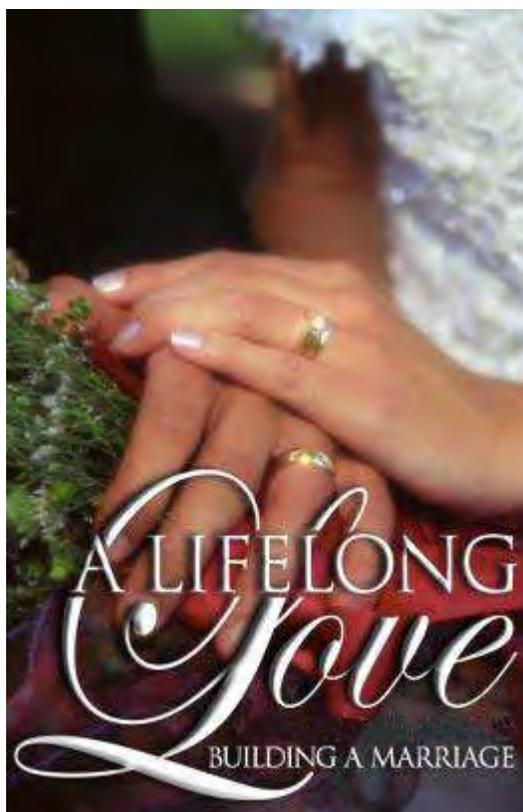


## Wisdom of Marriage and Family: Excerpts from the speeches of Rev. Sun Myung Moon

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### Marriage

The purpose of marriage is to unify the world of heart and to perfect the love of man and woman. Therefore, to say that you have married is to proclaim that you will prove this. If you have realized the perfection of love and the perfection of heart through married life, then we can say that you have realized the ideal of a family.

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The married couple's whispering of love is the most effective refrigerant to cool off all the fatigue and the hatred in the world. A couple shouldn't demand love forcibly from each other. Love is natural. So, the confidential talk of love is soft and beautiful.

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The conversation of a loving couple is much more beautiful than any poem or any picture in the world. How beautiful words are, such as "between lovers," "between ourselves," or "you and me".

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God's favorite melody is the joyous laughing of a couple in love. When a couple lives with the mind to embrace the whole universe, laughter is produced automatically. Isn't the loving life of such a couple a beautiful flower in God's sight? This is not a mere ideal or something abstract. I am talking about the original world.

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A couple speaks centered upon mind, personality and love. They are in the same boat, aren't they? When a country-bred lady gets married to a Cabinet minister, people bow down to her as the wife of a Cabinet

minister, even if she didn't graduate from elementary school. Husband and wife are to go the same way. Within a couple, the wife's love is the husband's love, and the husband's love is the wife's love.

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What do you think is the right age to get married? When your mind and body have the most perfected power is the precise time to get married. Your power weakens when this time passes. Then, no matter how much you try to maintain your naiveté, it becomes difficult to seek a partner.

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Men should know that the women standing before them are God's daughters and the daughters of all humankind. Man is qualified to become a husband if he can love a woman as a woman loved by all humankind and as God loves her as His daughter. If he cannot, then he is not qualified to become a husband. This is true for women, too. You should not think that that man is my husband. Before thinking of your husband as "my man," you should think of him as God's son and as a man representing all men.

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The ideal love relationship between husband and wife develops over time. When you have lived together for ten, twenty, or fifty years and still feel that there is abundant love between you, then you have an ideal relationship. Try to discover and bring out all the beautiful points in your wife. If you do, then God will immediately recognize you once you get to the spirit world. Wives, study your husbands. You may think he is one way, but then you discover another side of him. Study him from every possible angle, 360 degrees. At the time of marriage, you saw him only through a small lens. Now after ten years of living together you are more relaxed, so you can study him more carefully. Do you feel that your spouse is your absolute eternal spouse, so that even if you were to die and come back you would want to marry him again?

Love your husband with your entire body. Study closely your husband's eyes, nose, mouth, and every part of him. Once you realize that they all exist for you, then you can never let him go. With that consciousness, your mind will never get old.

If your mind never gets old, then your love will never get old. Your life and lineage will never get old, either. Centering on God's true love, nothing gets old. As long as you are centered on God's true love, you will always remain beautiful.

Compare an ugly, but faithful, woman with an attractive woman who is an atheist. The ugly, but faithful, woman lives in the bosom of God and has mind-body unity, while the atheist's mind and body are in conflict. As time passes, the ugly becomes beautiful and the beautiful becomes ugly. The ugly woman becomes beautiful because she receives energy from God.

Husbands, you should think, "My peace, my happiness, and my dreams are in my spouse." Then when you go out of town, you will not be tempted. Even the most beautiful temptress will have the appearance of rotten fish.

Make your mind beautiful. Then you will be shining like the sun in front of God. Through your shining light, God will be attracted to you.

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You must believe that marriage is not for your sake, but for your partner. It is wrong to desire to marry a handsome or beautiful person. If you have understood the basic principle that people are to live for the sake of others, you should know that you will get married for the sake of your spouse. No matter how ugly a person is, you should be determined to try to love him or her more than you love a beautiful person. This is the basic perspective of marriage.

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Marriage is not for your own sake. If you have a self-centered marriage, your whole family will be destroyed. To want to live a happy life by getting married self-centeredly is just a one-night dream. The problem is your future.

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If there were no marriage, then what is called love would not have started in the human world. Who is the master of that love? We must know that the master is not man or woman, but God. When God's love is manifested in us, it becomes God's pride and joy, and we are able to feel this as God's love.

Love cannot be realized alone; it is only realized through a reciprocal relationship. Therefore, when man tries to realize love, he cannot do it by himself alone. The same can be said about woman. When Adam and Eve unite through love, they are able to receive God's love for the first time. From this viewpoint, we can understand that we human beings are born from God.

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When a man and a woman are about to explode in love on the foundation of loving God and humankind, God and the universe can claim and possess their family. Where does the root of love exist? It doesn't exist within you. God's love is the origin.

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When two people who love each other have give-and-take in a reciprocal relationship, consoling each other when they are sad, sharing joy together when they are happy, helping each other when they have difficulties, and going forward together before God, this indeed is married life on the foundation of God's love.

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Why did God make it that man needs woman and woman needs man? It is because God did not want to let one person live independently, but desired that two people live together for the sake of the future world, centering upon God's desire and love. When a husband and wife live hand-in-hand, dreaming optimistically of the future and denying the fallen reality, they will be able to go through any difficult environment. The difficult reality will not damage their future, but will stimulate in them a new vision for the future.

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The reason you are getting married is not only for yourself, but is also for your spouse. What does it mean to get married for the sake of your spouse, more than yourself? As everything in the universe is formed according to the principle of subject and object, for man and woman to get married is also a rule of the universe.

If man is on the right side, woman becomes the left side in order to form a horizontal relationship with the universe. If man is the subject, then woman becomes the object in order to form a vertical, upper and lower relationship with God. Therefore, marriage is not for the sake of just man or just woman. We have to get married in order to follow the heavenly law. This is why man and woman have different aspects. They are born that way in order to match with the heavenly law.

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Why do we marry? We marry to discipline ourselves to love the world, and to qualify ourselves to love humankind.

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Man is born to meet woman, and woman is born to meet man. And, man and woman, together, are born to combine with a higher level of love, which is God's love. Neither man, nor woman, can touch God's love alone. If a man or a woman, alone, tried to unite with God's love, it would just be a one-sided love. Neither one would be able to combine with a three dimensional love, spherical love. Therefore, man and woman must get married in order to jump into the realm of a higher-level three dimensional love.

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If women did not get married, they would not be able to live fully as a woman and would even get sick. Centering on all the circulatory system, a woman's body is made to meet man and to function normally through married life. Women must know that it is not normal to stay unmarried. Therefore, the ideal behavior for a woman is to go through a normal life-course.

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Why was man created? Usually, men say that they can live by themselves alone, so they don't care why they were created. But man was born for the sake of woman. Without woman, there is absolutely no need for man. Actually, nothing was created for man, by himself, or for woman, by herself, alone.

Look at our five senses. Were my eyes created to look at my eyes? Nose, ears, mouth, hands -- all of them were created for the sake of the object. The force that mobilizes and focuses all five senses is True Love. Eyes, nose, ears, mouth, and hands were created for True Love as a tool for the use of True Love.

Nothing is created only for oneself. On the contrary, a person who says that what belongs to others is "mine" is called a thief. When someone takes the things of others and uses them as his own, isn't he a thief? Therefore, any man who uses his five senses and his body as he wants for himself alone is a thief, since these exist for the sake of woman.

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What is the difference between man and woman? Their bodies, including the sexual organs. Then to whom is man's sexual organ absolutely necessary? Man's sexual organ exists for the sake of woman. The human sexual organs are shaped as concave and convex. Why are they shaped that way? Both of them could be pointed or both could be flat. Why are they shaped differently? Each is for the sake of each other.

Woman absolutely wants what is man's, and man absolutely wants what is woman's. Until now, we did not know the fact that, absolutely, woman's sexual organ is man's and man's sexual organ is woman's. By owning each other's sexual organs, man and woman come to know True Love.

Only through the experience of two becoming one can we know the highest level of love. No one can absolutely deny these facts. Everyone should recognize this. At the place where husband and wife become completely one, the ideal couple will be created. In that very place, absolute love exists. That place of love, which is absolutely unchanging, is the dwelling place of God.

Absolute Sex is centered on God, and free sex is centered on Satan. Historically, world literature and the media have often stimulated free sex. But from now on, you should lead the way to prevent free sex. Free sex should completely disappear.

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One man and one woman are the substantial object of the invisible God, His son and His daughter. Man represents God's masculine nature and woman represents God's feminine nature. God, the harmonized body of these dual characteristics, is divided into two entities formed separately, and these separate bodies are to be united again to resemble God. This is the principle of creation. The unity of one man and one woman represents the original unity of God's "plus" nature and "minus" nature. This is the harmonized body resembling God. There-fore, two human beings, husband and wife, symbolize the whole of God.

Man is True Father's incarnation and woman is True Mother's incarnation. They are also, respectively, representatives of God. There-fore, when they become one in love, they are embracing the universe. They become the central point of the entire cosmos.

A husband represents all men, so he is father and older brother, as well as husband; a wife represents all women, so she is mother and older sister, as well as wife. That's why husband and wife can feel the ideal of God's heart of love.

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A wife should consider her husband as her father and grandfather, and then as her older brother and younger brother.

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A husband is to raise up his wife as his younger sister, to love her as his bride, and to serve her as his mother. He is to love his wife in the order of younger sister, older sister, bride, and mother. By going through this course, we can restore the love that God lost due to the fall.

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Marriage can be said to be a ceremony which allows you to open the door of a palace of happiness and enter into it. Therefore, marriage is the biggest event for humankind. Love transcends time and space and it is the greatest thing for humankind. Marriage is a ceremony that reveals and confirms this greatest love.

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The union of man and woman is the union of heaven and earth.

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When man and woman become one, the whole universe can be one. Man symbolizes heaven and woman symbolizes earth. Man is in the subject position, and he doesn't want anyone to intervene with his affairs. But, love and truth can control anybody. Woman wants to receive love, and she is passive. In this sense, man is to be the giver and woman is to be the receiver. That is why the oneness of man and woman is the oneness of heaven and earth. Only love can dominate the universe. Our desire is to have an object who can receive and cherish us.

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Conjugal love is necessary to introduce and teach the feeling of the Kingdom of Heaven in the future.

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Prior to marriage, a girl doesn't feel the necessity of a man. But once she gets caught by love in married life, she cannot bear to be without him. Owing to love, she realizes that her husband is much more precious than herself.

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A couple shouldn't unilaterally desire their spouse's face to remain in a fixed shape. If they remain fixed, each will become really tired of looking at the other. When you look at your spouse with a joyful heart, he or she will look joyful; and when you look at your spouse with a beautiful heart, he or she will look beautiful. Feel your spouse's face anew with every new stimulation.

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Human beings always need stimulation. Happiness cannot be established without stimulation. Whenever we are hungry, rice tastes so good and fresh. We can eat the same meal everyday with the same relish. Likewise, love always should be fresh and new. The husband and the wife should miss each other more and more, day-by-day. In order to feel that way, we have to research ourselves and God.

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A husband and wife are happy when they give and receive love with each other. If a man strikes a woman with his fist, using physical power, that couple cannot be happy at all. When a man energetically embraces and loves a woman, the woman will feel true happiness. This love cannot be accomplished by energy alone; neither can it be fulfilled by heart alone. When a man confirms his loving heart with physical power, a woman feels complete happiness. And, when the woman returns love both physically and spiritually to the man, they can become a truly happy couple.

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What is our favorite thing to do? Is it eating? We feel good when we eat, but it is temporary. If we are full, we can't eat more, even though we are offered the most delicious dishes.

But, we are never satiated with our lover. The more we see the lover, the more we miss him or her. In this way, lovers make a circle of love. Unification takes place right there.

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Even though there are so many men and women in the world, you should be able to think that there exist only you and your spouse. It is the principle that you totally invest yourself in your spouse alone.

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The wife, after knowing love, is stimulated to take a nap in the husband's bosom. That's because she gets addicted to this happiness and cannot control her heart. Prior to marriage, the man looks creepy and scary, but the woman's heart changes rapidly after marriage. She will do whatever it takes to be with her husband as much as she can be. For example, she pushes her husband to come home to lunch.

Likewise, a man after knowing love, wants to sleep on his wife's lap whenever he finds leisure time. So, he rushes right home at a coffee break or at lunchtime. After marriage, he can do whatever the wife wants without a moment's hesitation -- even things that he formally considered totally belonging to women. This is the typical change which takes place in a married couple.

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What is marriage? It is to set one's sights upon a common destiny as a couple. It is to pursue the dual destiny, overcoming the individual destiny. Once a man and a woman are bound to one common destiny through marriage, they cannot freely change it by their will... Once you are married, you cannot do whatever you like. You are to follow the destiny of your family at the risk of your life.

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Beginning with the very moment of love, you are one, not two, any more. You cannot behave individually, but should collectively take responsibility for everything.

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A husband and a wife are a pair. Every-body's fortune is as different as everybody's face is different. The destiny of every life course is different.

Even though a husband's fortune is bad, it can be changed to the good if the wife's fortune is good. The wife's bad fortune also can be made better by the good fortune of her husband. Therefore, the destiny of a couple is like leveling the land, raising up the valleys and bringing down the mountains.

On that fertile ground, the couple can plant trees or plow fields with their common ideal. They can push ahead all varieties of plans on their land. Thinking in this manner, you should not unite centering upon your spouse's external looks. What is at stake in marriage is something very fearful.

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Even though you are so extremely beautiful and capable that you can lead a comfortable life on your own, you should follow your husband regardless of any suffering, as long as he is centered upon God... Even though you've got the ugliest man in the world, if God dwells in your family and you and your family, and you and your husband are devoted totally to Him, a saint will appear through your blood lineage. If you offer the sacrifice of three generations with the utmost sincerity to God, a saint will surely appear in your family.

You should think that your husband represents all the husbands of the world. When you give birth to a child in accordance with this principle, he or she will be a great figure.

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When a marriage is not well arranged or accomplished, either the man dies or the woman dies, or both of them die at the same time. Many times we can see such phenomena. This principle functions even in the place of which you are not aware.

The prosperity of your generation does not guarantee the prosperity of your future generations. A minimum of three to seven generations should be settled centered upon God.

Your spouse may seem unfit for you to your human eyes, but you will realize the truth after making effort to live together for more than three years.

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When you are stimulated by love, particularly first love, it is an overwhelming experience. When you are in love, you talk all night and still are not bored. You are temporarily blinded and can't think of anything else. For the sake of that love you would willingly sacrifice yourself. That is noble love.

But, today's Americans don't even think about finding a true love for which they could sacrifice. If they want to find out whether the other person truly loves them or not, they face a dilemma. Men and women come together just for convenience or fun, and there is no true love there. So, even after several years, a person cannot really know if the other person loves them.

Are there any children who like to see their parents get divorced? Does anyone get married with the knowledge that he will get a divorce in the near future? Why does divorce come unexpectedly and against their will? In many cases divorce comes because of another love affair. Because there was no concrete love in the first place, the foundation of love easily breaks apart.

Divorce has even become a business in this country and good-looking young women go into a marriage for some strategic purpose. They find a rich man, marry him, and then get divorced in order to get a chunk of his money.

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God knows the difference in standard between you and your spouse. When you keep your heart grateful to God, even though your spouse is not satisfied with you, He will bless you abundantly in the near future. The grateful heart is the absolute condition for receiving God's blessing. We must be the ones with such heart.

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A wife shouldn't be indebted to her husband.

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Your ears should be able to go over the rugged mountains. How will you do if you are matched to a man who curses you every day? You should be able to say to the husband who is cursing you right after breakfast, "Please wait and curse me after eating lunch," and at lunch-time, "Curse me only after finishing dinner." If he continues after dinner, you should be able to say, "Please sleep first and curse me later." Then, Satan will go away in forty days because there's no fun in what he is doing.

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You are not supposed to expect only good things. Can you bathe in the sun 24 hours? No. You need the night, don't you? It is the Principle that the high is followed by the low.

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Wives want their husband's happiness more than their own because it determines their mutual relationship. Woman is born to welcome man, and man is born to welcome woman.

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When a couple becomes closer and closer to each other through their horizontal love, power comes to move vertically. Therefore, when a husband and a wife are in completely pure love, God definitely comes down there. In other words, when a husband and wife are horizontally in love, God's vertical love meets them at the ninety degree contact point. And on the opposite side of God's love, the children as another kind of love, appear.

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In Christianity we say we love God. But, this is a very vague concept, isn't it? In the Bible Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." You have to become like this.

Before you love God directly, you have to love the food you eat, love materials, all things, and your body from head to toe. Through loving all things, you come to love your body, because you absorb the elements of all things.

Your first parents are the parents who gave birth to you. Your second parent is the earth. The earth supplies you with all the essential elements for your physical growth. The earth is your second parent. After living on the second parent, your physical death provides the entrance to the eternal realm of the third parent, God. However, you cannot go to the third parent as you are. In order to enter the third parent you have to resemble God, who is the original parent.

Why do we marry? In order to resemble God. God is the harmonized being of dual characteristics. Since man and woman are the divided expression of God's dual characteristics, they have to unite as one body, like a seed, in order to attain to God's dwelling place.

To connect that seed, you have to go through the way of love. This means that you must be born in love, set love as your goal while growing, live centering on love, and walk this path in order to return to love.

You have to understand that you will go off in the wrong direction unless you follow the path centering on the goal of living for the sake of others. The heart of love for the sake of others will always point you in the right direction, as a compass always points north.

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American love looks very hot, but it is actually lukewarm. The American couples kiss each other every morning; it is like a fly touching on the skin a little and flying away.

Look at oriental couples. The husband and the wife stare at each other before kissing, and they both drop their head slightly due to shyness. It is a really beautiful scene, comparable to one of the great masterpieces. It is also a sweet and mysterious scene when a wife carries her husband's suitcase with a loving heart in order to see him off when he leaves for a business trip.

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If you grow up with the feeling of hate instead of the feeling of love, you are apt to create accidents in adulthood. A virgin of mild heart can create a pleasant environment, even in married life. But, a virgin of ill temper is apt to be unhappy in married life. There are many people cursing God for their miserable, unfair environment. But, when they realize that their environment is created by themselves, they will be convinced that God is creating a fair world.

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When you enter your married life after keeping your virginity, you will be able to love wholeheartedly. Even though a couple is physically far apart, they will find themselves moving toward each other automatically and unconsciously.

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God's fundamental principle is to create through male and female. For a man and woman to share absolute love, however, they should have only one partner. We must not have two or more partners but only one, eternally. There is absolutely only one man for each woman, and one woman for each man. That is why God did not create two Adams or two Eves. Tragically, in the world today we see children who have had as many as ten stepfathers. How false and degraded love has become!

When men and women uphold and preserve chastity, they are protecting the universe. The discipline of love between men and women is the foundation of the universe. We must not abuse our love as if we were animals. Our love can only have one owner. The word "true" in "true love" does not allow for the possibility of more than one partner. There can be only one. This is an absolute law.

## Family

What is true love? It is parental love, conjugal love, and children's love. Without a tradition of sacrifice for one another, love is broken easily. Isn't it true? Because parents sacrifice for children, the bond of parental love never breaks. And if children grow up in true parental love, they can never disobey their parents. When the degree of sacrifice and sincere effort for one another is extended beyond themselves, blessing comes to a couple; such a family is the blessed land that God visits.

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Father cannot compete with Mother in loving a child. Because the mother pours out power more than anyone else and suffers more than anyone else in bearing a child, she, more than anyone else, loves the child. In this respect, woman occupies the eminent and precious position in the realm of emotion. No matter how much the father loves his baby, he doesn't know love as much as the mother does. Therefore, women will go to the Kingdom of Heaven of heart.

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What is the original motivation for parental love? Love centering upon a man and woman changes, but love centering upon children born of a couple, never changes. Unchanging love is not the result of the horizontal bond of a couple, but it has to do with the origin of the vertical flow. Then who is the vertical subject? It is God.

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In settling a family, the woman's role is vital. She should do an excellent job.

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Even though a person with lots of property and fortune sings songs of happiness, these external belongings cannot be the cause of his or her happiness. Even though they may come along with happiness, they cannot be happiness itself.

Then, what decides happiness? There should be loving parents, a couple, and children. Nobody can deny this. In proportion to any part missing among those, there will be a proportion-ate sadness and dissatisfaction in one's heart.

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Without love, a father and a mother cannot become one. Why do we like "love"? It is because we are created not to survive without it. The stronger the power of parental love over the power of individual love, the more ideal your situation will be. It is the rope of love with which you can bind your father and mother completely in oneness. The rope made out of metal rusts as times passes, but the rope made out of love is eternal. And money or food cannot bind parents and children; only love can bind them.

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The true family is the place where a husband loves his wife as his mother, and where a wife sacrifices for her husband and loves him as her older brother. And, the Kingdom of Heaven is the world where a husband loves his wife as God, and a wife loves and respects her husband as God. Such a tradition should be established on this earth.

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According to the ideal of love, all love relationships in the mineral and plant kingdoms are for reproduction only. Human beings are the sole exception. We enjoy freedom in the conjugal relationship of love. This is our special privilege as the lords of all creation. God gave the blessing and infinite joy of love to His sons and daughters. However, the true freedom that God allowed requires human responsibility. If an individual were to insist upon and practice freedom of love without responsibility, how much confusion and destruction would take place! Achieving the highest ideal of human love is possible only when one takes responsibility for love.

Our first responsibility is to become a master of true love, truly free and thanking God for the freedom of love and knowing how to cultivate and control ourselves. This responsibility for a love relationship should not be taken merely because of law or social convention. Instead, we should establish responsibility through our own self-control and self-determination within the life-committing vertical relationship with God.

Second is our responsibility toward our love partner. By nature, people do not want their spouse's love to be shared with others. Horizontal conjugal love, which differs from the vertical love between parents and children, loses its potential for perfection the moment it is shared with someone other than one's spouse. Marital love requires that each spouse live absolutely for the sake of the other.

Our third responsibility of love is toward our children. Parents' love is the basis for their children's pride and happiness. They would wish to be born through the total and harmonious unity of their parents in true love. And, they would wish to be raised in that kind of love. The most precious responsibility of parents is not only to rear their children externally, but also to offer them life elements of true love that can perfect their spirituality.

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As love matures, sons and daughters are born as the fruit of love. For woman, her sexual organ is the holy place of love and only the husband has the key to the door of love. If the husband has two keys to open the holy place of love, he is Satan. The woman's holy place is to be opened only by her husband's key. If it can be opened by any other key, the woman is Satan.

When the husband opens the wife's holy place with the key of love, the most precious and valuable children are to be born. The children are the crystals of love. Through giving birth to a child, human beings can experience God's heart of having created Adam and Eve.

Because the baby is the incarnation of the parents, being composed of the blood, flesh, and love of the parents, it looks lovely and cute all the time. It doesn't matter if the child has a runny nose, or is urinating or defecating. Love is soaked with those actions.

If the couple's relationship is created by an extremely strong force of love, no matter what the spouses do, every action looks joyful and lovely. If a woman complains about her husband's body smell, or if a man dislikes his wife's gestures, we can tell that there is no perfect love established between the couple. Such couples relate centering upon their own advantage.

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The husband in a happy family consults his wife concerning everything that happened outside, and tries to find the primary factor to make progress. The family in which a couple studies together for a better life is a happy family. When parents are like that, children willingly cooperate to create a harmonious family.

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Man loving woman and woman loving man is the same regardless of historical era. There's no difference between the conjugal love of the grandfather and grandmother and that of the modern young man and woman. The feeling that all people, everywhere, and at all times, have in adolescence is the same.

But, the pivotal point of the family nowadays is changing in various ways. The loving mind is the same, but the family structure is changing. This change is finally to cease.

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Juvenile problems bring on public criticism. What is the cause of their problems? It almost always has to do with emotional issues. That results from not having sound parents and brothers and sisters, and from the unsound man-woman relationship.

Looking at such a fact, where do we look for the clue to correct those destructive problems? It is in the family. All juvenile problems originate in the family. They have parents, but the parental heart is not implanted in the depth of the children's heart. In other words, parental love is not deeply solidified in the bone marrow of the children. From that point, the gap between parents and children expands.

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A woman who wants to play a role of bride without love is not a woman; and a man who wants to play a role of bridegroom without love is not a man. With love, a man can function as a bridegroom and a woman can function as a bride.

Can a son play a perfect son's role without love? Can a daughter play a perfect daughter's role without love? They cannot.

After knowing the taste of this love, nothing matters. The complaining husband or wife, opposing relatives, and persecuting teachers do not matter at all. A problem at school is nothing.

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Even though a father has bushy hair and looks ugly to others, if he has a full bundle of love in his mind, his children will love him. Even though others cannot stand looking at his ugly face, the more the children look at their father's face, the happier they will become.

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When a wife loves her child more than she loves her husband, the husband is happy. When a child loves its mother more than its father, the father won't say, "Love me more than you do your mother." Such an educational method doesn't exist.

Where can we have such a situation in which people love to see their spouse loving others more than themselves? It is in the family. We can never create such a situation except in the family.

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You were born as the children of loving parents. You grew up receiving parental love. Parents always love children, whether they are old or young. Parents look at a 70-year-old son with the same standard that they had when he was young. As the age gets older, the heart becomes closer and closer; when the responsibility toward a son gets bigger, the attitude toward him broadens and broadens.

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If there are four children, do you think parents love them unequally? Do parents give a certain amount of love to the first son and a different amount to the younger ones?

When feeding milk to the babies, no parents treat them unequally. Feeding milk is supplying blood and flesh to the babies, so parents are to supply it equally. A mother feels good to see her baby sucking her breast. She also feels joyful when the baby tries to grab her neck while sucking. Mothers give milk for free to the babies, but they are happy. No mother demands money for giving milk.

Even a very ugly mother who doesn't look feminine at all gets very serious in loving her children. She becomes more serious than anyone else in feeding milk to her baby. In loving her babies, she is second to none.

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Don't love your children as yours when you educate them. You should love them as sacrificial children for the whole of humankind. When feeding babies milk, mothers are to feel as if they are representative mothers of all humankind, and they are to consider their babies as representing humankind. Parents shouldn't just cherish their own children, but they are to treat others' children as theirs. The babies fed and raised by such public-hearted mothers will be great figures. Among the descendants of such mothers will be born the great figure who has the ability to liberate the world. This is the formula.

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Parents suffer for the children so much that it melts their bone marrow. But, they don't feel pain because they love the children. Do they record the price in an account book after giving away their blood and flesh? They'd rather feel frustrated not to have given everything.

When babies don't suck the mother's breast, mothers get frustrated. It is like drawing out mother's blood and flesh through the umbilical cord. In a way, a baby is the king of thieves. Then why do mothers like to be robbed? Because it is the law of love.

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Why was man created? It was not for knowledge, money, or power. It was for woman. For woman, man was created. The reason man's bones are made stronger than woman's is not for him to earn money and live by himself. It is to support his wife and children. The physical organs of man are different from those of woman. Whom are they for? They are not created for himself. Man's organs were made for woman, and woman's for man.

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For whom is man supposed to live? Adam's value of existence could not be perfected until Eve was created. Therefore, for Adam to exist eternally, he needs Eve as his spouse. In this sense, woman can be said to be a man's subject. It is the power of love which allows both man to dominate woman and woman to dominate man. No power other than love can make man and woman dominate each other. Only with love can they dominate each other.

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The world cannot be formed without a family. If there's something wrong with the family, the nation will perish. Therefore, family education determines the future destiny of the entire nation. When there are many families living by the public law, the nation will flourish; when there are many families living with a private standard, the nation will perish.

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You should lead an exemplary public life, to show your children the tradition and to educate them to inherit it. Human beings are originally to be educated by their parents. They are not to receive education just from the school. Especially, the inheritance of the tradition cannot be taught in school.

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Parental love shouldn't be selfish. If parents prevent their son from going the rough way, he will become an incapable man without willpower or independent spirit in the future. To make an incompetent son is not the goal of parental love. Parents should deeply understand their son and support and encourage him in his chosen path.

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It is definitely easy for parents to let their children sleep whenever they want and eat whatever they want. But true parents would want to show the better way of living for their children.

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Parents, from time to time, enforce discipline in order to educate their children to go the right way. So, children shouldn't be dissatisfied or rebellious against their parents when they are spanked. They should reflect on their wrong behavior and endeavor to correct it. Such a person will grow righteously and will move closer to the center where God dwells.

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Parents should be able to respect their children. They are not to scold their children in a humiliating manner.

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It is difficult to correct the bad habits of human beings. As a Korean proverb says, the habit formed when one is three continues until one is 80. Therefore, we are to form sound habits, especially during adolescence.

In order to let children develop the right habits, a thorough education is absolutely necessary in the early period of life. The problem is how to correct the bad habits of the older generation. By using saws, knives, and axes, we can recreate all shapes and varieties of wood into the standard sizes used for construction.

Likewise, by the standard of the order of love, the twisted human habits can be corrected. A brick by itself is just a brick, but it can create a house or a building. Likewise, when we correct our bad habits and unite our habits with the way of God's original love, power is produced and we can enter the orbit of God's eternal love. Therefore, we are to correct our bad habits in our lifetime and go the right way in the life of faith.

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Parental love is the greatest love in the world. Even people in the top rank of the world are nothing in front of their children. Parental love is unconditional and unlimited in the presence of children. Parental love is the origin of love. That's why orphans, who have never received parental love, long for it most of all.

Even if orphans have something to eat and a house in which to sleep, their hearts always hunger and are full of longing because they lack parental love. Even if they lead a joyful life in an orphanage, their time is not truly happy. The little orphans always long for parents even while they sing and dance, are awake and asleep. That's because every human being is supposed to grow up in the bosom of love.

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The mistakes of parents are bequeathed to the children.

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When teaching your children what to do, you should give them specifics, with the details of their course, instead of vaguely telling them to be great people.

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Your children should consider you greater than any king or queen in the world, and you should show your children how intimate you are with each other. Blessed families should set up such a tradition. You should implant into your children's bone marrow the tradition that they revere you more than anyone else in the world.

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Worldly parents continuously fight in front of their children, even though the children ask them to stop. You are supposed to be a good example of harmony to your children, so that when they see careless secular-world parents, they feel that they have the world's greatest parents.

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What is the purpose of the love between man and woman? Where does their desiring love bear fruit? Love surely wants a certain result which can be connected to the whole; that is the child. A couple doesn't want to finish their love within themselves. The accomplishment of the purpose of love is the child. So, unless His purpose of love is accomplished, their ultimate desire is not fulfilled, no matter how much they love each other. A child is the universal representative of parents.

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Why do we need children? In order to know God's love, we need children. You have to know parental love and how to attend and serve your parents. You have to know your spouse's love and how to attend and serve your spouse. You should also know children's love and how to serve your children.

You shouldn't just give orders to your children, but you should be able to serve and understand them. Then you can understand God's love.

Without children, you are incomplete and you cannot understand God's love. Without children, you don't know how much God loves human beings, who are His children. Also without being a husband, you don't know what a wife is; and without being a wife, you don't know what a husband is. Children don't know parental love until they become parents. Therefore, without having children, you cannot be true parents.

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We can see that parents who have raised up many children have bigger and broader hearts of love. Such parents come to feel that they cannot harm even an enemy. This shows that they stand upon a broader ground with a broader law.

Then what about God? Does he just want a love relationship with a certain individual, eliminating other individuals and the family, tribe, nation, and world? If God is a parent, He would want to share love fairly with everybody.

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As soon as they are born, children should receive parental love 100%; otherwise, dissatisfaction starts dominating them. We can't measure parental love by a numerical figure. But, for example, if parents possess 1,000 units of love, they are to give the whole 1,000 units to children. If they give 900 to them, holding back 100, the children will feel as if they didn't receive any love at all. They will be satisfied when they receive the whole 1,000.

When your spouse asks you how much you love him or her, you shouldn't answer, "I love you 99%." You should say that you love your spouse 100%. That's because only love can establish the "whole" and only in love can the whole be given and taken. When we give and receive the whole, unification comes about. The only way to create perfect unification is to give and take the whole.

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Babies in America, after getting out of the hospital, are placed in their own room at home. They seldom sleep with their parents. That's why they cannot feel the warmth of the parents... If the babies don't sleep with their parents, they will be no different than pets. You shouldn't treat children like that.

Several babies sleeping with their parents is a beautiful scene. It is good to sleep with babies. If there's not enough space, you can make space by sleeping upside down. Use your brain to make the arrangement. It is a little uncomfortable for a small baby to sleep between huge parents, but it feels good for everyone. Babies should feel the body warmth of parents.

## Eternal Love

Parental love of a thousand years ago, and that of the present time, is identical. In the fluctuating course of history, parental love never changes.

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Is there a limit to parental love? Parents want to love their children, not only for their childhood, but for their entire lifetime and for eternity. If a father and son relationship is established centering on absolute love, through it will come infinite power, infinite stimulation, and something infinitely new. If a father and son relationship lacks such a bond, their relationship will surely stop at a certain time

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Love is eternal. It is not two, but one. Once a man and a woman are bound in love, they are to live one hundred years on earth and eternally in the spirit world. When the two separate physical bodies become one, centering upon God, and establish the four position foundation of love, the ideal world will be formed. False love cannot invade there, and only true love will dwell there.

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Due to the fall, human beings lost God's love. Without God's love, we have been making human relationships. That's why, even though the original mind is yearning for true love, there is no true love. The false love generated without God's intervention is temporary, covering only the physical life.

The couple happily married on earth may separate when they enter the spirit world. They will surely be separated if their love did not originate in God. The couples who started their love relationship and their family life centering upon God's love will never be separated.

## Extended Family

The family composed of parents, a couple, and children is the abridged form of the world. The way for humankind to live is to expand love for the family into love for the world.

You should consider and love old people as your grandparents, middle-aged people as your parents, people who look younger than you as your younger brothers and sisters. So the true person is the one who considers everybody as his or her family, and whose heart can love the whole of humankind by transcending the walls and barriers of nations. Then, you are truly qualified to love your father and mother.

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When people who experience their grand-parents' deep love in their family come out to the society,... they will feel very intimate toward the old people, and the old people will treat them as their grandchildren. Using any method, they will communicate with each other, feeling close to each other. Young people who have served their grandparents will try to help old people right away, whenever they are in need of aid.

When children who have received love from their parents go outside and meet people their parents' age, they feel very close and will try to talk with them and help them.

When people who have a beautiful relationship with their brothers and sisters in their family go outside into the society, they will easily get along with people and have close relationships with their neighbors, and they feel natural even in relationships with the opposite sex. They come to feel the opposite sex as their brothers and sisters, without any sexual desires or unsound ideas. The Kingdom of Heaven is the family where you are able to experience such love relationships, centering upon God.

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Grandparents live by themselves in America. Old people live by themselves. When they are asked, "Are you happy?" they answer, "I want to go to my son's house." That means they cannot go to their son's house. And when we ask if they miss their grandchildren, nobody says, "No." They are unhappy people.

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Raise your hand if you like old grand-fathers and grandmothers. What about those who don't like them? If you are given 500-year-old grandparents, what will you do? Will you still like them.? To like older people is to like God, because God is the oldest being in the world. If you love God, you should love everybody, regardless of age. That is to say, you are to love God's family, which is composed of people of many ages.

People of all nationalities-Japanese, Korean, American, etc.-- belong to God's family. The person with racial prejudice is not the one who loves God's family. The ideal world can be established when there's no prejudice. Isn't that true?

What is the ideal world? Being colorful is more ideal than being one color. So, in that sense, which is more ideal, five races in unity living together, or five races separately? To live together is more ideal. Therefore, we have to repair the world, which is not built on the ideal way. Do you think God likes Reverend Moon repairing this crippled world? God wants to support such a person. From this year on, you should focus on how to magnify the heartistic bond of the heavenly family which inherits heavenly tradition and loves humankind.