

Response to Mr. Seino's letter to the leadership of Japan Unification Church Jim Borer - July 17, 2012

Dear Mr. Kiyoshi Seino,

Greetings Mr. Seino. Your invitation and my response follow.

"If you believe Hyun Jin Nim's visions and activities are wrong . . . you should read Hyun Jin Nim's speech book "Realizing God's Dream" and his letter "To the Unification Community worldwide" (last November). Then, you can point out what portions are wrong, and criticize the problems in public."

I have read his letter. Quotes (Q) are from Hyun Jin Nim's letter to the Unification community dated 11/26/11.¹ Comments (C) follow regarding his statements.

Q: "As your elder brother, I see it as my responsibility to guide our larger community and keep it together, especially when internal and external misunderstandings about my family and our movement arise."

C: An older brother will not be respected or followed by the other children if he refuses to speak with their parents. He has left the honorable position of older brother. He cannot lead them in the footsteps of their parents if he is taking a different path, against their parents' wishes and public directions. He dishonors his parents publicly. None of the children can follow him unless they defy their parents' heart which beats within them to stir the pulse of generations to come. Words of an older brother intended to establish filial piety are meaningless when he has moved out of the house, taken the money from the family account, and does not ever (not even once) bring his parents' first great grandchild to visit.

The responsibility of a follower of the Messiah is, first and foremost, to follow. If everyone were to individually determine their way, there would be no need for the Messiah who comes to lead us all. There can be unity here on earth only if this is understood. The whole of creation suffers and longs for the unity with True Parents that was left unrealized in the ideal of Eden. Thus, not even a tree or rock can follow an imposter older brother for long.

Hyun Jin Nim repeatedly describes himself as "elder brother" or "elder son" (seven times) in his letter in order to position himself as one with responsibility to "properly educate and guide our Blessed Central Families." One cannot speak in terms of "my responsibility to guide our larger community" [of followers of True Parents] unless he is given that authority by True Parents, directly or organizationally. On what authority does Hyun Jin Nim stand? On the authority of True Parents with whom he disagrees or on Church authority which he refuses to recognize?

Q: "So let me make one point absolutely clear: I am my father's son and I am absolutely committed to the ideals and principles to which he has committed his life. Nothing can ever change that. No matter what may transpire, the eternal bonds of blood lineage can never be dissolved or broken."

A: To many who have spent more years after reaching maturity learning from, and loyal to, Father than Hyun Jin Nim has celebrated birthdays; his actions indicate he is not understanding core teachings of the Lord of the Second Advent, or Jesus, or the Ten Commandments.

Father teaches that providential history shows that the "bonds of blood lineage" may be broken. The Messiah has freed Blessed Couples from the fallen blood lineage wherein we were born. True Parents are our Parents. Were this not true, God would have no hope of His will ever being

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accomplished, and the work of restoration/re-creation would be futile. The Creator would forever be a failure, as all are doomed to suffer in contradiction without end.

Additionally, it is a mistake to believe that one can never leave God's lineage. This is precisely the tragic event at the base of Old Testament, New Testament, and Completed Testament teaching. Sinless idealistic Adam & Eve, whose Parents were God, took actions that removed themselves from God's lineage.

Further, when John was preparing the Jewish people for the Messiah, he said: "See that you do something to show that your hearts are really changed! Don't start thinking that you can say to yourselves, 'We are Abraham's children', for I tell you that God could produce children of Abraham out of these stones!" (Luke 3:7-9) This designates heart as central to initiation and membership in the heavenly lineage. We are raised by truth but saved by love. No one can say they are of the lineage of the True Parents "[n]o matter what" they do. Such a claim is absent any worthwhile meaning. As Jesus told the chosen people, our actions disclose our lineage.

For the sake of brevity, brief descriptions of other themes in Hyun Jin Nim's letter to followers of True Parents:

- 1) Father's Church leaders and True Family members are liars who accuse him unjustly.
- 2) The age of uniting with the central figure is over. People outside our movement see things more clearly than you, "our members, who have been conditioned 'to absolutely unite with your central figure'". (Not the best understanding of, or appreciation of, Unification Church members.)
- 3) It is God's providence. The providence of restoration is not centered on any individual (Father or Mother) or organization: "Likewise the Source, Origin and Owner of the providence is God, not any organization, institution, or individual." (Restoration would be impossible for God alone. The Messiah is needed to accomplish this together with God; for many reasons, including man's portion of responsibility.)
- 4) Hyun Jin Nim states it is "absurd" and "ludicrous" that he is influenced by the Kwak family. First, Father has said that which Hyun Jin Nim scorns. Second, I believe it is the reality that most of the assets he now controls were sequestered for him by Rev. Kwak, his father-in-law, who used maneuvers in law to seize them from True Parents' organizations. I believe he also misses the heart of Father in this attempt to shift some blame and facilitate his return.
- 5) Hyun Jin Nim faults our movement for, as he sees it, being focused on building a religion. I believe there's room for both - the inward and outward efforts - centered on Father. (Not centered on personal views of the unseen God.) Billy Graham Crusades held altar calls for people to join local churches. Outreach brings people to the Church and True Parents; the restoration dynamic lies within the Church teachings. We continue to do both - gaining members and bringing world leaders to Father. Growing the Church is no reason for any member to publicly disrespect True Parents and destroy several of their foundations.
- 6) True Parents' culture, and that of their chosen leaders, is "an oppressive culture built on the master-servant relationship." (This is quite an offensive and disrespectful view. Father certainly does not teach, lead, or live that way.) Father recently initiated the thinking on governance (Genesis 1:28 third blessing of dominion.) presented in the "Freedom Society" seminar. True Parents continue to work for us and our liberation.

7) Hyun Jin Nim prays to the unseen God for guidance, instead of consulting with True Parents. Religious people have been doing this since Eden. It appears he fails to grasp the value of the living Messiah.

8) Your Blessed status does not derive from your relationship with Father and Mother. (Really?)

“Do not think that the ‘Unification Church,’ its leaders or any individual can determine or deny you of your qualification as a Blessed Central Family. That distinction falls directly upon your shoulders and is measured by your efforts and good deeds in alignment with the Will of Heaven.”

9) Hyun Jin Nim appeals for support in order that he might better meet with Father.

“As long as you remain as obedient servants who blindly accept everything that is told to you, instead of sons and daughters . . . it becomes that much harder for me to have a genuine, unadulterated meeting with my father; and, thus, it becomes that much harder for that meeting to happen.”

First, he would only need more foundation in order to confront Father. No increase is needed to submit to Father.

Second, he sees members as servants. (This is inconsistent with the teachings of Jesus as well as Father.) It is to be noted that Church members who join Hyun Jin Nim would enter his sphere as servants; the improvement of their status would depend upon their relationship with him. Caution is advised. Some have said they were fired from companies he controls because they went to a convention where True Parents made an appearance. That treatment is less than even servants deserve, and less than the law requires safeguarding religious freedom in the United States.

10) Conclusion: the altar call for the freedom of separation from True Parents. Hyun Jin Nim frames and extends this choice to each of us:

1) Remain a “perfectly obedient servant” following True Parents, or

2) Become “His [God’s] son or daughter” following Hyun Jin Nim.

Should we leave True Parents to join him?

Prayerfully,

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