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The True Family and I

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you this evening for having made it possible for me to meet such distinguished personalities in this welcoming banquet. I am Reverend Moon, whom you no doubt already know through many rumors and stories. I have stirred up a number of problems in the world. At the same time I have realized a number of events and accomplishments of worldwide consequences. I must add that these things are the result of the historical reality of having served God until today.

This evening in this brief encounter and in the midst of a jubilant atmosphere, I would like to speak to you for a time on the subject "The True Family and I", because the world's problems stem from the family. Let us ask what we mean by a True Family.

Today if we ask whether the world in which we live is good or evil, we must answer that it is evil. Why then is it evil? Because whether we consider world history, this nation's history or the history of any other country, there have constantly been conflicts. Conflict or struggle implies that the parties involved will not develop but will necessarily decline. To say that the world is evil implies that the nation is evil, that its inhabitants are evil and that we ourselves are evil. If we study our own selves, we cannot deny that within ourselves there is a struggle between our mind and our body.

For that reason, the origin or the cause of struggle remains a problem which must be solved. If an individual does not possess within himself a foundation for peace, then no matter how peaceful his family, his nation or the world might be, he will not be happy because that individual is the true battlefield. As you know, World War I, World War II and the Cold War have already ended. In the midst of any other future conflicts, it will be possible to have truces. However, the struggle between our mind and body has existed from antiquity. It has continued throughout the course of history and, of course, it continues today and we do not know how much longer it will continue into the future.

When we think of this and, furthermore, if we consider that God exists, it is a major problem that God permitted the historical struggle between mind and body to continue until now. If we concur that the human being committed a sin, we can understand that it is the human being who must indemnify it. God cannot take that responsibility upon himself nor can He interfere in it.

Where then does the struggle between mind and body originate? We inherit life from our parents and from the parents of their parents. If we continue going back this way, we eventually arrive at the first generation that is the first human ancestors. The origin of the struggle between mind and body results from a problem in the conjugal love of Adam and Eve. The origin of our life is the love of our parents. If this struggle had begun before we were even born, we have to conclude the problem related to the circumstances in which our first parents entered into a love relationship with each other.

The love of Adam and Eve did not become a love of true happiness. Instead it was conflict-ridden love. Because we have the roots of our life in such love, we must conclude that the conflicts in the inner self of the human being originate there. The Bible teaches us that because of having sinned, Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden. Once they had been driven out of the Garden, they began to multiply children. God could not follow behind them and bless them in marriage because He Himself had driven them from the Garden. Thus we must ask under whom did they marry and we must concur that, because of having fallen into sin, they married in the hands of Satan.

The fall consists of Eve being tempted by Satan and later she tempted Adam. Therefore, when our ancestors Adam and Eve established a relationship of conjugal love, that relationship was not a happy one. Instead it was conflict-ridden. Today humanity, because of having its roots in that relationship, cannot separate itself from the origin of that struggle between mind and body. This reality is very clear and logical. The fall began with immoral

love. Due to a love relationship which God did not desire, Adam and Eve became united with Satan. They became not the ancestors of goodness but the ancestors of evil, thus acquiring the roots of evil love, and evil life, and an evil blood lineage.

If this is true, what began with one fallen family grew to encompass tribes, nations and a world. It is a world where the five billion people which make up present humanity are descendants of Satan, incapable of denying that we inherited the lineage of evil parents. No one knew Satan's blood was present within our body and that this was so displeasing to God. This is the essential problem.

And how are we going to eliminate those roots within us? Satan dug his roots into our physical body, our flesh body.

God cannot avoid working to separate good from evil and thus reverse this situation. God is public-minded and continues on the path of living for the whole and going toward the goal of love and peace. On the other hand, Satan is selfish and individualistic. Satan is always trying to destroy the good side through hate, evil and war. His intent is to prevent earth from returning eternally to God's side.

God cannot severely punish humanity after having gone with Satan. God's strategy for regaining humanity to His side is to allow that evil to attack Him. Later then He can claim indemnity for damages and abuses. Satan's strategy is to strike first but in the end loses everything. Satan has come throughout history wishing to ruin God's plan with hate, with evil and war while on the contrary God has been working to recreate love and peace.

In the Last days humanity will return to God's side and evil will lose support and respect. For that reason, Satan introduced atheistic materialism, humanism and communism to stop that from happening. That was the essence of the Cold War between right and left. After the Second World War with the victory of the Christian world, there began an era of transition towards a world of peace.

The present era is the era of the realm of individualism, the era of free sex, the era of children denying parents, the era of parents denying children, the era of denying the couple. Through lesbianism and homosexuality, an attempt is being made to completely destroy the family ideal which the Messiah in his Second Coming intends to establish in order to change this hell into the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

The Messiah as the True Father desires the unification of mind and body, the unification of husband and wife, and the unification of children.

Problems must still be solved on a world wide level. They include:

What came first, matter or spirit? Is the materialist theory correct or is the idealist theory correct? Which comes first, reality or concept? Is evolution or creation correct?

Let us attempt to answer this by way of an example. When we observe the animal kingdom we discover that the first thing that is formed in a new animal which is born is the eyes. The eyes are pure matter. Would those eyes know prior to birth that the sun existed or not?

Being purely matter the eyes did not know. However something or someone before matter knew that the eyes were created to see the sunlight. Someone knew.

Being purely matter the eyes did not know that the atmosphere existed and yet the eyes were formed with eyelashes to assure that the dust in the air does not damage the eye.

The eyes, being purely matter, did not know that steam and other heat radiations could dry the eyes and damage them, but someone knew and for that reason we blink so that our eyes can be lubricated and not dry up.

The conclusion which we can derive from this is that through the simple example of the

eye we can solve the great debate of whether thought precedes existence, whether spirit precedes matter or whether concept precedes reality. We can answer the debate of spirit versus matter, of creation versus evolution.

Given this, we have no way to deny that everything was created by God. Therefore, we must return to the original world of creation, knowing the kind of self, the kind of family, the kind of world which God desires.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen, it would have been logical and normal for their minds and bodies to be one just as God is one. Due to the fall there emerged another positive in the body, opposed to the positive of the conscience which relates to God. The repulsion between these two positives resulted in a history of struggles and we must be conscious of this.

The body became the base of operations for Hell and the conscience the base of operation for Heaven. The human being did not know that within himself he contained the division of two worlds. From this perspective we should ask ourselves if our body leads our mind or our mind leads our body. In reality, throughout history the body has been completely free to lead the mind. If the conscience were strengthened, we would automatically return to God and already for some time the world would have been with God.

The fact that the physical body leads the conscience shows us that the problem stems from the moment of the fall.

The force of false love, which tied the first ancestors to Satan, was stronger than the force of the conscience. God who knows very well the situation of human beings cannot abandon fallen humanity. Instead he must establish a strategy to weaken the body-centered force which dominates our conscience.

Religion is the historical system for salvation which was created and driven by God. Yes, religion, religion. God established several religions. According to their different circumstances and antecedents, the world cultural spheres were formed. Until now religious people did not know that the purpose of religion is to prevent the body from continuing to lead the mind. If there had not been a fall, religion would not have been necessary.

Something bad happened and religion became necessary to correct it. What does God intend to do through religion? He intends to discipline the body. Probably you think that by believing in religion you will be saved, that by believing in Christianity you will go to Heaven. Adam's family should have been a family whose center was the love of God, a family which had a blood relationship with God. Until now no one knew that the place where such families dwell is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Therefore, to strengthen the power of conscience, we must dominate the body. We must liberate our conscience, so that it can lead our body with will. We can then return to the bosom of God's love as original beings free from sin.

Therefore if we ask what religion should do, the answer is that it should motivate our body to do everything that it hates to do. What does the body hate most? To fast! To serve! To sacrifice! Furthermore religion asks us to be an offering. The offering is destined to shed blood and must be capable of sacrificing its life. Therefore, the Bible tells us that he who is willing to lose his life shall gain it and he who wishes to save his life shall lose it. What this paradox teaches us is that if we live according to the flesh we are going to hell. If we win over the flesh and liberate our conscience, we go to Heaven. If we completely subordinate this body and our conscience stands in a totally subjective position, the conscience will have unlimited desires and infinite hope.

In the course of history, there have been numerous religions and numerous religious leaders. Yet those who believed in those religions and in those leaders were not able to get total control over the body and could not deny themselves completely. They could not lib-

erate the conscience and place it in a position to relate with God on the original basis. We sinful people did not become true olive trees. Instead we became wild olive trees with our roots in a false love. The human being should have had roots in God's true love yet we established roots in Satan's love. How are we going to solve the problem of being wild olive trees instead of true ones? This remains as an inevitable and extremely crucial task which we must fulfill. If you study yourselves, you will notice that the conscience knows everything about you. The conscience is closer to you than your own parents. It desires to possess eternal love and be embraced eternally in God's bosom. When we marry we separate from our earthly parents. Yet the conscience exists with me prior to my birth on earth. It loves us and its mission is to transform us into eternal sons and daughters of God. The conscience does not need a teacher. Have you ever heard of a Minister of Education in some country announcing a plan to educate the conscience? If the conscience had gone the original way, we would have known clearly the course to follow in life. It would have taught us and guided us to return to God's bosom. Because your conscience knows everything about your life, when you go to the spiritual world you will discover that there is a computer there which fully registered everything which you did on earth. Until today we did not know that the mission of the conscience was to convert us into unblemished, true sons and daughters of God.

Is there anyone here who is convinced that he or she will never die? We will all go to the spiritual world someday. When you enter the spirit world, they will immediately know you by your name. They will know about your entire life. They will also know about your ancestors because the spiritual world transcends time and space.

We should not bring anything with us into that world which would stain our conscience. For that reason, know that the conscience is above all other teachers.

Today we have gathered here distinguished personalities. Among them there are professors. Honestly there has never been a professor who possessed a teaching which is superior to that of the conscience. It fulfills the same role which a compass fulfills for a ship's captain.

This evening there are many distinguished people gathered here. To them I would like to ask, "When you married, did anyone want to have a spouse inferior to him or her?" The answer is no. And if I asked you whether you wanted a spouse ten times better than you or one hundred times better than you, no doubt you would reply that if it were possible you would prefer that he or she be one thousand, ten thousand, one million times better than you. The conscience's ambition demands the maximum amount of love. It wishes to possess the absolute being. The same was true for our ancestors. And the same will be true for our descendants. If we asked God, he would respond in the same way. Is it not true that it is impossible for all of our desires to be fulfilled? A Senator will want to be President. Later he will want to be an important person in world affairs. Ultimately, he will want to achieve the highest position in the world. That is the measure of ambition of the conscience. From the beginning of history until the present time, the general thinking of people is that the conscience's ambition cannot be completely satisfied. But Rev. Moon, the person who is standing here, arrived at the conclusion that it is possible to satisfy it.

How big is the conscience? How can the conscience be measured? Do you think that the day will come when the conscience will possess God? Do you think that if there exists something bigger than God that the conscience will have the ambition of possessing it?

Then what is it that the conscience's ambition is seeking? If there existed something which had the maximum value in the cosmos, the conscience would desire to possess that as well. How big would God's conscience be? If we compared the human conscience with God's conscience, which would be bigger? If God's conscience is bigger than a human being's what would He do with it? The conclusion is that what God wants to possess is also the

immense ambition of the human being...True Love.

What do you think? We know that God is absolute, but doesn't He feel lonely or do you think that He feels happy? Ladies and gentlemen, even if a person becomes President of the Nation but lives alone without a spouse, that person will feel unfortunate. If we do not have an object of love, we are unfortunate.

Does God need someone or not? How do you feel about this? Even if God is God, he feels very lonely. The human being feels empty when he or she lacks money or knowledge or authority. But God does not need money, knowledge or power.

The question is what does God need most? We call God the "King of Love" or the "Owner of Love". But if God is the King of Love, this means that God needs a Queen. This is an absolute principle. Then who can be the absolute God's object of love? A true human being!

Ladies and gentlemen, you need money. You need knowledge. You need power. But if you do not have a spouse, all of that will be useless. A husband needs a wife and children. A wife needs a husband and children. The place where those objects of love are found is the family.

I serve God, the subject of love, in the position of an object of love who completely satisfies the ambition of God's conscience. The family where man and woman unite as objects of God's love and where children live happily should be the initial foundation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, centered on the true love of God.

Thus just as human beings want their object of love to be infinitely more valuable than them, God also wants the human being, His object of love, to have infinite value. A person of that value is a true human being. Yet we did not know that Adam and Eve were meant to be that kind of man and woman.

Until now no one knew that we were created with such value. If we were given such a high aspiration in our conscience, it is because God is subject and He wanted man to be in the position of object. He did not want him simply to be a part of Him, but a completely different personality. God allowed us as human beings to have the action of conscience at such an elevated level simply because He hoped that man would be one thousand or ten thousand times more valuable than He Himself. You must understand this very well.

If at the beginning of creation, a family could have been realized in which God and man could have united in a relationship of True Love, today we would not have to worry about Hell or Heaven because we would have automatically entered the Kingdom of God.

The problem here is that God's true love and true man's love did not begin at a common point, united as a subjective and objective love. God's love and man's love began in two different directions with two different goals. Therefore, it has been impossible to realize the ideal world which God and man long for. God's ideal of beginning in a common point was completely frustrated.

False parents arose centered on Satan's love. By being their descendants, we inherited that false love, that false life and that false lineage and are thus destined for Hell. We have nothing to do with the Kingdom of Heaven.

We did not know that we were supposed to conquer God's love through our conscience by being people whose spirit dominated our body through willpower. Have you heard the expression "love-sick"? If someone is "love-sick", when we can solve the cause of his sickness, all of his problems will be solved. The human being is a sinner but there remains within him a part of Adam's original nature. This is what causes man to miss God's love like someone who is love-sick.

What does the conscience do to win the true love God? Even if a person has money,

knowledge or power, and she loses the love of her life, none of those things have any meaning.

If you unburden and liberate your mind completely, your conscience will automatically connect with the True Love of God. If we compare the conscience's size to love's size, we will see that the size of love is greater. We can know this due to the fact that the conscience begins from love.

The Kingdom of Heaven is the place where we go to live in unity with God's True Love and a free conscience. It is the place we go after having lived centered on love and after preparing ourselves to be the lineage of God's love. Without winning this love, we can never enter the Kingdom of God. We will have to wait thousands of years until that day comes. Due to the fall, there will not be a connection with the Kingdom of Heaven so long as man is not illuminated by God's true thought and sustained by God's True Love.

The person who lives in unity, with a true conscience and true love, will automatically enter the Kingdom of Heaven. No matter how much a person believes in Jesus, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven if he is not linked to the love of God. The fact that our mind and body are struggling prevents us from entering the Kingdom. The person who inherited Satan's lineage cannot enter the Kingdom. The religions which have the mission of opening the way are struggling amongst themselves and will have a sad ending in the Last Days.

God cannot be found where there is conflict. Religion is a movement to subjugate the body and liberate the conscience. It is not a key to open the doors to salvation. We have to know that the key which opens that door will not be received if we fail to inherit the love, the life and the true lineage of God.

By believing in religion, we will not receive salvation. In reality, religion exists to discipline the body. When our conscience is liberated, its ambition can be raised up to God. How does this seem to you? Think first about what you are doing. Will you try to find out more about this?

Who will know first what someone is doing? Who will know first? The conscience or God? The conscience will know first. Man is a distinct person from God because he occupies the object position. In the same sense, husband and wife are different. The characteristics of each are clearly different. If we were to conclude that God could know everything prior to it happening, we could say that we are a part of God, as if we are a single body. But in such a case, we could not be God's objects of love.

An ideal cannot be perfected when it is alone. After Adam and Eve sinned, God asked, "Adam, where are you?" Adam hid himself behind a fig tree and answered, "I am here." God understood and said, "You hid yourself because you have sinned." Man comes from God's love and returns to God. We must return to God.

Ladies and gentlemen, when sons and daughters age and when parents reach the age of 100 and their children reach the age of 80, the relationship of father and son also becomes a relationship of friends. Friends!

We cannot compare the physical strength of a woman with that of a man. She can never defeat him. But through love, wife and husband are attracted to one another and follow each other. If Adam and Eve had been the objects of God's love, would that have been pleasing to Him or not? God created the universe before Adam and Eve would have perfected themselves as His objects of love. God had the ambitious hope that in the future they would be His ideal object. If, after having perfected themselves as the object of God's love, they had asked God to create something greater than what He had already created, do you think He could have done so or not?

As infinite as the ambition of our conscience is, we should know that God can create ev-

everything that we desire. God created us with the value of True Love objects. Because this value was lost, it must be restored. This restoration is the purpose of human life and history. God established religions and promised that some day each of the founders of those religions would return.

Christianity has taught that Jesus will return. In Buddhism they speak of the return of Buddha. Confucianism alludes to a new Confucius. Likewise in Islam, believers await the return of Mohammed. What would be the reason that God established the different religions? We need to understand that the will of God is accomplished centered on his beloved children, children who are like God's flesh and blood. With that type of son and daughter, God wants to form families, tribes, races, and nations.

We need to understand what kind of person the Messiah is. In his Second Coming, the Lord is the person who perfects the ideal which has been longed for by all the religions, coming to the earth for the first time in the eternal love of God.

He will become a TRUE FATHER and centered on that lost True Love, He will work to establish an ideal family on earth on the foundation of true life and true lineage.

That is the purpose of the providence of salvation. Due to the fall, God lost the true Mother as well as the children of Adam's family. This means that God could not have true children. There was no family which was connected to the blood lineage which was to come from God's love.

The providence of salvation is the providence of restoration which God has been leading to restore His lost sons and daughters and restore the unity of mind and body, the absolute unity of husband and wife, and the absolute unity of parents and children in the True Love of God. This true family which is qualified to live eternally with God should be connected to Christianity which is in the position of bride to the Lord. By establishing such a blood relationship with God, we can realize united families, tribes, races, nations and united nations which would thus conform to the united world which is the culmination of the providence of salvation.

Distinguished leaders of this nation, is it not true that this nation would like to receive God's blessing? To do so, you must become a people whose mind and body are united in God's true Love. You must also unite as absolute husbands and wives. When the number of families in any nation which can unite as absolute children of God grows, then God will come to live in that nation. If this happens, then automatically that nation will become the central nation of the world.

Human beings have this kind of nature. If his beloved one lives in the countryside, in poverty, he wants to live there with her. In the same way, if there is a place where God's beloved sons and daughters dwell, that place, if poor, will be the Kingdom of Heaven. If rich, it will be the Kingdom of Heaven as well.

Today the Founder of the Unification Church is here speaking to you. If you ask me, "What is the mission of the Unification Church?" I will say that it is a place where God's True Love is present. It is the place where we want our mind and body to unite in true love. It is the place where we want to form ideal marriages with absolute unity between husband and wife. By means of an ideology which can make all people into inseparable brothers and sisters, we are carrying out the mission which God has given us.

With the love of the True God and the love of the True Parents, we are cleaning everything that was dirtied by false love, false life and false lineage. Our marriage has achieved the True Parents position. The large international marriage ceremonies which we conduct are the ceremonies to sow the seed of true love, true life and true lineage which results from the unity of God's love and man's love.

The blessing marriage is a ceremony to restore families formed in false marriage which,

due to the fall, received the seed of false love, false life, and false lineage. Having families participate in these marriage ceremonies from around the world will connect them to God's great blessing. It is my fervent desire that all people receive that great blessing and become families and a people which can establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

The purpose of the Unification Church is to succeed through this means to establish relationships of brotherhood which transcend nations. Through this means we want to realize the ideal of one great universal family centered on God and thus proclaim the ideal of True Parents, True spouses, and True brothers and sisters. In this way we will begin the world heart culture. From earth to Heaven, we will be liberated to fulfill the world of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Since the end of the Second World War and during the past fifty years, Reverend Moon has been persecuted and criticized by the entire world. The time has come that you should know that such persecution was not because he committed any crime. Instead it was to save you. And unlike in the past people now think that I am the most admirable man.

By the hand of Reverend Moon, communism collapsed. It was Reverend Moon who awakened Mikhail Gorbachev and Kim Il Sung. To save the United States which is going towards a collapse, I established a foundation which leads Americans to feel that Reverend Moon is the hope. Also behind the difficult political context of North and South Korea, Reverend Moon is involved. The same is true for the Middle East.

You need to know that after 40 years, the Republican party triumphed in the United States, thanks to the influence of Reverend Moon. Perhaps you are unaware of these facts. But you should know that if any nation precedes the United States in receiving and absolutely embracing Reverend Moon, that nation will become the first nation in the world.

Everything which Reverend Moon has said has been fulfilled. The entire world did everything it could to put an end to me yet I did not die and I am firmly standing on the top of the world. If today I can speak to you out loud, it is because God loves me. You need to know that if I survived, it is because God absolutely protected me. For that reason, I believe that you should seriously study about the Unification Church.

We have met together today and this is a day of deep significance. I have shared a very important message with you and I have placed my trust in you. I kindly ask that you not forget this. I also ask that to follow the proper path, you make a redetermination based on this new awakening to bring God's blessing to your families and your nation. In that way ideal families will begin to appear on this earth.

As you probably know, Reverend Moon and his spouse are known throughout the world as the True Parents. If it is true that as True Parents we are connected to God in True Love, True Life and True Lineage, I would like you to remember that beginning from a true family and from you a realm of liberation, liberty, unification and happiness will begin. It will allow the hope of peace to sprout upon the earth.

Thank you very much.