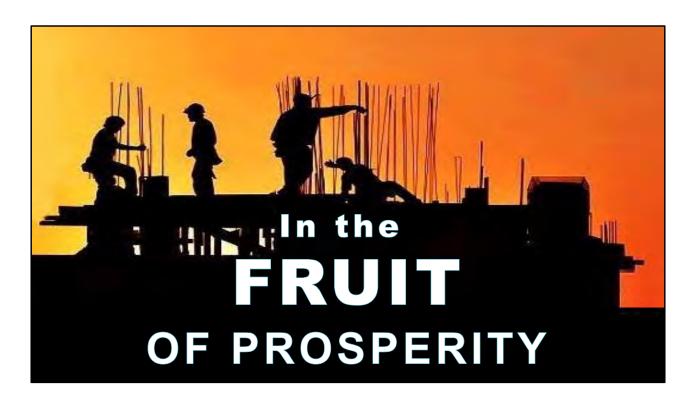
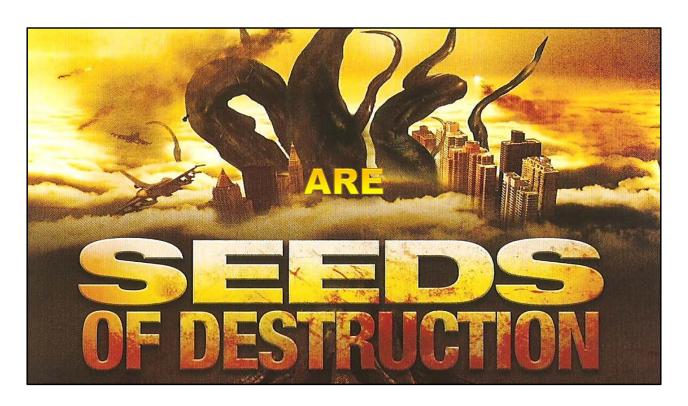
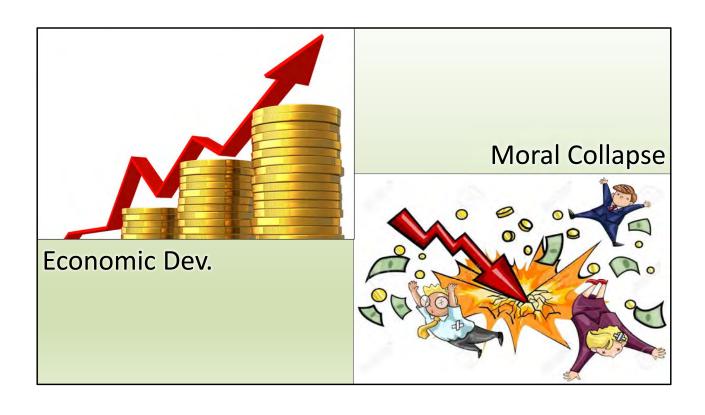
"The Significance of the Family in Nation-Building and Peace"



There is an English saying, In the fruit of prosperity are seeds of destruction.



We've heard that before. It almost seems universal. As a nation develops economically, inevitably it collapses morally. It has happened over and over again in history. We must solve this problem. If we are a peace organization, we must be a problem-solving organization – solving not only this problem, which is big and historical, but all problems.



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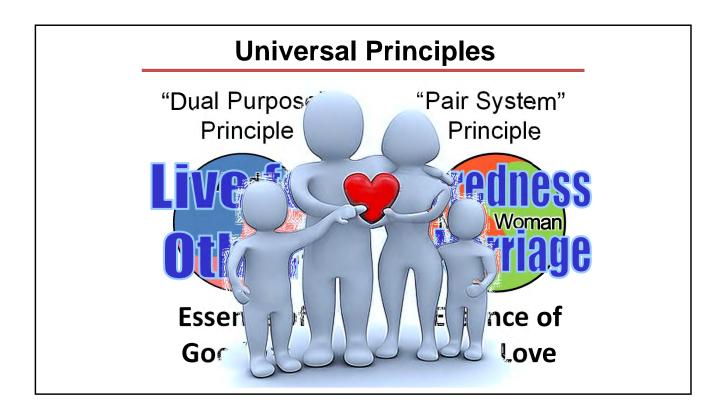
The question is, why is it that when nations develop economically, they collapse morally?

Prosperity Without Principles

The answer is very simple: prosperity without principles. They become prosperous but they don't have the principles to sustain that prosperity.

It is easier to be selfish. What are the principles?

What it means ultimately, it is easier to be selfish. The more prosperous you are, the easier it is to be selfish. That's why civilizations collapse, because they can be more selfish. And the weight of selfishness is ultimately unsustainable in the long run.



The question arises, what are the principles? This image is repeated in every presentation, and many times in each presentation. Two fundamental, absolute, eternal, unchanging, universal principles: the dual-purpose principle of mind and body, and that defines the essence of goodness. We call that the pillar – the vertical relationship. The pair system principle, the equal value between man and woman, they are horizontal in nature and equal in value and they come together and that creates the essence of true love. So we need goodness and love together in order to have sustainability. Essentially, living for the sake of others, where the mind dominates the body and the pair system

principle means the sacredness of marriage. Both of these principles are learned, imbibed, experienced, understood and lived within the family. So the family is central to both of these universal principles.

Lessons Learned from History

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Greek Empire

The Roman Empire collapsed from within. No armed defeated the Romans. It was wine and women.



Prince Charles presents the Templeton Prize to Lord Sacks in June 2016.

This is Rabbi Sacks. He passed away last month. He was the chief rabbi for the Jewish community in England. Prince Charles here is giving him the Templeton prize a few years ago.



Empires Fall Because of Rampant Immorality

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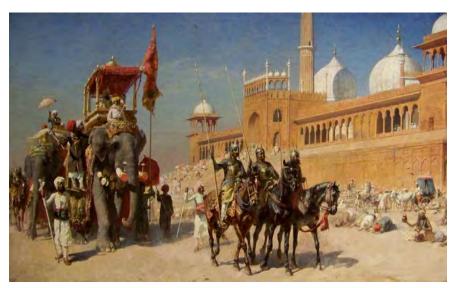
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The discovery of a mass baby grave under a Roman bathhouse in Ashkelon, Israel



Well, they didn't have abortion, they didn't have contraception. They had sex and they didn't want children, so they had to figure out a way to solve this problem. Archeologists dug underneath Roman bath houses. Here is one; I'm sure there were many. And they discovered a mass baby grave under the Roman bath house. Assembling the bones, the archeologist said the child was less than one year old. They did a DNA test and said it didn't die of any disease. So, this is how they handled unwanted children. Other ways that are equally grotesque. Sometimes they would leave them by a tree and walk away and let animals eat them. It was horrific.

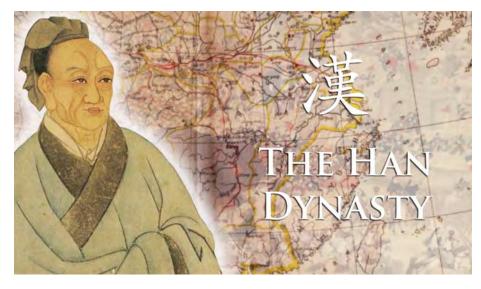
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Mogul Empire

And not only the Romans. The mighty Moghul empire in India: Emperor Akbar was a great ruler, but subsequent rulers brought wine and women and prostitution into the court. They married prostitutes and the Mughal Empire was finally overrun by the Persians. This is history.

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Han Dynasty

This is the Han dynasty, the largest, most powerful dynasty in Chinese history. Emperor Wu had both a concubine and a legal wife. When he died, they fought. The empire was divided because these two women fought, and also because of the immorality in the Forbidden City. I've seen the Forbidden City. It has many small rooms around the outside of the inner courtyard, which were basically places for women to stay at the pleasure of the emperor. These things are historical.



America today. The number of abortions in the US since Roe v. Wade is approaching 60 million. That's more than the population of many smaller countries.

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Detroit, Michigan filed for bankruptcy in July 2013.
This was the largest municipal bankruptcy filing in U.S. history, estimated at \$18–20 billion.

Detroit, USA

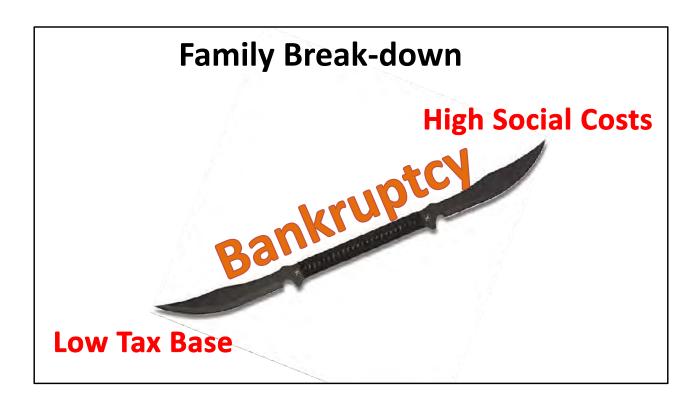
Signs of the collapse of the Western civilization can already be seen. In the United States, one city Detroit, originally was given the nickname, "motor city" because it was the center of the automobile industry in America. Now because of the high rates of family breakdown and the subsequent escalation of crime, gangs, family-breakdown, prostitution and violence the city has declared bankruptcy, the largest bankruptcy scandal in human history.



Again, you destroy the family and what comes in? Crime, violence, sex, single parenthood. These things are unsustainable. I looked up the number of bankruptcies in the US from 2010-2014 – there were 68 municipal bankruptcies or pending bankruptcies in the US.



This is England. Family break-up costs taxpayers 50 billion pounds a year through subsidized housing.

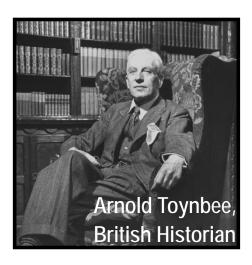


These are some of the expenses given to the state when families break down. Subsidized housing, escalating crime rates. Somebody has to pay for the police, the courts, the jails. Health care costs rise. Social care, disruption to education. And the cost is rising. Again, it's a universal problem. It's not attributable to one nation or one culture and not one period of history.

So here's the problem in a nutshell: family breakdown. Two things happen. Number one, (audio gap) very expensive. And the people that receive these social benefits generally do not pay it back. So there is a low

tax base. What starts off as a moral problem ends up as a math problem, and that is called bankruptcy. It's that simple

Moral Decay and the Decline of Civilization



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The Greek philosopher **Heraclitus** said it simply: "*Character is destiny*." Character shapes the destiny of an individual person. It shapes the destiny of a whole society. "*Within the character of the citizen,*" **Cicero** said, "*lies the welfare of the nation.*"

Transmitting values, as the essayist **Lance Morrow** points out, "is the work of civilization." A glance at history reminds us the civilizations do not flourish forever. They rise, and they fall. They fall when the moral core deteriorates-when a society fails to pass on its core virtues, its strengths of character, to the next generation. The historian **Arnold Toynbee** observed, "Out of twenty-one notable civilizations,"

nineteen perished not by conquest from without but by moral decay from within."

More than a century ago in a lecture at Harvard University, **Ralph Waldo Emerson** asserted, "Character is higher than intellect." Writes the psychiatrist **Frank Pittman**, "The stability of our lives depends on our character. It is character, not passion, that keeps marriages together long enough to do their work of raising their children into mature, responsible, productive citizens. In this imperfect world, it character that enables people to survive, to endure, and to transcend their misfortunes," "To do well," **Stephen Covey** says, "you must do good. And to do good, you must first be good."

All of us who are parents naturally want our children to be successful. But we know in our bones that success without character—qualities such as honesty, a sense of responsibility, kindness and determination in the face of difficulty—doesn't count for much. The novelist **Walker Percy** once said, "Some people get all A's but flunk life." In living a life well, as a proverb puts it, "An ounce of character is worth a pound of intelligence."

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The Decline of Christianity - Increasing Permissive Decadence

I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak on this occasion. I have chosen as my speech topic "The Decline of Christianity - Increasing Permissive Decadence."

A. My Testimony to Christ's Sovereignty

To introduce myself, let me say that God brought me out of spiritual darkness and into His marvellous light about 40 years ago. I was a lost sheep and He came and found me. Blind but He made me see.

My favourite subject at school was **British History**, where I was most interested in Magna Carta and the Bill of Rights, and the influence of Christianity in human affairs. When God was ready to convert me from atheism, He turned my interest in my British heritage **to an interest in Biblical History** and **God's amazing fulfilment of prophecy**, and then to an interest in **my rich inheritance in heaven**.

He convinced me that Jesus Christ is alive and in control; that **He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.** As the Bible says, no man comes to the Father **but by Christ.** His is the **ONLY Name** given under heaven whereby we must be **saved** - from sin in ourselves and from the permissive decadence in our modern society.

There is **no other WAY** for us to walk; **no other TRUTH** to make us free; and certainly **no other more abundant LIFE** to be lived than **the life without end** that Christ gives to those **whom He has chosen** to live with Him in the new Heaven and the renewed earth, wherein dwells righteousness. We cannot boast of anything, but Christ, for it was all of Him and through Him.

For 40 years, I have been a keen Bible student. In all those years I have found nothing in the Word of God that could possibly cast doubt on its claim to be inspired by God. **It is authentic.**

It is the only reliable way to know Christ as the source of true learning, wisdom, knowledge and understanding. By searching the Bible you will find Jesus Christ to be the answer to every problem - and you will gain instruction in right and successful ways of living, and also of governing the country and preventing permissive decadence. Truly the Bible is worth reading and worth believing.

I therefore say on the authority of Christ that the Bible is true no matter what people say about it. Heaven and hell are not optional extras - they are realities, even if no one believes in them, but the Gospel is the good news that Christ died for lost sinners.

B. Our Liberty Laws -

God's Word teaches that there is a **Divine Law upon the individual soul where Christ reigns.** It is Christ's **law of love**, fulfilling the Ten Commandments. There is also **Sovereign Law**, **appointed by God for external conduct**, **where Her Majesty's government reigns.** That law has the Ten Commandments as its standard. Despite what so many people falsely claim, Australia **does** have a current operative **Bill of Rights** which operates in our favour for just so long as we remain **a Christian Constitutional Monarchy.** It is upheld for us by our Queen by her Coronation Oath, by God's Laws, and by the various Oaths of Office. This **Bill of Rights** is entrenched in the Commonwealth Constitution, and this is

This **Bill of Rights** is entrenched in the Commonwealth Constitution, and this is confirmed by the Imperial Acts Application Acts of each State, by numerous Court cases, and now this month it has been **confirmed in writing** by the Queensland Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, **Hon. Denver Beanland**, after he received legal advice on the matter. Several other Attorneys-General have also provided similar letters of confirmation.

It is the centuries-old traditional **Coronation Oath**, together with the Commonwealth Constitution, that makes Australia a Christian nation, and a free country. It has nothing to do with church attendance, but everything to do with living in a society with Biblical spiritual foundations.

Originally these laws were to prevent the **Royals** from becoming dictators. Now they operate in Australia to **prevent Prime Ministers or governments** from becoming dictatorial and wielding too much power over us.

Republicans or those with ambitions of ultimate control on a grand scale, do not like our **Bill of Rights** because it is there to keep the powers of our rulers in check so we can retain true freedom.

No wonder Centralists in the Canberra want to do away with our **Constitutional Monarchy** which was designed to save us from oppressive dictatorship. It even proves that there is no supremacy of parliament allowed in Australia, because God is supreme, and the Queen must uphold God's laws over man-made laws, by her power of veto if need be.

God tells us to declare the whole counsel of God (Acts 20.27) and to publish and not conceal anything (Jer.50.2).

Therefore I have campaigned for **26 years** for **God's Laws to be taken seriously** in our modern society, especially **in our schools, parliaments, and courts,** and for our Christian rights to be upheld.

However the outcome depends on God, not on me, for **He has prophesied the decline of Christian influence** through a special famine that He will bring upon us. **C. A Famine of Hearing the Word of Truth**

For Bible believers these are very exciting times in which to be living, because we are **seeing so many prophecies coming to pass** before our eyes. Some were prophesied in the Old Testament, some in the New.

I will read you one that is **currently being fulfilled**. It is recorded in the Old Testament in the book of **Amos, chapter 8, verse 11.** God gave it to me through a radio programme last week because it fits so well into this talk. I quote from the King James version:

"Behold the days come, saith the Lord God that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. ... and they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord and shall not find it."

The important thing to notice in that text is that it is the **Almighty Sovereign God** who brings about this lack of hearing of His Words, and **God Himself** who decrees that His Words will not be available to certain people. He is causing this to happen right here in Australia, in this land of plenty - we have plenty to eat and drink, and plenty of churches and Bibles, but we are hearing less and less of God's Truth - **the words that give eternal life** to all who believe.

Apart from the **compulsory prayer** that is said to **open Parliament each day**, God and His Laws are rarely mentioned or taken into account by our Parliamentarians, except in the case of Rev.Fred Nile in New South Wales , and now Mrs.Liz Cunningham in Queensland.

Despite the fact that a requirement for **Bible readings** in the classroom has been entrenched in the **Education Act for 86 years** - put there **by referendum in 1910** - the Goss government changed the wording of the Act without a vote on it, nor any regard to my own and many other protests and requests for another referendum.

Today, as God predicted, there is a famine, a widespread scarcity of God's Word, in schools, or on radio or TV, as used to be the case, or written in newspaper columns or magazines.

The hearing of the Word of Truth is also decreasing in those churches where

congregations are losing members, because **God** is fulfilling His prophecy to send a famine. So many young people are starving spiritually, because of the shortcomings of the older generation.

Australia was a country greatly blessed by God and the hearing of His Word, but we have now become a nation where **the influence of Christianity in public life has almost disappeared.** This is a **punishment** being brought on us by God, because so many church and political leaders are wolves in sheep's clothing. **They no longer teach, believe or uphold the basic Biblical teachings** - i.e.

Creation, not Evolution; Virgin Birth of the Son of God; His Death and Resurrection; Man's Total Depravity that separates us from God; Jesus Christ as our only Saviour; His Second Coming to Earth to raise the dead and to judge the world; and a Literal Heaven and an Everlasting Hell.

This was a treasure worth guarding, but Australians have angered God by **failing to guard what was entrusted to them.** That is why Australia is in so much trouble as we near the 21st century.

D. Decline of Christian Influence in Society Causes Crisis

I will now document various research findings from experts in their fields:

Arnold Toynbee, for years Research Professor in International History at the London University, and Director of Studies at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, wrote in <u>Study of History</u> that nearly all nations have perished from <u>internal moral</u> decadence. He emphasized, "There is right and there is wrong."

Professor E.Blaiklock, a famous classical historian, confirmed that

"The **moral core** of this ethos of Western civilization, the heart of it all, the strength by which it stands, is **embodied in the Holy Bible**."

".... For commonly in the story of a nation's rise and fall, there comes the time when **the authority of the ideal is questioned.** Then comes **permissiveness.**" (which he describes as being when what used to stir up **shame and revulsion** is **first tolerated**, **then accepted**, **and finally becomes the way of life.)"**

Professor Blaiklock warned that **this is the beginning of the end**, unless there are sufficient intelligent, courageous leaders, or people become frightened enough, or there is a great revival of faith, to cause the country to return to its original greatness and high ideals.

Dr. J.D.Unwin, Cambridge University, in his book <u>Sex and Culture</u>, stated that all civilizations which have arisen have been **monogamous and ruled by men**. They remained strong so long as this way of life was maintained but when they departed from this standard they finally disappeared. Dr.Unwin said that all history showed there is **no exception to this**. (which means **no feminist or homosexual society** has ever survived or gone on to greatness, so what are these minority groups trying to do to us?).

He concluded his book by stating how strange it is that each civilization in turn, with all this evidence before them, still proceeded to go the same way, **by breaking down the standard** that is basic to their existence and continued survival. Australia is also

following suit.

Professor P.Sorokin, Harvard University, is quoted in support of the fact that all societies which have attempted to live **without a civic code based on a specific religious belief**, have disintigrated. In order to survive a country must stay **monocultural**. It can be **multi-racial**, but to try to organize a country under **conflicting cultural standards** is a death wish. Australia will prosper again only if we return to our roots - **the Christian monoculture**.

Despite many warnings, the West seems determined to **self-destruct**, and I include specifically a little about England, America and Australia:

1. Western Civilization In Trouble:

Dr. Graham Leonard, the Bishop of London, (in a lecture he delivered in Missouri, USA, in September 1987) said that the West is in crisis because **"it has rejected the one essential belief"** that it held for centuries -

"...namely that man, by his very nature, has to be **obedient to an authority over and above himself.** The rejection of such authority leads not to freedom but to **tyranny.**" The Bishop went on to say that **real freedom is lost** when absolute authority is given to what people say are self-evident truths, but which, in fact, are **only contemporary fashions.**

People think that principles and values are "no more than statements about the likes and dislikes, desires and aversions, of those who hold them." Thinking this way leads to violence because it has no standard of right and wrong to use as an unbiassed method of judging.

So if you are wondering why some societies are displaying a culture of violence, don't point to guns - point to the declining influence of Christianity in the world and the rejection of Christ as King of kings.

2. England in Trouble

Lord Devlin, famous law lord of the House of Lords, and distinguished Judge in England, wrote in his book <u>The Enforcement of Morals</u> as follows:-

"If men and women try to create a society in which there is no fundamental agreement about good and evil, they will fail."

"The moral standards generally accepted in western civilizations being those belonging to **Christianity.** The true principle is that the law exists for the **protection of society.**"

Rev.Dr. Michael Green, adviser in Evangelism to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, is reported in 'The Times' 30/11/93, as saying:

"It is hypocrisy for the Church to disclaim any responsibility for the moral decline of our country when for years it has, in its theological institutions and pulpits, abandoned Biblical moorings and trimmed its moral imperatives to the fashions of **political and social 'correctness'**.

"Nothing short of full-blooded New Testament Christianity can change this nation. Jesus Christ transforms lives: it is Him we must proclaim."

3. America in Trouble

When I was young I began collecting things, the older and more antique, the better. Now one of my daughters has taken up my collecting hobby.

In my collection I have what is branded as 'The World's Smallest Dictionary'. It is contained in a small metal case with a hinged front cover that has a magnifying glass built into it, for the print is too small to read. It measures probably about an inch by half an inch and a little over a quarter of an inch thick. It is a Webster's Dictionary and was produced as an advertisement for a brand of printing ink.

I have read that when **Noah Webster** published the first American Dictionary in 1828, he used Bible verses as definitions. In his day there was no false wall dividing private faith and public service. He was an author, teacher, and preacher who founded a college and also served in Congress.

Mr.Webster understood what too many today have forgotten or never known: i.e. the importance of Christian faith to public institutions in a democratic country. Yet in recent times in America, there has been controversy and debate over the role of religion in public life and the role that Christians should play in politics. Much of what I will be saying about Australia has also been written about America. However, it is encouraging to read in an American magazine I received recently, that the writer is forecasting that America's 1996 election may be decided by the religious vote.

4. Australia in Trouble:

In Australia it is acknowledged that **our culture is in crisis.** It also came into crisis because of the **decline of the influence of Christianity in government, in education and in public life.** The nation to its peril has turned its back on God, Christ is the only answer to society's problems, and **only His way will work** in the long term. **His side is the winning side.**

Here is a list of Australia's problems caused by turning from God:-

a) The Welfare State -

One of the good things about being in my age group is that we have the advantage of knowing **where we've been** as well as where we are going. We lived over half a lifetime under a system that allowed for the **relevance**, **compassion**, **and benevolent love of God**, and now we are retired under the modern welfare system that is based on the false expectation of government meeting every need and providing every solution to our problems.

It is not a workable system, and it is judged by renowned sociologists as helping to cause the destruction of every civilization that remained too long entangled in its unethical philosophy. Already our welfare state is being regularly measured by the depth of its failures, brought about by the cycle of stealing from Peter to pay, not only Paul, but also the army of bureaucrats who make it their career to operate a system that the family and the church used to do freely for love of Christ. It has been said that we now live better, but we no longer live nobly.

Those of us who have wisdom derived from the past, know that IF the lessons of history are not well and truly learnt, the terrible events of history will be repeated.

b) The Loss of Values -

Biblical absolutes are the values that keep civilization together. Christian values such as "Worship God and serve Him only," "Do not commit adultery," "Do not steal," "Do not shed innocent blood," "Flee fornication," "Keep away from every appearance of evil," "Work no ill to your neighbour," "Love one another as Christ loves you," and there are many more - these are the values worth defending, for they are the values with eternal significance and they are above any questions of race, gender, class and power.

God is love and He produces love in the human heart. There is no other way to produce true love. "Love is the fulfilling of the law," "Love is patient, kind, unselfish, does not envy and is not easily provoked." With God's love we can love those we do not even like. It is the "agape" love as described by Paul in 1 Cor. chapter 13.

Political correctness is the great enemy of Christian values for it does not legislate tolerance, it only organizes **hatred**.

c) The Loss of Truth

Political correctness tells us that truth depends on our **point of view.** Therefore one person's 'truth' is as **unreliable** as every other person's 'truth. **Christ is Truth** and there is **no other valid point of view.**

d) The Loss of Morals

Honour and virtue are becoming increasingly rare. Cheating, lying, sex outisde marriage and violence are more acceptable, almost a way of life.

Society is failing to teach right and wrong as found in the Biblical absolutes. We are suffering from **moral poverty**, which puts us in a worse position than financial poverty. I grew up through the Great Depression, but moral poverty was not evident as a problem then as it is today.'

e) The Loss of Trust

We live an amazing contradiction, being **cynical and gullible** at the one time. We are sceptical about many things that we should believe - such as the **infallibility of God's Word.** We blindly accept many things that we should question, such as the **so-called 'supremacy of Parliament'.**

We distrust politicians, journalists, and TV and film-makers, because we know that they have often deceived us, but strangely, we look to these very people as our primary sources of information and as our interpreters of reality.

But we trust our fellow citizens (parents, workers, businessmen, etc) less and less This weakens our communities, our economy and our civil society, including families. Goodwill, ethical norms and expectations are diminishing. We can already see the beginning of a type of enforced cooperation with others, under a system of regulation by legislation.

Thankfully, in all this confusion, the child of God is not dependent on the fluctuating opinions of men for his belief in the Scriptures. His faith is wrought in him inwardly by the Holy Spirit.

f) Loss of Independence & Confidence

There is an **explosion of laws and regulations.** The State dictates how we are

to educate our children, earn our living, guard our health, care for our communities, and even how to worship God. We look to the government to provide a range of services that would be better left to the private sector, responsibilities that we once proudly undertook for ourselves.

This shows a growing lack of confidence in ourselves. We say that problems are too big and complex for us to handle, so the state must intervene. This is a move from Christian principles to socialism.

g) The Loss of Family

The **breakdown of the family,** rather than poverty, race or any other factor, is now being almost universally cited as the real **root cause** of rising rates of **drug abuse**, **teen suicide**, **abortion**, **academic failure**, **welfare dependency**, **and violent crime**. However, as I have been pointing out for 26 years, it was the **humanist school curricula** since World War II that ousted the Christian philosophy in **State education** and had the most damaging effect on families and society. This preceded the breakdown of the family and actually **undermined parental authority and Christian absolutes** so severely as to be the **real cause** behind the root cause.

My husband and I had **seven** children going to school over a period of <u>41 years</u>, and we carefully monitored the decline of Christian influence in State schools. We did not like what we saw and heard.

We transferred our youngest son to a Christian school and then I later set up my own private school (with 50 students over five years) specifically so that they could **avoid the anti-family anti-Christian values** being promoted **in High Schools** in the 70s and 80s.

I also campaigned for the **Christian philosophy** of Education, and for **parents rights to homeschool** as God expects.

h) The Loss of Empathy

We are losing the ability to transcend our own immediate concerns to understand other human beings and their circumstances. Some of us are becoming remote from a victim's suffering or misfortune as though having no sense of their pain, whereas we should be like the **Good Samaritan** who devoted himself to the man injured by robbers.

i) The Loss of Faith

Millions of people still attend church and profess to believe in God, the Creator of the universe, but their faith may not extend to practical living **based on Biblical absolutes**, with Christ being the guiding force in everything.

The Bible tells us of Christ's dislike for **lukewarm followers**, for it means that many people who say they believe don't take God seriously enough to stand up and be counted as on **Christ's** side - but **Christ's side is the winning side**, the only side worth being on!

God has personal involvement with **individuals whom He chooses.** He also has **corporate involvement with nations as He chooses.** Individuals are saved on the

basis of Christ's dealings with them, but those who live in countries that lack real involvement with God (the Bible calls them 'goat nations') will suffer from the famine of the hearing of the Word.

That was the position the aborigines were in **before God sent them the Gospel via the early missionaries**, thus overcoming their famine of God's Word, and enabling many of them to be **saved from hell**. What God did for them, He also does for others In terms of census percentages Christians are still the largest group in Australia, but in terms of God's stated claim to the tithe, i.e. only one-tenth, I believe loss of faith in a country shows that **God** is in control over who will be allowed to be counted as God's people. The Bible teaches that salvation is all of the Lord - **He does the choosing**. One thing is certain, however, when God's number is reached and that last individual is converted, then the **day of the Lord shall come** as God prophecied in 2 Peter 3.10, with great noise, extreme brightness, a melting of the elements and the burning up of the heavens and the present earth. Christ will provide us with **a new heavens and a new earth** in which to live, where there is no more sin or death.

However, before this can happen, the Bible says that there must a falling away from the faith first (2 Thess.2, 2&3).

Details of this are also **prophesied** in 2 Timothy 3.1-8, 12&13, where we are told to expect, and not be surprised at, **the perilous times that will come**, with many types of sinful behaviour, including **coveting**, **blaspheming**, **being disobedient to parents**, **unthankful**, **without natural affection**, **despisers of those who are good**, **and lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God**.

The fact that these things are all happening, including the decline in the influence of Christianity, is proof that **God** is at work in human affairs. He is the One who causes prophecies to be fulfilled.

j) Loss of Safety

Most people want a nation of safe streets, but are not agreed on how to achieve this ideal. The answer will be found only by those who are prepared to learn the details of our Constitutional Monarchy in the context of our English history and inherited Liberty Laws, and then accept the supremacy of God's Laws over man's feeble attempts at lawmaking without even considering His absolute standards. Our rulers must realise that it is totally unlawful for them to breach the citizens' rights under the Bill of Rights and Magna Carta in order to disarm Australia and make us totally defenceless. They are exploiting a tragic massacre so as to obey their masters in the United Nations who called for our "general and complete disarmament" in 1983, under the terms of *The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.* "Total Disarmament means total loss of safety for every Australian. It is too horrible to contemplate.

E. Christ Has Won All Dominion & Authority

When it came time for God to fulfil the 300-odd ancient prophecies about Christ made during the 4,000 years covered by the Old Testament, **God prepared a body** for His Son so that He could enter into this world's affairs as the God/Man.

As a man He lived, died, and rose again from the dead. Finally in the sight of His friends, a cloud took him back into heaven, where He now reigns in His glorious resurrection body, as the victorious King with absolute dominion and authority, over every country and over ownership of land. As King of kings, He owns everything. Under God, the land has its lords and heirs, its owners, in rightful delegated dominion, and God, in His mercy, and by His everlasting Law-Word, protects our personal rights - such as right to life, to faith in God, to family, to good reputation, to self-defence, to property ownership, etc.

Sir Edward Coke, Chief Justice of England who died in **1634**, believed this so strongly that he made this notable statement:

"If the judgments of the Parliament are not consistent with the Ten Commandments then they are invalid."

He also said:

"The **Common Law** is the best and most common birthright that the subject hath for the safeguard and defense, not only of his goods, lands and revenues, but of **his wife and children**, his body, fame and life also."

In **1814** Thomas Jefferson wrote on Coke's Institutes:

"This work is executed with so much learning and judgment, that I do not recollect a single position in it has ever been judicially denied.... It may still be considered as the fundamental code of the **English law.**"

In **1688**, 50-odd years after the death of Sir Edward Coke, **our God-given rights** were carefully written down as a **Bill of Rights** by a committee chaired by Baron John Somers.

A Coronation Oath was also prepared by the church at the same time, so that no king or queen from then on could be crowned without first acknowledging Christ as King over all earthly kings and swearing to uphold and defend the Christian faith and the laws of God.

1. The Coronation Oath, Constitution and Inherited Laws

All earthly rulers, whether they believe in God or not, are accountable to Christ as King, and to encourage the extension of His Church. Those that will not are called by Christ **"goat nations".**

In obedience to almost 300 years of this valuable tradition, our Queen Elizabeth II also swore this required oath and signed it in **1953**. She (like all other monarchs before her) promised before God and her people **never to allow either the Bill of Rights nor Magna Carta to be diminished or denied** by anyone.

Our State and Federal Governments also did this when they worded their Constitutions, their Oaths of Allegiance, Oaths of Office and the Opening Parliamentary Prayers that incorporate these ideals and acknowledge that Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

The task for God's people now is to reverse the decline in Christianity as an influence on society. To do this they must apply the victory and authority that Christ has won to every area of life, including **government**, **education**, **the media**, **etc**.

2. What is The Answer? - Christ is the Answer.

There is only one answer to Australia's troubles - the answer that provides for strong families, schools that work, marriages that last, smaller government, lower taxes, and rights that are derived from God, not the state. It is this: <u>Stop saying</u> "We will not have this man to rule over us," and <u>start restoring</u> Christ's role as King of kings in this country that belongs to Him.

God's ideal is for children to be nurtured by capable God-fearing parents who have made a lifelong commitment to each other within the Biblical institution of marriage. This gives them stability and consistency in their lives, and the many moral and practical lessons that are better taught in the context of daily family life than anywhere else. Above all they need **the lifelong love** that God provides through stable God-fearing parents.

Australia achieved happiness and contentment because earlier generations honoured God, and respected 'people of faith' in public life. Nowadays **those like myself** who want to continue promoting the **system that never fails** are for some strange reason labelled **fanatics** and extremist fundamentalists. I remember not so long ago that the **Christian way of life was the norm in Australian society.**

3. Despite our Troubles There is a Bright Side

There is a way back to real lasting contentment, joy and happiness. But it will come only as a result of a revival of **Biblical absolutes in lawmaking.** From Parliament laws will flow out to **restore education**, which in turn will restore the family unit, marriage commitment, daily living, the work-place, the media, and entertainment. **Social collapse began with 30 years of detrimental education**; Social restoration will need to start with Parliament because laws are the means of educating the population generally. **Faulty education led to faulty laws and the destruction of values,** but it will take godly government and godly laws to re-educate an entire generation such as **yours**, that has already suffered the loss of true absolutes and

We have many reasons to **count our blessings** and to expect a bright future for Australia. There are probably millions of people who, for the most part, do defend our values, do tell the truth, do live honourably and virtuously, do live up to high moral standards, do exhibit trust, independence and empathy, who do build strong families, and who courageously witness to their faith.

For over 200 years we have found ways of overcoming adversity and succeeding against all odds. Though they may sometimes be threatened, our best qualities do have a way of resurfacing when we need them most.

F. History Repeats Itself -

effective time-honoured values.

In **1776**, Thomas Jefferson produced the **Declaration of Independence** which is really a list of indictments against King George III and the British government. **That list and my 1996 list** of complaints against our recent governments can both be expressed using the same words:

Refusal to assent to wholesome and necessary laws

Destruction of representative government

Obstruction of the Administration of Justice

Increasing government departments and numbers of bureaucrats to harass people and eat out their substance.

Combining with others to subject us to an authority foreign to our Constitution and contrary to our laws. (today this is the United Nations.)

The Declaration of Independence was to prove to the world that the American colonists were not rebelling - they were fighting to preserve their rights. And so are Christians in Australia 220 years later!

G. Conclusion

1. List of Constitutional Rights

I will conclude with an abbreviated list of the **Rights that our Commonwealth**Constitution guarantees:-

The right to protect one's life and the lives of others

The right to freedom of speech

The right to protect one's property

The right to have a trial by jury

The right to be brought to trial (not just locked up)

The right to earn a living unimpeded by anybody

The right to own property

The right to vote for your local representatives , who must not be influenced or subverted by any political party

The right to be protected form military invasion

The right to be treated equally in any State

The right for a State to have it's own Constitution

The right that all trade within Australia be absolutely free (no sales tax or any imposition on trade)

The right to take legal proceedings against the State or Commonwealth

The right to have public servants forced by law to do their job

The right not to be conscripted by parliament

The right to be free and not a slave

The right of all Australians of any race to be treated the same and that no one race has special or privileged rights

The right that the parliament does not treat you as property or a vassal and borrow money overseas on your labour, your livelihood, your property, and your life.

The Commonwealth Constitution forbids the appointment of senators or representatives who take a fee or benefit from another, or who is influenced by groups other than his electorate, or who gives allegiance or adherence to a foreign power.

We will progressively lose these rights the further we move away from Christian principles. The decline of Christianity is being followed by the decline in individual rights and freedoms and an increase in permissiveness in modern society.

We need to recognize that our laws and rights have their origins from God, and our lawmakers have to legislate under the dominion of Christ.

Our legislators in turning to human wisdom have brought about a famine of hearing the Word of Truth, and for this Australia - each one of us - is suffering.

The symptoms of the resulting crisis are well-known to us all. As surely as day follows night, history will repeat itself.

Christ is the only answer. We need to turn back to **living under His rule** in everything. We will then know the liberty that was enjoyed by our forefathers.

I will end my speech by quoting the words of a leading NON-CHRISTIAN French philosopher, Albert Camus, who lived from **1913 to 1960**, and was a Nobel prizewinner in **1957**:

"The world expects of Christians that they will raise their voices so **loudly and clearly** and so formulate their protest that there is not even the slightest doubt what they are saying. Further, the world expects of Christians that they will eschew all fuzzy abstractions and plant themselves squarely in front of the bloody face of history.

We stand in need of folk who have determined to speak directly and unmistakeably and, come what may, to stand by what they have said."

How can we build a family-friendly culture that is economically sustainable?

Here is a question: how can we build a family-friendly culture that is economically sustainable? This is the genius of our True Parents. They solved the problem. Nobody else did. This is amazing. Why are we such optimists that we can change the world? Because it's easy to do. It's hard to get people's attention, but if we get their attention then it's very easy to change things.

Celebrate Marriage

Here's how you do it. Celebrate marriage. People say, you've got to explain that a little bit more.



It's very easy. If you celebrate Easter and Christmas, you create a Christian culture. You celebrate Yisak, you create the Buddhist culture. You celebrate Divali, you create a Hindu culture. You celebrate Eid, you create a Muslim culture.



Well, why don't we celebrate marriage? Then we could build a culture that honors marriage. All religions celebrate marriage already. We're not asking them to do something new or strange; we're just saying, let's work together. It's that simple. Celebrate marriage together. Because when we celebrate marriage individually, it's like the one-one-one family – one family, one religion and one couple. That's good, and we don't take anything away from that. But let's celebrate marriage at a higher level of society.

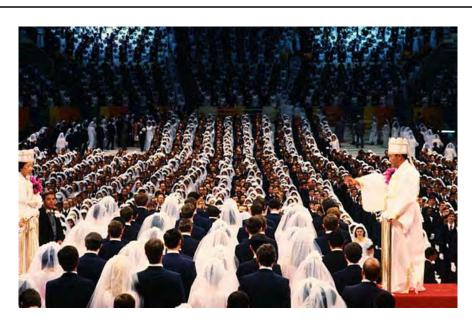


Let's celebrate marriage beyond religion, because it's already there within our religion. It's a solid foundation to work with. It makes sense. Let's celebrate marriage and choose the best place to do that, because we really want it to be a celebration.

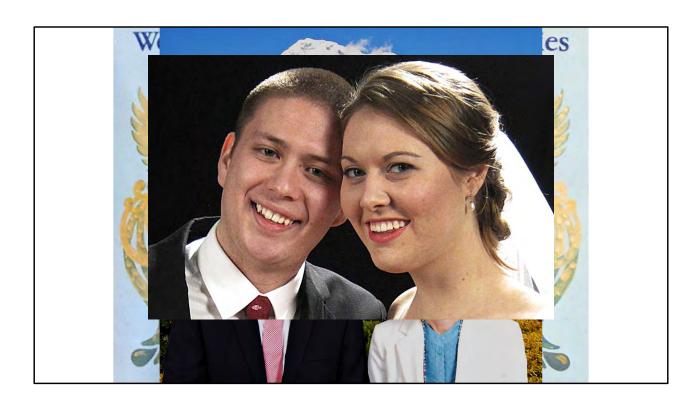




Here's an example, — Madison Square Garden. Father and Mother Moon decided to have a marriage celebration at the biggest, best venue. Governments should do the same thing. Presidents, prime ministers, mayors — the biggest venue in their city. Choose the best venue. World Peace Through Ideal Families, July 1, 1982.



2,075 Couples - New York, 1982

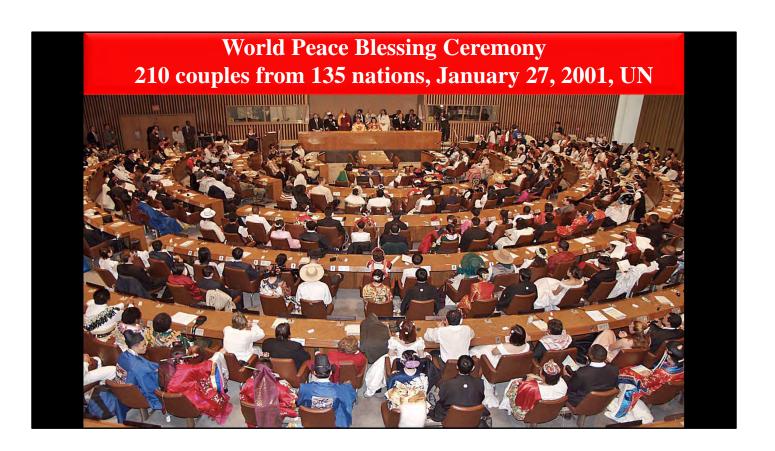


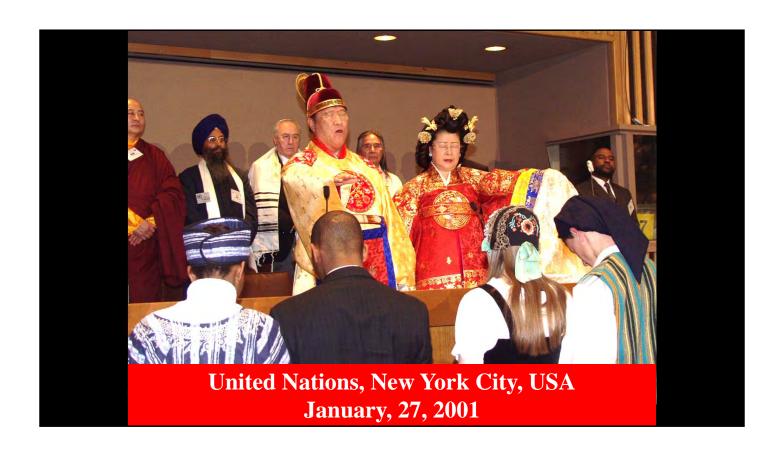
At this point I give an honest testimony that I have three brothers, two older, one younger. All three of them have been married and divorced many times. The two older ones are not married now, in their late 60s, and it's going to stay that way. But my marriage, we were married once, we stayed together, and the only difference is Father Moon's teaching.



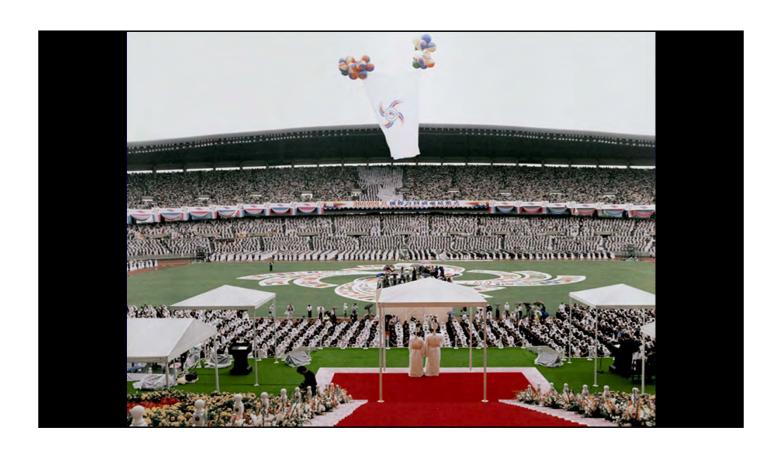
Why did Father Moon do that? The next day on the front page of the New York Times.

This is education. The reason Father Moon that big venue was to grab the attention of America's leaders. If you have the prime minister or president or mayor or councilor or senator attend a Blessing, that will be education. You will start to change the culture, which is what we want to do.

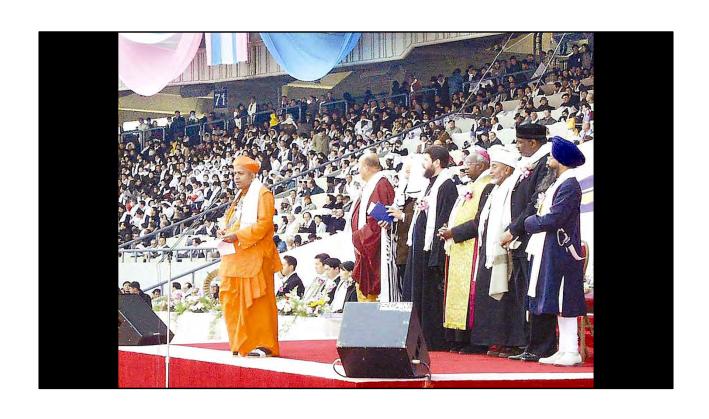




And Father Moon said, well, you didn't quite get it. This is the United Nations, January 2001. You can see all the couples came in their native costume. Let's celebrate the diversity of culture. It's a wonderful thing. On the dais, who's sitting there? Look at the religious leaders sitting behind Father Moon – a Buddhist, Sikh, a Jew, a Native American. Father's not trying to change other people's religion. He's building on the foundation of religion because marriage is something already sacred in every religion.

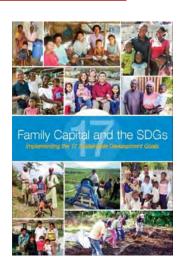


This is what he's doing. He said, let's do it again, and I'll go to my home in Korea and fill the Olympic stadium. Father and Mother Moon are officiating, let's look at who's in the background. A Hindu priest, a Sikh, Pastor Barrett, the Muslim leader from ___, Archbishop Milingo. Father Moon is honoring and recognizing religion at the time of the marriage Blessing. This is his tradition.



Family Capital and the SDGs

The state's foremost obligation is to respect, defend and protect the family.



Wade Horn at UNGA, Fam funded by Intemational Oກຸ



American psychologist who served as Pres. George W. Bush's Assistant Secretary for Children and Families from 2001 to 2007

Wade Horn wrote this book, and I think it's very true. "The state's foremost obligation is to respect, defend and protect the family because without it, no state can survive." So we tell the lawmakers, you have certain responsibilities – judicial, executive, legislative. Yes, those are there. But you also have the responsibility to respect, defend and protect the family.



UNITED NATIONS

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Article 16.

(3)The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

It's also in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights – the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society. It is entitled to protection by society and the state. The lawmakers may think, oh, I have another responsibility. It's a joyful and fun responsibility and it's not just a burden.

Father Moon:

"Many years ago, I said that I was looking forward to the day when we could bring an end to the Unification Church. On the foundation of pure love education and the true family movement worldwide, I inaugurated the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification on July 31, 1996, in Washington DC, the capitol of the United States of America..."

"Fifty Years on the Providential Path to the Realization of God's Fatherland and the Peace Kingdom," Sun Myung Moon April 30, 2004, Founders' Address, 50th Anniversary Congratulatory Banquet Washington, DC retrieved from

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Father moved beyond the church to this ecumenical, interfaith Family Federation. Mother has basically renamed it and called it Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, I believe the same function and purpose.

How to Celebrate Marriage?

- 1. Teach Filial Piety to Youth
- 2. Interfaith Marriage Festival

So how do you celebrate marriage? It means we need to do two things: to teach filial piety to young people, and we need to teach interfaith marriage festival Blessings and hold them for the adult population.





Father and Mother Moon

"The most serious social problems are youth problems and family breakdown."

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Let's look at the first one and see what we are doing. Youth and Students for Peace. Father said the most serious social problems are youth problems and family breakdown. Mother Moon launched YSP.



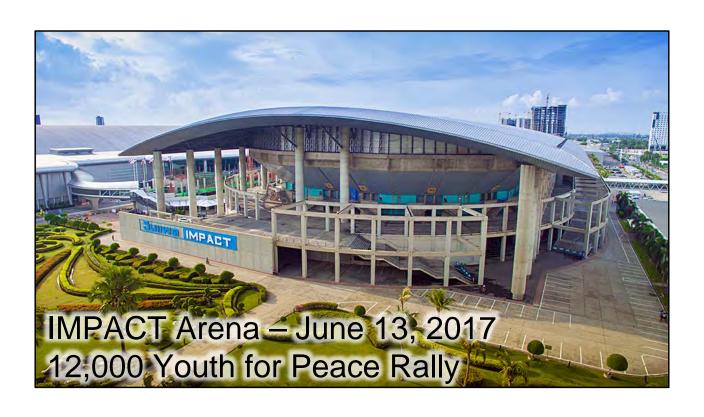
She went to Bangkok, Thailand, the international launching of YSP at the United Nations Escat hall, the Economic and Social Commission of the Asia Pacific Region. This is the UN HQ for the whole Asia Pacific region. We went there and the audience was ministers of education from nations throughout our Asia Pacific region.



UN Conference Centre, ESCAP Hall – June 12, 2017 (Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific)

The next day we rented the Impact Arena, the largest indoor stadium in Bangkok. It seats 12,000 young people. We worked with the government. The Dept. of Education brought 6,000 young people out of school, put them in buses and brought them to the Impact Arena. They wanted to bring more but we said you can't because we have an audience that we want to be a part also, our YSP, FFWPU, and WFWP. We brought over 8,000 and had overflow.





Educate 12,000 students



- Department of Education 6,000
- YFWP / FFWPU / UPF / WFWP
 → 8,000 (Overflow)



You can see the young people. They all came to listen to this.



The deputy prime minister of Thailand.



And the Pure Love Pledge.



Then we took this program to different parliament buildings to launch YSP. This is the Knesset in Israel;

Jakarta, Indonesia – Parliament Building Oct. 15, 2018







Hon. Bambang Soesatyo, Speaker of the House Hon. Oesman Odang, Chairman of the Senate

Here is the parliament in Jakarta. We've been to a Jewish parliament, now a Muslim parliament.



Here in a Hindu parliament in New Delhi, launching YSP.



The parliament of Kosovo, a former communist country.



Then to Sydney, Australia.



Mother has this program in Sao Tome and Principe.

Note here, this was the first time we've done this where the Pure Love Pledge was part of the Blessing. This was Mother's direct intervention. It was the morning they were going to hold the Blessing, Mother said, I would like to have young people. These are two representatives. And they made the Pure Love Pledge.



This is in Cambodia.



and it continued in Niger as well

Youth and Students for Peace

- JewishBthristian
- Hindu • F. Communist

Why?

Because everyone is concerned about their children.

This is the heart of a parent and it is universal.

The question is, why? The answer is simple. Everybody is concerned about their young people and this is the heart of a parent.

Pure Love Pledge

The love between a man and a woman is a sacred gift from God (Heaven), to be cherished and honoured for the sake of building:

The love between a man and a woman is a sacred gift from God. To be cherished and honored for the sake of building

Pure Love Pledge

- 1) good character,
- 2) a loving family,
- 3) a healthy society,
- 4) a prosperous nation, and
- 5) a world of peace for future generations.

⁻ and here's the key, five things: good character, loving family, healthy society, prosperous nation, and a world of peace.

Pure Love Pledge

Therefore, from this day forward,

I pledge to remain pure until marriage
as the best way to prepare
for being faithful in marriage.

So help me God (Heaven).

We can ask our young people to maintain purity for the sake of the nation. It becomes patriotic. You want to be a patriotic young person? You've got to remain pure and prepare for marriage. It's not just remaining pure for their sake, so they don't get disease, or get pregnant, or get accused later on by somebody else. We have to take it to a much higher realm.

Pledge of Filial Piety

The love in the family is a sacred gift from God, to be cherished and honoured for the sake of building:

Pledge of Filial Piety

- 1) good character,
- 2) a loving family,
- 3) a healthy society,
- 4) a prosperous nation, and
- 5) a world of peace for future generations.

Pledge of Filial Piety

Therefore, from this day forward, I pledge to:

- Honor my Father and Mother,
- Protect my Brothers and Sisters,
- Prepare Myself for a Happy Marriage and to be a Good Parent.

So help me God.

From this day forward, we don't look in the past to judge or accuse or blame or criticize. We're looking forward. We have to acknowledge the past in order to move forward. I will pledge to remain pure as the best way to prepare for being faithful in marriage. The sociological data backs that up. 100%. So help me God, or so help me heaven.

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The second part, to celebrate marriage

The Interfaith Family Blessing Festival

We have this interfaith peace marriage festival





Father and Mother Moon's Marriage Blessing in 1960

I tell them, this is Father and Mother Moon's mission. I put these two photographs together and say, how many people get married twice on the same day? It's hard. But Father Moon got married in a tuxedo and also in the traditional Korean dress. Why? Because they realize their marriage is not just for themselves. If it were for themselves, get married once and that's enough. But just this photograph at the time of their Blessing shows the mindset of Father and Mother Moon regarding the institution of marriage and connecting it to his life work and mission from heaven.



36 couples in 1960



72 Blessed couples in 1962

72 couples,



124 Blessed couples in 1963

124,.



430 Blessed couples in 1968



777-couple Blessing in 1969

777 couples - this is a Blessing movement that Father Moon is building.



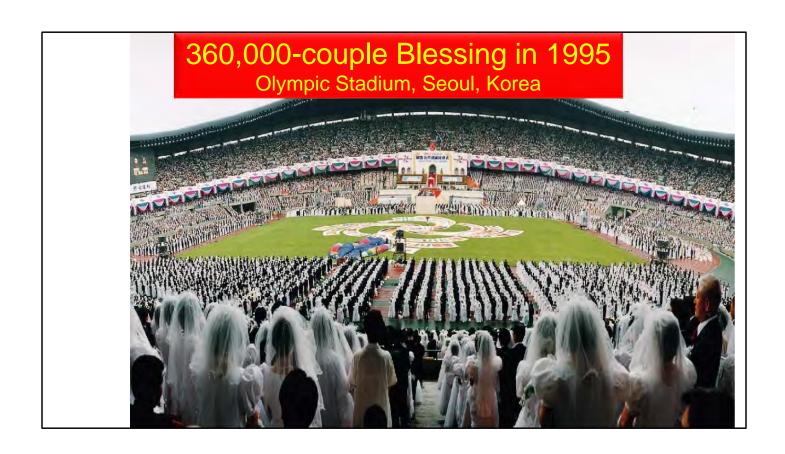
1,800 Blessed Couples in 1975

1,800 couples



30,000-couple Blessing in 1992, Olympic Stadium, Seoul, Korea

30,000 couples,



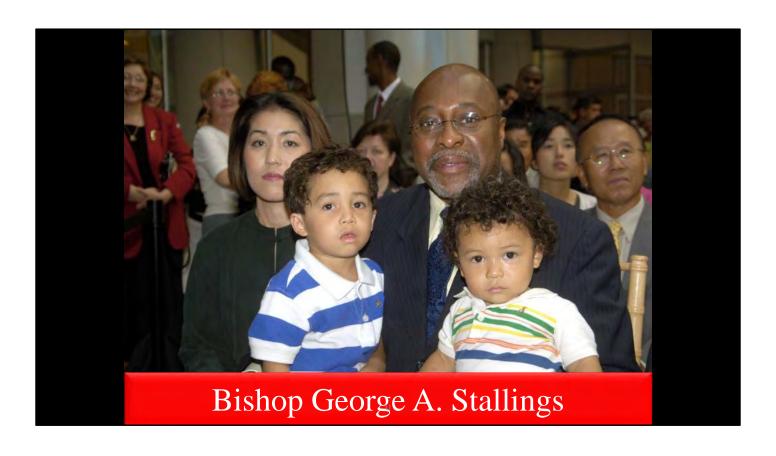
360,000 over several years.



Bringing together religious leaders so they also can get blessed.



Arch. Milingo,



George Stallings



Then Father Moon filled the second largest indoor stadium in Asia, second only to the Tokyo Dome. Why? He's a marrying man; with a big stadium, let's have a big wedding.



In 2008 Mother came to the Asia Pacific Summit, meeting the prime minister; seven current heads of state came



네팔 수상 KP Oli 는 참어머님께 참어머님의 지도력을 칭송하고 네팔을 아시아 태평양 서밋 장소로 선정해 준 것에 대하여 감사했습니다.

The Prime Minister of Nepal, His Excellency KP Sharma Oli praised TM's leadership and was grateful to Her for choosing Nepal as a venue for the Asia-Pacific Summit.



. It wasn't just a celebration. The heads of state there helped officiate and be part of the Blessing ceremony



The historic opening plenary of the summit was held with True Mother and the Prime Minister of Nepal as well as the 7 Heads of State.



In the audience were 4,500 people, including 700 mayor couples - 1,400 people. We had gone throughout Nepal to the seven districts and held education programs prior to that, explaining that the most important thing in the development of their country is to support the marriage Blessing. So they came and attended.

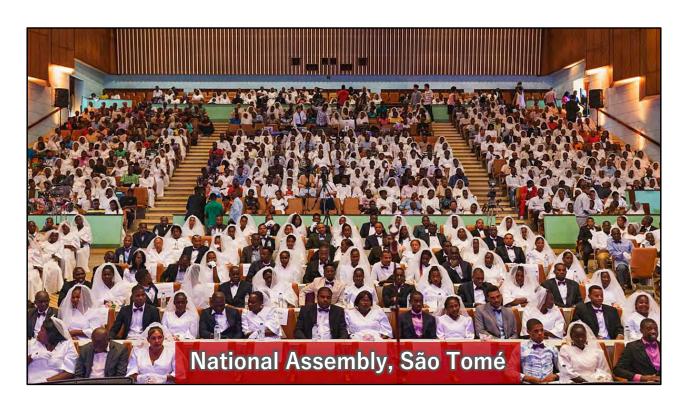




This was the Sao Tome program,



the parliament building in Sao Tome,



Here are the couples there.



For the first time we had a head of state, prime minister and speaker attending onstage.





In Phnom Penh the same thing at the invitation of the prime minister in his peace palace. There were 500 international guests, nine former heads of state, two current vice presidents, speakers, like that. Mother was treated as a head of state, leading a delegation of representatives of all 46 nations that were there. They spoke together.









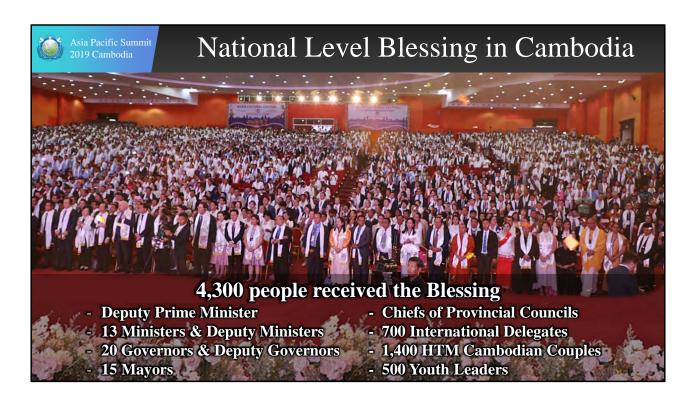












The next day we had a marriage blessing, 4,000 people. It's not just the ceremony, but these people understand that there will be a 40-day separation, a 3-day ceremony, and that they need to get 430 couples also.









In Niger, same thing. Inside the parliament building. Instead of sprinkling water she held their hands after dipping her hands in holy water.











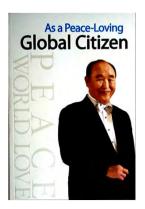


Why?

Because every religion honors marriage and family. This is universal.

Why can we go around the world? Because every religion honors marriage and family. This is universal.

Put Your Family First



If we create division by insisting that our own religion is the only path to salvation, we go against God's desire... People should put their family first.

"As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen," p. 291.

"If we create division by insisting that our own religion is the only path to salvation, we go against God's desire. The answer: people should put their family first." Father is asking us to change one thing. If our religion is the primary thing, it will divide us because religions are different. We try to minimize that division. We talk about toleration, but that's not unity.

My Religion My Family

Put Your Family First

No need to change your religion!

But we need to change: priorities, attitudes, behaviors, character, culture...

So no need to change your religion. We do need to change our priorities, our attitudes, our behaviors, our culture and our character. Changing religion will not solve the problem. But changing these other priorities will.

The Interfaith Peace Blessing Ceremony

So let's look at the interfaith peace blessing. So WWW – that is, what went wrong. (audio gap) So again, we go back to this slide. They will see this slide 100 times throughout the Principle education. Here now we're taking the same slide and applying it to the fall of man.

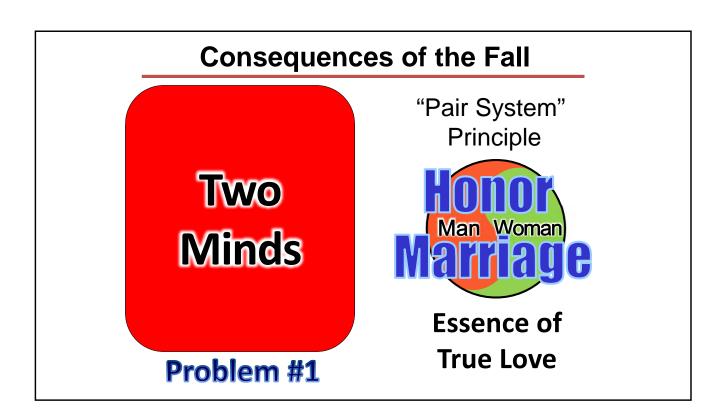
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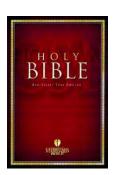
The <u>correct</u>
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the first step
and it is
essential.

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So WWW – that is, what went wrong.



In summary, the two basic Principle of Peace are the "Dual Purpose" principle and the "Pair System" principle. In substantial concrete terms, it means humans beings were created as either a man or woman, and each has a mind and body.



For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do."

Romans 7:18-19

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There were two elements to the fall – it meant we lost the vertical standard of public-mindedness. That's the first problem. In other words, we have two minds. We are supposed to have one but now we have two. We became confused; we don't know what is right and wrong, what is good and evil.

Let's look at some religious texts. St. Paul – for I know that nothing good dwells in me that is in my flesh. I can will what is right but I cannot do it, for I do not do the good I want. The evil I do not want is what I do. Two minds, clearly. Where did that come from? That's not from God. That's the first element of the fall, what we

call fallen nature.



बन्धुरात्मात्मनस्तस्य येनात्मैवात्मना जित: | अनात्मनस्तु शत्रुत्वे वर्ते तात्मैव शत्रुवत् || 6||

For those who have conquered the mind, it is their friend. For those who have failed to do so, the mind works like an enemy.

Bhagavad Gita 6:6

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In Hinduism: for those who have conquered the mind, it is their friend. For those who have failed to do so, the mind works like an enemy.



It is easy to do what is wrong, to do what is bad for oneself; but very difficult to do what is right, to do what is good for oneself.

Dhammapada 12:163

The mind often flies from what it knows is right and chases after evil reluctantly.

Majjhima Nikaya 4-35, Culasaccaka-sutra Teaching of Buddha pg. 46-47

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Buddhism: It is easy to do what is wrong, to do what is bad for oneself. It is very difficult to do what is right, to do what is good for oneself. The mind flies from what it knows is right and chases after evil. Reluctantly.



"... But it is possible that you dislike a thing which is good for you, and that you love a thing which is bad for you... God knows, and you do not."

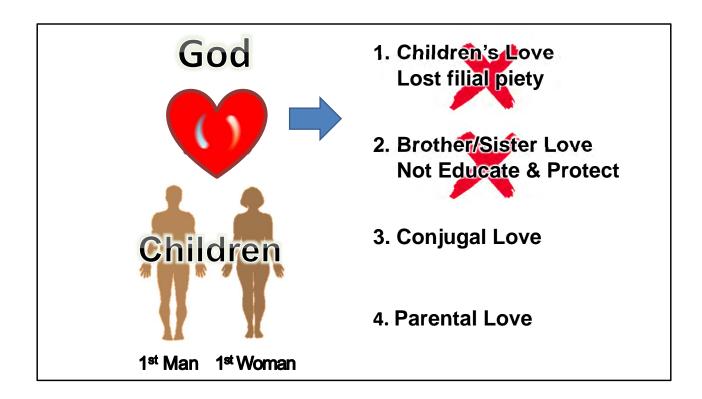
Quran 2:216

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The Quran: It is possible that you dislike a thing which is good for you and that you love a thing which is bad for you.

Where did our double-mindedness come from?

Every religion acknowledges this. So where does this double-mindedness come from? Well, the first man and woman were supposed to develop a heartistic love relationship with God. In order to do that, there are four loves that needed to be developed in the garden of Eden.



The first two loves meant man became confused. We lost filial piety. This is huge. The fall was not only sexual. First it was the loss of filial piety, where Adam and Eve were given a commandment by God. There was no communication. God gave a commandment but his son and daughter were not talking to him. She was talking to the archangel, and they lost this relationship. They cannot understand the commandment. They cannot have strength to follow the commandment if they lose filial piety.

Then they lost the brother and sister relationship. So

this created a confusion of the mind. Do not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil; the day you eat of it you will die. And Satan said, you will not die. When you eat, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

Adam and Eve should know good and evil before the fall, not after the fall. This is really important. Adam was the tree of life, and Eve was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. So it was Eve's responsibility to have a very clear mind of what is good and evil: in the four realms of heart, who is her father; the brother-sister heart, who is her elder brother; the conjugal heart, who is going to be her husband; and the parental heart. Eve lost this knowledge. This was the fall, the loss of the four realms of heart; the tree of knowledge was lost.

God's Commandment

Do not eat of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil. In the day you eat of it, you will die.

Genesis 2:17

BIBLE

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Serpent = Lucifer the Archangel



"'You will not surely die', the serpent said to the woman. 'When you eat it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God knowing good and evil."

Gen. 3:4

"Shall I guide you to a Tree of Eternity that will never waste away?" Qur'an 20:10

"Your Lord has only forbidden you to approach this Tree, lest you become angels or immortal." And he swore to them: "Truly I am a sincere advisor." Thus he led them on by delusion. Qur'an 7:20-22

Satan's Temptation

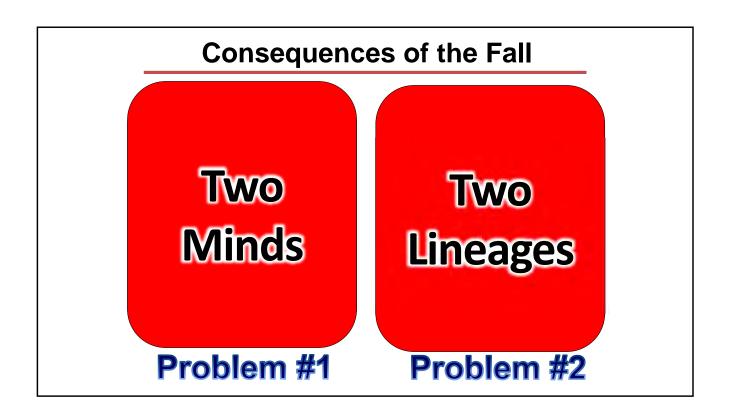


So he [Satan] led them [Adam and Eve] on by delusion; and when they tasted the tree, their shameful parts were revealed to them, so they took to stitching upon themselves with leaves from the Garden.

Quran 7:22

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This is a verse from the Quran: He, Satan, led them, Adam and Hawwa, by delusion. And when they tasted the tree, their shameful parts were revealed to them. We have two minds.



The second part of the fall is we lost the horizontal standard of true love. In other words, we have two lineages. This is the fall – two minds, two lineages. We've got to solve both problems.

Seed of Enmity



And I will put enmity (hatred) between you (Satan) and the woman (Eve), And between your seed and her seed...

Genesis 3:15

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Again, multiple religions teach this. In the Bible, Gen. 31:15: I will put enmity, hatred between you, Satan, and between the woman, Eve, and between your seed and her seed. Now there are clearly two seeds. Because of the misuse of love there are two seeds. But because of the lack of filial piety, there were two minds. Two minds, two seeds, big problem. And Satan is called the god of this world, the ruler of this world.

Satan: god and ruler of this World



"god" of this world

2 Corinthians 4:4

"ruler" of this world

John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11

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Satan's Seed



What, and do you take him (Satan) and his <u>seed</u>* to be your friends, apart from Me, and they an enemy to you? How evil is that exchange...

Qur'an 18:50 (A.J. Arberry)

* Translated "offspring" by Mohsin Khan and "descendants" by M. Pickthall

In the Quran it says the same thing: And do you take him, Satan, and his seed to be your friends apart from me? And they an enemy to you? How evil is this exchange?

This is a very important verse so I looked it up in three different translations. It is translated as seed or offspring or descendants. Clearly there was an exchange.

Lost Birth Right



When unrighteous disorder prevails, the women sin and are impure... This disorder carries down to hell the family... [and] destroys the righteousness of birth...

Bhagavad Gita 2:63

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In Hinduism: When unrighteous disorder prevails, women sinned and are impure. This disorder is carried down to ___ the family and destroys the righteousness of birth. The first right is destroyed. The seed of goodness is destroyed.

Two Seeds



"According to the Buddha, since time immemorial we have been endowed with two seeds ..."

- अविद्या, Avidya: delusion or ignorance and
- प्रज्ञ, Prajñā: wisdom or insight

Gwon Sangro, Vi Yeongjae, Han Yongun, "Tracts on the Modern Reformation of Korean Buddhism," retrieved from: https://books.google.co.th/books?id=CZIEDwAAQBAJ&ge_PT150&lipg=PT150&dq=%22two+seeds%222-buddhism&source=bl&ots=e6nDNXod0Z&sig=TNVh Ggg_1j4J2YLWDbWP63MK6_Rl&h=n&sa=X&wed=0ahUKEwjloNrulfnYAhXErl8KHd9YB9SQ6AEILDAB#v=onepage&q=%22two%20seds%22%20&f=false

According to Buddhism's Time Immemorial we are endowed with two seeds: abadiah (ph), delusion or ignorance, and prajinah (ph) wisdom.

Sin of the Angels



"And the angels which did not keep their own position... giving themselves over to fornication and unnatural lust..."

Jude 1:6-7

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And from the Bible we know this, the fornication, but it also talks about in the Quran when Satan tempted Adam and Eve so that he might reveal to them their nakedness, which they had never seen before. Satan did cunningly seduce them. It's pretty clear. Let not Satan deceive you as he deceived your parents out of paradise, stripped them of their garments and revealed to them their nakedness.

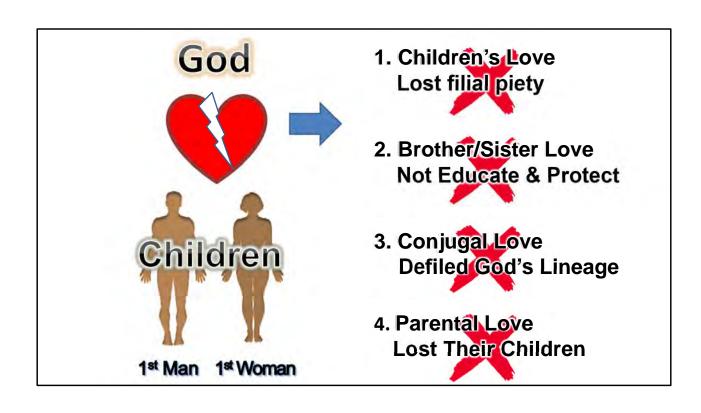
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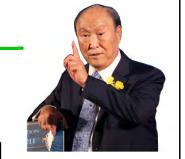
Qur'an 7.19-27

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Two Lineages

Every human being is connected to two lineages. One is Satan's lineage; we are linked to it through the historical



line of our ancestors. This happened because they had a self-centered consciousness. Then what is the other lineage, God's lineage, about? It is to live not for oneself but for the sake of the whole. This lineage lives for the sake of others...

CSG, pg. 342.

The second part of the fall that created two lineages — the conjugal love was defiled. God's lineage was defiled and parental love was lost. So again, we go back to what happened in the garden of Eden and we get a more complete picture by looking through the prisms of the four family loves, four realms of heart.

God's Painful Heart

Do you know what has pained God's heart most, causing Him the greatest grief over the long history since the fall of our first



human ancestors? God lost His lineage. And with the loss of His lineage, He lost His right of ownership.

Inaugural Address of the Universal Peace Federation, September 2005 http://www.upf.org/resources/speeches-and-articles/2196-s-moon-upf-inaugural-address-a-celebration-of-peace

Father said this: Every human being is connected to two lineages. One is Satan's lineage, and we are connected to it through the historical line of ancestors. That happened because they had a self-centered consciousness.

That was the cause. Not because of sexual love. A selfcentered consciousness.

And what is the other lineage? God's lineage. It is to live not for one's self but for the sake of the whole. This lineage lives for the sake of others. Do you know what has pained God's heart most, caused him the greatest

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Original Family Lost



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True Parents and the Completed Testament Age, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, Delhi, India, Dec. 20, 1993

Mother said this in her 1993 world tour: If you read the scriptures carefully, you will see that the fall of man involved the loss of Adam's entire family. First the position of parents was lost, and second, the position of children was lost when Cain murdered Abel. God's blueprint of the ideal family was lost.

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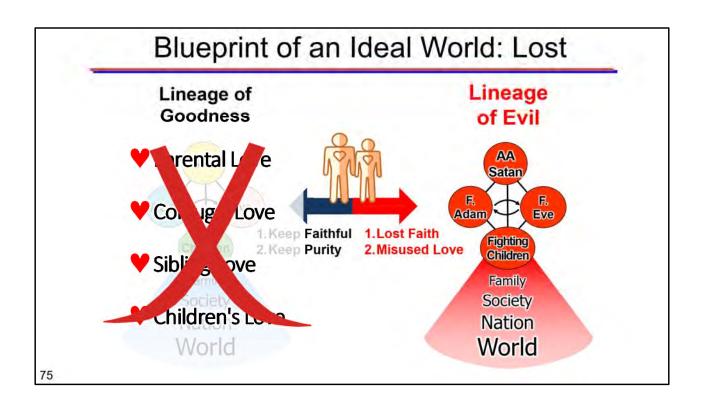
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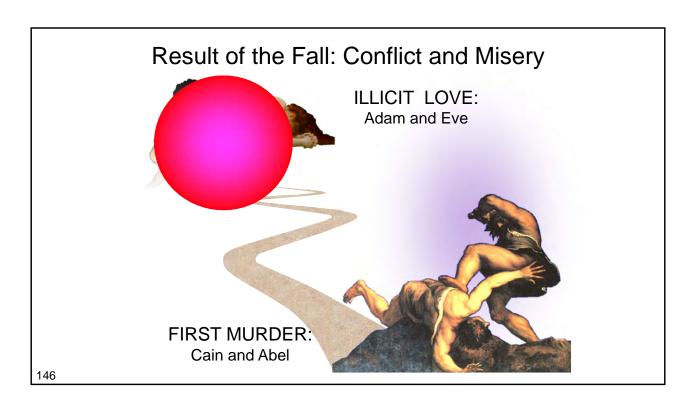


God's blueprint for an ideal family and a world of peace was lost.

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This is the tragedy. Of the four family loves, the ideal was lost and instead we have illicit love and murder in the first family.

The Interfaith Peace Blessing Ceremony

Love and Marriage



Let's look looking at America in the 1950s, when we had a culture that honored marriage and family. Please sing along if you know the words. This is Frank Sinatra.

Love and Marriage



Love and marriage, love and marriage
Go together like a horse and carriage
This I tell you, brother...
You can't have one without the other



Love and marriage, love and marriage
Go together like a horse and carriage
Dad was told by mother
You can't have one,
You can't have none
You can't have one without the other



Love and Marriage



Love and marriage, love and marriage
It's an institute you can't disparage
Ask the local gentry
And they will say it's elementary



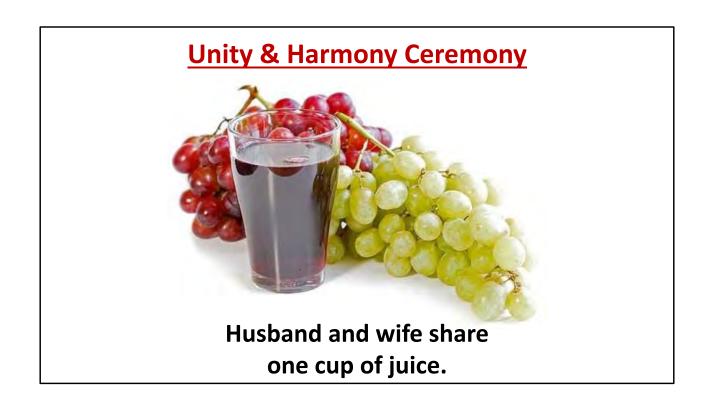
Try, try, try to separate them
It's an illusion
Try, try, try and you will only come
To this conclusion



The Interfaith Peace Blessing:

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- 3. Family Blessing Ceremony
- 4. Forgiveness Ceremony
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- 6. 3-Day New Beginning Ceremony

Now we start the interfaith peace blessing festival. There are six parts.



First is the unity and harmony ceremony. Husband and wife share one cup of juice together. We use grape juice because it is very sweet and that's the love between a man and woman. It's oftentimes red, which represents the lineage, the ancestry of a people. And they come in bunches, like children and grandchildren. So it's a good symbol for the concept of the love of man and woman to be renewed. Instead of separate cups, they share one juice cup together.

Unity & Harmony Ceremony

- → First woman drinks half...
- → Then her husband drinks the remainder



In this process the woman will drink first because we are going in restoration, reversing the process of the fall. The woman committed the first mistake so she needs to take this responsibility. Then her husband drinks the remaining half.

Unity & Harmony Ceremony

- → New Husband & Wife relationship
- → Forgiveness of all past mistakes
- → New Beginning for your Family & Lineage



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Through this unity and harmony that it will be a new beginning the forgiveness of all of your past mistakes, whatever they are. You need to now bury them, forgive each other, and don't need to bring them up again but move forward. It's a new beginning for your family and for your lineage, including even your ancestors and children to come.

Family Blessing Ceremony

- → Interfaith Marriage (Sake of Nation)
- → Building Social Awareness about the Importance of the Family.



We can explain that this is a unique ceremony for them, that if their children are born after this ceremony, they do not need to go through this ceremony. These interfaith blessing festivals, we emphasize that it's not just marriage. It is a marriage celebration, but it is marriage for the sake of the nation. We are now taking marriage out of the family level social setting and bringing it into a national social setting. We are building social awareness about the importance of families.

Family Blessing Ceremony

→ Holy Water Ceremony



Here we have at the national stadium in Nepal.

And the holy water ceremony, where the religious leaders make this condition to work together to merge water together as one. If we look at it historically, all religions have this ceremony individually. They sprinkle water. The Buddhists have the water purification cup.



The Hindus go to the Ganges River at the festivals. Even in Islam the ___ from the ___ water, they have these ceremonies. So let's work together, all religions, and have this water of harmony ceremony.

Family Blessing Ceremony

- → Holy Water Ceremony
- → Recitation of Blessing Vows



Then we do the recitation of vows. Husband wife must always trust and love each other. They must not cause pain to the heart of their partner and must educate their children and grandchildren to maintain filial piety.

Family Blessing Ceremony

- → Holy Water Ceremony
- → Recitation of Blessing Vows
- → Benediction Prayer





Blessing Vows

- **1.** A husband and wife must always trust and love each other.
- **2.** They must not cause any pain to the heart of their partner.
- **3.** They must educate their children and grandchildren to maintain filial piety.

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Forgiveness Ceremony

- → Restore True Love
- → End Domestic Violence
- → Remove Historical Resentment





The next we call the forgiveness ceremony, the indemnity stick. This will restore true love between a man and a woman. It will bring an end to domestic violence.

If you hit your wife in a private setting, that is called domestic violence. Shame on you. But this time you'll hit your wife in public. If you hit your wife before, this will be the last time. And if you never hit your wife before, good for you. This will be the first and the last time. You still need to do it. So we will end domestic violence.

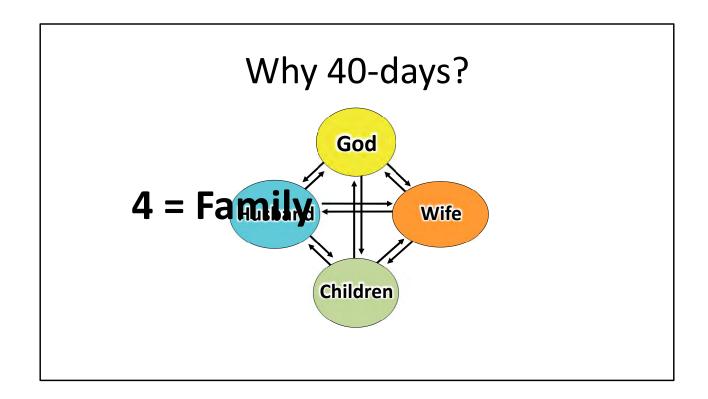
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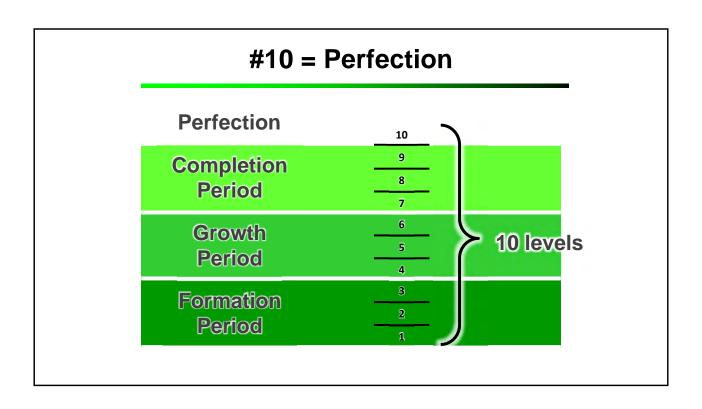
We pass on to our descendants either the solution or the problem, so we can choose. If we indemnify the resentment between man and woman now then we can change the course of history for ourselves, for our children, and for our ancestors. Through this ceremony we pass on the solution. We indemnify the past and bequeath the model of forgiveness and true love to our descendants. And that's it.

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Next, the 40-day separation. Why 40 days? It's based on the number four, which is the foundational unit, the four position foundation between God, husband and wife and children. The number 10 is based on the three stages of growth, with three levels in each stage, which total 9. The number of perfection, or the returning number where you can then re-start, so there are 10 levels. Four represents the family, 10 represents perfection or a new beginning, so 4 x 10.



40-DAY SEPARATION & PREPARATION

Why 40-days?

4 = Family 10 = Perfection

 $4 \times 10 = 40$

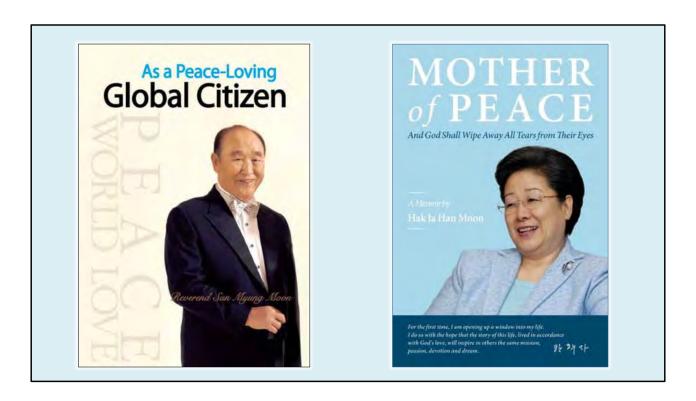
40-DAY SEPARATION & PREPARATION

What are they supposed to do during these 40 days? No sexual relationship. Sexual fasting. This is going to be your situation for the next 40 days. Do not look, do not eat the apple. No relationship for 40 days. In these 40 days you are going to set a period of sexual selfcontrol and purification. You must represent your ancestors. The men need to represent all of the men, women all of the women, not only of our lineage but really of the histories of our nation. So you must live together as brother and sister. Focus on your relationship with God that Adam and Eve should have done in the garden Eden, and then prepare to be a new

blessed couple.



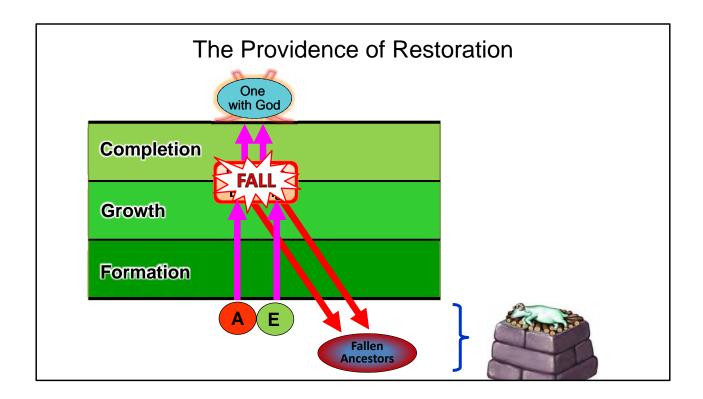
You can't start	today because we	don't know what you
did last night. \	We can only start	tomorrow. Our
program was _	, so the	was the first day –
40 days is	Then you ar	e finished with your 40-
day separation	period.	



During that time we suggest you get one or both of these books and read them together – Father's autobiography and Mother's memoir.

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The next part is the 3-day ceremony. When we look at this, if there had been no fall then our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, would have grown, received the marriage blessing at the top of the growth stage. They would have joined together and become one with God, not only for the remainder of their life on earth but for eternity.

Purpose of Animal Sacrifice



- Convenient
- Practical
- Makes sense
- Self-centered



- Inconvenient
- Impractical
- Unreasonable
- A sacrifice!

Sadly, that didn't happen. The fall of man took place, so instead of that we lost the path to God, and our first ancestors became fallen ancestors. So the beginning point of restoration now is animal sacrifice. Let's look at what happened in the Bible. We look at Abraham's sacrifice, Imagine you are a farmer living off the land and you've got a herd of cows. The one on the left is old, no milk, soon it's going to die, might even be sick. And you've got the other cow, healthy, strong, lots of milk, good lineage. Which cow do you offer? Sometimes people say, the one on the left. I say, that's convenient, it's practical, it makes sense. It's true that's the

common thought.

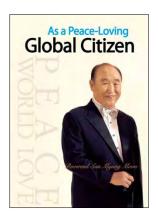
But if you choose the one on the right, the healthy, young cow, that's inconvenient, impractical, unreasonable. If we choose this cow then my self-interest is part of that offering and that will defile the offering and God can't use it. Look at the Bible. When Abraham made his animal sacrifice, three years young, unblemished, the most precious thing that he had. This is what God wants.

God does not want a dead cow. That's not the purpose of the sacrifice. The purpose is that my heart can grow and the only way my heart grows is if I make a sacrifice. Father Moon said, sacrificing for others allows our heart to grow. That was the foundational stage of the beginning of restoration, the animal sacrifice. Our hearts need to grow.



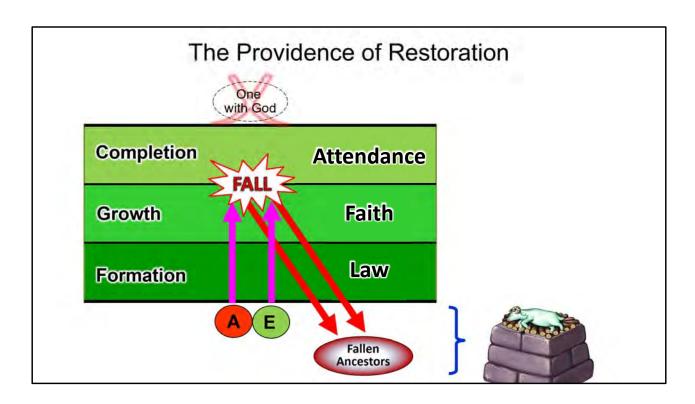
Without sacrifice, love is not love. If we love God then we must make this sacrifice. That's why Abraham was chosen, is because he took the most precious offering that he had and made it as a sacrifice. That's like Jesus' sacrifice is acceptable to God, the most precious offering.

Family is the School of Love



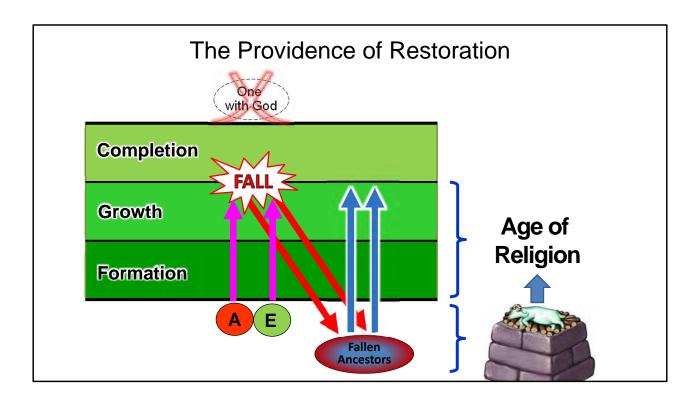
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Father said the basis of love is the heart that sacrifices everything for the sake of others. The reason parental love is true love, parents are willing to give everything to their children, and when they have given everything, they want to give more.



This is the standard of heart that we are trying to restore. It's not conditional. It's heartistic. So that's the first stage, the foundation stage.

Now we need to restore the three levels of formation, growth and completion. We know from the Principle this is the age of love, faith and attendance. So the next areas are combined together. Adam and Eve would grow and this time is called the age of religion – the formation and growth stage of restoration. Let's look inside of that and see what is happening.



All religions emphasize they are led by individuals, not by couples. They may be married but the religious leader is one. They focus on law, living for others. They have different names but all religions have a legal system or a law-based structure. They emphasize faith, and keeping purity is very much part of each. We could go through the Scriptures.

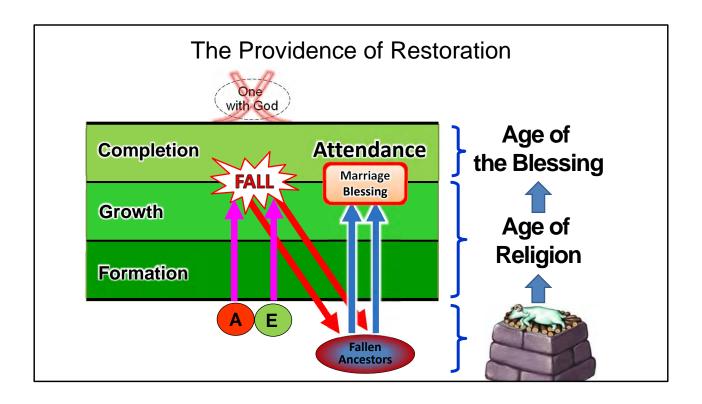
The Age of Religion

Emphasis:

- Led by Individuals
- Focus on:
 - 1. Law = Living for Others
 - 2. Faith = Keep Purity
 - 3. Age of Celibacy

And many of them advocate celibacy because that's the time of purity, where we're not supposed to have these relationships. Of course, if everybody is celibate then there would be no children. Anyway, within this. That is the age of religion. It combines the formation and growth stages together. On that then blessing should come, and that is called the age of attendance. But we will use the term the age of blessing, because that's what it really is.





In order to attend God, you need to receive the Blessing. Let's look inside of that. The focus here is on the family, led by parents, not by individual people. And it's centered on the importance of lineage. The emphasis is on universal values, marriage and family, fidelity and one family under God. You can explain more if you have time. Then husband and wife come together. They have established a new relationship. They fulfill the original ideal of becoming one with our Heavenly Parent. This together becomes the age of the Blessing, which carries on into the spiritual world for eternity.

The Age of the Blessing

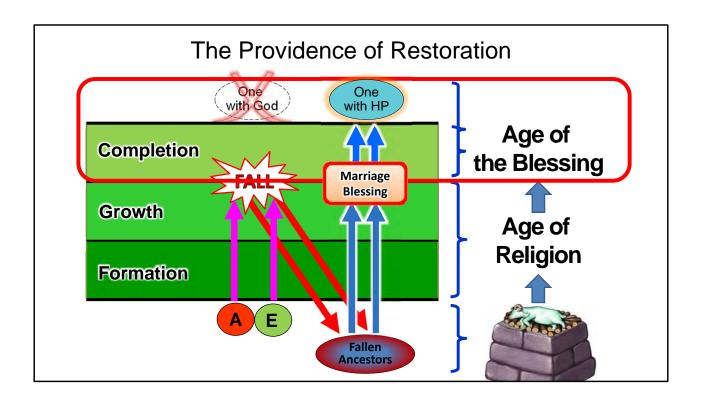
Focus ► Family:

- Led by Parents
- Centered on Lineage
- Emphasis on:
 - 1. Universal Values
 - 2. Fidelity in Marriage
 - 3. One World Family Under God





The age of the Blessing. Father and Mother Moon's mission, very simple, to build a worldwide, interreligious movement celebrating marriage and family. If we do that, Cheon il Guk will come. It's that simple. Father said marriage is the path by which a man and woman become one, create new life and establish true love.



Let's look what is happening. Now each of the couples needs to go through this process. This was an historical process taking thousands and thousands of years, but you're going to be able to go through it in a matter of days. What is your animal sacrifice? You need to make a sacrifice. That is your 40-day sexual fast. That is the foundation for you to become a blessed couple.

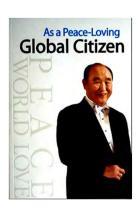
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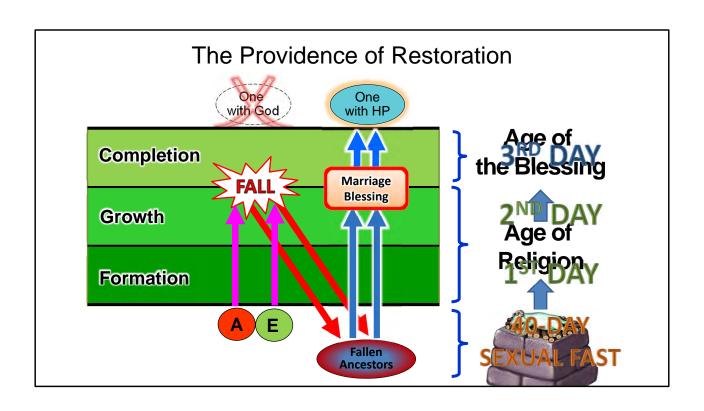
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The Family & World Peace

Marriage is the path by which a man and woman become as one, create new life, and establish true love.



As A Peace-Loving Global Citizen, True Families Create True People, p. 207.



3-Day New Beginning Ceremony

- → First Three Days of Family Life
- → Clear Instructions & Special Prayer
- → Gift from Father & Mother Moon



What is the age of religion? The first day represents the formation stage and the second day represents the growth stage. But you're not quite there yet. You need to go to the third stage, the third day, and after that then you become a blessed central family.

So the first three days of family life are very important. We tell them, do not do this by yourself. You will make a mistake and you'll have to do everything over again.

___ Kitswami, I think many of us know him, came to our program in Bangkok in January and he and his wife

decided to go through the 40-day separation. After the 40 days he called the national leader, Krishna, but he said, I can't come all that way right now. After another 40 days Kitswami called and said, it's been 80 days, when are you coming?

We will give clear instructions at that time. Those instructions just need to be straightforward, just tell them what to do, the first day, second day, and why they should do that. They will listen to you. This is the easy part. Then we give a gift from Father and Mother Moon, the picture, the autobiography, they can put it on their altar and they become a blessed couple.

The beginning of the three days, you maintain your religious heritage. Don't change your religion. This is a ceremony to participate in nation-building, building a heavenly lineage and culture, not only from the future but also the past. We tell them, once you reach this stage and complete the 3-day ceremony, watch out because now spirit world, your ancestors are free, without accusation from anyone else, to work with you. Many, many spiritual experiences. Spirit world helps us with the follow-up and when people have spiritual experiences, they are profound and will resonate with whatever we're teaching and then they'll be more engaged. Don't worry too much about that because I guarantee that will happen.

You'll become a blessed central family. What does this mean? It means that your religion becomes an adjective instead of a noun. I am a Buddhist blessed central family. OK, keep your Buddhism. I am a Christian. Keep it. Be better at it. That's what we're telling them.



3-Day New Beginning Ceremony

- → Maintain your religious heritage
- → Participate in nation-building
- → Heavenly lineage & culture
- → Many spiritual experiences
- → Become a blessed family

Be a Blessed Family

The beginning of the three days, you maintain your religious heritage. Don't change your religion. This is a ceremony to participate in nation-building, building a heavenly lineage and culture, not only from the future but also the past. We tell them, once you reach this stage and complete the 3-day ceremony, watch out because now spirit world, your ancestors are free, without accusation from anyone else, to work with you. Many, many spiritual experiences. Spirit world helps us with the follow-up and when people have spiritual experiences, they are profound and will resonate with

whatever we're teaching and then they'll be more engaged. Don't worry too much about that because I guarantee that will happen.

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The Interfaith Peace Blessing:

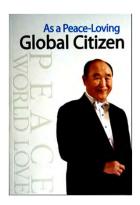
- 1. Principle Education
- 2. Unity & Harmony Ceremony
- 3. Family Blessing Ceremony
- 4. Forgiveness Ceremony
- 5. 40-Day Separation & Preparation
- 6. 3-Day New Beginning Ceremony
- 7. 430 Heavenly Tribal Messiah

The last part is 430 HTM blessing. You now need to take this blessing to your tribe, your relatives, your friends, your contacts, and we will help work with you to do that so that we can build a culture that honors marriage and family. This is the way to do it.



The Family & World Peace

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As A Peace-Loving Global Citizen, True Families Create True People, p. 214.

In summary, the family is the place in which God's ideal is realized. The ideal is to bring about a world in which love is made real and the family is the place where this love overflows. We've got to restore our families, our communities and our nation. There is no other way. And it's not that difficult.



Thank you very much