
As I Can See

Compilation 1

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World

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The world is changing and in its constant renewal we, as humans tend to be scared of the beauty of winds, rains, storms, large waves and extreme heats and so on...

We should be like the sea, the ocean: renewing always, in this way living for itself and all the creatures around.

Love is series of unselfish deeds, forgetting the ego, and giving again, unconditionally.

It's not sacrifice, it is life, it is love.

JD

Heaven

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We are bond to Heaven.

All of us.

We tend to depart but always do return. Some at the hospital having serious illness, some after an accident, some in a broken down relationship, some in the death bed, some at the turning points of life...

...and some breath with gratitude at childbirth, a successful change of life, an avoided accident, a cured sickness, a family reunion, a carrier change, an accomplished task, a beautiful scenario, a delicious food, a cold or hot drink – ways, events to unite ourselves and with this unified soul/mind-body, we feel, always feel something unexpressable, something greater than life. Gratitude, heart centered thoughts and desires – chance to open up for Heaven.

Understanding, generous understanding forms the path we all take.

For this, Heaven ceaselessly makes efforts in our life.

Salvation is not escaping, though. Only conscious people with deep, heartistic attitude can find Heaven in their and others' life. Are we?

Are we like newly born children to wander around without prejudice? Accepting everything is given and learning ways to express our gratitude, appreciation, our love?

Do we have a clear, purified spot in our heart, our tranquility, where we can invite God to stay?

Heaven is not everywhere in this world.

Heaven can be anywhere in this world.

Now.

JD

Heaven is here

Posted on March 17, 2013

We live at the end of human history.

Certainly, every end is a new beginning, like at a childbirth, like passing to the spirit world, our eternal homeland.

We are here to develop our character with ceaseless deeds for others' benefits.

Living for the sake of others.

We are living in the most precious era ever in God's Providence, when we can breathe the air together with **the living Messiah, the Lord of the Second Advent, the King of Kings, the True Parents of Heaven and Earth and Humankind.**

Meeting the Messiah up to a lot of things, starting with our good ancestors, and absolutely good spirits, the good spirit world, the way how we conduct our life, and so on.

However, what we do with this **Truth** is up to us.

We are responsible to change and transform the world. Starting in ourselves, establishing a Godlike give-and-take action between our mind and body, centered on **True Love**, and reflecting it to our spouse, children, family, neighborhood, society, nation, country and world, to the entire Universe. Like cells, we must connect and live for each other, creating organs and a whole body.

We know from physics, mathematics, biology, and all the sciences, the ultimate big is the ultimate small, and the ultimate small is the ultimate big.

We just discover the nature and characteristics, the mysteries of the life, this Blessed Planet, the Universe, our existence, towards to the **Absolute Being**, called in any name in the Earth, **Heavenly Father**.

What we do now is more important.

We have no choices. We are linked to the fallen human history through our blood-lineage, and we must finish restoration, started unimaginably long time ago,

causing inexpressible, indescribable suffering, pain and grief to our Parent, our Eternal Father and Mother, **God**...

Still, He is with us, and lives for us, each of us, for our children, and our family, our well-being, worrying and loving carefully in each and every moment of His eternal existence.

He is omnipotent, omniscient, eternal and living character the same way.

He is like us.

He loves us.

But he will never be able to break the rules of the Creation, created by Him.

Only because of us.

He wants, desires, longs us to inherit his Creation, growing into matured co-creators. That's why, He gave us human responsibility, to all of us. Each of us. Everything is growing automatically in this world, even our body, except our heart and mind. It has to be guided by our consciousness to lead us grown up, matured, responsible, Godlike beings. Sons and daughters of him. This is not just an utopia, this is not just a dream. This is not foolish or crazy. This is the most serious and important thing ever in our life, in our ancestors' life, in our descendants' life. Nothing is more important than this.

What we do is up to us.

Meeting the **Living Messiah, the Embodiment of our Eternal Parent, Heavenly Father** is the greatest **Heavenly Fortune** has ever could happened to us.

What we do now is up to us.

Heaven is here.

We must live it.

JD

Path we take

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All of us take a different path to the same location.

We all desire “home”, a place we can settle, being embraced in the bosom of our Eternal Parent.

Some of us may not realize this, however there is no other way: either we start to live or continue our well-known and partly inherited partly self-developed agony.

We have eyes to be blind instead of filling our soul and mind with the beautiful scenario of the Life in and around ourselves.

Where shall we face, which direction?

Towards the Sun where there is no shadow.

**This is our shelter, our cradle.
The Heart of Heavenly Father.**

JD

Connection to God

Posted on March 19, 2013

It just came to my mind again, how people lost their connection to God.

I do mean the real, living partner, who is in me, you, each and every of us, and we are supposed to live in and with and by *Him*.

When we are hopeless we have no place for Heavenly Father in us.

When we rejoice without sharing it with Him, we steal the life, the breath from Him.

When we deny, and our intellect overcomes our shimjung (center of our original heart) we fail to live, we die.

Among the zombies, the living dead bodies, who we are without True Parents, Heavenly Father ceaselessly search even the tiniest life-signals to resurrect us.

Our hearts started to beat by Him.

We had Him.

And now, we just kill Him and True Parents through our own agony, day by day.

This must be stopped.

This is who we are: the Reborn.

Thus, let us live, and let God and True Parents live in us, and dwell all around.

JD

Love is an Action

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Love is an Action.

Action of ceaseless giving, *when we forget we gave and give again*, not thinking of “reality” concepts and others’ talk.

It is like when a mother feeds her baby, it is like when a child serves the parents as the greatest happiness.

Like **God** loves us all, *unconditionally*, watching each of our steps in the life, praying for us, crying for us, establishing and upholding the whole Universe for us, protecting us, praising us, lifting us, giving us the life of joy and happiness... and all these make him joyful and happy, filled with unconditional, *absolute Love*.

Love is beyond all the human knowledge and science, however, in the same way, every single steps of our life is included, can be included...

JD

Salt and the Lake

Posted on March 21, 2013

One old and wise monk accepted a young monk as his disciple.

This disciple, however, constantly complained about anything and everything.

One morning the old monk called his disciple and told him to bring a handful of salt. He had the disciple to pour the salt into a cup of water and drink the water. The disciple put a scowl on his face and drank the water.

The old monk asked: "How was it?"

"It tasted salty." replied the disciple in a somewhat angry voice.

The old monk then told his disciple to bring another handful of salt and took him to the lake. He grasped his disciple's hand which had the salt, placed his hand into the lake and stirred the waters.

A while later the old monk scooped a cup of water from the lake and had his disciple drink it.

"How was it?"

"It was refreshing."

"Did it taste salty?"

"No..."

*The old monk explained: the pain we experience in life is like untainted salt. The extent of its saltiness, however, differs depending on the container. If you find yourself in pain, **stop being like a cup and instead strive to be like a lake...***

Life and death

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What is the difference between life and death?

Decided in the time of agony.

Suffering, pain, grief, sorrow – parts of our nature. Sometimes, they are so deeply engraved into our bone marrow, we live like it was natural. Grief, sorrow, pain, agony became our blood cells.

We receive, inherit and we cause, pass them on. The result is the same, historical cycle – accepted sorrow, pain, agony and grief. Routine, day by day, our comfort zone in the life, at least we got used to them...

Nature gives sunshine, and also time for growing at night. We are woken up by nightingale songs in the dawn, having a promise to be cared of. The upcoming day is always a fresh start for a humble repentance, a relieved breath, a joyful smile, a hopeful heart. Our Heavenly Parent is waiting for each and every of us, with the greatest gifts of the world!

We, as humans, are part of the Universe. We are all the part of it, and its elements can be found in us. We are all the same world, with the same differences.

We clearly can find happiness, joy, gratitude, sensitivity in our body, these are also our blood cells, these are also in our bone marrow.

And God knows this. He wants to relate us through positive thinking, heartfelt attitude, sincerity, devotion, joy, laugh, fun, beauty – passing through all of our senses. This is how He wants us to be alive, this is the way how He embraces us when we need so.

In every single minute, He wants to Live with and by Us.

JD

Prayer on temptations

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As I can see, I am tempted. Again, ceaselessly. The ‘passed’ and ‘gone’ were easy thoughts. Oh, guide me, Father! Let me be able, help me to be able to see as you do, to feel as you feel, to act as your heart suggests! In this silent prayer you know my cry, You know it all too well... How could I help you, Father? I am speechless. Like you. So many things just happened to you in all these years we know each other and beyond memories, you endured the pain and sorrow, you survived the grief, agony. Father! You have lost more than I ever had. Your children denied you... You were abandoned, still you kept on trying to rescue all of us in the history, you have never wanted to leave anyone behind... you are great, Father! You are truly great!...

...and where do I go? Sinking in my own troubles, the never-ending storm in the sea of life... You taught me not to be afraid in front of the waves, you still stand beside me to catch me if I fall...when I fall...

Father! You have always been near, caring of my beloved ones, caring of me... You have never fallen asleep, you protected me, but I failed during the vigils, fasts and prayers. You conduct an exemplary life with such an attitude – how far I am. You are with me even I do not let you, you never abandon me, even I do it so, with you...

I want to serve your trust, I want to live with you, reborn always in your bosom! It's not the glory, it's hardly the holy, somewhere away. It's You, Your Blessing, Your Mercy, Your Grace.

I just want to live with you, offering a shelter in me.

Father! You don't need to go away, anymore! You are home with me!

Let me be able to say this for you one day...

Thank You, Father!

Thank you!

JD

Salt of the earth and light of the world

Posted on March 26, 2013

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:13-16

The true disciple

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“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord’ and not do what I say?”

Everyone who comes to me and listens to my words and acts on them – I will show you what he is like. He is like the man who when he built his house dug, and dug deep, and laid the foundations on rock; when the river was in flood it bore down on that house but could not shake it, it was so well built. But the one who listens and does nothing is like the man who built his house on soil, with no foundations: as soon as the river bore down on it, it collapsed; and what a ruin that house became!”

Luke 6:46-49

Almsgiving in secret

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“Be careful not to parade your good deeds before men to attract their notice; by doing this you will lose all reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give alms, do not have it trumpeted before you; this is what the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win men’s admiration. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing; your almsgiving must be secret, and your Father who sees all that is done will reward you.”

Matthew 6:1-4

God and money

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“No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.”

Matthew 6:24

Compassion and generosity

Posted on March 31, 2013

“Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.”

Luke 6:36-38

How much God loved Jesus?

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All the way until the peak moment of dying on the cross, Jesus lived as an incarnation of God, directly practicing and revealing God's love. His life was a suffering course all along which he fought with Satan. But why did God let Satan take his life on the cross? It is not because God did not love Jesus. God loved Jesus, and do you know how much He loved him? You should know that it is after overcoming death that you receive the highest love of God. Hence, you should have an ardent heart that you can even go over the hill of death in order to receive the love of Jesus, who came to represent God.

(Father's Words on the Divine Principle – I, p.84)

The lost sheep

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“What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbors? ‘Rejoice with me,’ he would say ‘I have found my sheep that was lost’. In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.”

Luke 15:4-7

God and humans

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Wherever humans are, God is with them. He goes all day long from the early morning until the late night and watches their sleep. He is with the newborn baby, helping the first breath, He is with the elderly ones, easing their pass away. He is at the decisions, with a clear sight, when the failures and successes are, at the meals and in the bathroom, in the nature during a walk, in a loveful moment and in the tears. Every work what humans do can be with Him, every kiss can represent Him. He is never away, never far and not only with others... He is with every human being.

You, me, each and every one of us.

It matters

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It matters who we are. It does matter. We are who we think we are. Our deeds are imperfect, however no-one can judge us, since nobody is a completed person, only our Heavenly Parent and His true sons and daughters have a perfected character. We cannot claim we are like Jesus, if we really look at our thoughts, emotions, feelings, attitude, viewpoint and what we do, how we talk, we cannot compare ourselves for saying we are the Savior. Our happiness, the joyful time passes with the time, showing our imperfection. And yet, humbleness is not slavery. We are destined to resemble to God, our Heavenly Parent. Paths we choose depend on us, taking longer or shorter time of our life. At the end, we will all arrive to the bosom of God. Eternal happiness, eternal joy, eternal love – eternal life. It matters who we are, it does. Everything starts with our thoughts, our way of thinking.

JD

The barren fig tree withers. Faith and prayer

Posted on April 9, 2013

“As he was returning to the city in the early morning, he felt hungry. Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it and found nothing on it but leaves. And he said to it, ‘May you never bear fruit again’; and at that instant the fig tree withered. The disciples were amazed when they saw it. ‘What happened to the tree’ they said ‘that it withered there and then?’ Jesus answered, ‘I tell you solemnly, if you have faith and do not doubt at all, not only will you do what I have done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Get up and throw yourself into the sea’, it will be done. And if you have faith, everything you ask for in prayer you will receive’.”

Matthew 21:18-22

Parable of the conscientious steward

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“What sort of servant, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master’s arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you solemnly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the dishonest servant who says to himself, ‘My master is taking his time’, and sets about beating his fellow servants and eating and drinking with drunkards, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

Matthew 24:45-51

Against cynics

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“Correct a mocker and you make an enemy;

rebuke a wicked man, you get insult in return.

Do not rebuke the mocker, he will only hate you,

rebuke a wise man and he will love you for it.

Be open with the wise, he grows wiser still,

teach a virtuous man, he will learn yet more.

The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom;

the knowledge of the Holy One – perception indeed!

For days are multiplied by me

and years of life increased.

Are you wise? It is to your advantage.

A mocker? The burden is yours alone.”

Proverbs 9:7-12

Why Jesus speaks in parables

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“When he was alone, the Twelve, together with the others who formed his company, asked what the parables meant. He told them, ‘The secret of the kingdom of God is given to you, but to those who are outside everything comes in parables, so that they may see and see again, but not perceive; may hear and hear again, but not understand; otherwise they might be converted and be forgiven’.”

Mark 4:10-12

Jesus and the children

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“People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.”

Mark 10:13-16

On using the name of Jesus

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“John said to him, ‘Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.’ But Jesus said, ‘You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.’”

Mark 9: 38-40

Forgiveness of injuries

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“Then Peter went up to him and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’

Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.’

Matthew 18:21-22

Men Are Not the Cause of Things

Posted on May 28, 2013

Everyone on earth wants blessing. Everyone wants their path blessed by some absolute power and wants to follow it. This desire is shared by individuals, organizations, nations, and the world. Men are not the cause of nature. Things do not derive from men.

Who are we? Who is God? He is the Creator. Who is the creator? According to the world of religion, God is our Father, and we are the children of God. However, it is not clear what kind of Father He is. Is He a rented father? Is He the father of our neighbor? Our stepfather? What kind of father is He? If He is not our real parent, is He our parent-in-law? Is the word “Father” right? As long as this fundamental question is not resolved, waiting for a better environment is not a solution. It won’t be resolved for tens of millions of years.

It is a problem between man and God. Man and God! When you ask if it is true that God is our Father, do you feel that God is your Father? The bodies of my father and mother certainly existed before I did. On the premise that I exist because of my mother and father before me, my mother and father existed first, I exist next. This is the correct formula. It is foolish to assert that I exist without taking my mother and father into account. Why? We human beings are not the first cause of things. We are the second result. Because of this, we have to mention the existence of a mother and father before our own existence. Having this point of view, we must ultimately resolve the problem of God — the origin of the universe. Tracing back beyond your parents and ancestors, you will come to God, won’t you? If you follow this logic, you have to define God before asserting yourself. The Unification Church teaches simply that God exists; He is our Father, and it teaches what our Father is like.

Since men are the result, aim at the starting point of the origin. Of course, it shouldn’t be done blindly. Because God has character, a man of character has an original intellect, emotion, and will—the substantive operation of the conscience. Therefore, the motivation should both exceed the substance of the cause and be absolute. Once getting off to a false start, its direction cannot be corrected.

(from the book: The Way for Young People)

Oneness

Posted on May 27, 2013

There are many people living on the earth and many kinds of relationships among them. There are many nations, but there is no true unity among them. There are many people within each nation, but they have not united. You don't see total unity within your family, and even within yourself there is not total oneness. This is the present reality that we face. No matter where we look, we see that unity is lacking.

Oneness is a difficult goal to achieve. Distrust, disobedience and disharmony surround us. There is both good and evil in our fluctuating, volatile environment.

However, it is undeniable that each person is pursuing something higher than merely staying alive. There is a drive in people's hearts to pursue their original mind's goal and reach some ideal state. What is that ultimate destination toward which we all strive?

Let us look at ourselves first. Within each individual there is a battle raging between his mind and his body. Where in this universe can we find something solid and reliable? We depend upon certain things, such as our family and nation, our friends and loved ones, but ultimately we find a certain inability to trust. The self cannot completely rely even on its mind and body. The nation and world are far away from the self; even parents, husband and wife are far away from the self. The basic problem of one's life can only be solved within oneself. The solution to world harmony and unity must be sought within the self first. That is the closest place to start.

The goal of the world is to move from the present situation of disharmony to a world of harmony and unity. Likewise, the goal of each nation is also harmony and unity. Every different level in the universe is seeking after that point of harmony, which can be established only through the individual. Therefore, each individual is ultimately the key to the harmony and unity of the universe. Without this key, any discussion about unity is just wishful thinking and empty talk.

In order to measure things, we need an established scale, one which was created from an original standard. Likewise, as individuals, we need some original scale to

measure ourselves. No matter how proud a person may be of himself, if he does not conform to the true model, he is not within the true standard. This scale should have universal meaning and apply everywhere. Is there such a standard for mankind?

Is it easy to control and discipline yourself? Your mind usually wants to go in a direction different from your body. There is an Oriental saying that a mountain remains forever but the human mind changes from morning to night. If the human mind fluctuates so much, where can we find a point of unity? There can be no single stationary position if everyone is moving around constantly.

(from the book: God's Will and the World)

Human nature

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Human nature is such that we always desire a fuller relationship of love; we always want to go deeper and deeper into love. It is important to know how we can be harmonized with the essence of love in the universe. First of all, we must think of God as our subject. Each person is always in the position of object to God. What is the subject/object relationship centered upon? It is centered on love. Thus the essential relationship between God and man is that of the subject and object of love. The parent/child relationship is the essential, universal relationship.

(from the book: The Restoration of True Love)

A man and woman who embrace each other

Posted on May 27, 2013

A girl has an image of a boy whom God loves, and a boy has the image of a girl who is also beloved of God. When they praise or uplift each other. God also rejoices and all things rejoice. The standard of joyfulness depends upon whether they can embrace each other in heart and have the kind of value in which heaven and each together can rejoice. A man and woman who embrace each other are themselves the place where the universe can unite, and are God's ideal image. This was God's hope for the original world of creation.

However, because of the fall, the first man and woman cut their relationship with God and with all things. They came to have a self-centered attitude about love, to embrace each other and have a relationship as they wished without the blessing of God. Anyone who thinks this way, even today, is actually trapped in Satan's territory and is controlled by the power of Satan. You must understand this.

(from the book: God's Will and the World)

Rejoice of man and woman

Posted on May 26, 2013

A man would welcome having a woman with whom he could be happy. Likewise, a woman would like to have a man with whom she could rejoice. In addition, their relationship should be one in which God and all things could find happiness. All the environment, all the existing things, would become excited to see such a couple, and would naturally respond to them, Birds would sing to the couple and butterflies would fly joyfully around them. In this phenomenal world, God rejoices, man rejoices, and all things rejoice down to the smallest insects. If our ancestry had started from this position, we would have had an ideal world.

(from the book: God's Will and the World)

On separation

Posted on May 26, 2013

God does not like to see the separation of a couple linked by true love; the absolute love of man and woman is eternal. Even though God is omniscient and omnipotent, even the absolute God does not have any meaning by Himself. Similarly, no matter how handsome and healthy a man is, he has no meaning without a woman. A man only intoxicated with his style and health is a being without any use. It is a problem that many men on this earth are self-intoxicated, and it is also the cause of this miserable history. We must know that it is God's providence to change and improve this self-intoxicated world.

(from the book: Blessing and Ideal Family)

The Sphere World of Love

Posted on May 20, 2013

Human beings, man and woman, are not created to live for the sake of themselves, but are created to exist for the sake of their reciprocal partners.

Therefore, man was not created as a man for the sake of himself. No matter how beautiful the woman is, or even if that woman hates man, look at how woman is created. Woman was not created like that just for herself. We are not born for our own selves; we are born for the sake of our spouses. This was the way we were born.

Parents and children start to rotate when the parents live for their children and children live for their parents and when both live for each other. The more they live for each other, the faster they rotate. This is the ideal style. It is not square, but it becomes Three- dimensionally round. To live for the sake of each other means to push each other; therefore, the more we live for each other, the faster we rotate, and then we form a sphere which will allow us to exist eternally.

Therefore, the world is like a sphere. Our faces are also round. Our eyes are round. They all have to give and take completely. Veins and arteries give and take. We get sick when there is a way to give but no way to receive. It happens when equality is broken. Therefore, moving beings cannot come to exist eternally unless they act for others. We must know this.

(from the book: Blessing and Ideal Family)

The Original Love of Couples

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Originally, man was to meet a woman who could make him happy, and woman was to meet a man who could make her happy as well. Furthermore, this meeting of man and woman would have transcended the limit of man and woman and even make God and the whole creation happy. Then, for the sake of this couple, the whole creation on this earth would mobilize with the desire to be dominated by them. The birds would sing songs for them, and the butterflies would fly and dance for them. God would feel joy, man would feel joy, and the whole creation would feel joy. If the history of the human ancestors had started from this situation, then this would have become the original ideal world of creation.

(from the book: Blessing and Ideal Family)

Heart of a Man, Heart of a Woman

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In the heart of a man, there is a woman whom God loves; and in the heart of this woman who is the man's object, there is also a man loved by God. When they come to praise each other, God would watch and feel happy, and the whole creation would also feel joy. The content of happiness which the man and woman share would become the precious content of joy for both heaven and earth. The place where man and woman are loving and embracing each other becomes the place where the whole universe unites. This is God's original ideal for creation.

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God and the Limit of Science

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Distinguished Chairman, eminent scholars, ladies and gentlemen!

Thank you all very much for having decided to attend this Eighth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences. Each year this meeting has become increasingly important because of your participation. This has been gratifying to me as the Founder of the Conference.

In connection with this year's theme, "The Responsibility of the Academic Community in the Search for Absolute Values," I would like to express a few opinions on the topic, "God and the Limit of Science."

As science developed in recent years mankind has had great expectations, and has believed that relief from both spiritual and physical difficulties would come through the advancement of scientific technology.

Scientists who have had a sense that theirs is a crucial mission as contributors to mankind have continued on the one hand to pursue ultimate scientific truth and on the other to apply scientific technology in almost every field of human endeavor. The resulting benefits have been fantastic economic growth, material affluence, and physical well-being such as mankind had never before known.

However, for all its great merits, today's technology has equally great demerits, generating such problems as pollution, resource depletion, depersonalization, and accumulation of formidable weapons of thermonuclear destruction.

Thus the very science that originated with the intent to realize happiness for mankind has with its successes brought fears and instability as well. What is the reason? The reason is that science, in adhering to its position of scientific neutrality, has excluded considerations of purpose and value.

I wish to proclaim that human beings have value from their very origin. They are creations of God. And they are created to lead life with a definite value perspective in accordance with the purpose of creation. In spite of his being originally a creature of vast value, man has disregarded this value perspective and, believing in the omnipotence of science, taken it as a panacea. Consequently, technology has become a source of increasing damage.

Science, in man's life, can only be a means; it cannot be an end. The purpose of human life is to realize God's purpose of creation. Man is a unified being of both physical and spiritual entities. Hence, on the foundation of physical life, he is to lead a life of value—a life of love, truth, goodness and beauty. It is for the sake of convenience to physical life that scientific technology is needed to allow physical life to become a proper basis for spiritual life. Therefore the science that disregards or fails to emphasize the life of value actually brings about the destruction of value perspective in man, leading towards today's reality of fear and insecurity. The deliverance of mankind from this unfortunate reality can be achieved only by searching for and discovering the true value perspective. Science, in turn, must accord to this value perspective, which, needless to say, must be based on absolute value.

Where could this absolute value be found? I conceive that it could only be found in God's love, and that, in fact, truth, goodness and beauty based on God's love is indeed this absolute value itself.

Accordingly it stands to reason that mankind's liberation from the harms caused by the misuse of scientific technology can come only when science itself recognizes God, and guides and applies its technology in the same directions as God's love.

Next, I would like to suggest that there is a limit to science in its search for truth in the field of nature. In this twentieth century, science has finally found itself pushed into the realm of philosophy in its own search for truth. It has had to take upon itself the question of the origin of the universe, just as did ancient philosophies, both eastern and western. That is, science itself, especially physics and biology, has been confronted with various long-disputed and unresolved questions of ontology. Indeed certain experiments in quantum physics and molecular biology have been performed for the purpose of exploring these ontological questions.

Thus in a scientific and in an experimental way physics has dealt with the study of ontology with the question, "What is the true nature of material?" The first answer was "atom." A second was "elementary particles." Finally quantum mechanics delivered an answer in which the elementary particles of material are related to energy itself.

In the same way, biology approached a similar ontological problem, "What is the true nature of life?", eventually suggesting the answer, "The secret of life lies in the properties of DNA!"

Thus in its search of the truth that constitutes the universe, natural science has uncovered many facts and accumulated an astonishing body of knowledge. But these are hardly ultimate solutions to man's questions. Even though quantum physics affirms that the true ground of material is energy, we do not know from where energy comes, what the previous stage or state of energy is, or why and how energy transfers from its previous state to the existing state. Why did there come into being a variety of molecules? Why does each molecule have its characteristic pattern of positive and negative charge? And so on. There are many questions yet to be clarified.

Similarly in molecular biology, which maintains that the true nature of life is bound up in DNA coding, significant questions remain. How did the four units of the DNA code come to bear information, how did DNA come to possess the ability to replicate itself, and so on.

What is the implication of this, that in its pursuit of truth, even though science has developed to a surprising degree, it still leaves many of its own problems untouched? It can only mean that these remaining scientific questions are not within the direct realm of current natural science.

Up to now, although science in its quest for truth has investigated immediate causes of particular phenomena, it has not taken up the search for motives or reasons for existence as a whole. Thus the final challenge that science confronts is this question of the ultimate reason for existence. The unexplored problem in the question, "What is the true nature of material?" is that of the reason for its existence, and again, the untouched problem in the question, "What is the true nature of life?" is the very reason for life itself.

I propose that, in clarifying reasons, one must first admit purpose, and before admitting purpose one must first recognize the will that made the purpose, namely, the cosmic and universal will that transcends all things. When you call this cosmic will. "God", then the initial step in clarifying unsolved questions is first to apprehend God's purpose of creation, and second to perceive that along with the physical or chemical factors in all material and life phenomena there exists a causal motive directing each thing towards a certain purpose.

In short, the very science which has developed for the happiness of mankind is today a cause of difficulty or even harm. And the only way to be freed from these harms is to bring science under the true value perspective which centers in God's love.

As more and more scientists find themselves pushed to the limit of science, they will find that the key to transcending this limit is to regard that, behind all material and life phenomena, there is a purposeful motive working in accordance with God's purpose of creation.

It is my considered and confident belief that these points I have mentioned are the most important and pressing matters facing today's science. I feel that it would be most fortunate if they could serve as a reference for the topics to be discussed by all the distinguished scholars who are taking up the theme of this year's Conference.

In conclusion, I wish that all of you will be successful in your research and pursuit of truth in relation to the Absolute Truth. I am sure that the fruits of your efforts that are expressed in the presentations at this conference will contribute in a significant way towards world peace.

Thank you all very much.

The Responsibility of the Academic Community in the Search for Absolute Values
The Eighth International Conference On The Unity Of The Sciences
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For Whom Are We Living?

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Human beings cannot live without creating relationships with other people. An individual exists because his mind and body are in a relationship and are in the position to live for the sake of the other. This altruism must develop further to care for the family, people, society and the nation. Furthermore, even the universe is to lead a life of altruism. In religious terms, this kind of altruistic life is a life lived for the sake of God.

Centering on yourself, you must find the standard that will enable you to care for others in horizontal relationships. Then, creating three-dimensional relationships, you must find the standard that will enable you to live for the sake of the one center. After that, you must lead a life that can connect with the one center on the levels of the family, nation, world, and universe. Without this kind of central standard of altruism, we human beings cannot obtain satisfaction and happiness.

You must find that central standard of altruism which can be responsible for history, which possesses the value of the whole, and which pursues the universe. You must do this in order to build a relationship of life. By connecting with the root of power centering on love, you must absorb infinitely and be absorbed infinitely. Furthermore, you must be able to receive validation of this from the entire environment that surrounds you.

Throughout the length of history, human beings have been searching for an eternal and unchanging someone upon whom they can depend. They want to entrust themselves to him, and experience the love of God for eternity through him. They want to praise that love. Similarly, human beings are seeking the one master who can eternally vouch for them before all things of the universe.

That one master is none other than the master of eternal love, life, and hope. Moreover, that master is a being of altruism. He is the representative hero of living for the sake of others.

That master of altruism must be able to realize both the desires of the mind and the desires of the body. He must be able to take responsibility for and represent history and universal wholeness. If you have not found this kind of master and have not united your ideals with his, and if you have not materialized the environment in which you can serve him and live with him and share joy with him

on the universal level, then you will not be able to free yourself from the universal fight and fear which will unfold in the last days. These will unfold on the three-dimensional level.

Human beings must seek after this eternal, central standard which they lost because of the fall. Conflict is inevitable in the course of restoration which pursues this standard. This conflict, which began on the individual level, has been expanding to the family, national, and world levels. After concluding this horizontal fight on earth, there will come a time of conflict in three dimensions that will even involve the spirit world. All the human beings who encounter that time must find the standard of true love, true life, and true hope.

Based on that, they must vanquish that period of chaos and fear. If this is not accomplished and we cannot present before all things the condition that resides in the one master of love, life, and hope, then human beings will not be able to avoid the time of judgment. In the near future, we will meet the end of history, when we must divide left from right and good from evil. What must we do at such a time? If we cannot find the one master who is the standard for separating good from evil and left from right, we will not escape judgment. Not only must we divide good and evil according to his standard, we must also carry on all tasks centering on him. If we cannot purify our spiritual and physical selves through him, then there is absolutely no way we can be excused from the judgment of the last days.

All the people of history have hoped for the one master who will become the standard of reference for all values. Now this hope has arrived before our eyes. Therefore, centering upon that one master, we must put forth before history all our accomplishments, having fulfilled all of our responsibilities, in order to satisfy the hope of all people. Going one step further, we must remove the grief of Heaven.

The course of God's dispensation of restoration and human history intersect centering on one being. That point of intersection expands from individuals to the nation, to the world, and goes on to the universe. Therefore, you must understand that each of your lives represents the universe.

For six thousand years, God has been seeking substantial beings who can represent His internal heart and go beyond the point of intersection. However, if God cannot find that kind of person and cannot manifest His internal heart and His wishes through that one person, God will always remain in the position of transcendence and will not be able to create a substantial relationship with human beings at all.

Originally, human beings were supposed to connect with that one center of altruism and begin their life. However, because of the fall, they could not begin their lives out of altruism but instead began them out of selfishness. It came to be that they always tried to build their relationships centered on self-centered thoughts.

Now then, we who are marching toward the goal of eternal freedom and peace must cast aside the fallen nature which tries to conclude every affair to our own benefit. Transcending that, we must be able to live for other people first. By doing so, everything will make a reciprocal relationship of service and circle around for eternity.

In order for Jesus's divine and human nature to substantially manifest themselves, we must also build an altruistic relationship of reciprocity with all existing beings in the same way that all things exist in reciprocal relationships. Moreover, that relationship must exceed the individual to expand out toward the family, nation, world, and the universe. Eventually, all such comprehensive relationships must be built for the sake of that one central being.

In this way, by offering our love, life, and truth before that eternal and unchanging center, we must forge bonds with his love, life and truth, which is the core of his value. We must inherit them and experience them.

That one being, that master, is none other than the person who is trying to connect with us by uniting disparate things into oneness: the humanistic hope and the heavenly hope, the historical life and the dispensational life, the historical love and the dispensational love. This person is the Lord of the Second Advent.

That person has been seeking for you for 6,000 years. In order to stand before him, you must attain qualifications in regards to truth, life, and love. You must not take away from his dignity. You must be able to connect everything in the universe in this relationship. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." In order for you yourself to become the way, the truth, and the life, you must embrace the whole universe and bring harmony to it.

The Lord to come is the person who will embrace everything from the individual, the family, the society, religious groups, the nations, the world, and so forth and stand before Heaven. He will emerge with unlimited hope and value which we cannot even imagine. Therefore, as an unchanging being, you must make the determination to act on behalf of the universal dispensation and take responsibility for it. You must learn how to fight with Satan. This is the only way you can

confidently meet him in the last days. That person is the essence of our human love, life, and truth. We can stand before all things only if we also can represent the love, life, and truth.

What are your lives like, you who are to take up this kind of position? Are there any among you who are concerned about things centering on yourselves? There will surely come a time when such people will break apart. You must become people who can use the world as a foothold and live for the sake of everything and be happy even after abandoning everything.

Do you have anything that you can offer to him? You must understand that even your bodies can be absorbed into the universe. You must understand that God wishes that you will voluntarily offer yourselves to him with joyful hearts. This is also what all things desire.

If you cannot do this, then even if you live for thousands of years, you won't be able to build a relationship of love with all created things. After forgetting yourself completely, you must be happy that you are possessing the world. God hopes for the one person who can be as happy as if he possessed the whole even when he possesses only a part, realizing that something is both a part of the whole and the representative of the whole.

Human life on earth has been full of bloodshed. In other words, there was never a time when peace was realized on earth. However, if you connect with him and realize the value of that love, life, and truth, you will fight at the risk of your life. That time is the period of revolution without bloodshed; it is the time when we can enjoy eternal, universal peace. In order to usher in that time, you must be able to offer everything.

Because it is the principle of creation that things which are empty will be filled up again, without fail, if you yourself offer your body, then something will fill in that vacuum. Humanity has been ignorant of this fact until today. Jesus was able to establish the standard of salvation through the cross in the vacuum created by offering his body.

For Whom Are We Living
Reverend Sun Myung Moon
April 7, 1957

Things are never easy

Posted on May 13, 2013

Things are never easy. Neither to deal with, nor to accept their mere existence. We often tend to find comforting shelter in denying them...

Things can be tricky. They can be visible only for us, leaving us in the *alone* state. Where we can be seen either crazy, or someone who just simply lost the sense of balance...

Things can be hard. Endurance is an option but rarely manifested in the time of the overwhelming **Things**...

Anyone to listen to us? Anyone to see as we see? We are the blind for the most. We have no ears for the most. Fortunately, there is *always* a listener, someone, who never doubts us, someone, who *loves* us, even if He will be seemed fool not letting us alone.

Our **Heavenly Parent** does have *things*, too. Different kinds, though: **love, compassion, forgiveness** – for example.

We do have time, all our life for growing, maturing, developing. And in every path, even in the tiny footsteps, our **Heavenly Parent is with each and every one of us**. Always...

JD

Parable of the wedding feast

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Jesus began to speak to them in parables once again, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding”. So these servants went out on the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Blind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth”. For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Matthew 22:1-14

Where can we find true love?

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Where can we find true love? This world, without true love, is running into immorality. Corrupted mortality is the sign of ruin. This is God's headache. Are you capable of wiping out the corruption in the world? We can truly regenerate the entire youth of the world through our own hands. You are responsible for the future of the world. God knows that already.

Take Up God's Worst Problem
Reverend Sun Myung Moon
April 25, 1976

For what is man born?

Posted on June 27, 2013

For what is man born? It is for love. One receives parents' love from the womb until marriageable age. And one meets his partner and falls in love. In the meantime, he comes to experience God's love by having his own children. Through this course, you learn how to love God, as you love your children, partner and the other family members. And the course is the most basic step for man to go to the Kingdom of Heaven. A family has grandparents, parents, husband and wife, brothers and sisters. All human beings indicate an amplification of the components of a family. A family that can love another family is able to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. It's a surprising fact. They can inherit all the God-given privileges and powers.

Even in a noble family a long time ago, the most sacrificial and effort-making person was supposed to be the heir of the family, no matter how many candidates there were.

(from the book: Raising Children in God's Will)

Whenever

Posted on June 22, 2013

Whenever I feel abandoned, it is only in me.

Heavenly Father has never left me. He always stands next to me, trying to catch me when I fall, showing the best way for my path, saying the righteousness needed for the life I live.

I became reluctant. Sometimes even put Him to the abyss of denial. I am often blind, however I have eyes, I am often deaf, however I have ears to hear. And I have an unfortunate talent to work off His active help, feeling it as a shackle.

So, I leave to yourself, Father, time to time. I am looking for words to express my apology, but I can't find. I know, you are in pain, because of me, too. How can I be an example for others, on the road back to you?

Whenever I need you, You are with me. Whenever I am down, You desperately try to find the ways to lift me up...

I want, I would like, I long for sharing my joy, my happiness time to You, whenever it is. Rejoice with You from the blink of an eye to the greatest moments of my lifetime...

JD

The Axis of Absolute Love

Posted on June 21, 2013

No matter how great a love a man may have, by himself he cannot actualize true love. Likewise, no matter how elegantly a woman may adorn herself, by herself she can never generate true love. When a man and woman come together in true love, then no matter how strong a power of opposition is imposed, they keep revolving around one another. How wonderful this is! God is drawn to that unity, because it is the place where He can experience His joy. When a man and a woman are united 100 percent, and their love reaches the point of explosion, the absolute love of God immediately comes to dwell within them. Then they can never escape from the love of God. The axis that their true love creates is the same axis that every being who cherishes the love of God must revolve around in order to meet the true standard of love. A person who cannot experience this type of love is not a true person. Are you confident that you are going to experience this level of love?

Everything must be judged according to the standard of true love. Conflict within a family does not occur because there is not enough food to eat, but rather from problems of love. When the love between a couple settles so firmly that it is unchangeable for millions of years, then no matter how hard a woman may try to escape from her husband, she will always come back again after going around in a circle. When a man and woman are in love, if one side goes up, the other automatically moves downward, and this results in a circular movement. Every existence resembles a circle. You must know that the world is made to be this way.

God's Day Morning Speech
Reverend Sun Myung Moon
January 1, 1988
Seoul, Korea

Where is God?

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If there is a God in the universe, how important He must be. If God were only useful for supplying daily meals and necessities, what kind of a God would He be? If God were dwelling on top of a mountain, would He be found on the lowest or the highest mountain? Not only would He be on the highest mountain, but on the peak of the highest mountain. If there were one tree on the top of the mountain, God would be in the top of that tree.

Is it easy to discover God? If God has hidden Himself in the earth, would He be just beneath the surface, or in the depths of the planet? If He dwelt in the desert, He would look for the largest desert, like the Sahara. That's the way we reason. Suppose God is in the midst of the Sahara. Even though many people die along the way in search of Him, other people will never stop searching until they find Him. God is that precious. If the most important and precious thing is God, and He is hidden in the middle of the Sahara desert, would you like to go there? Even at the risk of your lives? That is human nature. That is the way man is created. If God is at the highest point of the mountain, people will not stop climbing up until they reach that pinnacle.

If God were hidden in a cave hundreds of miles beneath the earth, then men will dig and dig and will not give up until they reach Him. That's the way man's spiritual nature is inclined. Why is that? In the process of reaching that highest, deepest or widest point, we are overcoming everything in between. We become conquerors when we finally get ourselves to the top. Thinking men always feel they want to conquer something which ordinary people do not reach. It is man's spiritual nature to strive to reach the utmost.

Should God place Himself in a place which is easy or difficult to reach? God should be at the pinnacle, in a position where people can ultimately reach Him only through an extraordinary way.

Things That Are Important To You (excerpt)

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

February 1, 1981

Who is the greatest?

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An argument started between them about which of them was the greatest. Jesus knew what thoughts were going through their minds, and he took a little child and set him by his side and then said to them, “Anyone who welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For the least among you all, that is one who is great.”

Luke 9:46-48

A discussion on fasting

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One day when John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, some people came and said to him, "Why is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not?" Jesus replied, "Surely the bridegroom's attendants would never think of fasting while the bridegroom is still with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they could not think of fasting. But the time will come for the bridegroom to be taken away from them, and then, on that day, they will fast. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; if he does, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and the tear gets worse. And nobody puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the skins too. No! New wine, fresh skins!"

Mark 2:18-22

We are one, we have same roots

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The whole of humanity, as well as the animal, vegetable, and mineral kingdoms, has a certain mission to fulfill. Since God is the Creator, He must have a certain plan or pattern for what He wants to accomplish, according to His will. However, we often feel that we would like to do things only the way we want to do them, according to our own will. There is no difference between the races as far as this feeling goes. Oriental or Westerner, rich or poor, everyone has the urge to do as they like.

There are many different classes and levels of people among the five billion people of the world, from the lofty to the lowly. We all think we exist separately or independently from other people or groups, but we do not exist that way. Americans are ancestrally connected to Britain, Europe, and Africa. Beyond that, we are connected to all of history. We are not alone. We are not independent. Have you ever stopped to think that your eyes are not yours alone? Your father's eyes, your mother's eyes, your grandparents' eyes, and all your ancestors' eyes are in your eyes. They are a part of all history.

When we go out on the street in the springtime, we see women dressed in all different colors, shapes, and designs. Each one wants to stand out from the crowd and be unique, doesn't she? People like to feel, "I do not belong to anyone. I am completely independent. I don't have to be influenced by anyone." But to think like that is to no avail, because it just isn't so.

While every one of us exists as "I," as an individual, we are never alone and independent or detached from others. We are a part of the whole of mankind, the whole line of history, and "I" exist in the center of that.

We are one, we have same roots
Reverend Sun Myung Moon
April 1, 1988

What is True Love?

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The problem in this world is that we can't find true love and a true man who brings true love. Then what is the truth and what kind of person is the true man? Truth cannot be changed; truth has self-authority. No matter what happens or what kind of difficulty or persecution it may encounter, truth can never be destroyed or changed. It has self-contained authority. It is right.

Then what is true love? True love is one thing which everybody wants to touch, everybody wants to live with, everybody wants to stay with, everybody wants to cling to-eternally. Isn't that true? True love does not change, no matter what situation develops. It is eternally unchanging. We may have lived 30, 40, 50 years or more, but we can never forget our parents' love. Now it is springtime and we can observe the birds laying their eggs and bringing their new babies into the world. We can find love there, too. When any force from the outside comes to destroy the love relationship existing among you, you will even be willing to sacrifice your life to protect that, won't you? We can conclude that the power of love has self-authority.

What is True Love

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

March 20, 1988

What God wants

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What God wants is not material. He wants an ideal family that is united on the basis of love. Love is what God really needs. If mankind lives according to the will of God there is no need for religion and prayer. If man lives according to the will one hundred percent, God will be with man. Religion would then be unnecessary. It is only because we are separated from God that we need salvation, and it is only because we need salvation that we need a savior.

What God wants

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

February 5, 1989

Three Major Principles: Absolute Love

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Absolute love exists where you live for the sake of others. When you empty yourself completely, absolute love can visit and dwell within you. Absolute love has nothing to do with you when you are concerned with your own matters, existence, or concepts. Unless you get rid of these concerns, absolute love will never visit you. You must know this. If wives insist on their own situation or husbands only want to claim their interests, a history of wars and a world of conflicts will follow them.

What is most important is that your mind and body should become one. Unless you achieve such a state, everything will be ruined. Then, what should be the center of such unity? They become one centered on absolute love. They should become one centered on God's absolute love. Absolute love is true love. Your mind and body should become one centered on this true love. After that, you can proudly proclaim saying, "My body is totally unified with true love."

Absolute love exists when you value your object absolutely. In such a place, a man can become a master who can love a woman absolutely; and at the same time, the woman also becomes a master of absolute love. Therefore, you must know the fact that the master of absolute love cannot be found within yourself but is found in your reciprocal partner.

Even God must have His object partner in order for the ideal world to be established. You can never create absolute love, unique love, unchanging love or eternal love if you are alone. You need your objective partner. Such a partner would be most precious. Thus, even God believes in such a partner. That is absolute faith. He attends His partner with His great aspiration. In other words, He is faithful to His Partner. Whom does He believe in? His objective partner. A man must offer his noblest faith in a woman, like bone needs flesh. Thus, you need absolute love and absolute faith!

Absolute faith and absolute love do not simply manifest by themselves. The root of all God's attributes is the absolute, unique and unchanging love. God's core being lies there. Accordingly, His object partner who is able to reciprocate to Him does not just come into being. Therefore, as God is the original motive for His object partner, invisible God must invest Himself completely for its creation.

Through such total investment, His object came into being. Going through the age of minerals, the age of vegetation, the age of animals, the age of humans, and then the age of Heaven. Once all of these can be united into one the infinite God will have His dominion over this universe. The universe is so vast that even if human beings multiply for tens of millions of years, there will be no limit.

It is said that the size of the universe is more than a billion times the size of our solar system. But it is even greater than what science estimates. God wants to create the ideal world to be even greater than the size of this infinite universe. For this end, He has been investing His high-degree of love. Since this ideal that God continuously supports never left me, I have been investing my entire effort to re-create His object partners.

Living Faith in the Era after the Coming of Heaven (excerpt)
Reverend Sun Myung Moon
1968

God's Hope for Man

Posted on June 1, 2013

Ladies and gentlemen, first of all I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your coming tonight. I thank God for this opportunity because I have been looking forward to visiting this city and meeting all of you.

Because we speak different languages, even though I can speak, from your standpoint I am dumb. And from my standpoint, even though you can hear, you are deaf. In order to correct this dumbness and deafness, we need the man standing next to me as my interpreter. However, as you know interpretation from one language to another is not an easy task. So this man beside me really needs your sympathetic understanding.

My topic tonight is "God's Hope For Man." This subject is vast in nature and rather complicated in content. I will try my best to stay on the central point of my topic.

If there is a God, He definitely needs human beings. God created all things, but in all His creation man occupies the supreme and central position. It is therefore very important for us to have a clear understanding of the relationship between God and man. Historically, there have been many theories concerning this relationship. Varying opinions, theological concepts and academic schools abound, but the true, living relationship between God and man remains an unsettled question.

Because the relationship between God and man is so fundamental to life, our understanding cannot proceed until we have clarified this question thoroughly. As we pursue the answer, we discover that there are two main perspectives which we might take. One view is from God's standpoint, and the other is from man's point of view. Although various religions have developed through pursuing these two views, there must be one principle common to all religions which can clarify the relationship between God and ourselves. God wants us to understand this truth in its ultimate sense.

The most precious thing is love

If somebody asks you, "What is the most precious thing in your life?" what will you answer? Some might say, "Power." Some would undoubtedly say money: "Money is everything." And others would suggest, "Wisdom or knowledge."

Then, are those elements—power, money, knowledge—the most important things in life? When we look into this question deeply, other thoughts emerge. We soon come to this conclusion that the most precious thing is love; love is the most precious thing in life. And second to love, life itself is most precious. If we have love and life, we need one thing further—an ideal. These three elements – love, life, and an ideal— are not just precious and profound in value, they are the very things that make our lives worth living.

Let us consider something further. All men long for eternal life. By the same token, in our human expression of love and ideals we feel an innate desire for them to be unchanging unique and everlasting. Many writers in history have described the beauty of the eternal kind of love. No writer has ever felt moved to glorify the kind of love that changes night and day. The many religions of the world which testify to a life beyond this earthly one support the reality of our desire for eternity. If a religion does not teach eternal life, that religion does not serve a good purpose.

Furthermore, the words “love” and “ideal” are without meaning by themselves. Love exists only when there is someone to love and someone to be loved by. An ideal needs to be shared with someone. Love and ideals come alive as soon as there is a reciprocal and complementary relationship of give and take established. We are in the position of the object and always need someone to be in the subject position. Love and ideals will bud and blossom into full flower only when two elements are in a subject-object relationship.

Is man the cause, the source of his universe, or did someone create us? How can man be the cause of the universe when he does not even create himself? It is obvious that we are resultant beings. We are the products of some cause. Therefore, a subject or cause must exist. There must be a cause for man’s existence. This subject, or cause, then is the essential reality. We should be as certain of this as we are of our own existence. Whatever name you choose for that cause doesn’t matter. The most important thing is that he is there. And we call him, “God.”

Let us put our question to God. “What is the most precious thing to you, God?” His reply will be no different from your answer and mine. God will answer, “Love, life, and my ideal are the most precious things to me.” Does God need money? He created all things. Everything belongs to Him anyway. He does not need money. Does God need power? He is already the source of all power. What about knowledge? God is omniscient and the source of all knowledge. Yes, God is

all these things; but He cannot have love, life and His ideal all by Himself. He needs to share, to have give and take with someone in a reciprocal relationship. Even almighty God cannot experience the value of love, life and His ideal when He is alone. That is why God created His object, man.

Now I shall ask, “Why do we men act the way we do?” The answer is simple: Because God acts that way. All human traits originate in God. Why are we the way we are? Because God is the way He is.

We are mirrors reflecting the characteristics of God. God is just like you and me. God is the origin. Therefore, our love comes from the love of God. Our life comes from the life of God, and our ideals come from the ideals of God. We feel these are the most precious things because God first felt these things were most precious. God is the subject of love, the subject of life, and the subject of ideals. We are the objects of love, the objects of life, and the objects of ideals. Therefore, if God is absolute, we are to be absolute. If God is unchanging, we are to be unchanging. If God is unique, we are to be unique. If God is everlasting, we are to be everlasting. Our eternal life is not just a fantasy. It is reality. Since God is eternal, His object, man, must be created for eternity. Otherwise, we cannot reflect the nature of our eternal God.

Man is incarnate God

If there is a God of love, life, and ideals, and that God does not manifest all these qualities in man, His object, then God has defeated His very purpose of creating. God either projected the full value of Himself in His object, or He created nothing at all. God is the subject to man, and we are the objects to God. An object is the full reflection of the subject. So man is the visible form of God, and God is the invisible form of man. Subject and object are one in essence. God and man are one. Man is incarnate God. Otherwise, we would not be able to reflect God’s full image. God could not realize His joy, the purpose of His creation. When we as objects are not as perfect as God Himself is perfect, we cannot reflect the full love, life, and ideal of God. So man, the object of God, is as important in value as God Himself. If I made vigorous gestures and shouted to an empty auditorium, I am sure that anyone who saw me would wonder, “Is that man crazy?” But if I have someone to have give and take with, some object out there to respond to me—even one small child in front of me—and I pour out my heart and soul to him, then I am considered normal. The sole difference is the presence of someone as object. But let’s say there is not even one little child in the audience. In desperation, I might pick up a little piece of dust, and looking at this dust, I could speak to it and still

pour out my heart. Then I would at least not be a crazy man, for even a dust particle can serve as an object.

What I am trying to illustrate is the value of an object. As we are the objects to God, He has placed us in a position equal to Himself. Thus, man shares the same value as God and is just as important as God. Even though God is most high and noble and mighty, He too must have His object. Otherwise He feels no joy. Joy comes when you receive stimulation from the object. Not even God can be joyful alone. You must realize that God created man and the universe for joy. But God's joy remains dormant until He can have give and take with His object.

So far in Christianity, we placed God so high up in heaven, and pushed man so low in hell, that there has been an un-crossable gap between them. A wide and raging river has separated man from God. Men do not dare to reach out to God as a living reality. Man has been unable to realize that God is so close, so real, so approachable, that we can even dwell with Him. We are supposed to be the living temples of God. Yet conventional Christianity has been unable to make that a reality.

No matter how wealthy and famous you may be, unless you have someone with whom to have give and take so that you can share your joy, your sorrow, your opinions, and your ideals, you are just a poor man. We feel joy and sadness because God's heart can feel joy and sadness. Not until this time in history did we ever believe that God could feel sorrow. And God can feel excitement or indignation, just as we can. We, the objects of God, have this ability to experience emotion because our subject, God, has the same capacity for emotion. God is the first personality, and human personality comes from God. How then can we become true objects to God? By our efforts and hard work alone? No. There is but one way to come together in oneness with God. That way is through love-oneness in love with God.

Let me illustrate. Suppose there is a famous man. Opposite him is a woman who is unassuming and meek and without beauty or education. However, once this great man and this humble woman establish a circuit of give and take in love, she will instantly achieve his level of prestige. Let's say the man's name is Jones and he falls in love with this woman and marries her. She then becomes Mrs. Jones and returns his love with all her heart. Whatever power, authority and prestige Mr. Jones enjoys, Mrs. Jones would share in every respect. Now, what does this teach us? Once we have a relationship of love with God and become one with Him, our

value increases instantly to the level of God's value. And such love as this is everlasting, unchanging, and unique.

The Alpha and the Omega

Today is the time when we must fulfill this fundamental relationship between God and man. The subject and object must be one just as cause and effect are one. Therefore, the Bible says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev. 22:13) Within God, two are one. He is the beginning and we are the end. He is the first and we are the last. And the relationship between God and man is a circuit because beginning and end come together in oneness.

Peace, happiness and joy are the fruits of harmony in love. Therefore, in God's ideal of creation, He planned the relationship between God and man to be lived with harmony in love, with harmony in life, and with harmony in ideal.

Thus we know that God is subject and we are the objects. We also know that the object is just as important as the subject. We now want to know precisely what man's position as God's object means.

When God created man He gave him wisdom and ambition. Wisdom gives us the power to compare, and ambition gives us the power to strive for the best. If there are two choices before us, A and B, we will automatically compare them to determine which is better. Our human desire leads us to choose, and our ambition does not let us rest until we have obtained ultimate fulfillment.

Let me take another analogy. Let's say there is a most handsome man. He is not only handsome, but all-powerful and all-wise. You would be anxious to have some kind of personal relationship with this great man. What would you want it to be? Would you like to be just his servant? No, in your heart you know there is a position better than that of servant. Would you like to be only his friend? No, you would still not be happy. Would you like to be only his adopted son? Will this position bring you complete happiness? No, I don't think so. You would still crave some closer position. There is one relationship beyond which there is nothing more intimate. That is to become a true son or daughter of this man. With this relationship you will have reached the ultimate fulfillment, and you cannot desire anything more.

Why, then, do we want to become true sons and daughters? Because that is the position in which to receive the man's love most fully. There is no closer or deeper

relationship in human society than that between the father and son. Once you have your father's love, you possess everything he has. Every joy of the father, all the power of the father all skill and wisdom and ambition and desire of the father-all will then be yours. In receiving the love of a father, there is no procedure, neither paperwork nor ceremony, necessary to grant those things to a son. The father and son are automatically one. This principle applies among mankind, and it applies between man and God.

The true child of God

Then, what kind of relationship would you like to have with God? Would you be content to just be His servant? Or would you prefer to be His friend? Would you rather be His adopted son, or would you like to find a way to become God's own child? I know you will be satisfied with nothing short of the ultimate position as sons and daughters of God.

God's ultimate purpose in His creation of man is to give to him all His love, all His life, and all His ideal. You are to occupy the entire love of God, to the depth of His heart. By becoming His true sons and daughters, your desire will be fulfilled. That is your ultimate destiny. Then you will be saturated with the love of God. You will be filled with joy and feel overwhelmed by a total satisfaction in life.

There is no limit to joy. Happiness has no end. When you are standing in the love of God, every cell in your body jumps for joy. You breathe in and out with the entire universe. In this state your life is fulfilled. This is how God means us to live, intoxicated in love and joy. And through our joy God receives His joy. The joy of man is the joy of God; the joy of God is the joy of man.

Early in my life God called me for a mission as His instrument. I was called to reveal His truth for Him, as His prophet. I committed myself unyieldingly in pursuit of truth, searching the hills and valleys of the spiritual world. The time suddenly came to me when heaven opened up, and I was privileged to communicate with Jesus Christ and the living God directly. Since then I have received many astonishing revelations. God Himself told me that the most basic and central truth of the universe is that God is the Father and we are His children. We are all created as children of God. And He said there is nothing closer, nothing deeper, nothing more ultimate than when father and son are one: One in love, one in life, and one in ideal.

Love, life, and ideal are at the central point where father and son meet. Once we unite there then God's love is our love; God's ideal is our ideal; God's life is our

life. And there is no other relationship where you can have unity of life, unity of love, and unity of ideal any more than in the father-son relationship. This is a fundamental reality of the universe.

How do we come into being in this world? The father and mother become one through their love, and bring together their lives and ideals. Their love precedes our birth. Love is the force which unites. Husband and wife become one in love. This means the husband's love, life, and ideal become the wife's, and the wife's love, life, and ideal become the husband's. This is the way that two live as one, and two become one flesh. Upon this foundation of oneness in love, a new life can be generated.

When a child is born, that child is the manifestation of his parents' love, life and ideal. When you look at your own child, you are actually seeing another you. You are looking at the fruit of your love, the fruit of your life, and the fruit of your ideal. You are looking at your second self-another visible form of yourself.

Now let us expand this truth onto a universal scale. God created man and woman as His son and daughter. He wants to see Himself in human beings. Therefore, the Bible says, ". . . God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Gen. 1:27)

Man is created in the likeness of God. In other words, God made Himself incarnate in man. Man is the mirror of the living God, and His every virtue, characteristic and quality is reflected in this mirror. God surely wants man to reflect His love, life, and ideal. Man is the fruit of God's love, life, and ideal.

The state of perfection

How wonderful, how simply wonderful it is to live this perfected life of God! This is the true life of joy unequalled by any earthly joy. Once you reach this state of perfection you don't need prayer. Why should you? You meet God face to face, and you live heart to heart with Him. You converse with God. You no longer need religion, and you don't need a savior. All these things of religion are part of the mending process, the process of restoration. A man of perfect health does not need a physician. The man in perfect union with God does not need a savior.

Life in union with God is the one great way to live-life with God, life in God, and God living in you. This was the spiritual state of Jesus when he said, "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? . . ." (John 14:10) God and man will embrace in one all-consuming love. This is the state where God is made

the living reality. You no longer believe, but you know. And you live the truth. If you really experience this kind of love and oneness with God, then you have tasted the supreme experience of life. There are probably many Christian leaders among you, yet how many of you have had that wonderful experience, receiving the profound love of God?

God made man to live his life in intoxication. Man is meant to be intoxicated by the love of God. Since men lost this original capacity, they seek unnatural, artificial intoxication-getting drunk on alcohol, marijuana, or drugs. The perfect man, however, is created to be intoxicated in the love of God. There is nothing that can go beyond this feeling of joy. Every cell in your body will explode with joy. Your eyes and ears, the tissues in your face, your arms and legs-everything will be newly alive in a rapture of joy. Nothing else can ever match this quality of joy. This is the plan of God's original creation. When you say, "Heavenly Father;" do you really have a living and vibrant feeling of God's presence? Don't you want to hear God answering, "Yes, my son"?

Here is my gift to you tonight: I want you to realize that the true relationship between God and man is a subject and object relationship. You are His sons and His daughters. Once you have achieved unity with God, nothing can trouble you. Neither sorrow nor loneliness, sickness or anything else under the sun can discourage you. God is the ultimate security. You could pay many millions of dollars and still not buy that kind of security. It is priceless. No money can buy it. This is the total experience of life. We are meant to live with God.

Your life is therefore the most valuable thing in this universe. That is why Jesus said, "For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life?" (Matt. 16:26) Jesus is talking about life with God. Life without God is like a burned-out electric bulb which cannot give out light. A life without God is death.

Jesus Christ is the one man who lived God's ideal in its fullest realization. he was the first man of perfection ever to walk the earth, and he came to restore the true relationship between God and man. But after Jesus' crucifixion, Christianity made him into God. This is why the gap between God and man has never been bridged. Jesus is a man in whom God is incarnate. But he is not God Himself. I Tim. 2:5 of the Bible says, "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus . . ." The dwelling of God within Jesus was a total reality. he said, "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me?..." (John 14:10) Jesus is, indeed, the only begotten son of God, but God does

not want only Jesus as His son. All mankind is created to be able to say, “I am in the Father and the Father in me” This is the fully attainable goal of everyone.

God’s view of good and evil

Our first step in becoming the true sons and daughters of God is to clearly comprehend God’s view of good and evil. What is goodness and what is evil?

We are not concerned with a man-made definition. The eternal standard of good and evil is defined by God. The sharp definition of good and evil existed at the time of His creation, long before evil ever came into being in the Garden of Eden. God’s view of good and evil will never change. God is eternal, His law is eternal, and His definition is eternal and unchanging despite the passage of time.

All of our human traits originate in God. We recognize that there is some human tendency for selfishness. This is natural because at one time God Himself was self-centered. This fact may surprise you, but you must understand that before God created man and the universe, He was all alone, with no one to care for except Himself. However the very instant that God initiated creation, His full concept of life emerged. God now lives for His counterpart-not for Himself.

What is creation? Creation means nothing more than the Creator, God, projecting Himself into a substantial form. He made Himself incarnate symbolically in the universe, and He made Himself incarnate directly in man. When the spirit takes form, this is creation. God invested Himself in the creation. God’s investment of energy is the creation.

The Bible in the book of Genesis makes creation sound simple and easy. Genesis gives us the impression that God’s creation is accomplished through the magic of His words. God simply says, “Let there be a world’ and presto!-the world comes into being. Then He says, “Let there be man” and poof! — Adam and Eve come into being.

But now it has been revealed that it was not this easy at all. God invested all of Himself in His creation. He did not reserve even one ounce of energy. Creation was His total labor, His total effort of giving all of Himself. When God put His entire heart and soul into the creation of His object, He was investing 100 percent of Himself. Only in this way could He create His second self, the visible God.

Therefore, after His creation, God was no longer existing just for Himself. God began existing for His son and daughter, Adam and Eve. He exists to love, He

exists to give. God is the totally unselfish existence. God cannot exist alone. “Love” and “ideal” only take on meaning when partners are in complementary relationship. God initiated creation and made an investment He cannot lose. When God poured all of His love, life, and ideal into His second self, He had to, in a sense, realize a profit. God knew that when He invested all He had—100 percent—His object would mature and return to Him many, many times over the fruits of love, life, and His ideal. His object, man, is everything to God. The life of the object attracts God. God wants to go and dwell with His object, man.

Let us look at an illustration. Suppose there is a great artist. If he works at random without feeling, he cannot create anything worthwhile. To create the masterpiece of his lifetime, the artist must put all of his heart and soul into his creation. That is the only way for him to come up with a great work of art. If an artist works in this way, his art becomes his life.

God is the greatest of all artists. When He created His masterpiece, man, He poured His heart into the process. He poured His soul into it. He poured all of His wisdom and all of His energy into it. God wished only to exist for Adam and Even and all mankind. He saved not a single ounce of energy when He created them. Thus, man has become the life of God.

Goodness is total giving

God set the pattern for the universe. In the ideal existence we live for others. The subject exists for the object and the object exists for the subject. God’s definition of goodness is total giving, total service, and absolute unselfishness. We are to live our lives for others. You live for others and others live for you. God lives for man and man lives for God. The husband lives for his wife and the wife lives for her husband. This is goodness. And here unity, harmony, and prosperity abound.

Would you, as a man, be disturbed if I said that you were created for a woman? Perhaps some of you are proud of your masculinity and would not want to hear this. But this is the principle of God’s creation, and you must not be sorry to hear these words. Man lives his life for his partner, not for himself.

Let us assume that one of you ladies is a beauty queen. No matter how beautiful you are, your beauty is not for your own gratification; it is for the delight of men. We are created to live for each other. This is the very reason for our existence; we exist for others, for an object, for a counterpart. This is the principle for all human relationships in our society. Parents exist for their children, and children exist for

their parents. Then both parents and children, when they give unselfishly, become united in a circular motion.

This circling motion is the motion of unity. When you give and take, the give and take action creates a circular motion. Circular motion alone can be eternal, because there you will find no end. Therefore, all of God's creation is based on a pattern of circular movement, since He created for eternity. Even our faces are round, although there is one central vertical line. Our eyeballs are round, and there are upper and lower lips which make up a round mouth. The sun is round, the moon, the earth, and all heavenly bodies are round. They are each rotating on their own axes and revolving around others. Everything in this universe has complementary give and take action between subject and object. Give and take action occurs between artery and vein, and thus blood circulates through the body. Human sickness is the state where the balance of give and take action is broken, and normal circulating motion is stopped. Without having this give and take action between subject and object, without abiding by this principle, nothing endures for eternity. All existence that is based upon God's principle is a good existence.

Then, what is evil? Evil is the emergence of selfishness into this world. God's principle of unselfish giving was twisted into an ungodly principle of selfish taking. The ungodly position of desiring to be served rather than to serve was thereby established. The origin of evil is Satan. He was in the position to serve God, but instead he posed as another god and subjugated man for his own benefit. God is the absolute positive force in this universe. Then Satan posed as another positive force. Two positives naturally repel each other. Satan is a fallen archangel. He left his position as faithful servant to God and man, and he challenged and competed with God. His motivation was selfishness. Out of his selfishness comes the origin of evil and sin.

What happened is this: Eve fell from her position as God's first daughter, becoming the first victim of Satan and transforming herself into a creature of selfishness. Together Eve and Satan then successfully brought Adam into their selfish world. By this tragic event, God was isolated by man in the garden of Eden. Human history started on the wrong footing, without God. The foundation for the evil history of man was laid, and Satan was established as the ruler of this world. Selfishness came into being at the beginning of human history, and now our world is rampant with killing, lying, and stealing. All of these actions in the evil world are motivated by selfishness. Evil subjugated others for its own benefit, while good sacrifices itself for the benefit of others.

Since the fall of man, God's work has been the restoration of original goodness. God wants to destroy the world of evil and recreate the world of goodness. We have lost our health. We have become sick people. The salvation of God is, therefore, the restoration of man to a healthy state once again.

God sowed the seed of goodness, but before He could gather its fruit, Satan invaded with his evil seed and harvested his evil fruit. For this reason, God must sow the seed of goodness once again. To do this job God needs certain tools. The religions of the world have served as these tools for God. Throughout history, good religions have taught God's way of life, centered upon sacrificial love and duty. Thus Christianity may be considered the most advanced and progressive religion because it teaches this sacrificial love and duty in supreme form.

Jesus came as a savior, but his teaching was, ". . . the Son of man came not to be served but to serve . . ." (Matt. 20:28) Jesus taught that the greatest love in this universe is to give one's life for his enemy. The teaching of the Bible is contrary to the common rule of our worldly society. It is exactly the opposite of the way of this self-centered world. The Bible teaches complete giving and total sacrifice. "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matt. 10:39) It seems almost foolish to think seriously about living this way in man's evil society. But once you know God's principle, you discover that there is actually no wisdom greater than this.

You reap as you sow

Jesus Christ's teachings were hitting the very core of this fundamental truth. The more you give the more you receive. God rewards total giving with total love, and total sacrifice with total life. Giving creates room for God's love to enter. The more room and the greater the vacuum created by your giving, the faster you will be filled by the flow of God's love.

To be treated well you must first treat others well. You reap as you sow. Sow evil to reap evil; sow goodness to reap goodness. Your concern should be how to give, and how to give well. As for the return to you, you must trust in God. He will take care of it.

Let us take an illustration of a good man and a bad man. Let us say there is one man who has ten friends. Day in and day out this man is unselfishly serving his ten friends. People cannot help but love this man. He can become the very best friend to ten people. Then his influence will spread to the relatives and friends of those first ten people. By giving and serving unselfishly this man becomes prosperous.

He is a center of harmony and unity because he lives God's principle. Unselfishness brings prosperity. Here is a good man.

But suppose, on the contrary, this man said to his friends, "You ten, bring everything to me; you are here to serve me." Before he spoke this way to his friends three times, everyone would end all connection with him. They would want to have nothing at all to do with him. So he would be left all alone. Isn't that true, even in our society? It is universally true: A self-centered doctrine, a self-centered philosophy, a self-centered way of life will fling you head over heels down the tragic road of self-destruction. But if you will live your life in service to others, you will find prosperity. It may seem that such a route would lead you to ruin, but it will not. They only reason it may not always bring prosperity to you is because you do not give to the very end. In the middle you suddenly become skeptical. You change your heart or pity yourself and thus shrink from God's law of total giving. The good result never materializes. Total giving is the way of prosperity because it is the way of God.

If any individual sacrifices himself for another individual, he becomes a hero to others. If one family is sacrificial for the well-being of another family, then that family becomes a heroic family among all families. Peoples and nations who sacrifice themselves for the benefit of others become champions of nations. A man who gives his life for his parents is a pious son. A man who gives his life for his king is a loyal subject. And a man who gives his life for all mankind is a saint.

Jesus Christ proclaimed this very truth you are hearing tonight. He strove for the fulfillment of God's truth on earth. He came not to satisfy his nation's selfish purpose, but to achieve salvation for the entire world.

God intended the chosen people of Israel to serve as the prepared instrument of the Messiah for his mission of world salvation. The people of Israel did not know this. They conceived of the coming Messiah as an invincible military conqueror who would restore the political empire of King David for the glory of the Jews. How wrong they were!

God's purpose is not the salvation of any particular man, church, or nation. God's purpose is to save the whole world. Therefore, the true church would give itself as a sacrifice for the benefit of the world. Yes, true Christians must be willing to sacrifice their own lives for the salvation of the world and all mankind. However, Christian teachings today are self centered. Christians are seeking their own personal salvation. Christians are crying out for "my salvation" and "my heaven."

This is contrary to God's truth and contrary to God's ideal. We must steadfastly give, love, sacrifice, and live for the sake of others.

We must all work for the ideal way of life. I exist for my family, my family exists for our society, our society exists for our nation, our nation exists for the world, all the world exists for God, and God exists for you and me, for all mankind. In this great circle of give and take there is harmony, there is unity, and there is an eternal process of increasing prosperity. Furthermore, since in this circuit all existence will fulfill its purpose of creation, there is abundant and profound joy. This is the Kingdom of Heaven, in which feelings of happiness overflow.

In this world, selfishness ruins everything. Selfishness in the family causes disharmony, which then erupts into bitterness and strife. Everyone wants to be served instead of serving others. Wives tell their husbands what to do and then seek to be served. Husbands want to be served by their wives. Parents expect service from their children and the children take their parents for granted. This is demonstrated in our families, in our societies, and in our nations.

In this world today the nations are existing solely for their own national interests. They plot, connive, cheat, and lie. They destroy other nations for their own national benefit. Is there even one nation on earth which pledges to God, "God, you may use this nation as your sacrifice and as your altar, if that is the way you can save the world?" Tell me, where is such a nation? Where?

It is a recognized fact that when America demonstrated the spirit of service and sacrificial duty in the world, and went out of her way to help others in their need-when America gave lives, money, and a helping hand-she enjoyed a golden age. But now America has a selfish attitude. The domestic problems today are very difficult. America's situation is chaotic. Today there are greater divisions, more corruption, and graver problems choking this land.

I am not criticizing any people or nation. I am merely proclaiming the heavenly truth that all mankind is seeking.

I started the Unification Church. If this Unification Church exists solely for the benefit of the welfare of the Unification Church itself, then it is doomed to perish. I founded the Church so that I could give my life, my heart, and my soul for the advancement of the salvation of the world. Among this audience there are many members of the Unification Church. Their great desire, their only motivation is to serve others, to save this nation and the world.

Jesus did not teach his disciples laws of retaliation. He told them, “. . . if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; . . . and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.” (Matt. 5:39,41) You never have to retaliate; all you have to do is completely and totally give, and then God will return to you more and more abundantly.

When Jesus was crucified, Roman soldiers pierced him. And Jesus prayed for his enemies: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34) Even at the moment of death on the cross, Jesus was so earnest in forgiving. His very last act was motivated by his love for his enemies. He was the supreme form of giving—a paragon of love. The example of Jesus-Christ is the absolute standard for all mankind. Just imagine an entire nation composed of Jesus-like men. What would you call it? The Kingdom of Heaven on earth—it could be nothing less.

Jesus Christ was lord over all life because of his unparalleled form of loving, giving, and sacrifice. He will remain the Lord forever. In the same way, no one in this universe surpasses the total giving and loving of God. So God is God forever. He reigns over all creation.

Look at the decline of Rome. The entire Roman Empire collapsed in front of the army with no weapons, the army of Jesus Christ. By what means did the Christians conquer Rome? They conquered by love, sacrifice, and total giving, up to the cost of their very lives. History is a witness that no empire can withstand the army of sacrificial love. And this history shall be repeated.

Up to now in our lives we did not know clearly the definition of good and evil. We could not be certain where to commit ourselves, when to act, what to serve. This has been the source of the greatest confusion in human lives. We must not become the Christians who merely crave their own well-being. As Christians, we must live the life of Jesus and give ourselves totally for the benefit of others, so that others might have life. This is God’s way.

This present world is evoking the wrath of God. It truly deserves His uncompromising judgment. But God is love, and He is long-suffering. God is suppressing His anger because He wants to save us. He is giving us a chance to change. He is waiting.

I know that Western culture is characterized by individualism. However, selfish individualism is doomed. Sacrificial individualism will blossom. Individuality in itself is good. God gave each one of us a unique way to serve. But individualism without God can only build castles on the sands of

The quiet revolution

I can see a great change, a great new surge of revolution coming to America-not by fire, not by bullets, but by God's truth kindling a revolution of men's hearts. I have come here to ignite this spiritual revolution. I don't need to demonstrate in front of the White House or in Lafayette Square. The answer does not lie there, but in the hearts of men, in the quiet revolution from selfishness to unselfishness.

Can you imagine how wonderful the ideal society will be? Individuals will belong to their families, the family will belong to the society, the society will belong to the nation, the nation will belong to the world, the world will belong to God, and God will belong to you. He who gives the most will know God most deeply.

Some young people might say to me, "Rev. Moon, you are coming here repeating the same old stuff." But that is not at all true. I am speaking not from theory but from life. I am telling you that we are all here to live the truth, as Jesus lived the truth. This is not a theory, a philosophy, or a theological doctrine. It is the ultimate truth of God-not to be talked about, but to be lived.

When man makes this truth live, it is going to bring about the greatest change upon the face of the earth. Although in one sense you know the truth of the things I have been saying, still nobody truly believes them. Since nobody believes the truth, nobody ever lives it. This truth is as old as God, yet as new as the 21st century. You must live the truth. If the revelation of the Divine Principle has made this age-old truth real in your heart, then you have in effect discovered a brand-new truth. The Divine Principle is touching the hearts of millions of young people, showing them the way to our very real God. People throughout the world are learning that God is absolute and perfect, and perfect God demands perfect man as His object. Jesus said, "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect." (Matt. 5:48) He is clearly indicating that our standard of value is the perfection of our Heavenly Father. Otherwise we cannot be God's objects and God cannot accept us.

All of us want to be perfect. All of us want heaven on earth, but we ask, "How can it be done?"

We wonder if it is at all possible for man to be perfect. Some contend, with apparent justification, that all one has to do is merely look at man to see the gross error of such an aspiration. We point to the sin and suffering inherent in all things even in the things that are most holy. We say, "Only God is perfect." However,

when we fully comprehend the design for man in God's concept of creation, we will understand that perfection is within our grasp.

In God's ideal of creation we were designed as temples of God, temples of the spirit of God, where God is master. "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you?" (I Cor. 3:16)

We were designed to be God's temples. When we attain this status, we shall cease to possess a will that is corruptible. Limitations or laws will no longer be necessary, for His will is our will. With His spirit dwelling in us completely we shall move only as He dictates. We shall then be perfect because the force that is guiding and directing us is the perfect force.

When man achieves this ultimate goal he is in perfect union with God. He is no longer living on the human level alone, but on the God-like level. He takes on God's qualities because the Spirit dwells in and possesses him as a perfect temple; he reflects God's virtue and power. Thus man can be as perfect as the Heavenly Father is perfect. This was the original pattern which God intended for mankind through Adam.

Marriage is the most important means of establishing God's kingdom on earth. Adam and Eve were God's first children. They were born of God, grew up in God, and would have matured into perfection in God. God intended to make Adam and Eve one in heavenly matrimony. Then they would have borne sinless children and become the true mother and father for all mankind. They would have been the first "king" and "queen," establishing the Heavenly Kingdom on earth.

Has such a kingdom ever- existed? No. Instead, history started in the wrong direction. From the evil first step, Satan has been the god of this world. It has, therefore, been God's purpose of restoration, His purpose of salvation, to restore the perfected nation so that He can truly have His kingdom upon the earth. For this God needs a model. Who can set the criteria of perfection on this earth? To meet this need the Messiah comes.

Jesus Christ came as the Messiah. He was the model of perfection upon every level: The individual, family, tribal, national, and world-wide levels. He came to establish a perfect world in his lifetime, not over a period of centuries.

Before God sent His champion Jesus Christ, He prepared the field with the chosen people of Israel. They were the foundation for the Messiah's coming. The people of Israel could have perfected themselves and their nation if they had united with

the coming of the Lord. The kingdom of God would have been a physical reality at that time.

The mission of Jesus

But Jesus was not accepted by his people. Instead of welcome, he met rejection at every level. Jesus was denied the opportunity to take a bride in the position of restored Eve, and to establish the first God-centered heavenly family. Instead, the people of Israel nailed him to the cross. Read I Cor. 2:8: “None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” Thus, the mission of Jesus Christ was left undone on earth.

The history of God’s providence is a sad, sad story. To comfort the heart of God and fulfill His work, we must clearly understand His process of restoration.

When God created man, He placed Adam and Eve, man and woman, in the garden of Eden. They both united with Satan and became sinful, thereby leaving God isolated. In the process of restoration, God must restore both Adam and Eve. Jesus came as the sinless Adam, or perfected Adam. His first mission was, therefore, to restore his bride and form the first family of God. All fallen generations would have been grafted onto him as the true olive tree. God-centered families, tribes, and nations would thus have been restored. Perfection would have reigned. The sinless state of God’s kingdom could have been a reality for the last 2,000 years. This is why I Cor. 15:45 says Jesus is the “last Adam ‘ the second Adam.

Jesus came, but he was crucified. He was not given the chance to restore his bride. And this is why Jesus promised his second coming. Jesus Christ must come again to consummate the mission he left undone 2,000 years ago. Let me repeat: Jesus was a man, not God Himself. When he returns to earth he will come as a man in the position of the third Adam.

Let us understand more fully the significance of these revelations. in the book of Revelation, there is the prophecy of the marriage of the Lamb. God intended Adam and Eve to come together in heavenly matrimony in the garden of Eden. Since it was not realized at that time, God intended Jesus to fulfill this marriage in his time. But it was not realized by Jesus either because of the faithlessness of the chosen people.

Jesus was the second Adam. It was God’s will for him to be blessed in heavenly matrimony with the second Eve, his restored bride. They would have become the

True Parents for mankind. And all mankind would have found life by grafting onto them.

Jesus cautioned the people: “You are of your father the devil...” (John 8:44) Because of the beginning point of human history, we were born Satan’s children. By the restoration of True Parents we will be reborn as children of our Heavenly Father, God, with full salvation into His sonship.

God’s will was denied fulfillment in Jesus’ time. That is why he is coming again as the third Adam. The marriage supper of the Lamb will take place. True Parents for all mankind will be realized in our time. God will bring forth His true family upon the face of the earth. All men will be made new through their True Parents. All will be made capable of bringing sinless children into the world. This will be done when Jesus Christ reappears. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth will then begin. This will be the day when the dwelling of God is with men. God will be full of joy. His own son as perfected third Adam will initiate an entirely new history upon the earth. On that day, we shall become living images of God. God will bring His kingdom to earth.

I pledge to you from the bottom of my heart that the realization of all this is at hand, in the fullness of God’s time. The ultimate realization of this ideal has been the hope of God as well as the hope of man.

Thank you very much for your attentive listening. You have been a most gracious audience. Thank you.

God’s Hope for Man
Reverend Sun Myung Moon
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Love With Silence

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As I have loved you, love others
Without any words, even without expressing at all
For love to be truly deep and profound
Serve without recognition from anybody.

Do good deeds for others
Without being known from others
Don't make excuses when you are scolded
Don't seek revenge when someone hurts you with words.

Love with silence when people reject you
Just love with silence
Pray for them
While you try to help them but they refuse you.

Love with silence when people ignore you
Endure the sorrow when you are rejected
Remind yourself always
To spread happiness and joy to others.

Love with silence when you are irritated
By the words and deeds of others
Offer God the pain you have deep inside your heart.

Remind yourself always
To respect and care for other brothers and sisters
Within yourself, never allow resentments,
Harsh accusations, or lack of endurance
Love with silence.

A poem by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Are you really shining that brightly?

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When you climb the mountains at night and look down in all directions you can see many sparkling lights. Colored lights always stand out, but bright lights stand out most of all. That is what spirit world sees when they look down on this world of ours. Your mind is like a light in the darkness, even though you cannot see it as such with your physical eyes. An electric bulb has an external shape, inside of which is the tungsten wire which actually lights up. As you know, the actual source of the light is the electricity generated by the power plant.

The brighter the light bulb, the heavier the wire inside must be. No matter how powerful the bulb is, however, it will give no light until the switch is turned on and the electricity flows. Where is the electricity, inside or outside the bulb? When you are quietly reading a book by your light you don't see the huge power source that is keeping your light on. The moment the light is turned on the power flows not only in the bulb but down the length of the wire from the power plant. Just looking externally, it might be concluded that the switch is the actual source of power, but the unseen power plant is the actual source. The power plant looks like a factory, with huge generators making great noise. At a hydroelectric power plant a massive flow of water is turning enormous turbines, while at a steam powered electric plant huge amounts of fuel are burned to run the gigantic machinery.

If the power plant is far away from the place where electricity is used, some power is lost in transmission. Also, in order for your light to work everything must be in working order. If one little wire is out of place then the light won't work. Such a bulb is like a dead man whose body exists but isn't functioning. Our existence can be described in the same terms used for an electric bulb. You can be a person of small wattage or of great wattage and there are many ways you can shine. How many watts are you? It is easy to say you are a million watts, but are you really shining that brightly?

Have you ever thought about what power resources you have, or how heavy the wire is which connects you to the power plant? Perhaps you feel the wire is so heavy that it is difficult to maneuver. The important thing is that if you have a heavier wire you can draw more electricity. To use a powerful light bulb you also have to have an appropriate socket. We must consider what kind of socket and bulb we are. Are you small like a Christmas ornament light, or a big floodlight

from a football field? It can be said that the effort you make every day goes to enlarge your bulb and socket so you can shine brighter and brighter. Is it easy? Also, is it cheap or expensive to do? It is one thing to enjoy benefit from the light, but to become a light yourself and become brighter and brighter is not easy. Often people are just like little lights, but they boast about it nevertheless.

When a great, bright light is turned on, the lesser bulbs are not needed and can be turned off. I'm sure God has thought about this phenomenon too. God made the sun such a bright source of light that nothing can compete with it. We need electricity only because there is night time. Do you have a greater need of sunlight or electricity? When the sun is shining is it possible to make the day brighter, even if many floodlights are turned on? It is impossible.

We commonly hear the expression "an enlightened mind." It is very poetic to speak of the lantern of the mind.

The Sound Of The Bell Of The Mind
Reverend Sun Myung Moon
January 28, 1979

Where is the territory of the kingdom of God?

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Where is the territory of the kingdom of God? It is the entire globe, for God created the earth as His territory. The three essential elements, sovereignty, people and territory are all united together by one love centered upon God. When love unites them together they create the ideal kingdom of God on earth. The love we are talking about for that kingdom is not the love we talk about in the fallen world; it is true love with God as the center. Everywhere that love is extended will be under God's umbrella and everything will blossom together. That love is absolute and will not be infiltrated by the fall; it is so pure and genuine that it has nothing to do with any fallen action.

Resurrected Kingdom of God
Reverend Sun Myung Moon
March 26, 1978

The unchanging quality of love

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The love between parents and children is closer to the qualification of the truth that is, unchanging and everlasting than the love between husband and wife. And in that love between the parents and children, the love going from the parent to the child is much closer to that quality of truth than the love going from the child to the parent. The love going from the parent to child is the trunk line of love, the central point which does not change from age to age. In order to become a recipient of this unchanging love of the parent, the child should also become a person who can give unchanging love. His love will be manifested in the form of obedience to his parents. If the child has a willing heart of voluntary obedience to his parents, then the parents and child can be united. Can true love be found through money or organization? No, but we can find true love through obedience to and harmony with our parents. Distrust and division are the opposite of harmony and unity, and make it impossible to create a base of love. The most important truth in this universe is that God is the parent of mankind, and that Adam and Eve were the children of God. This most important relationship did not come alive for humanity. What should happen in order to have that true love come into being? God's children must become obedient and unite with Him. There is only one way that children can become one with their parents: in willing obedience to them. Did Adam and Eve obey God? By their disobedience their relationship with God was destroyed. Before anything else, we must restore mankind's obedience to our parent, God. To restore all the destruction and the fallen actions of mankind a movement of unprecedented obedience to God, one that can bring unity between God and men, must come about. That is a prerequisite to fulfilling the love of God and the love of man. Once you become one with God by obedience, He becomes yours and you become His. God becomes you and you become God through the explosive power of love. This same principle applies between husband and wife; they should always be saying yes to each other. If a suggestion comes from her husband then the wife should answer yes. If a suggestion comes from his wife, the husband should answer yes. Will that bring them into unity or not? Through that harmony will their love disappear or be intensified? Should men, women, or love be the central point? Love must be the center. Nobody can deny this logic.

The Blessing

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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Why do we sing?

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Why do we sing? Is singing the expression of joy and hope or hatred? Then how can joy be expressed? Songs can be divided into three categories: those that express a longing for joy, those that actually express joy and those that express sorrow over the lack of joy. In all three categories there must be a subject and object; a song about yourself alone would not be meaningful. When we talk about joy, we are automatically talking about someone else besides ourselves. The subject-object relationship is a prerequisite for joy. Before joy can exist there must be two poles that can form a circuit.

Throughout history much art and literature have been created and all of these express a yearning for joy, joy itself, or sorrow. Do we all need someone besides ourselves? The birds sing; even insects sing, yet no matter how trivial they may be, their singing and beautiful sounds are not for themselves. They are for someone else, for a partner, for their neighbours.

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The Author's thoughts

This compilation, a part of the series, is for people all around the world, our common home where there are only hills and valleys, rivers and oceans, desert and jungle, cities and villages but no boundaries made by our Heavenly Parent.

During the years the amount of articles and posts, sharings and thoughts published on the As I Can See site, touched the hearts of so many people, transcending race, colours, religion and nationality, culture. For that, I am extremely grateful for our Heavenly Parent and the person, who really taught me to see the universal principles all around in the Creation.

I hope and wish, this book will help you to see the real, absolute values in yourself and in each other and focusing on that we all can grow and be mature, wise, caring and loving.

I hope and wish you will join me in the quest of creating everlasting peace and tranquility, long waited joy and happiness for each and every human being on Earth and the Nature all around.

May Heavenly Parent's Blessing Be Upon on You and Your Beloved People!

Joshua Dragon

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