

The Prophetic Mission

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Lewis Rayapen on an excursion to the south coast of Mauritius

The establishment of the Kingdom of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth is a joint venture between God and Man. Presently the word God is to be replaced by Heavenly Parent. This is meant to reaffirm the status and authority of True Mother, the female counterpart of the image of God. Unificationists are thus enjoined to determine how this novel “revelation” enhances the nature and quality of their relationship with the divine and with the hierarchy of the unification movement.

This development comes as a direct consequence of the demise of True Father. Now, if (or when) someone says: “I no longer need True Parents,” is that a portent of things to come? For, far from being a show of spiritual arrogance or insubordination, it could very well be taken to mean: “I too am, have become a true parent. I claim individual or parental responsibility to partake with God in the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven.” Indeed, it is a natural law for sons to supersede fathers for a healthy perpetuation of the species. Thus one can conceive of Sun Myung Moon (and Hak Ja Han for that matter) as constituting the first of a series of True Parents, the first of many that are to come. This new generation of true parents would not need to go through the same course of indemnity as the Lord of the Second Advent to qualify as true heirs. Lineage and the Blessing ought to suffice.

To assist the first and second generations in the divine mandate, it is right and fitting that those painstakingly raised and trained by True Father be called to take special positions and responsibility of leadership. This particularly applies to UTS Alumni, some of whom may be required to embark upon, among other missions, what can be described as the prophetic mission. Not so much to prophesy of things to come as to ensure there be no deviation from the laws of God, in the spirit of the God-inspired figures of ancient Israel. Modern-day Nathans, Amos, Isaiah, Hoseas or John the Baptists.

To be able to accomplish this, the modern-day prophet (could be prophetess) very often a lone figure, is driven by God to occupy and keep at all costs the moral high ground. In principle he adheres to no particular group or party, is no respecter of persons, just a vehicle of God to rebuke kings and priests alike the moment they depart from the ways of God and threaten to defile the Holy of Holies. Threaten him, stone him, chase him into the wilderness that he may keep his mouth shut. There is no silencing him. Speak he must. Speak he will.

For he is vigilant and most aware of the perils that mark periods of transition, the dangerous passage across red seas from the fallen world to the ideal world, from the immature to the mature. For the enemy of God is still lurking around, spying and waiting for the least opportunity to invade and destroy, yeah, to invade even the chosen people. The prophet knows full well how the dark angel, capitalizing on the failure and betrayal of Adam and Eve, has usurped the prerogatives of Heaven to confiscate political and economic power on earth. He will relentlessly denounce therefore dynasties that seek to perpetuate serfdom by invoking pseudo divine rights. Feudal systems that reduce their subjects to subservience, exacting obeisance to the liege, forcing them, because of economic necessity, to sell their birthright for pottage, perverting filial piety into silent submission.

This modern-day prophet, familiar with the wiles and the trappings of the devil, will warn against ecclesiastical systems that confuse the primacy of spirit with the confiscation of sacramental powers, holding monarchs and peoples alike hostage, blackmailing the downtrodden, via threats of excommunication, with the fires of hell. Or infamous inquisitions and autodafes (burning bodies to save souls), ill-inspired crusades that take the name of God in vain to embark on wars of personal and territorial aggrandizement. The Lord God will have His prophet constantly warn against all attempts at parodying the Kingdom of Heaven, those vain quests for totalitarian utopias through some fake theocracy. Or those socialist systems that exploit the legitimate aspiration for social justice on earth by denying heaven, atheistic ideologies that end up in abominable gulags. Or some Third Reich ruled by blond Aryans, specialists in concentration camps and gas chambers. Listen to Nelson Mandela who is purported to have said: "If the ANC does to us what apartheid did, then we will have to do to the ANC what we did to apartheid."

The modern day prophet may have to remind all concerned that the Lord of the Second Advent was called upon the foundation of Judeo-Christianity. We could very well be living in the post-Christian era, still guardians and custodians of the kingdom would do well to take cognizance of the inspired institutions and principles that have served as the cornerstone to the heavenly edifice. Like a constitution founded upon the supremacy of God in human lives to entrench the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. To take heed of the need to guard against tyranny by a judicious separation of powers. Or a Bill of Rights to secure individual freedom. Surely there are still Britons that can still sing, even in the privacy of their hearts "Britons never, never, never shall be slaves." Laws that govern Trusts and trustees to guard against embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds, acquired through blood sweat and tears.

Democracy, admittedly not the ideal form of government, as Winston Churchill himself has recognized, remains the most appropriate system until a better one is found. In this he echoes the great Abraham Lincoln. Let there be a diversity and multiplicity of cultures to celebrate the munificence and magnificence of a generous God. Americans, and others too, will readily identify with the principle of setting aside a day to celebrate divine creation. They already have Thanksgiving. The greatest Christian festival, Christmas, was originally a pagan festival to celebrate the solstice. Early Christian missionaries were smart enough to adopt it, graft upon it the birth of Christ and make of it a central event in the Christian calendar.

Co-creators of God's Kingdom are thus called to invest heart and soul in the sanctification of the cosmos. They cannot do this if they be not free, emancipated divine agents. Like True Father they ought to be able to say to God: "You cannot build the Kingdom on your own? Let's do it together." But the prophet will remind all those thus called that God's expectations are in direct proportion to His investment. Even the great Moses could not enter Canaan. God alone is infallible. He is also the greatest opportunist. He will use those who obey Him and Him alone, to the letter and spirit, for as long as, until such time as ... The Kingdom of Heaven is a kingdom of love, principled love. That is why the cardinal virtue of the prophet is righteousness. A kingdom of God-centered families to be sure. Not a perpetuation of those machistic patriarchal societies that gave the Marxist a field day to criticize traditional families as bourgeois instruments to bolster decadent capitalism.

It could very well be that True Father had to go to prison several times in his homeland as part of his mandate of restoration through indemnity. It can be surmised however that, had modern day John the Baptists properly fulfilled their mission, True Family would have been spared the humiliation and pain of Danbury. And America spared the opprobrium of incarcerating the Messiah. UTS Alumni and other divine flag bearers, good luck in your mission, prophetic or otherwise. With bated breath, God is keeping His fingers crossed.