



HEAVENLY PARENT AND
TRUE PARENTS,
IN THE POST-
FOUNDATION DAY ERA

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Why is this topic important?

- January 7, 2013: True Mother declared we should call God “Heavenly Parent”
 - Created a controversy in the church
 - Unificationists were calling God “Heavenly Father”
 - Many still do
- Members raised questions about True Parents and specifically True Mother



I. PARALLEL DEVELOPMENT

God: From Lord to
Heavenly Parent

Messiah: From Christ to
True Parents

History of humankind's understanding of God

- Pre-OT Age nature spirits
- Old Testament Age Lord, King
- New Testament Age Heavenly Father
- CIG Age Heavenly Parent,
Heavenly Father and
Mother

During the course of restoration: Heavenly Father

- God distant from human life
- Need for a powerful God to defeat Satan, people related to God as king or father
- Faith to restore vertical love, without the horizontal dimension
- Such was Christian faith prior to the CIG Era

During the course of restoration: Heavenly Father

- Jesus prayed, “Our Father...”
- **Christian way of addressing God**
- Father’s way of addressing God
- Holy songs like “The Father’s Dwelling Place”
 - Written prior to 1960
 - EDP: “In recognition of God’s position as the internal and masculine subject partner, we call Him ‘Our Father.’”
- UC stood in the position of Christianity to restore the foundation for the Messiah

From Messiah to True Parents

- Christian expectation for the Second Advent:
the man Jesus
 - A male messiah — to battle with Satan and defeat him
- Father started as the Lord of the Second Advent, but his mission was to establish True Parents
 - *Based on Jesus' original mission to take a bride*
- Should not Heavenly Father likewise be Heavenly Parent?

Parallel development from Messiah to True Parents

- **1945:** Father began his ministry as **“Lord of the Second Advent”** — a Christian concept
- As the male Messiah, Father alone did not embody the fullness of the God of dual characteristics
- **1960:** Taking a bride was the first step — but Mother was subordinate as the “bride of Christ”
- **1968:** God’s Day established oneness of God, Father and Mother
- **“True Parents”** on the family level

Parallel development from Messiah to True Parents

- **1997:** Expansion of the Blessing to the cosmic level:
 - **“True Parents of Heaven and Earth”**
 - Cosmic Sabbath of the Parents of Heaven and Earth
- **Feb. 6, 2003:** True Parents’ Holy Wedding
 - Declared the unity of the Cosmic Parent (God) and the Parents of Heaven and Earth (TP)
 - **“True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind”**

Study the Chambumo Gyeong!



II. TRUE PARENTS' WORDS ON HEAVENLY PARENT

and Heavenly Mother

True Father spoke of Heavenly Parent

- Father often spoke of Heavenly Parent, looking toward the ideal,
- Even as he carried out the mission to restore the Christian foundation
- In *Exposition of Divine Principle*:
 - “Even fallen parents cannot feel joyful when one of their children is unhappy. Is this not even more true for **God, our Heavenly Parent?**” --EDP 151
- **CIG Era: “Two (male and female) become one”**

Heavenly Parent in the Cheon Seong Gyeong

“God has devoted Himself... with the heart of a parent, in the shoes of a servant, sowing sweat for earth, tears for humankind and blood for Heaven. We too, in order to find and attend **our Heavenly Parent**, must shed blood, sweat and tears for Him, and... go forward in the shoes of a servant.”

(1964.03.29) CSG 340

- True Father called God “Heavenly Parent” in 1964

Heavenly Parent in the Cheon Seong Gyeong

“True Parents intimately know the **Heavenly Parent.**” (2001.10.30) CSG 186

“We find three sets of parents in the cosmos: the eternal **Heavenly Parent**, the **True Parents** on this earth, and the **parents in our families...** They live with love as their center.” (1990.02.21)

CSG 37

Heavenly Parent in the Cheon Seong Gyeong (2006)

- “The Korean people—living with the Heavenly Parents for thousands and tens of thousands of years.” (152)
- “Have you shown filial piety to me as you would to your Heavenly Parents?” (2225)

Mother's direction to call God Heavenly Parent

- Heavenly Parent: 하늘 부모 (父母)
- 부 (父) = Father
- 모 (母) = Mother
- 하늘 부모 = Heavenly Parent
 - Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother
 - Father-Mother God
 - God, our Father and Mother

Parent or Parents?

- Korean does not indicate singular or plural
- This is a matter for English translation
- 부모 can be translated “parent” or “parents”
 - 종적인 부모 = Vertical Parent
 - 참부모 = True Parents
- **Parent(s) are both one and two:**
 1. United “as one body”
Children have one set of parents
 2. Two people, a father and a mother

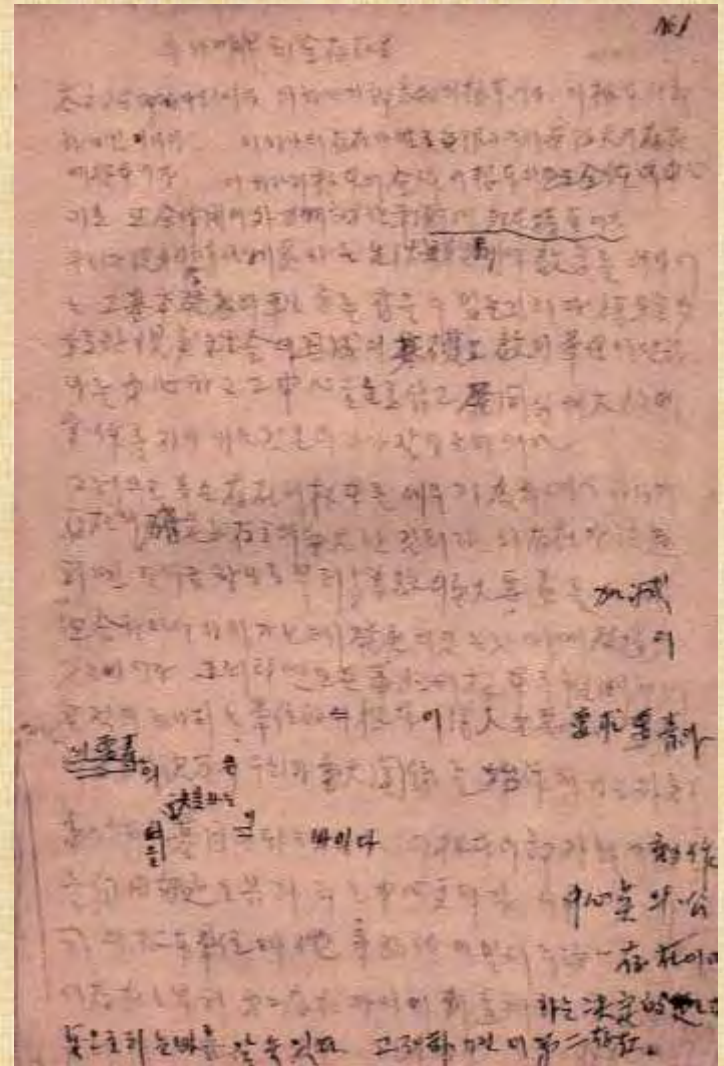
Father also spoke of Heavenly Mother

“When you go to the spirit world, you will see not only the **Heavenly Father** but also the **Heavenly Mother**... The way to heaven comes through *the mother as well as the father.*” (1977) CSG, 719

- “the mother as well as the father” — True Parents
- **To know God as Heavenly Mother supports True Mother, and vice-versa**

At the very beginning of his ministry

- A record is in *Wolli Wonbon*
- In True Father's own handwriting
- 695 pages
- Began writing it in April 1951, in Pusan



WWB: Sorrow that God's reality as Heavenly Parent not known

“Without relating to God as *Mother*, human beings cannot even grasp the fundamental meaning of God as our Parent. How indescribable Heavenly Father's pain must be when He looks at such children! It is also a fact that people's inability to comprehend this issue has been a cause of suffering throughout history.” (278)

WWB: Faith in God as Heavenly Father an indication of incompleteness

“The fact that God remains only as the Father means that His creation remains incomplete, that it was not finished. That God relates to human beings only as Heavenly Father means that human beings are not yet fully mature. It means that God’s purpose to bring conjugal union between God and a human couple on earth, centering on His love, was not realized.” (631)

- That was the situation in 1951, before the advent of True Mother



III. HEAVENLY MOTHER

Hints about Her character

Unification Ontology

- God is one, with dual characteristics of masculinity and femininity
- Created beings male and female, to become one in love
- As the Creator, we see God's oneness
 - *EDP*: God relates to the creation as masculine subject partner
 - Oriental philosophy: Heaven is yang, earth is yin
- After creating, God can relate in a gendered way as the Heavenly Parent.
- God relates to men mainly through His masculine self and to women through Her feminine self—*Heavenly Mother*

Reasons for Heavenly Mother's absence

- After the Fall, Eve was broken and accused
- Men had power and women lived in fear
- God of Providence was a strong male figure, to fight Satan and defend believers
- **Jesus never took a Bride to set up a base for Heavenly Mother to manifest on earth**
- Christianity raised barriers against Heavenly Mother

Heavenly Mother's pain and grief

- Men's fights lead to war
- Women weep for their dead children
- This has been True Mother's tearful course as well



“The Field at
Waterloo”
by Joseph Turner

Who is Heavenly Mother?

- With True Mother secure in her position, Heavenly Mother had stepped forward
- She is the sensitive, internal part of God

“Externally God resembles men and internally God resembles women. While He is strong, all-knowing, and omnipotent, She also has a merciful heart that can embroider flowers on Buddha’s smile. God should also have a heart like that of the most feminine woman. Only then will these two sides have life.” (206-49, 1990.10.3)

The Bible was written by men

- Cain, Abel and Seth
 - Noah and his sons
 - Moses went up the mountain alone
- What are the names of A and E's daughters?
 - What did they do for Cain and Abel?
 - What is the name of Noah's wife? Daughters?
 - Why didn't Zipporah accompany him?

Heavenly Mother can hardly be found in the Bible's portrayal of God

Bible

- God told Rebecca, “the elder will serve the younger”
- Concern for outcomes
- Concern for mission

Heavenly Mother

- Heavenly Mother would have told Rebecca of the ins and outs of raising competitive twins
- Concern about love, process
- Concern for people

Glimmers of Heavenly Mother in the Bible

- “O Jerusalem! How I would have wanted to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings...” (Luke 13:34)
- “Thus says the Lord: As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.” (Isa. 66:13)
- “Is Ephraim my dear son? ... my womb trembles for him; I will surely have compassion for him, says the Lord” (Jer. 31:20)
- “Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.” (Isa. 49:15)
- “And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.” (Gen. 3:21)

Heavenly Mother can hardly be found in the Bible's portrayal of the Fall

Bible

- After Eve fell, God cursed her:
“I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing”
(Gen. 3:16)

Heavenly Mother

- Heavenly Mother would have wanted to console Eve and help her recover
- Is it a mother's heart to curse her daughter if she is the victim of rape?
- Would have tried to instruct Eve about raising her babies

The Commandment: A Mother's Viewpoint

- Parents set rules: are the alternatives to either obey or get thrown out of the family?
- Or do parents hope their child will consult with them if having a tough time?
- Teenagers challenge limits; no easy task
- Fear-based commandment can block unity of heart



The Commandment: A Mother's Viewpoint

- Would a mother just watch her child suffer?
- Not intervene, for the sake of Principle?



- Fathers might test their child that way, but a mother's heart is to try desperately to reach her child

The Commandment: A Mother's Viewpoint

- After Eve fell, Mother God reached out to her...
- Broken-hearted, She still loved
- As many of us also watched our children...



- But Eve was broken
- Confused
- Lacked self-esteem
- Easy prey for Satan

The Commandment: A Mother's Viewpoint

- A mother's impulse to forgive and love even a fallen child comes from deep inside
- She is in the image of Heavenly Mother



- The God of the Bible casts her children out, curses them
- “I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing...”
(Gen. 3:16)

Restoration based on male thinking

Male Thinking

- Only men can solve things, through protocols like Cain and Abel
- One side has to submit to the other, to defeat Satan
- Expects women to go along with men's goals, to defeat the male usurper

Mother's Thinking

- Daughters should contribute for realizing the ideal
- There is goodness in both Cain and Abel
- Set up a process so Her children can settle differences without fighting

Now that restoration is finished, Heavenly Mother is free to work

Restoration

- Value of offering decided by its claim by God or Satan
- Offerings resulted in fixed outcomes, indemnity
- Requires sacrifice, to separate Satan
- Chooses central foundation and favors it; leads to envy

Heavenly Mother

- Beauty and ugliness in every offering, Abel's or Cain's
- Looks for improvement from one offering to the next
- Asks for education, for growth, ownership
- All Her children are precious

True Mother is as Heavenly Mother

- See the value in each of her children
- Wants her children to grow to their potential
- Gave the Blessing to all the True Children, even Un Jin Nim, Yeon Jin Nim and Jeung Jin Nim
- Reconciles with In Jin Nim
- CIG Constitution: Supreme Council provides room for any True Child who demonstrates filial piety
- Emphasizes education of second generation

Different styles of leadership

Masculine Leadership

- Mission-oriented
- Inspirational speaker
- Gives directions and expects obedience
- Encourages achievement and competition
- Rushes ahead despite hardships

Feminine Leadership

- Person-oriented
- Communicates heart
- Promotes discussion to share ownership
- Nurtures growth in second generation
- Has patience; consolidates and lives within her means

Heavenly Mother's second selves

“Wives! Manifest beauty when relating to your husband, a man of the Principle. Be a second self and representative of Heavenly Mother, and in loving oneness with your husband, perfect the second goodness and create the circuit of original goodness. By doing that, will you realize ideal goodness.

“Husbands and wives! Since you are in the position of Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother, you are extremely precious object partners to each other. That is why both of you, representing Heavenly Parent, need to respect and attend each other.” (WWB, WPK 172)

Heavenly Mother and Her daughters

- Should women just pray to Father God for help?
- Mother God wants free-flowing communication with her daughters to advise them how to be fulfilled as women
 - Sex, pregnancy, nursing, child-rearing
 - Dealing with life's situations & relationships
 - Recovering from mistakes, forgiving themselves for them
- Do daughters share on such matters with their fathers?
- **Praying to Heavenly Parent, instead of the rote term "Father," can open doors to broader understanding**



IV. ONENESS OF TRUE PARENTS AND HEAVENLY PARENT

Oneness of True Parents and Heavenly Parent (Christology)

- God's dual characteristics are masculinity and femininity
- True Parents, God's embodiments, are man and woman
- God is the "vertical True Parent"
- Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han are the "horizontal True Parents"
- Their unity is the original point of Blessing

Oneness of True Parents and Heavenly Parent (Christology)

“God has the qualities of both masculinity and femininity. That is why He is called the Subject with dual characteristics. ... The one who is invisible is the plus Parent, and the ones who are visible are the minus parents. The invisible Parent is causal; the visible parents resultant. These parental positions, God the invisible Parent and the visible parents, are to become one based on love. The latter are the horizontal parents and the former is the vertical Parent.” CSG (2006) 1728

Oneness of True Parents and Heavenly Parent in giving the Blessing (Rebirth)

“When the **vertical Parent** and the **horizontal Parents** harmoniously join together centered on true love, this place of convergence of firmly established love becomes the origin of life and the connection to God’s lineage. People born from that place are sons and daughters born in God’s love.” CSG (2006) 791-

Oneness of Heavenly Parent and True Parents in the liturgy

- Two thrones, two crowns for True Father and Mother
- Two thrones, two crowns for Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother
- The basis of Cheon Il Guk



Entrance Ceremony into the Cheon Jeong Gung and Coronation of True Parents as King and Queen of Cosmic Peace (June 13, 2006)



V. TRUE PARENTS' FIVE VICTORIES

Establishing their unity

Oneness based on True Parents' 5 Victories

- True Mother labored side-by-side with True Father to achieve every victory in the providence:
 1. Completed Jesus' unfinished work
 2. Completed restoration through indemnity and subjugate Satan
 3. Brought rebirth to humankind
 4. Built the foundation for the ideal society (*Cheon Il Guk*)
 5. Liberated God

1. Completed Jesus' unfinished work

- Mother was prepared as the Only-begotten Daughter
- Marriage Feast of the Lamb in 1960
- God's Day – True Mother's victory

When, for the first time in history, God and man could believe in a woman 100 percent, God's Day could be established. That was January 1, 1968... Mother and I could obtain God's seal as a true, perfected family.” (GWW pp. 577-8, May 1, 1981)

2. Subjugated Satan

- True Father carried the cross of restoration
 - True Mother had to restore Eve's responsibility
 - Final indemnity conditions were True Mother's 180-nation and 80-nation speaking tours in 1996 and 1999
 - Satan surrendered on March 21, 1999
- “God, Satan and all people recognize that True Mother has fulfilled her responsibility... She occupies... the precious position of **Eve whose mistake in front of Adam has been restored.**” (CBG 12-4-3, 8)

True Mother's Suffering Course

- Sacrificed her natural love as a mother to attend God and the Will
 - Years away from her children to support True Father
- Painful heart of not being there to care for her children
- Painful heart to see her children suffer
 - Hyo Jin Nim, the brunt of teasing and bullying at school
 - Deaths of 4 children: Hae Jin, Heung Jin, Young Jin, Hyo Jin
- To defeat Satan, Mother denied everything

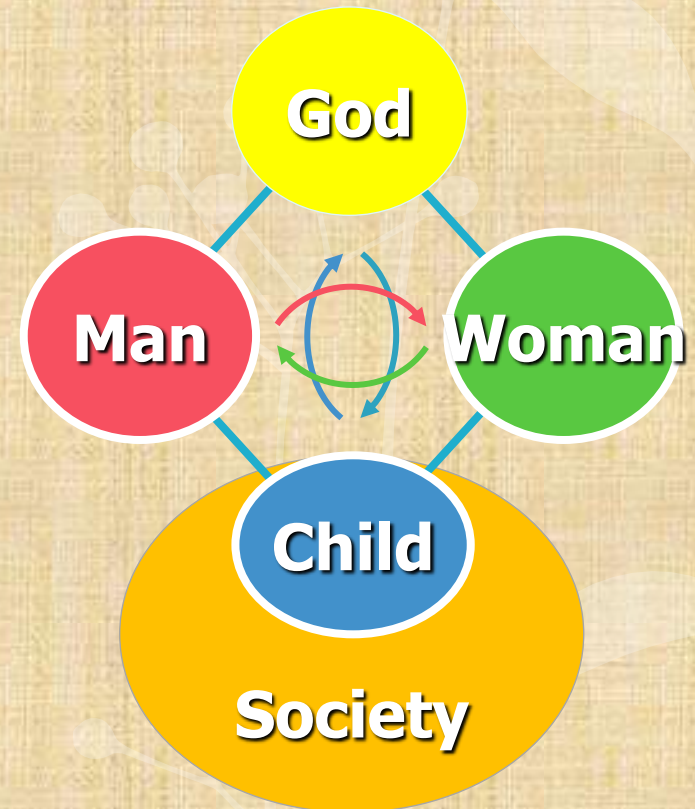
3. Brought Rebirth to Humankind

- True Father and True Mother give rebirth to humankind through The Blessing
- True Mother is absolutely required; True Father alone cannot give rebirth
- True Parents are the unique starting-points of God's lineage

4. Foundation of God's Ideal

Four-position foundation

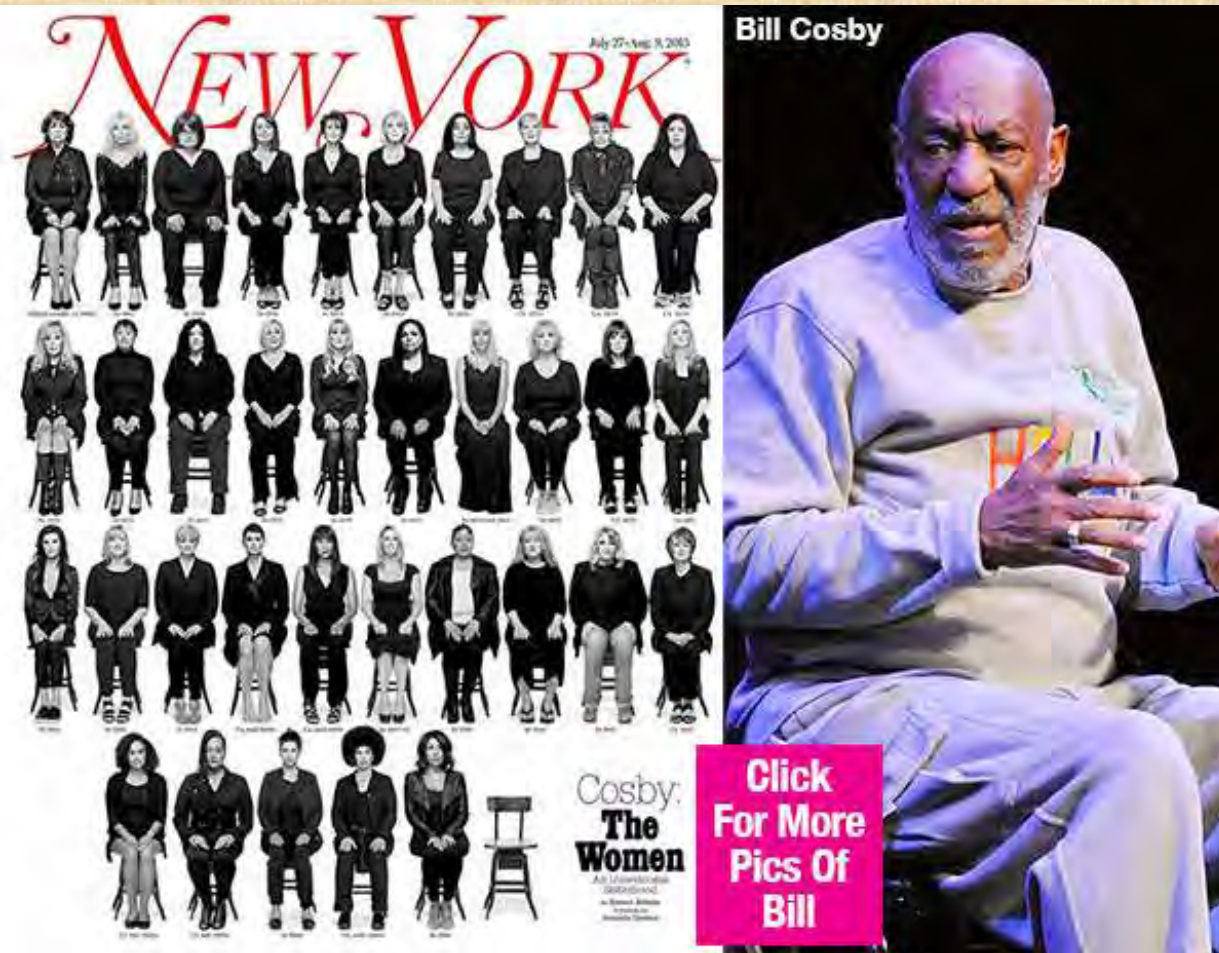
- True Parents embody God's masculine and feminine love
- Different personalities, same purpose
- Each has their own direct channel to God
- Model of God's world family



Mother's Leadership a Providential Set-up

- Mother is 23 years younger than Father
- Father's passing gives her opportunity to come out from under his shadow
- To display Mother's feminine leadership, different from Father's
- For cosmic gender balance
- Humankind can come to know Heavenly Mother

Since 2012, women's rights have taken center stage worldwide



- Bill Cosby raped more than 50 women, yet no one believed them.
- Until a man—comedian Hannibal Buress—spoke of it in October 2014
- **Likewise, we need to stand up for True Mother!**

Mother's Leadership a Providential Set-up

- True Father was the charismatic pioneer
- True Mother is consolidating and presiding over institution-building
- Unique in the history of religions
 - Charismatic leader is always followed by institutionalization—by the followers
 - True Parents preside over both phases

5. Liberated God

- To be God's complete Self – Heavenly Parent
- Established Foundation Day of CIG
 - *TM overcome all doubts and naysayers to do so*
 - *True Mother stood on earth, with True Father in the spirit world, to proclaim Foundation Day*
- God's absolute liberation to work everywhere in the world
 - **Beyond the constraints of restoration through indemnity**



VI. SIGNIFICANCE OF FOUNDATION DAY

Beyond the constraints of
restoration through
indemnity

With Heavenly Mother as well
as Heavenly Father

Oneness in Cheon Il Guk

- True Parents restored the point of unity for absolute conjugal love
- Reunited God and human beings, spirit and flesh, heaven and earth
- Not the religious outlook praising celibacy, ascetic life
- Human love in the family is godly
- We can **dwell with God in everyday life**
- More than “report to God”; a **fluid and natural relationship**

Loving God conjugally

- “Men and women each reflect a male or female part of God and can experience a feeling of being completed when they meld themselves into oneness with God and their beloved “other half.” The process involves three: the husband, the wife, and God as the living Creator and Partner and Essence of both.
- “God is the origin of each gender and is present with each gender *as that gender*. This is a major departure from the patriarchal traditions that view God as male or primarily male.

Loving God conjugally

- “When a woman makes love to a man, she is making love to the man *and* the masculine personality of God who is dwelling with and as that man.
- “**Also** the man is making love to the *actual* feminine part of God who is *present* with his wife and *living as his wife.*” (Peter Brown, “Eternal Triune Marriage,” *Significato*, March 16, 2016)

Loving God freely as our Object Partner

- Three Objects Purpose: God can be the object partner to the man, or the woman, or the child
- Makes Him/Herself vulnerable, as any parent is vulnerable
- God wants to be led by us, consult with us
- It won't do if he fixes everything, as Mr. Miracle Man
 - Yet this is the conventional view of God as Heavenly Father
- God wants to hear from women as well as from men
- God would ask, “What do you want?” and work with us as co-creators
- God wants to be proud of us, trusting our ownership

Foundation Day: opening a new future

- God's dominion over entire cosmos
- God is free to manifest Her sensitive feminine side
- God can be our Object as well as our Subject
- We become owners of love
- This reality opens the joyful world of Cheon Il Guk
- ***We should celebrate Foundation Day, with gratitude to True Parents who secured it!***