

## FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: 5000 Couples Tie the Knot for World Peace

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Grooms and brides who participated in the "[Marriage Blessing Ceremony](#)" 12th April 2025, at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in South Korea



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### 5000 couples join global Blessing ceremony promoting peace through marriage

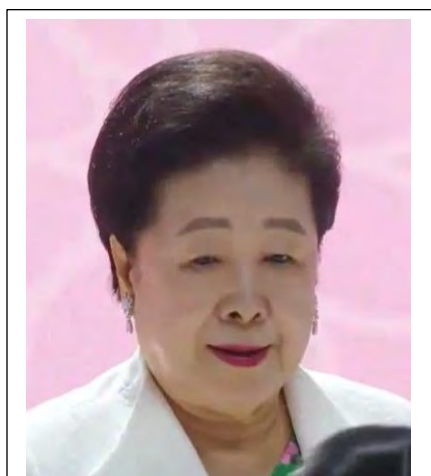
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### Marriage with Partners Sharing the Same Faith "Truly Brings Happiness"

### 5000 Couples Participate in "[Marriage Blessing Ceremony](#)" in South Korea

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Aiming to achieve world peace through [marriages](#) that transcend racial, religious, and national boundaries, the "2025 Hyojeong Cosmic [Blessing Ceremony](#) Officiated by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind" [See editor's note below] was held on 12th April at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in Gapyeong County, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea. According to the organizers, 5,000 couples from 90 countries participated. About 30,000 people - also according to organizers - gathered at the venue, and the ceremony was broadcast worldwide via internet streaming and other media.



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The [Blessing Ceremony](#) was officiated by [Hak Ja Han](#), wife of the late Reverend [Sun Myung Moon](#) and President of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). During the ceremony, participants took part in a "Holy [Marriage Blessing Vow](#)" to pledge the building of ideal families, exchanged rings, and were declared by [Han](#) to be "Sacredly married before the cosmos," prompting applause and blessings from the crowd.

A Japanese couple who participated said with smiles,

"It's truly a blessing to marry someone who shares the same beliefs and values" (the man),

and "We want to build an ideal family together while enjoying life" (the woman).

A Japanese woman who married an American man said happily,



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"God brought me together with someone wonderful whom I never would have met were it not for the [Blessing](#)."

Prior to this, the "65th Anniversary Ceremony of the Cosmic [Holy Wedding](#) of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind", celebrating the 65th anniversary of the wedding of [Reverend Moon](#) and [President Han](#), was also held. Attendees included Pastor Paula White, head of the U.S. Trump administration's new Faith Office, and Newt Gingrich, the 50th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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[**Editor's note:** "The True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind" refers to the sacred union (oneness) of our Heavenly Parent ([God](#)) and the [True Parents](#).]

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## Essence of God

*It is the essence of God that longs for a deep relationship to us*

According to the Abrahamic religions, [God](#) is a personal [God](#). This means that we humans may have a personal relationship with him. What is it about [God](#) that allows such a relationship? [Father Moon](#) elaborates that it is not [God](#)'s outer being, his energy and power. On the contrary, it is the inner qualities of [God](#), his heart, the very essence of [God](#), his innermost being. In his heart, [God](#) longs for a deep relationship with us.

According to [Sun Myung Moon](#), it is the creation that gives us the best understanding of [God](#). You may understand an artist's mind by studying his works of art. In the same way, we understand something about [God](#) by studying his creation.



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	Inner nature	Outer being
<a href="#">God</a>		
<a href="#">Human beings</a>	Mind	Body
<a href="#">Animals</a>	Animal mind	Body
<a href="#">Plants</a>	Plant mind	Body
<a href="#">Molecules</a>	Inherent directive nature	Matter
<a href="#">Atoms</a>	Inherent directive nature	Matter
<a href="#">Particles</a>	Inherent directive nature	Matter

Everything in creation has an inner nature and an outer being. It is not only we humans who have an inner nature, a mind. Animals have it too, a mind characterized by instincts. In plants, we observe a plant mind, which regulates the external form and functions of the plant. Even in inorganic matter, the inner nature is expressed as inherent properties, that govern the material structure.

As the dual characteristics of inner nature / outer form are a universal feature of creation, the conclusion is that the being who created all things – [God](#) – must also have such an inner nature and an outer being.

The outer aspect of [God](#) is his energy and power, the inner aspect his mind. Important aspects of [God](#)'s mind are his emotion, intellect, and will. We humans are created in [God](#)'s image. Therefore, we too have emotion, intellect and will. But the deepest aspect of [God](#), the innermost, is his heart. It is from his heart that his love flows.

It is only by understanding the heart of [God](#) that we understand the essence of [God](#), his core. It is in his heart we find the reason [God](#) created. He created everything because he wanted someone to express his deepest heart to. The goal of creation was precisely us humans. Everything is created for us and to be managed by us. [God](#) therefore longs for a relationship in his heart with us humans.

This is somewhat similar to how we all love to have someone to express our heart to. Without it, life becomes superficial.

As it was we human beings who were the very goal of [God](#)'s work of creation, by understanding our own situation, we may understand [God](#)'s heart. When [God](#) created the first humans, he was full of expectation and hope. His dream of having someone he could express his love to, and who would respond to him, was going to come true.

However, it did not work out that way. The dream was shattered. The humans left [God](#) and began to behave dead against [God](#)'s expectations. He could not love them, and they could not love him. [God](#) became deeply distressed and frustrated. He became a broken-hearted [God](#), with a heart full of [sorrow](#) and pain.

However, [God](#) did not give up. He had no choice but to begin the painstaking process of restoration, determined to regain what was lost. He had to endure countless setbacks. There were so many he called who failed him. Still [God](#) never abandoned humanity.

After thousands of years, he was finally able to recreate a new Adam – Jesus. Again, [God](#)'s heart was full of hope and great expectation. But although [God](#) had painstakingly prepared a foundation for his son, he was treated most cruelly and hung on a cross.

Therefore, [God](#) had to slowly prepare a new foundation. [God](#)'s hope is that the Messiah at the second coming, the third Adam, will be the one who can finally give [God](#) what he has always longed for – a world where [God](#) can one day live in our midst and express his love to us, at the same time that we show [God](#) our love to him. Such a world is of course not





us, at the same time that we show [you](#) our love to him. Such a world is of course not something one human – not even a Messiah – can create. We must all lend a helping hand. Then, we may develop a deep relationship with [God](#) in our heart, when we help to free [God's](#) heart from its heavy [sorrow](#) and deep frustration.



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