

## FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Michael Balcomb on The Attitude We Need to Make God's Dream Come True

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*Dr. Michael Balcomb, Demian Dunkley, and Dr. Yong-cheon Song with [Mother Moon](#) at an international leaders' meeting in Gapyeong, South Korea 6th September 2024*

**October 6, 2024, Dr. Michael Balcomb spoke on the attitude we need in order to help God to realize his dream here on the earth**



*Michael Balcomb, here delivering a sermon in London September 15, 2024*

Part 4 (final part) of extracts from a sermon titled "Yesterday, Today and Forever", that Dr. Michael Balcomb, the President of the Europe and the Middle East Region of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#), gave at the Sunday service in Geneva, Switzerland on 6th October 2024. Slightly edited.

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[...] Two weeks after [Father](#) ascended, [True Mother](#) called me to Korea. I was working at that time in the USA. I didn't know why I was going, but she called me and sat me down about one or two meters away. She looked at me and said, "So, you're Michael Balcomb, are you?"

"Yes," I replied.

"I understand you have a PhD from the seminary. That's not why I called you," she continued.



*The Chinese character for hyo (filial piety)*

She proceeded to give me a lecture, an education about what in Korean is called "hyojeong" [Editor's note: filial heart, serving one's parents devotedly with love and respect], about what it means to be a filial son.

And of course, she was also talking about the role of America, the "elder son nation". It was a simple message, and it boiled down to this: The elder son has two jobs. One, to try to fulfil his parents' dream, not to take it over, not to tell them, "Your dream is no good; I have a better dream. Let's do this instead of that."

Rather, he is even willing to sacrifice his own career, thinking,

"I'm going to let my parents dream be fulfilled. They're older than me. They don't have so much time. I have more time."

Earlier in my life, my parents did everything for me, particularly my mom. She fed me. She wiped my butt. She did everything. So if my mother asked me to do something now, how can I not say, "Okay, mom, I will do that." [...]

What actually is [Mother](#) asking us to do? Let's put aside this question of whether we think this or think that for the moment. The first thing is that, as you know, right now, [Mother's](#) main focus is the [Cheonwon Temple](#) (Palace).

Recently, I was there twice. First, I went there, I saw it, and I flew back to England. And on the way, [Mother](#) said,

"Come back. I'm not finished with you yet. I want to show you more."

And so I came with Demian Dunkley - the president of the [Family Federation](#) in the USA, and my successor there - together with the president of the Japanese movement. We were the only three non-Koreans.

[Mother](#) called us [...] to come and have breakfast with her. And there weren't enough seats at the table, so Demian and I hung back towards the back because we didn't like to push and elbow. But suddenly we heard [Mother](#) said,

"Hang on, everybody. I want Mike and Damien to sit at the front because I want to talk to them."



[Mother Moon](#) at an international leaders' meeting in Gapyeong, South Korea 6th September 2024

And she asked me,

"So, what do you think? Is this [palace](#) better than the palaces of Europe?"

Well, you don't get to be continental leader unless you're ready to answer that kind of question. So I said,

"Yes, [Mother](#). And the reason I think it's better is because this [palace](#) is founded on love."

I've been to many palaces throughout Europe, and honestly speaking, many of them have a bit of a shady history. They were places of power and authority. Often they have prisons underneath. In the case of Britain, sometimes the kings were locked up in the towers and palaces and were never seen again. The fallen history of palaces is actually a bit grim.

So I told [Mother](#),

"I feel this place is really different because it doesn't come on that foundation. From the very beginning, the idea has been to glorify [God](#)."

Of course, there were many cathedrals in Europe as well. Some of them are bigger than the [Cheonwon Temple](#) (Palace), let's be honest. But with the cathedrals, too, there's been something of a difficult history along the way. There were fights, sometimes there were killings over who was right and who was wrong. [...]

I shared this, and [Mother](#) said, "Interesting." And she asked, "What would you do to improve it?" I said,

"Well, [Mother](#), one thing that I don't notice, but I would like to see is something that honours the other religions and faiths. As I understand it, this is a place for all the people of the world to come and worship [God](#) in their own way and from their own tradition. And so far, I don't see much visually to encourage that kind of thinking. I was wondering if there couldn't be some sculpture or maybe a labyrinth or maybe the sayings of the saints?"



*Cheonwon Temple (Palace) starting to take shape. Here, in August 2024*

And she said,

"Yes, interesting. Why don't you in Europe take responsibility for that, since you had the idea?"

So, on your behalf I said,

"Yes, I think, [Mother](#), we'd like to do that, because, after all, we have a long history in Europe, both of religious conflict and of religious harmony."

So that's the building. The second thing she's really thinking about is the day when that [building](#) is consecrated to [God](#). As you know, she says that this will be the day that [God](#) comes down. I've given [another sermon](#) about that, expressing my own questions, "Really? Does [God](#) need a building to come down, or does he already come down inside our hearts?" So, I won't repeat that today, but the fact is that that day, and indeed the whole week surrounding it, are pretty important. [...]

And, of course, most of all, we want [God](#) to be happy and [Mother](#) to be happy. So, there's the building and then there's the people who come there and how they are.

And then finally, and perhaps the biggest thing is what next? What's afterwards? When we have this building, when it's there, is it empty? Is it full? Who's using it?

[Mother](#) answered this. She said,

"By the way, this is yours. The day after it's consecrated, it's yours. It's not mine."

So that's also a challenging thought. If this is our building and our palace, how are we going to use it?

So, on those three questions, let me challenge you. How are we doing towards those three things that [Mother](#) is concerned about?

First of all, about the [building](#), is it finished? No. There's still a desperate need to raise the money to finish the [building](#). And there are two ways to do that. One way is to sell off our other assets, of which the [Family Federation](#) has many.

The better way, though, is where the whole community really rises to the challenge and donates liberally, generously to make it happen.

The second thing is attending the event. [Mother](#) is hoping that all of us will make the pilgrimage, like the hajj, to the [Cheonwon Temple](#) (Palace).



The Kaabah (Kaaba) is located in the Masjid Al-Haram in Makkah (Mecca, Saudi Arabia)

And of course, we can't all fit there on the opening day or even the opening week. So it's okay to make plans to go at another time. You have to use, you know, your common sense. You might have exams or some absolutely important commitment at that time. It's all right. Not everybody goes on the pilgrimage to Mecca at the same time.

But I think we should be thinking,

"I do want to go there. I do want to pray in that [sanctuary](#). I do want to see with my own eyes what [True Mother](#) has been building and appreciate it."



An official photo of the [True Parents](#)

And she's also asked us, as you know, to prepare ourselves internally. And one of the things she's asked us to do is study the Cham Pumo-ron [Editor's note: Literally, Discourse on "True Parents"]. Study. Not necessarily believe every word or drop everything else. Study. Our [Mother](#) is asking us, "Would you please study this? Because I'm trying to share something new."

So, you know, I would say that as sons and daughters with "hyojeong", why couldn't we do that? if indeed each community wants to discuss it and share, there are good things there that really are very helpful. And there are some things that are very challenging.

In my view, theology can be [...] a bit of a sidetrack, actually, because what's important is what we do. We're 8 billion people on earth. We all have unique minds and brains and hearts. It would be very strange if we all believe the same thing. In fact, I think I would hate it. Actually, I kind of like it to be diverse.

But that does not give us permission to separate, to attack each other, to start being vicious. What we do is not free. We should act like a family. We should live like a family. But you can understand and think as you like. And if you struggle, we should discuss it and share it like we do with other things.

Anyway, let's come back to this point "Yesterday, Today, and Forever." I believe [God](#) is the same forever. We may not have understood all about [God](#). We may now be understanding about the female side for the first time. But it was always there.

The [True Parents](#) are the victorious [True Parents](#). There's only one set of [True Parents](#) - and there only ever will be. They want us to join them in the dream of [God](#). That's all. And they don't want us to come alone. They want us to come with as many people as we can, and then we can live happily forever.

Please join me in a prayer,

"Our most loving, Heavenly Parent, we want to greet you on this day, October 6. It's a beautiful autumnal day, the time of harvest and the time of fruition.

Our [True Mother](#) and our [Father](#) in spirit world totally, completely believe that this is the time of fulfilment. You've already waited too long. And that just over the horizon is a world that we have never seen, a world of peace and reconciliation and love.

Yes, the world is in war right now, but all the resources for peace are available. Communication prepared men and women of all faiths and backgrounds. The physical resources are there.

All that's missing, and it's a big thing, is our connection to you, which means our connection to each other as well.

We're a small number here, but nevertheless, we do not want to be like that community in Hebrews, who lose their power and energy and begin to wonder about going back. No, that's not us. We are going forward.

We are reaching not just to April 13 and that wonderful, joyful day of entrance, but beyond. And we're ready to take ownership. We're ready to take the burden from our [True Parents](#) and share it amongst each other till it becomes so light that we can hardly feel it.

And that you may at last have your home on earth. Thank you for gathering us together here today. [...]"

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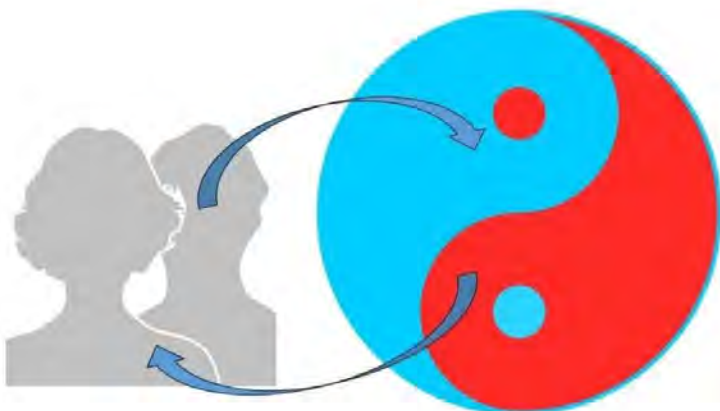
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# Misunderstandings About New Teachings

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*In message October 6, 2024, Dr. Michael Balcomb points out that misunderstandings are circulating about content of new teachings expected to be published soon*



Dr. Michael Balcomb, here delivering a sermon in London 15th September 2024. Photo: FFWPU

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These days, there's a lot of concern and confusion about some new teachings coming from Korea, which we call the **Cham Pumo-ron**, and formally and wrongly called "True Parents' Theology".

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But actually, the **ron** in Cham Pumo-ron means discourse. When the **Divine Principle** was published in 1966, it was called Wollli Kangron, meaning a "Discourse on the Principle".

A "discourse" means there's meant to be discussion, give and take, debate. It also means that it's not finalised or settled because it's a discourse. And out of our conversation, new things may emerge and a new understanding. If you'll permit me, I'll briefly speak to this issue, since it's a hot one in Europe these days.

First of all, let's remind ourselves that the **Divine Principle** itself clearly indicates, right in the very first chapter, that this is **not the whole truth**. It's right there. It says that this is just a **textbook teaching the truth**. And we confidently **expect that new things will be revealed**.

But very tellingly, it also says it may be displeasing to believers that the truth they now have is not the whole truth. And we always used to think,



Wollli Kangron (pronounced Kangnon), literally "Discourse on the Principle(s)". Published in 1996 in English as "Exposition of the Divine Principle". It is the official version of Father Moon's earliest teachings, originally published in Korean in 1966. It is primarily written for a Christian audience. Photo: FFWPU Australia.

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*Exposition of the Divine Principle, Introduction, p12*

"Yeah, those mainstream Christians, they should wake up and smell the coffee. New truth has come."

But I put it to you that for any believer, including a Unification believer like myself, like yourselves, **new things, new ideas can be discomforting, especially, and particularly if they challenge things that we've already thought**. That's okay. And it takes effort to find out.

You may think, "Well, you're the continental director, so probably you're going to set us straight this morning and tell us what's what."

Well, I have bad news for you. I'm not going to do that. And in fact, I cannot do that. But one thing I can say is that there's a lot of incomplete information out there. A lot of statements are being made and people contributing opinions.

Interestingly, in most cases, they haven't actually been firsthand in touch with **True Mother** or with the source. So, it's secondhand. It's not gossip, but it's removed by one or two degrees.

I have, of course, had to listen to the Cham Pumo-ron several times. And also, I've had the privilege and the challenge of sitting right opposite **True Mother** and, hearing from her things that, for me are quite new, making me think, "Really? Is that what you think, **Mother**? Or is that how you want?"

But I have **three simple takeaways**, for me. You might say, "Well, Mike, those are your takeaways. You're you and I am me."

Yes, absolutely right. These are my takeaways. The first one's very simple. The first one is that **God is a Heavenly Parent**.

That's not new, but when I think about it myself even now, I catch myself saying "Heavenly Father, Heavenly Father" all the time, in prayer and everything. And it's taken a real effort to start thinking **God is also a Mother, as well as a Father, and yet one**.



Female and male as yin and yang. AI illustration generated by Microsoft Designer Image Creator, 4th June 2024.

Because this is also challenging for the human brain, right? How can you be a father and a mother? One of my friends, Jin-Choon Kim, who's also one of the teachers of Cham Pumo-ron, and a high-energy physicist [Editor's note: Particle physicist]. I've actually found the quantum concept of superposition helpful. Superposition means that something can be two things at the same time that are mutually exclusive. It happens in science.

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But anyway, this is the first message of Cham Pumo-ron: **God is masculine and feminine**. It's right there in the **Principles**. But let's be honest, it was never really explored or discussed.

And I'm a man, and I freely admit it's taken me a long time to even begin to understand the world of women, even though I have three younger sisters and two wonderful daughters and one wonderful wife. But if you ask them how well I understand the realm of women, I don't think I'll be getting an A grade at all. In fact, my wife says, "You're a very clever man, but sometimes you're so stupid?" Anyway, she's not here today.

The second takeaway is that **it's through True Mother, the daughter of God, that we can most fully understand the Heavenly Mother**. True Mother, because she's a woman, and a very special woman, is able to explain this characteristic of God better than Father ever could, because Father's a man. Father never gave birth to any children, never experienced the pain of childbirth or miscarriage or any of those things that women endure.



*Mother Moon speaking in Munich, Germany 19th May 2024. Photo: Screenshot from HJ Global News 25th May 2024 / FFWPU*

Likewise, men can talk to men about things that women don't understand. But generally, history has been, and our movement has been, very centred on men. Still, when we have meetings in Korea, [...], it takes enormous effort to let even one woman speak. [...]

The third takeaway is that **we have to look to the future** because the past is behind us, and it can't really be changed. We can try to understand it, but we should not permit ourselves to get lost in disputes about things from a long time ago because we have to look to the future now.

I want to be honest, not everyone who's been exposed to these ideas in Cham Pumo-ron has had the same experience. [...]

Of course, it doesn't help that at this moment there is no authoritative text to study. It would be different if I could pull out this book and say, "Here it is: Cham Pumo-ron! Read it yourself and make up your own mind."

But actually, there is no such book. **There's a book in preparation**. I understand the Korean version is already on version 10, but **it hasn't been published once** because there's such **intense dispute about what should be in it**.

And there's a **set of lectures that's circulating** which I only saw myself for the first time yesterday, which are **also not authorized**. And yet people are using them to teach their version of the Cham Pumo-ron. So that's a problem.

Again, I'd like to say sorry that I haven't been able to produce something more tangible for you to get your teeth into, but that's the reality.

But anyway, [...] I think the key controversy among all these things is that the allegation that the Cham Pumo-ron teaches that **Father** made some serious errors in his lifetime, key among which was he didn't wait until he was 40 years old to marry **True Mother**. Another allegation is that those "mistakes" are the reason why **Father** had to go, for example, to **Heungnam death camp**, to Seodaemun prison, why he was tortured and suffered, not, as we have traditionally believed, to take on responsibility for the sins of humanity, but because of his own mistakes – rather than providential matters – that led him to do what he undeniably did, which was to endure torture, betrayal, beatings, imprisonment.



*Part of North Korea with capital Pyongyang in the West and industrial city of Heungnam (Hungnam) on the East coast, the location of the death camp Sun Myung Moon was sent to by the communist authorities to have him suffer a slow death. Photo: 下一次登录 / Wikimedia Commons. Public domain image. Cropped*

Many people feel very indignant about such a suggestion, and I would say rightly so. If you don't feel that about **True Father**, there's something



wrong. I felt very angry when I thought that that was what being said. [...] This is wrong, and we should not be teaching it.

And there's one huge problem: The Cham Pumo-ron does not say it. It does not say it. [Editor's note: does not mention the above-mentioned allegations]

So again, like that [deepfake audio](#) in Baltimore, it's going to be difficult to undo this because the misinformation and the confusion is already out there.

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