

## 1 Finding a Substantial Being to Realize Love – The Object Partner of Love

### **True Parents' Words**

*God created human beings because of love. Love cannot be experienced by one being alone. Therefore, the only thing that God absolutely needs is an object partner to whom to give love. In other words, God needs an object partner of love. [CSG 1.1.2:9]*

*God exists as the origin of true love. But in order to experience love, even God needs a partner. Love is an experience and a joy that is possible only through the relationship between a subject partner and an object partner, that is, through a relationship. No one can ever feel love by himself or herself in isolation. God's motive for creating was to realize true love through object partners of true love. God created human beings so they would be object partners with whom to freely exchange love, as partners for total love. Hence, we human beings are sons and daughters of God, the Creator, who is our True Parent. God hoped that Adam and Eve would remain pure and grow up to become true persons based on true love. [CSG 1.3.3:9]*

*God treasures human beings above all else because they are the object partners of His love. That is why God's love is the most precious thing for us. No matter how much love God may have within Him, He cannot feel it without having partners to love. He can experience His own love only in relationship with a partner. It is because we are in the position of these object partners that God cherishes human beings the most. [CSG 4.1.4:31]*

### **Sharing Thoughts**

Once there was a person who visited France. While there, he bought a cheap necklace at a marketplace and returned to his country, where he was charged a high tariff by the customs officer. Perplexed, he insisted, "This is a very cheap item." But the customs officer merely replied, "No. It is a very expensive item." The man then had to pay the high tariff for the item before he could continue into his country. The man thought it strange and took the necklace to a jewelry appraiser for an appraisal. The appraiser closely observed the necklace under a magnifying glass for some time and was then astonished. "Mister, this is no ordinary necklace. Have a look yourself." So, the man also took a look through the magnifying glass and saw some writing etched into it. The necklace had the inscription "To Josephine from Bonaparte." Having been signed by the man who once laid claim to an entire century made the necklace priceless.

Perhaps the same is true for us. We do not realize just how precious certain things are when we go about our everyday lives. There may be aspects of our lives that we push aside because we did not scrutinize them under a magnifying glass. Heavenly Parent is always by our side, but we may have lived without that realization. This is because Heavenly Parent has become a part of me and stays near me as a Parent.

A partner exists in our lives; therefore, we can form relationships, love, and be fruitful. There is nothing so valuable that it can be exchanged for that partner. Heavenly Parent felt lonesome without anybody to love, and that is why humankind was created as object partners for love. One's value and significance are reaffirmed through interacting with a partner. Therefore, humankind, who can become a partner to Heavenly Parent, is of absolute value to Heavenly Parent. Hidden in the picture

of the creation of humankind is the inscription that confirms the authenticity of the children of the Heavenly Parent and the expectations of the Heavenly Parent. The external form and the amazing plans of Heavenly Parent are always disguised. The fact that each one of us exists as a person and was born as a child needed by Heavenly Parent is a reality that holds infinite value and grace.

In addition, we were created so that Heavenly Parent can visit and live within us and experience the world through our external form, through our eyes, ears and bodies. Also, being object partners in a parent–child relationship, we become Heavenly Parent’s everything.

When parents have children, those children become the most precious thing in the world to the parents, even more than their own lives. The same is true for Heavenly Parent. And all parents desire their children to be better than themselves. Among normally functioning parents, there are none that wish that their children be worse than they are themselves. Heavenly Parent as well desires that we become extraordinary. This is why, after creating humankind as beloved children, Heavenly Parent has continued to invest love in us and has experienced infinite joy from observing us, His beloved children.

With such lofty dreams in mind, Heavenly Parent invested absolutely everything in creating humankind. Creation took a very long time, but it was a labor of love by Heavenly Parent. This was because the ultimate moment in the process of creation was the creation of beloved children, the son and daughter, Adam and Eve.

Knowing that this moment would come after a long, patient wait, Heavenly Parent created humankind with a heart of loving others, of bearing the fruits of love, of anticipation. Therefore, it was possible for Heavenly Parent to imbue all of creation with divine love. The goal of Heavenly Parent was creating the love that could create a substantial partner. Love was present at the start and throughout the process, and the result was also love.

We are the substantiation of Heavenly Parent’s love. We must live with the filial heart to fulfill the dream of creation of our Heavenly Parent.

**\* Points for contemplation**

- 1) What was the heart of Heavenly Parent when He was alone prior to the creation?
- 2) What kind of life should we live to become an object partner of the substantial love of Heavenly Parent?