

Principles and Values

Dr. Moon's unique perspective to peace integrates deep spirituality and practical measures. The foundation of his approach is the vision that all humanity is "One Family Under God."

One Family under God

"We need a new, spiritual vision of peace for the twenty-first century that can bring all people of faith together as one. That vision, I believe, is One Family under God." ~Dr. Hyun Jin Moon

"One Family under God" means that all humanity originates from God, the creator of the universe. Thus we, as children of God, are members of one family. The fundamental teachings of major religions of the world lead to such a conclusion. It is a profound truth, that all people on earth are fundamentally related to one another beyond the race, religion, and nationality.

Originally, the family is a model of a peaceful world. As the primary socializing institution, family is the first school of love. Love is developed in relationships found in the family: between child and parent, sibling and sibling, husband and wife, and parent and child. Ultimately, love is the true measure of character. The family, therefore, is to be cherished and protected as the guarantor of human welfare and as the sacred bond that links one generation to the next.

One Family under God is a vision that transcends the barriers that divide the human family, and fosters love towards each member no matter their ethnic, national or religious background.



Living for the Sake of Others

“There is something deeply spiritual in serving others. It is not something we should do only for a day, a month or even a year. It has to become a way of life.” ~Dr. Hyun Jin Moon

Service is central to Dr. Moon’s vision for peace. It is an essential part of the peace building and character development work of Service For Peace and the Global Peace Foundation. Service has brought warring tribes together, developed community driven initiatives, and empowered the disadvantaged. Dr. Moon said, “Imagine if young people from enemy nations worked side by side in service. Any misunderstandings and hatred that existed would fade away as they sweat, cry and laugh together with a common purpose and cause.

It is also a key part of education, particularly for the youth. In essence, service is a spiritual act motivated by intrinsic spiritual values such as compassion and responsibility. Through living for others, one comes to understand the value of others as well as oneself. As Albert Schweitzer, the doctor and missionary said. “I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.” Service is the key to happiness.

Moral and Innovative Leadership

“Moral leadership provides the roadmap for nation-building by outlining a vision rooted in universal aspirations, principles and values, while innovative leadership provides the methods through which that vision can be realized, by harnessing man’s natural creative need to advance the human condition. They are like the two sides of one coin.” ~Dr. Hyun Jin Moon



*The standard of leadership
that I am advocating
around the world
is moral and
innovative leadership.*

Recent history has seen examples of inspired leadership in the lives of such figures as Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each found inner resources to bear the weight of institutionalized injustice. Each advanced a moral vision that overcame seemingly insurmountable obstacles and then brought reconciliation through forgiveness. Gandhi's march to the sea, King's nonviolent civil disobedience, were innovative expressions of the transcendent vision expressed in America's founding Declaration, that "All men are created equal, and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights."

As these examples demonstrate, the qualities of moral and innovative leadership are universal and not exclusive to one religion, nation, race or culture. Peace needs such leaders who are driven by a vision that embrace all humanity, and willingly commit their lives in pursuit of this vision.

Fundamental Human Rights and Freedoms

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."
The Declaration of Independence, United States of America*

The Declaration of Independence of the United States defined the modern notion of fundamental human rights and freedoms. First and foremost, it acknowledges the Creator as the source of inalienable rights and asserts that no human institution can violate these rights and freedoms. In turn, the Constitution outlines a system that recognizes the primary authority of the people. Particularly, the first Amendment to the Constitution guarantees the freedom of expression and religion.

Second, it asserts that all people are created equal. The Declaration pronounces equality as an intrinsic value linked to the Creator. Accordingly, one nation under God does not require a particular racial makeup, cultural or religious background, but is built upon transcendent principles, intrinsic values and self-evident truths.

Dr. Martin Luther King appealed these principles in his powerful speeches that reached beyond sectarian difference. He said that the civil rights movement was not just a struggle for African-American equality but the pursuit of a timeless ideal rooted in the fundamental principles that shaped America's founding.

These values set forth in the founding principles of America have set a global precedent to protect and promote the essential freedoms of conscience, worship, and speech around the world. They also laid the foundation for our modern notion of human rights, and have become a shield against tyranny and corruption.