

Seven Reflections on True Mother's April 6, 2019 Speech

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In response to requests I have received, I will share my thoughts on the statements on Environmentalism, Ethics of nations, Use of force, Her Holy Wedding, and the Lack of reference to Rev. Moon in Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's April 6 speech at the City of Refuge, Los Angeles.

1.) Environmentalism

I categorize environmentalism under the third blessing. No one can deny that we are not caring for the earth as much as we should. We certainly are not achieving the oneness with nature that Principle considers our original birthright. And no one can deny that the cultural Marxists are exploiting the problem, subverting young people's love of nature for political purposes. Which means that those young people, including some of our second generation, stop listening to someone who is complacent about the environment. So, first of all, Mother has to assure those young people that she agrees with their concerns, she's with them that climate change and pollution of the oceans are issues. Then idealists on the Left say, great, this woman gets it. But then look at True Mother's solution. It has nothing to do with carbon credits and bans on plastic straws.

Here's what she said: "We should attend God, the Lord of creation, live in accordance with the eternal principles of creation and find the right solution."

And then she went on to reject the view that science has all the answers. In fact, she stated that blind faith in science is actually part of the problem. She stated that we are not here to live convenient lives, and that God and the marriage Blessing are part of the solution. "What I am saying is that we should live in line with the principles originally established by God. ...Blessed couples who received the Blessing today, you would not want your beloved children to live in an even worse environment than today's. Isn't that so?"

True Mother steered the conversation toward the Headwing solution: attendance of God and the marriage Blessing.

2.) My nation first

As to the problem of putting one's own nation first, she said "the leader of this nation and leaders of other countries in the world are engaged in politics and actions that are centered on their own interests. Going this way means there is no hope for the future." Mother is calling people on the Right to do some soul-searching. Plus, again, she's telling the Left that she understands their heart.

But she does not advocate the Left's neo-Marxist response of resist, hit hard and socialize. Her solution,

again, is God and the Blessing: "All of you here that have received the Blessing today, please fulfill your responsibilities as tribal messiahs, and all ministers of religion participating today please go to your places of worship and accomplish your responsibilities. We have to start a movement that will bring this country to attend our Heavenly Parent, our Creator God, even one day sooner. This is the only way for America to fulfill its heavenly mission as a nation blessed by God. In this way, God's dream and humanity's yearning to see the heavenly kingdom of one family of humankind under God can be realized."

This is straight from the Peace Messages.

3.) Guns and knives

As far as the guns and knives statement, she used the same tactic. Get the ear of the Left, and give them, and everyone, Father's message. Here's what she said:

"On the path to a peaceful world, do we need guns and swords? On the path to a peaceful world, we do not need guns and other weapons. You all know very well, that as a result of these, innocent lives are taken every day. We can no longer just watch these things happen. What should we do? Let us practice true love. This can only be achieved through the Blessing."

I did some research about Father's position on guns, and found his words that align perfectly with what Mother said. For example:

"The name Unification is an excellent name. The word "Unification" (Tongil) means to lead into oneness. The group which teaches leading into oneness is the Unification Church. But it does not lead and teach from a position armed with guns and knives. We must realize that the original source of unification appears from becoming a subject who can lead and teach with a heart of love, and with blood, sweat and tears, from a position which ordinary people cannot help but sympathize with. And by appearing as the subject who can teach and demonstrate that, one can become part of the group of the Unification Church which is proper to the original nature.

"Throughout the historical periods until now, for thousands of years the Christians have fought and have divided into three or four hundred denominations. With what can they be united? With guns and swords? Have you learned anything? With what are you going to unite them? By guns, by violence, by dictatorial skills? By standing in such a position and asking what and how, they spread various kinds of strange rumors. So what the unification of world Christianity means is being unified by the Holy Spirit. This is the Holy Spirit Association. Do you understand? It is not bringing unification by the fist; it is not bringing unification by guns or swords. Through what will we unify? It is the Holy Spirit."

<https://www.tparents.org/Moon-Books/UFL/UFL-2-1.htm>



Conclusion of this part

In conclusion, what some may take to have been "throw-away" lines, even red herrings, at the end of the speech were strategic statements from True Mother articulating the headwing position. Now, she may have turned off people on the Right by hitting their hot-buttons. "What, she's against polluting the oceans!!?!?!?" But for the sincere listener, she balanced that adequately with her expression of love for God and Jesus, marriage and family, reverence for the Christian roots of this nation, and hope for America and its Christian leaders.

Next Part

4.) Not talking directly about Father

Both True Mother's and True Father's words are not their words; they are God's words. She spoke the name of God or Heavenly Parent 24 times in the five-page speech, but not Father's name. Why?

I refer to Father's speech on May 5, 2007, the third anniversary of Sang Hab Ship Seung Il, at Cheon Jung Gung, entitled, "The Era When God Will Be at the Forefront of the Providence and Guide It."

<http://www.tparents.org/Moon-Talks/SunMyungMoon07/SunMyungMoon-070504.htm>

"God should take the lead in the providential world and in making providential history. I will move to the rear now. If there is anything to praise, it is not me. The name, 'Rev. Moon,' should be erased. The name 'Rev. Moon' is associated with the opposition I faced, isn't it? Next are the True Parents! To understand the title 'True Parents,' the unnecessary terms 'Savior,' 'Messiah,' and 'Lord at his second coming' were attached to it during the course of restoration. Those superfluous titles should all be removed."

So Mother's speech is completely aligned with Father's directions. Consistent with this, Mother's words about the Holy Wedding did not mention Father.

She said, "In 1960, the time had come when I could decide by myself, and in that year I ascended to the position of a True Parent." [My notes from the interpreter's words: "In 1960, by my own volition, I ascended to the position of True Parent."]

First, is it permissible not to mention her spouse? Of course it is. The speech was not about the Wedding; it was about Mother's course. Father spoke of the Holy Wedding countless times in the context of his course, without mentioning his spouse.

"In receiving the Blessing, conditions are not simple. I myself offered my forty years of life because of that condition. I spent my whole life for that." (Blessing and Ideal Family, p. 217)

<http://www.tparents.org/Moon-Books/BIF1/BIF1-3-303.htm>

"I worked hard for forty years in order to find the family. In order to establish the day of the Blessing, there were countless sacrifices paid. Finding Jesus and the Holy Spirit requires exactly that." (Ibid., p. 202) <http://www.tparents.org/Moon-Books/BIF1/BIF1-3-303.htm>

"I fought for forty years of my life, then had the Holy Wedding in 1960. Until I reached that point, I went to prison many times. I was beaten countless times. I threw up blood many times and I survived the battle." (Ibid., p. 248) <http://www.tparents.org/Moon-Books/BIF1/BIF1-3-411.htm>

"The Teacher's Holy Wedding ceremony should have been more magnificent than any wedding ceremony until today, but because I did it during the suffering period, it did not happen magnificently." (Blessing and Ideal Family, p. 223-4) <http://www.tparents.org/Moon-Books/BIF1/BIF1-3-306.htm>

5.) Father and Mother each individually represents True Parents.

Father once said, "Even when I am alone, I represent True Parents. And the same goes for Mother. When she is alone, she represents True Parents. You should not say things like, 'Now, since Father is over 70, why hasn't he designated an heir?' Mother and Father are still alive, and our children are here as well. There is no need to worry." (Chambumo Gyeong, 12-4-3 #3) <http://www.tparents.org/Moon-Books/ChambumoGyeong/ChambumoGyeong-12.pdf>

This relates to the determination of our movement's leadership, but it is deeper than that. It is rooted in the core of God's purpose of creation. As Father said in his midnight speech on God's Day of 1977: "The invisible, spiritual God wanted to manifest Himself as a visible being in Adam and Eve. They were supposed to be the visible form of God, the walking God, the tangible God. ... When you go to spirit world, you not only have a Heavenly Father but also a Heavenly Mother. ... The father and mother become one and together represent the full image of God." <http://www.tparents.org/Moon->

[Talks/SunMyungMoon77/770101.htm](http://www.tparents.org/Moon-Talks/SunMyungMoon77/770101.htm)

And he proclaimed that he and True Mother had fulfilled this ideal. "The invisible God, almighty God, can manifest through True Mother's and my image. We are His visible image here on earth. ... Almighty God ... is appearing to you directly in the forms of Mother and me, borrowing our images to work with you. God is doing that only because Mother and I have laid a complete foundation for salvation." ("The Kingdom of God on Earth and the Ideal Family," January 1, 1977, pp. 5-7)

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True Father testified that he is the visible form of the Heavenly Father and True Mother is the visible form of Heavenly Mother. God is "borrowing" True Mother's image to speak to us. She not only has the right, but has the responsibility to let the world know that.



6.) Herstory

Second, why is Mother telling people about her own course?

Well, maybe because there were thousands of women there who could relate to it, learn from it, and follow it. And because the main driver of religious life, Christian or otherwise, is women.

From the 60s Father called this the age of women and age of the wife. His final public action was to inaugurate, with True Mother, the Abel Women's UN. God and Father want to hear the woman's viewpoint, the woman's story. It is just as important as the man's story. And it is different.

In my doctoral studies in American church history, I encountered women historians, two of whom, Mary Ryan and Ann Douglas, impressed me tremendously. Ryan's book was *The Cradle of the Middle Class*; Douglas's was *The Feminization of American Christianity*. Both dealt with the era of my focus, the early 19th century United States. And there are many more excellent studies by women scholars, and they reveal history from the point of view of women. The traditional male viewpoint is called the "great man theory." History is shaped by the male central figures. Fine, true, very meaningful, but only half the story. The world is ready to hear "herstory."

I'm not talking about the Cain-side feminism that Mother since her first WFWP speech consistently critiques and rejects.

Father is the one who brought out the heroic women of the Bible, whom even female scholars call "the bad girls of the Bible." Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba... yes, Mary. Father revealed that these women are heroines. As Judah declared of Tamar, "she is more righteous than me." For Tamar, pregnancy, childbirth and more -- the likelihood of being stoned to death. For Judah, a quickie with a prostitute. And he gets the spotlight as the progenitor of the Jews - "the tribe of Judah," and Tamar is a "bad girl of the Bible." Only FATHER vindicates the women who gave their lives so that Jesus could be born. Father discovered the Divine Principle "herstory" of restoration.

Here's a bit of True Mother's herstory. Father had just been released from Seodaemun. It was December 1955, when Daeonim joined the UC. The church was poor; its leader was rejected by all other churches. A dozen professors from Kunkuk University joined, some became church leaders, and ALL left at the time of the Holy Wedding. Father was in the police station until 11 p.m. the night before the Holy Wedding.

"Han, Hak Ja, where is your fiancé? It's ten at night, and tomorrow is your wedding!"

"Oh, well, he's getting interrogated in the police station. I'm sure it will be fine. Please get some rest. We start tomorrow at 3 a.m."

Mother was preparing to be a nurse, in a Catholic school. Solid as a rock, the Catholics.

Respected, wealthy, stable, wise, western. Good future. Help people, take care of the sick. Good girl. No one questions. No trouble.

She knows that if she, a nobody in our church, stands up as Father's bride, she will be beat up, scorned, hated by the women of the church, hidden behind their fake smiles. I'm being extreme here, but it is based on Father's words, not Mother's.

So the point Mother made in that LA speech was: This was MY decision; I was not FORCED to do it; it was between me and my God, and I took responsibility for it and am still doing so. This was a symmetrical relationship, my husband and God, me and God, me and him. I had just turned 17. I own it, am proud of it, and going to fulfill all of the promises I made that day.

In her words, 2014, "At the time of our Holy Wedding in 1960, amidst a handful of followers gathered in a humble house ...my husband and I pledged before God, our Heavenly Parent, to work day and night, until our dying breath, to build a world of peace and prosperity for all. I vividly remember that day,...My husband and I had been brought together by heavenly providence for a sacred mission. As we began our marriage, we felt great hope and, at the same time, a sense of overwhelming responsibility." (True Mother, "Our Challenge at this Time: Building a World of Lasting Peace," Aug 10, 2014, Anthology vol. 3, p. 29)

7.) Predestination

In the LA speech, a couple of paragraphs after her "it was my decision" statement, Mother said this:

"If key figures had understood the providence, Christianity would have become the foundation."

What is she saying here? She is saying that *it did not have to be her!* She admits it. We are not Calvinists. The providence of God is full of woulda's, coulda's and shoulda's. If people had received Father in the forties, obviously the True Mother's position would have been filled by another woman. She knows that; she said it in so many words. If the providence 2,000 years ago had succeeded, obviously the True Father's position would have been filled by Jesus.

But Judaism failed Jesus, and Christianity failed Father. Even our members failed to welcome Choi Sun Gil when she appeared at the door with their son. So Father could not welcome them. WHAT PAIN!

Father did everything humanly and divinely possible, and had to make condition after condition after condition, and wait and wait and wait until he was 40. That's a long time to wait for one's true wife to appear. And finally, a 17-year old female follower, who didn't even convert on her own; she came because her mother joined -- a Jacob child, this nursing student appeared, and said, yes.

So, theologically, Mother was saying, "look, people, it's not about me; it's about God's providence. Here's God's providence as Principle teaches it. It could have been someone else, but it was me. I decided of my own volition. I fulfilled the True Mother's portion of responsibility. Now, how about you?"

Apparently, that resonated with Bishop Noel Jones and the people gathered at the City of Refuge. It resonates with me.