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True Mother's Autobiography Can Transform Nations

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At this time, we are actively conducting a special witnessing campaign by making use of True Mother's autobiography, *Mother of Peace*, which is the best possible tool that Heaven could have prepared for this time. Specifically, we set the goal of each family distributing forty-three autobiographies by the anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa as a means of witnessing and to help fulfill True Parents' hope and expectation for the salvation of all humankind.

In fact, it as if True Mother herself has been witnessing to the entire population of Japan, one hundred and twenty million people. The Japanese version of True Mother's autobiography has sold four hundred thousand copies at the time of writing.

I am pleased to introduce one of the testimonies from the field. A prospective member, who is in fact the wife of one member's older brother, dreamed of True Mother one night. This is how she described this holy visitation:

When I opened the door at the sound of the doorbell, I discovered True Mother there with an attendant and three white horses. At once I recognized, True Mother has come to my house! Intense emotions welled up in my heart. Moreover, my own daughter was beside True Mother; it appeared to me as if True Mother had said something to my daughter. Whatever True Mother had said to her moved my daughter's heart and she was weeping.

The horses had brilliant saddles on them and appeared to be ones of a quality that only noble people ride. I was so happy that I saw the white horses with golden saddles, on which I read the words, "Dreams will come true."

Then the scene changed. I had returned to my bedroom and had gotten into bed. Unexpectedly, True Mother was right in front of my eyes. She held out her hand and placed in upon her autobiography. It looked as if True Mother were a United States president placing her hand upon the Holy Bible during a presidential inauguration. As True Mother went to place her hand upon her autobiography, *Mother of Peace*, while her hand momentarily hovered over it, her autobiography turned red. This so excited me that the visual impression it made did not fade from my mind for some time. I clearly understood that her autobiography has formidable power.

That prospective member is studying *Exposition of the Divine Principle* eagerly with her daughter now. In this manner, True Mother's autobiography shows astonishing and truly effective power, like a heavenly, love-empowered Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) as many of our Japanese members have personally experienced through their focused witnessing activity. True Mother encouraged us to "Bring rebirth to Japan through this autobiography" and asked us "to make effective use of my autobiography in order to make a profound heavenly impression on all of Japan."

The autobiography serves as an effective textbook which we can say is making a deep, life-changing impression, not only when used in witnessing to people who are encountering True Parents for the first time but also in our outreach and educational efforts to persuade prominent people such as governors, mayors, local assembly members and national assembly members to accept True Parents.

We will accomplish two major goals for both for the sake of individuals and for the sake of the whole—family-level restoration, as an increasing number of individual families claim victory through registration as Cheonbo families for their personal and ancestral benefit, and national restoration by establishing a national foundation through each blessed family conducting outreach activity, witnessing to 430 families to become victorious Cheonbo families, utilizing True Mother's autobiography.

In the end, I'm praying for True Mother's health and ease and praying for the health and success of single members and blessed members and their families all over the world, under the dire circumstance that COVID-19 is still spreading globally. Lastly, from this issue, we welcome the publication of the additional versions, in Korean and in Japanese, of *True Peace* magazine, and we wish for the endless development of this global magazine that members around the world love. 

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Determining the Owner of True Love According to the Absolute Value System of the True Ideal Family

*True Father delivered this address during World Culture and Sports Festival 2004 at
Yu Gwan-sun Gymnasium in Cheonan, South Korea, on July 23, 2004.*

Distinguished guests from 120 nations, leaders of religious, academic, political and civil society, youth participants from the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival, participants of the international marriage Blessing Ceremony, students and youth leaders, ladies and gentlemen:

The theme and goal of the World Culture and Sports Festival, which I first proposed in 1988, is to establish a world culture of heart. All people need to come together in harmony and unity centering on God and true love, to create a world of harmonious interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. The events in this festival are meant to break down man-made walls that would prevent us from realizing these ideals. This is a cultural festival that aims for unity, transcending nation, race and religion. This tenth World Culture and Sports Festival is all the more significant because it comes during the providential time in history when the Era after the Coming of Heaven is within reach. In fact, this festival is opening the way for the era of the coming of God's kingdom. The title of this speech is, "Determining the Owner of True Love According to the Absolute Value System of the True Ideal Family." It introduces a portion of the truth that God is giving humanity at this time.

To become an owner of love, live for the sake of others

Dear guests, what was God's purpose in creating human beings? The desire of the omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent God was not to live in solitude. Thus, he created the cosmos as a part of the process of creating an environment for his children, and on that foundation, he created men and women as the object partners of his absolute love.

God created us as his children. His desire was for us, his object partners, to become even better than himself. Even in this world, parents wish for their children to become better than they are. This is the love of a parental God, which he gives as a blessing.

God's purpose of creation was to rejoice in seeing his children grow and perfect themselves, receive his Marriage Blessing, multiply true children, and create a true, ideal and



Young musicians playing traditional Korean instruments performed at Yu Gwan-sun Gymnasium before True Father delivered his speech.

heavenly world in which to live. We open the path to becoming an owner of love by practicing true love. This means we invest and sacrifice ourselves completely first for our partner. Before God created human beings, he first established the standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience and then invested himself one hundred percent.

Through this, he brought the realm of the object partner into the realm of absolute values. One cannot become an owner of love on one's own. It is only possible through an object partner. This love principle of absolute values also pertains to God. Just as parents can never become owners of love without children, for God to stand in the position of the owner of absolute love he must create his children, who stand as God's object partners. In this way, God and his children form a realm replete with the values of absolute love.

Perfection is reached when the subject partner values the object partner absolutely, and vice-versa. People think that the weak are sacrificed and exploited for the sake of the strong, but when we observe the order of the universe, we can see that it is not true. The theory of the survival of the fittest and the law of the

jungle are fundamentally wrong. Those who believe in this theory overlook the absolute importance of human beings working toward their perfection as owners of love. They should stand as the lords of all by living for the sake of others, investing true love in their object partners and forgetting that they ever invested. Their object partners, in turn, are meant to respond with absolute obedience to the same principle. If one excludes true love from this formula, only the concept of struggle remains. God's principle of creating is not that existence and development occur through struggle. Rather, he seeks harmony and unity leading to the emergence of absolute values through a mutual process of giving and receiving among entities in the relationship of subject partner and object partners.

An individual may be sacrificed for the sake of the greater good; however we must not perceive this as struggle. It must be seen as an investment for the sake of mutual development. Can we indeed define the act of an individual willingly sacrificing him- or herself for his or her family, or the family willingly sacrificing itself for the nation, or the nation for the world, as struggle? Rather it is the way to

form the realm of absolute values for the sake of bringing about the full realization of true love, in which each strives to first set up the other in a position as an owner of true love.

Thus, we must uproot our self-centered and individualistic mind-set and the behavior that stems from it. This is the root of fallen nature and the cause of evil. This can be said not only of self-centered behavior on the individual level, but also of selfish behavior of collectives in society. Self-centeredness is directly contrary to the spirit of true love's system of absolute values. Instead of sacrificing and living for the sake of others, self-centered people call for others to sacrifice for them. Self-centeredness causes people to be more concerned with their own interests than with the wellbeing of others.

Self-centeredness was insidiously injected into humankind through the Fall. It induced the struggle between mind and body. Satan planted this poison mushroom in the human heart. Although embracing self-centeredness may result in a person appearing beautiful and gaining worldly fame and earthly comforts, it is a trap that once sprung will lead its victim to addiction and a life of suffering that is difficult to escape.

All beings exist for the sake of other beings

Let us think about the concepts of "front" and "back." When we say "front," we acknowledge as a pre-existing condition the concept, "back." "Above" can only exist when there is a "below" and "left" presupposes "right." In the same vein, male denotes the prior existence of female. In other words, men were born for the sake of women, and women were born for the sake of men. Without men, there is no need for women, and without women, men cannot retain the value of their existence.

In the end, nothing is born for its own sake. All beings exist and act for the sake of their partner. This means that we were created to live in an ideal homeland within the context of relationships of mutual concern for one another. Let us think about our five sensory organs. Did your eyes come into being for the sake of looking at themselves? Our eyes, nose, ears, mouth and hands all were

created for others. What is the force that mobilizes our five sensory organs to sustain our lives and maintain our activities? It is the force that aims to perfect the values of true love. Therefore, our five sensory organs are simply tools that came into existence for the sake of practicing true love. In this way, nothing exists for its own sake. A life of living for the sake of others, giving and sacrificing out of love, and perfecting a life of love through surrendering to your partner, is a life that satisfies God's ideal of creation. You were created for the sake of your partner. Therefore, the law of nature calls you to live for others more than for yourself. This is where the absolute values of true love emerge.

Your reproductive organ is the border of heaven and hell

Dear guests, do you know where to find the dividing line between heaven and hell? Is it in the air? Is it in a cathedral? Is it on a border between nations? No, the dividing line between heaven and hell can be found in your body; it is your reproductive organ. The selfish use of human sexuality caused the greatest tragedy in human history; that tragedy turned heaven and earth upside down.

If you recklessly use your reproductive organ without regard for the consequences of your actions, you will surely go to hell. On the other hand, if you use it in accordance with the standard of God's absolute love, you will go to heaven. Who can deny this fact? If you doubt this, I ask you to carefully read the Divine Principle, which contains the heavenly laws that I revealed. If you are still in doubt, I sincerely ask that you pray to God. I'm sure that your prayer will be answered.

Tens of thousands of young people in the world who have accepted my teachings have ceased engaging in free sex. The message of the pure love movement, which advocates "absolute sex," or "absolute true love," is now spreading like wildfire. If free sex is false love centered on selfish desires and Satan, absolute sex is absolute love centered on God. Many literary works and stories in the press have the tendency to fan the fires of free sex, a disease that cripples individuals

and nations. However, now leaders of all spheres of life, including politicians, economists, philosophers, journalists, religious leaders and writers will stand together in a resistance movement against free sex. The cornerstone of world peace was supposed to have been within Adam's family, which was to have brought forth the absolute values of true love. It was also Adam's family that could destroy the path to world peace. Thus, we must bear in mind the importance of Adam's family, the ancestral family of humanity.

The reason I brought an end to our "church" and established the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification is because the time had come to focus on the family. How can we transform this hellish world? The practice of true love is the only way to bring forth absolute values. The attributes of God, the owner of true love, are based on eternal, unchanging, unique and absolute standards; hence, we need to inherit these attributes and live according to those standards.

The cornerstone of world peace is the family that follows the absolute value system of true love

Dear guests, why is the family a good thing? Because the love of our parents should be the basis of our original freedom, and hence the family should be the basis for activities founded on our original freedom. Even though they may be shabby in appearance, when a family becomes an original family—one untainted by the Fall consisting of people bound in heart with true love at the core, it will be able to liberate humanity and even God.

Freedom without love is not true freedom. If you feel restrained when you go to someone's house as a guest, it means you lack a deep bond of love with that household. In other words, because your love does not spread out in all directions, you feel awkward and restrained.

What is the highest and greatest value in the original, unfallen family? It is the original parents. Why are the original parents good? The original parents are the owners of eternal love. The original parents are the ones who stand closest to us; our relationship with them lasts throughout our lives



True Parents reacting to applause from the audience

and beyond. In the original family, after birth, the first partners with whom we would relate to in joy is our parents. The original parents are both the subject partners and object partners of our joy. When we are happy, original parents are the first to be happy for us. When we are sad, they are the first to shed tears of sorrow. That is why we are sympathetic to children who do not have parents.

The next most valuable being in the family is one's beloved husband or wife. Husbands and wives have to be able to give and receive original love that is unconditional. Their love may not have started within a relationship that is absolute and eternal in nature, but based on the absolute bond of marriage, their conjugal love can grow into original love. Then it will become the basis of the family's eternal happiness and joy.

However if this ideal, original relationship between husband and wife stops there, existing only between the couple, it will not bring eternal happiness and joy that can hold absolute value. That is to say, the couple needs to have children. If a couple decides not to have children, thinking that they will live in happiness being childless, you will see the result. Humankind would die out

before the second generation. Couples need to receive the love that their original children give them; then they can become true couples that rise up to the position of original parents.

Therefore, the next most valuable and important thing is the love of children toward their original parents. The pure and genuine love of children is to sacrifice for and love their original parents with brightness and positivity. Even when circumstances are not ideal, children do not despair but hope for a brighter future. Such love has value because it exists for the sake of the family's happiness.

An original family extends over three generations, completely imbued with the sacrificial, original love of original parents toward their children, the true love between the original couple and the true love of original children toward their parents. That family will become the most ideal true family in the world.

The three-generation family is the starting point of true happiness.

What kind of person do we call happy? What standard do we use to measure happiness? Can someone be happy solely by virtue of an external talent or authority that no other person has? Can a person be happy just because he or she has tremendous

wealth that everyone envies? Is happiness obtained by becoming a world-renowned scholar? That is absolutely not the case. No external condition alone can guarantee a person's happiness for eternity. It may prompt one's search for greater happiness, yet it cannot become the source of lasting happiness itself. In the end, genuine happiness comes from a family that has loving parents, a couple who are one in true love, and children who are devoted and faithful to their parents.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, humanity will now witness a great revolution of true love, taking place on the Korean peninsula. People have struggled under the false love of Satan for thousands of years. Now, by establishing the absolute values of true family and ridding this land of all sorts of false values, they will shout for joy.

To make a clapping sound, two hands must come together. Heaven has already opened the gates of the Era after the Coming of Heaven on the foundation of our victories as the True Parents. Your responsibility is to become absolute object partners before God, the subject partner, and open the way for the age when we will create a new heaven and a new earth.

This is a historic age, when the spirit world and physical world are uniting as one. It is the age for establishing Cheon Il Guk, the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity, the peace kingdom on earth and in heaven that God envisioned from the beginning of time.

The time has come for intellectuals the world over to receive my teachings. I, Reverend Moon, have served God as the vertical axis of humanity and upheld my mission as the horizontal True Parent. I have carried out this mission throughout my eighty-five years of life, consistently sacrificing and serving in order to discover and to establish a true person, a true couple, true parents, true families and the true world. I ask all of you to join me in completing this historical task for the sake of God. May God bless your families to reach these ideals. Thank you very much. 

This is Speech sixteen in Book seven of Pyeong Hwa Gyeong.



Future Leaders Studying at Cheon Il Guk National University

True Mother gave this speech on June 27 at the Hyo Jeong Culture Center.





Above: True Mother receiving flowers; On June 27, 284 students—Sun Moon UPA cadets, theology students and Sunhak UPA cadets—converged on the Hyo Jeong Culture Center to hear True Mother’s message. Right: Director-General Yun of the FFWPU International Headquarters, had prepared the students to receive True Mother with a lecture updating them on the current providence.

I have missed you all a lot. It took six thousand years and sixty years of True Parents’ providence for us to meet today. Many days exist, but what should we call today? It is “*yume* (夢) no (の) hee (日),” the Day of Dreams. God, our Creator, made all things in the universe and then created the man and woman that would become humankind’s first ancestors. God gave humankind a responsibility called “the growth period.” During that period, had they fulfilled their responsibilities, they would have become one with Heavenly Parent, growing in mind and body in the way of a sunflower until they reached the position to receive Heavenly Parent’s blessing. However, they did not do that, and the fallen humankind of today came to be.

The eternal Heavenly Parent, who created all things and humankind through his eternal nature, could not abandon and re-create them. Thus, after the first human ancestors’ fall, God began the providence of salvation through indemnity. How difficult must it have been that it took the lengthy period of four thousand years? The indemnification and restoration of all the wrongdoings that began from individuals took four thousand years, and then God sent his son who had no connection to fallen humankind—the original only begotten son, Jesus Christ, the only being with no connection to fallen humanity!

However, in the end, he could not fulfill God’s will. He died on the cross saying he would return, he would come again. Heaven could not give birth to the only begotten daughter

from among the Israelites, who had not fulfilled their responsibilities. Therefore, Heaven searched from among humankind for a good people that attended Heaven best and raised them as the Korean people. However, there were also many fluctuations in the history of the Korean people. Despite the Korean people never once having invaded or pillaged other nations, they had their difficulties; through this nation, Heaven gave birth to the only begotten daughter upon a Christian foundation for the first time in six thousand years.

Heaven’s efforts to build a foundation

I spoke of the Day of Dreams earlier, but it is Heavenly Parent’s dream to become humankind’s True Parent. To become the Heavenly Parent on earth through the True Parent is Heavenly Parent’s dream and of course True Parents’ dream. Although humankind has been ignorant due to the Fall, because people desire peace, it is also humankind’s wish. However, it has been difficult for Heaven to plant roots in this fallen world. Heaven prepared the Christian foundation for two thousand years for this moment, yet Christians have not grasped Jesus’ essence and cannot properly know Heavenly Parent. Only Heavenly Father knows. A father cannot give birth to all living things on his own. I am saying that through the mother, living things are created and born. After many fluctuations, in 1960, we proceeded in the position of True Parents, but the foundation was very weak. That is why I said that in 1960 True Parents began a marathon through which they aimed to save the

world. Through that marathon, which lasted a long fifty-four years, on 1.13 (by the heavenly calendar) in 2013 the proclamation of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day took place.

Heavenly Parent’s dream and True Parents’ dream is for you to attend Heavenly Parent in the earthly world and become children of love, joy and praise, who can say, We have realized Heavenly Parent’s original dream. It is, of course, True Parents’ dream to realize this kingdom of heaven on earth, and it must become the dream of all blessed families especially among second- and third-generation members. Through the global seven-year course, many nations, righteous people and religious leaders have come to know God’s only begotten daughter, the True Mother, and know how Heaven’s providence is proceeding.

In the past, people wished to live a good life on earth before dying, but now before dying we must have lived in attendance to Heavenly Parent while on earth. What must we do? In the past, Adam and Eve became self-centered and fell during their growth period. However, you must grow united with the only begotten daughter, True Mother, as a sunflower would and create a foundation for peace and unity. Until now, politicians in all nations and of course Christians wished for a world in which all lived well, but they could not achieve peace because they were not united. It has been seventy-five years since the establishment of the UN, which was to achieve world peace. Though they have many member nations, we have not seen



True Mother with the future leaders for whom she held a special meeting at the Hyo Jeong Cultural Center

unity. That is why, in every speech, I have said that when we look at our current situation, we can see we cannot achieve eternal peace through human-centered efforts, thoughts and environments. The beautiful world, the peaceful world, and the kingdom of heaven on earth that our Creator dreamed of was a place in which God could live with his beloved sons and daughters eternally.

Unity is crucial

Surpassing a hundred years of earthly life is not easy. Our Creator, as an eternal being, dreamed of an eternal world. Thus, we must think about how we can grow, live and feel during our earthly lives and how we can love one another and unite in offering joy and praise to Heavenly Parent. We must think, "My thoughts are Heavenly Parent's thoughts, what Heavenly Parent wants I wish to do freely, and live as a filial son or daughter, a loyal patriot in the earthly world." You must learn this in the earthly world. However, as you know, this nation, the Korean people, do not know Heaven's providence. They do not know the direction they must go.

Thus, we have spent sixty years educating the Korean people through our achievements around the world and showing the path to unity. Right now blessed families must completely become one with me and show the world that this is life in the kingdom of heaven on earth that humankind aims for! Though as individuals we are weak, when we unite, focus on one goal and continue to grow, we will absolutely realize a unified

Korea, Heavenly Parent's dream, True Parents' dream and our dream!

I did not want you to forget today so I used Japanese earlier. You are the only begotten daughter's, the True Mother's dream, pride, and happiness! I love you! Therefore, this is not the end. Do not waste a minute or a second of your time. A few years ago, I said that we live in an era of one second. It has become so hasn't it? Especially due to the coronavirus, each nation has created boundaries, but communication is still needed. So what has developed? [The media] That's correct! So now you must study hard too. Why? In order to educate the people of the world, you must know many things.

Why is your earthly life important? Because it is the sphere in which you realize Heavenly Parent's wish. You must go to your heavenly life after realizing this on earth. I proclaimed that I would dedicate the Cheon Il Sanctum, where we can attend our Heavenly Parent, in 2023 and I will do that. Then, no matter how difficult or weary our lives are, we cannot complain. That is because our dreams are even bigger. The more we realize that dream, the more blessings we will receive, so you will not lose anything.

As I meet you today, it has taken sixty years for you to see True Parents this closely. You are my sons and my daughters, right? Let it not take sixty years like this; let us not waste even a second. You must show how exciting, grateful and joyful a life lived in attendance to Heavenly Parent is. I taught the Cheon Jeon Gung employees, especially the elder sisters that

attend me. They were not vocalists, not good at singing, but they were able to do well after I had them practice hard for two months. Nothing can be accomplished without effort. Our goal is clear, so we do not have time to wander. We must rush toward our goal. So, I brought the Daffodil Team to show you today.

One human family under God! A unified Korea is important, but I told you that I would personally go forward for the sake of global unification. I have demonstrated this to the world for the last seven years and through direct instruction to the International Mission Headquarters. I said that it is my wish that as soon as possible not only this nation, but one-third of all humankind, will come to know God and True Parents and will be in a position to receive the blessing while I am still on earth.

This is why the leaders of this nation and all the regions of the world are moving forward as if their lives are at stake. If they have a nation, should there be many citizens or only a few? To make such citizens, although they are still in the process of studying, if they have talent and can work together with the international headquarters, I will recruit them.

I, God's only begotten daughter, the True Mother, will wait with God, in thanksgiving and praise all day long, for days, for years, for the moment when thanks to you I am in the position to tell him "We have realized national restoration and the world providence." You will help, won't you? You have absolute faith, absolute love, absolute obedience, and true love, right? Thank you. 



Moving Toward a New Era and History

True Mother gave this speech at the Special Leaders' Meeting for the Settlement of a Unified, Heavenly Korea on July 16 in Yong Pyong Resort's Grand Ballroom in the Greenpia Condominium Building.



True Mother delivering this speech in the Grand Ballroom at Yong Pyong Resort.

We are now at the moment of truth. We have set our goal. We cannot have division between brothers and sisters. We need to unite. True Parents' wish is for us to realize Heavenly Parent's dream on earth. It should not remain as theory, like history recorded in the Bible; we must substantially realize it. The True Parents of humanity—found and established six thousand years after the fall of humankind—should set the example of living in attendance to Heavenly Parent on earth. In the process of our devoting all our energies to realizing this and heading toward a common goal, we will automatically achieve national restoration and world restoration. And this dream of Heavenly Parent's, the purpose of creation, is eternal. Our leaders are worried about the future, but what we need to do is to educate others well and to set an example.

Find harmony with True Parents

For instance, a baby grows inside its mother's womb for ten months before beginning its life on earth with a cry. Even after it's birth, the baby needs to go through another growth period; it cannot start walking right away. Actually, in the animal kingdom, they often can, but for us human beings, we need the period of a year.

This is also the case in regard to Heaven's providence. You may have heard the words of the Divine Principle and understood it in theory, become Unification Church

members, gone on to become blessed couples and assumed positions of responsibility. However, you still need to lead a life in rapport with True Parents, even if you live thousands of miles away from them physically. I like to cite the example of a sunflower, which always faces the sun, no matter whether it is sunny or cloudy. The same should be true of you. Once you have learned about True Parents, you need to lead lives during which you experience the feeling of living and thinking at the center of True Parents' hearts.

I don't know what you gained from what I have said so far, but my life has been one in which I believed Heavenly Parent to be my father from the moment of my birth and I have lived seventy-seven years knowing Heavenly Parent as my parent. From the human perspective, that I have gone through many difficulties is true. When I assumed the position of True Parent in 1960, my marathon toward the world environment began. The goal of this marathon is to reach the starting point of a new era and a new history. For me, this process was one of patience and endurance that you cannot even imagine, in which I thought only of Heavenly Parent. Heaven alone knows this. So please do not talk about this and that theoretically. During my time on earth, while I am still living, I must realize Heavenly Parent's wish and give birth to humanity through Heavenly Parent's bosom. I need to guide humankind. That is True Parents' responsibility.

The importance of filial love

I will talk about one thing in particular. Heaven sent True Parents to earth for this one period in time and bestowed the blessing through which you can feel True Parents' love. Water is the source of life! We would die if we could not drink water. The same is true for nature. From now on, the word "hyojeong" [filial piety] should be in the name of every project and product that the Foundation and other organizations create. The name of the water that springs from Mt. Balwang will be "Hyojeongsu."

Since the human fall until now, humanity has been unfilial to Heaven. In this Cheon Il Guk age, every person who drinks Hyojeongsu will be able to experience Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Such is the grace and blessing of this water. This is what you need to tell others. Do you understand what I am saying? People who are hurting inside and outside will be able to gain the energy to go on with their lives by drinking Hyojeongsu. This is the grace and love Heavenly Parent has bestowed on True Parents. Do you understand?

I have told you that from now on, you should add the letters HJ at the beginning of every name given to projects, no matter how small. This hotel is the HJ Magnolia Yong Pyong Hotel, isn't it? It means "hyojeong." As Cheonbo families, you need to teach your tribes about hyojeong. Once you do that, miracles will take place naturally. You will have faith, won't you? And do not forget to drink lots of Hyojeongsu before you go home. 



That the People of the World May Be Cleansed

This was True Mother's Benediction at the HJ Mo-Na (Mother + Nature) Park Dedication on July 17.

Our most high Heavenly Parent, the Creator! When you created all of heaven, earth and humankind, you bestowed the grace of great love from within your bosom.

In accordance with your principle of creation, the created world is following the path of eternal existence. Fallen humankind in today's world, however, is ignorant of your purpose of creation, and human beings treat nature with indescribable selfishness, even though the dream you wished to realize was to create beautiful lives on this planet. Today's scientists say that the life of this planet is almost at its limit due to humankind's ignorance and reckless environmental destruction.

Beloved Heavenly Parent! How long have you had to wait? You have had to wait and endure for innumerable years until True Parents, the human ancestors who have achieved perfection, appeared on earth to fulfill Heavenly Parent's providence.

In particular, though you sent True Parents to the Korean Peninsula after six thousand years, the environment was not ready for them, and we committed the immensely unfilial act of making you wait for another sixty years.

However, we have finally come to know of the existence of Heavenly Parent through True Parents, and we are now at the stage in which your blessed children are about to begin the fulfillment and settlement of the providence.

On this day, as we gaze upon the beautiful scenery on Mount Balwang, we once again realize the heartrending circumstances under which you, our Creator, tried to realize the kingdom of heaven on earth through humankind six thousand years ago. We can do nothing less than to offer our deepest gratitude for your infinite love. You have especially bestowed natural blessings on this place on which you established your beloved son. All the staff members working here are endeavoring to unite in oneness and draw a picture that leads to the beautiful kingdom of heaven on earth as dreamed by you in your providence. Dear Heavenly Parent, thank you for allowing us to do our absolute best in our given environment and for guiding us to create this masterpiece today. We love you.

From now on, not only the Korean people but all the rest of the world will visit this place and drink this hyojeong spring water and pledge and resolve to fulfill the duties of filial piety and loyalty toward you. Please remember your sons and your daughters who have done their best in this endeavor to realize your great purpose for the creation, and please be with us until everything is brought to a successful conclusion. We hope and pray that this HJ Mo-Na Park will become proof that our Heavenly Parent and Creator is with us, and that all peoples in the world will come flocking here to sing praises to Heavenly Parent in expression of their joy and gratitude. Dear Heavenly Parent, please bless this park to become such a holy and beautiful garden.

I hope for all this in the name of True Parents. Aju! 



Inset: True Mother during the Night Illumination at Yong Pyong Resort; Background: True Mother opened Mt. Balwang Skywalk, the highest skywalk in Korea, at Yong Pyong Resort. The doves released were artificial and biodegradable.

True Mother and others cutting the ribbon to open Yong Pyong Skywalk, the Longest Skywalk in the Republic of Korea



Let's Be Devoted Children to Our True Parents

The following was adapted from the script of a PeaceTV video shown at the Seonghwa Ceremony for Elder Yong-hyun Moon, True Father's cousin, with the addition of excerpts of an article Elder Moon wrote following a visit to North Korea.

Elder Yong-hyun Moon ascended to heaven at 3:12 AM on June 24 in the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk. We will greatly miss his wonderful anecdotes, spoken in his always caring voice, about his and Father's hometown, Sangsa Hamlet, Jungju Province (now in North Korea) and about Father's childhood days. He taught us by example to be pious, filial children.

Elder Moon was born on June 2, 1932, as the youngest child in a family of three boys and a girl. He was raised in a house near True Father's family home. He spoke of his childhood, recalling how he would run away from his relatives who urged him to attend Deok Heung Church, which True Father attended, at the base of Mt. Myodu. On the other hand, he was always sure to chase after his older brothers when they set out to hunt pheasants or catch fish in the mountains and fields all day and all night. He could never forget those beautiful days.

A refugee in South Korea

Driven out by the Communist forces, then nineteen-year-old Elder Moon escaped to South Korea. He had grown into a believer with a grateful heart who wins by faith. For that reason, on December 12, 1955, when he reunited with True Father in Seoul's Cheongpa Ward, Elder Moon was able to confess that Father was the Messiah, the savior of humanity, not just the cousin with whom he shared the same bloodline. He joined the church that day.

Within the church, through thirteen years of arduous toil at our Asan pottery factory, Elder Moon pleaded with us to be grateful believers with absolute obedience and absolute faith.

Attending True Parents

We came to learn that the Yeosu ocean providence began because of his thoughtful consid-

eration and heart to offer a place of solace to True Parents, who harshly pushed themselves to the limit for the sake of the world. Such devotion and genuine love for True Parents made us love and respect him even more.

He deepened our understanding of the heavenly providence by witnessing to us about True Father's own family. Thanks to Elder Moon, we learned about True Father's unchanging love for his father (Chung-bu nim) and mother (Chung-mo nim). We learned about True Father's older brother, Yong-su Moon, who worshiped True Father.

Despite the rough seas of the providence, Elder Moon did his best to serve and attend True Parents. Going through waves of ups and downs, sometimes as a faithful disciple, and sometimes as a cousin who shared childhood memories with True Father, Elder Moon did his absolute best to serve and attend True Parents. We have only respect and love for his life of faith,





Elder Yong-hyun Moon with Father's younger sister Hyo-sun Moon looking at family photos. Behind him is Park Sang-kwon, founder of Pyeonghwa Motors, and other Moon relatives (wearing Kim Il-sung pins) in North Korea.

and for his service and attendance toward True Parents.

Visiting North Korea

Elder Moon visited North Korea in 1999 and in 2002. On his first visit he went to his hometown and saw his childhood home but did not meet anyone he knew. What follows are excerpts of a description of his second visit, taken from an article he wrote soon after his return to South Korea, called "Bittersweet Reunion," which first appeared in the April 2002 issue of *Today's World*.

"We were permitted to visit Jongju on March 31. I did not know whether it was actually happening or was just another of my dreams.... 'Thank You, Heavenly Father. How can I repay True Parents? Please have pity on our people. Please guide Korea to reunification. Several million are missing their flesh and blood just as I am. Please allow them to have this same opportunity. I sincerely hope that our meeting can bring true joy to you....'

Nearing his hometown

"I was too excited to remember what time we'd left Pyongyang. We must have been riding for about two hours. The landscape started to look familiar; we were in the Village of Nakchun, in the district of Pakchun.

I had come there with my mother when I was young. I remembered that my aunt had lived there. She had bought me apples and taffy at the market. Where is the aunt who had cared for me now? Where is she buried? I really miss you, Auntie. I really do."

"The next stop was the Wonbong Hamlet local office. It looked quite familiar. I couldn't see anyone I knew. I waited about ten minutes and someone came up to me and took hold of my hands. I was so surprised to see my sister, who looked so old and humble. I couldn't believe she was my once young, beautiful sister. I felt so sad and choked with tears. Tears blinded me. [He calls her "sister," but she is Father's younger sister, Hyo-sun, his cousin.]

"I held her hands, but her right hand had no fingers. 'What happened to you, sister?' She told me a machine had chopped off her fingers. How much suffering did she have to go through just to survive? In an instant, I could feel the unbearable weight of her suffering life. 'If you live long enough, your suffering will come to an end. Just don't die. I'll come as often as I can to take care of you. Please don't worry.'

"I realized that, by then, many people surrounded me. My uncle's son, Young-suk was there. Someone

called Byung-il also introduced himself. Byung-il's four younger brothers and sisters had come, too. I couldn't see my younger brother and nephew. 'How come I can't see Dogyun?' No answer. My sister told me that he couldn't make it. I asked why. She looked uneasy. I realized what she was thinking and said, 'All right. I understand. He couldn't get permission.' My sister didn't say anything; her eyes agreed with me.

"We were at a small public hall in the countryside. They told me that students there would come and perform to welcome us. The children sang and danced very well, but I couldn't see or hear anything. Everyone sang 'Tongil' while holding hands and then the curtain fell. It was now really time to say goodbye. 'Sister... Sister! I promise I'll be back if I have another chance. Please take good care of your health.'

"I was choked with tears. I waved to my sister from the car. The car moved away so fast, leaving behind no real promises. I felt so heartbroken; but the pain I was feeling is the pain of our people. Nothing can describe my heart at leaving my hometown behind—the hometown I had been missing even in my dreams."

Elder Moon's posthumous title

True Mother honored Elder Moon by giving him the title, "The Loyal Contributor to the Settlement and Glorious Opening of a New Unified Korea."

May Elder Moon earnestly fulfill his heart of filial piety toward True Parents according to the precious heavenly blessing. Please may he devote himself to True Father in heaven. May he fulfill absolute filial piety. May Elder Moon devote himself to God's only daughter, the realization of Holy Spirit, True Mother, as she leads Heavenly Parent's holy providence toward Vision 2027 and the settlement of a new, unified world.

May this life of absolute filial piety toward True Parents always shine! Elder Yong-hyun Moon, who always uplifted us with a cheerful greeting, thank you for your arduous efforts. May peace be with you now! May your life of filial piety toward True Parents always shine at Cheon Bo Won, the eternal heavenly Hall of Fame. ☯

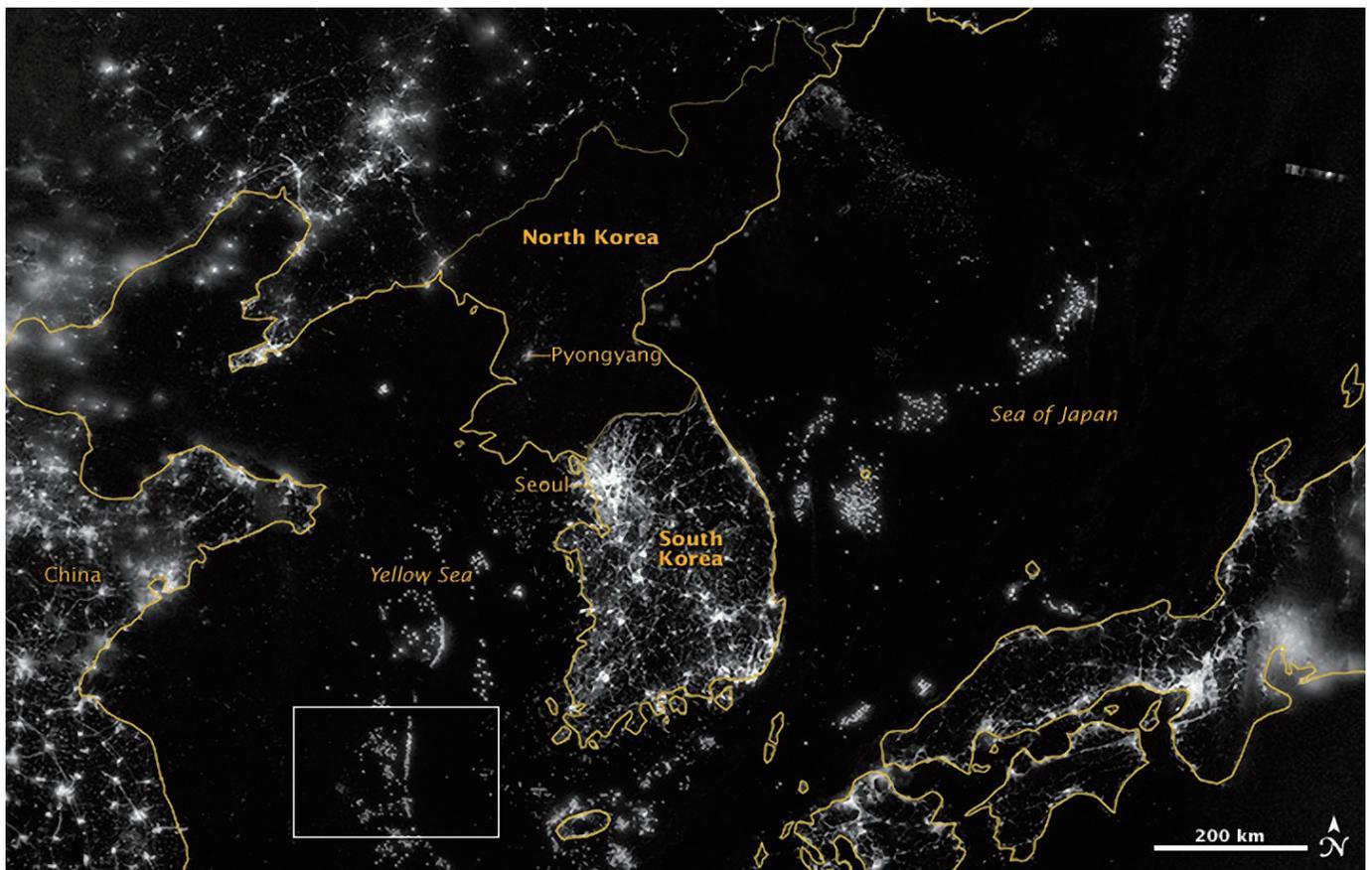
Inter-Korean Peace: Introduction

This month, all articles in the section Societal Leaders (pages 17–29) are transcriptions of the Universal Peace Federation’s Peace Talk 4, Prospects and Challenges for Peace on the Korean Peninsula in Light of Recent Developments. Please visit upf.org to watch the videos as well. The text has been edited for True Peace magazine.

By Genie Kagawa and Thomas Walsh



Genie Kagawa: Hello everyone, we appreciate all the enthusiastic responses we have received about our Peace Talks webinar series and all your encouraging feedback. This week’s Peace Talk webinar is special and will focus on an important and timely topic. It is the Prospects for Peace on the Korean Peninsula in Light of Recent Developments. We are privileged today to have expert specialists on this topic as panelists—Ambassador Joseph DeTrani, Dr. Alexandre Mansourov and Ambassador Tae-ik Chung. The panelists will speak for seven minutes to address the overall topic, followed by questions and answers. Once they finish their statements, the audience’s questions will be presented to the panelists. Translation will be offered in French, Korean, Spanish and Russian.



This September 24, 2012 NASA Earth Observatory satellite photograph shows the level of development at that time in North Korea with a small amount of light discernible only in Pyongyang. The boxed area shows that even lights onboard fishing vessels were more numerous. We hope that significantly greater development exists today.



Thomas Walsh: Good morning to our audience and viewers. Our topic focuses on the Korean Peninsula. It has been an area of a lot of interest recently, one being the recent Covid crisis which has affected many of our countries. South Korea has been a poster child of good governance during this crisis. We also had the disappearance of Kim Jong-un for a number of weeks, which created a lot of discussion and chatter about succession issues, stability on the peninsula and future prospects for peace. Also South Korea recently held elections, with a strong showing by Moon Jae-in. We are interested to know the implications of that. The growing tensions between the US and China that are growing out of the Covid crisis... We will discuss a number of factors. We are gathering on the significant anniversary of V. E. Day (Victory in Europe), which the World War II Allies, at least Europe and the United States, celebrate on May 8. Russia celebrates it on May 9. This reminds us of a major historical conflict of huge, enormous proportions. 🇺🇸

Mrs. Kagawa is the Universal Peace Federation's Executive Office director. Dr. Walsh is the UPF chair.

Increased Inter-Korean Cooperation is Vital

Dr. Walsh: Aspirations for peace is what brings us together with these three great panelists, Ambassador Joseph DeTrani has had a distinguished career in public service that includes positions at the US State Department, senior positions at the Central Intelligence Agency and special envoy to the Six Party Talks. I'm eager to hear from him. I'm sure you are as well.

By Joseph DeTrani

It's an honor being here. I am speaking out of Washington DC. This is, as we all know, a critically important issue. Prospects and Challenges for Peace on the Korean Peninsula in Light of Recent Developments—Covid 19 is obviously the key recent development, and as Dr. Walsh indicated, the Republic of Korea handled and is handling the Covid-19 issue extremely well. It is a model for other countries. This is extremely positive but when you compare that with the dearth of information we have from North Korea... The DPRK [Democratic People's Republic of Korea] maintains they have no Covid 19 issues.

I think the sense is that with the approximately nine-hundred-mile border with the Peoples Republic of China, it's likely that Covid 19 is indeed an issue for North Korea. Given the problematic health situation, the problematic health services situation, this has to be a challenge for the leadership of North Korea. Compounding that is what we just saw in the last week and a half with the non-appearance of Kim Jong-un and the media speculation. It was not only media speculation but also government speculation about the status of Kim Jong-un; was he alive, was he gravely ill, was he deceased?

That speaks to a big issue. I think we have to focus on that issue, the lack of transparency by North Korea. That's part of the tragedy regarding the situation of North Korea. There isn't that contact, there isn't that interaction, there isn't obviously that transparency. Conversely, it is the inability of even the Republic of Korea and others—to include international organizations—that may wish to contribute if there are issues in North Korea. How do we contribute? The DPRK said they do not need aid.

On that, the Republic of Korea, the United Nations, the

United States and others have offered aid. They say they do not need aid, but the fact of the matter is that North Korea has a number of sanctions that are significantly biting as we speak whether it is petroleum, whether it is crude oil, whether it is their inability to export and that is effecting, certainly, their economy. We know that a good portion of the money they receive through their exports goes into their nuclear missile program, but obviously, it is also effecting the people. There is this statistic I remember and that's with the sanctions on North Korea, with the petroleum and the crude oil, that the amount their committed to receive in one year is commensurate with what Australia, with about the same population, twenty-five million people, imports in one day. And when you talked about the agricultural sector, obviously the importation of oil and crude oil lends itself to fertilizers and other elements of their wellbeing, if you will. And that certainly effects the people.

Implement existing agreements

Look: we, with the Covid-19 issue, saw the disappearance of Kim Jong-un, and sensed that maybe there would be instability in North Korea. Well, Kim Jong-un has since appeared. He showed he is not deceased; he is not gravely ill. He made it clear that he is well with pictures of him visiting a fertilizer plant. Now, did he have a [medical] procedure? He could have had a procedure; we don't know. There was some reporting about Chinese doctors going into North Korea with the head of the International Liaison Department [of China's Communist Party], Song Tao, which is significant. If doctors did go in, that could be to oversee or participate in a procedure. It didn't have to be a serious procedure. But having their International Liaison

Department go in, I think is important because that's co-equals—It's party to party relations. When Song Tao goes into North Korea, he usually meets Kim Jong-un. It's important that we saw Kim Jong-un. He's alive and he's well.

But looking at other issues, where people said that if he had passed [died] or was incapacitated, who would follow? I maintain that Kim Jong-un, since he has taken over in 2011, has made sure that he has surrounded himself with loyalists. Not only do I think he has loyalists around him but he is also looking at succession. Kim Yo-jong, his younger sister, obviously is one of the likely ones who would follow him in the name of the Kim family. She was just elected to the Standing Committee as an alternate member. That's important. A year ago, 2019, Choi Young-hae was promoted to be the president of the Supreme People's Assembly; he's also the vice-chairman of the State Affairs Commission, second to Kim Jong-un. These are the likely people who would follow.

So, I think we should just relax a bit, and focus on implementing the Panmunjom Declaration [April 27, 2018] between North Korea and South Korea, which is a commitment between both Koreas to pursue peace, to pursue reconciliation and a non-nuclear-weapon Korean Peninsula.

My view is that we have to see more between the ROK and North Korea in regard to separated families and visitations and looking at the business in Mt. Kumgang—interaction so that there is more of a dialogue; there's more transparency about what's going on in North Korea and there are more people-to-people contact, to include looking at Kaesong [a North-South joint venture industrial complex that operated 2004–16] and reconstituting some of the programs there that could lend themselves to humanitarian assistance to North Korea to contend with the Covid-19 issue, which we believe exists in North Korea. So, there is a lot. There is the Panmunjom Declaration and that goes back to April 2018. There is also the Singapore Joint Statement between Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un. The Panmunjom Declaration was between Moon Jae-in and Kim Jong-un. Both these declarations should be implemented soon and aggressively. I think we had that mandate. And this is where UPF and organizations like UPF come into play. Indicating clearly that we want peaceful resolutions to issues on the Korean Peninsula and that the two Koreas should be interacting in a meaningful way so that inter-Korean relations are becoming that much more vibrant and meaningful. For the benefit of what? For the twenty-five million people living in North Korea and for the fifty million people living in South Korea. And eventually moving toward what? Unification. This is the end goal, and this is something I think is attainable.

So I'm unsure where I'm at. Let me say there are a lot of issues out here, but I think the key one is implementing those two declarations, the Panmunjom Declaration and the Singapore Declaration, and President Moon Jae-in in the South interacting with the North and the same thing with the United States and international organizations like UPF indicating this is a global issue. We all need to participate and work toward peace on the Korean Peninsula.



Ambassador DeTrani has spent his adult lifetime working in top tier positions related to security, analysis and the prevention of weapons proliferation.

Dr. Walsh: Thank you Mr. Ambassador, especially for these practical and specific recommendations. I think they're helpful. If I could just ask a follow-up, you mention the importance of transparency. This is a big issue with North Korea. There are broader discussions about what kind of countries in the future will be more effective at dealing with pandemics—the liberal democracies that are open or the “more authoritarian democracies,” let's call them. So your emphasis on transparency is a prime topic. I'm wondering also about the implications of the recent elections and that Moon Jae-in's party and his administration seem to be empowered. Do you see that as an opportunity for the kind of dialog and rapprochement that you are recommending and that I know UPF wholeheartedly supports?

Ambassador DeTrani: I think, Dr. Walsh, that is right on the mark. The recent elections in South Korea, the parliamentary elections, where Pres. Moon Jae-in's party, the Democratic Party, won 180 of the 300 seats—that's a mandate for Pres. Moon; he has two more years in his tenure to move forward with North Korea, to pursue elements of rapprochement that we talked about. And I think it is again in pursuit of what they both agreed to in April 2017, which is actually peace and reconciliation and a non-nuclear-weapon Korean Peninsula. This is powerful. I think the elections in the South were so key, Dr. Walsh. *TD*

Dr. DeTrani was a special envoy the Six-Party Talks with North Korea (2003–2006).

Trying to Decipher Recent Events in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Dr. Walsh: I will move on to our next panelist, who is none other than Ambassador Tae-ik Chung, who's had a long and distinguished career in public service. He served in various diplomatic posts—I know in Egypt and Italy and Russia and has worked closely with the United Nations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is knowledgeable, so I am going to give the floor to you, Mr. Ambassador, Tae-ik Chung.

By Tae-ik Chung

(Note: This series of articles begins on page 17.)

Thank you! Good morning everybody. I am glad to see you. I am honored to share my view on the prospects and challenges for peace on the Korean Peninsula in light of recent developments. Among recent developments, the most important are two things: the Coronavirus pandemic issue and the Korean general election. As has been mentioned, in the general election, Moon Jae-in's party gained the victory overwhelmingly. So President Moon Jae-in has a mandate to conduct foreign policy as he wants to guide it. In that context, Moon Jae-in will have a press conference on Sunday, May 10, the day after tomorrow, marking the three years he has been in power. The press is expecting him to mention the prospects regarding the relationship between the two Koreas. But North Korea has turned away from cooperation with South Korea. Kim Jong-un is focusing on the relationship with the United States, particularly the relationship with President Trump. So whatever good project the South Korean government proposes to improve bilateral relations, including connection of the railroad, I do not see many prospects from that relationship.

It is my view that the dialog between Kim Jong-un and Trump should be rebooted first. . . . North Korea is uneasy about the present situation. The issue of the disappearance of Kim Jong-un for the last three weeks is (this is my view) . . . a sort of an impact [an attempt] to draw the attention of the United States. Of course, his health problem is a serious one, although he appeared on the first day of May

by participating in a construction ceremony, it is a fact that he has a health problem. His health problem [has serious implications for] North Korea as well as for the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia in general. Because North Korea has nuclear weapons, if a crisis arises in the North Korean regime, it is dangerous, a risky thing, because we should know who controls their nuclear facilities. That's why we should pay attention.

First of all, the international community should develop some regime [a management method] to control North Korea. When Kim Jong-il was sick, at that time, the United States and China cooperated. They had a meeting and they discussed how to control North Korea, how to control the nuclear problem. But with the pandemic issue, we are now witnessing that friction between China and the United States is further aggravated. That is dangerous. In this case, the lack of leadership from the United States and China has created a serious problem in the entire world.

Under those circumstances, Kim Jong-un's health issues have created various serious problems for peace on the Korean Peninsula. Not only on the Korean Peninsula but in the entire region. We have to develop a contingency program. I would like to ask the United States whether it is prepared or has a contingency plan regarding the crisis on the Korean Peninsula. China has already deployed soldiers along the Yalu River and the Tumen River [The two rivers that form the border between China and the DRPK]. They are ready to intervene. Of course, we know that the United States is also conducting a special opera-

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tion by mobilizing their strategic defense assets in Korea and Japan and the United States. They have such an operation but still I wonder whether the United States is ready to intervene.

In regards to the North Korean nuclear issue, I, myself, was involved in negotiations with North Korea to produce rules related to conducting inspections because the two Koreas agreed to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula [as part of the April 27, 2018 Panmunjeom Declaration] but we failed because the two Koreas are far, far apart on opposite sides. North Korea does not respect international principles established by the United Nations, they ignore those rules, because they think all international rules are products of the United States. That is why they oppose the basic norms of conducting negotiations. That [leads to] a dangerous situation.

Kim Jong-un's health is not good; it is bad. There will be a power vacuum. We should prepare for a possible power struggle when a power vacuum occurs. UPF should mobilize wisdom to prepare for various contingencies. This is possible. In Syria, when there was a power vacuum, internal friction arose, but it was manageable. But in North Korea's case, they have nuclear weapons; this is a different case from that of Syria.

Since this is such a risky and dangerous situation we should have governance [to maintain] international order. I am worried that we will be victimized by the friction between the big powers. We want rules that will bring good governance. On the nuclear issue, we haven't

made any progress even though Moon Jae-in focused on improvement in this area with North Korea, so I would like to conclude that taking advantage of this occasion we should more seriously tackle this issue. Thank you.

Dr. Walsh: Thank you Mr. Ambassador. I hope that perhaps a little bit later, perhaps Ambassador DeTrani and Dr. Mansourov might reflect on preparedness, should there be regime change, or something related to Kim Jong-un's health that leads to a crisis. We're talking a lot about preparedness for pandemics, but we have to think about it geopolitically as well. I would like you to give us a brief window to address the elections. The former ambassador, Thae Yong-ho [a defector, in 2016, who had been North Korea's deputy ambassador to the UK] won election to the National Assembly from Seoul's Gangnam Borough. How is that viewed by the North and the South?

Tae-ik Chung: I think it was shocking news to the North Korean people. North Korea is tightly controlled but information still flows. It would have been shocking news to North Koreans. Thae Young-ho so deeply believed that Kim Jong-un had serious problems that he did not expect the reappearance of Kim Jong-un. However, we should still admit that Kim Jong-un does have some problem. 

Dr. Chung is chairman of the Korean Council on Foreign Relations.

A Bit of Stormy Weather

Thomas Walsh: I want to move on to Dr. Alexandre Mansourov, who is currently teaching at Georgetown University. He's an expert in his field. He was trained at Moscow State University and studied at Kim Il Sung University in Pyongyang, North Korea. He is fluent in Russian, Korean and English and is widely known and respected throughout the world for his expertise on East Asia and the Korean Peninsula in particular. I'd like to turn now to Dr. Alexandre Mansourov.

By Alexander Mansourov

Good morning everybody. Thank you, Tom. First of all, let me congratulate everybody on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Victory in Europe Day. This is an important anniversary. My grandparents met on that day in 1945, on May 8. She had made it all the way from Stalingrad to Berlin. Yesterday, President Putin held a telephone conversation with President Trump and President Macron of France congratulated the Allies on V.E. Day. Although all the military parades have been postponed until better times, just like the UPF annual gathering in Seoul has been postponed until better times, we hope that one day we will be able to reconvene once air travel is on again.

Now, this is going to be one of the most politically incorrect presentations that you are going to hear. Why? Because first of all I am going to say that it is business as usual in North Korea despite all the vicious, vicious and fallacious rumors about Kim Jong-un's health. Kim Jong-un and his family are well and healthy.

There is no panic-buying in Pyongyang. Give me a break! Buying? Buying what? There is no public unrest in North Korea, despite some of the reports. There is no massing of Chinese troops on the North Korean border. And by the way, Song Tao did not go to North Korea despite some of the reporting—Song Tao the head of China's International Liaison Department. There is no unusual movement of North Korean troops along the DMZ or along the North Korean–Chinese border or of the Pyongyang Defense Command.

Quite the opposite: North Korea adheres to its normal political calendar and its regular national security plans. They just held the third session of the Supreme National People's Assembly with seven hundred delegates from all over the country.

And Kim Jong-un was just prudent not to go into this

meeting when no one was tested for exposure to the pandemic.

The North Korean prime minister and senior members of the government toured the country with their on-site inspections of state-owned enterprises. They would not be doing that if there were an emergency on the way. New plants, new facilities are being commissioned like a fertilizer plant, like the Pyongyang General Hospital. In North Korea, if anything that we observed was an uptick in military exercises, it is only that North Korea continues to test its short-range ballistic missiles without any pause.

The North Korean foreign minister just met with the Russian ambassador to Pyongyang. Kim Jong-un sent a letter to Xi Jinping congratulating him on his handling of the Covid crisis, so nothing unusual is going on.

The irony here of self-isolation

Moreover, in contrast to previous patterns of behavior, North Korea, this time, decided not to be different and adopted the world's best practices in coping with Covid-19. They closed their borders with China and Russia, long before the United States or any European country—as early as January. They imposed a thirty-day quarantine on all foreigners, not just fourteen—a thirty-day quarantine—including diplomatic couriers. The diplomatic couriers remained secluded in a hotel for thirty days. And they ordered everybody to wear masks.

You could see through the media that when Kim Jong-un showed up, the reason he disappeared was because they practiced social distancing—a reasonable choice. Another reason, in my opinion... Look, the guy has been in power for nine years. He is getting comfortable. He is growing into this role. He is comfortable doing things his own way. He no longer wants to go to the mausoleum to pay homage to his grandfather, which in the past he would



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do seven times a year—in February, April, July, September, October, December. . . Now is the time to move on and this is not the first time he is doing something his own way. If anything, the North Koreans are now practicing social distancing at the highest level. In other words—nothing extraordinary for North Korea, which is the epitome of a hermit kingdom and of self-isolation.

I mean, I swear, we always knew that North Korea is a county that practices self-isolation. Now that the rest of the world is discovering the North Korean art of self-isolation, all of a sudden we are shocked [by Kim Jong-un doing it].

Now, sanctions, whether they are affecting the North Korean economy or not are probably affecting them much worse, much more badly, than any Covid- or any pandemic-related closures.

Rumors, only rumors

The big question is: What about Kim Jong-un's health? What about what we keep hearing—all these rumors? Now, my answer to it is... and I know it is a politically incorrect answer and that the newspapers do not want to publish it. (Only one newspaper dared to publish it and was criticized for that.) North Korea has become a target of a malicious disinformation campaign aimed at—one, raising uncertainty, creating chaos and destabilizing the North Korean regime at a time when it was vulnerable, no, believed to be vulnerable. Two, undermining the North Korean regime's international legitimacy, and three, damaging North Korean–South Korean relations, North Korean–US relations and the prospects for dialog and cooperation by trapping the Moon administration and the Trump administration in this big deception.

Now, if we evaluate this Kim-Jong-un's "death" disinformation campaign's results, it depends on the perspec-

tive of the analyst. On the one hand... When you ask yourself the question, Which one is stronger, water or rock? When life places rocks in your path, be the water, as they say, because constant dripping of water will wear away the hardest stone. In English we have the saying, "Little strokes fell great oaks." The masterminds of this disinformation attack on Kim Jong-un, were able to accomplish a few things, probably they are beating their chests and saying, Yes! We did it!

What did they do? First of all, they were able to deflect global attention not only away from the Moon administration's success in managing the Covid-19 crisis to its alleged failure to prepare for the so-called "North Korean contingency." They were also able to deflect the world's attention from the crushing defeat of the opposition party in the South Korean election toward the inability of the Moon administration's to prepare for the "emergency." Second, and more importantly, they were able to hijack the North Korean policy agenda in Seoul and North Korean discourse in the global media for at least two full weeks when they kept telling us that Kim Jong-un was dead and the [North Korean supreme leader] succession was in trouble. They even cooked up, fake media, showing Kim Jong-un's funeral, which is irresponsible, which is outrageous!

What the perpetrators gained

They keep telling us that the Moon administration's North Korean policies and the Trump administration's policies vis-à-vis North Korea are inadequate, that humanitarian intervention is in order and unification preparations—by force—must be made as soon as possible. In the process, the reason they are so happy is because they were able to test the key resonating themes—the most effective tools and the platforms of communication for the spreading of information, to see how that echo chamber



Just as storms bring rainfall to dry areas replenishing plant life, clearing the atmosphere of pollutants and driving hot air away from tropical regions, a good verbal storm can help clear the "air" between people and get our blood moving.



works and what they can achieve with that. That is what they gained. In the meantime, of course, they reminded the world how "fragile" the Kim regime is, how little the world knows about its inner workings and how dangerous it is to leave nuclear weapons in its possession. So, again, if you are a hard-line opponent of the North Korean regime, the latest man-made drip of malicious poison was definitely worth it.

Consider the boomerang effect

On the other hand, if you take a different perspective—basically, what doesn't kill us makes us stronger—Kim Jong-un exhibited yet-another resurrection from the dead, which had a boomerang effect. Hurting the perpetrators of this big lie and strengthening Kim Jong-un in international opinion.

I believe this disinformation campaign actually backfired on its perpetrators. Why? Because not only did it confirm how little the so-called North Korea "experts" actually know about North Korea and how the Kim regime operates, but it also undermined the credibility of the North Korean defectors-turned-politicians and all the "sources" inside North Korea. They just cooked up that stuff.

More importantly, it hurt the reputation of global media outlets when pontificating about the Kim regime and essentially perpetuating that lie and refusing to open the door or give any opportunity to the analysts who basically said "That's nonsense. Nothing is going on." They just wouldn't publish that. These lies also enhance Kim Jong-un's reputation as a superhero, as someone superhuman of sorts, who can come back from the netherworld and rise from the ashes. If anything, they helped the North Korea propaganda machine to take the Kim cult of personality to a higher level.

Now, thank God, these people failed to hurt the personal relationship between Kim Jong-un and President Trump and Kim Jong-un and President Moon and thereby (I believe inadvertently) these people actually improved the prospects for the resumption of bilateral dialog between the US and North Korea... Also they helped, inadvertently, despite their wishes, to improve the prospects for inter-Korean relations in the midterm... especially after the parliamentary elections.

In conclusion, I would like to commend *the Washington Times* newspaper for staying away from the fake-news production, which was directed against inter-Korean reunification, that was directed against the denuclearization process, by those people who perpetrated it. I know who they are; I'm not going to say it on air.

I would like to emphasize the role of UPF as one of the true connectors in the world because the demand for its honest and moral leadership and effective brokering is only going to grow in the post-pandemic world of accelerating deglobalization... growing competing nationalisms, rising fears and growing selfishness. So it is more important than ever to remind humankind that we are one family under God, and if we are connected and collaborate, we will overcome this twenty-first-century plague. Thank you. God bless you. Stay healthy. Stay safe and take care of your loved ones.

Dr. Walsh: Thank you, Dr. Mansourov for that passionate and eloquent talk. You raised a number of issues and addressed them effectively. You particularly brought up the issue of the disinformation campaign and the failure of some of our elite media. You raised many issues and particularly pointed to a role that UPF could play as a civil society, non-governmental organization.... 🙏

Seeking Goodwill Despite Competing Views

By Various Speakers



Dr. Walsh: We have a strong audience of over two hundred participants. I'd like them to have the opportunity to ask some questions. First, would Ambassador DeTrani or Ambassador Chung like to make any brief comment about any remarks your fellow panelists have made?

Ambassador DeTrani: If I may, just one comment: It relates a little to Ambassador Chung. I thought your comments were good. Look, I think we have to be realistic. North Korea has nuclear weapons for survival purposes. For them to give up those weapons would be difficult. We have seen that over the last twenty-six years, and we had some progress. Let's be realistic. The sense we have is that he's [Kim Jong-un's] not going to use them; he's not suicidal. Our Joint Forces with the Republic of Korea, with the Joint Command in Seoul, is powerful. We have joint exercises, so I think Kim Jong-un is a rational actor. We just have to be patient, and we have to work so that he gets his security assurances and the other deliverables that he needs if we expect him to give up all his weapons.

Ambassador Chung: I want to make one comment to Dr. Mansourov. I have no intention to provide disinformation about Kim Jong-un. It is a fact that he has a health problem. There is obvious evidence. Because of the health problem, he is thinking of a possible successor, who will be his sister. His position has been

upgraded and that is preparation. It is obvious. That is clear evidence that Kim Jong-un has a health problem. Another point: North Korea's attitude since 2018 has changed. Now, since they possess nuclear weapons, they have a clear intention to unify Korea in the North Korean style, the North Korean mode. That is obvious. If they have any genuine intention to solve the nuclear issue or to negotiate the nuclear issue, they should revise their constitution. Their constitution says North Korea is a nuclear state. They should at least express a statement [regarding the nuclear issue] and revise their constitution. We don't have that clear evidence.

Dr. Mansourov: Kim Jong-un is thirty-six years old. He weighs a bit more than an average person. I am overweight. I drink. I don't smoke; he does. If we keep talking about his health, his history despite his age—I, too, have a history. For the rest of our lives is that what we are going to be stuck with? This is the fifth or sixth time we have been thrown into this crisis mode, because someone (who I'm not going to name here) planted a story in the newspaper and then orchestrated this whole campaign.

Instead of focusing on a major success story in South Korea the country was able to hold unprecedented elections during an unprecedented crisis—the pandemic. They showed an example to the rest of the world when other countries are talking about canceling elections, postponing elections... Not only was the country able to manage the crisis, produce all the P.P.E. [Personal protective equipment] all the test kits, share them around the world, share their expertise with so many nations, even the United States, while negotiating on so many fronts—the defense talks with the United States, difficult talks with Japan and with China... Instead of giving credit to them, this whole agenda is being hijacked. *TP*



Audience Participation

Dr. Walsh: In the interest of time, I want to move to some questions from the audience. They've waited patiently. I think they have been stimulated by the presentations. (Here are some questions for various speakers.)

WHY DID THE SIX PARTY TALKS FALL APART AND IS REVIVAL OF THE TALKS POSSIBLE?

Joseph De Trani: I hope they could be revived in the future. The Six Party Talks did have success with the Joint Statement of October 19, 2005, when North Korea's Kim Jong-il, the father of Kim Jong-un, submitted to complete verifiable denuclearization in return for security assurances and economic development assistance. It fell apart in 2009 on the issue of verification when North Korea would not sign an agreement to permit monitors, nuclear monitors, to leave the Yongbyon facility to visit non-declared suspect sites and that's almost pro forma. When they did not sign that agreement, things began to fall apart quickly, unfortunately.

QUESTION FOR DR. MANSOUROV: WHAT WOULD A UNIFIED KOREA LOOK LIKE? WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST CHALLENGES OF UNITING THE PEOPLE AFTER SIXTY YEARS OF SEPARATION?

Alexander Mansourov: Do you want me to give an honest answer? My honest answer is, Not in my lifetime. I do not want to daydream.

There are several examples in the past. Vietnam gives us one example. Germany gives another. I hope something along the lines of a Pan-Korean community one day might emerge. We observed in Europe, the nations of Eastern, Central and Western Europe coming together, forming a common market without borders. A unified identity might one day become possible. This is long

sought. I do not think it will happen in Kim Jong-un's lifetime. Being public officials, of course, no North Korean leader can abandon the unification talk, the unification strategy. Just like in South Korea, no political leader in the south can abandon the unification dream.

Realistically, we have two completely different countries with two different economic and political systems. You would even need to merge two different national identities. So (if anything) a process of reconciliation and rapprochement will unfold slowly, gradually. Maybe our grandchildren one day will be fortunate enough to visit a unified Korea, like that united state of Russia and Belarus—another way to go, another potential model.

But definitely not the German way or not the Yemeni way, because we saw what happened in Yemen's reunification. God forbid ending up that way. I am a bit on the pessimistic side.

HOW CAN COUNTRIES THREATENED BY NUCLEAR WEAPONS ENSURE THAT THOSE WEAPONS ARE NEVER USED?

Ambassador Chung: We cannot think about them never using nuclear weapons. We must always think of the one percent chance that they will use them. Because of nuclear weapons and nuclear programs, the attitude of North Korea is drastically changing. We should notice it. That is why we worry about the nuclear aspect. The international community is worried about the spread of nuclear weapons, even to terrorists.

That is why elements of the international community, including UPF, talk about unification, peaceful unification. ... Regarding unification, the successful unification of Germany involved many factors, but the most important international factor was the collapse of the Soviet Union, the weakening of the Soviet Union, which created the

chance for East and West Germany to merge with each other. But in the case of the two Koreas, it is different. Now, China is emerging. Under that circumstance, we cannot expect peaceful unification.

We need to wait until North Korean society changes—the society, not the leader. The society needs to be more mature. The people of North Korea should have a different idea. We have not seen this yet, but I am hopeful because North Korea's distribution system has collapsed, completely collapsed. People in North Korea are living on the market and on information. Mobile phones are spreading enormously. Information is flowing. That is a good factor for us to see change in North Korean society in a mature way. We have to wait until that time.

MIGHT THE US WITHDRAW SOME TROOPS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE DISPUTE OVER SOUTH KOREA'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE BASING OF US FORCES?

Ambassador DeTrani: I hope that's not the case. The Special Measures Agreement (SMA) is an ongoing dialog. The Republic of Korea contributes significantly. We are talking about close to nine hundred million a year. We are talking about that going up to as much as

five billion. There has to be some movement on both sides, and I think we are coming close to reaching a resolution. I don't think the money should be holding the number of troops for the joint command hostage. I think those are two separate issues. We need to resolve the budget issue. We are getting close to resolving it, and the troops—we're talking about twenty-eight thousand, five hundred troops—which is a tripwire. It's also a message to North Korea that the United States and South Korea are close allies and we want a peaceful resolution to issues.

If North Korea should do anything untoward, and hopefully, that is not the case, they are not suicidal... I think we have rational leadership in North Korea, but the US is committed to that and that's where the twenty-eight thousand, five hundred troops are [in or near the Demilitarized Zone]. That [any possible reduction in US troops] has got to be, I think, negotiated separately, depending on what the vagaries are, but I don't think it's related to the financial budgetary issues that we discussed.

Dr. Walsh: That will have to be about it. I'm sorry for all those who submitted questions that we don't have time for both through E-mail and from some of you through chat.



Dr. Walsh: I'm going to ask one last question. It may just be that you repeat something you said earlier, but what would be the one or two steps that you would recommend going forward. Dr. Mansourov, you to some extent answered, but by way of summation I invite each of you to make a final intervention of no more than one minute but just remind us or give us an action step, a call to action.

Ambassador DeTrani: In one minute, I would say that being we that have two declarations, the Panmunjom Declaration and the Singapore Joint Statement and we've had a lot of dialog with Kim Jong-un, I think for President Moon Jae-in and Kim Jong-un could move on into Korean relations, to move in that direction, look into economic integration. I think that's powerful. And for the United States, I think reaching out not only to the ROK and Japan but also to Russia and China. Someone mentioned the Six-Party Talks, I think that was a successful process we had there. Reconstituting something along those lines, so that we could look at a peaceful resolution is a good idea and Ambassador Chung's comments of complete verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, is too, because we certainly don't want nuclear weapons proliferating in the region anywhere. So that's what we're looking at. I think these are achievable, no question, within the next decade.

Ambassador Chung: Thank you very much. This has been an important webinar that has been productive. We should mobilize the older agreements from previous years. These older agreements were not implemented. Because of the lack of North Korean leadership to implement the agreements, particularly from the [February 27–28, 2019] Hanoi Summit meeting, which washed out all possibility of dialog.

As I mentioned earlier, the United States should initiate dialog. Of course, North Korea desperately wants to have dialog with the US president. So, now, no matter what and how much our president, Moon Jae-in, emphasizes the intention of cooperation with North Korea, it is in vain. North Korea despises talk with us,

because their priority is to have improved relations with the United States. So, the United States should initiate all the dialog.

Lastly, as I mentioned, Korea has the historical experience of being victimized because of the friction between powerful countries. So we need to move toward international order, and we want [to experience] the good governance of the international order. So the friction between China and the United States should be addressed. That is important. We have a good indicator: Quite recently, the United States and China agreed to a [previously proposed] trade agreement. That is a good start.

I want to lastly say, regarding UPF's focus on encouraging the United States and the international community to establish good governance and a balanced international order, thank you very much.

Dr. Mansourov: To be honest, it is hard to expect much this year because of the pandemic and the upcoming US elections.... I would recommend that next year, once all the air traffic restrictions are lifted and the social distancing measures are relaxed, that UPF and Mother Moon especially, try to reach out to the North to increase the transparency in the spirit of greater cooperation and reinvigorated reconciliation and basically make an effort to open up North Korea, not only for our members but the rest of the world. UPF must be the just broker, must display moral leadership. Go to North Korea and open up that country for dialog. Dialog along the North–South line and the US line. That's for Mother Moon, really; that's her mission. Next year would be the right time to do it.

Thomas Walsh: Thank you, Dr. Mansourov for that call to action for UPF and the world powers, and I thank all three of our panelists. From the chatter I am reading, the audience is thrilled with your expertise and articulation of the issues. This has been encouraging. You brought honor and dignity to this webinar series. I thank you on behalf of the audience and on the behalf of UPF, and I look forward to our ongoing collaboration. 



The Japanese Sisters' Mission on Kodiak Island, Alaska

By Keiko King





True Father, Joo-chan Choi, president of International Seafoods of Alaska (in the dark blue jacket) and participants in an Ocean Training Workshop came to see the many halibut they had caught laid out together on the floor of Pacific Pearl. Keiko is in the pink sweatshirt.

When True Parents came to Kodiak in 1983, True Father asked the leaders there, How can we make International Seafoods of Alaska (ISA) a successful fish plant? They replied, If Japanese members work in the fish plant, we can do it. True Father accepted that and gave the direction to bring fifty Japanese sisters, between the ages of twenty-three and thirty years old that were blessed to American brothers but had not yet started family life to work in the fish plant. [Forty had been blessed among the July 1, 1982 2,075-couple group in New York and ten were among the October 14, 1982 6,000-couple group in Seoul.]

The leaders in Kodiak were shocked and surprised because they had meant Japanese brothers. Originally, Father brought fifty Japanese sisters to Kodiak in order for us to long for the True Adam, namely Father, and to be born again as representatives of True Mother, being able to give rebirth to our husbands. Father had this hope and educated us. After going through various difficult situations, forty-three of the fifty sisters remained in Kodiak until the end.

A workplace to restore the world

In 1983, the fifty Japanese sisters received assignments to go to Kodiak, Alaska, from all over the United States. Before going to Kodiak, we formed a few teams to do fundraising, and then in the spring of 1984, we came to Kodiak. Our first job was to process huge halibut, however, it was more like pushing and pulling them around. [Some exceed 400 lb.(180 kg)]. In the summer, we processed salmon together with many non-member male workers. In the fall of that year, a few sisters stayed in Kodiak and the rest of us went fundraising again in the mainland US until the next spring.

We repeated this pattern for two years. From 1986, we all started to work year-round in Kodiak. True Father told us, "Cut fish and make the condition for the restoration of humankind." So, we considered our workplace to be an altar on which to make an offering to Heavenly Parent. We worked hard, overcoming our aching bodies and the coldness of winter.

Greater aspirations

At some point in December 1988, if I remember correctly, True Father said

at East Garden that he was going to send the Japanese sisters in Kodiak to the world as missionaries in fisheries in various areas. When I heard this, I was a bit shocked. I was wondering whether I had enough faith to go out as a pioneer. But at the same time, I thought, "If it's True Parents' wish, I would like to do it. If I can have a parent-child relationship with True Parents, I will go anywhere." So, I prayed, "Please let me deeply establish a parent-child relationship with True Parents." Heavenly Parent answered my prayer in the summer of 1989, when True Parents came to Kodiak several times.

I would like to share a few of my experiences with True Parents in that summer of 1989. I believe that it was on True Parents' first visit to Kodiak in 1989 that True Father and leaders who were attending the Ocean Training Workshop caught many halibut in one day. That night I was cleaning those halibut with a couple of other sisters. From seeing so many halibut spread all over the floor in Pac Pearl [Pacific Pearl, the largest fish processing facility on Kodiak Island, which ISA bought in 1986] I was thinking to myself, "Wow, they caught so many! If True Father sees them, he will be excited



The "tiny, tiny halibut" that made this personal photograph with True Father possible.

and happy!" I was smiling to myself. Then there was a telephone call from North Garden [True Parents' residence when they were in Kodiak]. "True Father is coming to Pac Pearl right now to check the plant." True Father had already come to see Pac Pearl from corner to corner. Why was he coming in the middle of the night when the plant was not operating? I understood immediately that he had caught my thinking. How excited and happy he would be if he were to see so many halibut on the floor. True Parents know even the corners of our minds.

Fishing with True Father

Before True Parents came in July or August, I heard that True Father had said, "Be a person who is able to carry the cross of the Lord during his Second Advent." Even though I did not understand how heavy the cross was and what carrying it entailed, I prayed, clenching my teeth and trembling.

I was assigned to clean North Garden before True Parents came. When True Parents arrived at North Garden we greeted them in the entrance area of the house. I bowed to True Parents, looking downwards, while waiting for them to go up-

stairs. I felt Father's gaze. When I lifted my face, I found that True Father was looking at me. I thought it was my misunderstanding and looked down again, but True Father was still gazing at me. "Why me?" I thought. I felt a desire to hide in some hole. I thought later that True Father must have heard my prayer.

That evening I felt a longing for True Father and wanted to see him very much. So, early the next morning, I went to the ISA dock to catch a glimpse of him before he left to go fishing. When True Father was preparing to leave with Mr. Joo-chan Choi and David Rogers (who was the driver of True Father's boat), True Father asked Mr. Choi if I could go fishing with them. From the boat, Mr. Choi shouted to me, "King-san, can you go fishing with Father right now?" I hesitated for a moment. It is cold at sea even in summertime. I was not wearing proper fishing attire. What would I do if I needed to go to the bathroom on the boat, etc.? But I brushed off those ideas and thought that I would regret it all my life if I said no. I answered immediately, "Yes I can." I ran and picked up rain gear and boots, and even went to the toilet.

When I got to True Father's boat,

the other boats had left the dock and were waiting for Father's boat to leave. The Japanese leaders in the other boats were all wondering whom True Father was waiting for, and who was the guy that came to his boat. I was wearing a rain gear jacket and hat. I do not think they recognized me at all. In the boat, I did not know how I should act in front of True Father. However, True Father was in a picture with me when I caught a tiny, tiny halibut, so I have a keepsake.

An intense fishing tournament

On Aug 31, 1989, True Parents held a ceremony, *Pal Jong Shik*, in Kodiak, Alaska. Due to True Parents' victory, we received the grace that we could participate with them. At the end of the ceremony, True Parents posed for pictures with Japanese sisters in groups of three or four at a time.

After my opportunity to go fishing with True Father, he decided that he would take twelve sisters to go fishing with him, one at a time. He held a lottery to pick the twelve. One Sunday morning, we were listening to True Father's speech after Pledge Service. That day, one of those twelve sisters was going out to fishing with True Father. Somehow, I wanted to go



Keiko receiving the prize money for having caught two silver salmon and the largest salmon

fishing again with True Father that morning. I felt bad because I thought I was greedy to want to go again. Then, True Father said, "OK today, Japanese sisters, have a fishing tournament. Go to the river and catch two silver salmon. I will give a prize to the sister who catches two silver salmon and has the biggest one." I thought he knew my heart and let us have a fishing tournament. I was happy.

Fortunately, that day I did not have work, so from the morning I was very enthusiastic about fishing and decided to go to the Buskin River. I went there by van with the other sisters. I was planning to fish in the river, so I wore hip boots. But soon I found my hip boots had a hole in them and I had to go back to the bunk house to change my clothes. I returned to the Buskin River, and around 2:00 PM, I finally caught my first fish. After that I tried and tried, but I could not catch a second one. I desperately wanted to catch two silver salmon, because True Father said so. I went to different spots on the river, but I still could not catch my second fish. It became dark and the moon rose over the river. Now they told us that the last van to go back to the bunk house was leaving soon. I was walking along the river, carrying my

fishing pole on my shoulder, somehow still hoping. Then I heard the splashing sound of fish coming up the river. OK, this was my last chance. I cast my line. I got a fish on and I caught my second one at the very last moment as True Father had instructed. It turned out that one of my two salmon was the biggest one. So, I received the prize from True Father at midnight a few days later. Through this experience, I was taught that when we give 100 percent to follow True Parent's directions without giving up, Heaven helps us and we can bring the victory.

Recently, I found out from the sister who went fishing with True Father that day that he himself invested so much effort to catch two silver salmon. When True Mother sent Mr. Yoshihisa Inoue [who ultimately was vice-president of ISA] to ask True Father to come back to North Garden by midnight, he did not move an inch and just continued fishing. I now understand that because of True Parents' most sincere dedication, I could catch two salmon. My effort was 5 percent and True Parents had already prepared everything else in order to give grace to their child. I repent now that I did not understand True Parents' hearts very well.

During True Parents' last visit in 1989, True Father gave us money to help us to go our mission countries. True Parents' parental heart toward the sisters was incredible and amazing. To my wonder, I felt True Father's love coming like heat from a stove or direct from the sun onto my skin. The more I recall, the more I remember that our True Parents came into contact with each one of the sisters very personally and spiritually to bond with us as parent and child.

We were eye-witnesses to True Parents' dedication to the ocean providence, and we received an ocean providence mission from them. Therefore, wherever we go, we have been interested in the ocean. I feel now that even though True Parents poured abundant love upon me, I had such a small container to receive it. I am still striving to grow.

We are truly grateful and eternally indebted to True Parents who have brought all the victories. And thank you, True Father— for having True Mother remain with us right now on earth. *TP*

Mrs. King and her husband are managers of a fish business in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Come Closer to True Parents through Korean

By Daniela Alejandra Aldasoro Guerra





Out of a desire to come closer to True Parents, the writer entered a Sun Moon University Korean language program. She is in the bottom row, fifth from the left.

I was born in 1999 as the daughter of a blessed couple; my parents had received the blessing in 1992 in Seoul. My father is Argentinean, my mother Ecuadorian. I was born in Quito, Ecuador, but during my childhood I moved to Argentina.

When I graduated from high school, I joined STF-Europe (Special Task Force), which is a program for blessed children and a few first-generation members. STF's vision is for those in the second generation to establish their identity more deeply as Heavenly Parent's children and to take ownership of Heavenly Parent's dream.

One of the main reasons I decided to join the program was because I wanted to work on my faith—a faith that I began to have thanks to my parents but which I knew I personally had to possess more deeply. During my first and second years in the program, I was able to experience and understand Heavenly Parent's and our True Parents' loving hearts in ways that I had never done before. This came to me through periods of fundraising, witnessing, social projects and seminars in which each day my understanding, gratitude and love for True Parents and Heavenly Parent grew.

During my second year on STF, I

had the opportunity to do witnessing in Ukraine. There, through witnessing to local people, being with my team and the local leaders, I deeply understood that if I want to make Heavenly Parent and True Parents happy, I must learn their language. For many years in my life, I had heard that we should learn Korean, but at those times, I did not understand the importance of it and what it entails. Because of my experiences in Ukraine, I was finally began to feel the urgency of learning Korean.

During the two-year program, we were happy and blessed to be able to help in different events that included our True Mother. I remember True Mother asking during her talks, especially the ones directed toward young people, if we were going to learn her language. We always promised her we would. I made the decision to come to Korea to study her language, and thanks to her, was able to receive a scholarship. My desire is to be able to unite with her and with Heavenly Parent.

Thanks to my experiences in the program, I was able to understand that the only way I can feel happiness and peace is by helping in the fulfillment of Heavenly Parent's will. I understood that this was the best way to go, to

work hard to fulfill Heavenly Parent's ideal, for which true Mother needs us—first-, second- and third-generation youth—to all take responsibility. At the moment, I am at Sun Moon University's Korean Language Institute, because like every child who wants to communicate with his or her parents, I need to learn their language to understand them better. The Korean language is Heavenly Parent's heart language; it is the language with which our beloved True Mother hopes to communicate with us.

Beginning to study

I arrived in Korea last February 29, in the midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic. I did not know if I would be able to enter Korea, since many countries were contemplating closing their borders and their airports. Still in my heart I knew I was making the right decision in coming here to study, so I took the flight.

In the beginning, after constantly doing various activities within the STF program, getting used to concentrating completely on studying was difficult for me. These were months in which I was able to experience a lot of love and joy, but I also experienced a big internal struggle due to external situations, since none of us had ever



Daniela is just in front of avid cyclist and Peace Road coach Allan Hokanson.

imagined what was going to happen and what studying and living together would be like.

It has been four and a half months since I arrived in Korea, and I feel that time is passing quickly. Until now it has been a period of constant growth. I am grateful to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for this opportunity.

Although the Korean language is something completely different from anything else that I know, I want to try my best to learn True Parents' language and to understand our True Parents' hearts deeply, so I can convey their hearts to others. I want to help to fulfill True Mother's and Heavenly Parent's ideal. Therefore, I desire to enter the university that True Mother inaugurated (unofficially) as the Cheon Il Guk National University, knowing that True Mother has great hope for us to be part of it, for us to understand her heart and Heavenly Parent's heart and for us to return joy to our Heavenly Parent. That is why she has been investing in education for us.

A struggle with priorities

At this time, in addition to the study of Korean, the international students can participate in Peace Road 2020, which will take place in August. It will be a nine-day bike ride from

Busan to the border between North Korea and South Korea, at the DMZ. We hope to set a good condition that can accelerate Korea's reunification.

At the beginning, I was a worried about my studies, because to participate required time for training and practicing before the event. I was confused about whether I was making the right decision to participate in the Peace Road event or if I should completely focus on the study of Korean. Months before, I had been wondering how (rather than just studying) I could help the providence beyond studying. I felt that the study alone was difficult, though I knew it was my responsibility at the moment.

We have constantly heard our True Parents talk about the unification of the two Koreas. I felt that I could only pray for that at this time, because physically we are not able to do much about it, but when this opportunity arose to participate in Peace Road, I volunteered, even if I was not quite sure if it was up to me to do it or not.

During the first training session, I still wondered if it was what I should do. Not until I attended a day of training did I ask Heavenly Parent, while bike riding, how he felt and if I should do it, how I could make him happier. Just after finishing a prayer,

the elder Peace Road trainer and I started talking. He told me about his experiences in previous years with Peace Road and his experiences with Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I focused, because I like to hear stories of people who have different life experiences. He told me many experiences he had had with True Father. We were talking about various issues and without knowing it, he had answered the prayer that I had just offered minutes ago. "True Father," he said, "put me in places because he wanted me to be there. True Father wants you here; that's why you're here today. Now you just have to take responsibility."

It did not take long for the clear answer to appear. At the same time, I understood once again that one of Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' greatest wishes is for the reunification of the Koreas and that for many years they have been investing and offering so much devotion to achieve this.

A way to connect to True Parents

So far, we have been doing several types of training—studying, learning the language and deepening our understanding of True Parents' teachings every week. Although we often feel tired physically due to the training, knowing the training's purpose gives us joy. With the passage of time, the activities and the schedule are reverting, little by little, to what they were before the worldwide pandemic began. We, the new students, are grateful that we are learning many new things regarding the Korean language.

Finally, I want to thank Heavenly Parent and True Parents for all the love received during these last months. In this way, I will conclude. I want to address especially young people like me, who desire to learn Korean or who want to help True Parents: Together we can do it! Keep pushing and keep investing in learning True Parents' language. It is worth it, and it is important, not only for us but for many people who need to listen to True Parents' teachings. That is the true way for us to learn from our True Parents' mother tongue and to continue, with hope and determination, to give our best for the fulfillment of vision 2027 from wherever Heavenly Father allow us to do it. 

Consciously Choosing the Harder Path

By Olga Bolocan





Some of her spiritual children during an eighth-day dedication ceremony of one of the Bolocan's children

I joined the Unification Church in 1994 at the age of seventeen as a student of Tallinn Technical University. God gave me the mission to witness many times, so I luckily had many chances to discover the influence of indemnity conditions on people's lives.

Sometimes I met very good people on the street that promised to come and who seemed prepared to hear Divine Principle and change their lives. Most of the time, these people did not come. I repented with tears for not having made enough indemnity conditions and then made some extra conditions for such people—cold showers, skipping dinner or anything else that required physical self-denial.

Once, my central figure sent me to visit one of our guests that had broken a leg and had stayed at home for a few weeks. On the way there, a sister approached me and asked me whether I am from CARP or not. She said that I had invited her a long time ago and that now she finally had time to come. She took our address and phone number and came the next day. About a month later, she joined. She always has been consistent and devoted in her life of faith. After such experiences, I realized that I do not choose the people who join. God uses our sincere efforts to save somebody's spiritual life.

I also discovered that one always is asked to choose between an easier and a harder way in everyday life. Every one of my decisions made a direct impression on people to whom I witnessed. If I was sick and chose to relax and asked somebody else to take care of my guest, my guest would call me and refuse to come to the lecture, giving some excuse, of course. If I chose the harder, more sacrificial way, I saw that based on that, God was giving my guests strength and courage to make the right decisions in their spiritual lives.

I also realized how important it is to move God's heart by changing myself through repentance. Once I witnessed for a few months and nobody joined. I had a stable schedule and witnessed from morning until night, usually alone, day after day. Our national leader, Mr. Hinterleitner gave internal guidance once a week. In one lecture, he said that True Father seldom praises people because from God's point of view no one among fallen people is worthy of praise; no one has done enough. Those words cut me like a knife. I realized that during the previous months I was content with myself and believed that I was doing more than enough. I realized how arrogant and improper my attitude was; tears flowed. I went to the holy ground for a long time to pray and cry. I felt ashamed in front of God and I was willing to do anything to correct the improper attitude I had had during the past few months. With such a heart, I went to witness and the second person I approached was an Estonian brother. He said that he did not know much about God, but he was looking for people who could help him to discover God. This brother joined after a few weeks and moved into the center.

Sometimes, I would not meet a prepared person for a long time, but I repeatedly read Father's speeches; from these I learned that if we did not restore people, it is not their fault, nor is it our city's fault. The root of the problem lies within us, within our limitations to love. After reading this, there was no way I could make excuses for myself if none of my guests was joining. What True Father had said helped me to take responsibility for guests and for those people

who promised on the street that they would come to the center. In such a frame of mind, I witnessed to eight people who remain in the church and have maintained their spiritual lives to this day. I often feel sorry for not being serious enough, because if I had been more serious, more people could have remained in the church. I have always felt that witnessing is a great support for my own personal life. However difficult were the situations that I faced, I feel that each of my steps influenced somebody's spiritual life and this thought gave me the strength to go on and not to give up.

I have not yet found a way to witness after having children. To witness to relatives or acquaintances seems as difficult to me as climbing Mt. Everest. But I do like to help take care of those in our second generation as much as I can; I feel it is also a means of witnessing, even though it takes years to see the fruits of these efforts. Blessed children are our church's future, which is why I find it very important to invest in them. This is what inspires me most nowadays. *✠*

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In front of the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral while witnessing in the Old Town section of Tallinn (pictured in the title-page photograph)



Acting on Faith in the Power of Divine Principle

Arcanjo Espindola did a twenty-one-year hoondokhae condition that began before Father introduced the hoondokhae tradition. He has focused his life on helping people in his native Brazil extricate themselves from a wide range of difficulties by having them interact seriously with God's word. True Parents, having heard about Arcanjo's efforts, invited him to Korea for the 2011 Day of All True Things. The following Sunday, June 5, at Mother's request, Arcanjo gave the sermon at the two main Sunday services at Cheon Bok Gung in Seoul. We present here a portion of his Sunday sermon, followed by testimonies from then vice-president (now president) of our church in Brazil, a bit from Arcanjo's wife Jenifer and from some of his spiritual children.

I joined the church at the age of thirty-three. I was a businessman and owned a construction company, which I gave up after a seven-day workshop in order to follow True Parents. I became a full-time member. I have been a missionary and a state leader of Santa Catarina in Brazil.

When I met the church, I had a heart problem, and the doctors said I would only live a short time. Four years later, after dedicating myself to God's providence, I passed by the hospital where I had been treated. The doctor found I no longer had the heart problem. He said he didn't believe in God, but that he was forced to believe that this was a miracle because I was completely cured. I testified that I was following True Parents and that they had transformed not only my life but also my health.

I have been doing tribal messiah work for twenty-one years. For seven years, I offered special conditions of jeongseong by fasting every Friday and eating only one meal, after 5 PM, on the other days. I also took a cold shower every day. Understanding that I am a sinner, I made these special conditions to remove these sins. Through doing twenty-one years of hoondokhae for ninety minutes day, I changed my life completely.

I made conditions to help people, and I kept studying and praying. I asked True Parents to show me how to help people restore themselves more quickly. True Father appeared to me in a dream. He told me to read the Divine Principle for seventy-two minutes a day. I found that I could change people so they would become better and solve their own problems. And when Father changed hoondokhae to ninety minutes, I also changed to ninety minutes.

I had financial difficulties and began to sell the Divine Principle book. I had been giving it away, but people did not read it or take it seriously. When I began selling it, people began to read it and then change their lives, because they had made a condition to restore themselves. I sold four thousand Divine Principle books. One day, a company bought a hundred. I started selling the book for \$20, but now I sell it for \$35. I do a condition of hoondokhae with people first and then I sell them a copy of the book. We read together aloud. Everybody reads, and I explain whatever people don't understand. As they start understanding the Principle, they become members of the movement.

I give people conditions to read Divine Principle for ninety minutes every day for between one and fifteen years. When they do the conditions, old people become younger; people become healthier and more prosperous in everything they do. In twenty years, more than a hundred people have gotten off drugs and they still do hoondokhae.

I have seven hundred and twenty families in my tribe. One hundred and twenty among these



Arcanjo with a doctor he had helped and her husband on their way up to the statue of Christ the Redeemer, high above Rio De Janeiro and Guanabara Bay

believe in True Parents and in the Principle. One city councilor did a reading condition for fifteen years. He read Divine Principle three hundred and sixty times. I did a condition for twenty-one years and I continue to read Divine Principle. The more we read Principle, the more we understand the value of True Parents, and the more victory we will have. True Father says that if we change, everything around us changes.

Father went through a lot of suffering to reach the level he is at. He has opened an extraordinary path for us.... We have a tendency to want our brother, our wife, our child to change. But through the Divine Principle, I learned that I have to change, to perfect myself, to become a better brother, better husband, better family member, better friend. When you change, you become an example so that others can change. You can become an example so that others can follow True Parents, and you can be an example of someone who has changed the world.

Brazil church president Koichi Sasaki testifies

Arcanjo wakes up at 4:30 every morning and usually holds a hoondokhae session with his family and two other church members. Sometimes, guests or new members come to join the session and more than ten people may be present. From 5 AM to 7 AM, they read the Divine Principle and Arcanjo gives explanations about what they have read. At 7 AM, others come to his home and he holds another Divine Principle hoondokhae session lasting one to two hours in a similar fashion, and afterward, he gives guidance about leading a life of faith or advice on life in general when they ask for it.

These hoondokhae sessions are not exclusively for mornings; some people come during the day while others come in the evening. Some come so late that hoondokhae goes on until 2 AM. The guests have experienced having their problems in life solved through hoondokhae and have had surprising results. A blind person had her sight restored. A woman that had frequently been admitted to mental hospitals has now not been in a hospital for more than ten years. Other people have become free of drugs or alcohol. Conjugal, physical or financial problems have been solved in ways that surprised even Arcanjo. These people bring new people to his home, and sometimes as many as thirty people congregate there. Because so many people wanting advice on life visit him or call him from other cities, he is busy all day long in his witnessing work.

Arcanjo deeply understands others' difficulties in life. He counsels them with patience and nurtures them, one by one, with love. At the same time, he makes them set a strict condition of reading



Pastor Espindola giving a sermon at Cheon Bok Gung; Koichi Sasaki, then vice-president of Brazilian church, interpreted Portuguese to Korean. Mrs. Espindola, inside a booth, interpreted her husband's sermon into English. The Arcanjos had personally met True Parents two days earlier.

the Divine Principle. He thus helps them resolve their own problems. Those who have accepted True Parents include people from all backgrounds, religions and ideologies, from shop assistants and housewives to politicians, judges, journalists, lawyers, professors, public prosecutors, bankers, councilors, a senator, a state governor, businessmen, federal policemen, doctors, engineers, army officers and so on. All of them have set the indemnity condition strictly of reading the Divine Principle for one and a half hours every day for their ancestors, because they are experiencing many positive changes in their lives. These people have continued to read the Divine Principle for several years, and some have attended the seven-day workshop in São Paulo. Arcanjo also guides those suffering from cancer, or that desire to solve other problems, to think of the people they have felt hatred for in their lives, and to forgive them.

In a recent sermon [in Brazil] he said, "I began my work based on what True Father said to me in a dream. Now I find that I have witnessed to hundreds of families without my knowing it. Among those, I will continue to teach a core group more thoroughly, to prepare them for the era of registration and return glory to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Now that I have reached the end of my twenty-one-year course as a tribal messiah, I find it has been a time of gratitude and nothing else, where I loved each and every one of my guests and experienced personal growth in the process."

Jenifer Espindola, Arcanjo's Wife

My husband has an incredible gift to give, to live for the sake of others. He accepts and loves people for who they are, rather than fighting with them over points they might not accept. He allows them to discover for themselves what is right about Divine Principle.

Gelásio de Sousa

Everything started in 1995, when I heard about Mr. Espindola and his work with Divine Principle through a neighbor. I had been married for five years but my life had not taken off; everything had gone wrong. I did not have my own house and could barely support myself and my wife. I believed in what Pastor Arcanjo was saying and began to read the Divine Principle every day. I



From left: Clarisséia and Fernanda, two young women who were then living with the Espindolas, Mrs. Hyun-soon Lim, a national messiah to Brazil and another Brazilian member

started to understand how much my life was changing, financially and professionally. Today I am on my third mandate as a city councilor in my city and I am Health Secretary for the second time. I never imagined that I would reach these positions and would be considered as a candidate for mayor. For me it is a great happiness that God has put this man in my path. I have received all possible blessings.

Sueli Herclano Elizio

I have been on this path for eleven years, reading the Divine Principle for ninety minutes every day, and I still have a lot of work to do. On this journey, I have had many experiences and feel that the Principle has helped me and those around me. My nephew had a serious illness in the intestines and the doctors had given up hope. The daughter of a friend was lost in drugs but our prayer and reading of Divine Principle helped these people completely, my nephew is growing up strong and healthy, and my friend's daughter is completely free of drugs.

Clarisséia

I met the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification through my sister Fernanda. Her joy and willingness to read the Divine Principle made me feel the desire to meet Pastor Arcanjo and learn about his religion. I learned many things about the Divine Principle through his style of educating people in his simple and humble way.

I made an effort to maintain discipline every day, dedicating myself more to my responsibility toward God through the Divine Principle and learning more from True Parents' wise teachings about the family and the world. Because I have let God's love enter my heart, the empty space which was there has disappeared. I am living in Arcanjo's house. I do hoondokhae every day and read the Divine Principle for ninety minutes a day. I am grateful for the dedication they have to helping me and the people who visit us every day. *☞*

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