

My Journey, My Faith -- How I came to know God through my life -- Part 2

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We tend to think that Satan is far away from us. However, I realized that Satan is within me. As long as Satan is within me, I suddenly change and go crazy. In most cases, we think this is due to our character. But this is not true. Human beings have inherited Satan's fallen nature.

Satan knows me better than I know me. Satan knows human beings better than they know themselves. When God created humans, Satan helped. Satan has been at my side from the beginning up to this day. Once, when three hundred Japanese sisters gathered in Uruguay for WFWP activities, Rev. Moon said, "Do you know God? [Yes!] Do you know Satan? [Yes!] If you do not know Satan, you do not know God, either."

Back then, I was a new member, and I did not understand what he meant. I thought, "I am here because I know God. Before joining the church, I was a Communist. I am now a Christian. Why does Rev. Moon say you don't know God if you don't know Satan?" I thought murderers, mobs and thieves were Satan. I thought Satan was somewhere distant from me. But that was not the case. I did not know Satan. When Rev. Moon asked if we knew Satan, what he meant was if we know the Satan within us, we can change how he influences our thoughts and behaviors.

My Seven-Year Assessment

I realized this after seven years of tears and suffering through my (blessed) marriage. I read the Divine Principle many times. I understood theoretically that Satan sends evil spirits and changes the way we think through our fallen nature. The theory is written in the Divine Principle. However, I did not think that this theory applied to me, too. I did not realize that Satan was with me every time I felt hatred and anger toward my husband. After seven years, I finally discovered my fallen nature. I had not been able to see it because it adheres to me so tightly. My fallen nature attracted evil spirits. Satan takes over me by sending evil spirits to my heart.

How does Satan work when he enters my heart? I get upset, criticize others and hate others. This is the same for everyone. I am not the only one. Satan dominates all human beings in the same way. Since human beings are so stupid, Satan dominates us all the time.

Are We Godly?

Then, when is God with me? I am sure God is with me when I am happy, when I want to help others, when somebody says, "I'm glad to meet you, Onnan," [her nickname] or when I am conveying smiles and happiness to others. However, things do not always work like this in everyday lives.

Rev. Moon said there is no such thing as a gray zone within our lives, only black or white. What is a life of faith? It is a life to cut myself off from Satan. Who is with you when God is not with you? Satan. It might be a huge Satan or a small Satan. When it is a huge Satan, you become crazy and when it is a small Satan you get a little bit crazy.

Certainly, Satan is within human beings today. All of the Peace Ambassadors who came here today, please realize who you actually are when you return to your homes. Please ask yourself, Who am I? Who is my true self? Which side am I on? If you know Satan, you know God.

I used to think that I would be happy if I married. But after seven years, I realized that this was not the case. This is our issue. My marriage was taking me through the deepest places in hell. Something Rev. Moon famously said is deeply carved in my heart. He said, "You cannot enter heaven if you do not go through the deepest places in hell." Back then, I could not understand what he meant. I thought, Why would I have to go through the deepest places in hell? I want to go to Heaven directly. I don't want to go through hell!

If you do not go through the deepest places in hell, you cannot get to know Heaven. If you do not go through the deepest places in hell, you cannot get to know yourself. You cannot understand God or Satan. I realized which path I must take when I realized this was true.



From Russia to Brazil

After graduating from a graduate school in Russia, I became a professor at Sun Moon University, a college founded in Korea by Rev. Moon. Back then, Rev. Moon sent my husband, who is a UTS graduate, to Brazil as a missionary. In Korea, there are fixed [tenured] and temporary [non-tenured] professors. If you are a tenured professor, you get to study abroad for two years in your area of specialty. During that time, You receive the minimum pay without working. Taking this opportunity, I went to Brazil to help my husband. I thought, My husband is stubborn and quiet.

How could a person like him become a missionary? Poor him! I must go to help him. I know how to get along with anybody, so I will learn to speak Portuguese in no time.

I have not returned to Korea since then. Whenever I fought with my husband, I told myself, If I go back to Korea now, this marriage will end. No, this is not the purpose of my life.

I was twenty-eight years old. Back then, it was very difficult to work as a tenured professor. It was highly competitive. In many cases, those who worked as tenured professors were fifty or older. I was one of the first people who became a tenured professor in her twenties. Back in 1994, I received \$5,000 dollars a month. In Korea, the salary for teachers was high. So, I was quite confident that I would do well when I headed off for Brazil to help my husband.

Ancient, Invisible Obstacles

However, during the first two years, many conflicts arose because our Japanese and Korean ancestors were fighting each other. Korea was under Japanese rule for more than forty years.

One day, my husband and I were taking a walk in Campo Grande under a beautiful large sun. My

husband said, "Oh, look. What a beautiful sun! It's like the Japanese flag." In that moment, I became irritated. I was so angry I got goosebumps. It was automatic, so I realized that the hatred came not from me but from my ancestors.

Spiritual Experiences

One day, I saw a woman in the spirit world. She had a bundle wrapped in *bojagi* [a square colored cloth] and was running around making the sounds of warplanes and explosions with two children, carrying one on her back and leading one by her hand. We were poor missionaries so we used to buy instant fruit juice at street stalls, which I mixed in a blender, the noisy, annoying sound of which reminded me of her and her "war" sounds.

Another time, when I was cutting vegetables, I suddenly heard a voice saying, "Kill that Japanese with the knife!" Although I always got into fights with my husband, I never thought of killing him. I did not know about the spirit world well back then. I asked myself, Where did this thought come from? Perhaps I'm going crazy. I dropped the knife immediately.

When I asked, Who's making me think this?, I heard a voice like that of a man in his forties. "I am," he said and he showed me how he had died. Japanese soldiers buried alive with another Korean man. Back then, we did not yet have any children. The spirit said, "You cannot have a baby with a Japanese. Your homeland is Korea. Why are you in this hellish place with a Japanese? Go home! But first, kill that Japanese!"

My husband was terrified when I told him about this. We decided to do a prayer condition so that the spirit could go to the spirit world and so he could experience liberation from his resentments. After offering those points in prayer for seven days, we went to Korea to attend a Chung Pyung ancestor liberation workshop. My husband got down on his knees and apologized to the spirit in his devoted prayer. As for me, since I have a strong character, I scolded the spirit as I prayed. I said, "Spirit, if you want to go to a good place in the spirit world, you must listen to me. You must help me win victory in Brazil."

I had a firm conviction that he could go to a better place in the spirit world if he helped me. The spirit agreed to what I asked and said he would come back if he failed. Seven days later, I felt him give a certain sign and leave.



Growing Closer to Each Other

Since then, my relationship with my husband has become better. My husband had not felt anything when I told him, "I love you." It was the same for me. But when the spirit left, we were able to feel the true meaning of those three words. It may be hard for people who never had experiences like these to believe me, but these things actually happened to me.

There used to be a high wall between my husband and me. But the departure of the spirit left bored a

small hole in that wall. This hole made it possible for us to reach each other's heart a little bit. I used to say, "Koichi, you have to love everything about me because you are my husband. This is my character. I'm sorry but I'm not a humble, quiet Japanese. I'm a Korean with a passionate heart. I may burn you, but this is who I am." Later, I realized that it was my fallen nature and a part of the character I inherited from Satan.

Purification through marriage Eventually, I realized why God from the beginning did not create humans to be perfect like him. We would solve all the problems if human beings were almighty. But then, there were the three great blessings.

The first blessing is to "be fruitful." But how could you grow if there were no limit to time and space? How would you see growth? Am I supposed to be perfect already? Fallen nature is stuck to my character. When my fallen nature appears, I feel arrogance, anger, envy and hatred. I realized that step by step, I must get rid of those fallen natures and perfect myself during my life in the physical world. God wants his children to become creators and co-creators. But since humans have free will, God cannot predict what each son and daughter will do. This is why God gave humans responsibilities.

Human beings must build up a good character without fallen nature while they are on earth. Then, how could we get rid of our fallen natures? I realized that this can be done through marriage.

A Clothes Basket

Once, I bought a huge laundry basket for the Campo Grande house. My husband would always put his laundry on top of the cover of this basket and not inside the basket. At first, I told him, "Would you please put your laundry inside the basket?"

He answered, "OK, OK," but his laundry was always on top of the basket cover. This went on for a month, and finally, I went mad about it. I yelled, "You are not a little kid.

Put your laundry inside the basket!" Then, with a serious expression on his face, he put the laundry inside the basket. But after three days, the laundry was on the cover again and I became frustrated. Then, one day, I asked myself, Onnan, you bought this basket to improve, clean and organize the house environment. This cannot happen if you are fighting over it like this.

Still, my conclusion was that my husband was wrong. I was certain that if the laundry basket has a cover, the laundry should be inside it. My husband was wrong and I was right. There was no way out.

I began to realize that I was dirtier than the laundry. My attitude was hurting the hearts of everyone in my family. When I realized that I was wrong and he was right, I ripped off the cover and threw it away. I thought to myself, "Look at this big hole. He can't put his laundry on the cover anymore." In this way, one at a time, I overcame conflicts I faced in our marriage.

Gradually Learning

One day, when I cleaned the house, I also cleaned the floor. Our house in Campo Grande became muddy easily because of the red clay soil. The moment I finished cleaning, my husband walked in with mud-covered shoes on. Usually, I would get into a fight with him in the belief that I was right and he was wrong. But I thought, I should not fight with him over such small things. I talked to him gently and amiably.

At some point, Rev. Moon said, "A man is the head and a woman is the neck. Women must do some steering, moving from side to side. As such, a woman should know how to steer her husband's head cleverly and with love." So I said to my husband, "Hi, honey (with a little kiss). Don't you think the house is clean? I wanted to clean everything, I wanted to clean everything, but you've got this part, because you made it dirty." Immediately, my husband brought a mop and cleaned the dirty floor! It worked!

Numerous times in our lives we want to criticize some behavior or get angry. But if we speak lovingly, we can have the same effect without making our home gloomy or creating discord. Another way for couples to have a peaceful relationship is to say to say in bed whatever you need to say. Rev. Moon said, "Women have everything men like. (Pointing at his lips) the formation stage, (pointing at his chest) the growth stage, (pointing at his hips) the completion stage."

Women don't need to yell at their husbands. Women already have everything. Men are born to have strong pride. Things become difficult for a couple if a wife hurts her husband's pride. This is why a woman should speak lovingly to her husband.

Marriage, Our Means of Transformation

I realized that I must grow through my marriage. Every time I overcame my fallen nature, I felt more freedom. There is no laundry basket in our current home so my husband leaves his laundry on the floor. Since there are two bathrooms, I must pick up the laundry on the floors of two bathrooms and also in our bedroom. On top of this, there is also the laundry of my three children. However, this does not make me angry anymore. I embrace it all now.

I have a strong personality. The language I used toward my husband hurt his heart. But he no longer has hard feelings toward me. This means our hearts have grown. The two of us have fought for the happiness of our marriage and family. We must fight for our happiness!

Seven years ago, I used to think that the source of all problems was my husband. But this was not true. I felt that everything turned out well when I improved myself. When I got better, so did my husband. So, at which point should we grow? We must complete our loving character within a hundred years. This was what Rev. Moon was talking about. There are only a hundred years. Many gray-haired ambassadors for peace are here today. We do not have much time left.

That we will eventually lie in a coffin is true. All of us. I mean everyone. We will lose the ones we love. God did not give a five percent portion of the responsibility to dogs and cats but to human beings. What will happen if human beings cannot complete their portion?

When we die, we will go to the spirit world. Rev. Moon said, "There are several levels in the spirit world. If you put a grain of rice in water, ripe rice will settle to the bottom and half ripe rice will float around the middle. Rice that has nothing but the chaff will float on the surface.

Neither God nor Satan hands down a verdict on my life. I must declare the verdict on me by how much my spiritual body grew, how much I developed my capacity to love and how much I fought to grow. God lost his sons and daughters whom he so wanted to reach perfection. Perfection of what? Perfection of the capacity to love.

Building a Family

"Be fruitful." is the first blessing, The second is "to multiply." Do you think a perfected man and woman need time to become one? No, they don't. Patricia and Sergio [a couple in the audience] will be united the moment they complete themselves. Perfected human beings are the image of God. Why do we marry? Because we want to resemble God. Man and woman appeared when God divided himself in half. Therefore, when a man and a woman unite, they resemble God. God cannot feel joy alone.