

Transcription of President AN's talk in Luxembourg

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Yesterday, I was reading Father's speech and Father says that the spiritual world is not something outside of us. It is something that works through our original mind, it connects through our conscience. We often think of the spiritual world in terms of spiritual phenomena, but it's not like that, but rather a question of feeling, understanding and being enlightened and guided and very substantially connected. So God can be within us really substantially; that's God's original vision for man.

Everything is always very much connected; we just don't realize it. That's why Father can understand everything, because if you know certain facts, then you can know the future by extrapolation. Father explains that we have our life in the womb, then our physical life and if we extend or extrapolate consistently, we can see or predict our next life in the spiritual world. So if we really understand relationships, consistently, then we can really understand what is going to happen later.

What's our relationship? Physical world and spirit world, God and ourselves, all of these things are really interconnected. However, we just have certain dimensions that we understand, whereas other dimensions we don't understand, but True Parents are the ones that know all these things, not because they are smart, but because they are [in a] higher dimension. We are limited to the 4 dimensions, but True Parents extend beyond the 4th dimension to the spiritual dimension and even to God.

That's why Buddha, Socrates, etc., if they are asked about God would say, "I don't know". Jesus was the first one who talked clearly about God. God is his Father. He talked about the spirit world, saying that you have to know that this world is not all. There is another world and this is the world you have to go to when you die. The Jewish people didn't have so much concept of the spirit world. Jesus was the first one to talk clearly about the spirit world. In this spiritual dimension, the logic is different. To be rich here is to be poor there. If you want to die, you will live. If you want to live you will die. So the physical and spiritual dimensions are totally different.

Jesus tried to explain to us more clearly through examples and stories. For example, the poor person died and went to heaven, whereas the rich person was in hell. He explained very clearly, because he was the first one to hear, see, feel and understand the spirit world substantially.

True Parents are very different from us dimensionally. TP really understand all the dimensions, systems and interconnections. Father is the only one who talks about the conditions needed to progress through the individual, family, tribe, society, etc., levels, and about the internal and external dimensions, the formation, growth and completion stages, the old, new and completed testament ages, etc. Others did not talk that way.

If someone has studied only one dimension in mathematics, you cannot explain 2 dimensional things to them. And if they only understand the concept of area, which is 2 dimensions, you cannot talk about 3 dimensions which is volume. In Jesus' time, it was as if the people were living in one dimension and he could not talk about 3 dimensional things. So he could not explain systematically the dimensional way as Father is doing.

So we are very interconnected with dimensions. We are in a very different time now after Father's Seonghwa ceremony. TF is in spiritual world and TM is in the physical world. It's a very different time. TF talked about the Seonghwa ceremony at the end of His life. Through the Seonghwa ceremony we can have rebirth, resurrection and eternal life. True Father taught about everything, so now we have to make some kind of systematic understanding of his words. Father talked about the introduction right through to the conclusion already, so we have the whole logos, so we have to know the whole picture.

Recently I felt very sorry that some very good members left the church. One of the members I know in England, a very good sister, she was kind of very disappointed with what is happening right now, and she just left the church. This is very painful for me and when I went to England I tried to contact her, but I think it's already too late. Once they make up their mind, it's not so easy. That is why I decided to travel and visit the churches, because I regret that perhaps if had been able to talk to her before, she might have stayed. Unfortunately, many good members leave the church at the last moment. It's very painful, so for the last 20 days I've been visiting a church a day. I just came back and I had Saturday and Sunday free to visit the church. I want to help us to understand the whole picture of True Parents. That's what I want to share with you at this time.

We may have been following TP for 30 or 40 years, but if we don't analyze the whole picture, we miss the basic point. We didn't understand yet. That is why the last days are the most difficult time. Even in Jesus' time, at the last moment, Jesus had no-one with him, not one person. We have to understand why this is. They were not bad people, so what was the reason for them to leave Jesus? In Jesus' time, things did not go well because of John the Baptist, and the prepared people did not follow Jesus. The sinners who had lots of problems were the ones who came to and believed in Jesus. The only ones who remained at his side at the end were Mary Magdalene and his mother. So, in the last days we can make critical mistakes - even smart people or righteous people are going to be the ones who leave the church first.

In his public life, Father gave many public speeches, but his last public speech, the most important speech is entitled "*Cosmic Assembly for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and for the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self*", because that is the conclusion and the last public speech given during his speaking tour. When you make a conclusion, it comprises the beginning to the end, so all of the contents and elements, all of the essence is here. Especially, Father said all of these things before going to spirit world as a final word, and even you can see that this content is a very important subject. If you understand this subject, you will understand who TP are.

In Christianity, the most important question is "who is Jesus, the son of God or the son of man?" This is the main point which caused division among the churches. So it is very important for us to understand who True Parents are and, in this speech, TF says that TP are the substantial God himself. TP are God himself, just like Jesus said that he is the way, the truth and the life, so TP are the way, the truth and the life, and the love also. That's their identity. They are the substantial God, so that's why TF talked about the God of night and the God of day: in the last moment TF explained about that and the relationship between God and TP. So that's their fundamental identity and, therefore, whatever TP say is the truth.

Sometimes TP words may seem contradictory, but this is because of the different dimensions. For example, sometimes TF speaks from an internal perspective and sometimes from an external one, sometimes about the ideal and sometimes about reality, physical world or spiritual world. These are different dimensions. Therefore, if you understand that God is the origin of the word, then there is nothing that can be untrue. That's why this speech is really important.

The section headings are also important, because by going through the section headings you can get an idea of what speech this is: the 3 stages of life, one family under God, the mission of the Korean people, the path humankind should take and my final words for humankind. When TF gave his final words, it means he was preparing to go to the spirit world, so this is TF's last will and testament and we need to review it again and again. Proclamation of the era of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and True Parents' special instructions and New world Seonghwa ceremony for the establishment of new tribal messiah world federation in the new world.

Therefore, we can gain a picture that this speech is very different from all the other speeches, because they are all mainly about changing the blood lineage, i.e. the blessing, and making peace in the world. In other words they are about the providence, whereas in this speech, TF talks about “my whole life and my final words” and he talks a lot about the Seonghwa ceremony. TF talks about individual Seonghwa ceremonies in this public speech and, frankly speaking, at that time I had difficulty understanding why TF was talking about this in his most important speech.

TF refers to Alexander Haig and other individuals who are not so significant. TF had so many great disciples and different people and why is he talking about these individuals and the sailors who died in the sinking of the Cheonan navy ship. Many of them did not do so much for the will of God. It is so significant that these people were included in this very important speech. It's because TF wants us to understand that this is not just a conceptual thing, but a very substantial thing, namely the Seonghwa ceremony. So the Seonghwa ceremony is about our death, the end of our physical life and this is the first time to talk about this, so it is very important for us to understand the meaning of the Seonghwa ceremony.

TF says that without having the blessing and Seonghwa ceremony we cannot be really saved and receive rebirth, resurrection and eternal life. From the part of the speech, subtitled “my final words for humankind” - *You should now set up the Hoon Dok Hae study tradition in your families using the books I have mentioned. That is the tradition where three generations of a family start each day by reading Heaven's word, and lead a life of practicing what they read, with a new heart. Let's create a world where people in the spirit world and the earthly world can both attend True Parents at the same time, and read the word on the heavenly path together.*

This is very important: spirit world and physical world together to attend TP.

TF says Cosmic Assembly, right? Actually TF says “Cheon Ju” (천주), which doesn't mean Cosmos, but there is no other English word. In Korean we have the word “Uju” (우주) which means the whole physical body, universe, whereas in “Cheon Ju”, Cheon (천) means heaven and Ju (주) means earthly world or house. So when TF talks about “Cheon Ju”, it means the physical and spiritual worlds together, but Cosmos does not convey that meaning, which is why TF emphasized so much to study Korean, because you cannot grasp the real meaning in English. If you want to study the bible, you need to study it in Hebrew, otherwise you cannot really understand what Jesus said, because he spoke his native language.

So “Cheon Ju” is very important, it means the physical and spiritual worlds together. Sometimes we have to explain the original Korean word, such as “Cheol Dae” (절대) which is translated as absolute in absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, but it doesn't simply mean absolute. For example, the term “absolute sex” has the connotation of strong physical sex, but you know that's not what is meant, so what is the meaning of “Cheol Dae”? It means that there is no comparison. It comes from the Chinese characters, so if you don't understand the Chinese characters, you cannot understand what it means. Also, when you talk about “Bon Hyang” (본향), the original homeland, there is no concept of that in English. In Korea, everyone has a “Bon Hyang”. For example, TF is Nampyong Moon-Si, where Nampyong is the name of the city where his ancestors come from. His ancestors' homeland - that is the “Bon Hyang”. In Korea we say our ancestors' home place before our name. I don't think any other country has that kind of thing. We never fail to remember the place where our ancestors come from.

The Jews are also attached to their original homeland. God made Abraham put certain rocks in Canaan, the place which is the root of the Jewish people. So although we all came from the Garden of Eden, our original homeland is Jeong-ju and An-Ju (TP's birthplaces). So if we don't understand Korean, our understanding is very limited and even we can misunderstand and, as a result, some brothers and sisters have their own interpretation of TF's words, which is not so correct. Sometimes I feel that this can mislead members, causing them to go in a very different way and I'm sometimes very worried about that, because that is not connected with the root of TF's words and can mislead the members in a very Hellenistic way. Also, sometimes it is not so easy to explain this directly, because it might hurt the feelings of those who misunderstand.

So “Cheon Ju”, which means the physical and spiritual worlds together, is a very fundamental concept of Korea. President An reads from the speech again: *Once this happens, no matter how hard Satan may try to*

worm his way in, to infest your lineage, once he encounters the Hoon Dok Hae tradition he will find no room to move. If a family is aligned with God as at high noon, where no shadow is cast and still does not receive God's blessings, who then could ever be deserving of them? When such heavenly families fill the earth, the world will automatically become the heavenly kingdom on earth and in the eternal spirit world, fulfilling the vision of *One Family Under God*. So TF's final word is 'Do Hoon Dok Hae', which means to attend TP in the spiritual and physical worlds together, leaving Satan no room to invade.

Korea will now become God's homeland and hometown. Declaring that Korea is God's homeland, the World Assembly for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and for the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self was completed in Korea on July 8, and again in ceremonies in the United States, representing Christianity, the second Israel, and in Jerusalem. These are substantial ceremonies with date and place.

Through these proclamation ceremonies, all the borderlines in the entire cosmos have been abolished. The strong borderlines that could not be crossed in the physical and spiritual worlds have been abolished through these ceremonies. This is not just conceptual, but something substantial that is happening with a date, time and place.

Consequently, centering on God, heaven and earth shall exist eternally, night and day, under God's reign and with the support of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. So in the physical and spiritual worlds there are no borders anymore.

Distinguished guests, at this serious and important time, a revolutionary and cosmic change must now take place in your lives. In light of this let us summarize the message Heaven has given to us today. Heaven gave this message to us today and this is just a summary, so we can understand how important it is. There are 4 things that TF says, but of these 2 are the most important.

First, all Blessed Families should attend God at the center of their families and every day carry out Hoon Dok education, which can completely unite parents and children. Hoon Dok Hae can enable parents and children to unite. *In other words, you should thoroughly teach the Divine Principle, the textbooks and teaching materials True Parents have bequeathed, True Father's autobiography, and absolute marital fidelity taught through the 'Original Divine Principle.*

Second, Heaven has permitted the grace of the authority of Seongwha for rebirth and resurrection [and eternal life] to be bestowed on the family unit. At this time, we can have the grace of the Seongwha ceremony. Before we couldn't have the Seongwha ceremony, but now we can, and only in this way can we have rebirth, resurrection and later eternal life, that's what TF says now. *Here, a requisite condition is the complete unity between parents and children. In other words, you must establish the standard for absolute parents and absolute children, and establish an absolute family in the normal course of events (which means in our daily life).*

The third point is about completing the providence of restoration in True Parents' lifetime, which is why True Mother is anxious to accomplish this in her lifetime. The Seongwha ceremony is for the family unit and then there is the national level, so that is why we need Vision 2020. We couldn't understand why the fact that the Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands came and bowed before TF was so significant. We tended to feel that he was exaggerating. However, this was because TF wanted to express how important it is to restore a nation, even a small nation. That's the point we need to understand. The fourth point is about Foundation Day.

What we need to understand from this speech is that in order to connect, we need to have rebirth, resurrection and eternal life, but what do they mean? To have rebirth, resurrection and eternal life, we have to do the Seongwha ceremony, right? So what is the Seongwha ceremony? And for the Seongwha ceremony we have to make unity between parents and children, right? And to make unity between parents and children, we have to do Hoon Dok Hae. So Hoon Dok Hae brings unity between parents and children, which makes the condition for the Seongwha ceremony, which gives you the grace of rebirth, resurrection and eternal life.

These are the 4 points, but how are they connected? How can Hoon Dok Hae bring unity between parents and children? How can unity between parents and children make the condition for the Seongwha ceremony? How can the Seongwha ceremony enable us to have eternal life? This is a very important point for us to understand, because we may not feel that way, but this is really happening now.

In TP's speeches, he often talks about the unity of the spiritual and physical worlds after Foundation Day and many members expect numerous spiritual phenomena to occur. For example, if someone is wrong, they expect that the spirit world to strike them right away, but this didn't happen. So what does it mean that the spiritual and physical worlds are one body now? If we don't understand then we may really feel disappointed and even make a mistake. That's why many people don't understand and can even leave the church.

First, what is the real meaning of rebirth, resurrection and eternal life? We know what is meant by rebirth. We are born with the fallen blood lineage, so we have to be reborn with TP's blood lineage. Christians were born again through Jesus, but we are born again through TP. Jesus is not parents, but we have parents, True Parents. Without parents we cannot be born physically. So Christians can be reborn spiritually, but not in terms of their blood lineage. We are reborn with the blood lineage of True Parents. And through the blessing and truth we can be reborn. And through the Seongwha ceremony we can be reborn into the eternal world. Not only the Blessing, but also the Seongwha ceremony is the necessary condition to be born again. As the children of TP, we are born again in a different dimension. That's why we need the Seongwha ceremony.

So what is the meaning of resurrection? It has the meaning of coming back to your body. The world is divided into civilizations, including those from the Far East, India, and Mesopotamia, etc., and, in my opinion, the real differences between them are due to their different understandings of death.

In India they believe that when we die, the physical and spiritual bodies separate and the spirit is going into a different body. So our physical body has no meaning anymore and can be burned, and the Hindus do that because the physical body is nothing, it has no meaning. And you should take care of and not kill any living beings, because they might have previously been a human being. That's their understanding or religion.

In the Mediterranean area, they think that when we die, the physical and spiritual bodies separate and that, when the right conditions are made, the spirit is going to go back to that very same physical body. That's their understanding. That's why they made the pyramids and mummies to preserve the body very well. Also, when Christians die, they don't burn the body and they expect that when Jesus returns they are going to be revived or physically resurrected again, their spirit will go back to their coffin and their body will stand up again. That's very difficult to understand, but that is the meaning. That's why they don't burn the body.

What about the Orient, however? In the Orient, people don't think that way. They think that we don't die, but continue to live here on earth. Thus, when our ancestors die, they continue to live with us and we remain very connected to each other. So they take care of the tombs of their ancestors and they have to do so many religious ceremonies. For example, if your parents die, you have to make offerings for 3 years, just as if they were still living. This is not done so much anymore, even in my father's time not so many people did this, but my father was a Confucian scholar, so he followed this exactly. Every day, breakfast and dinner, we prepared and bowed down and offered to them for 3 years. My father was dressing himself in very humble clothes and carrying a stick to symbolize that he was a sinner.

Our parents are the ones who sacrificed and gave us life, and we hurt them so many times and caused them so much suffering. All children give so much suffering to their parents and they didn't do enough for them, so when the parents die, they are sinners, so traditionally they have a 3 year mourning period during which they wear clothes which are very humble and cold and with a stick so you have to look down at the ground. And you have to build a hut beside the tomb and live there for the first 3 years.

Also, for 3 years they do not change the things their parents have been doing. Do you know why? Because many times the children think that what their parents are doing is not practical. Why are they doing like that? So when the parents die, the son changes everything. Then after a certain time, they recognize that there was some very important reason why their parents did that. So now the son recognizes that, but

everything is already destroyed. Normally you cannot understand until you have that position. It's a question of dimensions. Children don't understand their parents. You cannot explain. Not because of logic and not because of language. All you can say is, "you will not understand until you have your own children". It's the same everywhere, not because the children are not smart, but simply because they are not in that dimension. So it's easy to criticize from your position. Even in the work place, people often criticize the boss, but when they are promoted, they do the same thing which their boss previously did. At that time they understand many things.

If you don't have that position, you cannot understand. So when they are in the children's position they criticize and when they inherit the parent's position they destroy everything, and sometime later they come to understand why their parents behaved in that way, but by then it is too late. That is why traditionally you have to continue for 3 years and, during that time, you can realize why your parents did things that way. If after 3 years you still don't understand then you can make changes, but you have to continue for at least 3 years. That tradition is so important.

At the Seongwha ceremony for TF, in her speech TM said that tradition is the most important consideration. The first thing is to keep the tradition. It's even more important than the blood lineage. Tradition is dealing with things that don't change. There is no revolution about matters of tradition. If you realize that TP are guiding us directly, what should we do? Do we need to vote and have a democratic way? Are tribal messiahship, hometown providence, etc., things that we need to discuss and decide or vote about? Jesus and TP are the ones that know all about the dimension of the spirit world and God. That's why they know everything.

Who knew about the end of communism in 1985? There are millions of people studying politics, but is there even one person who understood TF's words? Who agreed with TF? - Nobody, not even our members. Most not only don't understand, but also don't agree. One brother explained that he was in charge of making the banner about the conference declaring the end of communism and he was really struggling. When he was asked to print it he was really embarrassed to do so. Then how come TF is the only one who is so confident and clearly foresaw the end of communism. Is it because he is smart? No. It is simply because he is aware of a higher dimension.

Think about the situation where you are lost in a jungle. If you have a big road that everyone is travelling on and a small, rough road, which one do you want to take? If you are not stupid, you are going to follow the other people on the wide road, right? The problem is that somebody up above is telling us not to take the wide road. He said, if you take that wide road, you are going to die, so take the narrow road. Then we have a problem. Our logic tells us to take the wide road, while somebody up there, who is our Father and the Messiah is saying don't go there. Then what should we do? Even if we don't understand, we should follow the person who is up there seeing from the higher dimension, because he can see all the way over the hills, whereas we cannot. That's what Jesus said in the bible.

So we can understand that because of the matter of seeing from different dimensions, the logic is completely different. The logic of the physical dimension is practicality, but that of the spiritual dimension is the opposite, i.e. impracticality. You can be very successful in the physical dimension, but completely fail in the spiritual dimension, because they are completely different.

Most of the teachings of the Saints may seem to be very impractical. So at the present time, as well as at the time of Jesus and in history, often it is the smart people and men of justice who failed. That is a very important point pertaining to absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

Basically, we need to study and be enlightened by our practice of faith. That's why we in the U.C. attend so many lectures! Other religions don't need that much, but we have one workshop after another, right? Because TF says you cannot be perfect without knowing the truth. So knowing the truth is very important.

But what about the things we don't know? If you study 2 dimensions and then you have 3 dimensional questions in mathematics, how can you manage? Can you solve that with a 2 dimensional formula? If you try to do that, you will get the wrong answer. So you need to know what you do know and what you don't know. That's very important. If you don't know what you don't know, you are going to try to solve 3 dimensional questions through a 2 dimensional formula and obtain the wrong answer. That's why Socrates

said, "I know the fact that I don't know". Confucius said that real knowledge is to be able to distinguish what you know and what you don't know clearly.

However, Sophists say, "I'm right and you're wrong". So who is right? Socrates is right and the Sophists are wrong. Sophists do not know the fact they don't know and they think they're right and try to win the argument. Truth does not work that way, i.e. 'I am right and you are wrong'. Why? -because God Himself and all beings have dual characteristics.

What is the reason they have dual characteristics? Because one is right and one is wrong? No. Both are completely right and have to be united. It is the same as the 4 position foundation. That is the truth, like give and take action. They need both. Plus needs minus and minus needs plus, otherwise there is no perfection. You cannot say plus is right and minus is wrong or plus is wrong and minus is right.

In a family, if the husband disciplines a boy and the wife embraces, the husband may say, "I discipline and you spoil". The wife may say, "You don't have love, but I have love". What's the point here? They both say, "I'm right and you're wrong". The father may say, "I'm disciplining, so you have to discipline also" and the wife may say, "I am loving the child and you have to love also". The husband's discipline is like day and the wife's love is like night. So if you think that day is always right and night is wrong, or vice versa, is it correct?

So if the husband disciplines and the wife embraces and then the husband can say, "thank you so much" to his wife, "without you I cannot discipline". Alternatively, if the child receives only love but no discipline he will be spoiled. So, the two are complementary. That is the ideal family. This is not the dialectical way. So Sophism is fundamentally wrong. Of course, if you want to get good notes in School, you may have to have a dialectic approach and a critical mind, but that is the Hellenistic way, that is fundamentally not correct. That is not ideal. The world has put too much emphasis on that.

Recognizing our ignorance (what we do not know) is very important. When you recognize your ignorance, you can come to the point of faith. You see the big and wide road that everyone is following and it looks like the way to go, but you cannot see over the hill, so you have to understand that you don't know what is beyond the hill. You have only 2 dimensional logic, but someone up above is saying that that is not quite right, you should not take the big road. So someone lost in the jungle, who recognizes that they have limitations, has to believe the person who has a 3 dimensional view, who is looking from above. Even if it doesn't make sense, he or she has to follow: that's absolute faith. That's very important. If we don't recognize our ignorance, we will have problems. If we are only confident in ourselves, that's a problem. When we don't comprehend how many dimensions we understand and do not understand, that's a problem.

Let's think about historical people. What was the problem with Adam and Eve? Fundamentally, nobody knew the Divine Principle, except Jesus and TP. When Adam and Eve were tempted, if they realized that they don't know and thought there must be some very important reason why God said to them not to eat the fruit, then they would not have made a mistake. However, they thought "why not?" They didn't know why God said to them not to eat it. They didn't realize what they did not know. If they don't know, they have to believe God, right? Firstly they didn't understand what they didn't know and secondly they didn't believe God.

What about Cain? God received his younger brother's offering, but not Cain's offering. If he humbled himself and realized that there was some reason why Abel's offering was accepted and his was not, even though he didn't know what it was, then he would not make a mistake. But he thought, "God doesn't like me, that's why he didn't receive my offering." He got angry and he killed his brother.

What about Ham? When he saw that his father was drunk and naked, did he think that there was some important reason for his father to do that? His father did so many incredible things whose veracity was proven, so he should have realized the fact that he didn't know everything, but instead of that he thought that he knew. He judged the situation by his own logic and covered his father: that was the problem.

Think about Abraham, he did not know why God said to cut everything, so when he came to the pigeon and dove, he thought to himself, "why should I cut these small things?". He didn't know why God said to cut everything and he didn't think that there must have been some very important reason for that, i.e.

believing in God's word. Absolute faith is much more important, but at least he should have had some belief. Most of the time you may not understand your parents, but you have to have faith or at least trust in your parents; if we did so we would avoid many mistakes.

What about John the Baptist? He was a very smart and righteous person. That's why he made mistakes. What about Judas Iscariot? He was the smartest person amongst the disciples. What do you think he was thinking about? He was waiting for the messiah to come and liberate the people and Jesus proclaimed himself the messiah and he was so wise and powerful spiritually. Judas was expecting Jesus to liberate the Jewish people, the chosen people, from the bondage of the Roman Empire, like Moses had done. However, Jesus didn't do anything like that. So when Jesus talked about the Kingdom of Heaven, what did Judas expect? Many people were killed and many women were raped by the Romans. Under these circumstances, Jesus was talking about the Kingdom of Heaven and the disciples were very frustrated and asked him where the Kingdom was? And Jesus said, "in your mind". So the problem that Judas had was that he was smart. When people are smart, they are confident in their own logic. Judas thought that Jesus should fight against the Roman Empire, that that was his mission. Judas thought that Jesus did not understand his mission and was not doing it, so he wanted to force him to do his mission. At that point Jesus said that Satan was in Judas. That was the cause of Jesus going to the cross.

If Jesus spoke the truth, where is the Kingdom of Heaven, or If they asked Jesus what his mission was, he would have to say, "my mission is to marry and to become the True Parents", "the Kingdom of Heaven is my marriage". However, if he had said that to those people, would they have understood? No, Jesus could not tell the truth. That's why Jesus intimated just before his death, "I will come back as a bridegroom and you have to be the bride". They thought this was some spiritual phenomenon, but it is not so. The second coming has to be True Parents, that's the real meaning. That's the meaning of bride and bridegroom, but they didn't understand. Likewise, there are many things that TP cannot explain to us. That's why we have to have absolute faith.

So it is very important to understand that there are things we don't know. Judas was a very righteous person who was sacrificing his whole life for the nation. All of these righteous people, they were not like Socrates. In this time also, we have the same situation. Most of the directions Father gave, we did not understand and probably did not agree with. Why do we have to fight against communism? They seem like good people. In hindsight we can understand, but 20 or 30 years ago this kind of action was considered to be fascist and even we ourselves were not confident. We did it just because TF said to do it. We didn't understand and perhaps we didn't even agree, but we did it because he is the Messiah. Who understood that the end of communism was coming? No-one among our members understood this, but we did it, right? At the time, many members left the church because we were fighting against communism. Many righteous and humanistic people left the church at that time. They agreed with Divine Principle but they left the church.

If we think about the gay and lesbian movement, we first generation are fairly confident in our convictions because of our belief in TF's teachings, but what about the 2nd generation? Some of them are struggling. They think, "These are good people, why do we have to go with the people who persecute those people?" It will become very clear later, but it is not clear now. Many times TP showed us miracles in the sense of things which we could not understand at the time but later we came to understand. They were matters that were later proven to be right and TF was the only one who knew these things.

This happened so many times but, nevertheless, if we encounter even one thing we don't understand, we may be inclined to leave the church. When the events occurred with Nan Sook's book, some people with a very pure heart could not understand why and they left the church. The point is that they did not recognize that there were many things they could not understand. They thought they understood - TP didn't take care of their children, so that's why this kind of thing happens. But still you don't understand. Even though so many things that TP did were proven to be true, just one thing that they couldn't understand caused them to leave the church.

We don't know the reason for that in the spiritual world; Satan is really trying to destroy TF's family.

Think about what happened with Heung Jin Nim. Many people predicted that something would happen. When TF was doing his speaking tour in Korea and the last venue was Kwangju and they told TF not to go there because it was really dangerous. Many spiritualists said to TF that Satan was really attacking, but do you think he listened. TF knew it was dangerous but he didn't listen. So he went ahead and after finishing the speech he got a call from America to say that Heung Jin Nim had had an accident. Do you think that was just a random occurrence in the physical world? No, it had a spiritual cause. We cannot see what is happening in the spirit world, so we have to recognize that we don't know.

When your beloved son is dying, that is a very suffering time for the parents and they would normally feel hatred and revenge, but TF is the absolute opposite. He didn't shed any tears and he declared the victory of love. Therefore, the communists in the spirit world could not be resentful anymore when they saw TP who suffered much more than themselves and yet loved their enemy. They totally surrendered. That's why TF said that indemnity was finished. Then, TF declared the end of communism, because communism in the spirit world was already dissolved. Therefore, the communists in the physical world had no longer any inspiration from the spirit world and they lost their spiritual power and suddenly crumbled.

However, even though TF showed us this kind of thing many thousands of times, when just one event occurs that we don't understand, we may think that this is wrong and leave the church. This is a serious problem. When you don't know, you have to have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. So it's a very important time now and there is a danger that many very good members can leave the church. So please understand this.

What does resurrection mean? In the Orient, it means that we don't die. My body is my parents' body. My blood and bones came from my parents. Therefore, this is my parent's body. That's why filial piety implies that you have to take very good care of your body. This is a sacred body. You should not tattoo or puncture it as it is a holy body. In the Orient they don't think about God, but about their parents and ancestors. My parents are connected to my ancestors, so they always attend their ancestors. Everything is connected to living with the ancestors. Even after 3 years you have to attend 4 generations of ancestors, make an altar and do the same things you'd do for your parents. When I have a new mission to America, I have to first go and report to my parents and also go to my hometown to report to my ancestors in the shrine. When I come back, I have to do the same thing. That's what is meant by living together with our ancestors: it's not just a question of ritual and ceremonies. So for Korean people, this living with our ancestors is very substantial. It's not just a conceptual thing.

In the West, Catholics place flowers on their ancestors' tombs on November 1st. That is the only connection. However, for Koreans, their daily life is connected to their ancestors. That's what God prepared for this time, to live with the spirit world.

So what is eternal life? If God granted you one wish, what would you ask for? Lots of money? The Christians would say, "I want to go to the heavenly kingdom"? But UC members - they also want to experience heaven on earth eternally. That's eternal life - living not only in the heavenly kingdom, but also here on earth. That is what God wanted. That was God's purpose of creation. Does God only want to live up there with those people who have died? No.

God created Adam and Eve as the object of love to experience joy and happiness. And the second purpose was so that God could have a body, because God himself does not have a physical body. God created all things, but He cannot smell the flowers. He cannot see the beautiful flowers with physical senses. Especially, when Adam and Eve had children, do you think God wanted to hold and touch the new baby or not? That's what God wanted most. Without having a body, God cannot do that. That's why TF said that the most sorrowful thing for God was to lose His grandchildren when he lost Adam and Eve who were his body, his substantial form.

When TF spoke about God experiencing so much pain and sorrow when He lost His grandchildren, did you understand that? Why is he talking about grandchildren? We can understand children, because Adam and Eve were His children, but TF said that God was waiting for billions years for His grandchildren and His losing them was the most painful thing. How can you understand that? Of course God wanted to be happy with Adam and Eve, but what He wanted most was to touch and kiss the new baby grandchild. God didn't

want to live “up there”, He wanted to live here on earth with the people, with humankind, with Adam and Eve, in Adam and Eve. That’s what Original Divine Principle says, right? That’s very important.

The Christians want to live in the heavenly kingdom, “up there”, that’s why they pray, “Oh, Heavenly Father”. We don’t pray in quite the same way, we report. To report means ‘talk to a person in a higher position’. That’s why TF says Korea is God’s Homeland, because Korea has been developing so many traditions to live with the ancestors, to attend God and True Parents.

Do you think God only wants to live here on earth? TP said God want His Children to be better than Himself. So HP want us to live here on earth eternally also. And when we die, we want to live here with our children, don’t you think so. Do you want to go “up there” and just watch them? No, you also want to be here every morning and bow down to True Parents together with your descendants. While I’m talking to you, you don’t recognize it, but so many of your ancestors are here listening together with you. That’s what we have to believe. Because that’s what you don’t know. Therefore, we have to believe in that because we don’t know and yet TP clearly said it. You cannot see the spirit world, right? That’s why TF says in his speech that together with the spirit world we attend TP every day.

Hoon Dok Hae enables us to be aligned with God and TP and then there is no shadow and Satan cannot come between God and myself. That’s what TF said many times. If you know the truth, you have to change your thinking according to the truth, your mind has to change centered on your thinking and your body has to be centered on your mind. That is the fundamental way and then Satan cannot be involved.

Why is thinking the most important thing? Thinking is the substantial reality. You think that the object is the reality, but that’s not the case. That’s the fundamental difference between East and West.

In English birds sing, while in Korean birds cry. Which is right? You think that the birds are singing, but did you ask them and did they reply ‘yes’? So you can understand that that is not the reality. Who is defining it as crying or singing? We human beings are defining it by our thinking. Birds just make a sound, but Koreans see that as crying, whereas English people think it’s singing, so our thinking defines that. So the reality is not in the object itself. Life itself is not beautiful or miserable. It is people’s thinking that makes life either beautiful or miserable. Our thinking decides that, not life itself.

Think about the past, say 100 years ago. The Duke of Luxembourg was not living like us. We eat things that they didn’t eat. We have all kinds of material things, we have cars, we have airplanes, we have everything, whereas they lived a very short life and they didn’t have painkillers, so they experienced so much pain. Think about it. You don’t want to live as a king of the past. Think about how many luxuries we have now. People in the past were always hungry and many people died of starvation. They died because they could not eat, but now many people in our part of the world have a problem because they eat too much, not because they don’t eat enough. This is the first time throughout history that it’s like this. Just 100 years ago in Europe people were starving. The situation changed in the last 60-70 years.

So are people happy now? Think about 20th century literature and art, Leonard Bernstein said in his lecture at Harvard that the keywords for 20th century literature and art are agony, desperation and frustration. Modern paintings express frustration; there is no peace or happiness. Do the music, literature and movies express happiness? Not so much, so you can understand that the object doesn’t make the reality, but rather it is our thinking. Many people are very unhappy, even if they possess so many things. So our thinking needs to be changed. Changing our thinking is the most important thing.

In the Old Testament, many prophets came and said, “Israelites you are wrong, you have to change”. If your friends say to you, “you’re wrong, you have to change”, do you feel happy? No, but you know it’s correct, right? You have to acknowledge that that is right and you have to adapt your thinking and change. But still your mind is not happy, so you reply, “how can you say that to me, who are you to say that to me?”. This is what happened to the prophets. But what are we supposed to do? You have to think that he is my friend so he’s saying that for my sake and then say thank you with a smile, which is not so easy. You have to change your actions, then you can be united with TP and Satan will not be able to invade anymore. If you do something difficult many times, it will eventually become easy. Then, after a while it will become very easy to smile at your friend and say thank you. Then you will naturally say thank you and there will be no need for your friend to talk about that anymore. That is perfection. Nobody needs to talk about it to you,

because you are a man of Principle. That is becoming God's substantial self. If you become absolutely one with God, then Satan cannot invade. That's what TF means. Then if TP are up there saying spiritual things, we don't really understand anything. TF talks of: "There are no barriers and going back and forth between the spiritual and physical worlds" and all these things. But when we don't understand, we have to have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience and be aligned with TP. In the secular world, absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience sounds like a very stupid thing. It sounds like you must be an absolute slave, but please understand how important this is.

At this time, some members may think: 'This is not the right way, this is stupid'. Perhaps they don't say so much, but they have their own ideas without sticking to the Principle. Some people in our movement, they don't say anything about absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience or about Vision 2020, because they don't understand those things.

You can imagine that after Jesus went to the cross, Christians were very much persecuted in the beginning. After the persecution subsided, but even before, they had the problems of Gnosticism or dualism, which were influenced by Zoroastrianism and Hellenism and others. The Gnostics essentially believed that everything physical was bad and that caused them to believe Jesus did not have a body. The early Christians were really fighting against Gnosticism. Afterwards, Christianity suffered from the influence of Hellenism. Even Constantine unsuccessfully tried to solve the problem. We can have the same type of problem now and you need to understand about this.

Between secular politics and religion, which one is more democratic? Politics. Do Catholics elect the Pope? Only the elders meet in secret and release the result through the color of the smoke. The Mormons have a supreme council of elders and they make the decisions, rather than through a general vote. The Unification Church and the Christian churches are fundamentally different, because even the head of the Catholic Church is the Pope, he is not messiah. We have the TP, who are the messiah here on earth. Therefore, should we have a top down or bottom up structure? Both the Catholic and Mormon churches are organized in a top down fashion. But our members may say, "why not bottom up?", "we should elect the leaders or make the fundamental policy through election". But think about it. TP are the ones who understand all of the providence and about the reality of the spirit world. That's why TP are explaining everything, all the way down to the tribal messiah providence. Therefore, we cannot discuss about whether we should do the tribal messiah providence and vision 2020, because that is TP's words. Do you think we could achieve anything, such as defeating communism, by going the democratic way? Did TF ask us to discuss that? How to accomplish the hometown providence or tribal messiahship, that's what we have to discuss, how to make it happen, not the question of whether we should do it or not. Did TF ever ask us to discuss that? No, he just explained providentially and that's it. "WORD BY GOD'S SUBSTANTIAL SELF"

You need to know what the providential meaning of Korea is. Who is Korean? Koreans are the chosen people for the Second Coming. But unfortunately Koreans did not believe in TF. That's why TF founded the Unification Church. Unification Church members around the world are the new chosen people, they are the providential Koreans! You and me! Like Jesus time, the Jewish people disobeyed Jesus. So who became the chosen people? Christians. What is the meaning of the chosen people? The chosen people are chosen to attend the Messiah, because God has been working with them to make all kinds of foundations for the Messiah. The Jewish people were the only ones to have only one God. All of the others were worshipping idols to obtain a good harvest and have many children. God was sending prophets to them all the time so they could repent in preparation for the coming of Jesus. However, when Jesus came they lost their position. Jesus said he could raise up the chosen people from stones. The Jewish people were not the chosen people anymore.

The Korean tradition was forged by God over a long period of time and the Korean people missed their chance. Christians were supposed to welcome the messiah, but they lost the bride position. That's why the Unification church was established. So, this time, who is Korean? Unification Church members are Korean. You know that in Korea, there is nothing Korean anymore. Korea now has one of the lowest birth rates in the world and the people are becoming materialistic and centered on money. Is that Korea in the providential sense? No. That's why TF is asking you to be Koreans.

That's why you need to study the Korean language and the Korean traditions and be proud to be Korean in that providential sense. You need to understand how important it is to become Korean, to adapt to the Korean traditions, in order to have eternal life.

All of the children are divided and then they have to become one with parents. That is the way to become one. That's why I'm referring to the heavenly culture as the parents' culture. I'm not saying Korean culture, it has to be the heavenly culture. If you don't really learn Korean culture you will not know how to live with your ancestors and descendants. You will not know how to live with your ancestors and to attend HP and TP along with them. That's a real problem. We have to really humble ourselves.

For any event, such as marriage, birthdays, blessing celebrations, etc., you have to always find the appropriate words from TPs and read them before the ceremony and bow down to TP. That's attending and living with TP. We have to attend TP together with our ancestors. It's very important to know that. This is the good news, because we have the Seongwha ceremony now. Now we can live here on earth eternally as well. If you have great, great, great grandchildren, you will be able to come and hold them. What more is there that you want to do? That's the greatest thing. That's the gospel of gospels. If you understand these things, why would you leave the church now? After all this suffering, at the last moment would you leave the church?

Just before Korea gained its independence in 1945, many people betrayed and gave up the fight to liberate their country, because they lost hope. Why was that? They felt - what is the point to fight against Japan and liberate Korea? Another country will occupy Korea anyway, just like Philippines was colony of Spain and changed to America and then Japan. That's why they lost hope and betrayed their country. Not many patriotic people were left in 1945 and they didn't expect that the Allies would decide to liberate their colonies. This was the first time in history that those who won the war gave up on colonizing the enemy or the country they liberated, so how could the Korean people expect such a thing? How could they imagine that? So what would be the point in fighting for independence?

In a similar way, while we are in the physical world, how could we imagine that we can have eternal life here on earth! But it is really possible that we shall live here on earth eternally through our unity with our descendants, as well as living eternally in the spiritual realm.

Thank you so much.