

Pentecost 2013

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There are great expectations about a Pentecost that will revitalize the Unification Movement. Especially so because Unificationists have in their midst the Holy Ghost incarnate in the person of Hak Ja Han, the True Mother. In a way the True Mother is to be pitied. She has hardly recovered from the shock of losing her beloved husband, yet she also has had to face a divided family, siblings at daggers drawn. That must have torn her heart asunder. Had not she already lost sons in tragic circumstances? Has not a daughter of equally divine lineage and mission gone astray? Furthermore, all eyes being on her, she is now obliged to conquer her sorrow at the premature demise of True Father. Premature because True Father had time and again expressed publicly his determination to attain the ripe age of 100 at least. For the sake of God's dispensation. But eight valuable years of this noble life have been wasted because of a common cold degenerating into pneumonia. The sacrifice of a body worn out by ceaseless, uncompromising exactions no doubt. But a death without the dignity, if not the glory, of a willing, conscious offering on the altar of history. Passive helplessness in a paralyzing coma. A powerful living spirit subjected to the ignominy of compulsory submission to a degenerating corpse, to be sacralised eventually, to be sure. Jesus was immobilized on the cross to agonize publicly. True Father agonized in private, silently. No "Eli, Eli lama sabachtani" here. Just silent sacrifice. Ultimate indemnity for the sins and betrayal of others?

True Mother had to witness and endure all that, in this way cumulating the conditions of all bereaved women struck by calamities and brought to their knees at the foot of crosses. But as divine mandate would have it, she stood up and took on the challenge of a mission of cosmic dimension. Could not she have legitimately retired in mourning? Delegated some and more of the responsibility? Do not Unificationists, and the world for that matter, have a peerless Father figure to emulate? Has not the Divine Principle been revealed, explained and expounded in hundreds of speeches?

But no. She went public and began to speak out. In anticipation of threatening attacks, natural and unnatural, on her fold, she went on the offensive. Some, who expect gentle words of cheap solace, may be taken aback by the seeming harshness of her admonitions. From her mouth came "fire and brimstone". To fight fire with fire in order that her flock may be protected from the ever present stalking enemy. Castigate in public; if only to grieve in private. For the Holy Spirit here is also a mother. Set an example of stoicism in adversity. Prepare the multitude for collective repentance and rededication. Again as the Holy Spirit, inspire older and younger generations alike to build on the foundation established by the pioneers gone before and move on to still greater accomplishments.

Invite also these altruistic brothers and sisters of yesteryear who may have confused the purpose of the individual and the purpose of the whole. "If I give everything to the Church," the thinking seems to have been, "the Church will take care of me, eventually." Naive assumption that, in many cases, impeded the transition to a higher level of consciousness and responsibility. In any case, due recognition and respect ought to be given to all who served the cause of God with a sincere heart. Reviled and rejected worldwide, maimed by bombing in Paris, martyred in Afghanistan, these dedicated brothers and sisters, wherever they are now, whatever they have become, can claim Berlin as their Jericho. Heroic "Moonies" of all convictions, your sacrifice will not be in vain. God knows His own. This Pentecost is for you as well.