

European Leaders' Meeting Vision 2020 -- Building Cheon Il Guk in Europe

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Some 60 European Leaders met in Germany to share True Parents' directions and plan the application of Vision 2020 to the European Region.

Three key areas for development were identified:

1. Tribal Messiah activities as the central thrust of the providence
2. Substantial restoration of a nation – focusing on the strategic nations with support from the providential nations
3. Raising a new generation of leaders who inherit the providence by 2020

Presentation were made by European Departments and Strategic and Providential Nations

The links below connect to the presentations made. sites.google.com/a/europeanoffice.net/educational-study-material/meetings/european-cig-assembly-2013

Workshops and Discussion groups also took place in respect of Education, Blessed Families and the Providential Organizations UPF and on the Vision 2020 plan centering on European Sub-Regions.

Rev. Gi Young Shin, the Special Envoy appointed by True Parents visited the meeting on the second day and was introduced to European Leaders.

Rev. Young Shik An made an insightful Opening and Closing Address – some of the main points are summarized below.

Opening Address – summary

This meeting is the meeting for the top-down direction to meet the bottom up response. We went from the mountain top to the field and now we try to connect the two to make the base for a substantial result over this 7 year period.

Lately the weather went back to winter, but we do not go to buy winter clothes because we know spring will come – we know the principle of the universe. If somebody only knows that spring is coming after they actually see the flowers blooming they are not wise – the wise know even in depth of winter that the spring WILL come. More important than the waves are the hidden currents under the surface of the ocean – the invisible Sung sang which lies underneath. Wise people need to see the invisible providence, not just what is immediately visible.

We are in Easter week, the last crucial days of Jesus life -- his last week. Was there anybody who knew the providence at that time? Only Jesus knew that it was spring. Jesus went to cross. People were maybe expecting a miracle – but on the cross they just saw a miserable ending – no miracle. Jesus left and resurrected and after 40 days Pentecost came and they received the Holy Spirit – without the Holy Spirit they could not have continued. They repented and went to the cross like Jesus – did the disciples realize at

that time that they were kings under the King of Kings – they never really knew their providential value. After so much persecution finally the Roman Empire accepted Christianity and then Kings really respected Jesus and his disciples were glorified in front of all the people. How many people here are named after a Roman Emperor? How many are named after the disciple, St. Peter?

True Father was not accepted and all the prepared foundation was lost and he had to go to the bottom of hell and start from there, indemnifying all the past, and make his own foundation to stand as the Messiah. After making that foundation over 40 years he could finally have the Holy Wedding, such an important holy event – the first time to have True Parents as a victorious couple on the earth. At the 2001 Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship, God became King for the first time – True Parents could restore His position. From that point after 12 years they could reach Foundation Day – what is the meaning? 2001 was God's Coronation, Foundation Day was True Parents' coronation. That was the first part of the ceremony at Foundation Day – it was the completion stage coronation, no moment in the providence can be compared with that moment. True Parents became the King and Queen of the Cosmic Kingdom – which is more than any dynasty in global history.

The next ceremony was the Registration Blessing by which our names are registered as part of the Cheon Il Guk Kingdom. We know we are not qualified, but due to True Parents' grace we could get that Blessing. Even after that we may not feel this deeply, just as Jesus' disciples failed to really understand. True Parents came to make the substantial kingdom – True Father did not make miracles – if he had we would be in danger of not making any substantial foundation – we would be just awaiting a miracle. The disciples need to change themselves and build the kingdom and make the heavenly law – we must do that.

Jesus' disciples did not understand that it was finished. We also are in danger of being confused before the phenomena of this time – we must understand that the fundamental paradigm is changed because True Father went to the Spiritual World after finishing all the providence. Now True Mother took over in the central position in the providence. In this time of confusion, without True Mother who would have authority and provide the central point – nobody else can do that – we are so lucky to have True Mother. She is so confident to build CIG (we are not so confident – a bit like Jesus' disciples). God and True Parents are one – as a result God became the Heavenly Parent – God became one in his own being – the united God of Night and Day.

If anybody thinks that God and True Parents are different that is wrong – they are one – also as we attend True Mother we attend True Father and God – their words are also one – True Mother's word is True Father's word and that is God's word. True Mother's word is the word spoken by the substantial self. What does that mean – it means that True Parents are the substance of God. The word comes from the substantial being – so True Parents are the source and are more than the word as the word comes from True Parents who are God's substance. Sometimes superficially it may seem that True Parents' words are contradictory because they come from a different dimension or perspective – but we need to know that all that True Parents say is true.

It is a different paradigm now – the place to build is not in the HQ but on the front line at the Tribal Messiah level. The target for 2020 is witnessing and Tribal Messiahship. Next is restoration of the nation so we can practically implement True Father's teaching. When we restore a nation we can teach Divine Principle and they can understand the need for purity in our moral life and families. The first generation must work so hard and try to finish everything. Many of us are now 60 years old – it is surely better not to be a National Leader at 70 years old!! We have a maximum of 7 years more. We have to give a nation or world of peace to the next generation. The goal is witnessing and bequeathing the tradition and kingdom to the next generation. Do we know who we are or are we like Jesus' disciples, such that we do not realize that we are the people of Cheon Il Guk under the substantial King and Queen. True Father spoke so many times that we are in the time 'after the coming of heaven' – this refers to the dividing point of human history – similar to before and after Jesus. We are in Year 1 of CIG – a totally different age – the start of God's Kingdom. We need to be so proud for God and yet so humble! We need to really understand who we are!

Closing Address – summary

In the new era after Foundation Day we have three clear goals: witnessing/Tribal Messiahship, restoration of the nation and raising 2nd generation leadership.

We need to change our thinking – before we were told what to do, but now are asked to decide. The field is the most important place. The church must support Tribal Messiahs to accomplish. What they cannot do alone must be covered by the church level – Workshops, Sunday Service, 2nd gen education, counseling, etc. Then the European level should provide what the nations cannot do by themselves – e.g. organize European matching candidates for Blessing. All should support the field.

As there will not be so many large events and campaigns we will be able to plan at the national and local level. We can plan, execute and evaluate and feedback and improve constantly – working in a more steady and regular way.

I do not need to direct or give emphasis as regards Tribal Messiahship, because it is the same as your awareness that you need to make money for your living. It is equally fundamental to your life, something we all must do for the sake of our eternal life. When we go to the Spirit World what will we bring with us? Our spiritual children – we need to prepare to meet True Father and have something to show so he can welcome us!

We are all registered as citizens of CIG and national leaders should feel responsible and empowered as 'kings' of Cheon Il Guk. Tribal Messiahs are the Founders of Cheon Il Guk – the Founding Fathers! There needs to be a written history a record – like the Acts of the Apostles. You must take practical steps but it is not just a physical matter – we need to know the logic of the spiritual dimension and to mobilize the Spirit World. Without this help our external skills will not be enough. We need to set a goal and develop a desperate passionate heart that attracts support from the Spirit World.

Now True Mother is calling us to make the substantial Cheon Il Guk by 2020. What is the substantial Cheon Il Guk -- the nation where we can practice God's principles – how can we realize this on earth? We must be the decision makers in society. Constantine declared a Christian Empire and decided that Christians do not need to pay tax and that people should believe in Jesus Christ. Jesus never had a position of worldly authority from which to lead and influence – he did not even have a town. However, Confucius had a territory and did a great job – in a few years he reformed the nation – a very low crime rate and a law that was not harsh. He was the parent of the people – his disciples were very moral and sincere. The emphasis was on the practice of virtue – the whole territory he ruled was transformed.

In our restored nation we will create a profound impact by reducing sexual misconduct and raising a society of morality and purity. This problem is the root of all problems and the Divine Principle has great power to help people change for good. We need to change the environment so that it is easier to be good and to do good.

There are two approaches to making an ideal world. Starting with reforming myself and on to family, society, nation and world -- this is the most fundamental way, but it takes a long time. If you change the nation the process can be much quicker. When we restore the nation we can practice the philosophy that guides our lives based on altruism rather than egoism. We need the Divine Principle and True Parents' life example and our membership who manifest lives of sacrifice and can stand as Abel to become Founders of Cheon Il Guk. Now True Mother chose 20 nations as our strategic focus and Korea, Japan and USA will support – also European nations should support. True Parents sent out special envoys to help.

After WWII which nation should have be divided – Korea or Japan? From the viewpoint of justice it should be Korea, but USA gave up on Korea and saved Japan. It was the powerful nations that decided. Now we know that the situation on the Korean peninsula is being addressed by the six party talks. Such large nations are very influential and in Europe too the five providential nations are very influential towards the other nations. These major nations are not easy to restore but we can seek to encourage them to use their great influence to support positive developments in the strategic nations. Japan has a plan to mobilize 40 sisters to each of the 43 providential and strategic nations. By the end of April they will be assigned and will offer providential support.

We must also elevate our young people to take up the leadership role. This is our other great challenge which must be resolved. Please discuss all these tasks again when you get back to your nations.



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