

Why Korea?

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A Personal Reflection

Why is it that our True Parents have been very passionate about the issue concerning the 38th Parallel on the Korean Peninsula? Is it simply because it is their homeland? I hope this personal reflection will give you some insights to why our True Parents have been so passionate about the reunification of the Korean Peninsula.

The reunification of the Korean Peninsula is very dear to our True Parents not only because it is their homeland, but mostly, because it is a providential battleground of a cosmic proportion. It is where heaven meets earth. It is where good is supposed to deal a final cosmic blow to evil. It is the epicenter of the battleground between the forces of goodness and the forces of evil.

Our True Parents have fought very hard, even while facing death threats, to decimate satanic forces. The primary battle that our True Parents have been fighting throughout their lives is that of ideologies. The main ideological war is not between Christianity and Unficationism, but between satanism and Godism. It is the ideological war between communism and Unficationism. This is why, winning the fight over the Berlin Wall was very crucial.

The Berlin Wall was a physical wall that represented the horizontal aspect of the aforementioned ideological war. This wall divided a homogeneous nation, a homogeneous people, and a homogeneous culture into two blocks—Eastern Block and Western Block.

In Unficationism, among other things, east represents the subject partner, the male counterpart, or the leading entity. While west represents the object partner, the female counterpart, or the following entity. This,

needless to say, was a contradiction. With the East Germany being on the eastern side of the divide and the West Germany on the western, there was no way for God's providence to substantially break out of the national level onto the continental level. In Unificationist terms, the Cheon Il Guk could not even be envisioned without first reconciling this contradiction. Something had to be done. And that something was, bringing down the Berlin Wall.

Then in 1989, the Berlin Wall came down. This was a symbolic victory over communism at a national level. Upon that foundation and combined with other conditions that were established with other victories, True Parents were able to visit the USSR and substantiate the collapse of communism at a national level. This was followed by the physical breakdown of the USSR into several nations.

The reunification of Germany, which came as a result of the fall of the Berlin Wall, symbolized the reunification of the children and siblings. This is because, when considering the four cardinal points, east and west represent the horizontal plane. And when considering the Four-Position Foundation, the horizontal relationship is that of children, siblings, and husband and wife (horizontal parents). However, the problem is that even though the fall of the Berlin Wall has brought victory over the ideological war on the horizontal plane, the contradiction that was once at the horizontal plane has yet to be dealt with vertically.

The 38th Parallel divides a homogeneous nation, a homogeneous people, and a homogeneous culture into two blocks—Northern Block and Southern Block.

In Unificationism, among other things, north represents the subject partner, the male counterpart, heaven, or the leading entity. While south represents the object partner, the female counterpart, earth, or the following entity. This, needless to say, is a contradiction—A contradiction of a cosmic proportion. With North Korea being on the northern side of the divide and South Korea on the southern, there is no way for God's providence to

substantially break out of the world level, let alone the continental level, onto the cosmic level. In religious terms, the Kingdom of God will not manifest at the world level without reconciling this contradiction. In secular terms, a world of peace will not manifest without the reunification of the Korean Peninsula. So, something must be done. And that something is removing the barrier—the 38th Parallel.

Ironically, the Berlin Wall, perhaps being that it was the representation of the contradiction on a horizontal plane, was a physical barrier constructed by men and that had to be torn down. On the other hand, the 38th Parallel, perhaps because it is the representation of the contradiction vertically, is an imaginary barrier that was established by men. This will be an easier barrier to remove physically, but not spiritually.

Because the east-west division represented the children and siblings, the World CARP led that liberation under the leadership of Hyo Jin Nim, the first son of our True Parents, who subsequently accompanied our True Parents to Moscow in April of 1990. Because the north-south division represents the relationship of parents (vertical parents) with their children, or the relationship of the True Parents, representing God, and their followers, representing humanity, our True Parents have taken the leading position on that battle.

Some of us might think that our True Mother has just recently become so passionate about the reunification of the Korean Peninsula. However, we should know that even though our True Mother has recently become more vocal about it, she has always been passionate about it even when our True Father was alive. So, why now?

The reason why our True Mother has now become more vocal about the reunification of the Korean Peninsula is because she is trying to prevent calamities. More specifically, she is trying to prevent bloodshed. Think about this. When the Pharaoh failed to release the Hebrews in due time, the consequence was bloodshed. To put it more specifically, the Egyptian blood was shed. When the Israelites failed to receive and honor Jesus in due time, the consequence was bloodshed. To put it more specifically, the Israelite

blood was shed. If the world fails to bring to pass the reunification of the Korean Peninsula in due time, the consequence will be bloodshed. Whose blood will be shed? Think about it.

In 1989, the World CARP contributed tremendously to the collapse of the Berlin Wall, which created the substantial foundation for the fall of communism (year 1990). Calamities avoided. The leading sibling nations, the USA and USSR, that were pointing their guns at each other, no longer had grounds for contention. On that foundation, without wasting any time, our True Parents visited North Korea the following year, 1991.

The visit of our True Parents to North Korea represented a new era. It represented the era upon which communism was going to completely disappear from the face of the earth through the reunification of the Korean Peninsula.

If the Korean political leaders of the early 1990s united with our True Parents, the reunification of the Korean Peninsula would have happened within 3 years following the visit of our True Parents. Unfortunately, this didn't happen.

It will soon be 21 years since the visit of True Parents. During this time, communism, the ideology that should have been a thing of the past has been revived on the back of North Korea. Russia and China have become strengthened on the back of North Korea. North Korea itself is maturing and as a result, has become emboldened. According to the *Divine Principle*, 21 is a number associated with perfection or maturity.

Entering the year 2023 presents a grave danger if there is no change. In 2023, North Korea will reach its maturity because it will be 21 years since our True Parents' visit. That year will also mark the 70th anniversary of the end of the Korean War. I believe, True Mother wants to avoid finding out what will happen if there is, at the least, no momentum towards the reunification of the Korean Peninsula. Just think about this. If Russia and China continue to influence North Korea with the Godless ideology of communism, a more sophisticated and mature North Korea will emerge

more defiant and even more ruthless. The USA and its allies will be outgunned. The still-divided religious world does not stand a chance. Which means that the fate of the world rests on the outcome of the reunification of the Korean Peninsula. Therefore, the predicament of the Korean Peninsula is not only a Korean or a Unification Church matter, but a situation that concerns everybody who desires to see a world of peace. This explains why, in her wisdom, our True Mother would like the reunification of the Korean Peninsula to happen before the dawn of 2023. If not, there should at least be a significant momentum on God's side (religious sphere) or the free world (political sphere) in order to foil the progress that the satanic side has made.

The calamities that will befall the world where the Korean Peninsula is still divided by a certain time period will be catastrophic and it will be of a cosmic proportion. The division of the Korean Peninsula has already reached its 70-year mark. Hence, these three years (from 2020 to 2023) are very crucial. Heaven might give us a grace period, but we should move forward without that concept in mind.

We all have a role to play. Some big, others small. Some up close, others from afar. Some today, others tomorrow. Some with a pen, others with an axe. Some will hit the streets, others the social media. Whatever your role and your time, the Mother of Peace has called. Rise up God's saints!

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