

Vision 2020: What Am “I” Supposed to Do?

A personal reflection on Vision2020

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Foundation Day took place on February 22nd, 2013 (solar calendar). The purpose of this article is not to explain what Foundation Day is or means, neither is it to explain why seven years or why the year 2020, nor is it to explain why certain nations have been selected as pioneering nations, but to try to enlighten the reader into gaining a certain insight as to what one needs to do between now and the year 2020 with regard to the providence of the substantiation of Cheon Il Guk.

We all know so well that True Parents have been big proponents of world peace. They want to see a world where peace reigns, a world in which all human beings live as brothers and sisters. The fulfillment of such a world centered on God, our Heavenly Parent, is what is commonly known as the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. However, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth cannot become a reality without the establishment of what is known within the Unification Community at large as Cheon Il Guk.

Cheon Il Guk is a nation in which people have created national level harmony that is centered on God. It is a nation that puts God at its center. It is a nation that cannot justify its existence apart from God. Of course we know that, in reality, it is the citizens of such a nation that feel as such. When all the citizens, or when the majority of the citizens, exist for the Heavenly Parent: live their lives, pursue their careers, do their jobs, make babies, love one another, and more for the sake the Heavenly Parent, that nation they belong to will ipso facto be a Cheon Il Guk. The more Cheon Il Guks there are, the more close to the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven we will be. This puts us into the Vision2020 mode. Every one of us should answer the question: What does Vision2020 means to “me”?

Vision2020 might mean many things to different people. One thing that we all agree on is that True Parents want to see the worldwide substantiation of Cheon Il Guk on earth. The ideal would be that all the nations of the world should be Cheon Il Guks by the year 2020. Whether or not it is feasible for all the nations of the world to become Cheon Il Guks by the year 2020, each and every one of us needs to have an idea, a map, or a game plan as to what one needs to do to contribute to the success of Vision2020 and beyond.

The year 2020 will be the seventh year since Foundation Day. By the end of that year, there should exist a world level Cheon Il Guk. In other words, by the end of the year 2020, the world should be a world of peace centered on the Heavenly Parent—God’s Kingdom on earth. This is the global goal. The basic version of this goal is to have, in different continents, a few nations that have risen to the status of Cheon Il Guk. Hence, on the foundation of these nations successfully accomplishing their responsibility of becoming Cheon Il Guks, the True Parents will declare victory and use it as a foundation upon which to prolong and expand the completion of the fulfillment of the Cheon Il Guk providence.

The Heavenly Parent and the True Parents would prefer that the substantiation of the Heavenly Kingdom on earth be fulfilled by the year 2020, without any prolongation. However, being that they are dealing with individuals, families, societies, peoples, and nations with different standards and different interests, it is more likely that the fulfillment of the Cheon Il Guk providence will be prolonged. As long as the seed planted in 2013 is expanded, though limitedly, to the world level, the Heavenly Parent and the True Parents will be able to claim victory and build on it. This is what God, our Heavenly Parent, has been doing throughout history.

Just to reiterate, in order for the Heavenly Parent and the True Parents to claim some level of victory, there must be at least one nation that has reached the status of Cheon Il Guk by the year 2020. The ideal will be to have more than one nation. The more the better. This is because the larger the number of nations that have reached the status of Cheon Il Guk, the less the burden that heaven will have to carry onward. So, whether the nation where one lives has been selected among the twenty-three nations or not, one has to make a determination to contribute to making his/her nation a Cheon Il Guk by the year 2020, if not close to becoming a Cheon Il Guk.

WHAT AM “I” SUPPOSED TO DO?

Here is a map, a game plan, or whatever name one would like to give it. Right now, there is still a seven-year period between now and 2020. So the year one is from 2013 to 2014. What am “I” supposed to do during this year one?

To answer this question, I would like to take you back on a spiritual journey. No, it is not a long journey. It is a quick and short journey. But yet, very rewarding. Here we go. Think back to True Father’s words. More specifically, think about the eight stages of restoration that True Father taught us. Yes! That’s the journey. Remember them? There are eight vertical and eight horizontal stages. Let me refresh your memory. The eight vertical stages are: (1) servant of servant, (2) servant, (3) adopted child, (4) illegitimate child, (5) child of direct lineage/true child, (6) mother, (7) father, and (8) God. And the eight horizontal stages are: (1) individual, (2) family, (3) tribe/clan, (4) people/race, (5) nation, (6) world, (7) universe, and (8) God. I would like to focus on the horizontal stages to explain what “I” am supposed to do to help with the fulfillment of the Cheon Il Guk providence.

The Year One of Cheon Il Guk

Once again, year one is from 2013 to 2014. In this first year, every “I” is supposed to focus on family. I do not mean that one should focus on the family and forget the mission that one has. One who is a leader should continue to fulfill his or her leadership responsibilities. At the same time, he or she should also start to focus on how to build a harmonious family—a family of Cheon Il Guk.

A family of Cheon Il Guk is a family in which all its members live in harmony. By family members, the primary focus is on family members who live under the same roof. In this context, family members are members of the household. A grown son who has a family of his own and does not share the same roof with his parents is not a member of the household. So the focus of each person in this year one should be to make of our households households of Cheon Il Guk—establish families of Cheon Il Guk.

As you may have noticed, I skipped the first horizontal stage of restoration, which is individual, and started with the second stage, which is family. Why?

The reason I started with family instead of individual is that, right now, the providence is at the level of family. Family is the base. The fulfillment of individual level providence takes place within the context of the family. How do we fulfill the individual level providence? By fulfilling the eight vertical stages. How do we fulfill the eight vertical stages? By eliminating our fallen natures?

It should be noted that the key to establishing a family of Cheon Il Guk is by the members of the family, especially husband and wife, becoming individuals of Cheon Il Guk. How do we become individuals of Cheon Il Guk? By working on the eight vertical stages, by loving one another with the love that values the other, by making the effort to understand the other, etc.

The Year Two of Cheon Il Guk

The year two of Cheon Il Guk goes from 2014 to 2015.

It is possible that not all of us will fulfill our responsibility of raising our family standard to that of a Cheon Il Guk family. If we fall short of doing so, we can continue the fulfillment of that responsibility while tackling the tribal, communal, clan-level, and/or social responsibilities.

The year two of Cheon Il Guk should be the year during which we substantially carry on our tribal messiahship responsibilities. It is the year during which we strive to create harmony within our tribe or its equivalent. It is the year during which we establish or contribute to the establishment of a tribe of Cheon Il Guk, community of Cheon Il Guk, clan of Cheon Il Guk, or a society of Cheon Il Guk.

The work of establishing Cheon Il Guk at this level began at the previous stage, the stage of family, when one was striving to establish a family of Cheon Il Guk.

Remember that “I” cannot become an individual of Cheon Il Guk if “I” focus on making “myself” an individual of Cheon Il Guk. In order for “I” to make “I” an individual of Cheon Il Guk, “I” must think beyond “I.” This means that “I” must aim at effecting a Cheon Il Guk quality of change at a level greater than that of “I.” Furthermore, “I” must do this by permitting oneself to grow with the entity that is being affected by the Cheon Il Guk change. By the same token, to effect a successful progress at a tribal level, “I” must not think solely about the self perfecting “my” own Cheon Il Guk character, but think about making of the tribe, community, clan, and society, entities of Cheon Il Guk. In a sense, “I” must strive to expose all the members of “my” tribe, community, clan, and/or society to the standard of Cheon Il Guk. But, for this to be a success, “I” must incarnate and reflect the standard of Cheon Il Guk. Hence, the work of making “I” a product of Cheon Il Guk will not end at this level. Neither will it end at the end of year two.

The Year Three of Cheon Il Guk

The year three of Cheon Il Guk goes from 2015 to 2016. This is the year during which to raise and expand the standard of Cheon Il Guk to the level of a people. Every individual of Cheon Il Guk is responsible in sharing the Cheon Il Guk standard with the people he/she lives with. It is not only the people who belong to “my” tribe, community, clan, or society; it is also the people that “I” am not related to. It is the people in a community that is not “mine.” It is the people that belong to an ethnicity that is not “mine.” It is also the people that belong to “my” ethnicity, but whom “I” don’t usually have give and take with. This may also include one’s coworkers, one’s classmates, etc.

Some of the questions that we may ask ourselves to help us fulfill our responsibilities in the third year of Cheon Il Guk are: Can the people in the borough where “I” live be widely informed about the providence of Cheon Il Guk? Can the people in the state where “I” live hear about the True Parents and the Cheon Il Guk providence by the end of year three? It does not mean that one has to wait until the beginning of year three of Cheon Il Guk before starting to tackle the task of raising the people’s awareness to the work of our True Parents. The foundation of the work to be done on year three must be established in year one.

The year one allows us to draw from the seed that was planted on Foundation Day. We ought to take ownership of that seed and grow it in our family (year one), in our tribe (year two), and in our people or race in year three.

The Year Four of Cheon Il Guk

The year four of Cheon Il Guk goes from 2016 to 2017. This is the year during which to raise and expand the standard of Cheon Il Guk beyond the level of a local people to that of all the people in the nation. Can the nation where “I” live be widely informed about the providence of Cheon Il Guk? Can the people of the nation where “I” live hear about the True Parents and the Cheon Il Guk providence by the end of year four?

Once again, it does not mean that one has to wait until the beginning of year four of Cheon Il Guk before starting to tackle the task of raising national awareness to the work of our True Parents. Again, as I said about the year three, the foundation of the work to be done on year four must be established in year one.

The success of the Cheon Il Guk providence at the national level will depend on how effectively we have affected our tribes, communities, clans, and/or society, boroughs, etc.

The success of the Cheon Il Guk providence at the national level will set the stage for the Cheon Il Guk providence at the world level.

The Year Five of Cheon Il Guk

The year five of Cheon Il Guk goes from 2017 to 2018. This is the year during which to raise and expand the standard of Cheon Il Guk to the level of the world. In a sense, this will be the peak because all that we have done from year one to year four was to secure a victory in year five. Provided that we have fulfilled our responsibilities up to the arrival of year five, the work to be done after year five will be easier than the work before year

five. Hence, the following questions are crucial: Will the world be in a position to receive the True Parents positively? Will the world be ready to recognize, accept, and proclaim the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon as the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind? What will that depend upon?

It will depend upon how we all contributed to making Cheon Il Guks of the nations in which we live. The more nations we turn into Cheon Il Guks, the greater the chances of the world welcoming the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind.

Accomplishing the worldwide foundation of Cheon Il Guk in year five means that the year six will be a smooth sail. Failure to accomplish the foundation for the establishment of Cheon Il Guk at the world level will mean that the worldwide providence of Cheon Il Guk will have to be carried over in to the sixth year of Cheon Il Guk, the year of the universal accomplishment.

The Year Six of Cheon Il Guk

The year six of Cheon Il Guk goes from 2018-2019. Ideally, if we fulfill our responsibilities, this year will be the year during which the Heavenly Parent and the True Parents will completely put things in proper order. It will be the year during which to return the universe to its original state of goodness alone. This will actually be the year during which the Heavenly Parent will have a little more to do. And the True Parents, too. They will have a little more to do not because we did not fulfill our responsibilities as usual, but because we restored the predicament of fallen humanity to its original state before the fall. Hence, it will be the year of the substantiation of a new heaven and a new earth—a new universe. Are we ready to see this?

Year Seven of Cheon Il Guk

Finally comes the year seven of Cheon Il Guk, which will go from 2019-2020. If everything happens successfully throughout the previous years, the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk will be a year during which every human being will stand as God's true representative. I am not saying that everybody will be perfect. No. But that everybody will be pure. This means that the success of year seven is dependent on how we begin and end year six. And the success of year six would depend on how we began and ended each year before it. How many people should be blessed by year seven?

What is presented herein is the original track of the providence of Cheon Il Guk as pertaining to Vision2020.

Now, do "I" know *what* "I" am supposed to do? Do "I" know *when* "I" am supposed to begin? Do "I" know *how* "I" am supposed to do it? Do "I" know *where* "I" am supposed to do it? Do "I" know *where* "I" am supposed to begin?

If not, then "I" should read this article again.

I wish you all good success as we tackle this untrodden portion of the providence of restoration.

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