

THE MISSION OF THE AMBASSADORS FOR PEACE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ERA AFTER THE COMING OF HEAVEN

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Distinguished representative leaders of the Ambassadors for Peace:

You have come to a truly historic gathering. With the resounding proclamation of the new millennium still ringing in our ears, we have passed beyond the second year since the declaration of the realm of *Ssang Hab Shib Seung* marking the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven. This declaration has instilled a fresh promise of hope for a new future in the hearts of the 6.5 billion people of the world. We are experiencing the dynamic time of the construction of God's kingdom of *Cheon Il Guk*—when a day feels like a thousand years and a thousand years feels like a day.

God is calling upon you, as representative leaders of the Ambassadors for Peace of this nation. You are proud descendants of a long line of Korean people, who were born with the spirit to promote the welfare of humankind. In light of this, as we usher in this precious and significant time in God's providence, I would like to take this opportunity to convey to you a special message from Heaven regarding the direction and mission humanity should undertake from this time forward. The topic of my speech today is, "*The Mission of the Ambassadors for Peace in the Revolutionary Era after the Coming of Heaven.*"

Ladies and gentlemen, is there a dream common to all people regardless of gender, age, time or place? Throughout the ages, people everywhere have yearned and hoped for the realization of the ideal of world peace. However, never in history has the everlasting peace been achieved that would bring joy to Heaven. This fact remains the basis of our historical sorrow and anguish.

What went wrong? What brought humankind to descend into ignorance of the ideal that God cherishes for His creation? Perfection cannot be found in ignorance, even if one waits for ten thousand years.

The Miracle of God's Creation

Ladies and gentlemen, God's creation is indeed profound. Everything He created was to prepare an environment for the perfection and happiness of human beings, whom He created as His children and partners in love.

Consider a flower; it is one of the masterpieces of God's creation. Hidden within a flower—even in a nameless wildflower blooming in a field—we can easily discover the Creator's will and purpose. To see a flower alive and growing to perfection is truly to witness a miracle.

Flowers display beautiful colors and the harmony of yin and yang. Even human beings, the lords of creation, cannot fully replicate their beauty. Flowers continuously give off fragrances that captivate the hearts of the bees and butterflies attracted to their dazzling colors. Flowers can absorb the powerful, brilliant rays of the sun that humans cannot bear to look at. They diffuse their light into natural rays of harmony and peace and utilize them to create and preserve life.

Flowers also do not neglect their duty to provide honey nectar to the bees and butterflies that busily fly to and fro helping them reproduce.

Ladies and gentlemen, the miracle of God's creation is infinite, transcending and defying any human description. Even a picture drawn by the greatest artist in the world cannot compare to a cluster of living wildflowers. Even in creating a single insignificant flower, God the Creator opens the way for it to realize harmony in itself and contribute to the interdependence and mutual prosperity of the whole of creation. Given that this is so, how much greater is the stature of human beings, whom God created as His children, His eternal partners of love, and His heirs?

The Value of Human Beings as Individual Embodiments of Truth

Each and every one of the millions of different kinds of flowers in full bloom maintains its dignity as an individual embodiment of truth under the majestic Principle of Creation. They create harmony in Mother Nature and abide by the laws of interdependence and mutual prosperity. Likewise, each and every human being has Heaven's blessing and grace to seek harmony, peace, freedom and happiness, and to find eternal life. Heaven has bestowed on each person the life and characteristics of an individual being. That is to say, every human being is born with the rights and privileges of an individual embodiment of truth. This means that every person, regardless of age, sex, rank or status, is destined to follow a course of life that is uniquely his or her own and that reflects his or her individual nature.

Ladies and gentlemen, can you find another person who resembles you one hundred percent? Think about it. Is there anyone else that has the same individual qualities you have? Would the lives of identical twins who were born on the same day and time and who die at the same time, even, be the same? No man can take another person's individuality, even if he is the handsomest man in the world and the other person is the world's ugliest man, because that ugly man is a unique embodiment of truth.

God, the king of wisdom, continually creates eternal, individual embodiments of truth through the process of origin-division-union action, in accordance with God's Principle of Creation. In this we can discover the standard of absolute value that makes a human being human. As with the interdependent and harmonious relationship between flowers and butterflies, human beings were created to live for one another and share true love. This means that the human standard of absolute value is established only within a life of true love, when the relationship between subject and object partners blooms in harmony.

Ladies and gentlemen, flowers and butterflies form relationships as subject and object partners. They depend on one another and prosper through their give-and-take action. In the same way, the Principle of Creation defines and predicts the course of relationships between humankind and nature, between people, and between God and human beings.

Thus, Mother Nature is the combined body of all the individual embodiments of truth in creation, harmoniously bound together. Mother Nature stands as an absolute object partner before human beings, her subject partners. Her ordained role is to enable human beings to realize their absolute value.

In the same way, people establish families of three generations and live within that basic framework. There they learn and familiarize themselves with the vertical and horizontal relationships of above and below, left and right, and front and back. This means that each individual seeks a life of harmony and love through give-and-take action within the relationships of subject and object partners. These relationships enable each family member to attain his or her absolute value as an individual embodiment of truth.

What about the relationship between God and human beings? As the Creator, God's nature is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. On a closer look, however, we find that God stands in the subject position as He engages in reciprocating relationships with His creation within the sphere of the Principle of Creation that He established. That is because, although we think of God as the absolute being, He cannot feel joy outside of the give-and-take relationships with His object partners.

Had Adam and Eve, the first human ancestors, not fallen but instead perfected themselves according to the Principle of Creation as individual embodiments of truth, people today would be manifesting our absolute value. We would serve God above as our Lord with absolute obedience, and we would relate with the creation, the natural world, as our object partners, rejoicing in God's eternal kingdom of peace. We would live as the citizens of the eternal kingdom of Heaven, not only on earth but also in the spirit world.

Then how did human beings, created as the children of the all-knowing and almighty God, come to fall into such a state of ignorance? The first ancestors, Adam and Eve, followed the false parent, Satan, along the path of the Fall. Indeed, this is the first tragedy and the most dreadful and sorrowful shame in human history.

God cannot forsake humankind. Within His grand ideal of creation human beings were created to be His children and absolute counterparts in true love. Therefore, God has endured the long years of history with a heart full of bitter pain, grief and anguish. God is the eternal True Parent of humanity, yet He has had to persevere through virtual imprisonment in the shadows of history. No one has known this reality.

The Limitations of the Pursuit of Peace Based on Human Effort Alone

Still, throughout history, people have applied their paltry human efforts in pursuit of peace. Consider the confrontation between democracy and communism. Each side strove to achieve peace on its terms, but they were unable to resolve the core differences between them over questions of human rights, freedom and equality. Yet from the viewpoint of God's providence, communism and democracy are like children who lost their parents. The two divided into the positions of Cain and Abel respectively and became entrapped in the chains of fraternal conflict.

Human beings without exception are the children of Satan. Every person is born inheriting Satan's lineage. Please reflect on your own experience for a moment. In every moment and every aspect of your daily life, are not good and evil at war within you, each trying to gain the upper hand? Since we are imperfect human beings, the peace movements we have carried out throughout history have always encountered limitations and met with failure. This is the why the United Nations, launched with the splendid dream of realizing world peace, today has to confront its inherent limitations and confess that it can no longer give hope to humanity. Simply put, the UN was launched during the era prior to the time in which Heaven could be directly involved with the unfolding of God's providence in history.

Ladies and gentlemen, by virtue of Reverend Moon's devotion to the path of Heaven throughout the more than eighty years of his life, a new world is emerging. On this victorious foundation, the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven has been proclaimed. We are now living in the age of heavenly fortune, an age in which all people can be liberated and delivered from the quagmire of sin. It is the era in which the world of freedom and happiness, the ideal world as originally envisioned at the time of the Creation, can be established.

There are several clear reasons why Heaven designated the person standing before you, Reverend Moon, as the True Parent of humankind, and thereby opened up a new era.

First, I have succeeded in practicing the way of living for the sake of others. That is, throughout my life I have practiced the values of true love, emerged triumphant, and offered that triumph to humanity. All people are born to live for the sake of others. However, because of ignorance resulting from the Fall, people practice the complete opposite, selfish individualism. I revealed this secret of Heaven and this knowledge has been imparted to humankind for the first time in history. God is fully aware of the path my life has taken through thick and thin.

Second, I have dedicated my life to overcoming all obstacles and laying a victorious foundation. Through the education provided by the actual practice of true love, I have fulfilled all the necessary conditions for recovering and establishing the parent-child relationship between God and humankind. I have opened the way for human beings, who had become the children of the adulterer Satan, the enemy of love, and who have lived as slaves to false love, false life and false lineage, to be reborn and resurrected into the true lineage of God, the source of true love. In other words, I have opened wide the path for people to reach full spiritual maturity as individuals and to establish true families, true clans, true peoples, true nations, and a true world, through their leading lives of true love.

The Mission of the Ambassadors for Peace

Ladies and gentlemen, as we make our way in the world, we find that, inevitably, many connections and relationships influence our lives. Most of these connections come about as a result of the choices we make and the circumstances in which we find ourselves. We make relationships that can be changed or erased through our own effort whenever we like.

On the other hand, heavenly relationships, which God bequeaths to us from the moment of our birth, lie outside the realm of choice. These fundamental and inescapable relationships are based on connections of blood. Even though you may dislike your parents or siblings, for example, you cannot change them by choice or vote them out of office. This is because they are connected to you through ties of blood. Once you are born into the family with the surname Kim, you have to live forever as part of the lineage of the Kim family.

What is the reason humankind has yet to escape from the snare of sin? It is because people are born with the false lineage of Satan. Yet that inheritance is not an innate blood connection that Heaven bestows in accordance with the providential will and purpose. It is not based upon the Principle. Rather, it is a connection that came about in violation of the Principle. It was brought about by human error.

Although human beings have been reduced to the position of orphans who have lost their parents through the Fall, the fundamental relationship endowed by Heaven remains intact: God is our Parent and we are His children. As a result of the Fall, human beings became ignorant beings, as if living in a vegetative state, unable to recognize their own Parent even though He is right there within them and beside them.

Therefore, all people, regardless of who they may be, belong to the fallen lineage. All people without exception must be born again through changing their lineage. This is the only way we can be restored into the originally intended blood relationship that God has bequeathed to us.

The Value of the Intercultural Marriage Blessing

Furthermore, the best way to restore people to the position of children of God through changing their lineage is through the cross-cultural Marriage Blessing. This is a revolutionary happening, creating the heavenly lineage on a whole new level, transcending the walls of race, culture, nationality and religion. It is an act that severs all links of enmity. It is the sacred rite of the change of lineage through which all can be re-created through the True Parents. They are the

King and Queen of Peace, the manifestations of God in substance, who enable Him to exercise His providence in the present world.

Beloved Ambassadors for Peace, place your hand to your chest and ponder this question quietly in your heart: Is there any other way to deliver this world from the wars and antagonism we see around us? Is there a way more certain to create one global family, where there is no hatred between family members, than through cross-cultural marriages between enemy clans or, going one step further, between enemy nations?

Ladies and gentlemen, you each stand in the position of leaders representing the 1.2 million Ambassadors for Peace around the world who are spearheading the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven. You are Heaven's emissaries who must fulfill the dual missions of the "peace kingdom police force" and "peace kingdom corps," which are responsible for ensuring the peace and happiness of humankind in the future. Therefore, Buddha, Confucius, Jesus and Muhammad, as well as hundreds of generations of your ancestors, have mobilized to watch your every move. Your mission is now as plain as can be. First and foremost, you should declare to every member of your clan and to all your acquaintances that the world has now entered the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven, the era for the establishment of God's kingdom, which I call *Cheon Il Guk*. You are responsible to educate them about the providence God is carrying out on the global level in this era, centering on the True Parents.

Furthermore, you should teach them without fail that the cross-cultural Marriage Blessing is the ultimate means to establish the peaceful, ideal world here on earth, and guide the people of your families and clans, and the Korean people, to join the holy ranks of those who receive the cross-cultural Marriage Blessing.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is truly regrettable that you cannot sense with your own eyes this precious revolutionary era after the coming of heaven. It has never been seen before and will never again be repeated. The reason for this is that you are relying only on your five physical senses. I hope that you will open your five spiritual senses as quickly as possible so that you may clearly perceive how the providence of Heaven is unfolding in this era. You live in the era of heavenly fortune, which you have received without giving anything on your part. Yet please bear in mind that the providential timetable, which proceeds according to an absolute standard, will not wait for you indefinitely.

Now the time has come for you to unite into one as the representatives of the Ambassadors for Peace who have preserved the spirit of the Korean people and the pride of the "white-clad race." There is no time to waste. What does it matter whether your name is Kim or Pak? Is there any reason for Gyeongsang Province and Jeolla Province not to harmoniously unite? The pro-Seoul Korean Residents' Union in Japan (*Mindan*) and the pro-Pyongyang General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (*Chochongryon*) each have their roots in the same Korean Peninsula. What of South and North Korea? Aren't we all brothers and sisters, sharing a common lineage? At this time, we should bear in mind that we are the descendants of the "white-clad race," and of Heaven. We have been raised to establish the lofty ideal of advancing the welfare of humankind, and we are the kinsfolk of a people called, selected and anointed by God to stand at the forefront of building the peace kingdom in this, the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven.

We should seek out and establish "God's kingdom and His righteousness"; for it is everyone's ultimate destination to live in a nation that serves and attends God as its center. What is meant by "God's kingdom"? It signifies the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. It is a nation that resembles the form of a model true family with three generations living together in harmony, trusting, respecting and supporting one another and becoming one in love. In short, it is the nation that humanity has longed for throughout the ages, the utopia where God is sovereign.

Then what is meant by "His righteousness"? It signifies the heavenly way and heavenly rule. Each of us on earth has been commanded to pass judgment, with the heavenly authority of true

love, upon this evil world that suffers under scheming, treacherous regimes. It is our duty to establish the ideal, peaceful world of true love, a liberated, free world based on justice and truth.

After all, humanity is meant to become one family. The remarkable advances of modern science are contributing greatly to making this world one global village. The time has come to establish the beautiful kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world, where Whites and Blacks, and Orientals and Westerners, live together in harmony as one great family.

The Emergence of the Universal Peace Federation

During this time of transition, the Universal Peace Federation and the Mongolian Peoples' Federation that I have founded will play important roles. The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) will now stand in the Abel position to the existing United Nations. It will not be an arena of competition such as that which exists between the member nations and departments of the UN. Instead, it will carry out a historic revolution for the peace and welfare of humanity on a pan-global and universal level. Unlike the UN, which focuses on slogans, outward appearances, UPF will work on a more fundamental and substantial level to fulfill a messianic mission that is genuinely beneficial to humankind.

Peace-loving Ambassadors for Peace! The Mongolian race, making up 74 percent of the world's population, is the largest racial group in the world. We should inspire all five billion of them and generate a climate of true love on this planet.

You and I were born on the Korean Peninsula; we share the same cultural background. You are the peace ambassadors and special envoys of Heaven who are conveying my teachings and educating others to establish exemplary families through true love, true life and true lineage. You who have become Ambassadors for Peace must now go forward with the conviction and dignity of a prophet that comes with Heaven's truth, having no fear of the path of death. Go out as Heaven's special envoys, and God will certainly grant you eternal life.

The Mongolian birthmark, which we all have in common, is not merely a physical mark of the Mongolian race. It is the mark given by Heaven to the *Tong-yi* tribes¹ long ago to function as the sign by which the True Parents would inspire and unite all humanity with the arrival of the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven. Furthermore, the Korean race, standing at the center of the Mongolian peoples, are the chosen people that should stand in the forefront of the 6.5 billion people of the world and fulfill its mission to pass on True Parents' tradition on their behalf.

Please do not forget that the peaceful, ideal world, which God envisioned at the time of creation, and which He desired when He created humankind, is now being built right before your eyes. If this is not a miracle, then what is? All over the world, the couples who were joined in cross-cultural Marriage Blessings are putting down the roots of God's true love. The new heavenly lineage is bearing fruit. The day draws near when this beautiful earth will become the original Garden of Eden, where we will enjoy everlasting peace and happiness. Surely our descendants will, for innumerable generations, shout "Hallelujah for God's kingdom of *Cheon Il Guk!*"

May the great blessings and the grace of God be with you, your families, and the Korean people.

Thank you.

1 A term long ago used in China to refer to certain Far East Asian peoples such as those on the Korean peninsula

