Kwak Group FAQ

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Why do some see the current situation as a conflict among brothers?

One of True Parents' sons has decided to betray his parents and separate from the family. He and his supporters are misrepresenting this betrayal as a conflict between him and two of his brothers.

Why is Chung Hwan Kwak being described as "Satan"?

For many years, Kwak was True Father's primary assistant. This can be compared to Lucifer being God's primary assistant through much of the process of creation. Kwak was also in the topmost position among first generation members, who were collectively in the angelic position to the True Family. So Kwak was in the position of the archangel. Then, much as Lucifer betrayed God in the final stages of the creation process, Kwak betrayed True Parents. By doing this, he placed himself in the position of Satan.

Why is Hyun Jin Nim being described as "Fallen Adam"?

Hyun Jin Nim has chosen to listen to the voice of Kwak and his family, as opposed to the voice of True Parents. As a result, he has betrayed True Parents.

Why is it necessary to state these things so publicly?

It is important for everyone to understand the importance of not enabling Chung Hwan Kwak and Hyun Jin Nim in their betrayal and rebellion against True Parents.

Why can't the two sides just get together and work things out?

Many attempts were made to resolve matters in private. Unfortunately, Hyun Jin Nim could not respond positively to these approaches. Yes, they say the same thing about us. You will have to decide whom to believe. Please note, though, that when True Parents call Hyung Jin Nim or Kook Jin Nim, they go. During the past two years, Hyun Jin Nim has not responded to True Parents' requests to see him.

Why is this whole situation happening?

True Parents, as the substantial representatives of God on earth, are going through the same course that God experienced at the beginning of history in the Garden of Eden. This is not surprising, since it is True Parents mission to restore and reset history.

Ken Bates says Hyun Jin Nim simply disagrees with the church's direction.

The direction of the church is to obey True Parents. Disagreeing with the direction of the church cannot be an excuse to split the church. If Hyun Jin Nim wants to go off on his own direction, he should at least build his own foundation. He should not be removing assets from the Church or seeking to convert its members.

Is Hyun Jin Nim's activity being reported accurately to True Parents?

GPF and other events carried out under Hyun Jin Nim's supervision are not considered public events by True Parents. These events have no relationship with True Parents. As such, they would ordinarily not be reported to True Parents at all by Church officials. The only reason they are reported is that True Parents have requested that the events stop. So reports focus on the extent to which this request has been met.

It seems Hyun Jin Nim is the one persevering quietly through much criticism.

The Kwak family and Hyun Jin Nim have taken assets intended for public use, and are applying these to activities that True Parents have said should stop. They continue to work to convert members and Ambassadors for Peace away from True Parents. Church leaders would be derelict in their duties if they did not speak out forcefully against this. As for Hyun Jin Nim's relative silence in public, we can only speculate that those around Hyun Jin Nim have decided that a less transparent approach better serves their goals. Perhaps their strategy is to portray the aggressor as a victim.

I got a "directly from Hyun Jin Nim" message directly from Ken Bates.

Ken, and possibly others in the Kwak Group, are distributing such a letter to some Blessed Families. I am not aware of any evidence, other than Ken's own word, that Hyun Jin Nim played any role in drafting this letter.

Is there evidence that Hyun Jin Nim did not author this letter?

At least one portion of the letter provides strong evidence that Hyun Jin Nim was not the author. The author describes the change in Hyun Jin Nim's leadership status under True Parents as something sudden and unexpected. This may have been true from the perspective of a lay member, such as Ken Bates. In fact, the change was discussed over a period of months within the True Family, and was communicated to Hyun Jin Nim by True Parents directly. More discussions took place among the senior Korean leadership. The portrayal in the message circulated by Ken Bates and others would be consistent with the vantage point of a lay member but not that of Hyun Jin Nim.