

God of Night vs God of Day

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SMM, "Stony Path of Tears," February 1985

Hello,

We started the Sunday service by showing a video message recorded by Hyung Jin Nim:

We can't even understand the inner workings of another person. Only True Father can understand the deepest nature of the Creator. Only Christ comes from the God of Night. Father spoke about internal character which is true love. His essence is that which makes God God. The word "true love" is a descriptor.

From the Godhead emanates the aspects of His goodness is true love, sacrifice, justice, and His will. In contrast to these emanations (called *energeiai* in Greek) is the *Ousia* (Greek term for essence, substance or fundamental nature) of God, also called "the Godhead."

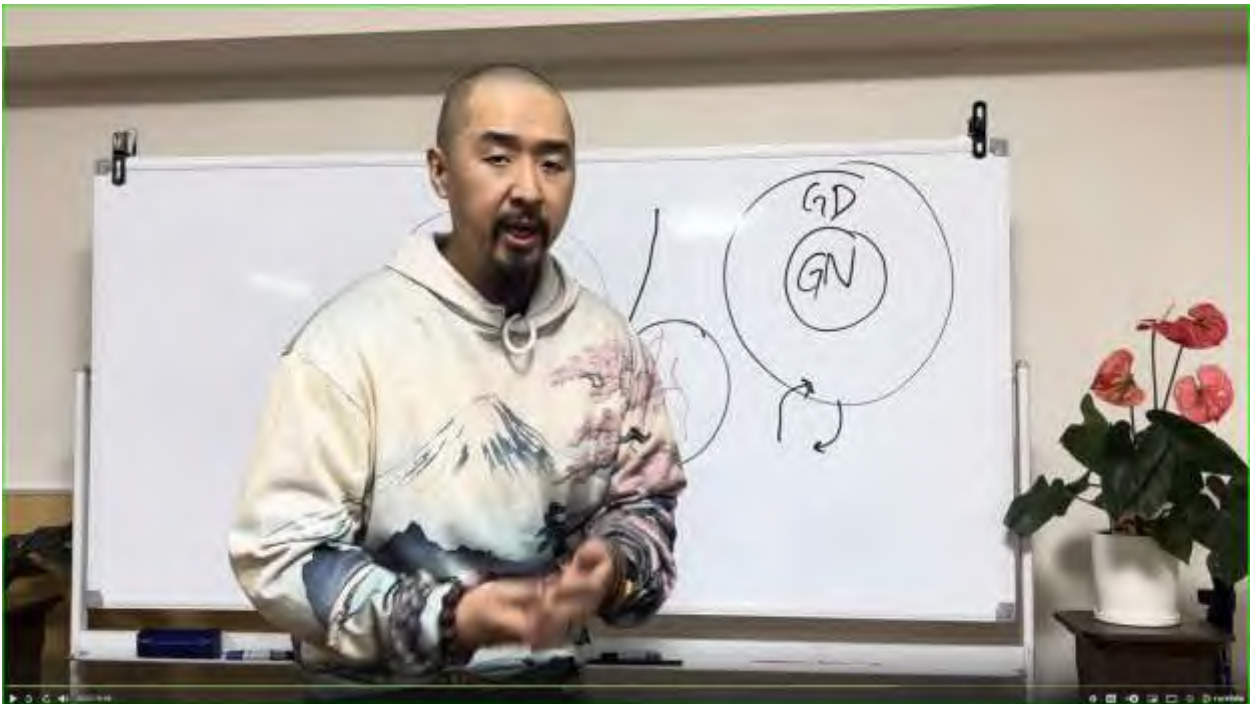
We have sin. In the Western tradition, there is the unchanging will of God, which leads to the idea of predestination. The Prosperity Gospel emphasizes external blessings.

Spiritual practices (*cheongsyeong*) are valuable to come closer to God. People should be able to see the evidence of a blessed marriage, joy, etc.

There is the danger of intellectual arrogance. Divine mysteries should lead to our humility. We can interact with God's love, justice, compassion, divine light.



2nd King's Message to America



Hyung Jin Nim intended to get a PhD in this area comparing Buddhist meditation practices and those in Eastern Orthodox Christianity in 2006.

The problem of Western Christianity including Catholicism and Protestantism is that they are based on Thomistic theology, which say that God's essence and "energeia" are one.

In the book of Acts, did Jesus' disciples commune with the divine essence when they experience the tongues of fires? No, they were interacting with an image or hologram created by God. We can commune with the God of Day. The God of Night is reserved for Christ. Only He has full access to God.

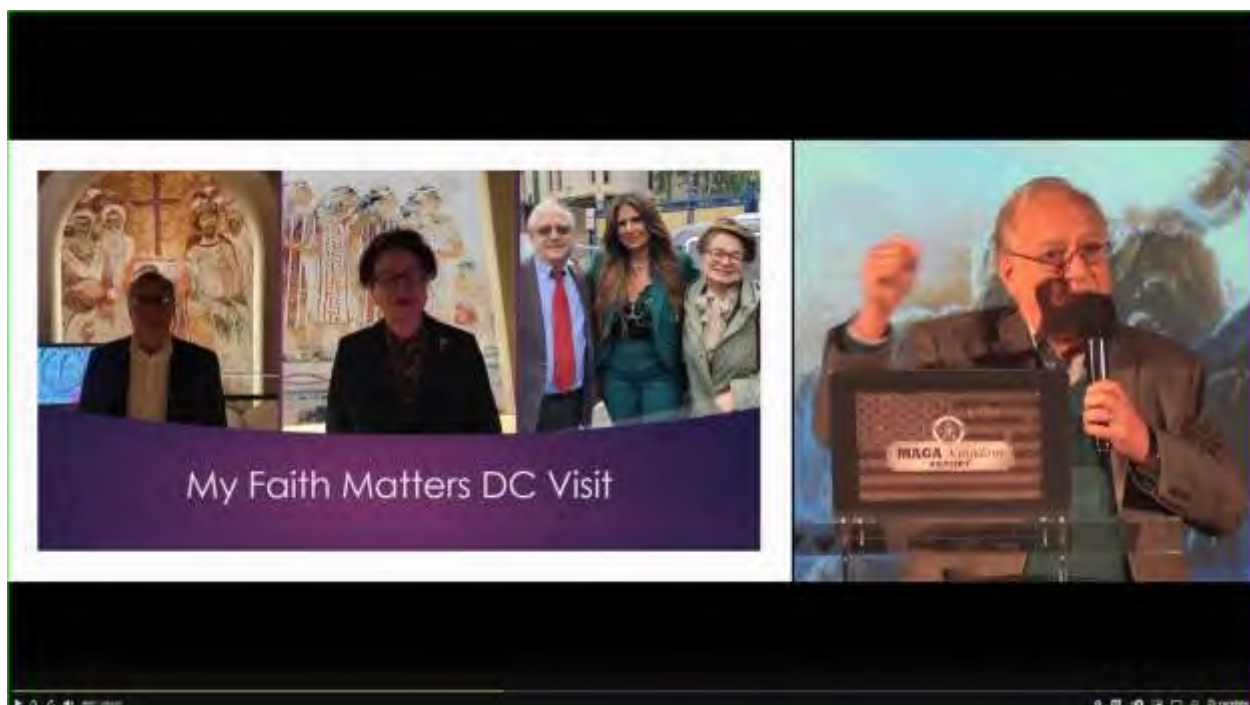
He concluded his message by saying it's important to evaluate your relationship with your spouse, your children, the community.



Sanctuary Service 10/4/2026

I, Richard Panzer, started by thanking the volunteers who have been working hard to get the Newfoundland church property, the Memorial Building and the Palace property ready for the Freedom Festival this weekend. I then spoke about the issue, "Can We Know God?"

In the religion of Islam, God is viewed as absolutely transcendent and absolute. Its doctrine of Tawhid (Absolute Oneness) states that Allah is entirely unique, infinite, and beyond human comprehension or physical likeness. Surah 112 in the Qur'an states that nothing is comparable to Him. Mainstream Islamic theology teaches that God does not reveal His essence or personhood to humans; He reveals His commands, laws, and will through prophets and the Qur'an. Because Allah is utterly transcendent, the concept of God taking human form (as in Jesus) is rejected as *shirk* - the grave sin of associating partners or human attributes with the divine.



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In the first book of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible), Genesis 1:3 tells us that God created through His WORD. Thus, God is a being of intellect, emotion and will. God creates through the Word, which is an expression of his Purposeful Intention. What does it mean that we are created in God's image (Genesis 1:27)? According to the DP, we are created with the capacity to have a relationship with God, to communicate with Him, to give Him joy! Of course, the reality is that because of the Fall, we often cause God pain.

In the New Testament, Jesus used the intimate Aramaic word "Abba" (meaning "Daddy" or "Papa") and taught his followers to speak to God with that same close connection.

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In Jesus' story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), God is pictured as a loving father who throws away his dignity and runs to embrace his wayward, foul-smelling son! and throws him a lavish banquet!



Skylar Duensing Testimony

True Father emphasized we cannot know God by intellect alone.

Those intellectuals who study God in books will never come close to God without suffering. Maybe they think they have better things to do than to bear the cross, but anyone who thinks in that fashion is a thief. Is the study of books or the way of the cross closer to the heart of God? SMM, "Stony Path of Tears," February 1985

In 1986, Father spoke about the radical oneness of God and humanity:

*Where does the completion of the ideal of creation begin? **It does not start with God, but with human beings...** Humankind stands at the center of creation. For this reason, **without human perfection, there is no perfection of God.** This is because God and humankind are one. SMM, 1/11/1986, CSG 67.*



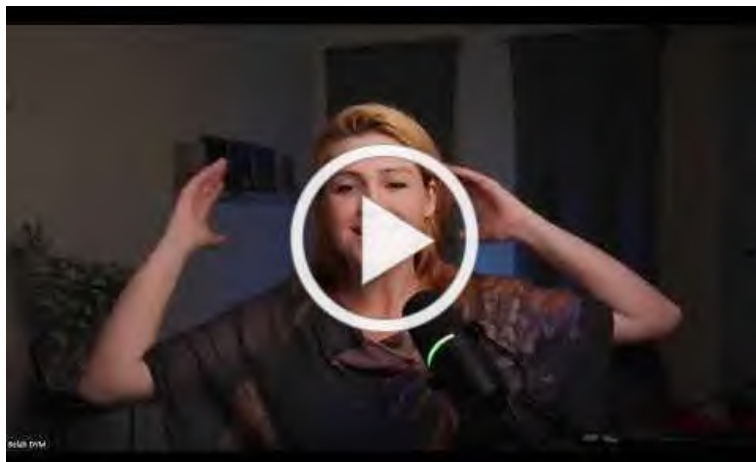
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Father also taught that we cannot know God without shedding heartfelt tears:

*If you are trying to be comfortable in a religious life, it cannot work. You have to shed tears; your eyes should not be dry, for there is no such thing as a true religion without tears. You do not know how much I have shed tears in prayer, like the flowing of a stream. **You have to cross that creek of tears to meet God. If you shed tears out of self-pity, there is no way God can connect with you, but if you shed tears for humanity and the sorrow of God, He will be linked with you.** SMM, "Stony Path of Tears," February 1985*

Few Christian theologians or pastors speak about the idea of the need to "liberate God." This radical empathy for God gives us a window in which we can look into Father's relationship with God:

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I then discussed a prophecy that Father shared with ex-President Eisenhower in 1965. He warned President Eisenhower that:

*The Communist Party uses its entire means to make an effort to work together with the Islamic realm. **When Communism declines, then the Communist world would definitely rise up again, with the cooperation of the Islamic world, against the democratic world.***

*Even though the democratic world would triumph over the Communist world, Communism would cooperate with the Islamic world. You have to understand that now; the Soviets are in cooperation with the Islamic world... to invade the democratic world. America is withdrawing from the attack. **The Satanic side is becoming one and is trying to swallow the democratic world.** The democratic world is not taking this seriously.*

SMM, Way of Unification Section 1. The Emergence Of Communism and the World Today



[Michael Belik "From Tragedy to Blessing!" Testimony](#)

It's important to understand the rebranding of Soviet Communism into Russian Nationalism allied with the Russian Orthodox Church, which brutally persecuted Orthodox priests who did not cooperate with the KGB-run church hierarchy.

Is Putin's Russia a "Christian Nation," to be emulated by American Christians? Consider the following facts:

- Roughly 27% of pregnancies in Russia end in abortion, about **30% higher abortions than in the U.S.** Its birth rate is 1.37 per woman, far below replacement, **27% lower than U.S. women.**

- **More than one in five Russians are alcoholics**

(consuming 11 to 15+ liters of pure alcohol each year),

60% higher alcoholism than in the USA.

- Russia has a much higher HIV infection rate than the U.S. and many other countries. **Russia accounted for 3.9% of all new HIV infections globally** (ranking 5th worldwide).

- What about Russia's marriage culture? **Its divorce rate is 60% higher than in America.**

- **More than half of Russian citizens (55%) say they never attend religious services.**

- **Only 16% of Russians attend services at least once a month** (about half of the rate of Americans). Another 16% attend several times a year.

- **If only one in six Russians bother to attend church at least once a month,** how meaningful is this religious identity?



But American Christians need to deal with the reality that, even though church attendance in the U.S. is much higher than in Russia or in European countries, it has declined from 70% of American attending church once a month or more in the early 1960s to 30% in 2023.

Nearly 80% of American households were led by married couples in the 1940s and 1950s, but that has declined to less than half (47%) of households.

There has been a rise of Americans who say they have "no religion" (called "Nones"). One hopeful sign is a decline among Generation Z who say they have no religion. This growing interest in religion is an opportunity that we should pay attention to.

Regarding the upcoming Midterm Elections, consider the many accomplishments of the Trump administration. Despite concerns about the war in Iran, patriots should be sure to vote in the upcoming Midterm elections.

[SMM on God's Secrets"](#)

["God created the world for the fulfillment of love"](#)

[Yoido Plaza in Seoul swelled with 1.2 million souls](#)

May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

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