Chairman Kook Jin Moon’s Visit to Europe

Introduction

All European members felt such deep gratitude to True Parents for sending Kook Jin Nim to Europe on their behalf. Although the visit was brief, Kook Jin Nim filled his time with so many significant events and meetings that he made a great impact through his filial heart to bring True Parents’ victory, the fruit of their Jeongseong, to Europe.

Kook Jin Nim’s visit was eagerly anticipated by European brothers and sisters for many reasons. Although he had visited Europe a number of times on business and accompanying True Mother on one of her speaking tours, this would be the first time for him to pay an official visit to Europe during which leaders and members would have a chance to get to know and appreciate him first hand and even to discuss with him issues of deep interest and concern to them.

Many issues that Kook Jin Nim has been articulating recently: “Strong Korea”, the concept of the "Abel U.N.", the global threat posed by China, the value of weapons to the Abel side, the re-balancing of UPF’s philosophy of peace to include the notion of “peace through strength”, aroused great interest and curiosity. Clearly, Kook Jim’s visit would be a chance to better understand his perspective on such topics as well as get to know his unique character and personality. We were not about to be disappointed!

Hoon Dok Hwe
Lancaster Gate London Headquarters of the Unification Church, 1st July 2012
Kook Jin Nim left the Lancaster London Hotel, where True Parents had convened the 3rd International Conference for the Unity of the Sciences some thirty-eight years previously, for the short walk to the European Unification Church’s London Headquarters and a warm welcome from an enthusiastic overflow audience.

True Father’s speech from March 7, 2012, when the Strong Korea National Movement was launched in Seoul at the Convention Centre on Yeoido Island, was read eloquently by Bromley Community pastor and second generation member, Matthew Huish.

After a comprehensive account of Kook Jin Nim’s outstanding contribution to the providence in Korea and Japan, given by his special assistant Tim Elder, Kook Jin Nim alerted all those present to the fact that we are at a crossroads in human history. The world’s future will be determined by whether humanity succeeds or fails in establishing conditions to accept and unite with the victorious True Parents of Heaven Earth and Humankind. “Judgement will take place according to whether or not we fulfil our responsibility,” he stated. “We had hoped that the Third World War was averted by the collapse of the Soviet Union, but True Father expressed clearly that communism has not ended. We are facing the reality of China’s military build-up and expansionist ambitions.”

For the world to receive God’s Blessing, Korea and Japan should become one and the elder son nation, the USA, establish peace and security in the Pacific Rim Region in unity with other Pacific Rim nations. This will extend True Parents, victory to the world level – ‘but time is running out and we needed to work hard to awake the world’.

Kook Jin Nim went on to explain that although the Abel of Genesis was a ‘good guy with an attitude of prayer and devotion to his parents’, that he died because he was weak and unable to defend himself against his stronger, selfish elder brother, Cain. Had Abel been strong, ‘armed with a gun’, Cain would have run away and Abel would have lived. Historically it is clear that Abel needs to be strong to be able to defend peace and liberty. It was the strength of the USA under Reagan that won ‘peace in our time’ not like the weakness of British Prime Minister Chamberlain in the face of the threat of a militarily strong Nazi Germany.

Kook Jin Nim made it crystal clear that ‘ownership is very important’. If good people do not take responsibility to be strong then weapons will be exclusively held by ‘Cain’ on behalf of Satan and be used for evil. Free democracies have become weak and selfish – only caring for their own social welfare and neglecting their responsibility to defend the freedom of all. True Parents have completed their responsibility – now the Abel nations and peoples of the world must make decisions consistent with their responsibility to stand strong for goodness and freedom.

**Breakfast with European Leaders**

*Lancaster Gate London Headquarters of the Unification Church, 1st July 2012*
Kook Jin Nim shared more over breakfast with representative European Leaders about his belief in a free society and answered questions confidently, successfully putting across what would be a radical perspective in the UK. There was a good discussion about several of the points he made and everyone enjoyed a relaxed and beautifully prepared breakfast.

Sunday Service with Kook Jin Nim
Royal National Hotel, London, 1st July 2012

On a bright and sunny July 1st, around 500 brothers and sisters gathered in the conference centre at the Royal National Hotel in central London to welcome Kook Jin Nim to the Sunday Service. This included members from all of the London communities as well as some from further afield. Although the Service formally began at 11am members were already assembled at 10:30 when a showing of the recent broadcast of a documentary on our Movement by Al Jazeera TV was presented. This was a very frank and critical look at our Movement including recent events related to the UCI situation.
Kook Jin Nim arrived to the welcoming applause from the congregation who then began a lively session of spiritually-themed songs led by the UK Headquarters church band. A special feature of the programme was the presentation of an award from True Parents to the long-serving missionary and elder sister, Mrs. Barbara Burrows van Praag. Kook Jin Nim further honoured her by taking a photograph together.

As in the Hoon Dok gathering earlier, Mr. Timothy Elder presented an introduction to the Tongil Foundation and the results of the restructuring over the past few years. For many members this was the first time that they could hear directly about the positive and inspiring developments which have taken place in our church in Korea and Japan. It was also a fitting introduction to Kook Jin Nim. MC David Hanna then invited European Continental Director, Rev. Yong Cheon Song to introduce Kook Jin Nim. In a soft and sincere tone of voice, Kook Jin Nim expressed his gratitude to brothers and sisters before beginning his power-point presentation, *The Freedom Society: Our Vision for Building God’s ideal.* (See transcript below)

Kook Jin Nim began his presentation by referring to his *Strong Korea* presentation and reminding us of how the UK and France failed to respond to the military build-up of Nazi Germany, before the outbreak of World War II. He then went on to explain how God gave Adam and Eve the promise of the Three Blessings, which could be realized in freedom, through their fulfilling their responsibility. Unfortunately this ideal was never realized due to the Fall of Man, brought about by the Archangel leaving his position and dominating Adam and Eve. This established a history in which most people have suffered under tyrannical dictators and systems of government, which have taken the position of a fallen Archangel, instead of serving the people as God’s children. Citing examples from ancient Greece and Rome, Kook Jin Nim pointed out how democracies degenerate into dictatorships when leaders pursue populist agendas which seek to seduce the people through reckless policies which end up causing dependency and a weakening of the country. He pointed out that the modern welfare state is a prime example of this.

He then went on to explain how humanity stands in a moment similar to that before the Fall when, through the widespread development of democracy and freedom, we are at a critical point in history and that the freedoms we enjoy are in fact in danger of being lost. Just as there were four actors (God, Adam, Eve and the Archangel) in the Garden of Eden, so also there are four main players in the modern world. He asked the audience to identify who is the modern day archangel, before going on to point out that governments stand in that position today. Governments are meant to be the servants of the people, but in fact seduce people with promises of “free stuff” and end up destroying their economies, leading to social unrest and the imposition of totalitarian regimes to control the society.

To prevent such a scenario, Kook Jin Nim talked about a “self regulating society” where the greater responsibility to manage their affairs is in the hands of the citizens, rather than being the responsibility of the government. It is for this reason that he advocates the right of people to bear arms. Many more people have died at the hands of tyrannical governments who had control of weapons, than have ever been killed through gun violence – approximately 5 million as compared with around 240 million. It is in this context that he spoke of Father’s call for the establishment of a Peace Kingdom Police and Peace Kingdom Military

He pointed out that as long as governments control armies and police forces, as well as large budgets, people’s freedom is endangered, because “they lie to you” just like the archangel. Kook Jin Nim then stated, “but now, through our understanding of the Principle and through the teaching of our True Parents, we can have a clear vision of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth - a society where free people own everything and possess the Third Blessing. Where free people are the guardians of both internal security and of external security, they are confident in their ownership and do not run from their responsibilities. It is a society of freedom and responsibility.”

Based on regular outbursts of applause the final standing ovation as well as their comments afterwards, it seemed that Kook Jin Nim’s presentation resonated deeply with brothers and sisters.
Meeting ViPs over Lunch

Kook Jin Nim visiting Churchill War Rooms (Imperial War Museum)
Meeting with the Korean Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Mr. Choo Kyu-Ho

Ambassador Choo warmly welcomed Kook Jin Nim and engaged in a lively dialogue on the security of the Korean Peninsula and the threat posed by China. The Ambassador had read True Father’s autobiography and his respect for True Father as the greatest Korean patriot was very apparent as he expressed his gratitude to meet their son, Kook Jin Nim.

Meeting with Brigadier James Ellery

He was the UN Head of Mission in DR Congo and South Sudan and UN Chief of Staff in Sierra Leone. Director of Aegis Defence Systems. Close friend of the President of South Sudan.

Lunch in the prestigious dining room of The House of Lords, the "Barry Room"

Prior to the session in the House of Commons on July 2nd UPF was able to arrange for Kook Jin Nim to have lunch with a select group of parliamentarians and strategic and defence experts in the prestigious, intimate and secluded surroundings of the "Barry Room" where government ministers, former Prime Ministers and others can be seen wining and dining their prominent guests. It is regarded as one of London's most select dining locations and has the atmosphere of a very exclusive gentleman's club.

To Kook Jin Nim's left sat Baroness Verma, the government "Equalities" Spokesperson who welcomed True Mother to Parliament prior to her speech there in May 2011 and to his right Lord Ahmed, Britain's first Moslem member of the upper house. Opposite him sat Andrew Nevin, Senior International Strategist at leading international accountancy firm Price Waterhouse Coopers, who was voted "financial strategist of the year" in 2011 and who spent many years in China. Andrew was also a contemporary of Kook Jin Nim's at Harvard, where he also studied economics so they found they had much in common. To either side of Andrew Nevin sat two of Europe's highest defence experts - Dr Wim Van Eekelen, Former Dutch Defence Minister and Secretary-General of The Western European Union and Dr Werner Fasslabend, Former Austrian Defence Minister and now Head of the leading Austrian Think Tank on Defence matters. As the meal progressed Kook Jin Nim was able to engage in deep discussions about a whole range of issues, including the economic situation of China, the way China is viewed on the Indian Sub-Continent and European views of the balance of power in North East Asia.

Other key guests included Professor Jasani, a professor at Kings College, London and a prominent nuclear physicist and expert on arms control, who is a world authority on China's space programme; Lord King, UPF's "Patron" in the U.K., and Mr Virendra Sharma the Member of Parliament who was hosting the session at which Kook Jin was to speak later. Thus, Kook Jin Nim was able to engage throughout a delicious meal in animated and absorbing give and take with people from whom he could learn much, while himself quietly imparting True Parents' heart and vision. At the end of the meal Kook Jin Nim rose to his feet exclaiming animatedly and for all to hear "good discussion!"

After the lunch Lord King took Kook Jin Nim and some of the prominent foreign guests on a short sight-seeing tour of The "Upper House", taking in the 'Queen's Robing Room' where the monarch puts on her robes and crown before speaking at State occasions and the Lords chamber itself and admiring the ornate and gilded vaulted ceilings and many other unique architectural features.
Peace and Security in North East Asia
Dr. Kook Jin Moon, CEO Tongil Foundation
3:30pm July 2nd, 2012, Committee Room 14, House of Commons

The Universal Peace Federation managed to gather a truly impressive panel of international experts to welcome Kook Jin Nim to the Mother of Parliaments. Their very varied presentations were rooted in their expertise, but at the same time revealed great differences in perception towards peace and security in North East Asia and in particular the role of China.

The panel included two former European Defence Ministers both of whom remain continuously engaged in issues of peace and security and act as advisers to their respective governments and one of the BBC’s most experienced foreign correspondents who is an expert on Asia, alongside a professor of War Studies with particular interest in nuclear weapons and the militarisation of space.

Kook Jin Nim took his place confidently in such company and concluded the session with a masterly combination of insightful statistics and suggested strategies revealing that immediate attention is needed to balance the threat of China with peace being most effectively secured through strength.

The rapt attention of such a high level panel throughout the presentation was abundant evidence that Kook Jin Nim not only takes his place among such experts, but that he is playing a crucial role in securing the protection of God’s Homeland by informing significant opinion leaders to adjust their views and alert themselves to the seriousness of the threat.
Already over lunch Dr. Fasslabend (the former Austrian Defence Minister) expressed his strong agreement with Kook Jin Nim’s concerns. His presentation proved to be a powerful preparation as he stated that the claims of China to the South China Sea are the number one security matter of the 21st century.

Humphrey Hawksley, the BBC World Affairs correspondent, declared after Kook Jin Nim’s speech how much he was impressed by the message and that it had caused him to seriously reconsider his view of the Asia region. He found Kook Jin Nim’s laid back style combined with his selection of powerful statistical evidence extremely engaging and convincing. ‘Everyone thinks that South Korea is very strong but Dr. Moon’s presentation has caused me to seriously review that assumption’.

There follows an account of the proceedings.

The distinguished audience was welcomed by Mr Virendra Sharma MP, member of the parliamentary select committees on Health, Human Rights and International Development who expressed his appreciation to the Universal Peace Federation for this opportunity to advance efforts for world peace, remarking that it is rare to see this large committee room filled to capacity. Lord King of West Bromwich, UPF-UK patron expressed his delight to Kook Jin Nim and commended UPF for their sincerity in working for world peace.

Dr. Thomas Walsh, President of UPF International, then introduced the panel, remarking that whilst UPF is renowned for its advocacy of soft power initiatives and people to people activities, peace may also be sustained by strength and thus UPF has been supportive of Kook Jin Nim’s advocacy of a Strong Korea policy.

Dr. Willem Frederik Van Eekelen, former Minister of Defence and Deputy Foreign Minister of the Netherlands provided an overview of the Asia Region referring to the ‘lack of mortar between the BRIC nations’ (Brazil, Russia, India and China) in the sense of the tensions between China, India and Russia which affect the Asia Region. Dr. Van Eekelen claimed that, whilst there is concern regarding China’s modernisation of military forces and rising geopolitical influence referred to as “The “String of Pearls” (extending from the South China Sea across the Indian Ocean, and on to the Persian Gulf), that China’s ambitions and actions are moderated by the need to maintain her ever growing economic and trading interdependence with the rest of the world. He encouraged attempts to increasingly involve China in international cooperation, but acknowledged that effective cooperation had been very limited. He suggested that we do not underestimate the internal troubles that China faces in respect of the tension between a rising middle class and an authoritarian government.

Dr. Werner Fasslabend has been the longest serving Minister of Defence (1990-2000) in the history of Austria and is remembered for organising the first meeting of EU-Ministers of Defence to consider future European security-policy. He is currently President of the Austrian Institute for European Security Policy (AIES). He surveyed global arks of low stability or crisis and potential crossing points of conflicting interests, identifying the South China Sea as ‘a very interesting area about which there is not so much understanding’. A point of great concern is not only China’s enormous increase of military expenditure, especially in systems which can be used offensively, but also her obvious projection of power in respect of Taiwan and the South China Sea. Almost daily incidents in the area are contrary to the official harmonious policy of China and reveal a highly aggressive expression of a long term strategy which underplays each individual incident but is in fact a permanent provocation towards neighbouring nations in the region. China seeks by this strategy to keep these incidents bi-lateral and to exert its full political and economic muscle on individual nations to intimidate them with the intention to gain the whole South China Sea. Dr Fasslabend was reminded of Europe before World War II and urged the Free World to develop a combined and comprehensive strategy to address what he regards as ‘probably the most important security matter for the 21st century’. ‘No one nation can stand against it’.

Humphrey Hawksley, a leading BBC foreign correspondent, author and commentator on world affairs, spoke in his capacity as an expert on the region. He visited North Korea with Antonio Betancourt's support in 1995 and attended an International Leadership Conference in Korea in 1997. Whilst agreeing with Dr. Fasslabend’s scenario he had hope for another solution in respect of the encouragement to stability that springs from the experience of growing prosperity in the region and expectation that nations will resolve their own issues. He recognised that Western interventionism had proven ineffective in the Middle East, that the USA is very world weary and Europe increasingly unable to deal with her own economic realities.
Prof. Bhupendra Jasani, Professor at King’s College London, Department of War Studies, is a specialist in nuclear disarmament issues and the militarisation of space and stated that ‘we do need to be watchful of China’s very rapid progress in these areas’. He particularly mentioned China’s denial of serious violations of international agreements in relation to the proven transfer of nuclear weapons capacity to Pakistan and a total recklessness in blowing up its own satellite by way of testing missile accuracy and as a result creating a huge quantity of very dangerous space debris.

This fascinating panel of experts with their varied insights and very different views provided an excellent preparation for Kook Jin Nim’s Strong Korea presentation. His well researched analysis of the dramatically weakened economic capacity of the USA and Europe, combined with the overwhelming opinion of 80% of Americans that the focus of US policy should be to prioritise the resolution of domestic problems rather than global issues, painted a picture which evidently fascinated the experts on the panel.

As Kook Jin Nim re-assessed the rate at which China is growing militarily in comparison to the USA, considering China’s focus on the Asia region compared with America's global commitments and taking into account purchasing power parity and the constant cuts to US military spending, the panel of experts looked on with rapt attention.

Insights regarding issues of asymmetric power and the poor performance of supposedly high tech weapons revealed that in fact South Korea’s assumed military superiority towards North Korea is very uncertain. At the same time Kook Jin Nim revealed that the characterisation of China as a peaceful giant is completely at odds with the evidence of 2000 years of Asian history.

Kook Jin Nim concluded by explaining that the real problem that increases the threat of war is disparity – when one nation is overwhelmingly strong the potential for war is great. South Korea needs to consider the example of Switzerland or Israel and to make itself strong, such that China would feel very cautious to become militarily aggressive. This will greatly reduce the risk of war. Finally he urged the creation of an alliance of free democratic nations to protect world peace.
The heartfelt response of so many British members and European Leaders to Kook Jin Nim’s visit was a manifestation of their deep appreciation for his incredible dedication in supporting True Parents by transforming the financial fortunes of the Tongil Group and his beautiful heart to support his younger brother as International President. We are all very touched that he has enabled the Japanese Unification Church to overcome persecution and challenge human rights abuses and shown True Parents’ heart of appreciation for our very devoted Japanese brothers and sisters. Surely God has worked through him on the foundation of his heart of filial piety towards our victorious True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind to whom he so openly testifies.

We were all struck by Kook Jin Nim’s capacity to express core truths with great simplicity and his practical approach to the application of the Original Divine Principle towards the realisation of Cheon Il Guk. We were reminded of True Father’s heroic stand against communism and outspoken support for Ronald Reagan as now Kook Jin Nim speaks out for a Strong Korea and warns that Abel must be strong. As Kook Jin Nim reminded us of the blindness of the Abel nations of Europe as they allowed Nazi Germany to build its military strength to the point that it felt confident to dominate the rest of the continent, we were called to an awareness of the need for Free Nations to gather around God’s Homeland, Korea, and to preserve liberty in the Pacific Rim Region, just as True Father declared in 2007.

Kook Jin constantly made us aware that God did not intervene at the time of the Fall and that even in this Second Advent time when True Parents’ victory will inevitably realise Cheon Il Guk, individuals and nations are free to choose, but must also bear the consequences of their choices. The bloodshed of the previous World Wars should not come again! We must be more vigilant and alert opinion leaders here in Europe.

The Freedom Society presentation and Kook Jin Nim’s very straightforward style made us all reconsider many attitudes that prevail in European society which lead to the growth of a society dependent on welfare and spending far beyond its means. As we in Europe stand in the grip of a terrible financial crisis we realise that our carelessness in the face of governments and institutions who pandered to our desire for material well-being without diligence and hard work has placed us in danger of becoming increasingly self-centred and weak at a time when God needs Europe to stand strong for faith and freedom.

Thank you True Parents and thank you Kook Jin Nim - we will do our best to develop the seeds you have sown and to play our role in reforming our society towards freedom with responsibility.

Tim Miller
Vice Chairman, European Region
“THE FREEDOM SOCIETY: Our Vision for Building God’s Ideal”
by Chairman Kook Jin Moon
Sunday Service, 2012.07.01 ~ 12.5.3 Cheon Gi – Royal National Hotel, London, UK.

(Audience applauds Kook Jin Nim’s arrival)

KJN: “Thank you, thank you for coming today. I’m very happy to see all of you; we’ve been quite busy in Asia and in Korea. We’ve made a lot of progress in developing our church. I’m just curious, how many of you here have been able to hear the Strong Korea presentation?”

(Audience raise their hands, but not all)

KJN: “Just a few people. Are you aware of the military build-up of China that’s going on in Asia right now? Well, they are building up their military quite significantly out there and they’re getting quite aggressive. It’s unfortunate that your media is not reporting these things to you because the last time a nation was building up their military and you guys didn’t pay attention to it, you found yourselves in World War Two. You remember that? …it kind of destroyed all of Europe. But you know, Hitler’s military might and his ability to wage war didn’t happen overnight, there was nearly a decade of military build-up before the war started. Did you know that?

Well basically, as Hitler was building up his military everybody in Britain and France were saying: ‘Laalee lah, he’s never going to start a war’ …but the war happened. So please pay attention to this issue. We are going to be presenting the Strong Korea lecture to many of the VIPs tomorrow, but today for all of you, for our brothers and sisters, today we are going to be talking about something else.

The title as you can see is: ‘THE FREEDOM SOCIETY; Our Vision for Building God’s Ideal’. You know, we’ve talked a lot about Cheon Il Guk and the Kingdom of Heaven, and we’ve talked about True Parents fulfilling their mission and creating the foundation for the ideal world to be established. But up until this time we haven’t really been able to explain eloquently exactly what is Cheon Il Guk. What is the Kingdom of Heaven? What will be politics of the Kingdom of Heaven be? What will the economics be? How exactly will it be structured?

These questions we have not yet answered, but if we are going to create the Kingdom of Heaven we at least should know what the blueprints are. Yes? No? Maybe?”

Audience: “Yes”

KJN: “Does this topic sound interesting?”

Audience: “Yes”

KJN: “Then let’s talk about it. As we study the Principle of Creation we learn that God created human beings as his children and that He desired to bequeath to them the Three Blessings: to achieve individual perfection, to multiply, to bear fruit and to have a family and to have dominion over creation. This you all learned in the Principle. But in order to inherit the Three Blessing God gave His children, freewill and freedom, and with freedom He gave them responsibility. Now, Adam and Eve were to grow up, to live their lives, they were supposed to inherit the Three Blessings and they were supposed to inherit freedom and responsibility so they could be co-participants in the creation process with God and thereby establishing a conditional requirement to inherit the creation which God desired to give them…and this was God’s desire. But as we heard, God’s desire was not fulfilled at the time of the Garden of Eden. God had initially wanted Adam and Eve to be His children and the Archangel was in the Garden of Eden to serve Adam and Eve as the servant of God and His children. But what happened in the Garden of Eden? …the Fall. And in that process the Archangel went from being the servant of Adam and Eve of being the master of Adam and Eve. He left his position. He came to dominate Adam and Eve and by doing so he separated them from God.

So whereas the Archangel started as a servant, by seducing Eve and then together the Archangel and Eve seducing Adam, as a result of this seduction we have the Fall of Man, and as a result of the Fall of Man we lost the Three Blessings and we lost freedom and responsibility. Of this you are all aware because you’ve all studied the Principle, correct? Everybody here has studied the Principle, right?”

Audience: “Yes”
KJN: “So what are the results of the Fall? As a result of the Fall human beings have lived throughout largely under dictators, tyrants, throughout most of our history. We have seen human beings repressed into slavery, into servitude, forced to fight for dictators and for kings and to kill, and to conduct genocide. This has been the terrible history of suffering of mankind. However, we know that God has worked through the Providence to restore humanity and bring them back to the Garden of Eden, so that they could once again have another opportunity to fulfill their purpose of creation. As a result, even though we as fallen human beings have fallen and have been chased out and have lost God’s Blessing, we as human beings still have the memory of freedom. And throughout history, although the predominant nature of history was that of tyranny and despotism, there have been a few instances when glimpses of freedom have appeared in human history, reflecting the memory of the time when Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden before the Fall.

We saw glimpses of freedom during history in the times of ancient Greece when we had the brief renaissance, the revival of democracy, the birth of democracy, and in the Republic of Rome. But the problem was throughout history that freedom and democracy and these fundamental ideas were not sustainable, they invariably died. Aristotle said: ‘Republics decline into democracies, and democracies degenerate into despotism’. That’s what we’ve seen; we’ve seen freedom come and then freedom go. Hope coming and being vanished. This has been the sad history of human history and of mankind. You can see in Athenian democracy, it started with people voting, voting for their leaders, but then as that democracy progressed they started pursuing policies for the state just on the basis of popularity and who gave the best speech: “Hey let’s go and fight the Sparta! We should be better than the Sparta, we’re democratic!” …and then pursued all these popularistic policies which did nothing but led the state to ruin. Ultimately, because of these policies that were pursued it was, in the end, conquered by Phillip the Second and the free state of Athens became subjects of a king. They lost freedom and democracy’s gone.

Likewise, in the first five hundred years of Rome you had the Republic of Rome were the people voted for their representatives and representatives ran for the state for the benefit of the people. But towards the end of the Roman Republic you had a lot of popularistic policies emerging: distribution of the land to the poor; subsidised corn rationing… “We want free stuff!!! Give me free stuff!!!” …cancellations of debt; the catering to the masses and to the mob, offering free stuff from the state, ultimately led the state to ruin and bankruptcy of the state. As a result of these popularistic policies, popular but unsustainable policies, the Republic of Rome collapsed and was replaced by the dictators of Rome. Democracy appeared briefly, but then popularism led to the end of democracy and the replacement of democracy with tyranny and dictatorship. You can see modern examples of popularism throughout the world today… Peron, Argentina: “Let’s help the poor!” By having the call to help the poor, to feed the poor, and make the society equal he became a dictator and he ruined the state! Argentina at the time of his election was one of the ten wealthiest nations of the earth, but after his rule of it became one of the poorest. Hitler and the rise of Nazi Germany, you all know that story and you all know how that story ended. Gigo Chaves in Venezuela, here’s another story; he used popularism to make himself dictator! Today you can see this whole scenario unfolding right here in Europe. Look at Greece. Greece, because of its popularistic policies, free stuff for Greeks, more free stuff “for me”; now it’s in bankruptcy, and now it has to follow the dictators of Europe. So the Greek democracy is being replaced by the European dictatorship! Out of control social welfare spending in southern Europe is causing those same problems, in Italy, you’re living it, you’re seeing it every day. Look at the historical example; what starts as democracy degenerates into popularism, and popularism invariably leads to dictatorship and tyranny.

As we know, the Messiah’s mission is to come to the earth to fulfil the Purpose of Creation and to inherit God’s Three Blessings; to establish God’s family and God’s sovereignty. He has come to inherit freedom and responsibility and to open the way for all humanity to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. As we learn from the Principle, the Messiah comes at a time when the world has returned to a stage comparable to the time of the Fall of Adam and Eve, which is at the top of the growth stage. So, today, we see democracy is spread throughout the world wider than it has ever been spread throughout all of human history. In this respect we have come to a very similar stage as that which occurred just prior to the Fall in the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve could have chosen to go towards fulfilling God’s Will and inheriting God’s Three Blessings and
creating the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth or, in failing to acknowledge God’s Will and receiving God’s judgement, being chased out of the Garden of Eden. Although freedom is wide-spread today, it is not secure and this is the problem we have to understand; freedom is in danger. The world has returned to the stage just prior to the Fall but requires the Messiah and his teachings to secure freedom and liberation for all, for all time. In order to understand the situation of modern society and modern democracy and to understand the situation of society today, we need to understand the present society and the present reality in the context of the Garden of Eden because the Garden of Eden is the original ideal of the ideal world. This is what God intended to fulfill; His purpose of Creation.

Our goal as human beings is to return to that Garden of Eden. But how then can we understand today’s society filled with seven billion people in the context of the Garden of Eden? In the Garden of Eden there were only four actors: there was God, Adam and Eve, and the Archangel. But how can we understand society, billions of people, within the context of these four actors? This is the question we must solve if we are to understand the direction of providential history. Now we understand that our True Parents have come unto this Earth as the Lord of the Second Advent, and because they have successfully completed their mission they are the substantial representatives of God on Earth. So our True Parents represent God. Who is Adam and Eve? Who represents Adam? Well, actually, all the men in society are Adam. Who is Eve? All the women are Eve. Adam and Eve are all the people and citizens of the world and all the citizens of this democracy here in the United Kingdom. Then who is the Archangel? This is the key point to answer. Who is the Archangel? Would anybody like to guess?”

(Audience laughs)

KJN: “In a democracy, the role of the government is what? …servant of the people. So the Archangel clearly is the government. So we have seen the same relationship as existed before the Fall of Man in the structure of society today where you have God, Adam and Eve, and the Archangel as the servant of the people. But then what happened in the Fall of Man? What was the process of the Fall of Man? It was a process by which the Archangel went from being the servant of Adam and Eve to being the Master of Adam and Eve and the rejecting or excluding God. This process, lo and behold, we can see today. The Fall of Adam and Eve and the process by which the government goes from being the servant to being the master of the people is called popularism. Popularism is the Fall of Man at the society level. They promise you free stuff but then the day of reckoning comes when you have to pay, and the price of all that free stuff you got is to become the slave of government. Popularism is how free people become the subjects of the tyranny of government. That is where we stand today; we are at that point in history today when we can either move forward to fulfill God’s Purpose of Creation or fail to understand His direction and receive His judgement.

When Father describes the Kingdom of Heaven, there are a number of very significant concepts which he always mentions. When he talks about the Kingdom of Heaven he always talks about the Peace Military, and the Peace Police, and he talks about the world where people live in accordance to their conscience without laws, without lawyers, prosecutors and judges. If we read the Peace Messages we will see the same concepts repeated over and over and over and over again. But what do these concepts mean?! How can there be a society without laws and judges? What is the Peace Police and the Peace Military?! …and what does that have to do with the Kingdom of Heaven? We have the Kingdom of Heaven, it’s peaceful… why do we have military and policemen?! These are questions we have to answer if we want to understand what the Kingdom of Heaven is because True Parents, as the Messiah, have emphasized them so strongly. They are obviously of great significance and importance.

What exactly is a society of conscience? Is it possible to construct a society of conscience? How can we have a society without laws and policemen? Well, there actually is a close approximation to that kind of society. It’s not completely without lawyers and laws but you can get pretty close to it, and that society is called a self-regulating society, and there just a few ingredients that you need to make a self-regulating society. The first ingredient required to make a self-regulating society is private property, so you need a minimum amount of laws to register who owns what. The second ingredient you need for a self-regulating society is free markets. The third ingredient is competition. Competition creates the environment in free markets where entities or organisations, whether they’re businesses or non-profit organisations, compete with each other to deliver goods and services. They do so without any government telling them how to do it. They do so efficiently because only those organisations which are able to deliver goods and services more effectively and with better quality at lower cost will continue to survive in that competitive environment. When we understand this point of view then we can see that yes, a society without laws, without policemen, and without a government telling me what to do is possible. Not only is it possible historically, but it is the reason why wealth creation exists.

All of the wealth that you see in the modern world was created by entrepreneurship and free people building businesses. It hasn’t been created by government. When government ruled the world there was zero wealth creation, zero technological development; it was freedom and free markets that created all the wealth. What we see here from the Principle pint of view and from Father’s words, Father is describing Cheon Il Guk as a
self-regulating society where all things and all services are put into the model and the pattern in which they can self-regulate themselves to fulfil the needs of human beings.

But then what exactly is this concept of the Peace Military? We need to think why is this so emphasised? What do they mean? What is the significance? But have you actually asked yourself what is dominion over creation? What does that mean? How is it that man has dominion over the lions, the tigers, the elephant, and rhinoceros? Do we have dominion over them because we are nice to them? Seriously! This is a serious question. By what means does man have dominion over creation? By what means?

Man in audience: "Weapons"

KJN: (points to man to affirm) “Right, weapons, guns… because we can hunt them and eat them. Because we have weapons we can hunt and eat animals. That’s why we have dominion over them. That’s what it means to have dominion, to have absolute control; it means to have the power of life and death. That’s the only justification for man to have the right to kill and eat animals, is that God gave us that right. How else would you justify us killing and eating animals? I’m sure many of you have your own cats and dogs and animals, and you know they have feelings. This is a very important point because ultimately the citizens of Cheon Il Guk, sons and daughters of God, are supposed to grow in their maturity so they can inherit this authority over life and death and to use that authority only for the benefit of the whole in a mature manner, and so actually the third blessing is that process of maturity from going to having a family to participating in society as what? … as Peace Military and Peace Police.

The citizens of Cheon Il Guk are to grow and mature to become soldiers and policemen, and this a very key concept. What best describes or approximates this understanding is like we see in Switzerland with the Swiss Militia system. Everybody in Switzerland has their full time job; they do their work, they live their lives. They are the cobbler, the baker, the movie-ticket attendant, they are the banker, the fisher, the weaver, but as their part time job they are also the soldier and everybody in Switzerland is a soldier and it is their duty to bear arms, to protect the nation. So the people own the course of power of that country and it is the same concept as the Swiss Militia system for the army, being applied to the police. So in the Kingdom of Heaven all of us will have our full time jobs and our full time careers, but it will not be the state providing the services of policing and of military as an exclusive monopoly of the state; it would be the people who would all participate to police and to secure national boundaries and integrities of the state. In the Kingdom of Heaven all people would mature to bear arms, and to be responsible for those arms in the protection of common welfare.

So in this state we can see, especially intuitively you can understand this very simply, because, what organisation or entity has committed the greatest elimination or murder of human beings throughout history? Is it the criminals or the murderers which have killed the most people? It’s government. In the last hundred years, if you add up every person who was killed by murderers and crime it may be at most about five million people. But in the same period if you add up all the people killed by governments in genocide and in the policies of government, it’s over two-hundred and forty million. This is what governments do, they kill people, especially when the have monopoly over the course of power. I know the governments teach you that you have to trust government because government does everything so well, but I hate to tell you the reality that governments lie to you, they don’t do everything so well!!

(Audience laughs)

KJN: “Surprise, surprise… and guess why governments lie to you, because government is the Archangel, it is Satan!”

(Audience applauds)

KJN: “And so in the ideal world it is very important for the citizens of Cheon Il Guk to understand that they are the owners of society. The reason why this is so important is because the means by which governments use to enslave the people is what? …the monopolistic ownership of the use of force: standing armies, full time police forces. This is what governments use to make you slaves and, therefore, if you want to create the Kingdom of Heaven, the citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven must always understand that God’s intention was for the people to own everything and that includes the course of power and weapons.

The problem is that if we reject our ownership of all things those things will not disappear. If we say we don’t want guns and we don’t want the use of force, it doesn’t mean they disappear, that just means someone else owns them. If the good people don’t own them, the evil people will own them, and they will use that to oppress you… and that has been the history of humanity. When we look at the role of government in the Kingdom of Heaven, we see the role of the government is as servant of the people where it owns as little as possible; a small government; a government which only coordinates the activities of the people and doesn’t try to tell the people what to do; a government which only supports the ambitions of the people but doesn’t do it for them and lets the people make their own mistakes and solve their own problems. This is the ideal nature for the role of government. And intuitively you can understand it, it makes sense.
(KJN makes reference to a slide on the screen) This slide shows you a spectrum from tyranny to anarchy. Now when we talk about the Freedom Society in the Kingdom of Heaven, we know that in the Garden of Eden there are always four actors: there is God, Adam and Eve, and there is the Archangel. The Archangel is an important part of the Garden of Eden; we cannot live in it without the Archangel. The Archangel will always be there; the government will always be there. But the role and the size of the government is what's very important because in order to prevent anarchy you need the minimum amount of government. You cannot have private property of free markets without some government. So the Freedom Society is a society that has just enough government to prevent anarchy; that's going to be ninety to ninety five percent of private ownership, and we actually saw freedom societies like that in the past. America before the big welfare states came up, from the eighteen hundreds to the early nineteen hundreds had GDP, and the Federal Government share of GDP was less than two percent. They had no income tax for most of American history. You see the freedom society in places like Hong Kong. You guys, you know, you have a lot of troubles here in the United Kingdom and a lot of difficulty in managing the economy and a lot of social welfare spending, but you manage Hong Kong better than you manage your own economy.

You see it in places like Singapore. This (freedom) society works and it works by empowering "you", the people, and it works by saying: "Yes, you can do it!" It's not that the government can do it, it's 'you can do it'! This is the society that God wants. He wants Adam and Eve, the people, to inherit and own all things in society. That's God's ideal. That was the Purpose of Creation; to bequeath to Adam and Eve. So then what is the Archangel ideology? What is the Archangel's position or viewpoint? It is very clear... the Archangel or the government owns everything. This is communism! That's why, clearly, communism is the work of Satan, because the position of communism is that the government owns everything and then communism tells you that when the government owns everything you are all equal. Well, in a sense it's true because you are all equally a slave to government. That's the equality that Satan promises you with Communism. Maybe socialism is eighty percent of that. Maybe the British social welfare democracy is sixty percent, fifty percent of that. France is probably around seventy five percent, eighty percent socialist. So you can see the scale of all the different countries and where they lie on the spread sheet of whether they are in relation to God's ideal or Satan's ideal. The fight in human history has been between God and Satan. It has been between God's Will to bequeath to His children and Satan who has tried to inherit to himself. It has been between free people who have aspired to assert their creativity and to have ownership in their lives and of government who have sought to dominate and to control all aspect of every individual’s living conditions. This tension and this conflict have been running throughout history as a result of the Fall of Man. But now, through our understanding of the Principle and through the teaching of our True Parents, we can have a clear vision of what the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth is. The Kingdom of Heaven on Earth is a society where free people own everything and where free people possess the Third Blessing, and where free people are the guardians of both internal security and of external security, and where free people are confident in their ownership and do not run from their responsibilities. It is a society of freedom and a society of responsibility."

(Audience applauds loudly)

KJN: "As we understand what the Kingdom of Heaven is and what God’s Will for all of humanity is, one of the most important things is to understand what the role of religion is. We saw free society in America briefly before it was destroyed by big government, and we know why this stage of big government came, it was actually religion that was driving it and tried to destroy freedom in America... pushing people to get on welfare, to make social welfare systems, and spend those social welfare states: “This is compassion, social welfare is compassion” There is a reason why religion has always been trying to destroy freedom, it's because of the crucifixion of Christ. Because Christ was crucified, the religion which formed centring on Christ can only offer spiritual salvation; it cannot provide salvation or the Kingdom of Heaven on the Earth, and that is the limitation of that religion. That's why Christianity is not complete. Christianity can only deliver humanity and society to the top of the growth stage, and that is exactly what we are seeing. God gave America freedom! He gave it the reality of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth but because the religion of that age was not able to understand the blessings that God was giving to that great nation, the religions actually worked to destroy that freedom and to impair and to cripple it. That is why this Freedom Society cannot exist without a new religion. Without the religion and without the teaching of the Lord of the Second Advent this Freedom Society cannot be maintained. It is only through the understanding of the Principles of Creation and of the Fall of Man, there is no other religion on Earth that can preserve the Freedom Society, and if all the people of this world aspire for freedom and plan to live in the Kingdom of Heaven, they must all accept True Parents as the Lord of the Second Advent.”

(Audience applauds strongly)