

The Dawning of the Feminine

Elisabetta Nistri
August 2015



The Holistic Association venue, where Elisabetta Nistri delivered her message

Meeting True Mother and Sun Jin nim in Vienna filled me with confidence and courage, as I thought about the important role that we, as sisters, have in this time. On that occasion, I had the opportunity to get to know more closely Yeon Ah nim, through the WFWP meeting we had; in all of these women I could perceive the true feminine spirit, which is anxious to heal the wounds of the world and solve problems through the logic of love.

When I was invited to speak at the conference, the Dawning Of the Feminine, organized by a Holistic Association on May 30, I decided that the title of my speech would be "Women in the New Era," because I really desired to convey my experience.

Below is the message I delivered, which attracted great interest and participation from the audience.

When I introduced WFWP's vision, which advocates that every institution should be guided by a couple that as real parents care to solve the problems of society, to my great surprise, I was interrupted by loud applause from the audience. The president added, "This is a beautiful idea. We really like it." Even if this was not an official proclamation of the True Parents, I was happy to be able to bring True Parents' vision and ideal to people who did not know our movement yet.

The speech



Elisabetta Nistri is on the left.

Mr. and Mrs. Moon founded WFWP in 1992 in Korea. Its purpose is not to be one of the many existing women's organizations; it does not intend to be an external, political movement that fights for women's rights, targeting mainly men and promoting gender equality. Rather, it is a movement of global peace, on a completely new level, with the providential significance to realize the ideal world that God envisioned at the Creation.

Recently, on May 11, this year, Dr. Moon, our president and founder delivered a speech at the UN office in Vienna. She said, "How can we just look at people suffering and dying?" Our true hope is a change of model, which places women together with men in the government and leadership in order to fulfil a culture of heart and a vision similar to that of a family. Families, bound together by their Creator, are the core, model and training ground for world peace.

Therefore, men and women do not need to confront and fight each other; they do not need to limit each other's characteristics, attitudes and roles, nor envy those attributes or take them by force. On the

contrary, by giving what they have to each other with true love, and completing each other, they can unite as a greater unit and share a relationship of ownership, in common.

In the twenty-first century, women should play a major role in world history, serving together with men as one wheel of the engine that propels the construction of a peaceful world.

Going beyond a century of power and technology, women will be the central axis in building a century characterized by a culture of peace and love, and their role will be more important than ever.



Mrs. Nistri heads WFWP in Italy and is involved in public issues

Being a woman has never been easy, but the time has come for us to discover the feminine aspect of God, to know God in a complete way; this is our task as women, today, because every woman is an image of God and has great potential within herself.

This was the original project: to reflect God's original image. What we do with our lives is our responsibility. Of course, it is not an automatic process. There are also wicked men and women, but inside each one of us there is a precious divine nature, which we must listen to and share with others.

When we violate the rights of a woman, a child or any human being, we hurt God because each one of us is like a little God; each one of us is his son or daughter.

Many times, people have misunderstood God, as they have women, and he, too, has suffered in silence.

Yet now it is the time that God wants to reveal himself completely through God's complementary male and female aspects united in harmony.

We do not have many examples of female leadership, because most always men have led history. Male figures particularly have been highlighted. Nevertheless, let us try to draw from the experiences of women in history, in the Bible and in our times: Ipazia, An San Su Chi, Malala, Jordan's Queen Ranya, Rosa Parks, Mother Teresa, Doctor Moon.

Each one of us can make a difference. Surely to be a woman is not easy, and to become a true woman of peace is even more difficult. But this is our time, and when we create peace around us, other people as well as ourselves will benefit from it.

In the vision of the Moon couple, this is a new age, which in the Korean language is called Cheon Il Guk. It refers to the place where two become one. Man and woman, heaven and earth, religion and science, spirituality and politics, moral and technical education must unite to realize True Parents ultimate vision - a society in which in every institution is a couple devoted to solving problems and taking care of society with the heart of true parents.

I would like to mention the leadership of the Unification Movement, which has been centered on the figure of the True Parents as the ideal that each one of us strives to fulfil, following the example of Mr. Moon and his wife. When Rev. Moon passed away, his wife took on the responsibility to continue on the path initiated by him, in order to realize a world of peace and guide the movement. With heart and dignity, she shouldered all the responsibilities involved in this, and she is showing us the heart of a True Mother. Through her, we are experiencing another aspect of leadership, and together with her daughter Sun Jin nim and her daughter-in-law Yeon Ah nim, the Dawning of the feminine has started for the Unification Movement too.