Paintings of the Word - Appreciating the depth and beauty of True Parents words

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About five years ago, I traveled from Colorado to UTS for a meeting. I had arrived a day too early and took the opportunity to spend time to reflect and read the book I had brought with me. The book was Rev. Sun Myung Moon - The Book of Genesis.

While reading this book, the ideas for "Paintings of the Word" came rushing to my mind. In the span of one day, I drew about 40 sketches of potential paintings, illustrating True Father's words on the process of creation according to Genesis.



I felt that, except for True Parents, no one had understood throughout history that there was an original plan according to which God created the world. Only one page and half in the Bible talks about the process of creation.

I also realized that many people are not necessarily inspired by words, but would be inspired by unique paintings. The first seven paintings follow the six days of creation and the seventh day of rest. They each illustrate Father's words and have a main theme, and some more than one. For example, in the painting titled "The Beginning of Time", which is the second day, I used the hourglass as a symbol for the passage of time leading to the passage of the four seasons, and so forth. After reading True Mother's book Mother

of Peace, I dedicated one painting to her touching words on the different dimensions of love, and titled it "Beautiful Love".



The next 14 paintings are about the main points of the Principle of Creation. For example in the painting illustrating give and take action, titled "From Harmony to Eternity", I featured different aspects of give and take action, from the macrocosmic universe to the smallest parts of creation, with the give and take between man and woman at the center.



For me, God's Word translates into images that I hope will inspire people to appreciate the depth and beauty of True Parents words. After completing the series, I will publish these paintings in a book that can be used for outreach.