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Lectures to Stimulate 'Discourse'

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Introduction

Demian Dunkley (DD), in his recent lecture series, repeats multiple times True Mother's (TM) words about 'one button off', as in, "the Unification movement has been one button off from the very beginning and that Mother is trying to liberate all of us from this misunderstanding, and also liberate Father (TF) who is in the spirit world". I, like many I would think, though aware that TF may have been repentful for many things that happened during his life, did not know he needed liberation, after over 12 years in the spirit world. Our liberation from our 'misunderstanding' comes to us, I am assuming, through the content of the Chambumoron (CBMR), which will very soon be available as a text in English, but until now has been explained, to some extent, in a series of 7 lectures (7L), which came from Korea. Also, we can learn through such offerings such as DD's lectures on 'TM's Revelations', sincere, but sometimes pretty bewildering to a Unificationist, if really reflecting the lecturer's belief, rather than trying to appeal to Christians e.g. "God was born" 2000 years ago at the birth of Jesus, whom Mary "conceived and gave birth to through the Holy Spirit". To my surprise, about Mary, I discovered that DD was just repeating TM's words. Many times recently TM has said something similar to, "Mary conceived [Jesus] through the Holy Spirit, isn't that right?" (July 18, 2024). This type of thinking comes due to the focus on, and now continuous use of the 'Only Begotten' (OB) terminology for Jesus and TM. For as C. S. Lewis put it, "Now that is the first thing to get clear. What God begets is God ...", hence if Jesus is the Only Begotten Son (OBS) for DD, then God was born 2,000 years ago, but this is something we have never believed, that Jesus was, or is God. Then no, it is not correct that Jesus was "conceived by the Holy Spirit" as in the concept of the virgin birth. I believe TF's teaching that his father was Zechariah.

The core of the CBMR teaching is truly revolutionary and drastically changes the understanding about the process of restoration held by most, if not all Unificationists, prior to TF's passing. It would seem to be exemplified in the statues at Cheong Pyeong, which center on a larger-than-life TM, standing alone, and in which TF is a bit player, if included at all. Having not seen them in the stone, as it were, is that TF third from the left, in the photo on the right, holding hands with the other man?



This would be an exaggeration of the CBMR, and DD's lectures to say TF is not included, but DD seems to agonize as how to include and respect TF, while acknowledging his 'mistakes' and repeatedly emphasizing the point that TM should have been the central

figure in the process of restoration since 1960. TF's primary role, before 1960, was to have been to prepare the way for TM, then presumably be her main support as she guided the providence after their Blessing. This would be why, when being deposed in a court case (Mar 25 2019), on being asked, "So it's your belief that the Reverend Moon did not start the Unification Church first. It wasn't started until he married you..." TM replied "Yes, according to the providence". There was no objection when the lawyer continued, "In 1960, according to your testimony, when the church was created" What of May 1, 1954? This is why on-line DD stated that "the biggest problem was that he (TF) did not emphasize TM's stature while he was alive, that is the single biggest error that is weighing like a lead splinter in TM's heart". The statues must be a reflection of TM's true stature as is now understood by DD and the CBMR, and of TF's much less significant providential role, than we understood he fulfilled while he was alive.

To explain this elevation of TM to the central providential role and the lowering of TF's status, the 7L and DD emphasize TF's Confucian ancestry, as if this is somehow inferior to being Christian; his 'mistakes' such as his marriages prior to 1960; DD that "he kind of understood it (TM's role as first coming of the Only Begotten Daughter (OBD)) in some sense" and "certain things he (TF) could not understand". This is contrasted to TM being of Christian ancestry, that "Mother and Jesus have more in common than Mother and Father" and that the "same faculty, ability that was given to Jesus was ... given to TM". This is why "TF may have only got so far in truly understanding the essential nature of Jesus' returning mission ... Mother really unpacks it".(DD) However, no examples are given of this 'unpacking'. Then, whereas TF said contradictory things during his life, TM is 100% consistent.

This concludes in TM's words that, "Suppose the Unification Church had not placed the Messiah first at the outset, but rather had educated more broadly about Jesus, about his true nature and essence, and why he promised to return. Then would Christianity have called us heretics?" (June 6, 2024) "If the truth of the OBD had been revealed 60 years ago Christianity would not have opposed us, would have supported us". "If the truth had really been revealed in 1962, which was the previous year of the black tiger, there would have been no opposition from Christianity". (Feb 15, 2022)

This is, of course, pure conjecture and methinks, sadly, extremely wishful thinking if one considers the nature of Korean Christians, their fierce opposition to any new thinking or revelations, let alone the Korean male Messiah due to their very fundamentalist, biblical understanding. What would have been the reaction in a, frankly, misogynistic culture, to one who would have been deemed a 'female Messiah', or misunderstood to be 'Jesus' wife'? Look at the opposition to Lee Young-do (New Jesus Church) or Seung-do Kim (Holy Lord Church), the latter of whom certainly taught Jesus' 'true nature and essence'. Both were officially branded as heretics. TF was, in a sense, acting as a Christian leader when

he came to N. Korea in 1946. Won Pil Kim's testimony was that TF was teaching/preaching about the Book of Romans for 2 weeks when he first met him. I think it was his followers, rather than TF, who 'placed the Messiah first' as God had revealed the Lord of the Second Advent (LSA) to them, many in very dramatic ways, and they could not but testify to that truth for which they had been searching for so many years.

Central claim of the CBMR - "theory of the OBD of the first coming with no original sin (OS)" (Dr. Jin-Choon Kim)

The revolution centers on TM's claim that, **"the founder (TF) was born with OS, and on the contrary Hak Ja Han was born without the OS, and the OBD, Hak Ja Han, took away the original sin of the founder"** (Dec 30, 2016). **"The process of changing the lineage occurred while I was in my mother's womb. This is something you have to believe."** (TM July 1, 2014). TF, of sinful birth, becomes the OBS by inheritance. TF's course is that, according to the CBMR, he was born as it were 'unbegotten', is then 'rebegotten' through his experience with Jesus in 1935, then discovering the contents of the Wollu Wonbon, achieving OBS status in 1960, on marrying TM. TM is the OBD by birth, like Jesus was the OBS by birth. This is why 'God was born 2,000 years ago' and TM said recently, "TM, the OBD of Heavenly Parent, **Holy Mother Han is the Heavenly Mother** who had been hidden for 6,000 years". (Mar 18, 2025) Clearly this is all very confused, as if there is one "Only", how can both Jesus and TF be that one "Only"? This is why DP, and prior to TF's passing, Unificationists rarely, if ever, used OB terminology.

There is a feeling in DD's lectures that, due to his sinful birth, TF is somehow inferior to the OBS Jesus (& the OBD, TM), whose mission he 'inherits'. Presumably TF is lesser for not having "the same faculty, ability" they both possess from being born OB. But, Unificationists believe, or used to, that whereas Jesus died, unable to reveal the truths he may have known, his disciples faithless, TF could live, reveal much greater truth, his disciples were faithful, so he could become the True Parent, and then bless a very grateful Jesus. There was never a sense of TF being inferior to Jesus, regardless of personal beliefs about whether TF was born with or without OS, which was not of great importance to many of us. In the experience of In-Ju Kim, Won Pil Kim's aunt, and one of the first disciples, they were one, "In her prayer she had a vision. Jesus appeared, walked into the room and bowed his head and began to pray: "This daughter of yours has to go a very long and difficult way. Let her complete this journey without going astray." The voice was Moon's. As Jesus finished praying and said "Amen," she looked up but it was no longer Jesus. The face had changed to Moon's." (*Sun Myung Moon, The Early Years*, Michael Breen)

Are TM's claims verifiable, except through profound prayer and spiritual experience? No. You can read the articles about OS and being OB in the Journal of Unification Studies

(JUS), but it's a matter of faith and the claims can only be confirmed by God. That a sinless, 17 year old Hak Ja Han removed TF's OS is not, I think, what any Unificationist understood or believed prior to TM revealing it, and is thus a most revolutionary change.

Due to her self-proclaimed, sinless birth TM has stressed that she has known God, her father, and the truth from birth and thus that TF was never her teacher. This central thesis of the CBMR that TM was born sinless, TF sinful, is the reason the 7L repeat several times that, "In Heavenly Parent's heart, Mother held the position of the central pillar for the providence from her birth to the Holy Wedding", "From the Holy Wedding until ... Foundation Day, TM, the OBD, maintained her position internally as the central pillar of the providence", "over the past 53 wilderness years (1960-2013, another new concept), while TM, the OBD ... has been standing fully as the central pillar for the providence" i.e TM is the central figure of the providence and implicitly, it is never stated out loud, the one who solves the problem of original sin for us as she did for TF. This slide from the 7L tells us the purpose of Christianity and what TF should have done before 1960 according to the CBMR:

- Christianity is a religion in which Jesus and the Holy Spirit prepare for the birth of the Only Begotten Daughter.
- True Father, who inherited the mission of Jesus, must create an environment where Jesus-centered Christianity can welcome and attend the Only Begotten Daughter.
- Father needed to become a Christian leader and create a foundation for the Only Begotten Daughter within Christianity.

The former National Leader of Italy said publicly, and I think correctly, that, "the gap between our previous theology and our new theology ... CBMR is much bigger than the gap that Christians had at that time (the Reformation), the gap between Shia and Sunni, because we have different books now, different understandings of the essence of TPs" So this is very serious, and I am sure for many, such as me, "This is something you have to believe" does not work. Same for DD's public statement that, "TM told me we have to re-educate all the educators, forget everything, so forget everything, I mean it ... let it go". To me this implies that 'everything' TF taught us must be somehow wrong, more than just a 'button off', if it needs to be forgotten, rather than being a foundation for deeper understanding. The CBMR is not just "slightly different" as DD says in his lectures.

Are we allowed to discuss, discourse and disagree as in the 'ron' of the CBMR? I hope so and, even if not, here are a few of my thoughts as I do not see a great deal of public discussion taking place on, what is to me, the most important theological change of our lives following TPs. Thanks to, among many, Catriona Valenta, Lady Dr. Catriona when we fundraised together, for her thoughts on the CBMR, Brian Sabourin for his in-depth

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Cherry-Picking (they always taste so delicious!)

I would like to say a word about 'cherry-picking' quotes, which we all do to support our arguments. TF, TM, Unification preachers and lecturers, such as DD and yours truly (!), quote Luke 23 about the 2 thieves. How many actually read the very different account in Mark 15: ²⁷"They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at him, ... ³²Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him." Mark is normally considered the first of the gospels to have been written, maybe 15-20 years before Luke, so probably more accurate? Why do we quote Luke? Because TF does and it serves our narrative!

If there seems to be a contradiction in TF's words I tend to side with what I think he said more often and is closer to what I understand the Divine Principle (DP) teaches. This would be the case about the purpose of Christianity. The CBMR may seize on TF's wonderful quote from Oct 11, 1959, but to me it is a classic 'cherry-pick': "Since it is said that Jesus is the OBS, God would have sent his OBD. The two-thousand-year history of God after Jesus is the history of seeking a bride. It is the history of seeking a bride. Do you deny that? Although Jesus came as a true son, since there was no true daughter, God's will was not fully accomplished. For this reason the two-thousand-year history is the history of finding a daughter. The fights in the Unification Church will also center on this issue ...", so that's it! This was the first time TF ever said 'OBD' to my understanding.

But the next week, Oct 18, TF is saying, "Therefore, he must come again. He must come again...If Jesus appears again in this age, in these historic Last Days, he must establish a historical connection. Christianity today must make a historical connection...Someday Jesus will come to this earth again. Why would he come? He comes again to find his disciples, whom he loves...Who will Jesus look for when he comes to this earth again? He comes to look for younger brothers and sisters. He comes to find parents. He comes to find his tribe. He comes to find a race. He comes to find citizens. He comes to find a world." i.e. No OBD that week, or in the weeks, even the next few years, that followed, indeed very rarely in TF's life of so much talking! Then we also need to research how TF defined OBD, which may not even be a good translation of his Korean terminology. For those interested in studying that more deeply please read Dr. Famularo's very good article:

Yes, we are grateful to TF, to understand, “That is why the providence of heaven, the two thousand-year history of Christianity, is the history to find the OBD. Christians do not know this fact.”(16.3.12) But, we all joined because in the DP we studied, “the ultimate purpose of the providence of restoration is to lay the foundation to receive the (male) Messiah” and we found him, the one who explained the principles of creation, the fall, restoration and the process to change the blood lineage. In all of TF’s US tour speeches we heard statements such as “For 2,000 years, Christians of the world have been looking forward to one great culminating day, as prophesied in the Bible — the day of the Second Coming of the Lord” (New Future of Christianity, Sept 18, 1974, NYC). Of course we know both are true, but the entire focus of the 7L and DD is that ‘God’s Greatest Concern’ is TM, the OBD, TF’s primary purpose being to facilitate the fulfilment of her mission. This is quite contrary to the bulk of TF’s words and teaching, which explained God’s providence and central concern as preparing for the male messiah, both 2000 years ago and in our era. Yet for TM “the essence and mission of Christianity is one thing only, namely to meet the OBD” (Sept 9, 2024), not a word about her husband, TF, the LSA, for whom all Christians have been waiting!

If what Mother is claiming is true it raises a very big question as to why there is no supportive prophecy for her assertion. This is the first button I want to check, and then I will continue discussing others which also seem to be problematic!

Absence of Prophecy (the big missing button)

“Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets” says Amos 3:7, often quoted in Divine Principle (DP) lectures and in the book itself in the first paragraph of the last chapter. We all know the history of dual prophecy before Jesus was born. Then it is “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with me on my throne, as I also overcame and sat down with my father on his throne” (Rev.3:21-22), not “her”! Great importance is given to the spiritual preparation in Korea for the coming TF, when discussing his life. Early members were often convinced that TF was the Messiah through their profound spiritual experiences and this has continued until this day. Read the testimonies of Mother Ok whom God told that, “He (the Messiah) is in Pyongyang now. He is hiding in a room in Gyeongchang-ri” (he was!), or Seung-do Ji “God told me I would find the Messiah in five years if I prayed. Now God has led me here” or In-Ju Kim seeing Jesus’ face become TF’s. We all know the dreams of fellow prisoners Kim Won-Dok and Park Chung-hwa guiding them to follow TF. The latter was told “That young man is the one you have been looking for since your childhood. He is the Messiah. That man is the one.” As Elder Young Hwi Kim wrote, “almost all of our

family members who joined in the early days... received evidence from the spirit world that Father is the Messiah". (Truth of God's Providence, p.284)

However, apparently Amos 3:7 is not true (or is it the exception that proves the rule?) in relation to True Mother's (TM) claims about her birth and life as the 1st Coming, free of original sin, OBD, as the "central pillar of the providence". It would seem nobody on earth or the spirit world understood this, that it was totally unrevealed by God. I know of no prophecies of the coming of the OBD, the kingdom creator, in Christian history, no revelations that the key to salvation and freeing mankind from sin, would come through a woman. Even TM's own mother neither received this understanding at any point while alive, nor did she reveal it from the spirit world through her medium in Cheong Pyeong. Rather, "I had another dream. A phoenix descended from the heavens. Another phoenix ascended from the earth. They joined together in the sky. The eyes of the heavenly phoenix looked very much like those of the Father. One day, after taking a cold bath, I saw a vision in which I was told that the heavenly phoenix symbolised Father and the earthly phoenix symbolised Mother." Why not TM from heaven and TF from earth? It seems God's spiritual preparation only guided us to understand that TM would be "the one who will become the heavenly bride" as declared by Inside-Belly church leader Heo Ho-bin's mother, or from the spirit world, Holy Lord Church's founder Seung-do Kim's words, "this child is the daughter of the Lord, raise her well". Yes we all know that TM is so very special, with the qualities to be the successful bride for the LSA, the TM of heaven, earth ... but that is not the same as being the one "who took away the original sin of the founder", the key to restoration.

To my knowledge no lecturer has asked why this is so, why there is no prophecy preparing us for this new CBMR understanding of TM's identity and mission, let alone tried to provide an answer. Another question would be why did God, in a sense, mislead us by preparing so carefully for the coming of the male LSA, whose life, work and words could then become a 'stumbling block' to accepting the OBD saviour? If TF was supposed to just be a 'Christian leader' preparing for the Holy Wedding, how was he expected to control all his followers, for so many years up to 1960, who were told by heaven that he was the LSA, and desperately wanted to testify to that truth? Also, logically if the 'prepared' Korea had accepted TF in the period from 1945-48 and his mission had expanded to the worldwide level by 1952, then what? Would there have been millions of celibates around the world waiting years for the LSA to find his bride? Or is the CBMR really saying that none of this could have happened, that the providence could not have developed as we previously thought possible based on TF's explanations?

Many questions can be asked. Here are a few:

1) As an example, the Holy Lord Church could be another, why did the Inside Belly Church, such a prepared group with a female leader, of which TM's mother, Dae Mo Nim (DMN) was a most devoted member, not understand or receive revelations about the OBD? Rather, "As expectation mounted (as WW2 ended and the following year), they bought a beautiful house in Pyongyang for the Lord, assigned twelve disciples and seventy apostles. Heo's sixteen-year-old daughter was prepared as a bride." (Breen, The Early Years p. 78) Is it not a big mistake to prepare a bride, when TM was a part of the group, albeit 2 or 3 years old, if she was already the "central pillar"? (Heo Ho-bin's mother's words about TM were spoken after this preparatory providence had failed, when TM was 5 years old.)

Remember that it was Heo-Ho Bin, who so carefully, faithfully organised the preparation of the clothes and food for Jesus and TF, set so many bowing conditions, received the revelation that she would meet the Messiah in prison, yet she did not receive a word about the baby in her disciple's womb or after she was born. Mrs Woo Ok Lim testified that DMN was "the most dedicated, hard-working member in these preparations".

In Mrs. Lim's testimony she continued, "After all these external preparations for the Second Coming were completed, Hong Halmonim (DMN) suddenly received a deep desire and spiritual inspiration: "I want inspiration: "I want to see the Second Messiah's face." God responded to her through a dream. In the dream she visited a house with her mother. In one room there was a closed door, and her mother said, "Don't go in. It must be a very important room." But she had such a great curiosity that she opened the door. Inside, a young, handsome, gentleman was studying at a desk. He looked back at her and said, "I am waiting for you. I am studying so I can teach you." He kindly welcomed Hong Halmonim. After she awakened, she had the feeling that maybe the man in her dream was the Second Coming of Christ. Soon after that she had another significant dream in which she met the same young man again. He said to her, "Soon Ae Hong, would you like to prepare some clothes for me and make travel preparations? Please, Soon Ae Hong, don't change your mind. Keep an unchanging faith." Why did he not tell her that she was the mother of the OBD, who I am pretty sure was already born? (I don't have an exact time-line for Inside Belly preparations/conditions). What of the other 300 members of that most spiritual church working together with DMN. Why did none of them testify to TM?

2) TM herself said, "She had to be born in a Christian environment in 1943, and many Spirit-led pastors and others had to testify to her." But where are those testimonies except for the words of Seung-do Kim from spirit world and Heo-Ho Bin's mother in 1948. Rather TM tells the truth that, "In 1943, the OBD was born within a Christian environment. Yet no one knows of this." (June 27, 2024) One must ask, if Amos 3:7 is true, as it was in the case of Jesus and TF, why is there a deafening silence when it comes

to the sinless OBD? Why were there so many revelations in Korea during the Japanese occupation about TF and none about TM if she is “the one”?

3) Did any of the ‘Cloud of Witnesses’ testify that TM was the “central pillar”? Why in his letter from spirit world (Sept 18, 2005) did Heung Jin Nim not say TM, instead of TF, solved the problem of OS? “Being incarnated on earth, True Father proceeded to carry out two great providential tasks over the course of his eighty-six years of life and work to block the power of Satan. The first was to liberate God and perform the Coronation Ceremony of the Kingship of God....The second task is the elimination of the OS that humankind carries.” Surely TM’s son, in charge of spirit world, should have known that his mother ‘solved the problem of OS’, not his father.

Interestingly I do not think DD mentions the 2001 Coronation Ceremony once in his lectures. After that event TPs declared the Era and year one of Cheon Il Guk (CIG), which TM then re-declared in 2013 after Foundation Day (FD). TF said, "The first day when Cheon Il Guk was opened on Oct. 1, 2001. This was the most valuable day during 21 years. (Showing his book) It is written so here." I have never understood why TM did not honour the proclamation she made together with TF, and had to re-declare the Era of CIG and begin it again in 2013? Maybe, because it became ‘cosmic’ and ‘substantial’? But then, in reading TM’s speeches, it would seem that FD was her doing alone, rather than an event for which TF had a countdown calendar, and which he eagerly awaited. “Who opened Foundation Day? (Mother) Heaven instructed me to open Foundation Day. I proclaimed Cheon Il Guk.” (Feb 22, 2024) Why was declaring FD “the heart to find a single needle in a desert engulfed by a blinding sandstorm”? (Nov 19, 2023) Why did TM need heaven’s order to do this? TF had been talking about FD, which he called D-Day, since at least 2010, "We will continue to have assemblies until D-Day." "By D-Day, all indemnity conditions must be established and the Seunghwa Ceremony must be held." (TF Dec 31, 2010). TM herself said in TF’s Seonghwa address: "True Mother on earth and True Father in heaven shall simultaneously proclaim the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk."

TM was not alone on that day. This is the testimony of DMN, through her medium, the day after FD, “The MC made an opening proclamation; TF came down to enter. When the MC said "entrance of the TPs", did you only see TM or TF also? True Father put his arm around TM; he cried a lot ... TF was there but, TF had been talking about Foundation Day.” But TM claimed she was totally alone.

4) With so many early members having remarkable spiritual experiences confirming TF as the Messiah, why did none of them testify about TM as the “central pillar” before or after the Holy Wedding as revealed in dreams or spiritual experiences? Father spoke of a lady who dreamt of him before he was even born. “When I was in Pyongyang, North

Korea, I met a woman who was more than 30 years older than I was. She said to me, "I am here with you today because of the guidance of the spirit world," and then she said, "It is strange ... You gave me guidance when I was 24 years old." In other words, she said that she had received guidance from me even before I was born." Where are similar testimonies about TM?

Dr. Sheftick testified how in the USA, "This woman (Dr. Neva Dell Hunter, who pioneered the practice of aura balancing) told me that she was told by the spirit world in 1946 or 1947, to find 144 men to work with the new messiah. I was ecstatic because she said I was one of the people, and she had found 77 of them or so, so far. I joined with her for a while ..." As this was after TM's birth and she was already the "central pillar of the providence" why was Dr. Hunter, a woman, not told to find 144 women to follow a female Messiah/OBD?

5) Where are the testimonies of members who have received spiritual confirmation, since FD, that TM was born without OS, TF with it and that TM is indeed "the central pillar"? Has anyone had a spiritual experience that TF needs to be "liberated", presumably from those mysterious 'tails'? I just heard the testimony of a new member in Venezuela who was surprised that her leaders were not having dreams with TF every night, as she is experiencing! Did TM also appear in her dreams to guide her? No.

6) What of the other world religions? Can we find any prophecies of the female liberator/saviour? Young Hwi Kim in his 'Critique' tells the story of a 72 couple husband, Choe Dosun, "At the age of seventeen, on the basis of his mother's devotion to Buddhism, he also became a Buddhist convert. Then he received a revelation that he would meet the Maitreya Buddha, and the Maitreya Buddha he saw at that time looked just like Father." All the major world religions are expecting a male messiah/saviour/mahdi/maitreya Clearly the DP teaching on 'Returning Resurrection' needs serious revision to fit the CBMR narrative, if it is included at all.

She said/He said! (Button does not seem to fit)? John the Baptist's Sister

What do we do if TPs seem to disagree? Can they be wrong? May we disagree with TPs' thoughts and not be accused of heresy, or of forming a splinter-group? To me one clear example of this from the CBMR is TM saying that the OBD was not born at the time of Jesus, and TF talking about John the Baptist's sister as Jesus' intended or potential bride. Now, we all understand that we don't know if John had a sister or not, and we will only find out, as the song says, and 'understand it better bye and bye'. Why do we even discuss if John had a sister, and then if she was supposed to be Jesus' bride or not? This is because TF talked about her many times, especially in the early/mid-1990s.

True Father on John's Sister: One of TF's strongest statements about this topic was to UTS students at Barrytown, (March 2, 1993), "Do you think Jesus Christ explained to Mary what his mission was, that he should get married? Yes, he did, at least three times. Who should have been Jesus Christ's bride? Why John the Baptist's sister. At the time of the fall, Adam's sister, Eve, was taken by Satan. Cain's sister, John the Baptist's sister, should have been taken by Jesus Christ. This would have been restoration of the fall. If this had happened, then Mary and Elizabeth would have been united. This was supposed to be the foundation for Jesus Christ. But Mary couldn't understand. She couldn't take action. Why? Because Jesus and John the Baptist's sister had the same father but different mothers. Of course, John the Baptist would have been totally against it. But if three women Mary, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist's younger sister had worked together, then Jesus could have received a bride. No matter how much John the Baptist was against this marriage, these three women could have made it happen. Why? **They all knew** who Jesus Christ's father was. Is this true? How does Father know this? Father is in the position to teach Jesus Christ. Father met Jesus in the spiritual world. Father questioned Jesus Christ and made him reveal this truth. You can go to the spiritual world and find out for yourself. Father is revealing this now, because this is the only way to complete Jesus' course."

TF spoke about how Jesus should have married John's sister in speeches given both to a wider public, such as at a Washington Times celebration, and to church members as at the April 19, 1996 Leaders' Conference: "As Jesus grew up he was requesting to marry the younger sister from Elizabeth's family. Can you imagine that? It was virtually impossible, because if it had become known to the general public then the families of Zechariah and Jesus would have been destroyed. When Jesus was desirous of such a marriage, Zechariah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist all knew who Jesus was and whom he wanted for his wife. In the mind of John the Baptist Jesus was his step-brother, born from his father's concubine. Therefore, for John it was unthinkable that his younger sister would marry Jesus, so John the Baptist refused and denied Jesus." Is this case closed, no further discussion needed, as "Father met Jesus in the spiritual world. Father questioned Jesus Christ and made him reveal this truth. You can go to the spiritual world and find out for yourself"? Apparently not!

TM on John's Sister: Clearly influenced by TF's words, though he was not her teacher, TM has mentioned Jesus' marriage many times over the years. In her 1996 World Tour it was, "Mary did not help Jesus with the wedding he desired. She even opposed it. This was the direct reason that Jesus could not receive his bride, and could not become the True Parent; and this forced him to go the way of the cross." ('True Parents and True Family' speech, which was probably written for TM.) Today the emphasis has changed to focus on the absence of the OBD, unmentioned in 1996, "Mary and Zechariah's family were meant to take responsibility for bringing the OBD to be born. Yet they could not

accomplish this. As a result, on account of Mary, Jesus had no choice but to go to the cross". (Jardim July 24, 2024) Later that year TM said clearly that the OBD was not born. "After 4,000 years the OBS was born, yet even Mary and Zechariah's family did not recognize him ... However while the male OBS was born, the female OBD was not". (Sept 9, 2024)

Of course, how can TM say anything else, as a vital part of her 'revelations' is that she is the original, or first OBD, as Jesus was the original, first OBS? Had an OBD been born, died young, or 'not emerged' as some CBMR theologians seem to say happened, it would totally invalidate this claim.

DD claims TM is 100% consistent yet when inaugurating the Women's Federation for World Peace we find her saying, "Thus, Jesus came as the True Father, that is, the second original ancestor of a humanity of goodness. It was therefore necessary for Jesus **to restore a woman** who would stand in the position of Eve in relation to him, become husband and wife with this woman, have children by her, and go on to establish himself in a position of having dominion over all of creation. This was the purpose of Jesus' coming as the Messiah. (August 23, 1992). Why would Jesus need 'to restore a woman' if she was the OBD? Of course, again this may have been written by a speech writer, but if TM knew it was untrue, why did she read it?

What is the problem with TM's current theology? TM stated that, "According to the Principles of Creation, if the OBS is born, then the OBD must also be born." (Sept 11, 2024) Then why was the OBD not born, if the foundation for the birth of the OBS was sufficient? It should have been like the birth of Adam and Eve. It begs the question, was Jesus predestined to fail according to the CBMR? Was God waiting for him to begin his ministry, create the foundation to complete the 2nd Blessing before God could trust that the OBD could be born? So then Jesus would have been in his 50s before having true children, given that he started his ministry at 30 years of age, and would have needed some time period, 3/7/12 years, to make the necessary foundation for the OBD's birth, then time for her to grow up to experience the 'Marriage Supper of the Lamb'. Remember that this was happening at a time when life expectancy was much lower than today.

Could John's sister have been Jesus' bride according to the CBMR? (Button just does not fit)

Added to this question is, was it just the failure of Mary and Zechariah's families? Would John the Baptist's sister, if born, have been the OBD, or as TF indicated, Jesus' bride, as TF rarely used OBD terminology? For TF this would not have been a problem as he told us that, "Jesus, born from Mary's womb, converted the lineage of the satanic world."

Though he came in the position of having a converted lineage, the bride who was to become his object partner did not go through this process of conversion of lineage. It is complicated.” (Vol. 140, 86.2.9) Until the CBMR nobody questioned this teaching that Jesus’ bride would be born of a purified, but still sinful, lineage.

But for the CBMR, to me, Jesus marrying John’s sister is a problem assuming that, although John’s sister shared a father and one set of grandparents with Jesus, she was still ‘fallen’ and the OBD must be sinless. To remove the problem, created by TF’s words, it is being taught that, as TM is saying, John did not have a sister. Thus in the Las Vegas seminars, “John the Baptist’s sister was not born” (K. Kambashi slide, he lectures in 3 languages!). This is supported by a paper, written by a couple of the theologians tasked with developing the CBMR in Korea, which concludes John did not have a sister. I have not read it as it is in Korean, but understand they cite, among other points: Elizabeth’s advanced age, that restoration should not occur through an incestuous relationship and that there is no biblical record. These are all perfectly valid, but in response one might argue that Abraham’s Sarah gave birth at a much greater age, Elizabeth just gave birth, so why not again? Would Jesus marrying John’s sister not accomplish the restoration of the Adam/Eve/ archangel paradigm? What of the Tamar story and, as an OBD theologian I would not mention that lack of Biblical support! They found quotations, yes, to me probably ‘cherry-picked’, where TF says “if John had a sister”. What did they do with TF’s words as to the UTS students, church leaders ...? Why are they so definitive, when, as I said, we just don’t know? This is because they are probably unclear if John’s sister could have been the OBD, and in trying to prove their predetermined narrative that TM is the first OBD, it’s easier to just eliminate her, regardless of TF’s words. That’s just my thinking!

But actually, unless God would/could have removed/forgiven John’s sister’s OS in the same way that Jesus’ was removed/forgiven, it is, as I said, a moot point. DD takes the question, according to the CBMR, to its logical conclusion, when he says, “Jesus did not come to restore a woman from the fallen realm ... he needed a wife, not a half-wife, not a restored wife, but a true wife”. I assume by half-wife he meant a wife who was his, Jesus’, half-sister. Later he says, “That did not mean Jesus was supposed to find some woman from John’s family, or somewhere, and raise her or restore her”.

Thus are we to assume that a woman would have been born from a completely different, purified blood lineage? Again, there was no prophetic or biblical preparation for this birth and TF, to my knowledge, never mentioned this possibility. TM has also not mentioned how Mary and Zechariah, responsible for “bringing the only begotten Daughter to be born”, were supposed to find this child, if born outside of their family/clan. But maybe this is a topic she has not yet ‘really unpacked’. I would say the

same for the CBMR. Its definitive conclusion about John's sister is, in fact, pure conjecture and seems to directly contradict TF's words.

What is the problem in just dismissing TF's words concerning John's sister? What is the very foundation of our faith, the birth experience of the Unification movement? Surely it is TF's encounter with Jesus in 1935. We believe TF's words about that experience, as we do when, in his search for the truth, he says, "I was not trusting them (Jesus and the disciples).... I was analyzing their revelation of truth. Through this period of analysis I came to know the situation and the heart of Jesus more deeply than anyone else." TM agreed with this as she shared with members in Seattle, "Father has understood Jesus better than anyone. He knows many detailed secrets from Jesus' life. So many secrets are revealed in Father's prayer from the 50's and 60's concerning Jesus." (Sept 25, 2002)

We believe that he communicated directly with God, "Time after time I came up against dark obstacles. Whenever that happened, I remembered God's voice when He told me, "I am alive." You would not know that His voice remains in the marrow of my bones to this day." TF says Jesus told him about John's sister. Does anyone doubt TF's words when he was going through his course with Mrs Pak, 'Wife of Jehovah'? "I had to go through a 40-day ordeal in the spirit world. All the spirit people there sided with Grandma Pak against me. Even Jesus came to me and pleaded with me, saying, 'Grandma is Jehovah's wife. She is a daughter whom God cherishes very much. Please serve her well'". Why do we believe TF? Because of his revolutionary understanding of Jesus' life, that he did not come to die, but to marry, the DP explanation of the Creation, Fall and Restoration, all that flowed from the 1935 experience makes sense to us.

What of TM's conclusion that TF is wrong about John's sister? This can only be based purely on her authority that she was born sinless and TF sinful, otherwise it is just her opinion. Has TM ever spoken of her spiritual relationship and communication with Jesus as TF did? Would she, or any of us, have even mentioned John's sister, had TF not spoken of her? Then, why would any follower of TPs just accept TM's words about John's sister and reject TF's without having a very nuanced, careful discussion because we just don't know? To brush aside arguments, such as mine, DD just states that "we did not know who TM was (i.e. not fallen, no OS) just as we don't know the essence of Jesus who was not to take a woman from the fallen world and raise her." Thus, for the CBMR, TF's understanding that "the bride who was to become his (Jesus') object partner did not go through this process of conversion of lineage" was completely wrong. TF was only correct in that he grasped Jesus should marry.

Which Principles, the Creation or Restoration should we use to understand Jesus' mission? (Tricky button)

It is critical to understand why we have this conflict between TM and TF's words about the OBD/Jesus' wife. The answer is that TM is basing her OBS/OBD theology upon the Principles of Creation, while TF understood Jesus' mission based on the Principles of Restoration. I have been told that the Korean CBMR text does not discuss the Fall, or the Principles of Restoration in any depth. In DD's lectures he moves straight from Jesus to 1543, thus eliminating any other possible, providential, historical conclusion than the birth of TM as the OBD during that 2,000 year period.

Followers need to decide if they agree with TM's statement that, "According to the Pr. of Creation, if the OBS is born, then the OBD must also be born", just like Adam and Eve. To this let me repeat my question, if that is so, why was the OBD not born? Also, surely, if one applies the Principles of Creation to being OB, were the OBS/D not born in the persons of Adam and Eve? As TF said, "Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden were the OBS and OBD of God" (Cham 1.1.2:2, 68.5.10). Thus, is it mistaken to use this terminology for Jesus and TM when applying the Principles of Creation? (Yes, a nice cherry-pick!)

But, it is really only in the course of biblical salvation history that the OB terminology was used and then just for Jesus, until TF introduced the OBD idea, which again, may I remind you, may be a poor translation of his words in Korean. Jesus' sinless birth is the result of 4,000 biblical years of restoration through indemnity. So should we continue to agree with TF, as we did when he was alive, and view Jesus' life as part of "The providence of restoration (which) refers to God's work to restore humans to our original, unfallen state ... This is possible only when we are born anew through the Messiah, the True Parent ..."? (DP p. 175) We have led our lives based on those Principles of Restoration through indemnity, which are focused on establishing the foundations of faith and substance (unity and love) to receive the (male) Messiah, new Adam. The new Eve is only mentioned in the DP when discussing the Trinity, in reference to the Holy Spirit, only as a substantial woman in TF's speeches. We have always understood that, after the Fall, the Restoration of the first Blessing comes before thoughts of establishing the 2nd Blessing/TPs. TF clearly understood that the Messiah's bride could have a sinful birth as that was not the primary goal of restoration, which was the birth of a new Adam. The principles of creation do not apply during the course of restoration, so are the CBMR and TM making a fundamental mistake in applying them to Jesus' life which was to restore the failure of Adam, who was responsible for Eve? Did TM protest when I assume, together with TF, she blessed Jesus to Ms Chung on Jan 3, 1971? Has she mentioned in a speech that this was another of TF's 'mistakes', to bless Jesus, the OBS, to a woman of a fallen lineage instead of to one born free of OS, a passed second

generation, or maybe even their own daughter Hae Jin (d. Aug 4, 1964) if, by definition, the OBS must marry an OBD? Should this not be eternally true?

The last question which must be asked, according to the logic of the CBMR, is if TM, as the OBD at the 'marriage of the lamb', could forgive TF's OS, why could Jesus the OBS not do the same at his 'marriage of the lamb', exactly as TF taught us he wanted to do? Why the big difference between the first and second comings? Why must Jesus marry an OBD, born without OS, but for TM this is not the case? Do the Principles of Creation not apply at the second coming as they do for Jesus in the CBMR theology? Is there a lack of consistency being demonstrated?

A final thought is that I listened to TF saying how God shouted out 3 times to Adam, prior to the Fall, "Look after your sister". Because DP understands Adam as having the primary responsibility for the Fall, this is why the goal of restoration history is always directed towards the birth of a second or third Adam. So, what of the fundamental veracity of TM's claim about TF's sinful birth? Towards the end of his life on Aug 5, 2010, TF said, "So what you should know is **whether the Master is related to the origin of sin or not?** Had he been related to sin he could not have become the Saviour. You must know this. **He is not of the lineage of the fallen world ...**" Did we not all believe TF was the saviour until TM told us differently? How could so many minds be changed so quickly and easily to now believe that he was not our saviour, that he was wrong to say, 'He is not of the lineage of the fallen world'? According to the CBMR, TF understood neither his own, nor his wife's true nature.

Holy Blessing Button (sewn on the wrong robe?)

TM's Words on TF's marriages prior to 1960

This then brings us to the Holy Wedding and the conclusion that, according to TM, whom DD quotes, "The one to take on the responsibility of **the Second Coming should not have had a family of his own accord before meeting the OBD**". This is also part of the 7L, "The Messiah at the Second Coming should not have a family before he meets the OBD and participates in the marriage supper of the lamb". DD made this very clear on-line with leaders in March 2025: "Was Father supposed to have wives before meeting Mother? No. No! ... And that is all you need to know ...Mother made it very clear that Father was not supposed to marry." Again we are confronted with she said/he said as TF tells a very different story, which is now being discounted and discarded. TM 'trumps' TF in the CBMR and don't ask any questions!

With the benefit of hindsight would it have been better if TF had no relationships prior to meeting TM? Of course. But we were not there, neither was TM. Were ladies hurt in the unfolding of TF's providentially driven mission? Undoubtedly, yes, including TM, a totally pure, innocent teenager, and her mother, DMN, whom TF had to treat, almost

brutally, in order to mitigate the resentment and bitterness the 'unchosen' sisters felt towards them. But can anyone, even TM, be in a position to judge TF about how he had to guide himself and others through this most complicated part of his providential and personal lives?

TF, as I said, guided by the conclusions of the Principles of Restoration, for which he shed tears, sweat and blood to reveal for us, understood that both Jesus and TF would marry ladies of very special, purified, but still sinful lineages. Yet emphatically DD and the CBMR choose TM's words, that Jesus' and the LSA's brides must be sinless OBDs over TF's. Jin-Choon Kim even wrote that, "I wish Father had done better at that time". Why do they choose the conclusion of the totally unprophesied, unrevealed TM, remember Hak Ja Han was just over a year when TF married as a 24 year old, over the words of the revealer of the DP, the widely prophesied LSA among spiritual Korean Christians, for whom there so was so much detailed preparation? This can only be because they whole-heartedly accept TM's claim to authority, that due to her sinless birth she saved TF, and thus she speaks a greater truth. Let us look at what TF said.

TF's words on his first marriage

One must first ask, when did TF do things "of his own accord", especially in taking this, possibly the most important step in his life's course, fulfilling the second blessing? He said, "I married Sung-jin's mother [Choi Sun-kil], according to the will of Heaven." In Global Citizen, "I continued to devote myself to prayer, and I came to feel intuitively that the time had come for me to marry. Because I had decided to follow God's path, everything about my life had to be done in accordance with God's will. Once I came to know something through prayer, I had no choice but to follow." p.78

Does anyone believe that TF was just following the expectation of his family, his culture, the suggestion of "an auntie" (DD) rather than God's will, as revealed to him through his years of prayer, study and suffering? Does anyone think he did not pray deeply and receive confirmation that his wife-to-be was the 'chosen one', that he did not include Jesus in his process? Remember this was the man who on Oct 4, 1943 "had gone to the bus stop to catch a bus for Shimonoseki, but my legs wouldn't move". Thus he did not get on the Konlin Maru ferry which sank. Such was the nature of his relationship with God. His marriage was 6 months later to the day. This is the man we trusted to choose our spouses for us, because God was guiding him. If he was acting wrongly, making such a major mistake, why did God and Jesus not tell him directly or stop him?

We understand the human portion of responsibility, and all believed TF words explaining this marriage's potential and why it did not work, that is until TM's remarks after his death changed the thinking of some/many. Was TF just mistaken that, "At the time

following World War II, if Father's first wife, Sung Jin Nim's mother, had understood Father and received him as the Lord of the Second Advent for all humankind, God's providence could have been completed then. It didn't have to take forty years. The Blessing could have taken place right there. The providence of establishing the family, the nation and the world could have been done easily if Sung Jin Nim's mother had received Father... fully, then before Father was forty years of age the providence could have been completed"? (April 19, 1996)

Surely TF was totally serious when he said, "If the Allied nations had united with me after World War II, Mother and the True Children would not exist today. They are sons and daughters who were not supposed to be. If Korea had unified centring on Christian culture, without any persecution, the Moon clan and the Choi clan [of True Father's first wife] would have been the centre, establishing the position of parents starting from sons and daughters. A peaceful world centred on one true family and one blood lineage would have been realized." (God's Day 1997)

In a speech to Japanese members on Sept 18, 1991, TM echoed Father's sentiments saying, "If established Christianity had received Father, he need not have gone the road of indemnity". Yet it seems, according to the CBMR and TM today, this could not have happened as TF and TM described in the past, given that TF should only have been looking, and preparing, for the OBD. Are they saying this first marriage was predestined to fail?

Young Hwi Kim in his 'Critique' commented: 'Father made and gave his son the name "Seongjin." Father's words about this only appear in one place. At that time, North Korea was under the sovereignty of Satan. So if he went there, he did not know what would happen to him. So he said, "If I die, in order for my son to follow behind me and fulfill the will, I made and gave him the name Seongjin."' Elder Kim also made the point that, if TF marrying and having a child was so wrong, the March 2, 1946 'Solomon' anointing by Baek Moon Kim would simply not have happened.

Which button fits? The 1960 narrative ...

So, yes, we have a problem. Who are we to believe? Are we to just "forget everything" TF told us? It continues about the 1960 Holy Wedding. The narrative is now, according to TM in DD's lectures, "Father was in critical condition ... needed help ... I knew I could not prolong the providence any longer". One Korean elder, Myeongdae Kim, understood TM's situation, according to what she has been saying in Korea, in this way: "She (TM) said, "From among the many I observed, I decided I should choose Father." (How she observed 'the many' as a high school student, living in a dormitory, we do not know.) She said there were dozens of people [like Father]. Dozens of people! Mother said that there were several people from whom she could have chosen to be the True Father.

There were several people!"(22/11/2022) OK, maybe he is exaggerating about the 'dozens', but I assume he is telling the truth, that TM said she chose TF, one among several. So TF could have been, as it were, 'eliminated' for the error of his first marriage and the providence would have continued. TM being that 'central pillar', she would have just chosen another. This is quite different to TM's testimony of Mar 4, 2011, in which she spoke of her mother's 1943 dream about the room in which TM was born, "I think God was giving her a revelation, that although I didn't know it, I was destined to meet Father", 'destined', not 'choosing'.

Let us look at TM's own earlier testimony (remember TM is "100% consistent" DD): 'When this instruction came from Father I felt totally selfless. I felt, "Who am I to decide whether this is good or bad? So far my life has been governed directly by God. Whatever the will of God, whatever His purpose or dispensation, I shall be His servant. I shall obey in everything." That was my feeling.' (April 1977) But if TM, knowing God and the truth, had chosen TF, would it not have been 'good'?

On receiving the engagement notice TM said, "When I received that decree, I was completely overwhelmed. Because I did not have the capacity at the time to deal with such a monumental issue, I had to empty myself. All I could do was pray. "Oh God, I have been living according to Your Will. I will follow and do whatever Your Will is. Whatever Your providential purpose is for me, I will follow as You command." (03/05/1977)

TM was clearly the most exceptional young lady. Mrs Choi commented about the period between the engagement ceremony and the wedding, "Father would take her every day to the mountain. They talked and talked, mainly about the Divine Principle. Mother's understanding was so enlightened that she could answer every question." But was she "stepping up to save the providence", "choosing TF", who was "in critical condition"?

TF's memory and narrative, which we believed and accepted until his death, are very different: "I intended to marry any woman; I thought to myself that if she is devoted to the providence and ready to welcome it 100 % for me, even the plainest woman would suit me. That is how I ended up marrying the most wonderful person. Mother says she married me without knowing what was happening to her."

<https://www.tparents.org/Moon-Books/FathersLife/FathersLife-66.pdf>

"When I married Mother, I did not do so saying, "God, I will get married because the time has come for me to get married." I got married because God said, "Get married because the time for you to marry has come." That is in accord with the Principle. Mother, also, was not thinking about marrying me. She was a young lady attending high school. When she was told "Rev. Moon is calling you," she said "Why? He does not know me; why is he calling me?" When she was told "They say that you are going to get

married tomorrow," she responded by saying "Is that so?" She was like that. She did not oppose anything."

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Was TF out of his mind when he said things like, "The True Mother would have come out of the Christian realm. Perhaps she would have been a British woman. It could be. Why not? Once the worldwide foundation had been accomplished, I would have picked the True Mother on the world level. Imagine if the royal princess of England had become the True Mother. I am only interested in one thing: how to restore the world"? (May 20, 1984)

One other thing that does not make sense to me is that, in her 'Memoir', TM portrays the image of a couple that decided everything together, yet she could not tell TF about her real identity. "TM, the OBD, who was supposed to see the completion of TPs providence, could not say she was the OBD, it was not up to me to do it, it was my partner's responsibility." (Feb 22, 2024) Of course, he did say it, but it was just not theologically important to TF. In the 180 times Dr. J.C Kim identified TF said 'OBD', it is 1500 for the OBS, in typical TF style, some of those references were that all sisters should become OBDs. To me the terms OBD/S, and sorry to say, Holy Mother Han, have a very New Testament spirit, not in tune with the Cheon Il Guk age after Foundation Day, which comes after the Completed Testament and the Era after the Coming of Heaven. But that's just me, and I do realise that I may not be alone being unsure what the current spirit or tune should be!

Historical Button (doesn't quite fit)

The Pilgrims (yes, a pet peeve!): Dear brothers and sisters, please stop repeating the Unification myth which started with TF, 'When the Pilgrims came to this country, they built first churches, then schools, and finally they built their own houses' (America in God's Providence, Oct 1973, Day of Hope rallies). This has been repeated by TM 'The Puritan fathers built America as a democratic nation. They prioritized building a place of worship and built schools to educate future leaders. Constructing their homes was not the priority. Or 'in 1620 they journeyed to America, and the very first thing they did was build a chapel where they could worship God. Then for the education of future generations they built a school. Only after this did they build their own homes.' Understandably this has been repeated in lectures, as in DD's and sermons, but, please don't do it anymore. It is just not true. Somebody gave TF incorrect information and if you studied the pilgrims deeply, you would come to understand that building a church was not on their 'to do' list at all!

(Yes, I have tried in different ways, over the years, to communicate the historically correct facts to TPs and the powers-that-be, but to no avail!)

The date for the earliest actual construction of a church that I could find in the Massachusetts colony is 1648. The 1620 Plymouth colonists homeschooled, believing in the importance of literacy to read the Bible. The first school to be established was the Boston Latin School opened in 1635, the nation's oldest publicly funded school, Harvard the next year. Bostonians are rightly proud of those well known facts.

If you want to stress the pilgrims' undoubted religiosity, just use the first words of the Mayflower Compact, signed on board, **"IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN."** Yes, all in capital letters, unlike the rest of the document!

(For further information on what the pilgrims really did upon landing, please read Appendix A, after the photos at the end.)

1543: In DD's lectures we hear that "1543 was the peak of Calvin's work", "Luther really kicked it (the Reformation) off, but Calvin substantiated it" and a parallel is drawn between TF (Luther) and TM (Calvin).

Why did 1543, and Calvin, suddenly start appearing in TM's speeches? "Martin Luther began the reformation. John Calvin gave it solidity ... The birth of the counterpart of the returning Lord was to be 400 years after Calvin's main work: God's OBD was born in 1943". (WCLC rally, December 5, 2020) "Calvin's report to the Holy Roman Emperor in 1543 is the starting point; after 400 years, the OBD was born, who had to be born on the foundation of Christianity." (Nov 19, 2023) The answer is, of course, simple and it's not a revelation. Somebody was looking for parallels that would lead to justify TM as the OBD and worked backwards from 1943 and found Calvin's, really very little known work, 'Necessity for Reforming the Church'. Unfortunately, though understandably, as those around TM probably initially knew little about the Reformation, it became "Calvin's main work" in TM's speech. The 7L lecturers now know better and include Calvin's real 'main work', the "Institutes of the Christian Religion", well over 1,000 pages long, in their lectures. Calvin reviewed the 'Institutes' constantly from its first publication in Latin in 1536, then in French in 1541, (he wrote in both languages) through 6 editions to the final versions published in 1560 and 1559, respectively. It was translated into Spanish in 1540, Italian 1557, Dutch 1560, English 1561 (by his son-in-law - join my campaign to convert 'in-laws' into 'in-loves'!) German 1572, Czech 1617, Hungarian 1624, Japanese 1934.... It is an extremely important Reformation document and clearly was his 'peak' publication.

Given that so much is happening in Christian history it is relatively easy to play the numbers game. When living in the Ukraine, I gave the Christian parallels lecture including important dates and developments in (Russian) Orthodox history, many of which line up very well with the DP. The Reformation equivalent is when Moscow was

declared the “Third Rome” in 1524, the idea having brewed for a few years, & almost 400 years later we have the 1917 Russian Revolution!

Calvin is difficult for Unificationists, or used to be, as DP totally rejects his theory of Predestination. This, as Tyler Hendricks pointed out to me, may be doing Calvin an injustice through an insufficient understanding of his thought. It is, however, indisputable that Calvinism did indeed lead theologically to horrors such as apartheid, given that Afrikaners, the predominantly white population of Dutch descent in South Africa, adhered to a specific interpretation of Calvinism which emphasized concepts like ‘double predestination’ and a strict social hierarchy. Of course there were other factors, but Calvinist theology played a most important role in the ideological development of apartheid.

Can the ‘Necessity for Reforming the Church’, to which TM and the 7L refer, written in 1543, dedicated “To the Most Invincible Emperor, Charles V, and the Most Illustrious Princes and Other Orders, Now Holding a Diet of the Empire at Spires” be compared to Luther’s 95 theses of 1517? Absolutely not! Can Calvin be compared to Luther? Absolutely yes, as they were both prolific authors, theologians, reformation leaders, whose footprints can be found around the world, Calvin’s clearly in the US and Korea. Normally Luther is described as the 1st Gen reformer, Calvin a 2nd Gen. But a fuller comparison is for another day.

To explain about the 95 theses and the ‘Necessity ...’: The latter tract is a very well written justification of why the Reformation was necessary: the evils of the church, the necessary remedies ... and it deals with the theological doctrine of justification, the sacraments... no new or ‘revolutionary’ content in its about 100 pages, written in Latin. The problem is that nobody read it at the time, certainly not the Catholic Emperor and Princes. Calvin did not translate it into French. It was not translated into English for 300 years, to my knowledge, and into Spanish only in the year 2,000. It is still little known and very rarely read, the opposite of being ‘Calvin’s main work’.

Thanks to the printing press Luther’s 95 theses of 1517 could be found all across German-speaking areas within 2 weeks, were translated from German into Latin, the primary written language of the European educated, within 3 weeks, and within 2 months could be found, in pamphlet form, all across Europe in various languages and their effect, as we know, was revolutionary! By the time of Luther’s death in 1546, much of N. Europe was Lutheran. It was the state religion in most of Germany, Scandinavia and the Baltics. England had split from Rome because of Luther’s revolution, but did not become Lutheran i.e. very substantial! By the time of Calvin’s death in 1564, Calvinism had significantly spread across parts of Europe, particularly in Switzerland, parts of France (Huguenots), the Netherlands, Scotland, where it became the national religion in

1560, and a few regions of Germany i.e. substantial, but IMO a bit less substantial than Lutheranism. Certainly Calvinism is indeed important in the development of the USA, and Christianity in Korea, given the influence and number of Presbyterian missionaries. (BTW DD a couple of Canadians, one Methodist, one Presbyterian, together with a US Methodist were central to the 1903 Wonsan and 1907 Pyongyang revivals, so not just American missionaries!)

3. UN troops in Korea: “How was it that Heaven could mobilize 16 UN member states? Because of whom? Because of the OBD. This nation and its people must be aware of this. They must know the truth.” (Jul 18, 2024) TM rarely mentions TF, in recent years, when talking of the UN troops, it’s all about herself. “That is why, considering the situation in Korea, since God had to provide an environment in which I could survive, 16 UN members states were able to participate in the war”(Nov 19, 2023). When the war broke out in 1950 TM was in Seoul. She “came South under God's protection in 1948” and her family quickly fled further south to Jeolla province when the war started. They returned to Seoul after its liberation, and when war returned to the city narrowly escaped in her uncle's truck before the Han River bridge was bombed by the UN forces! They went south, where I presume she was in relative safety for the course of the war, part of which, I think, she spent in Jeju Island. Because, according to the CBMR, the 7 year old TM was ‘God’s greatest concern’, the fact that TF was in Heungnam prison and, according to his testimony, a few hours from execution before the intervention of the UN forces is not worth mentioning. Is this because, had TF died, that 7 year old would have just found another ‘rebegotten son’, presumably who understood the DP, over the next few years, to elevate to OBS status? After all, ten years later, she chose TF out of several candidates. Sorry, to me, that sounds like BS!

Final Button (the big one)

There is one final question which I think the CBMR theologians need to answer honestly. Is the CBMR fundamentally saying TM was predestined from the time of the Fall? From watching the ‘Epic’ presentations, listening to the 7L and DD lectures this seems to be the conclusion of the CBMR theology. Thus a new myth, and yes, I know, myths are important, is being spun that the Han people are descendants of Shem. For over 5,000 years God has been developing a seemingly, completely separate, historical timeline to the one in DP, centered on Korea and the Han people, unknown until today as there are neither revelatory nor prophetic and, of course, no biblical foundations to support this assertion. Its only support comes in TF’s words to ACLC clergy, “Asians descended from Shem, Black people descended from Ham and white people from Japeth” (Mar 1. 20020)! Then the OBD, who “must be born”, is not at the time of Jesus, necessitating the cross. TF made mistakes & should not have married prior to 1960; the principles of restoration are not deeply explained and no other possibilities for establishing the

necessary conditions for the birth of the Messiah or LSA e.g. the United Kingdom periods, are examined. Is the Cain/Abel restorational paradigm even mentioned? The CBMR emphasizes the principles of creation, yes the foundation of the DP, but what of TF's words at the end of his life? "I have discovered and clarified that the principle of Cain and Abel is the fundamental principle of the cosmos. If one understands this principle, one understands 70% of the secret of the cosmos. All the relationships in the cosmos are based on the principle of Cain and Abel." (Nov 24, 2011) Should we just 'forget everything' even though we all still analyze our world according to the Cain/Abel principle (Russia/Ukraine, Hamas/Israel) do we not?

Let us remember that such a conclusion, that TM was predestined, runs totally contrary to everything we have believed about that most precious principle of human responsibility, absolutely fundamental to fulfilling the Principles of Creation!

Final Thoughts (which button do you remember?)

Before Appendix A on the Pilgrims I have included some interesting photos of the 'Engagement Ceremony', note the Confucian element. Then you can see how TM progressed from having no crown to wearing the same crown as TF in 1977, which is such a great photo of TM. Check the number of stars on the crowns to see her progression! 1977 was the year TF asked Mrs. Choi, who had always accompanied TPs on Holy Days since the Holy Wedding, to leave the stage. This we always understood to be TM's remarkable, victorious course, as guided by TF.

Now we are being told that TF got it all wrong. Jin Choon Kim, seemingly the main initiator of the OBD theology, asks us, "does it fit with the Principle that Father, who again has a past scandal, is in the position of the Second Advent, and Mother, who is in the position of a bride who completed her individuality (i.e. fulfilled the 1st Blessing at 17 years old?) and has no scandal at the First Coming, gives bows to Father?" Does he mean that TF should have been bowing to TM at the engagement and then TM should have been wearing the crown, maybe TF bareheaded? But what did TM bring to the 1960 Blessing except herself? Did she have any spiritual children? Our understanding was that the marriage in 1960 was the 'marriage of the lamb' because of the foundation TF had created with his blood, sweat and tears. The presence and offering of bows by the 3 disciple archangels was essential. Does Dr. Kim think that TM's presence was all that was necessary? Was TF's foundation, which we thought was the culmination of 2,000 years of Christian indemnity, unimportant, unnecessary, as in a sense this was the object of TM's reverential bows, which she should not have had to offer, embodied in TF?

Clearly Dr. Kim's 'Principle' is not TF's DP, which I am told features little in the CBMR. Indeed the CBMR TF is not the Messiah/3rd Adam/TF I followed. In the CBMR TF is saved from his error-strewn providential path by a 17 year old, sinless alpha and omega OBD in

1960, having not understood that he should have only focused on preparing for and finding that OBD. He then lived the rest of his life, and died, in the newly declared 'wilderness era' of 1960-2013. He never understood his wife, who is still saying he needs our help to liberate him from satan's accusation (DD, March 2025), from Dr. Kim's 'tails'. His name, it seems, is now rarely mentioned by his wife.

My TF's wilderness course ended in 1985, with his victorious release from Danbury, at the God and Freedom Banquet where he told the assembled, almost 2,000, clergy, guests and members how he "experienced God in every cell of my body". He then declared victory over the 8 stages of indemnity, vertically and horizontally (Aug 20, 1989), met Gorbachev and Kim Il Sung with TM. He went from a miserable hut, on a hill in Busan, after indemnifying Jesus' agonizing hours on the cross through his years in Heungnam, creating a Blessing movement, new Holy Days, an extraordinary myriad of activities, to end his life in a palace on a hill in Cheong Pyeong, a place which he decided to buy and develop. He held ceremonies, with his wife, to liberate heaven and earth, the skies, sea and land. He guided us through three levels of Blessing and together with TM held the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, after a life-time dedicated to consoling God's suffering heart. He declared the date of Foundation Day would be 12 years later to the day. His final prayer, after deeply thanking TM, still resonates in my heart, "I have completed everything. Today, as I have returned the conclusion of the final perfection to You, Father, I know that up to this moment, I have offered my whole life to You. I am spending this time now to bring my life to its conclusion, to bring it to a close with utmost devotion, in accordance with Your Will.... I, who have the authority to grant liberation and complete freedom to everything ... I have accomplished everything for this. I have completed everything. Aju."

<https://tparents.org/Moon-Talks/SunMyungMoon12/SunMyungMoon-120813b>)

Which TF do you hold in your heart? Is he the victorious LSA and TP of heaven, earth and humankind, revealer of the DP, the liberator of God's heart, who had 'the authority to grant liberation and complete freedom to everything', the miraculous survivor of death camps and torture who worked so tirelessly to build Cheon Il Guk,?

Or is he the "one button off", mistake-prone inheritor of Jesus' mission of the CBMR, who died in the wilderness, leaving his wife to begin re-buttoning the providence, which she should have been guiding correctly since their Blessing, but could not do so, because he would just not push her to the front and get out of her way? She is the one, he was not, to build Cheon Il Guk. "The providence is not completed by the Returning Messiah. It is done by the OBD" (Mar 21, 2025). It is not to be done by the True Parents together, as we previously believed and TM herself declared in the Alps, "TF and I will finish God's providential history through oneness in heart, body, mindset and harmony. At this time when True Father begins his new journey in the spirit world, we who are in the physical

world, must keep pace with Father in rendering glory to Heaven, and completely putting ourselves on the line, investing everything for the establishment of Cheon Il Guk.”
(6/2014)

Please do not misunderstand me, thinking that I am demeaning or denigrating TM, with whom I spent time in Kyiv, Ukraine and Caracas, Venezuela. In the latter location she encouraged me to try to have a 4th child, she hoped a girl, as we had 3 boys at that time. We did have one, another boy! TM is indeed the ‘TM of heaven, earth and humankind’. Her course has been difficult and tear-filled beyond my ability to comprehend, having sent to spirit world as many children as my wife and I were able to bring into this world, her victory beyond the miraculous. She is my True Mother.

My purpose is to ask for the creation of a forum for respectful discussion of the new claims being made in her name, how to deal with the differences in her thought, when compared to TF’s, rather than members just being told, “This is something you have to believe” and “forget everything, so forget everything, I mean it ... let it go”. That just does not work. Indeed, it might be considered demeaning!

Thank you for reading until the end.
May our Heavenly Parent’s guidance and blessing be with us all,

Sincerely, David Stewart





36 Couples & 72 Couples



43 Couples



1971 (?) Holy Day



1800 Couples (1975)

74
Couples
1977



Appendix A – What the Pilgrims did first upon going ashore in 1620

The truth is that, "On December 21, 1620, the first landing party arrived at the site of what would become the settlement of Plymouth. Work crews started building houses while the women, children, and the infirm remained on board the Mayflower; many had not left the ship for six months. The first structure, a "common house" of wattle and daub, took two weeks to complete in the harsh New England winter. In the following weeks, the rest of the village slowly took shape. The living and working structures were built on the relatively flat top of Cole's Hill, and a wooden platform was constructed to support the cannon that would defend the settlement from nearby Fort Hill. Many of the

able-bodied men were too infirm to work, and some died of their illnesses. Thus, only seven residences (of a planned nineteen) and four common houses were constructed during the first winter." *A Story of Courage, Community, and War*, Nathaniel Philbrick. (2006)

A "common house" was a communal dwelling for those without sufficient funds to build their own homes and the unmarried. There is no mention of building a church in the document, "of Plimouth Plantation" (1646), written by the first "governor" William Bradford, a Mayflower pilgrim. This is one of the two primary sources for early pilgrim life, the other being "Mourt's Relation", first published in 1622. Neither mentions the building of a church nor of a school. I read them both. The Pilgrims' church in Plymouth was the bottom floor of the town's fort, the top floor held six cannons and a watchtower to defend the colony. The church room was also the town's meetinghouse, where court sessions and town meetings took place. Isaac de Rasieres, who visited Plymouth in 1627, reported how the Pilgrim's began their church on Sunday: "They assemble by beat of drum, each with his musket or firelock, in front of the captain's door; they have their cloaks on, and place themselves in order, three abreast, and are led by a sergeant without beat of drum. Behind comes the governor, in a long robe; beside him on the right hand, comes the preacher with his cloak on, and on the left hand, the captain with his side-arms and cloak on, and with a small cane in his hand; and so they march in good order, and each sets his arms down near him." During the early years of Plymouth, failing to bring your gun to church was an offense for which you could be fined 12 pence. Hmm ... maybe H2 could increase his Sunday offering if he adopted a similar policy! (Sorry, bad joke!)