

# Heavenly Parent and True Parents

# Why is this topic important?

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

# 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**

# Traditionally, 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”**

**“In recognition of God’s position as the internal and masculine subject partner, we call Him ‘Our Father.’”**

***Exposition of the Divine Principle***

# Reasons for Heavenly Mother's absence

- **After the Fall, Eve was broken and faced accusation**
- **Men had power and women lived in fear**
- **Jesus never took a Bride to set up a base for Heavenly Mother to manifest on earth**
- **Christianity raised barriers against Heavenly Mother, from rules that women keep silent in church to witch burnings**
- **The feminine side needs safety, so as long as Satan was on the attack, Heavenly Mother remained in the background and let Heavenly Father lead the battle**

# Parallel development from Messiah to True Parents

- **Christian expectation for the Second Advent:  
the man Jesus**
- **Father started as the Lord of the Second Advent,  
but understood that his mission was to establish  
True Parents**
  - Based on Jesus' original mission to take a bride*
- **The Messiah is not just the “everlasting Father”  
(Isa. 9:6); the Messiah is True Parents**
- **Should not Heavenly Father likewise be Heavenly  
Parent?**

# Parallel development from Messiah to True Parents

- **1945:** Father began his ministry with the name **“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 in a subordinate position as the “bride of Christ”
- **1968:** God’s Day established oneness of God, Father and Mother on the family level:
  - The name **“True Parents”**

# Parallel development from Messiah to True Parents

- **1997:** Expansion of the Blessing to the cosmic level:
  - The name **“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 (True Parents)
  - Oneness of the earthly True Parents and Heavenly Parent
    - The name **“True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind”**



# Traditionally Heavenly Father, now Heavenly Parent

- Unification Church stood as the representative of Christianity, to make the foundation for the Messiah
- Holy songs were sung and Father prayed in that milieu
- Even so, Father often spoke of Heavenly Parent
- 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**

# Father called God “Heavenly Parent” in the Cheon Seong Gyeong

**“God has devoted Himself throughout history, in ways beyond description, to finding His lost children 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 in order to experience the heart of our Parent, we must go forward in the shoes of a servant.” (1964.03.29) CSG 340**

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**“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. God, True Parents on  
earth, and the parents in the family are the owners  
whose governance is based on love.” (1990.02.21)**

**CSG 37**

# 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 Parent as Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother

**“When you go to the spirit world, you will see that there is not only the Heavenly Father but also the Heavenly Mother. Can a living being come to exist without both a mother and father? ...The way to heaven comes through the mother as well as the father.” (1977) CSG, 719**

**“the mother as well as the father” refers to True Parents**

- Fundamental unity of True Parents and Heavenly Parent**

# 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)**

# 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**





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

## Bible

- After Eve fell, God cursed her
- After Eve fell, God decreed that she would have pain in childbirth
- God told Rebecca, “the elder will serve the younger”: concern for outcomes

## Heavenly Mother

- Heavenly Mother wanted to console Eve and help her recover
- Heavenly Mother tried to instruct Eve about raising her babies
- Heavenly Mother told Rebecca of the ins and outs of dealing with competitive twins

# A restorational understanding does not include Heavenly Mother

## Restoration

## Heavenly Mother

- Restoration sets up protocols like Cain and Abel that only involve men
  - Cain-Abel protocol is based on rules that require one to submit to the other
  - Women went along with men's goals, to defeat a male usurper (Satan)
- Heavenly Mother thinks daughters should contribute for realizing the ideal
  - Heavenly Mother connects with all Her children and looks for goodness in both Cain and Abel
  - Mothers have ways to move their children's hearts to settle differences without fighting

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

### **Restoration**

### **Heavenly Mother**

- Value of offering decided by its claim by God or Satan
  - Offerings resulted in fixed outcomes requiring indemnity
  - Requires sacrifice, to separate Satan
  - Chooses people for the central foundation and favors them; this leads to envy
- 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, towards taking ownership
  - All Her children are precious

# Heavenly Mother and Her daughters

- **Not enough for women to pray for blessings from Father God**
- **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 deeply on such matters with their fathers?**
- **Praying to Heavenly Parent, instead of the rote term "Father," can open doors to broader understanding**

# Be 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)**

**True Parents and Heavenly Parent are linked**

- **God's dual characteristics are masculinity and femininity**
- **Adam and Eve, God's embodiments, are man and woman**
- **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**

# **True Parents and Heavenly Parent are linked (CSG)**

**“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**

# True Parents resemble Heavenly Parent

## — Duality

- Father and Mother match Heavenly Parent's dual characteristics

## — Attributes

- Absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal

## — Centered on true love

- Absolute faith, love and obedience
- Filial piety

## — Authority over heaven and earth

- True Mother's tour in Russia and China
- True Father's work at the UN



# Heavenly Parent and True Parents are one in giving the Blessing (CSG)

**“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) 791-92**

# Unification Ontology

- **God is one, and at the same time has dual characteristics**
- **Created beings are male and female from the duality of masculinity and femininity in God's Self**
- **Viewing God as the Creator, we see God's oneness**
  - **EDP: God relates to the creation as the masculine subject partner**
- **After creating human beings, God can relate in a gendered way as the Heavenly Parent.**
- **God relates to men primarily through His masculine self and to women through Her feminine self**
  - **Hence natural for True Father to mainly speak of God as Father**

# **Unification Christology**

- **Heavenly Parent made True Father and True Mother in His/Her image**
- **The oneness of True Parents manifests the oneness of God**
- **The love of God is most essentially parental love.**
- **It is manifest differently in the love of True Father and the love of True Mother**
- **By extension, God's original parental love moves in the hearts of human fathers and mothers**

# **God's ideal of love is one love**

- **God comes down and meets Adam and Eve at a 90° angle**
- **God's vertical love and human horizontal love are one love**
- **Adam and Eve's children are born and raised in God's love**
- **They know God as their Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother**
- **They become fathers and mothers imbued with God's love**
- **Life in the original Garden is natural and ideal**

# God's ideal of love is one love (CSG)

**“Where do God's absolute love and human beings' absolute love meet? ... It is where the sexual organs unite on the wedding night. Did you ever think about meeting God there?**

**“Where else would you unite with Him? If the base on which the absolute God can settle and base for the ideal love that Adam and Eve desire are not the same base but two different ones, then there would be two different directions and purposes for love. This would mean that human beings could never form a relationship with God's absolute love....**

**“What is invisible is vertical, and what is visible is horizontal. That is how the vertical Parent and the horizontal parents attain oneness.”**

**CSG (2006), 1734**

# **Why mention absolute sex?**

- **A proper understanding of absolute sex begins from the oneness of the vertical Heavenly Parent and the horizontal True Parents**
- **There cannot be absolute sex without Heavenly Parent and True Parents**  
**... or couples who are united with True Parents**
- **Any concept that privileges True Father as the sole center of absolute sex is in error**

# **The Fall invaded love**

- **Satan invaded the point where man and woman unite**
- **Broke the fundamental resemblance between God and human beings**
- **Interfered with God's love for human beings**
- **Caused human love to become imperfect**

## **Restoration to restore vertical love, yet love remained divided**

- God distant from human life, people no longer knew God as their parent**
- Needing a powerful God to defeat Satan, people related to God as king or father**
- Faith was needed to restore vertical love, yet horizontal love was still profane, to be denied**
- This is the extent of Christian salvation**



# **The oneness of love in CIG**

- **True Parents restored the point of unity between God, Adam and Eve: absolute conjugal love**
- **The Blessing multiplied this to all humankind**
- **Reunited God and human beings, spirit and flesh, heaven and earth**
- **No more need for religion, celibacy, mortifying the flesh**
- **Marriage and human love is godly**
- **Human beings can dwell with God in everyday life**

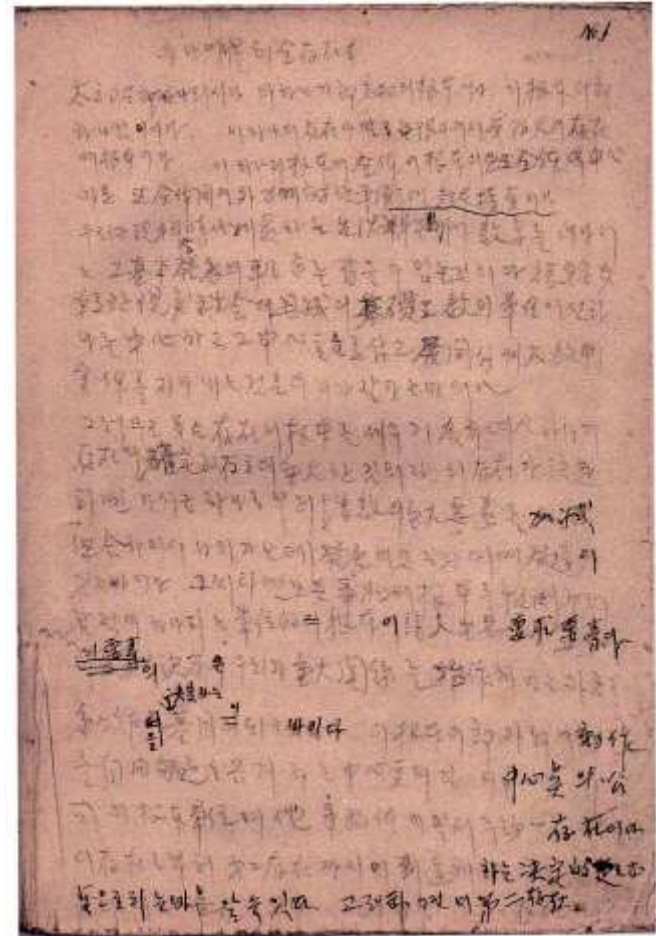
**True love springs from the oneness of  
Heavenly Parent and True Parents**

**“God is the vertical Parent of true love.  
True Parents are the horizontal Parents,  
whose true love is aligned at a ninety-  
degree angle with the vertical Parent. On  
the foundation of this vertical and  
horizontal love, God's love and life can  
burst forth for the first time.”**

**(1990.11.21) CSG 127**

# Father spoke of Heavenly Parent 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



# ***Wolli Wonbon***

**Vast range of topics, including:**

- The ideal of creation**
- The women in Jesus' lineage**
- The value of the cross**
- Critique of communist theory**
- Position of Korea and role of the United Nations**
- Scientific topics: electricity, gravity, evolution**
- The God of dual genders**

# **God of two genders**

- **WWB teaches that God has two genders,  
male and female**
- **No mention of sungsang and hyungsang**
- **God's gendered love is meant to manifest in human conjugal love**

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

**“We need to understand: 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**

# **Heavenly Father's sorrow that God's reality as Heavenly Parent is not yet known**

**“We need to understand what it means that throughout history human beings have been relating to God only as the Father, not as the Mother. Without the Mother, they 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)**

**— From the beginning, True Father's purpose was to reveal the truth of Heavenly Parent**

# **CIIG: Heavenly Parent and True Parents in oneness**

- **Two thrones, two crowns  
for True Father and Mother**
- **Two thrones, two crowns  
for Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother**
- **The basis of CIIG**



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