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"God Was Korean"

= If it is a fact, we could be His same family (tribe) =

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"God has been living in Korea" - a young American who was born in New York City, had received Revelation as "There is living God on this earth" and to meet the living God, he has travelled through about 13 countries in the world. Now, he is staying in Korea and is seeking to have a time to talk with his living God, the Lord. In Roman style, he is wandering now in the vicinity of The Tongil Church (The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity or The Unification Church). This young American's name is David S. Colton (29 years old). He keeps saying that Mr. Moon of T-Church is the living God.

As the younger of two brothers, Mr. Colton was born in a poor and humble home in New York, 1940. His family were members of the Holy Catholic Church (The Episcopalian Church), and from his early childhood he discussed frequently of the substance of God with his grandfather. Later, he had disputes with his father, too, for his religious problems, but recently his father came to an understanding of his attitude of mind. X

Mr. Colton had graduated from Westminster High School, Connecticut, and studied mathematics at his college, Winter Park, Florida. In his college days, he was driven to despair and scepticism so deeply, owing to his own character or many external circumstances. Therefore, he was obliged to change his college, and began to study philosophy at Rollins College, New York. But, on the way of his study, he retired from the college. "As a self-supporting student, it was very difficult to continue," he explained his withdrawal from the college. ✓

After that, he worked at an insurance company. After leaving the company, he began to sell toys, and later was employed by some other companies. After this, he enlisted to 25 division,

U.S. Army, which is now fighting the Vietnamese war, and finished his military service in Hawaii. Then, he worked again at a farm in New Mexico, and last year he married Marguerite, one of his classmates at Rollins College. The life of the newly-married couple began in a truck, because Mr. Colton was at that time working as a carrier for a furniture-shop. Now, we can imagine that such a hard life pushed him to set out in search of his living God. It was on January 5, that the newly-married couple left New York to meet their living God, who was supposed to be somewhere on the earth. They had nothing but two small bags in which were stuffed their articles of daily use. When they reached London, England, they bought an old "Land Rover" car for 950 dollars to save their travel expenses. As had been the custom of the newly-married couple, they slept and took their meals in the "Land Rover" and in the daytime they drove their car to a new destination.

In England, Colton met with Don E. Stevens who was a friend of his father's and vice-president of the Standard Oil Company. Thomson wanted to go with them in search of their living God and from that time on for some time he was their good fellow-traveller. They wandered on the mountains of Northern Scotland; they prayed heartily at the "Tibet Meditation-Center." But they had no revelation whatever letting them know as to where their living God was. After having wandered around the whole of England spending more than a month, on February 25, they heartily prayed again in their car.

"O Lord! Please lead us to our Perfect Master the living God....."

Their prayers must have been heard by God. At last, Heaven gave them a revelation. "God told me to find Mr. Sun Myong Moon. He said this man alone can give me the light to my life and faith....." His eyes sparkled as he said this; "On the following day, we met an English lady by the name Mrs. Mod Kennedy the authoress of 'Children's questions and answers to them.' When we visited her most unexpectedly she was talking about Mr. Sun Myong Moon. It was too much to be called any 'coincidence'."

By "Perfect Master" Mr. Colton means the True Teacher or the Perfect Lord which are said by common Christians. The Perfect Master, Mr. Colton is talking about, is the True Teacher (Master) whom the Christians in general call "The (Perfect) Lord". The Catholic members call their Pope the "True Teacher" and the Lamaists call their Dalai Lama "The Perfect Lord". But the Perfect Master sought by Mr. Colton means the living Lord, namely the living God. In any case, Mr. Colton who received Mr. Moon's full name in the Revelation had to wander around all the European countries in search of Him.

On Feb. 28, Mr. Colton drove his car to Belgium. Driving through France, he arrived in Frankfurt, West Germany, where he came to know two young men by the introduction of Nigel Thomson,

his fellow traveller Karl Krammer, and Julius Rios, both applicants for the university of 'Cambridge'. From this time on, they were a band of five including Mr. and Mrs. Colton. Passing through the scenic Austria they went to Yugoslavia.

Upon entering Yugoslavia, they had a car-accident trying to dodge past a man who ran into the lane. Their car was thrown down from the hill and was stuck there. Damage was great, but fortunately they were all safe. When they reached the border of Bulgaria, a uniformed guard with a pistol shouted at Mr. Colton, "You must go back to Yugoslavia and cut your long hair before coming back." Mr. Colton was obliged to go back to Yugoslavia and had cut his long hair which dropped to his shoulder. To cut his long hair was almost a tearful thing to him. Mr. Colton says that he can never forget this impression of Yugoslavia. "In that country, most people seemed to have forgotten human happiness, living like machine. I saw so many spiritless faces on streets and I felt they they were living in an invisible fear; they were surely unhappy..." he said. According to his confession, he met with a deaf and dumb person in Yugoslavia. And he spent some days with him, and with him only he could feel the milk of human kindness. In Iran, the road was so bad to drive on and their car was this time buried in heavy snow. The windows of the car were broken and chilly wind blew into the car. Besides, gasoline was completely used up. Karl Krammer and Julius Rios, therefore, were obliged to go back by their broken car to West Germany, Nigel Thomson going to his country by train. Mr. Colton and his wife were compelled to leave Iran by airplane, arriving in India on 27, March.

Mr. Colton planned to respect Meher Baba, an Indian religious leader, who was found to have already died on 31, January. Mr. Colton wanted to visit Meher Baba's native place, but, owing to his sudden stomach upset he couldn't go there and he sent his wife Marguerite instead. They continued to wander around so many countries to locate Mr. Moon, but so far in vain.

On 19, April, they arrived in Tokyo, Japan and, for the first time, they enjoyed very comfortable sleeping. To find their living God they had already spent three months going around from one country to another and Mr. Colton's wife was exhausted. Therefore, she went back to America and Mr. Colton was obliged to make a solitary journey. They had no house of their own in America, and his wife had to go to her friend's home.

Many a night in Tokyo, Mr. Colton slept in the neighbourhood of the airport and in empty churches. He roamed about from one street to another. Then, he heard Mr. Sun Myong Moon might be a Korean. It was very glad and astonishing information for him. And on 23 of April, Mr. Colton could set his feet on Korean soil where his Perfect Master was supposed to be living.

From Kimpo airport he came into Seoul City and stayed at 'Grand Hotel'.

At YMCA and at many police stations, from his first day in Seoul, he asked about the place of his living God. But no one could tell him about it.

He moved from his hotel and stayed at a small hotel in the neighbourhood of the Gate (Arch) of Independence. Here, he wrote the name of his Lord, Sun Myung Moon, on the pocket of his shirt and walked on streets asking people about that personage. "On 2nd of May, a man who saw the name of my living God on my pocket directed me kindly to the Unification Church (The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity) which was established by Mr. Sun Myong Moon. At last I saw (not met) my Perfect Master. That day, He was returning from His second world-tour and I went to Kimpo airport with many of the church members to welcome Him....."

"What was your first impression of your Perfect Master?" I asked him.

"I was very happy, and I was deeply impressed. I couldn't open my eyes because His spiritual light was beaming so strongly..." he replied.

For the first time, on 4, May, Mr. Colton heard his Perfect Master's sermon.

"I was so happy that I came, and I was choked with tears by His great sermon, which I only spiritually understood. Everything I see and hear confirms my faith in his being the Perfect Master, my Lord."

He is now on his itinerary tour to the local churches.

"I was told to meet him after his return from this tour. With great anticipation, I am studying the English version of the Divine Principle during his absence."

"What is your plan after meeting Him?" when thus asked, his answer was "I already feel that Korea is my new Fatherland. First thing after meeting the Master, I will write my wife with His picture and the tape recorded materials enclosed. If only she agrees with me, I want to bring her here and live forever in Korea..."

NEWS BRIEFS

Clearfield, Utah

David S. C. Kim

(1) The four sons of Mr. David Kim have been staying in Layton, Utah, since June 1st. Sung Soo, the oldest son, left for Oakland chapel on June 31. He helps Oakland chapel in many ways. The remaining 3 sons in Utah--Hyun Soo, Young Soo, and Joon Soo--attend an auto mechanic course in the morning at the Clearfield Job Corps during their waiting period of summer vacation. In the

afternoon they practice Korean Karate and they have already recruited one of the American boys in that area as their student.

(2) As soon as the sons of Mr. David Kim arrived at Clearfield, all the news media in Utah mobilized to report the re-union of sons with Mr. David Kim. There were articles and pictures in:

- 3 large daily news papers in Utah
 - (a) Salt Lake Tribune
 - (b) Ogden Standard Examiner
 - (c) Deseret News

---All news stations and TV stations

As they reported on Mr. David Kim's grant of permanent visa last year, this time of actual re-union was also widely publicized in Utah's news medias to welcome Mr. Kim's sons. When we see how the world news agencies unconsciously treats our Heavenly family we know there must be some spiritual meaning.

REP. BURTON HELPED

Long Wait Ends--
Dad Greet 3 Sons

CLEARFIELD -- An employe of the Clearfield Job Corps Center has been reunited with three of his sons after being separated from them for six years.

Sang Chul Kim, 1868 W. Cliffs Place, Layton, counseling supervisor at the center, has been separated from his wife and a fourth son, who live in California, for the past two and one-half years, because he had to leave his wife to accept employment in compliance with regulations of a student visa.

The same visa prohibited his three Korean sons from joining the family in the United States, Mr. Kim said.

Mr. Kim had been trying to obtain a permanent visa since arriving in Utah and had enlisted the aid of Rep. Laurence J. Burton, R.-Utah, who was instrumental in obtaining the permanent visa status, he said.

Mr. Kim said he will now proceed to unite the three sons with their mother and the fourth brother in California after a short visit here. (Ogden Standard-Examiner, Ogden, Utah, July 7, 1969)

Letter to Our Master on the Long Existing
Conflicts Between West & East Groups

Dear True Parents & Mrs. Choi,

After we prepared the above letter, Mr. David Kim and his oldest son, Sung Soo, made a West Coast trip visiting Sacred Grounds, and stayed with the N. W. Family for a few days.

All the N.W. Family seriously discussed with Mr. David Kim the following topics:

- (a) Constant conflicts with Washington group instead of harmony and mutual cooperation.
- (b) Constantly trying to dominate the N.W. group by Washington group members.
- (c) Taking away members from other groups to Washington, D.C. group (sending a worker to Oregon City, 20 miles from Portland, Oregon chapel, to separate members from us).
- (d) Slandering and insulting Mr. David Kim--making propaganda that David Kim is resigned from his missionary work and that he no longer controls and supervises the N.W. and the West Coast, etc.
- (e) Requesting all kinds of monthly reports from other group and asking for contributions to Washington, D.C. by blessed couples. But we have lots of doubt on their use of these funds.
- (f) Openly making propaganda that Miss Kim's translations of the Principle is the only legitimate text approved by our Master and that Mr. David Kim's translation is not approved even if it is exact translation of Mr. Rhyu's lecture series in Korean.
- (g) Miss Kim and Philip Burley still have not given up their old dream to control the other 2 groups and whole U.S.--N.W. Family and San Francisco or Mr. Choi. They use the name of U.S. Headquarters, and act as dictator, though they completely failed a few years ago in this matter centering in Jim & Mary Fleming, Lowell Martin and others. This was controlled by Miss Young Oon Kim, but Miss Kim & her followers still use the same dirty tricks to control all groups in the U.S.

To these problems Mr. David Kim gave us direct answers, instructions and his present position. He asks us to report to Seoul Headquarters the statements he made to all of us:

- (1) "Each N.W. Family member quickly bring 3 new members and expand our work in the West.
- (2) "4 states needs new members in our faith right away.
 - Boise, Idaho
 - Missoula, Montana
 - Vancouver, B.C., Canada
 - Anchorage, Alaska
- (3) "My Heavenly Mission as Korean missionary of United Faith Movement still stands as it was in 1959, the year of my coming to U.S. as seminary student. I never resigned from this special mission, and will do this work the rest of my life. As I explained to you after 11 hours in conference with 3 missionaries

at Washington, D.C. (with our Master and Mr. Rhyu and Mrs. Choi), I am presently responsible for the West, working together with Mr. Choi in San Francisco, California.

"I never said I quit the Heavenly job assigned by our Master and God. I do not know why Miss Kim insists that I resigned. Maybe she and her students want me to quit, but I cannot. I am planning more active program for the future at international level to evangelize the whole world, not necessarily confining myself to the U.S. West Coast.

(4) "The Blessed Couples from my N.W. group will be taken care of by myself. No longer will I put them under other American family, nor any of the Korean missionaries--neither Miss Kim nor Mr. Chei. I will be responsible for raising and training them on how to live as blessed couples. They belong to our Master through Mr. David Kim.

(5) "No need to pay attention to Miss Kim nor her so called appointed President. In the past her group made unbearable mistakes in the West--Oregon, California--causing damages legally and spiritually to me and our N.W. group, and I still see that the dangers are existing in their daydreaming, their tactics, their sneaky way of doing, and their undemocratic methods, etc. I and N.W. group do not recognize her group as our boss nor as U.S. Headquarters.

"By my systematic observation there are long years to go to be U.S. Headquarters, even after I recently visited Washington, D.C. in February, 1969. So do your part and fulfill your Heavenly responsibility in America. Don't be upset. I will be with you as your teacher, adviser, counselor and your Korean missionary sent directly by our Master. From now on march on with your new organization--United Faith, Inc. You have independent organization different from Mr. Choi's or Miss Kim's.

(6) "I suggest that from now on Blessed Couples from our group send tithe, contribution, Indemnity Fund, Family Fund, etc. to Portland Headquarters, and the Secretary will keep bookkeeping and a separate account called 'United Faith Family Fund' for our Master, so that at any time the funds are available if Master asks for it. I will check all on monthly basis.

"I ask Blessed Couples from our group to write to our Master at Seoul Headquarters on their monthly activity and Portland Headquarters will send a summary of the 'United Faith Family Fund' for Blessed Couples. They should no longer send money to Philip Burley, Washington, D.C. group.

(7) "Try to defend yourself and your work if some other member from other group tries to crush you and dominate you or insult you by means of dictatorship and/or undemocratic ways."

David S. C. Kim

Vernon & Maxine Pearson

(This was the second of two letters sent to Korea, written on June 15, 1969)

Richmond, California

John and Marie Schmidli

On Sunday, June 15 we celebrated 'The Day of All Things.' Our Oakland family came to our home in Richmond. We had a service and a hymn fest which was followed by a Korean dinner and a lengthy and most constructive discussion after dinner. With Gerald's singing and guitar playing--an enjoyable ay it was!

We planned an excursion for the 5th of July, down the Pacific Coast (from San Francisco to Santa Cruz). John and Sung Soo met and witnessed to a couple from Walnut Creek, Deanne and Chuck Herndon, both school teachers; who were so inspired--especially the woman--so much, that she wrote and wants to talk with John. John and Sung Soo meet with them tonight, the 14th of July.

We still are having our weekly meetings at Bob's and Joan's in Oakland. A new brother has been added to our family--Jim Blades.

Our love goes out to all our brothers and sisters. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. In our True Parents.