

## Newly Merged Holidays - I realized that True Mother is a theological genius

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After fourteen months without visiting Korea, international leaders were invited to our homeland to participate in the special events of late April and early May. The various programs centered on the combined celebrations of True Parents' sixty-first Holy Wedding Anniversary, Heavenly Parent's Day and True Parents' Day.

These newly merged holidays have been referred to as a "trinity." This made me think of the original Christian trinity, and I realized that True Mother is a theological genius. She never attended formal theological training, but bringing these three holidays together ignited a theological atomic bomb.

The original trinity consists of God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit. By tradition, each one is considered an individual entity, not part of a paired partnership. Additionally, each is only masculine. No feminine component exists within the Christian trinity. True Mother just pulled the carpet out from under this Christian doctrine. She expanded and lifted the triad up to its original position and composition.

Manifested in "Heavenly Parent's Day," God is no longer just a Father. Within the Godhead the concept of our Heavenly Parent incorporates equally masculine and feminine qualities. God is no longer transcendent, but eminent, taking on qualities of both a heavenly father and a heavenly mother.

Next, displayed in "True Parents' Day," is a new understanding of Jesus. The Son of God is no longer considered a never-to-be-married man or a life-time celibate. *Exposition of Divine Principle* says, "Christ must return in the flesh and find his bride. They will form on the earth a perfect trinity with God and become True Parents both spiritually and physically." (pg. 172). This idea is central to understanding True Parents' Day.

Finally, the confusion over the Holy Spirit's gender is put to rest. "The grammatical gender of the word for "spirit" is both masculine and feminine in Hebrew ( רִּיחַ, rūah), neuter in Greek ( πνεῦμα, pneûma) and masculine in Latin (spiritus)... In Aramaic, the language generally considered to have been spoken by Jesus, the word is feminine.... The Holy Spirit was furthermore equated with the (grammatically feminine) Wisdom of God by two early Church fathers, Theophilus of Antioch (d. 180) and by Irenaeus (d. 202 or 3)." The gender of the Holy Spirit is now clear. Like a mother it gives rebirth and comforts the weary, as the Bible indicates.

The Holy Spirit ultimately becomes the bride, the wife of the Lamb. She is the new heaven and new earth, the Holy City, the new Jerusalem in the book of Revelation 21. The Holy Spirit, although feminine is not to be alone. She is "a bride adorned for her husband." Thus, the marriage of the Lamb is the culmination of human history.

It substantiates God's purpose of creation. This cosmic event deserves to be edified in the most glorious manner and should be alongside Heavenly Parent's Day and True Parents' Day. The Bible acknowledges other qualities of the Holy Spirit -- the advocate and teacher. "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:26)

True Mother continually instructs us to have new minds, new wine skins. She is giving us new wine. In rearranging the Holy Days to emphasize our True Parents' Holy Wedding as the most important event that will ever take place, True Mother reconstructed the concept of the trinity, explaining its natural, principled framework. Each position of the triad is now in a balanced pair system of both masculine and feminine natures. True Father acknowledged the indispensable responsibility of a woman in family-building. In *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, he explains, "The mother is the fortress that protects the family. No matter how much society may change, the family can stand as a healthy and peaceful family only if the mother has the heart to sacrifice and serve." (pg. 209) This not only applies to the role of every mother in every family, it most especially applies to True Mother.

At the time of their Holy Wedding, True Father humbled himself before the suffering he and his bride would need to go through, acknowledging that even he did not fully understand the sacrifices that would be involved. During the ceremony Father said to Mother, "God wants to bring about the kingdom of heaven on the earth through a true family. You and I will travel a difficult path to become True Parents who will open the gates to the kingdom of heaven for others. It is a path that no one else in history has traveled, so even I don't know all that it will involve." Mother replied, "My heart is already set. Please do not worry." (ibid, pg. 198.) Indeed, True Mother's claim to be the substantiation of the Holy Spirit, God's only begotten daughter, and bearer of new wine is fully and completely justified.