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DECLARATION OF PEACE

By Osami Kuboki at WACL World Conference, Kyoto Japan, on September 20, 1970

"Communism is wrong!" We have been appealing with these words as the voice of justice in history.

History should have begun in peace; the goal of history should be the pursuit of peace. The ideal of peace was given by God, yet it has been trampled in the dust by man throughout history. Even now, Korea, Vietnam and China are torn between north and south, and Germany between east and west. This earth has been bathed in human blood and is covered with the tangled national grudges. This same earth has been the center of God's anxiety throughout the long years of history.

The tide of tension is rolling from Europe to the Far East. The bottomless flow of the lava of ignorance has exploded through the volcano of Red China, whose ambition of world revolution is burning up half of Indonesia and the Korean Peninsula. Its roaring has reached even to the islands of the Far East. The peace of Asia is now suffering from the tidal wave of that threat. There is no guarantee that nations which have constitutions of peace are the builders of peace. The easy appeasement policy between East and West can become the spark of war.

We now need a confrontation without compromise. Absolute peace is not found in coexistence or in endless negotiations. Peace can only be achieved by challenging and defeating threats to it.

Therefore we here propose the idea and strategy for peace.

Peace is not simply the abolishment of armaments. World peace cannot be achieved apart from the inner peace of man. To achieve inner peace, man's instinct must be conquered by his conscience, which again must transcend self-interest.

We have entered the age of common destiny among nations. Nations are either to be saved or destroyed collectively.

True love of country does not lie in haughty isolationism based on a blind security, but in choosing the undying honor of sacrifice and service, in bearing the cross of other countries who wander the borderline of death.

The Communist regime most fears these who march on bravely through the Valleys of death with sacrificial lives. Indeed, love, courage, and forgiveness are the mightiest weapons given to us.

Therefore we should not ask what other nations can give to us, but instead let us pursue what we can give to mankind, who are crying out in poverty and starvation.

What is the enemy which hinders true peace? It is ignorance. This ignorance is nationalism for the sake of nationalism, which blocks the way to peace by creating national barriers, racial prejudice, and holding historical grudges. We need, today more than any other time, the wisdom that all men are brothers under God. Ignorance robs man of freedom. Before we can achieve external freedom and liberty we must first be free from the internal bondage of ignorance and lay the foundation of absolute peace in liberty by knowing the truth of God.

However, true peace cannot be reached without world unity. The obstacle is nationalism.

Therefore, the way to world peace is the spirit of WACL, which surpasses Communist ideology and can make mankind into one body. We of WACL are those who believe that mankind are fellow citizens beyond the barriers of nations and states, yet respecting the national characteristics of every nation; who treat the ideology of Communism with absolute intolerance but without hatred for its people; who embrace the weak and needy, but not out of a "superiority complex"; who have compassion for those who suffer but are also willing to serve them in order to deliver them out of their poverty and pain, with tears for mankind more than those who suffer.

Now the flag of the battle to achieve peace is passed on to the youth, who hold the future. Therefore, peace must be established by the love, intelligence, and energy of youth. This spirit will fulfill the words, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

Today history is pointing toward Asia, especially toward Japan. The WACL World Rally has been victoriously held in Japan, whose sun is about to rise. On this occasion, we declare together to the word that the peace of God, by God, and for God is the reality of peace for which all nations are longing.

ADDRESS

By Mr. Ryoichi Sasakawa - Chairman, Executive Committee: WACL Conference, Kyoto, Japan

We are highly honored that our friends from more than sixty countries are present at this conference. I must confess that we were concerned ourselves about the execution of this meeting at the early stage of preparations, because almost all of the members of WACL Japan are young people of no experience in this kind of activity.

However, those young people have made their best efforts surmounting many obstacles -- yes, obstacles and nuisance tactics from both sides of leftists and rightists. My young friends of WACL Japan have cleared away the obstacles faithfully on the principles of nonresistance, sometimes suffering from the nasty attacks of ultra leftists. I personally appreciate their great efforts and believe the strong backing of the people attending here has encouraged them greatly. Some of you might have found a few instances imperfect in preparation, but I would like to ask you for your generosity for any carelessness on their part out of consideration for their sincerity.

It was my pleasant surprise that every meeting at various spots of this country was full of attendants. So many people seem to have become conscious of the serious situation of the world around us. People of today are urged to the alternative judgement -- freedom or slavery, in other words, humanism or communism. The compara-

son of the Republic of Korea and North Korea, or West Germany and East Germany, does clearly show how important the freedom is.

From my point of view, communism is a kind of germ more harmful than cholera or pest bacilli. However, I do not try to oppress the communists themselves as our enemies, because they are simply the carriers of the germ. They are patients. I think we should be doctors who cure them of the disease of communism. If they would recover, we would not hesitate at all to welcome them as fellow citizens of our society.

Incidentally, I know a group of people who are strongly against us have intentionally got mixed up with our comrades here in this hall. Let me say "Thank you for your coming" to the group of the radical leftists. Truly I welcome you because I have already made up my mind to cure you of the infantile disease. However, if the condition of the patient would be very serious and the patients would be violent, I would never hesitate to apply a desperate remedy. I hope that the members of leftists group here today are wise enough to understand what I mean.

What we aim at is to release the world from the chains of communism. For that purpose, I believe we should be tightly united as if we were a single body of a man. Even a slight injury at a finger-tip makes us feel a sharp pain. Even if a warrior of freedom would be persecuted by communists at a corner of a country far away, we would feel a sharp pain. I would like to emphasize that nothing could be more important than the international unity of the warriors of freedom to defeat the international communism.

Therefore, I sincerely hope the WACL movement will grow up bigger and bigger in the world.

I will never hesitate to die for freedom. I will confront myself with the patient of communism, because I always pray to God for quick recovery of them.

Finally, I hope you, our comrades, will take good care of yourself to promote this movement at every corner of the world.

Thank you.

REPORT OF THE PROGRESS ON THE WACL / APACL CONFERENCES - Sept. 15-18, 1970-Kyoto, Japan

The 4th WACL Conference and the 16th APACL Conference were held at Kyoto International Conference Hall from September 15 to September 18. Being participated by 230 delegates from 57 countries, the conferences could enjoy great success never seen before. The conference was started with exciting opening ceremony. Electing Japanese delegate, Mr. Osami Kuboki, as the Chairman, enthusiastic disputes were continued under the theme of "MOBILIZING THE FORCES OF WORLD FREEDOM" for the 4th WACL Conference and "PROMOTION OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGIONAL SECURITY ORGANIZATION" for the 16th APACL Conference.

At the First Preliminary Session, Miss Juanita Castro, a younger sister of Fidel Castro, President of Cuba, gave a powerful and touching speech on the reality of Cuban Revolution and greatly impressed all the audience. At the same time, Japan showed her eagerness as the host country sending 30 delegates with Mr. Okinori Kaya as the Chief Delegates. It was the first time to have sent so many delegates to the conference. Thus, the 4 days Conferences composed of freedom-fighters were closed with great success.

We thought that the success of this Conference must not be the possession only of the delegates but of all people in the world. And we thought especially in Japan, we must promote the activities for Victory over Communism through close cooperation with people all over the country as a host's responsibility. That's why we decided to hold WACL World Rally now assembled here, participated by you all. During the 10 months since Japan was elected for the host country of the 4th WACL Conference in last December at Bangkok, days were the succession of struggles inside and outside. We knew nothing about international conferences without any knowledge or any experience. For us, everything was new and we had many troubles and hardships in every work needed for preparation.

But, in May of this year, at the time of Executive Board Meeting of WACL, we had a great success in the National Rally for Promotion of the 4th WACL Conference gathering about 6,000 people in Fumonkan Hall. And this success gave us firm confidence and belief for the success of this conference. And then we began to start the nationwide propaganda for the WACL, for we thought the success of the conference must be brought about through vast participation of all people in Japan. So we began gathering signatures and raising funds all around the country, from small village to huge metropolitan city without leaving any room unstepped. Indeed, the number of our supporters has come to 2 millions now. And, we must tell you here, the expense demanded for this conference, one hundred and fifty millions (\$150,000,000) Yen, was prepared by cordial support of every person in every part of this country through these fund-raising-campaign.

Here, we sincerely wish to express our great thanks for the extraordinary kindness of people who supported us with this WACL conference.

The thing that encouraged us, young and innocent, to conquer all difficulties and obstacles was the strong belief that the only way to save Japan is to bring about great success of WACL Conference and sweep away the materialistic communism and nothing else. As Communique says, the cause of all tragedies in human societies is communism, because this is the false thought based on false outlook on the world centering in materialism. That is why the communism produces nothing but destruction of human dignity and enslavement of all mankind.

The WACL Conference was closed in great success and every delegate from every country expressed their cordial thanks for Japan for their great effort to make this conference successful. And, here, all the delegates are assembled with you now to take part in the historical convension which will cause the great change of history.

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Our New Combination on the International Wedding of 777 Couples in Korea

From: WAY OF THE WORLD - November, 1970 (Editorial)

The International Wedding of 777 Couples planned by the Holy Spirit Association of the Unification of World Christianity was held at the Changechung Gymnasium in Seoul, Korea on October 21, 1970.

From the viewpoint of general society, such large united wedding ceremony has not been held in human history.

But we think that it is not necessary for us to be interested in such a superficial problems.

It is an important problem to us only that what the wedding ceremony has a deep significance for Heavenly Father's work and the ceremony can have a great influence on the accomplishment of Our Father's Will.

Before this ceremony, there were several united marriage ceremonies of 36 Families, 72 Families, 124 Families and 430 Families. At each time, we could feel the deep meanings of them.

We also know the fact that there were already some international weddings under the Divine Principle, in Japan, America and Europe, and now, there are many Children of Blessing in many countries.

But in scale, this International Wedding of 777 Couples was the great, in comparison with the past wedding ceremonies. Because about 222 Couples were foreign of ten countries, including Japanese, American and European Families, and they came to Korea, firstly, to have their wedding ceremony under the Blessing of our True Parent's Hands.

By the sending of Korean missionaries to Japan and America in 1960, our Heavenly Father's Providence began on a worldwide scale, centering the Divine Principle.

After only a decade, our movement of the Divine Principles is now spreading into about 25 Foreign countries and from ten countries of them, our foreign members with blue eyes and brown hair visited Korea to light the worldwide flame of the International Wedding of 777 Couples.

This would be the first in our Korean history and also in human history.

Now, we are able to have a great hope Restoration of all mankind, realistically.

Externally, through the WACL Conference in Tokyo, we could get about 60 comrade-countries to struggle against Communism, and internally, through the International Wedding of 777 Couples, we could get a spiritual relationship with ten foreign nation Families under one Truth of the Divine Principle.

From this time, we are really forced to march on to spread the Divine Principle to all mankind over the world.

Transcending racial conditions, we have to make oneness as the Children of True Parents. We have to make new combinations with all foreign members.

Race with race, nation with nation, we have to make a united front to struggle against Communism, the last foe of Our Heavenly Father.

We believe that this is the only way to save all of mankind perfectly.

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THE INTERNATIONAL WEDDING OF 777 COUPLES SOLEMNIZED IN SEOUL

From: Way of The World- November, 1970

On October 21, 1970 between 10:30 and 12:30, The International Wedding of 777 Couples of 10 nations was solemnized at the Metropolitan Gymnasium in Seoul with the presence of over 15,000 guests under the auspices of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity in Seoul.

The couples were from Korea, Japan, Austria, The United States of America, France, England, Germany, Italy, and Free China and many garlands of flowers were sent from Representatives, ministers and financial leaders, congratulatory telegrams from the foreign families, and Japanese former premier Nobusuke Kishi contributed the congratulatory message to the wedding.

At night between 7:30 and 9:30 there was a performance of men in the entertainment world in addition to the programme of blessed couples.

The Meaning of the International Wedding of 777 Couples
(This explanation made for guests)

Through our history of seventeen years, The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity has been striving for the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth and for the eternal salvation of mankind, which are the essential missions of Religion. By your good assistance and cooperation, our Association has developed into a worldwide organization having national headquarters in twenty five countries.

At one time, through misunderstandings by society and established churches, we were forced to face many difficulties.

Ending all the trials and persecutions, we fought to reform the fallen world into a new bright world in Our Heavenly Father's Hands.

In the long run, we made a national base of the Truth, the Divine Principle, in Korea, and we opened overseas centers in Japan, The United States of America, England, West Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Holland, Spain, Free China, India, Canada, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Greece, Syria, Jordan, Ireland, Brazil, Lebanon, Luxembourg and the Republic of South Africa.

In the above countries, with the propagation of the Divine Principle, our members are full of hope to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on this globe, and are living in great happiness for their eternal rebirth in the Divine Principle.

One important thing which we should not forget is the fact that where the Divine Principle goes an Anti-Communism movement is promoted to defeat the Communist ideology, thus ensuring the realization of one ideal world.

The 777 couples were selected from the unified families in ten countries, Korea, Japan, America, England, West Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Free China, and Holland and they joined with their eternal spouses at the ceremony.

Before this, there were several united marriage ceremonies of 36 Couple, 72 Couples, 124 Couples and 430 Couples in Korea.

At each time, we could feel the deep meaning of them. We also know the fact that there were already some international weddings under the Divine Principle, in Japan, America and Germany in 1969, and now, there are many Children of Blessed Families in many countries.

But in scale, this International Wedding of 777 Couples is the greatest in comparison with the past wedding ceremonies, and such a large united wedding ceremony has never been in human history.

It is an important problem to us, concerning international significance the wedding ceremony has for Our Heavenly Father's work, and the influence the ceremony can have on the accomplishment of Father's Will.

Under one truth of the Divine Principle, they will marry to work for God's will.

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Programme of the International Wedding of 777 Couples:

October 21, 10:30 AM

1. The Opening Ceremony.....Presider: Hong Jong-Bok
2. Entrance of flags of the participating nations
3. Salutation to national flags

(Programme, cont'd.)

- 4. Address for the ceremony.....President of HSW-UWC
- 5. Entrance of bridesmaids and bridemen.....Musical performance of the naval band.
- 6. Entrance of officiator
- 7. Entrance of the brides and bride-grooms
- 8. Questions and answers
- 9. Celebrating prayer of officiator.....Sun Myung Moon, founder of HSA-UWC.
- 10. Exchange of the wedding presents
- 11. Proclamation
- 12. Gift of presents and bouquets to officiator
- 13. Singing in unison of celebrating song.....All participants
- 14. Congratulatory message.....Premier Chung Il-Kwon and Minister of C & I.
- 15. The congratulatory address.....Rep. Yook In-Soo Mr. Ryoichi Sasakawa.
- 16. Greeting of the brides and bride-grooms
- 17. Three cheers of "Manse"
- 18. Leaving of officiator
- 19. Leaving of the brides and bride-grooms
- 20. Leaving of bridesmaids and bridemen
- 21. Closing of the ceremony.

ROSTER of American Blessed Couples-

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| 1. Hugh Spurgin
Nora Martin | } | Washington D.C. Group |
| 2. Neil Salonen
Rebecca Boyd | | |
| 3. George Edwards
Anne Smith | | |
| 4. Farley Jones
Elizabeth O'Neill | | |
| 5. Jack Korthuis
Gladys Huffman | | |
| 6. Ronald Pepper
Darlene Okamura | } | San Francisco Group |
| 7. David Hose
Takeko Serizawa | | |

We, all Northwest family sent our deep; heartfelt congratulations to 7 Couples from America.

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Letters from Korea -

The following letters appeared in THE EPOCH MAKER, published by the San Francisco Family. They appeared in the November 25, 1970 issue.

Letter from TACCO in Korea

October 12, 1970

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am thinking of each one of you and praying for your work. You must be busy preparing for the Public Dinner now.

Since we came to Korea, more than two weeks have past already. This is the greatest opportunity for us to meet many brothers and sisters from all over the world to share and learn from one another. Because Korea is the source of this Unification Principle, we feel so grateful to be here, especially being with our True Parents.

We studied about Communism and its criticism, the situations of Communist countries, especially North Korea. Learning and talking with people here, I realized why unification has to come as quickly as possible. Korean and Japanese brothers and sisters are so dedicated and have a much deeper understanding of Principles. So Americans and Europeans are so busy learning from them. I am looking forward to seeing you and sharing with you all that we have learned here.

You must be anxious to know about our couples. We finished the engagement ceremony today. This means Ron and Darlene and David and I will be blessed as Papa and Mama San recommended for us. We will have a big wedding the 21st and will have a car parade and reception. Newspaper and TV will pick up our wedding as one of the most unusual and un-understandable things. We are busy interviewing with them and going to the T.V. station to witness about the blessing. We also have the opportunity to exchange our activities with other brothers and sisters from America, England, Germany, Italy. More than 10 countries.

We will leave here, (Korea) on the 24th and stop by in Japan for a few days. One more thing-- many brothers and sisters are deeply interested in our big project: the Internaitonal Ideal City. Hope you are doing fine and helping each other. We are sending sincere prayers to all of you.

In our True Parents love,

Takeko Serizawa

Letter from DAVID in Korea

October 12, 1970

Dear Ted:

Right away I want to say that being here close to our Parents makes the truth we've studied very real. I feel very vividly how history has rumbled down to this time and place, and how Father has been aching to give the Parent's blessing to his children. Because men have passes their lives in spiritual death, God always seemed so distant - but the haart of God has ached because whether or not children know, the parent has just one mind and love and one regard -- how he can restore the relationship. In 3 days on Wednesday, the blessing will take place in a monster gymnasium overlooked by one of the jutting mountains that surround Seoul. As I may have mentioned before, there will be heavy coverage of the event by Korean news media, 8 newspapers in Seoul will carry the event, plus we have been on radio and T.V. There is much curiosity, questions like "Why did you come to Korea to be married?" or "What do you think of Mr. Moon?" You have to be pretty agile.

Tacco is resting right now. Ron is sitting next to me writing a daily diary, and Darlene is with Tacco. Oh yes, we were interviewed with no rejections so it is now definite that we will be blessed. I will talk to you all much more about this when we return on November 2nd. Americans are very lucky....do you know that the water here is unsuitable for drinking - typhus, malaria, etc. It must be boiled before it can be drunk. We can thank God for our living conditions, Family, and work harder than the Koreans -- because we have better nourishment; although I can say that the spiritual nourishment here is great. We are in the final few days now, girls buying gloves and rings, fresh grey suits suddenly materializing for the boys. People practicing songs for the reception Wednesday after the ceremony and tour of Seoul.

We've had the opportunity to meet many good brothers and sisters here from all over the globe. Yes, there are many variations in methods and projects in different families. In Washington, D.C., they teach Principle in prison. In Denver, they are working with a spiritualist group. Las Vegas witnesses through an excellent trio of singers and Amsterdam spreads many missionaries to Europe and the Mideast. But being centered here with our True Parents, lets one see the one heart behind it all.

In Father's love, all of us.

Letter from RON in Korea

October 12, 1970

Dear Papasan, Mamasan and Brothers and Sisters,

We are busy with many activities - mainly listening to lectures. The Japanese family arrived a few days ago - so there has been a lot of excitement. There are over 220 couples from Japan. Mitsko is here (En-chan's cousin). The lectures last from morning about 9:00 till about 6:00 p.m. with a break for lunch. I get a little weary, frankly, at the end of the day, but most of the Anti-Communist lectures are completely new to us so we are interested.

Mr. Ang is doing most of the lecturing - he is a very smart man. His personal testimony was the most interesting though. He spent most of his life searching for truth - his intensity about the Principle is tremendous, so he gives us a great impression. Miss Kim is spending a lot of time for us in translating and taking care of us (us includes American and European family).

Last night, my Korean counterpart - he works in the printing shop here - showed me their shop. He speaks "good" English and Japanese and so we could ask questions and we talked with the other brothers there a long time.

After a while, I realized how much we have in common, different race, different language and different character, but I realized we were centering in the same God and the same principle. The Korean family we met all have great ambition and are doing very much.

Our Leader took us to Chung Pyung where we own (I believe) about 360 acres of land around a beautiful man-made lake. He asked each couple to sing - Darlene and I sang "Last Night I Had The Strangest Dream" - it was better than I usually sing.

The Ceremony which will be held in Seoul will be a very big event, there may be 10,000 people at the reception - including radio and T.V. coverage. It may be on some American T.V. stations - I'm not sure about this though.

We miss all of you in spite of many activities here and we are praying for you.

Sincerely,

Ron

NEWS REPORTS:-

Clearfield, Utah

David S. C. Kim

During the month of November, lots of movement took place in our missionary territory. Uncle John visited Utah, spending two weeks with Utah family, gave us great spiritual lift up to all of us in Utah. He helped Galen's old contacts (3 spiritually gifted ladies) encouraging to study our message as they all have our books. Even the day he left, at Greyhound Bus Depot, he witnessed to one lady of the "Church of Science Mind" Salt Lake, and he got promise from her to study through our text book soon.

According to all reports from our family indifferent states, the event of 777 Blessed Couples, taking place in Seoul, Korea, is really good asset for our witnessing because many people read Time Magazine, November 2, 1970 issue, and also saw the event on national TV stations as well as radio. So the event is already internationally known. Many people will be led to our movement from the good publication on news media and also will be easy for us to witness. We obtained dozens of copies of the TIME magazine for witnessing purposes. Each State representative should get more copies for witnessing use for the future.

I have a letter from Korea from Mr. Z. C. Lee who is assistant editor of local news paper, and converted to our work when he attended Anti-Communist Conference and was so much impressed with the Japanese young people in our movement. I helped him to attend the Conference in Japan and also he and I have known each other since 1945 in Korea. I am glad to hear that he is in our Heavenly Family. He wrote me the other day that he attended 777 Couple Blessing and American Blessed Couples donated both a "Lincoln" new Sedan" and brand new modern house to True Parents as gifts from them.

Larry Trenbeath, new family member of Utah since August 5, 1970, made a four day special trip to Northwest and paid tribute to Portland, Oregon, our headquarters, and visited Seattle for three hours. Also Marilynne Brooks of Idaho spent Thanksgiving holiday with Portland family. Vernon with Marylynne drive back to Boise, Idaho to strengthen Boise family who is growing in spirit but sometimes very hard to overcome hinderance from evil forces to prevent their spiritual growth.

Our chapel Pigeon family is growing in members and Galen made extra boxes for individual pigeon to prevent their fighting at bedtime. Everything is in order as far as pigeon family goes. Nearly 15 pigeons (growups) eat more rice than we consum daily. One of our neighbors, a Norman gentleman, suggested to feed them with wheat which cost \$1.25 per 5 pounds. It took a few days for the pigeons to switch from rice to wheat. By now they enjoy it. According to other information, wheat is much better for multiplication of pigeons than rice. My wife has this theory, who was visiting us for a few days during Thanksgiving season.

I am seriously thinking of my resignation from the job to engage myself in full-time missionary work and to launch Anti-Communist campaign. I tentatively set up the date of January 6, 1971 as my last date of work on the job, to be free for our Master and Father's work. Many unsettled problems I have, personally and financially, etc. But I can not let my time run out. Recently I got many spiritual messages from several spiritually gifted persons in U.S. and Korea on my preparation and my determination on my future mission, etc. Our beloved Dianne Pitts, Seattle, got spiritual revelation through her vision in her 10 o'clock prayer in November about my inner feelings and a futuristic event to come, so I would like to share her valuable spiritual experience which is so precious that I cannot but share it with you. Here is the excerpts from her vision in her letter November 16, 1970:

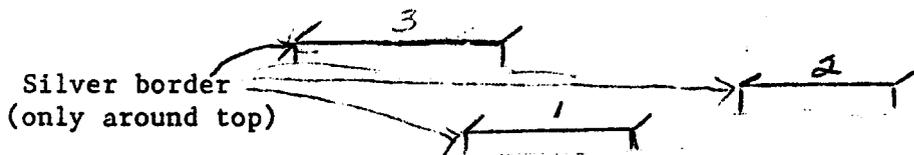
November 16, 1970

" "Several weeks ago for about a two to three week period, when I prayed for you at 10:00 prayer time, I "saw" a scene like this:

' It was like coming up from out of the clouds, like when you are in a plane and you finally get above the clouds. As I (I was not actually there, but from my point of view of seeing this, I have to say 'I') came out of the clouds on top it was very bright. These clouds below were very white and the scene "stopped" just on top of them. In other words, if I were standing looking at this scene, my ankles would be in the clouds below. The sky was very blue and although the sun was shining it appeared to come from behind (me).

' Although I never really "see" you (or any person at all really) in the scene, you are the only character in this scene. As you rise up through these clouds, the brightness intensifies. The blue sky disappears into all whiteness. The clouds that were the base before now smooth out and three rectangular pedestals appear; the first one in front, then the right one almost the same time and shortly afterwards the left one. (I've drawn a picture below to give you the idea). The pedestals are not really pedestals but Platforms. They are so white that they are almost crystal clear! and they are bordered by silver.

" You, (again, I do not see you but you are definitely there!) are very happy and I get the feeling that you have a completely new start. Everything is brand New and just Beginning. You walk over each of the Platforms and like you were surveying them, spending few seconds on each one and you end up standing on the third one, and smiling broadly, as you turn and face (me) forward. The light is all around but particularly strong just in back of you for a great depth!



(Platforms are not complete as clouds hide bases and they blend into the clouds at the back.)

" ' I felt this "scene" was both a promise and a blessing for you and that it indicated reaching great heights, much more quickly in the future with your new beginning. I was (and am!) terribly happy for you! " "

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Seattle, Washington

Dianne A. Pitts

The first week of December ends our 40-Day Campaign. Our campaign brought several new faces to our meetings and taught us many things. We can claim no true "new members" as yet, but we have several prospective members and our prayers are concentrated for their birth into Principles.

We used several methods of witnessing during our 40-Day campaign. Besides that of "striking up conversation" with people in parks, at restaurants, bowling alleys, etc. we used a survey. We took one of these surveys out at Highline College asking the students 3-4 questions to get a conversation going and judging by their answers we would know what Principle to approach them with first. The survey served as more than just an "in" however, We noted with interest that people answered according to their degree of belief. For instance, our first question was, "What percentage of college students do you feel still believe in God, or a God of some kind (ie: Mother Nature, etc.)? People who believed strongly in God were likely to answer, "80%" -- students that bordered on agnostic beliefs thought "only about 10-20%" still believed in God. This trend of "everyone thinks like I do" was continuous throughout the survey. We found the survey an easy way -- and much less time consuming than the (lost) art of "striking up a conversation", which is difficult to just "do" in some places. And we could easily take the conversation into Principle from any answer they gave. We left tracts with those we talked too. The only persons we did not give tracts to were those "completely turned off" by our survey and really not ready to come now.

For some of our members, the whole 40-day campaign -- a few nights in particular-- were a good lesson in what could be accomplished in a short period of time if one makes an effort. Some nights we talked with 10-15 people in just a couple hours' time and over half were interested in the Principles and interested in coming to our meetings. This survey can (and has been, here) used in churches as well, after services. You can take a survey anywhere!

Our 40-Day campaign renewed that "Gee, it's really great to witness" feeling -- 'cause it really does make you feel good!

Thanksgiving weekend we had a short but delightful visit with the Portland family and Larry Trenbeath from Utah and Marilynne Brooks from Idaho. It was great to meet these new members of our Family. These visits between our families are vital and give us that important boost that says "We are growing. Look at the new and uniquely valuable person we have found." Adn of course renews our sense of responsibility towards all mankind.

As the new year approaches us, lets make just one, good resolution: The Kingdom will be established.....that's enough work for everyone!

Portland, Oregon

Vernon and Maxine Pearson

We were very happy to have Marilynne Brooks from Boise and Lyle Rickenberg from Portland with us for Thanksgiving dinner. We went to the chapel in St. Helens for dinner and enjoyed it very much. Then on Friday, following Thanksgiving, Larry Trenbeath from Utah joined us. The following day Larry, Marilynne and Maxine made a flying trip to Seattle where they had a short time of fellowship in the chapel, and after visiting Sacred Grounds everyone had a short game of ball (short because of the wet and muddy ground) and then threw the frisbee. Larry treated everyone to some pizza and then it was again time to leave Seattle and return to Portland.

Even though the time was short, we were very happy to be together. Some of us were meeting for the first time, but hopefully not the last time.

Sunday, Vernon and Marilynne started out by car to Boise, dropping Larry at the Portland airport for his trip back to Salt Lake. For Maxine the chapel was suddenly very quiet; then she received a call from the airport. Larry's plane had been unable to take off because of fog. Could he come back for the night and bring a friend with him? Yes. Yes Yes. He did make it off the next day and is now back to work. We are hoping to be able to make a trip to Utah for the Christmas Holiday.

Idaho: The following is a letter Wayne Knapp of Idaho wrote to Pastor Seely of the First Conservative Baptist Church of Boise Idaho in resignation because of his new found faith and dedication to Principles.

November 5, 1970

Dear Pastor Seely,

This is to inform you that I am hereby resigning as a member of the Board of Trustees.

In August of 1970, I became a member of a lay religious group called the United Faith, and I find it increasingly difficult to devote an adequate amount of time to either obligation.

Another factor involved in this decision is the fact that this church would probably not agree with many of my present beliefs, and, therefore, would prefer not to have me holding said office. So to eliminate the necessity of having to remove me from office, I will voluntarily resign.

I think you know me well enough to realize that I did not make this decision without considerable forethought. I do not regard my eternal security as a light matter. However, after hearing this great message, I feel compelled to go out and proclaim it, and this will naturally take more of my free time.

I consider this message to be as far advanced to Christianity, as Christianity was to Judaism. And, as Christ "came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it," this message is a logical fulfillment of Christianity. But, because it is based on Christianity and contains new truth -- it is offensive to many Christians, as was Christ's message to the Jews.

I suppose that opinion of my fellowmembers will be that I have drifted from the truth, and gotten "mixed-up" with a cult. But I sincerely believe that I have grown spiritually in this church, and as a direct result of a closer walk with God, He chose to reveal this message to me. However, I want to be careful to give God the glory; it is not because of any accomplishment of mine.

Now I intend to relay the message to as many people as I can, and to give as much time as I can to this task.

My wife is not in agreement with my new beliefs, but I can't make decisions for her, so we accept this as one area on which we can not agree.

I only mention that to explain why we might still attend services as a family, or she might still attend with the children, while I am out witnessing. I have not discussed this in the children's presence, and I don't want to upset them, so I would like to "leave them out of it."

In the event that you would like to discuss this matter further with me, I would prefer to discuss it in your office.

Prior to writing this letter, I have'nt said much about my new beliefs, but I realize that I shouldn't be an office-holder and impede the team work of the congregation by lack of participation.

I realized that I didn't have the time to be a Sunday School teacher, nor would people in the church wish me to teach what I believe. So I declined that assignment. Neither would I have the time to spare for board meetings, mens breakfasts and work days. So rather than "tag-along" when I should be witnessing, I thought it would be best to explain my position.

I don't know if my previous statements will necessitate removing my name from the membership roster, but you may do this, if you think it is best. I realize that I am making a drastic change in my course, but I trust that I am doing God's Will, and I am merely changing direction, as the Apostle Paul did on the road to Damascus.

I have truly enjoyed the worship and fellowship I have shared in this church. And under the able direction of a pastor who seeks God's Will, we have experienced much spiritual growth. As our paths separate, I leave with many fond memories, but since I feel it God's will, I have no regrets.

I suppose I am trying to convince you of the wisdom of my decision in one short letter. This would be impossible to do. However, I would like to close with this thought: In the group of people that crucified our Lord, I suppose there were many sincere, religious people. They listened to him, shrugged off what He said, and put him to death. During the remainder of their lives, they probably continued to attend synagogue service regularly, offer sacrifices, and so forth. They probably went to their graves thinking they had faithfully served God, only to discover after death, that they had killed one who brought a further revelation from the very God they had sought to serve. I sincerely hope that neither of us makes a similar error.

Your brother in Christ,

Wayne A. Knapp

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The prayers of the United Faith family are with Wayne as he's made this positive step to serve God in teaching Principles in Boise, Idaho. His courage and dedication are greatly admired by all family members.

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COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

(continued from November News Bulletin)

The Growth of Early Christianity-

Scholars, generally, maintain that Paul's teachings were based upon religious beliefs current in the Roman world, principally those connected with the mystery cults, for they share a great deal in common. The central belief of both Christianity and the mystery religions was grounded in the death of the god and his resurrection. Both required rites of initiation and identification with the life and death of the god. Both promised salvation in form of forgiveness of sin and life-after-death. And, they often carried on similar practices.

It was these elements, plus the moral teachings which Christianity took from Judaism, that had the greatest appeal to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Unlike the beliefs and practices of the Jewish Christians of Jerusalem, which often conflicted with the people's accustomed ways of life, Paul's message seemed familiar and quite acceptable. As a result, the Gentile wing of the movement forged rapidly ahead.

In contrast the Jerusalem group made little headway. Slowly, therefore, the Jewish Christians lost their influence in the total movement, and with the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 C.E. they ultimately disappeared.

Over the years, the new Christianity had also introduced certain distinct rites about which we learn from the New Testament. Two of the most important were Baptism and the "Eucharist," or "thanksgiving", commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus. Both were intense inner experiences of identification with the "son of God."

In Baptism, the individual was initiated into Christianity. His going into the water symbolized that his former sinful self had died with Christ's crucifixion. His coming out represented his resurrection as a cleansed individual, who had been reborn through his new belief in the "son of God."

The ceremony of the Eucharist, involving the eating of bread and drinking of wine, also symbolized the mystical identification of the Christian with Christ. The bread represented Christ's body; the wine, his blood. By eating the bread and drinking the wine, the participant and the Christ became one, and the worshipper could personally go through the inner experience of Jesus' death on the cross.

The New Testament tells us something of the activities of the early Christians. We hear the care of poorer members and widows, the common sharing of food, and visits by traveling preachers. Undoubtedly, the early groups also adopted some form of prayer service. Here, too, we observe the beginning of church organization with the mention of "elders," "bishops," and "deacons" and other leaders.

However, the development of Christianity was far from complete. The observance of Easter, for instance, is not mentioned at all in the New Testament. Neither is Christmas. Actually, it was not until several centuries later that Christianity became a well-organized religion, with an established calendar of holidays, carefully prescribed regulations, fixed worship procedures, and a full set of church officials.

The Break between Judaism and Christianity -

As a result of Paul's teachings, the growth of Gentile Christianity, and the disappearance of the Jerusalem group, Judaism and Christianity eventually parted company. While the Jews had been content to allow the Jewish Christians to remain within the synagogue they could scarcely be as tolerant of Pauline Christianity. By now it had become quite clear to them on many counts that Paul's Christianity was no longer a Jewish sect, but a religion of its own.

In the first place, the Gentile Christians had discontinued the practice of all Jewish ceremonial, ritual, and holiday observances. According to Paul, salvation could no longer be achieved by fulfilling the requirements of the "Law of Moses," but only through faith in Jesus Christ.

Even the Jewish Sabbath as such was abandoned. It was a bit later, when some definite time was needed for Christian worship, that Sunday was chosen, since Jesus' resurrection was believed to have occurred on that day. By so doing the Christians took advantage of the fact that, in Asia Minor, Sunday was already known as "the Emperor's Day," a title which they promptly proceeded to change to "the Lord's Day" in honor of Jesus.

Nor did the Gentile Christians seem to identify themselves at all with the Jewish people. They denied that Israel still had a covenant with God. Generally, they showed little sense of kinship with the people of Israel, and even refused to support them in their life-and-death struggle against the Romans, especially in the years of 68-70 C.E.

Furthermore, many of the basic beliefs of the Gentile Christians were opposed by Judaism. One, certainly, was Paul's teaching that Jesus was God's own son. This was something that the Jewish concept of God could not tolerate. For centuries the Jews had insisted that there was only one God. There could be no "God the Father" and "God the Son," as Paul maintained. Nor could He be represented in human form or seen by man.

Judaism also rejected Paul's teaching that man was fundamentally sinful and therefore needed to be "saved" through identification with Jesus. The Jews insisted that man was born sinless, and that within himself he had the capacity for righteousness. To overcome sin he needed no mystical union with a crucified god. Instead, he had only to obey God's moral and ethical laws as revealed through the teachings of Judaism. Moreover, should he sin, he had the capacity to secure forgiveness for his sins through sincere repentance, making amends for wrong-doing, and earnestly seeking to live a more righteous life. God had created human beings with human failings and human limitations; He would not reject a man's sincere efforts to grow more like Him.

Finally, under Paul's influence the Christians claimed that their religion was the "new" revelation, destined to supplant Judaism, which was the "old." The Jewish religion they declared, was simply the forerunner of Christianity. With the appearance of Jesus the Christians maintained, the earlier religion of Moses had lost its whole purpose for existence.

This the Jews strenuously denied, for they regarded the observance of God's laws as part of an everlasting covenant between Him and the people of Israel. The death of any man, including Jesus, in no way changed the truth of God's commandments nor modified that covenant. No Jew living by the Torah felt that his good deeds, his prayers, his rituals, were now no longer acceptable to God. On the contrary, the very way in which the Gentiles had come to accept God made the Jews feel it was more important than ever for them to be loyal to their God and their covenant.

By now, both religions were competing vigorously with one another. The followers of each claimed that only they possessed the true faith, that the other's religion was in error. Eventually, the relations between the Jews and Christians worsened. The various accusations which the first three Gospels level against the Pharisees and the Jews in general, indicate the growing antagonism of early Christianity to Judaism. By the time the Gospel of John, the latest of the Gospels, was written, bitterness against the Jews had become intense.

Undoubtedly, the Jews responded to this bitterness by defending Judaism, attacking the ideas of the early Christians, ridiculing their claims that the Messiah had already come, taunting them about his failure to reappear, and refusing them entry into the synagogue. It is also very likely that in the interests of maintaining order, Jewish authorities even administered the lash to overzealous Christian leaders, like Paul and others. Strange to say, however, there are only hints of these feelings in early Jewish literature, and no important Jewish writings on this subject at all.

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Editors note: It was stated in last month's bulletin that this series would be concluded in this December issue. This was in error. This interesting and informative series will be continued in next month's bulletin.

<u>Dates to Remember:</u>	January 1, 1971	"God's Day" established by our Master
	December 6	Sung Soo's birthday
	December 15	Marie Schmidli's birthday