

Why are so many dying?

We've seen many UC members die in recent years, mostly first generation, of course. Certainly there must be many reasons why people die when they do. Who can presume to know why someone dies? But, Father said it is seldom, if ever, by accident or without purpose or reason.

If we look at it from a common-sense point of view, according to the Principle, we all have people in our lineage who were relatively good or bad, across a broad spectrum. Some may have known about God's providence and True Parents, and helped us to meet the Church and understand the Principle. Some may have been martyrs or may have lived a devout life of faith. Some may have been particularly patriotic or philanthropic. On the other hand, others among our ancestors may have been basically selfish or even criminals, and their influence on us may have tended to drag us down. We all have such a mixed ancestry.

But, none of us have been supported by all of our ancestors. Only a portion of our ancestors naturally associated with each one of us. If we liberated our ancestors through CheongPyeong, this group may have expanded. Either way, for us first generation UC members who were clearly and strongly led to the Church, we can confidently believe that most of us have had some very vertical, knowledgeable, and Abel-minded ancestors working with us through the years. God bless them, and thank you to all of them. God and True Parents and we appreciate them.

However, when we came together through the Blessing and had children, they also were naturally joined by some of our ancestors, of course from each spouse - both mom and dad. But, the ancestors who naturally associated with our children, and those who continued to support and work with us parents, could not be the same people. According to Father, only a divine and perfect spirit person can be in two places at the same time. Even our "Absolute Good Ancestors" are not yet perfected in love. They're still working on that through us. So, if the ancestors who are currently supporting us cannot be the same people as those who are associating with our children, then who might be helping our kids?

We hope and expect that they, too, are probably wonderful ancestors. Those ancestors that are associating with and helping our children may be very good in terms of horizontal, social and humanistic endeavors. They may be very good in terms of business or politics, art or culture. Perhaps such areas were not our own strong points. Or, maybe we consciously left these areas behind to "work for the providence". It would all seem rather natural from a Principled viewpoint.

Some of our own supporters may have already transitioned to our children if there was enough common base. If our children became inclined to live a faithful life, got excited by DP, and by attending God and True Parents, then maybe some of our own long-time ancestral supporters may already be with our children. From the looks of the landscape, though, this scenario may be the exception rather than the rule.

Such a perspective could explain the common phenomena wherein the values of one righteous generation are often rejected by their offspring, only to be rediscovered again in the third or fourth generation. The "preacher's kids" syndrome may come from this. It's

been said that wealth seldom lasts 3 generations. Spiritual prophets were seldom successful in their own generation, but their teachings often became popular after those close to them had ascended. Surely, exceptions abound. But, we can also notice that the Jewish culture, for example has historically made a very serious and focused commitment to imparting the values of the elders to their younger generations, and the spiritual transference is evident. Muslims are similar. Other faith traditions have been less serious about it.

So, then what might we expect? Our children have come of age. The time has come for them to take over the providence. Are they inspired to? Are they ready to? Everyone is getting older. Some of us have lost some power with all the confusions and controversies and disunities flying around. Some are just getting tired. But, we veterans may still be the anchor for a lot of good, vertical, knowledgeable and faithful ancestors for God's providence; ancestors who need to be working with our children and grandchildren from now on. How can they transfer to them? Well, that would be simple, wouldn't it? We simply need to stop being their earthly host and free up those great ancestors to go and inspire and help support the next generation, along with us, their ascended parents.

Again, who can say why people die when they do? Who am I to presume to know or guess why someone dies? But, I suspect that, in some cases at least, this framework of understanding may have some merit. It makes sense to me. After all, our transition to the eternal world is never a question of "if", but only of "when" and "why". Maybe it's just time for our children. Maybe it's as simple as that.

Food for thought...

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