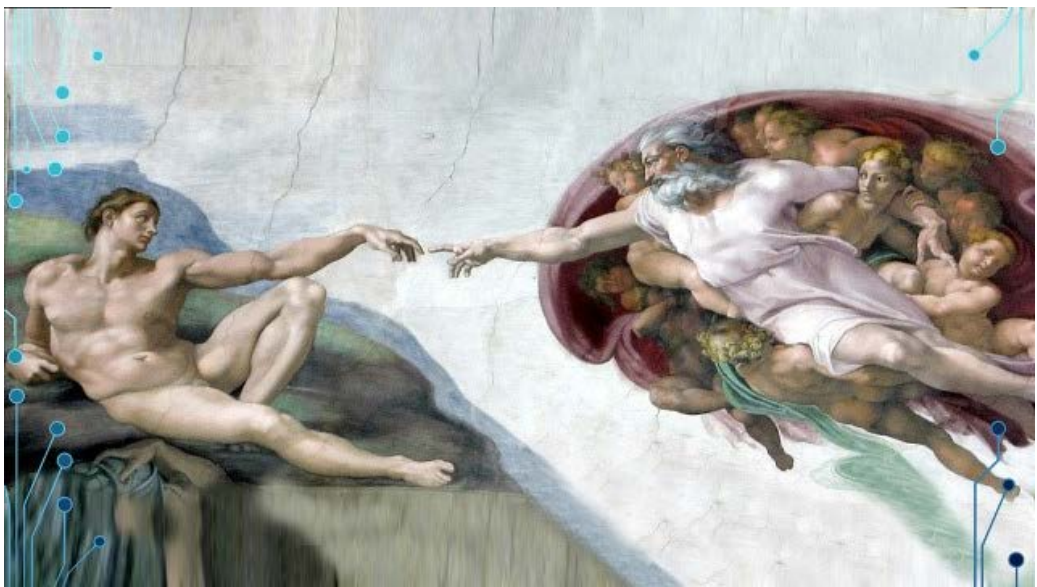




The concept of family begins with God. Even before creating the universe God Himself was thinking first about the family. That is why God created two beings, Adam and Eve; wanting them to become the True Parents of humankind. Therefore, God made an environment for a couple to create a family.



God created humans in pair so that man would not live alone. In the Bible The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him. (Genesis 2:18)", He then created Adam's significant other, Eve. God wanted a man and a woman to become a couple, enter in a relationship in order to create a Family!

In this world there are many families. There are distinctive families such as the Doo family, the Smith family, the Compton family, and etc. There are also socially organized groups that called themselves families for example, in Italy there is a notorious organization that calls themselves a family, the Mafia. We also often call ourselves one big family on earth.

Starting from a distinctive family to creating the socially organized family there needs to be relationship for a person to be a member of a family. Even if you are in a family if there is no relationship or interaction with one another you cannot call it a family. In Korea there is a saying that like this "the closest neighbor is better than a distant cousin."

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In order to maintain a relationship there needs to be multiple environments and a lot of demands. There are a lot of impediments to forming and keeping relationships. First the distance between one another is a factor. Even if you are blood related siblings if you live far away from one another, building a relationship may be a challenge. The second barrier is the language barrier. If the languages you speak are different it is hard to create a relationship. Third factor is culture. If cultures are different the lifestyle will also differ making it hard to find similarities therefore leading to a lifestyle hard to maintain.

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Lastly is the difference in thought and mind. In Korea for example, there are a lot of families with Buddhist parents who believe in and practice Buddhism while their children believe in and practice Christianity. These families not only have different beliefs, but also have different mindsets that make it difficult to build a relationship even though they are related by blood. In Buddhism or Confucianism there is a Memorial Day when parents pay respects to their ancestors by setting an offering table and bowing. However, the children who believe in Christianity believe that such actions are of a cult so they do not bow. This doesn't just apply to religion, but also ideals and principles are huge factors, too.



That is why relationship in family is so important. In Korea the family expresses the details of the members more. Even if the family is far apart they are still a member of the family. Members of the family in Korea are people who you can share a meal with.



In Italy, the Mafia in Japan, the Yakuza and many more organizations in the world accept members and call them family. Even though they are of different blood, different race, and different homelands since they have a similar culture, mindset, and goal unlike any other family they are able to maintain a stronger relationship and move their organization forward. This shows the importance of human relationships.



God created humans and gave them all of his blessings, one of them being giving responsibility to Adam and Eve. He gave them the responsibility to identify good and evil. Not only that God didn't just give them responsibility. God creating Adam felt that it wasn't good for man to be alone so He created Eve so that Adam and Eve can have a relationship. If Eve had closely maintained her relationship with God, she wouldn't have fallen. If Eve and Adam had both maintained a close relationship, then the probability of them falling would have been low.



This period of Genesis of Adam, Eve, and God's relationship has given us many teachings. We as parents give a lot of advice to our children. If the parents and children kept a tight relationship with one another the children would follow the parents without any difficulties. However, if there is no close relationship between the parent and the children, then problems would arise and the children would wander off like how Adam and Eve did.



God created humans and creation itself while giving humans His blessings. The blessings were not just for humans to enjoy by themselves, but God wanted to feel joy and happiness through man. God wanted to be the subject partner in the relationship with man.

However, when you look at reality people compete with one another for materialistic gains resulting in murders and even wars. There is no concept of God in their relationship.

Therefore, we need to realize what God wants from us. God has constantly dreamed of not relating with Himself, but with his begotten son and daughter, Adam and Eve, through a family relationship.

That is why we need to verify if we are accomplishing God's wish in each family. First of all, What kind of relationship are the parents in? A business relationship? A faith-based relationship? A physical relationship?



Next is, how is the relationship with the parents and the child or children? We often hear that the children will only respond once the parent gives them money. This is under the business type relationship ^^

Unfortunately, a reality is that if we do not have these kinds of relationships we cannot become a family in this days and age. In Las Vegas there are 2 million people here however, they aren't our family. Since their thoughts and culture are different from ours we think that there is no commonality.



However, look at ourselves. It is truly amazing to see all unification members around the world for the first

time while still thinking of them as family. In a moment you feel that aura of family.

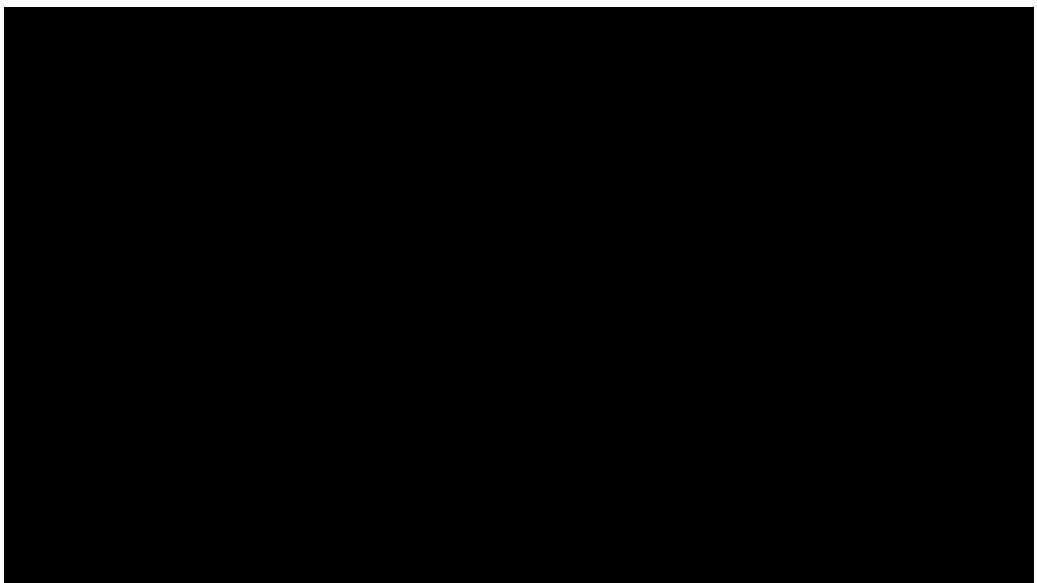


When our children came back from their first church camp in California called One Heart Camp, it was their first time to see these campers, but there wasn't a wall between the 2nd generations who were born in our church community. Recently 1,500 young 1st, 2nd, and 3rd gens from all around the world gathered at Chung Pyung. Those 1st, 2nd, and 3rd gens were like children of one family. That is because of the invisible existence of a relationship.



In life what we think of as a preferable relationship is three-dimensional life relationship like husband and wife, parent and children, and friend and friend, living a regular life.

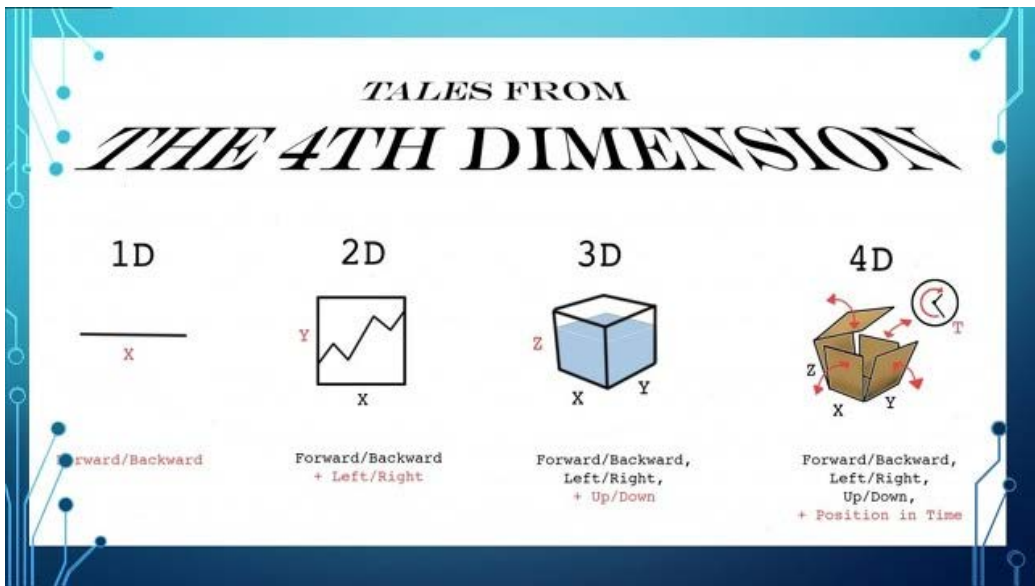
We call the average person the three-dimensional character with a relationship without God. They do and see as monkey do and see, in a way.



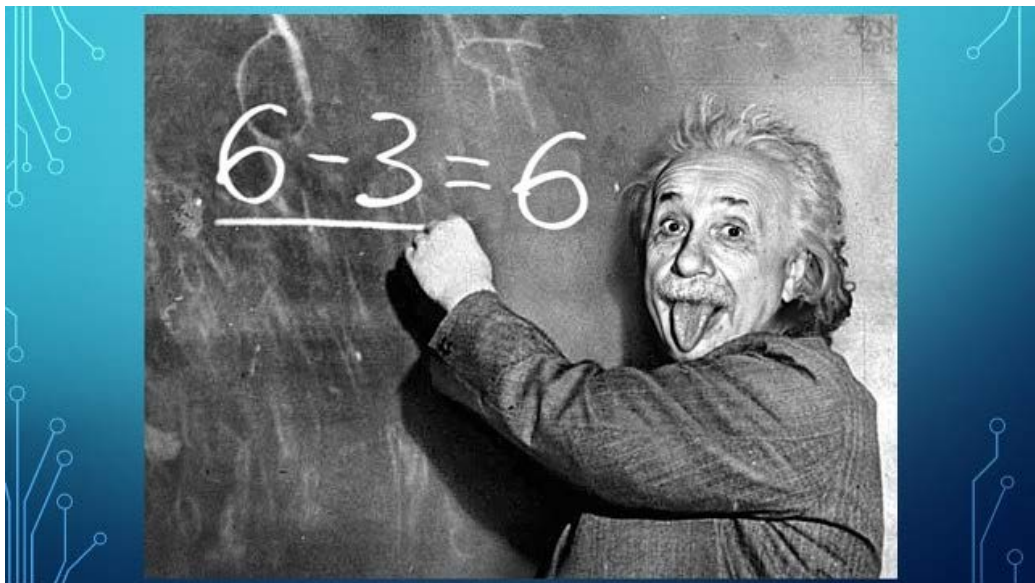
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But there is something we haven't thought about 4D life. When someone is referred to having a 4D personality, that person is an eccentric person, of some sort.

They have a different way of thinking, they act differently, they have high imagination. Being referred to 4D is not an insult. Whereas 4D people go outside the square and develop their own thoughts and answers.



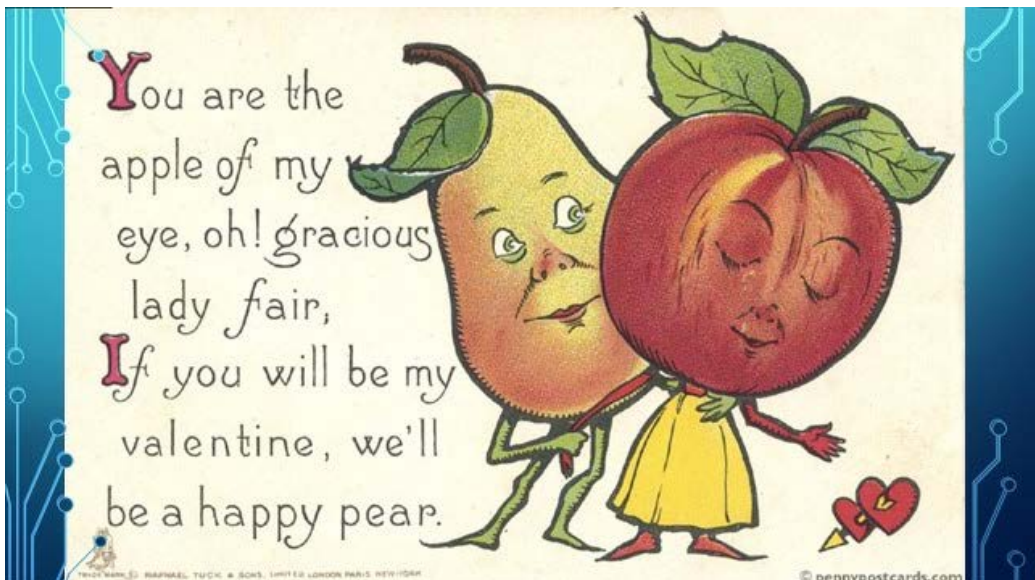
That is the kind of relationship God would want through us. We simply thought that if we maintained a harmonious relationship with one another then we would achieve a happy family. However, due to the three-dimensional relationships we cannot have everyone into one community. We always expect and hope to have an ideal family, society and world while following the same pattern and never getting out of the box. Albert Einstein said that “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.”



That is why we need God at the center creating a four-dimensional relationship making one family under God. That is what God wanted, One family under God!

What we need to accomplish first in order to achieve One Family Under God in the whole world is to have God at the center of the couple relationship.

In reality God appears through your spouse and that is how he is creating a relationship. The Bible says that you are the resemblance of God, you are the temple of God. However, if God appeared as a woman how beautiful would She be? If God appeared as a man how handsome would He be? Just like Psalm 17:8 said “Keep me as the apple of the eye; Hide me in the shadow of Your wing” Do you know this idioms “the apple of somebody's eye”



Even though God has appeared through our partners, we fail to see Him. That is why we covet our neighbor's partner while living a married life. Since God hasn't been the center of our couple life there have been many conflicts and divorces.

Let us look again at your spouse. Do you see the world's most beautiful wife or the world's most handsome husband? If you are able to see that then God is currently at the center of your relationship. This is the same with the parent-child relationship, with the friend and neighbor relationship. Through all of us if we are able to see God then we can truly create one family under God. This is what God wanted One Family Under God!



We have already experienced it. Through Unification members around the world we are able to see the model relationship when we center ourselves on God.

What is the feeling of meeting Unification members from all around the world who have different backgrounds, languages, and cultures and race but still feel that they are family? What is the thought of seeing people you cannot even relate to, but consider them as family? That is because between that person and I God is at

the center of the relationship. This is because of the fourth-dimensional relationship that this is possible because in the center God and True Parents exist.



It is our challenge and task to serve and bring God into the center of our families. If we stay in the 2nd dimension or 3rd dimension we cannot have peace with all of the envy, conflict and negativity in the world. Until we accept God and live a god centered life while relating with one another that is we will not have peace and love.

In our daily life if we are constantly having the mindset of our married life being stuck in the 2nd or 3rd dimensional thought will we have a God centered marriage life? If we are to live this way then only conflict will arise.

If everyone were to look through God's perspective everyone's spouses will be beautiful or handsome like God. Therefore, your wife will look like the world's most beautiful woman and your husband will look like the most handsome guy in the world. In this world there isn't a person who is as beautiful or handsome as God is. That is why when you look through God's perspective then everyone's husband or wife will look handsome or beautiful beyond measure. Let us build a family that serves and attends God. If we accomplish this then one family under God will become a reality. This is what God wanted from human beings.

Many couples received the blessing through True Parents. I assume every blessed couple here still has their memories of their blessing. What kind of blessing was given by True Parents? Tall and short couples, skinny and fat couples, round and long face couples, faces that were the shape of a square or triangle couples, Good looking couples, black and white couples, Asian and Western couples, couples with

ancestors being enemies of one another like Korean and Japanese couples, couples matched with people from England and France, American and German couples.... all of these couples who had to sacrifice themselves to love one another, these were the couples who had to maintain their marriage relationship through unconditional love. The marriages that the Unification church does cannot be accomplished by other people. We can only think that they will have a marriage based on 2nd and 3rd dimensional relationships. In this world there are many people who think they can just marry because they like the other person and begin to think about a divorce. However, why did True Parents give us such the marriage blessing?



It is because They wanted us to have a God-centered relationship. By making a God-centered 4th dimensional relationship we can go beyond time, space, language, culture, and race and create one pure relationship. That is what God wanted, One Family Under God. That is why True Parents through the Blessing wanted to fulfill God's dream. A marriage that is with God can only be happy and beautiful. A couple that goes with God will be filled with faith and blessing by God. Creating a fourth dimensional relationship is the path toward unity, peace, joy and happiness. It is the formula to building the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven.

13 On the way of restoration, as we couples work for the sake of the original world, we should always feel the heart and ideal that God felt at the time of the Creation. Consumed with that feeling, we should risk our lives as we proceed along this path with a heart of gratitude, willing only one thing. From now on, this is the course by which blessed families will realize the purpose of creation. It may cause us suffering, but that is not the intention. God asks us to go this way so we may receive the even more bountiful blessings He has stored up for us. To know this evokes immense gratitude. We couples who were brought together through heart and love are called to build with that love. We are to build a family that goes beyond the realm of daily life. That family should go beyond life itself and be one with God's purpose. Otherwise we cannot return to God's dwelling place, the kingdom of heaven. This is the purpose of creation, so we have to move toward making such families. (35-180, 1970.10.13) (CSG book 3 Ch 2 Sec 3)

