

FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: The World Really Needs To Know God's Motherly Aspect

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*Yong-cheon Song speaking in Munich, Germany
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International President in speech to European members points out the great need in today's world to get to know God's motherly aspect

1st part of a message by Dr. Yong-cheon Song, the International President of the [Family Federation](#), at a large meeting in Munich, Germany 18th May 2024. Slightly edited version.

I am here to deliver some key message. [...] Let me begin by reading [Mother Moon](#)'s words, given at a special convention of young people from a heavenly Europe and Middle East,

hosted by the [True Parents](#) of Heaven, Earth and Humankind on 1st September last year.



*[Mother Moon](#) in Gapyeong, South Korea 1st Sep.
2023*

"I have so much wanted to see you.

What is the most precious word in human history, loved and appreciated by men and women, young and old alike? "[True Parents](#)" is a term that has appeared in providential history. Yet more generally, it would be "mother" or "mom". Throughout our history, the most precious being, the Mother, has been hidden, out of sight. [...]

According to the [principles of creation](#), [God](#) created man and woman in the divine image. [...]

There can be no failure for our omnipotent Creator. Once He starts something, He must see it to fruition. That is why, in order to establish people with the original standard, Heaven had no choice but to begin the work of the [providence](#) of salvation, restoration through indemnity."

Let me read one more passage. [Mother Moon](#) gave these words in Las Vegas on 8th October 2023:



[Mother Moon](#) speaking in Las Vegas 8th Oct. 2023

"Our Heavenly Parent's starting point and ending point are one and the same. [God](#) is all-knowing and almighty. For these reasons, [God](#) embarked on the arduous and difficult historical journey to find the [True Parents](#) who, upholding [God's principles of creation](#), could become the 'Ancestors of humankind'. [God](#) selected the nation of Israel as the chosen people, and the history of the [providence](#) of salvation was set in motion.

The [providential](#) history of salvation was first to restore the [lineage](#) lost through the Fall. And after 4,000 years, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son whom [God](#) could call 'My son', was born. [...]

What you need to know here is that [God](#) created humankind in the divine image, male and female. Though [God](#) found Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son, the [Only Begotten Daughter](#) could not

appear.

For the completion of the [providence](#), the [Only Begotten Daughter](#) must appear. But the [Only Begotten Daughter](#) could not be born through the people of Israel, who had been unable to fulfill their responsibility. [...]

So, in search of a new people, a chosen people, Heaven brought the [Only Begotten Daughter](#) to be born on the Korean peninsula in 1943."

Today, I would like to share a talk with you centered on [Mother Moon](#)'s words with the title "Heavenly Parent's starting and ending point are the same."

It was shortly after I was [assigned as international president](#) of the [Family Federation](#). It was dawn on a summer day, when the heat was at its peak. [Mother Moon](#) called me. On that day, she was looking out the window, greeting the dawn in [Gapyeong](#). In a firm, yet gentle voice, [Mother Moon](#) said the following,

"I feel the urgency of every hour. Christianity must awaken from its slumber. It is time for Christianity to make a new beginning, study the Words appropriate for the era of the [Heavenly Kingdom](#) ('Cheonilguk sidae' in Korean), and teach them to all of humankind. And it is time for [blessed](#) families around the world to study the essence of our Heavenly Parent, that has not been revealed in history, the essence of the [True Parents](#) that has not been known until now, and the truth of the 2,000 years of Christian providential history."

I was surprised by these words and at the same time quite fearful, but gathering courage, I worked with professors from both Sun Moon University and Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology. We focused on developing teaching materials that could convey the "essence of the [True Parents](#)". After six months of sleepless nights and sacrificing weekends, the professors finally completed the teaching materials.



A pre-publication version of "True Parents' Status and Value from the Viewpoint of Heaven's Providence"

I cannot tell you how happy [Mother Moon](#) was when she received their report. Right then and there, she blessed it with the title "[The Status and Value of True Parents from the Viewpoint of Heaven's Providence](#)". She also gave us an important instruction, "Quickly make it into a textbook and teach it."

I know well that all [blessed](#) members around the world completed their training in the content of this textbook during the second 40-day period of special devotion last April. [...]

While carrying out the mission Heaven had assigned me, I experienced some precious time of grace when I came to know and deeply realize a deep heart of [Mother Moon](#), that I had not known before. I would like to tell you that

this realization is still very much alive in my heart and I like to share it with you.

So this precious occasion is not just a time for you to enjoy. I hope it will be a time for you to contemplate your responsibility and mission as heavenly Europe and Middle East members who live in the era of the [Heavenly Kingdom](#) ('Cheonilguk sidae' in Korean). I sincerely hope that this will be a day when your soul awakens, your breath revives, and your life is resurrected by the new understanding that [Mother Moon](#) has given us. And I hope that we can convey Heaven's blessings to the world.

Firstly, we must know the essence of the Heavenly Parent, which has been hidden throughout history. Until now, we have known [God](#) only as God the Father. However, [God](#) exists not only as our Father, but also as our Mother.

What do you get when you combine [God](#) the Father and God the Mother? You get a Parent. [God](#) is our Heavenly Parent. This is the original [essence of God](#).

But until now, we have addressed [God](#) without knowing [God](#) the Mother. [Mother Moon](#) has taught us this these days.

Yet even though we had ears, we did not hear. Even though we had eyes, we did not see how frustrated [Mother Moon](#) must have felt when she expressed the following in her memoirs,

"[God](#)'s wish was to become the True Parent of humankind and realize the ideal of one family of

humankind under [God](#), to become not only [God](#) the Father, but also [God](#) the Mother, in other words, the Heavenly Parent, turning individuals, tribes, peoples, nations, and the world into heavenly individuals, heavenly tribes, heavenly peoples, heavenly nations, and a heavenly world with [God](#) as their Parent.



Front cover page of [Mother Moon's](#) memoirs published 2020

However, with the Fall of our first ancestors, the realization of the ideal of our Heavenly Parent's creation was delayed. A male-centered history developed, centered not on [God's](#) status as Heavenly Parent, but on the status as Heavenly Father, the masculine aspect of [God](#). The status as Heavenly Mother, [God's](#) feminine aspect, was hidden, and [God](#) could not become our Heavenly Parent."

This is how earnest [Mother Moon](#) is. Now, more than ever, the time for [God's](#) [providence](#) has come. During the past ten years, [Mother Moon](#) has been traveling the world, investing everything she has into revealing the truth and essence of Heaven's [providence](#).

She has been working to reveal the position of the Heavenly Mother, which has been hidden until now. Even while suffering from swollen lips and swollen legs, even when she could barely stand, [Mother Moon](#) could not rest.

I believe that we, the members of a heavenly Europe and Middle East, should know this as her "children".

Take a look at the world today. Society is filled with so many cruel realities, it is unsettling to watch the news. It has become a terrible world, characterized by violence, war, and inequality. For personal gain, people slander, criticize and tear down others.



Dr. Yong-cheon Song on stage in Munich 18th May 2024

The world is gradually becoming a more miserable place over time. A world of freedom, peace, and happiness that embodies our Heavenly Parent's hope and desires is becoming increasingly distant.

Why has the world become so full of sorrow and pain? Why is the world becoming a place of suffering and despair, far from the ideal of creation?

[Mother Moon](#) has already provided us with the answer. She has explained that this is because the status and essence of the Heavenly Mother has not been revealed.

She explains it in terms of fights between siblings who have lost their [True Parents](#).

[Mother Moon](#) also said that this situation came about because the existence of the Heavenly Mother has been buried. When we come to know the existence of the Heavenly Mother, everything will be resolved.

I would like to say that these words are the truth about Heaven's [providence](#). We have been living in complete ignorance of the essence of our Heavenly Mother until now. It is the time for us to know the

truth of Heaven's [providence](#), become enlightened, and change the paradigm of our thinking.

To be continued. Part 2 coming soon.

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God As Our Heavenly Parent (Father And Mother)

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New insight into the concept of God – our Heavenly Parent

Heavenly Parent

Part 1 of a lecture given by Dr. David Hanna, head of the North European sub-region of the **Family Federation**, at an international prayer meeting by Zoom on 27th March 2024.

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Science In Rev. Moon's

seven lectures, and the title is "Heavenly Parent". It has Jin-su Hwang, professor of theology at [Sun Moon University](#), as the original author and presenter.



Jin-su Hwang, professor of theology at [Sun Moon University, Asan, South Korea](#). Photo (2023); Screenshot from video by [신통일한국 평화포럼](#)

This lecture deals largely with the shift from referring to **God** or addressing **God** as "Heavenly Father" to "Heavenly Parent", what this means, and why we should do it. It doesn't set out to present a comprehensive view of **God** as in *Unification Theology*.

I have to say, as a rule, I don't give other people's lectures, but I can try here to give a summary of what I consider to be the most important parts of this presentation and then add, if I may, some of my own thoughts or comments at the end. So my apologies in advance to Professor Hwang for what I've done to his presentation.

Actually, there's really nothing in this lecture that you will find difficult to accept, I believe, and at points the arguments are rather, shall we say, academic.

But I'm very happy that these lectures in general introduce us to some of the professors of the higher-level institutions that the **True Parents** have founded. They have all made great efforts to fulfil their brief.

Professor Hwang starts by expressing his interest in how we teach our children about Heavenly Parent, and how we educate them about the historical development in religious understanding that takes us from Jehovah to Heavenly Father and then to Heavenly Parent.

There are five main points addressed in this lecture. The first is taking us back to **Mother Moon's** words, the second, reminding us of **God's** dual characteristics of masculinity and femininity, as explained in the [Exposition of the Divine Principle](#). The third point is making clear that our view is not a form of dualism, the fourth is looking at the reasons why **God** has been addressed historically as Heavenly Father. And lastly, the final point provides some reasoning as to why the "Era of the Heavenly Kingdom" ("Cheonilguk era" in Korean) is the era of the Heavenly Parent.

Here is **Mother Moon** speaking just prior to what we call *Foundation Day* in 2013,

"We must now change how we address **God**. When we pray, we will change [the Korean word] 'Hananim' to [the Korean expression] 'Haneul Bumonim'. This is *2020. Photo: HFWPU* 'Heavenly Parent'. It is smooth in English and is also meaningful in Korean. Therefore, when you pray, the very first words you utter should be 'Heavenly Parent' [...]. (Speech by **Mother Moon** 7th January 2013 in Gapyeong, South Korea)

Dr. Hwang refers to a further passage from **Mother Moon**, from 15th July 2019,

"**God** created a man and a woman. What you need to know is that **God**, our Creator, exists as **God** the Father and **God** the Mother, and that is the starting point of the creation of the heavens and the earth. **God** created our first ancestors as a man and a woman, in the divine image. This was the principle of creation by which our Creator made heaven and earth."



The [Exposition of the Divine Principle](#) shows its roots in oriental

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Exposition of the Divine Principle, published 1996.

philosophy with reference to the yang and yin of **God** that is manifested in all created beings, culminating in human beings as male and female.

The explanation of the pair system is basic

Divine Principle that I believe we're all very familiar with. The yang and yin principle gives rise to gender distinctions in the natural world.

Personally, I don't find the **Unification Thought** examples of this that are given, to be so helpful. So allow me to inject an explanation.

Masculinity is associated with yang qualities such as strength, assertiveness, and activity, while femininity is connected to yin qualities like receptivity, nurturing, and intuition.

It's important to note that these definitions, they're not fixed and can vary depending on cultural interpretations and individual perspectives within Oriental philosophy.

Now, Professor Hwang provides a quotation from **Father Moon** that describes this process in the following way,



Father Moon. Photo: FFWPU

"Why do we marry? It is to resemble the image of **God**. **God** is a being with dual characteristics, possessing both an invisible male nature and an invisible female nature. In one body with dual characteristics, these characteristics are in complete harmony and unity. **God** is a being that is whole and united. However, these complementary individual natures within **God** are different from each other. If the male and female characteristics of **God** were the same, then one would be an exact copy of the other. But they're different. Being male and female, they must become one, become like seeds, and return to the position of **God's** original nature." (A speech **Father Moon** gave 18th February 1998)

And Dr. Hwang has two more quotations from **Father Moon**,

"We say that **God** is the masculine subject, don't we? **God** appears as a masculine subject, but also has a feminine aspect. **God** is masculine in the front, but just behind there is the feminine character. **God** created what can be divided into inside and outside, or into left and right, or as upper and lower. As this unfolds, what emerges is man and woman. Do you understand?" (A speech **Father Moon** gave 31st July 2000)

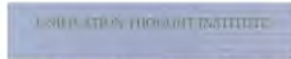
"If we go to the root of the universe, we come to **God**, and we need to be aware that **God** has two natures, a masculine and a feminine nature." (A speech **Father Moon** gave 15th September 1995)

So the fact that **God** is a being who has a masculine aspect and a feminine aspect, is already well understood. [...]

Professor Hwang gives a complete definition [of **God's** masculinity and femininity], which does sound very much like **Unification Thought** to me. He says that **God** exists with a masculine aspect, having internal nature and external form of masculine yang- yin, and with a feminine aspect having internal nature and external form of



nature and external form of feminine yang-yin. Therefore, **God** exists not only with a masculine aspect but also with a feminine aspect.



The latest version of Unification Thought, published in 2006.

Hwang adds that this can be clarified inductively through all things of creation, which is, of course the argument that **Divine Principle** puts forward in line with that of St. Paul in Romans 1;20.

“Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible nature, namely his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made, so they're without excuse.”

This exercise charts a course to the same conclusion as the **Divine Principle**. It reveals **God** as a being of personality, which Yang-Yin philosophy alone falls short of doing, and **God** has both masculine and feminine personality.

Father Moon in his *Wolli Wonbon*, the original text that he completed in 1952, but which is yet to be published in English, apparently talks of man as the substantial entity of Heavenly Father and woman as the substantial entity of Heavenly Mother. It's interesting, isn't it, that these terms are used by **Father Moon** so early on.

Continued in [part 2](#), [part 3](#).

Featured image above: *Dr. David Hanna lecturing in Oslo, Norway on 13th November 2022. Photo: Knut Holdhus*

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