how many workers would die in a year among groups of a hundred thousand Nepali Sherpa guides on Mt. Everest, commercial

fishermen, pilots who deliver goods and people throughout the Alaskan wilderness (bush pilots) and US military personnel in Iraq (2003–2007). (He notes that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention considers the job of a commercial fisherman the most dangerous non-military job in the US.) By comparing groups with an equal number of people, he can show how high the risk of death is for an individual person in each of these hazardous jobs. He writes, "A Sherpa working above Base Camp on Everest is nearly ten times more likely to die than a commercial fisherman... and more than three and a half times more likely to perish than an infantryman during the first four years of the Iraq war."

#### An extreme job hazard

Looking at the circumstances from this perspective, Ogles concludes that for the wealthy clients who are paying for a once-in-a-lifetime adventure, taking on this high degree of risk may be rational. The Sherpa, though, Ogles sees as daily employees in a service industry. He concludes, "As a workplace safety statistic 1.2 percent mortality is outrageous." His article also covers other gruesome realities. Among those that did not die as



The head table at UPF's International Leadership Conference in Kathmandu, Nepal

guides, “many Sherpas were disabled by rock-fall, frostbite and altitude-related illnesses like stroke and edema.”

From what these Sherpa and their families endure just to make a living, we can begin to appreciate the hard-scrabble lives that the millions of low-income Nepalis lead.

#### Human resources

Of course, bright young people, likely from wealthier families, are able to find ways forward in Nepal as they are elsewhere. The ingenuity and verve of Nepalese youth made a difference when their nation needed them desperately, soon after the 2015 earthquake hit. As República, an online Nepalese media outlet described it, “Organizations could subscribe to alerts about remote locations that had still not seen any rescue because dozen of youths with laptops in front and phones vibrating in synchronization with the [still quaking] ground underneath, laid out a ‘quakemap’ from a temporary lab they had set up outside their office... Within an hour of the first major jolt, Bibeksheel Nepali—a youth run political initiative, was on the grounds at Teaching Hospital, setting up a help desk to assist and manage the victims there.”

Soon after the quake, a young engineer called Bipin Gaire set up Bhukampa, which rallied engineers to help assess the structural safety of buildings free of charge. One posting on the group’s site reads, “Can we do little things for our respected senior citizens? Housing should be a fundamental right of every citizen and our history—senior citizens—deserve [housing] more.”

#### The struggles of governing

Some individual rulers stand out in Nepalese history, and just as in the political world of most countries today, people have conflicting views on these powerful figures. Long ago, three kingdoms in the Kathmandu Valley—Kathmandu, Patan and Bhadgaon, all of which remain important cities today—had had acrimonious relations for centuries, when the ruler of Gorkha came from hundreds of miles away and conducted a twenty-five-year military campaign until he had conquered them all. Gradually he united them. This ruler, Prithvi Narayan Shah, chose to move the capital of his kingdom to Kathmandu. All Nepalese kings (called shahs) up to modern times descended from Prithvi Narayan Shah, who died in 1716.

#### An ambitious individual

Through History of Nepal, by Daniel Wright, a physician who worked at the British Residency in Kathmandu (1866–1876) we learn of another significant figure, Jung Bahadur, whom the British knighted in 1857 for having led troops against and defeated Indian “mutineers” fighting the British Raj in Hindustan. Jung Bahadur came into the world in 1817, one of seven sons of a Nepalese official. When young, he entered the military. For some time, he was the personal attendant of a young prince, so he was able to make connections within the royal court. By 1843, the year his uncle, Matabar Singh, became Nepal’s prime minister, Jung Bahadur had reached the rank of colonel.

As prime minister, Matabar Singh expressed his anxiety to others about Jung Bahadur’s influence on the royal court and within the army. Meanwhile, noting that Jung Bahadur had ingratiated himself to one of the kings’ younger wives, a queen who held great sway over the royal court, Henry Lawrence, a representative of the British government to Nepal, described Jung Bahadur as an intelligent military expert who despite his youth was “profoundly versed in intrigue.”



Dr. Thomas Walsh, president of UPF, addressing the audience at the ILC at which IAPP was launched in Kathmandu, Nepal



Nanda Kishor Pun, vice-president of Nepal at the IAPP inaugural event

### Darkness descends

On May 18, 1845, expecting to meet the king, Matabar Singh entered a room in the palace, where someone shot him dead and then threw his body out a window, whereupon it was dragged behind an elephant and left on a riverbank. On September 14, Gagan Singh, a friend of the queen's, was shot and killed while at home performing religious devotions. The queen blamed her enemies within the royal government and pushed the king to gather them all for a meeting to uncover her friend's killer. The meeting occurred at the Kot, a large building near the palace. Jung Bahadur, his bodyguards and his brothers, all with guns, joined the queen and her party of similarly armed men. They were waiting when the noblemen arrived. Whether they had planned it or they had overreacted to some emotional spark, Jung Bahadur and his mob killed dozens of noblemen and many more men of a lower rank, perhaps more than a hundred. This was the Kot Massacre.

### The prime ministerial coup

In the wake of this, Jung Bahadur maneuvered so that the king became

completely powerless as did all the kings that followed him. They were feeble figureheads, kings in name only. They did not rule Nepal, the prime ministers did. The post of prime minister became hereditary. The post did not go from father to son, because Jung Bahadur did not want his family to risk losing this powerful position by making it possible for a vulnerable child to inherit the post. Instead, he ruled the country as prime minister first and then his brothers did, one by one. When their sons became adults, from oldest to youngest, those males in the next generation were prime minister. This went on, generation after generation, for more than a hundred years. Members of this familial ruling system had the title "rana," and in English, we call them "the ranas."

### Stepping toward the light

In the early 1950s, restive political figures agitated for democracy, sparking a movement that eventually ousted the ranas and reinstated King Tribhuvan. The king set up a government in which he was head of state but he did not allow political parties. He was the sole ruler.

In 1955, Nepal became a UN member. King Tribhuvan died that same year and his son, King Mahendra ascended the throne. In 1959, Nepal adopted a multi-party political system under a new constitution. A year later, after elections had been held, the king reneges, shutting down the government. Two years after that, government was allowed but without political parties. When King Mahendra died in 1972, his son, King Birendra allowed multi-party politics again. (The objection to political parties might be because progress is hard when every small group in the country has a party representing their special interest. Currently Nepal has more than a hundred and twenty parties.) In 1980, in response to a public referendum, the King Birendra disallowed parties again. In 1990, huge street demonstrations, known as Jana Andolan, the people's movement, led to King Birendra allowing a democratic constitution once again.

### The Maoist uprising

A few communist parties exist in Nepal. This trend toward local adoption of these foreign ideologies began in the 1940s when Nepalis fought alongside Indians in their struggles to



Jose de Venecia, the recently elected chairman of the IAPP, was the first to sign the conference declaration.

end British colonialism in India (1858–1947). Nepal has a Marxist Leninist Party and even the Nepal Workers Peasants' Party, which adheres to North Korean Juche Ideology. In 1995, Maoists began an armed revolt, the primary goal of which was the end of the monarchy. A shadowy figure, whose nickname was Pachandra, "the fierce one," led what was essentially a civil war that claimed more than sixteen thousand lives. Pachandra, whose real name is Pushpa Kamal Dahal, came down from the mountains (voluntarily, by government helicopter) in 2005. A peace accord ended the insurgency in November 2006.

#### **SAPI, Nepal Parivar Dal**

Nepal Parivar Dal (Family Party) is a political party led by Ek Nath Dhakal (32) who was the FFWPU national leader and head of UPF in Nepal. In government, he was the Minister for Co-operatives and Poverty Alleviation beginning May 2012–March 2013 and since December 2015, he has been the Minister of Peace and Reconstruction. Among his early efforts, he set up South Asian Peace Initiative, based on True Parents' teaching and utilizing UPF resources. Pushpa Kamal

Dahal took part in some SAPI session.

In his own words Mr. Dhakal explained another signal event in the Nepal's difficult political history: "On June 1, 2001, at Narayanhity Royal Palace, twenty-nine-year-old Crown Prince Dipendra killed ten members of the royal family, including his father, his mother, his sister, his brother and three paternal aunts, before shooting himself. He died three days later. Officially, Nepal's State Council had named Crown Prince Dipendra king as his father's successor. On his death, the late king's younger brother, Gyanendra was named king."

SAPI was part of the peace process when massive protests broke out over King Gyanendra's autocratic rule. Gyanendra today is a private citizen; Nepal no longer has a monarchical family.

#### **IAPP-Nepal**

UPF held an International Leadership Conference in Kathmandu beginning on July 28. K. P. Sharma Oli was the guest of honor. Only three days earlier Mr. Sharma Oli had resigned as prime minister and the Nepal's president had approved the resignation. Four cabinet ministers attended the founding of IAPP-Nepal as did

237 parliament members. Anote Tong, the longtime president of the Republic of Kiribati and Sunhak Peace prize-winner spoke.

On August 10, Jose de Venecia Jr., longtime speaker of the House of Representatives in the Philippines, visited the Nepal's new prime minister, Pushpa Kamal Dahal. De Venecia, who brokered a peace deal with the Moro

Islamic Liberation Front is likely to have the compassion and insight necessary to see ways the IAPP can serve the people of the Nepal in finding stability and development.

#### **True Mother's love**

True Mother expressed her deep love for the Nepalese people by sending her daughter-in-law Yeon Ah Moon to deliver her speech and the Little Angels to express Heaven's deep grace and love for people. The Nepalese people have endured much and it seems the IAPP is an instrument of Heaven and of True Parents deep concern for peace in Nepal and throughout the world. *TP*

*A TPmagazine staff member contributed this article.*

# OUR LOVELY PLANET IN THE THROES OF FEVER

*A nonscientist wrote the following based on some of the many papers scientists have written for nonprofessionals on climate change, which is an issue True Parents have repeatedly emphasized.*

Part of the commemoration of True Father's seonghwa was the World Climate and Environment Forum 2016, sponsored by the Segye Times, because concern for the environment is part of True Parents' eternal legacy.

**T**here is something special about nature. When we leave our homes or offices and traipse through some semi-wilderness area, it seems so familiar, as if we are returning to our primordial home, yet it differs drastically from the environments we are most accustomed to. Nature smells. Nature smells of decay, the decay of dead or dying plant and animal matter. Yet, we fill our lungs with this scent of humus and are refreshed. Nature resuscitates. Emotionally, it seems, we exhale. Into that natural atmosphere, we somehow expel the pain that can arise from human interaction and from inner disappointments.

Nature is asymmetrical. The trees, not in rows, rows within blocks, within districts, each tree with a number. No. Trees are everywhere, and everywhere random. The ground is uneven, unpredictable, even dangerous, but without intent to endanger. All around us, the world is dappled with shade.

Nature moves. Creatures emerge from beneath the undergrowth, dart from behind trees, swiftly disappear over a ridge or into a hole or suddenly flit through the skies above us. Though wholly different from where we live, in nature, we are home, again a child clutched against its mother's bosom.

We ought not lose sight of what is precious to the human soul.

### **Blue skies**

Surrounding Earth is a marvelous multilayered atmosphere. According to the US National Weather Service, what distinguishes one layer from another are "thermal characteristics [temperature changes] chemical composition, movement and density."

We are most familiar with the troposphere; here in the troposphere, we live, raise families, fly kites and ride in airplanes. The troposphere is the layer that begins on Earth and rises (with some geographic and seasonal variances) to ten kilometers (32,800 feet, 6.2 miles) above planet Earth.

The atmosphere within the troposphere is moist, and thus clouds form. The higher up you go into the troposphere, the colder the air is.

### **Earth's stratosphere**

The higher up you go into the next layer, the stratosphere, the hotter it becomes. Meteorologists say that the fact that the temperature changes in opposite directions in layers that abut one another as you rise above Earth adds much to our atmosphere's stability. The stratosphere extends from approximately the ten-kilometer level to an altitude of fifty kilometers (thirty-one miles) above Earth.

Overall, ozone, which is a gas, is rare in the layers of our atmosphere. Ninety percent of that ozone is in the stratosphere. Ozone is an odd form of oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) that comprises three oxygen atoms. Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) is beneficial in that it absorbs much of the ultraviolet sunlight before it reaches Earth. Ultraviolet light can cause skin cancer and damage our eyes. In absorbing that ultraviolet sunlight, Ozone heats the stratosphere. (Ozone that appears nearer Earth, in our troposphere, is harmful—toxic to human and plant life.)

The stratosphere is dry. The few clouds that form in the stratosphere do so over the poles. Airplanes avoid turbulence and dense clouds in the troposphere by flying in the lower portion of the stratosphere. You may recall having looked out a small oval window at what seemed an ocean of clouds beneath an airplane's wing.

### **The mesosphere**

This layer extends from fifty kilometers above Earth to eighty-five kilometers (fifty-three miles) above the surface of our beloved planet. The higher you rise, the colder it becomes. Being warmer, the atmosphere nearer the bottom is thicker, thick enough to

impede meteorites. Most meteorites burn out in the mesosphere. One notable exception entered Earth's troposphere on February 15, 2013, at Chelyabinsk in Siberian Russia. The sonic boom the meteorite produced shattered an estimated 93,000 square meters of glass. It left more than 1,500 people injured. Seventy went temporarily blind and some people were instantly "sunburned." Usually, the mesosphere protects us from this.

### **The thermosphere**

Beginning about ninety kilometer up and extending to between five hundred and a thousand kilometers (three hundred to six hundred miles) is the thermosphere. "Thermo-" is a prefix meaning "heat." The heat increases the higher up you go in the thermosphere but levels off. The lower portion of the thermosphere is known as the ionosphere. Solar radiation has ionized the atoms that make up the sphere, stripping the atoms of an electron, leaving them positively charged. For this reason, radio waves from Earth bounce off the ionosphere, aiding radio communication, as the signals bounce around the globe. The heat in the thermosphere ranges between -120° C (-184° F) and 2,000° C (3,600° F). Despite these extreme conditions, the International Space Station orbits Earth in this layer of our atmosphere.

Beyond the thermosphere is the exosphere, which rises to ten thousand kilometers, six thousand miles above Earth. The air is so thin at this point that some scientists do not consider this region part of Earth's atmosphere but just the beginning off the vast essential emptiness of outer space.



Just imagine! We currently know of no other living creatures existing in what seems an infinitely vast universe, while Heaven has seen fit to wrap our planet safely within this complex, protective, multi-layered atmosphere.

### Considering sources

Satellite-based instruments that have been measuring the heat energy emitted by the sun [S] since 1978 indicate a slight decrease in heat over those years. In your hometown, the temperature may fluctuate depending on the season and time of day, but our planet's overall temperature does not fluctuate in that way. Yet, the average global temperature [AGT] (taken from all over the Earth's surface) has been increasing roughly from the beginning of the Industrial Revolution (1750). The AGT is a combination of the energy received from the sun [S] and the heat energy radiated [R] by the Earth into our atmosphere, which wraps around Earth like a blanket. So if  $S + R = AGT$  and S is decreasing while AGT is increasing, we must attribute the increase in the temperature of the world we live in to R, the heat radiating from our planet.

### Open the window!

Many of us have experienced opening the door of a car parked on a hot day and feeling the ferocious heat of the escaping air. At times, we fear for our health and will not enter the car's atmosphere until enough of the heat has escaped the vehicle. Pets and even small children have met their deaths in that super-heated air.

In a parked car on a hot day, the

seats and other parts of the car interior absorb the heat energy that the sun emits and then radiates that heat back into the car's "atmosphere." The most important factor is whether the car's windows are open or closed.

This is very similar to the mechanics of global warming. The sun heats the Earth and everything that we have built upon Earth, all of which radiates heat back into the atmosphere. The key difference is that nothing similar to closed windows occurs in the atmosphere around Earth.

### Like a pinball machine

The various gases in our atmosphere have different characteristics. Some are impervious to infrared energy (which we perceive as heat). These gases do not interact with infrared heat energy emitted by Earth. Heat energy simply passes by these gas molecules as it rises through the layers of our atmosphere and escapes into outer space.

Other gases (now called "greenhouse gases") absorb heat energy. According to an Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), "Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is the most important anthropogenic greenhouse gas." ("Anthropogenic" means "not occurring naturally but occurring because of human influence on nature.")

Why is carbon dioxide the most important greenhouse gas? Because it has increased so rapidly since the Industrial Revolution began. "The global atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide increased from a pre-industrial value of about 280 parts per million (ppm) to 379 ppm in 2005," IPCC explained. "The atmo-

spheric concentration of carbon dioxide in 2005 exceeds by far the natural range over the last 650,000 years (180 to 300 ppm) as determined from ice cores." (We will return to ice cores momentarily.)

CO<sub>2</sub> recently reached a density of 400 parts per million in our atmosphere. Apparently, this is having a terrible effect on our climate, but 400 parts among a million parts is nothing like a car window or a layer within the atmosphere. If these molecules do not form a shield, how do greenhouse gases trap heat?

Some heat never "bumps into" a greenhouse gas molecule and passes without interruption into outer space. When heat energy does encounter a greenhouse gas molecule, the gas molecule absorbs the heat and then radiates it out again, perhaps in a different direction than it had been traveling. Some of that re-released heat does escape into outer space; some (having lost momentum) lingers in the atmosphere or it encounters another greenhouse gas molecule that absorbs it and releases it again, as if it were bouncing around within a pinball machine. In this way, heat is unable to escape Earth's atmosphere. Being wrapped in this atmosphere, Earth's temperature rises.

### Paleoclimatology

Scientists know what air was like many thousands of years ago, because it is still here on Earth. Even many thousands of years ago, as snowflakes fell, piled one upon another and froze, some gaps existed. Those gaps have held the air trapped in its original composition ever since.

In some places, such as Antarctica, scientists are able to obtain ice "cores," using a highly sophisticated hollow drill bit, remotely similar to what a carpenter uses to drill a large hole through a door to install a door handle. When the carpenter finishes drilling through the door, the hollow part of his drill bit has a wooden "plug" inside it. This plug is similar to the "core" of ice that scientists are able to extract from specific depths in the ice, which formed at specific ancient times. The scientific field covering the study of climate in the distant past is paleoclimatology.



## Terminology

We often read of “global warming” and “climate change.” These are different but related concepts. “Global warming” refers to the fact that multiple scientific institutions have been “taking Earth’s temperature” and recording it for more than a hundred years with similar results and one clear trend: the physical planet we live on is gradually warming. “Climate change” is a term for what is happening in many local areas. Noticeable changes are occurring in the general state of the weather, which includes temperature, the degree of rainfall and wind velocity. Reasonable people who study these areas in depth have concluded that the Earth’s increased warmth is wreaking havoc on the climate, which we experience.

## Feverish ailments

True Mother has told us, “Problems are occurring externally that we cannot solve; they are happening in the world today. The planet itself has contracted a deadly fever because of global warming. We are in an anxious situation where we do not know what is going to happen next. Should we just stand aside and watch from the sidelines? What should we do?”

In 1989, news of the effects of climate change were occurring in only the most vulnerable locations. On a visit to Tarawa, Kiribati, that year, Bob Hawke, Australia’s prime minister, said, “You only have to be here to see that you don’t need much of a rise in the oceans and you’re talking about ‘Goodbye, Kiribati.’”

Nowadays, we hear quite unexpected news with what seems increasing frequency. In huge Russia, 1.78 times larger than China, people rightfully have a sense of confidence. Certainly, rising water levels are not a threat, but other effects of global warming have occurred, seemingly overnight. In Siberia, the part of Russia that is mainly in Asia, huge sinkholes have appeared. The land beneath the surface soil had been permafrost, frozen for centuries or longer. Suddenly it is melting. As the land beneath the surface contracted, as the frozen soil defrosted, the land above collapsed. As Sarah Chadburn, from the University of Exeter, told *AI*

*Jazeera’s* Lowana Veal, “Permafrost soils contain vast amounts of carbon, nearly twice as much as is currently in the atmosphere. As the permafrost thaws in a warming climate, the soil decomposes and releases carbon to the atmosphere as carbon dioxide and methane.”

In 2008, the US government added the mighty polar bear to its Endangered Species List, not because it has been overhunted but because the icy world in which it thrives is melting and they expect it will melt further. When the director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service proposed that the polar bear be listed as endangered, he alluded to the possibility of starvation, because “Polar bears use sea ice as a platform for many activities essential to their life cycle, especially hunting for their main prey, ice seals.”

These and other developments were quite unexpected, though of course, some anxiety about the physical environment has been a constant throughout history, and we have better access to information nowadays. Years ago, some bad news went unreported, and some reported bad news did not reach as many people.

## Naysayers

Some prominent political figures in a few developed countries say that “climate change” is a hoax. This situation has several facets. Scandals in the scientific community over plagiarism, producing results to fit a paying sponsor’s expectations or falsifying results for personal gain have eroded the image of scientists generally. This is a pity. The selfless efforts of most scientists and their pure quest for truth and understanding made them role models for young people. A few have sullied this image.

Nevertheless, it is hard to understand why these political figures would not at least recognize that global warming ought to be watched as potential danger. Instead, they make brash statements and appear as if they have stepped into David’s shadow to face off with Goliath. In this way, they have exerted influence. One politician suggested that global warming is just a scheme cooked up by unelected bureaucrats so that they can add staff to the government’s environmental department. Another

dismisses efforts to reduce global warming by claiming that lowering the average global temperature by one degree Celsius would require shutting down the global economy for forty years.

## Serious games

Some people think that Game Theory, developed in the 1940s for the US Air Force as a way to analyze decision-making, can explain climate-science skeptics. The sub-set of Game Theory they apply to denial of climate science is the Prisoner’s Dilemma, which deals with collective action between parties that do not have similar interests.

The Prisoner’s Dilemma follows a scenario. Person A and B have been arrested for a crime they have committed. If neither one confesses, they will each go to jail for thirty days. If Person A confesses and Person B does not, Person A goes free while Person B goes to jail for ten years (or vice versa). If both confess, both go to jail for three years.

Dealing with climate change requires making some hard, unpopular decisions. People will lose jobs in some industries that contribute to global warming, or companies will have pay great sums of money to make changes in areas such as how they produce energy or how they manufacture products. The government may have to raise taxes to pay for necessary modifications to reduce carbon emissions. Products may cost more.

To make members of the opposing political party be seen as the “bad guy” and pay a political price for voting for legislation or treaties that help lower greenhouse gases, these “deniers,” refuse to acknowledge what seems increasingly clear. Under these circumstances, the skeptics are confident those in the other party will prevent the disasters and those in the other party will be the only ones to pay a political price of alienating some voters and sources of political funding. If true, isn’t this highly cynical view of the world exactly what True Parents’ vision of one family under God meant to counter? 

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