

December European Seven-Day Divine Principle Workshop

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We had seven excellent guests on the seven-day workshop in Chislehurst this December (2-8) and several other members joining us. All our guests were women, and maybe because it was a small group, the experience for all was very deep. Some had known the Movement for a long time but had never studied this deeply; one girl from Germany just met CARP in Bucharest, Romania, two months ago. Here is a transcript of their final reflections (edited for corrections) to give you a taste of how the spirit is moving!

Final Reflections written by participants

“A taste of heaven - everyone tapped into everyone else’s reservoir of love. At the end it was as though we’d known each other all our lives.

One little hiccup though when a discussion became a bit of a tug-of-war about whether the cross should be considered as an ‘instrument of torture’ and therefore not being worthy to be the Christian symbol of faith, or whether it should be considered the instrument of our salvation - eventually after much ego-bashing and swallowing of pride the two sides actually found it possible to give each other a reconciliatory hug.

The life-giving realization I have come to is that the collective love I’ve experienced in the warm cocoon of the Divine Principle workshop, can be just as easily [created] in the ‘market place’ of the world outside - if we gave just as much time to give to anyone we encounter and find out the goodness within, and be willing to enjoy their quirks and idiosyncrasies as much as their divine traits.

Also, that no matter how many times I hear the Divine Principle teaching and Sunday sermons - there’s always some precious nugget to be mined and added to the treasure chest.

What I resolve to do now is to continue trying to live for the sake of others, with renewed consciousness of God’s constant supervision.”

JP

"I am very grateful to have had this workshop. It's a very precious moment. I am not aware of what it is like being in Paradise, but this seven-days Divine Principle workshop suddenly gave me that paradise feeling, the feeling of being re-born once again.
My thanks to each and every one for this wonderful experience."

WS

"The first thing I would like to say is 'thank you' to our Heavenly Father for bringing me here, for the persons he used as instruments to provide the place where I was able to hear the word of God. Before I came here I was not quite sure in myself whether I would believe in Father Moon's teaching because my mind and my faith is close to Jesus Christ as the last person sent by God. After all I heard in the full lectures of the Divine Principle from the beginning of the chapter 'What is the Purpose of Creation' until the last chapter, it give me more and deeper understanding of how God exists, how our first parents committed a sin against God's law, and after the Fall, how God worked so hard to establish his Kingdom of Heaven and to restore the fallen nature. It really touched my heart [to know] the pain felt by God and the suffering of every person used by God who sacrificed but didn't restore what God wanted and what God planned. Now, we have True Father Moon who continues the mission of Jesus Christ to bring the Kingdom of Heaven on earth by establishing peace and unity in every part of the world.

Thank you for Rev Hanna, Mr Tim Miller, Uncle Bernard and to all the kitchen staff and all the participants. May our world be filled with God's love."

MA

"At the end of the workshop, some people said they feel as though they are in Paradise now - wow! I can feel how moved they are, how much they got deeply touched, that they found truth for themselves - it is so very good to see this!

For myself, I feel very much more 'on the earth'. I got so many new insights in these past few days: revelations, inspirations, things to think about, things that I have to contemplate on, things that are waiting to be accepted by me.

I realized how very necessary it is for me to build my own faith, to truly find my own responsibility and connection to God. I was searching (in the last years so much so externally, doing things - spiritual practice too - because I've heard it is good or because people told me about it, but I forgot so often to feel deeply myself. In this week, in a workshop that touched and showed so much of my contradictions, prejudices and influences from outside, I saw clearly that I can find truth just when it comes from an inner faith, my individual faith. Once more I can say that it was the people that made this workshop for me! Everybody here touched me and motivated me to go further, to have a closer look at topics I had rejected before.

I'm grateful for the openness of this Movement that helped me to open up - and in the same way I'm grateful for your faith - your strong faith, because this will make visions work.

How can I share 'outside' what I experienced here? I will find out - when I connect myself more and more to the divine in myself. May I be lead and take in my place in the world, step by step following my responsibilities. Thank you for your humour and humanity!

Evaluating the 'journey of this week: The journey will go on. Important realisations I have come to: I want to make my own foundation of faith. What I resolve to do now: Meditate and pray deeply, listen to my heart and then act!"

ML

"I thought I knew so much until I came here and then I realized how little I knew and how much I still have to learn.

Peace must first start with the family. You must start with harmony in the home. My son and I used to clash quite often. Now I have learnt to walk away, with God's help. I can learn more peaceful ways and show him the peaceful way too."

LS

"Today we leave the 7-Day Workshop for home. It is a strange combination of great happiness and great sadness. When I arrived here 7 days ago, I was feeling extremely low spiritually. Nothing seemed to be going right for me both in a physical sense and a spiritual/emotional sense. Also I was a little apprehensive as to what to expect.

Day by day, I began to grow stronger and stronger in every sense. I was already excited about what I have heard about Rev Moon and the Movement, but to learn Divine Principle and all that it encompasses just completely blew me away. This is exactly what my life has been looking for.

It all make perfect sense to me now. All my questions are answered. I feel on top of the world. I have been so moved by Rev Moon's words and wisdom, I want to go home and shout it from the rooftops. Everybody needs to take a look at what he has to say with an open heart.

That is why I am feeling great happiness on this last day. I am renewed, restored and about to put all this knowledge into practice, starting with myself and my relationship with God, then my family, friends, people I meet and every aspect of my life - from relationships, creativity, material things etc, but most of all defining and developing my spiritual self.

I feel sad because I am leaving my new family of brothers and sisters here at the centre. All the people here, and I mean ALL, have been extremely kind, loving and helpful. In fact there are no words to describe these new brothers and sisters. I shall miss all of them dearly.

Thank you to all. God bless, and I look forward to meeting you all again very soon. Amen."

JH