

What does tradition mean to us?

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A long time ago, in Germany, there was a really old Catholic Church. The church had many areas that were damaged and the priest called a carpenter to fix the old church. As the carpenter went up the roof of the church, he found a big hole. Through the hole, he saw an old lady praying deeply. Mischief caught into the carpenter's eyes and in a soft voice he told the old lady, "I am Jesus." "My beloved daughter why are you praying so hard?" "If you tell me your prayer I'll make your needs come true." However, the old lady remained silent. And as the man repeated what he told the old lady a few times the woman finally spoke. "Shut your mouth Son, I am talking to your mother!"

A tradition is something that is handed down to a family, a tribe, or a nation from their ancestors. Have you ever heard of a universal tradition?

There is no such thing as a universal tradition. Traditions of Korea, traditions of Japan, traditions of China, traditions of England, traditions of Jews; like this, a tradition is something between a country and its people.

My last name is Doo. A long time ago my ancestors emigrated from China to Korea. With a Chinese descent, my ancestors followed the Korean traditions and lived in Korea of hundreds of years. That's why their descendants no longer say "I am Chinese". I am a Korean who adopted Korean traditions. If my ancestors had followed Chinese traditions when they lived in Korea, then they would say they are Chinese.

Then what does tradition mean to us, Unificationists? We, Unificationists are not classified like Jews who are the same race. To gather the 5- colored races and nationalities of the world and establish a tradition means to create a tradition where all of humankind shares something in common. We will make a universal tradition for the first time in human history. It is a tradition that will unite the scattered humankind after the fall of Adam and Eve as one family. Therefore, as Unificationist, a tradition would be making a universal tradition. It is making humankind one family under God.

And to do so we need to gather people of many cultures and races and make a lineage and tradition centered on God. This is why we are here.

From: CSG B12_4:3:8~12

The way we must go from now

8. First, we must absolutely value the tradition established by True Parents as much as we value our own lives, and pass this down to our descendants, the future generations. True Parents established the tradition of love and heart, the tradition of the Word and the rules and regulations, and the tradition of the culture of heart. The Hoon Dok Hae tradition of reading the Word, which is the crystallization of True Parents' course in the providence of restoration through indemnity, should become the central practice in each family as well as in the churches and any gathering centered on Heaven. At the same time, we must go forward in building a new order on earth. Please never forget True Parents' tradition, by which the order and tradition of our organization are to form a unified body in perfect order, based on the True Family centered on True Parents and centered on the Abel figure.

9. Second, we must complete the ideal of the blessed family with which Heaven has blessed us. The family is the cradle of true love, true life and true lineage, and the base upon which God's purpose of creation is realized. Based on the eight verses of the Family Pledge, you should uphold the tradition of the

absolutely good lineage with absolute faith. Our vision for peace evokes pure love, happy families and a peaceful world. Children should be raised and nurtured with love and through the Word within a tradition of conjugal oneness- through attending Heaven with absolute love. Through Hoon Dok Hae in your families, you should foster the firm establishment of the Cheon Il order, and fulfill the ideal of the Blessing, in which the tradition of heart can take root both vertically and horizontally under the standard of “noontime settlement”.

10. Third, you have all received the blessing of being tribal messiahs. Thus, you must work to fulfill that mission and responsibility until the time that Cheon Il Guk is completed on earth. Tribal messiahship is the greatest of all blessings given to you by True Parents, because fallen people could not be appointed tribal messiahs without the foundation of victory in the providence of restoration through indemnity. That is why True Parents have consistently emphasized the tribal messiah mission during their lifelong governance of the providence. The completion of Heaven and Earth of Cheon Il Guk becomes possible when tribal messiahs fulfill their responsibilities, pass on to each clan the Word, participation in the Blessing Ceremony and a lifestyle of living for the sake of others, and when they establish the sovereignty of goodness and realize a world of peace, the ideal of one great human family.

11. Fourth, all of us must create a community based on the culture of heart characterized by harmony and unity, with True Parents and the True Family at the center. Each of you, without exception, found the path of God’s will because you were chosen by Heaven, because of the merits of your ancestors and because of the nature you have acquired. You faced immeasurable persecution in order to follow True Parents until entering this realm of victory today. That makes us all a part of a single family, a community of heart centered on one Parent. Division and conflict continue to afflict the world, but the Unification Family can become brothers and sisters who can easily transcend race, national borders, and any other barrier. If you can show an exemplary life of giving and living for the sake of others, this dream will surely come true. Especially as we are in this time of great transition in the providence, I ask that you engrave in your hearts that we must become one with True Parents.

12. True Father is in the spirit world but he is always with us. He exists without corporal form, but he never leaves our sides even for a moment. What do you think he desires from us at this moment. What do you think he desires from us at this time? He desires to march forward without pausing. God’s providence must continue until love and peace are overflowed, a culture of heart is settled down, and a new order is established while the whole world are centered on True Parents. Moreover, on the basis of the victory of Foundation Day, we should further advance to offer great glory to Heaven and to True Parents and to instill great hope in the world and into the history. Aju

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You all know the famous scientist Einstein, the inventor Edison, the founding father of psychoanalysis Freud, and movie director Steven Spielberg. These people all shared one thing in common. They were all Jews. Though Jews are only 0.2% of the population in the world, of all the Nobel Prize winners, 22% of the winners were Jewish people. Of the 100 businesses in America 40% is owned by Jews. Both America’s and England’s world leading press is also run by Jews. At one point the movie industry that led the world’s culture, was also led by Jews. Moreover, we cannot deny the fact that they also play a large role in other fields of the world.

Producing many world-class scholars and showing excellence in various fields, what do you think is the secret to their success? The answer is “education”. Before the nation of Israel was established in May 14, 1948, the Jewish people went through thousands of years of wars and persecution, and barely continued their lineage through slaves and traders.

Their success does not mean that they have a greater intelligence than other races. They just hold bigger dreams than normal people. This comes from their unlimited way of thinking. Their religion Judaism is the basis of their thoughts, and it contains their education practices and way of life. This is a traditional education passed down from generation to generation for many years.

Today, the well-known Talmud and the first five books of the Bible: the Torah, is the fundamental strength of the Jewish people. Jewish people use the Torah to learn to read and to learn the stance of learning, and after biblical times, these people used the Talmud like an encyclopedia to learn their rules. Especially, in the teachings of the Talmud, they teach their children to respect the ceremonies of coming of age, marriage, funeral and

ancestral worship, ceremonial occasions, and to live with their neighbors. Through these books they were able to continue their tradition.

Like the Jewish people had their Torah and Talmud, we also have something like that too. What is it? It is the divine principle and the 1000 books of True Parents' words. In the 1000 books of True Parents’ words, the books containing the heart of their words is the Heavenly Bible (CSG) and the divine principle and CIG constitutional law. But, we do not have a firm tradition yet, like the Jewish people.

A few years ago, at the Cheon Bok Gong Church in Seoul Korea, the president of the Chogye Order, Monk Ja-Seung visited the church. The Korean Buddhist population is about 30% of Republic of Korea. Among them, the Chogye Order is one of the largest religious orders and has many believers. It was the first time the president of the Chogye order visited our church. Monk Ja-seung gave us advice saying, "It is very surprising that with only a 60 year history, the Unification Church is now a world religion. Especially as it is influencing the political and economic field, I truly respect and am jealous of you. But, for the Unificationists to remain in history, you first need to create a culture and tradition of the Unificationists.

For 2,500 years, Buddhism went through many hardships. With wars and the changing of dynasties, Buddhism went through many pain and suffering, but it never disappeared because of one reason, it stayed alive. Not because of the scriptures but its culture and traditions kept it alive." That is true. The Torah, Talmud, Bible, Buddhist scriptures, the divine principle or the Heavenly Bible(CSG) etc. just themselves are not traditions.

Tradition is the byproduct of scriptures. When we read the scriptures we put its contents in our behavior pattern and way of life and that becomes a tradition.

Now is an important time for us! Because it is the time for us to establish a tradition.

When America was just founded, it was established an ethical tradition based on Puritan beliefs, and because of that it became one of the superpowers of this world. It is a country that was politically stable. So, many countries were jealous for that. After WWII, many countries adopted a democratic constitution. But, because of greedy politicians, the new government thrived on the corruption and crime. Leaders and citizens gathered many people to overthrow the corrupted government. After they overthrew that government, a new one took its place. But that new government too, became corrupted. And we can also see many other countries that are like this. Why did this happen? It is because they did not establish an ethical tradition at the beginning.

Let's look at the Jewish people. For thousands of years, their blood mixed with many races, and they lived through that to now. Caught and used as slaves, lived as traders, their unity, brilliance, and their fear of the Lord survived those thousands of years and are still the same today. Saying that their lineage was maintained by their tradition is no exaggeration. Why? Because when they established their tradition, they had done it well.

We have a very important mission as a Unificationist. We have a responsibility, left from True Parents as a word from the heavens, to establish a tradition. Though Jews are scattered around the world, they established their tradition living their separate ways and teaching the Torah and Talmud in their families - and we must do that too.

We need to establish a tradition of True Parents centered on family.

As we read True Parents' words and practice it, we must make OUR tradition. Just by reading his words and receiving grace is not going to establish our tradition. Even if True Parents made the tradition for us, if we don't practice it, it will not continue to be a tradition. And when we practice the words, we put its contents in our behavior pattern and way of life and that becomes a tradition.

As brothers and sisters who had attended True Parents in this age, the tradition we must make is the tradition of the world. It is making humankind one family under God, and establishing the Cheon Il Guk tradition from the family, it will unite the world's bloodlines. To do so we need to gather people of many cultures and races and make a tradition centered on God, and make a lineage, that is why we are here.

When people of different races and nationalities gather and create a tradition centered on True Parents, we become united in blood, and become true brothers and sisters under God.

For the first time after the fall of Adam and Eve, a tradition of humankind will be born. All of you are lead actors in the making of this tradition. You will all become main character who will pass on the new and everlasting tradition of humankind.

Let us practice True Parents' words and raise a tradition centered on God so we can become remembered ancestors of blessed families.

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