

## No crisis is more heartbreaking or factual than what is happening to our earth

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Good afternoon distinguished scientists, scholars and researchers participating in World Summit 2020 here in Seoul, Korea. We offer you our sincerest welcome. I deeply appreciate and wish to recognize the special presence of eminent scholars, Dr. Gupta, who is coming, and Ambassador Marc Vogelaar. I'm deeply honored to address all of you today on behalf of my parents. I'm grateful that you have made the long, arduous, and I'm sure, unnerving journey to the East, in spite of current dangers. Your resolute attendance is a courageous testament to your character along with thousands of global leaders and experts from all fields of endeavor who are committed to serving humanity in order to bring about world peace. Let us give a gallant round of applause to everyone who gathered here today.

The 2020 World Summit is a culmination of not only my father's eminent legacy and profound works over his ninety-two years on earth serving God and humanity; it is also the culmination of my Mother's equally visionary work that is expanding day by day, bringing higher enlightenment, mutual prosperity and offering substantive solutions to the suffering around the globe. Although my beloved father passed away eight years ago, there's not a day that goes by that my mother and the worldwide organizations they established, including, of course, UPF and the other organizations in the world summit, are not working to create a better world. By convening leaders from all fields, such as those in the International Association of Academicians for Peace, she has created a multi-spectral approach to peace and is moving forward pragmatically and whole heartedly to create a world of harmonious interdependence and mutual prosperity, guided by universal values to achieve a world of peace in which we all live together as one family under God. As human beings, we all stand on common ground and share core ideals and values. We all want a world of peace. Yet, unfortunately, we live in a world that often manifests the polar opposite of our heartfelt hopes. Humanity and creation are in crisis everywhere we look.

### **A growing emergency**

No crisis is more real or heartbreaking or factual than what is happening to our earth, our shared habitat, and our only current home. I bring up the earth because it is the womb of all life on this planet. It is the nourisher, the nurturer, the ultimate giver of life. But what is happening to Mother Earth? Is it being taken care of responsibly?

You're all scholars, you can answer freely. [She laughs.] No, right? We are destroying our planet, and we are destroying each other in the process. So whether you are an esteemed scientists, academic or a courageous youth activist, like Greta Thunberg in the news, we are all called to address this crisis, by pointing out that climate change poses a threat to our very existence and this threat looms over every man, every woman, and every child with no exception, as a collective web of life and a myriad of species.

The natural resources on earth are disappearing at an alarming rate, as a select few are profiting, pillaging and polluting, and the rest of the creation is left to suffer the consequences. The balance of all life teeters on a dangerous ledge due to ignorant human activity. We see this happening all around us as all the elements to sustain life are polluted, causing harm and loss, diseases, due to increased chronic illness, starvation, malnutrition and new resistant diseases (such as coronavirus, which we are experiencing right now). We are displaced by habitat and agricultural loss due to devastating floods, storms, drought and fires -- prayers go out to Australia--and extreme weather events.

All these factors combined pose an existential threat to all life on earth because all facets of life are interconnected. The world economy vacillates as securities are more insecure, giving rise to desperation, mayhem, protests and unrest, a rise in violence and suicides, conflict and wars, mass migration, the refugee crisis, political polarization -- at the domestic and international levels -- threatening past global alliances and cooperative interdependence. As nationalism, political divisiveness, religious clashes, cultural and racial social inequalities fracture our communities, we spiral out in a dangerous cycle, creating more global unrest. And as survival and self-preservation grow, and as the ethics of service to others and cooperation decline, we are dangerously becoming a desperate global family at war with one another.



### **What can we do about it?**

So I ask this to the room, where is the solution? I think we have the most brilliant minds gathered here from all over the globe. Where is the solution? Would anybody like to offer an answer? No one? [She laughs] Or maybe you are the greatest minds, and you're thinking too much about it. So you're thinking, OK, I'll prove it in my science or in my dissertation.

But no, really, think about it. Where is the solution? [Right here.] ... Well, absolutely. It is right here. Everyone in this room, you are the solution. You are here, united for peace, right? And this is what brings us all together. This is the hope. This is the inspiration. This is the answer. That is why I applaud everyone at this conference, each and every one of you. For your great works are the keystones to peace and the potential unified solution to all these sad realities. We're at the deepest level. There is a crisis of the human heart and conscience. You risked your own safety to serve, educate and enact real change for the sake of humanity and creation.

### **An example of integrity**

Yesterday we had a session with ICUS (the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences), and Professor Luc Montagnier was giving a speech about his role in science. He's a Nobel laureate, of course, for his work on viruses. [He was a co-discoverer, with Francoise Barre-Sinoussi, of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).] He was saying that what he created had stemmed other research that was potentially harmful to humanity through science he did not have a hold on, but that came after his research. I was surprised in that moment that he was so transparent saying, I need to tell all of you the dangers that my research spurred on.

As he listed every single one, I was thinking, This is a man of groundbreaking human service. How many millions of people did he save? Yet, he's so humble, accountable, responsible, a man of conscience and heart, to think, Am I still serving humanity? And questioning it. I was deeply moved by that. And I would say even my father would be deeply moved by that.

## **Cherish our holy environment**

I would like to share with you something from my father's autobiography, it's called *A Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, if you haven't read it yet. He knew that the true value of all life and the preciousness of the earth can only be sustained by people with higher consciousness, who have a sincere heart and true love for all life. [She prepares with a sip of water.] This is in my father's words. I must say them correctly. He's looking down from Heaven.

Human selfishness is destroying nature. Competition for the shortest route to economic success is the main reason that the earth's environment has been damaged. We cannot allow the earth to be damaged any further. Religious (and academic) people must lead the way in an effort to save nature. We must work quickly to awaken people to the preciousness of nature and the urgent need to restore it to the rich and free state it enjoyed at the time of the Creation.... The best environmental movement, however, is one that spreads love.... The shortcut to protecting nature is to develop a heart that loves nature. We must be able to shed a tear at the sight of even a blade of grass that we see as we walk along the road. We must be able to grab hold of a tree and weep. We must understand that God's breath is hidden inside a single boulder or a single gust of wind. To care for and love the environment is to love God. We must be able to see each creature created by God as an object of our love. With our spiritual eyes opened, we could see that a single dandelion by the roadside is more valuable than the gold crowns of kings.

Such beautiful words! It is my sincere hope that your deliberations go well during this important conference and that we can bring these values and my father's dream and words into reality through harmonious action. Nothing is more important than to find solutions to our environmental human security crises. And we can only accomplish this noble goal by uniting together as scholars and as brothers and sisters who seek holistic, scientific, spiritual and educational practices to divert the trajectory of current unsustainable practices that plague our existence. When we lose our universal humanity and spirituality, the sad and tragic issues listed above will escalate.

## **Focused and determined**

That is why my parents, especially my amazing Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, have invested everything to address this environmental crisis that confronts us all today. She has been at the forefront, creating the Sun Hak Peace Prize, reviving the International Conference of the Unity of the Sciences, convening the world summit and inaugurating this world peace academic conference with esteemed global scholars, emphasizing the importance of finding solutions to the crisis with both internal and external solutions in nature. She knows that with the search for practical answers through scientific, academic and technological innovation, as well as prudent, wise government and economic policies, we will be able to find those solutions. But she also knows, ultimately, that the internal awakening of higher consciousness is the most vital answer to all the crises we see today. Respect for the natural world, this universe, and everything that surrounds us, all derive from the same origin, our divine Creator. She has been urging us always to seek fundamental solutions to global environmental issues. That is, we must pursue the path of science and knowledge, and yet at the same time, the path of spirituality and universal ethics and wisdom.

God, who is the origin of love, created humankind in order to share and multiply love. We were even created to be partners and co-creators with God. If we grow in wisdom and in love, true love that is, we will come to treat the natural world with the same loving heart that God has towards the world. We will be life-givers who resemble God, and in this respect, we would become worthy to become the true stewards of nature. We would then help bring about great harmony amongst the Creator, humankind and nature, as well as organic and integral unity. In this way, we are able to protect maintain and restore the natural world, creating a sustainable balance between human beings and our wider environment.

Some have argued that religion is the source of our problem, that by positing the existence of a supreme spiritual God, religious people do not respect science that explains the material world. Others point a finger at academia or scientific mentality that does not respect the sacred divinity of all creation. However, it is neither religion nor academic knowledge that is the root cause of our environmental crisis. It is a lack of harmony and cooperation between the two. Academia is the greatest instrument that can liberate and emancipate, improving our knowledge and improving our lives. Religion enlightens us on the divine universal value of loving and living for the sake of all life and creation. Only when there is unity in knowledge and spirituality can we realize our true internal and external potential for peace.

That is why, united together, we must overcome this environmental crisis. It affects not only those of us who are alive today but our future generations as well. That is why your work, your research, your publications and our deliberations here are so very important.

## **Kinship, collective benefits, ubiquitous ethics**

We are part of a global team of peace builders working to make the world a better place and to save each other from disaster. This is the reason we are all here today because we care. We are concerned, and we are committed to bring about lasting change. Don't you agree? [Yes] It's good to see that you're all still with me. Thank you. The great themes of World Summit 2020 are interdependence,



mutual prosperity and universal values. I believe these themes are important as we pursue solutions to these global crises. Please consider them while you deliberate, remembering we are all interconnected. What happens in China, as we see with the coronavirus, affects our entire planet. Not only the safety and health of the world's population but also the economy, politics and the environment.



### **The scourge of faithlessness**

In closing, I want to say that it has been an honor to address the 2020 World Peace Academic Conference today. I understand your next sessions will include topics such as Dr. Moon's declaration of the end of communism and a vision for peace, as well as the God Conference and the World University Presidents Conference.

I applaud my parents' visionary achievements in this providential work. The CAUSA movement [Confederation of the Associations for the Unification of the Societies of the Americas] and PWPA [The Professors World Peace Academy] have shown us how to overcome communism and offer a vision for world peace.

All the world's problems stem from a pervasive influence of atheism. So the God Conference is utterly essential in bringing unity and harmony to end religious conflict. Finally, through university education, and using the hyojeong character education textbook, True Parents are inspiring young people everywhere with their grand vision of a God-centered bright future. As a daughter of True Parents, I deeply appreciate the topics of your four sessions.

In commemoration of the great academic achievements of my parents, my mother's vision for IAAP and its establishment during the summit is another milestone on the road to peace. This 2020 Academic Conference aims at reconciling the fractured human family, long divided by ideology, doctrine, and religion. With life-giving love and wisdom, in oneness under our divine Creator, may we come together. Realizing we are one peace-loving global family under God is the only path to true peace. We must cooperate with each other for the sake of this planet, which is our only home. I know the summit will bear wholesome fruits. As my father said, only love can bring us all together as one family, and only God can unify us all. Home is where God's heart is and where the entire human family and creation are loved, nurtured, cherished, sustained and guided to prosper. Let this loving idea heal the earth and be our lasting legacy for future generations to come. I deeply thank you for your contributions to peace. May God always bless you and your precious families.