

Heaven and Earth Unification and Liberation Ceremony

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks

For two days, September 9-10, 1999 at the Soo Taek Ri Training Center, True Father spoke at a very rapid pace and even the best interpreters were literally left in the dust. I've never seen them so exhausted after three or four hours. And as a result, it was difficult for them to provide very coherent sentences and it was difficult for me to keep up typing. In addition, the radio transmission was filled with static. Therefore, the following are provided with a serious warning label concerning the degree of accuracy. The interpreters were Lynn Kim (the first day) and Paul Rogers for the last hour on that day, and Yoko Abe (the second day). Typing and editing of these unofficial notes by Tyler Hendricks.

At 9:09:09 a.m. on September 9, 1999, True Parents entered the meeting hall at Soo Taek Ri Training Center outside of Seoul to begin what the banner called the Ceremony for the Heaven and Earth Unification and Liberation (Chun Joo Tongil Hae-bang Shik). I understand that later the title was changed and "True Parents" was added to it, leading to something like: "The Liberation and Unification of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth." Father lit seven candles in front of the large offering table. True Parents bowed together before God, and then Father sat down behind the offering table and True Mother bowed to True Father. Then the entire congregation, some 5,000 in number, offered a bow from the waist (there was no room for everyone to do a



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formal bows, representing the three nations of Korea, Japan and America, the six continents, the four major religions, the National Messiahs, the relatives of the True Family, the Abel and Cain sides of the world, and the spirit world. Then we all recited the Family Pledge and sat down. Father then asked Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak to speak.

Rev. Kwak:

After the prayer there was a series of full bow). True Parents then held hands, outstretched their arms and Father prayed.

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Third Celebration of the Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth

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North Garden, Kodiak, Alaska, August 17-19, 1999. Translation by Rev. Jeong Phyo Hong. We regret that the translation facilities were minimal, so what I could gather from the speeches were fragments.

Today is the day to declare and affirm the four great powers of God—omnipotent, omnipresent, all abundant, all sovereign. [Rev. Hong tells us that Father is using the term Jehovah for God. And these four Korean terms are very difficult to translate exactly into English.] These four powers derive from God's absolute faith, love and obedience. You should love Kodiak.

Be aware of the holy

ground of focus, origin and victory [recently established in Brazil]. The Old Testament and New Testament offerings have been made, and Heavenly Father took care of everything by His four great powers and accomplished all the purposes of creation. Today I

declared the name of Jehovah—the God who is omnipotent, omnipresent, all abundant and all sovereign. The most essential powers are His omnipotence and omnipresence.

We seek to unify Japan and Canada and Japan and the USA. Canada

connects the five oceans. We need to care for and have true dominion over the oceans. If we do not, war will come. If we do, peace will prevail. All things need water. We should love the ocean. Fish are perfect—they were not judged by Noah's flood.



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God created the world centering on absolute faith, love and obedience. These virtues are the foundation for the world of true love, the world under the dominion of love. Centering on God we need one servant nation. Money that you offer is not for the sake of the individual but is to restore the world. Korea, Japan and America should become one nation. They should be equal, based upon love. Overcome selfishness

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is nine 9's. I am so sorry that I do not know the deep meaning of this ceremony today. Father creates the providence and the holy days and later we understand the providential meaning.

Eighty-four days after his departure from Korea Father has come back and given us this providential blessing, and we thank him for that. If we know the principle, we know that God created Adam and Eve based on love. Through the completion of the love of God, not just humankind but the angelic world and all creation would have been in the position of elder son and established the realm of the elder son. That would not have finished with Adam and Eve's perfection as individuals, but they would have received the blessing, completed the couple's perfection centered on God and had children centered on God. That was to be the second perfection of creation. They would have established the realm of kingship, and their lineage would have spread through the universe. When Adam and Eve fell, the entire purpose of creation was attacked and lost. The ideal beings of creation would not just have stayed on earth but would have gone into the spirit world and attended God. This would have been the Kingdom of God in Heaven. But it was all broken.

The results of the fall bore fruit on the earth. True love, life and lineage were destroyed by the archangel, who was a servant. Everything came under the dominion of Satan, including God and His ideal of love. In the position of God, Satan started false love, life and lineage. God could not demonstrate His nature. Because we failed to fulfill our portion of responsibility, the realm of true love could not appear. We had to subjugate Satan, but in the fallen history God could not directly guide us or force us to do anything. So we could not understand the providence of God. As false children of Satan, we could not understand God. In that situation, no matter what, since Satan had subjugated Adam and Eve, God had to conditionally separate mankind into those closer and farther from him, to create the realm of the elder son. God selected people who could stand on the side of peace and unification.

In True Father's vocabulary are the words *Chun Shik*-heaven and earth. We understand heaven by virtue of the teachings about spirit world, given by True Parents since the 1960s. In the prayers at the historic ceremonies, Father connected the activities on earth to the spirit world and proclaimed those things, and has kept awakening us to the reality of the spirit world and has established a bridge between physical world and spirit world. True Father created so many such holy days. In the 1970s there were so many, and many more in the 1980s. In their lifetime, True Parents were working to establish the realm of the elder son, parents and king from the individual up, to the people, nation and world. There were

indemnity conditions that only True Parents know, to close the mouth of Satan and prevent him from accusing. We can understand the providence of these days through the prayers that Father prayed on those occasions, especially the restoration of elder son, parents and king.

There were so many acts to restore the realm of the elder son in the Old Testament Age, at the time of Jesus and in the New Testament Age. In the Old Testament Age they offered the sacrifice of all things. Then Jesus came and established the condition for spiritual salvation throughout the world. The providence of the Christian realm affected the whole world; the whole world came to relate together centered on Jesus. Then, after the second world war, if the victorious realm of the Christian world had attended True Parents as their Abel, then the Christian foundation could have connected to the providence and within a few years the world could have been restored.

But the Korean Christians could not fulfill that responsibility, and Father, who should have stood on that foundation, had to go out to the wilderness. He had to go forth to pay indemnity and establish the realm of the elder son by following a miserable course. In the midst of that, we were not able to help him. We really didn't know in advance and could not comfort or encourage him. We have

been unfaithful.

True Parents centered these decisive foundations of the providence on the national level in Korea. But they had to take care of the world at the same time. They made the absolute elder son realm and parental realm and established the HSA-UWC foundation to unify Christianity. Since Christianity did not recognize the Messiah, the Unification Church members received the blessing instead of them. That blessing of true love, life and lineage was lost by the human ancestors and no one had been able to enjoy it. We received it beginning with the 3 couples to the 36 couples, through 9 stages to 1992 when it was globalized with the 30,000 couples in the first WCSF. Then, in 1995, there were 360,000 couples, in 1997, 3.6 million and also 36 million were reached through spirit world and True Parents, equaling 40 million. Then on June 13, 1998 at Madison Square Garden True Parents mediated the blessing of 120 million couples.

Based on that, True Parents made the 7.8 holy day, the declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth, so that all beings could be embraced in God's true love. This had to expand to the world level, so that True Parents could speak to and bless anyone in the world, beyond Satan's accusation. The proclamation of the Cosmic Sabbath

made this possible. Our True Parents kept pushing us out; you all remember how they pushed us. We established external conditions and they established the internal ones, during the preparation for the 360 million couple blessing. In the Pantanal, May 14-16, 1998, True Parents proclaimed that he opened even the gates of hell in spirit world. Even God could not open them, because they were in the realm of Satan. In place of Adam and Eve, only True Parents could do that.

Why were the conditions so difficult for the early, small blessings? Because Satan's foundation was so strong, and True Parents' so weak, we could not block the accusation of Satan. Therefore they had to bless small numbers to open the gate little by little. To spread the blessing to the world, True Parents had to remove Satan, and they did so in heaven and on earth, in front of God. They opened the gates of heaven on that foundation. The evil people, then, could be blessed in the same way.

So, 1998, June 13, just before the 120 million blessing in America, True Parents had to bring together the saints in spirit world and bless them to people on earth. They even brought out the worst murderers in hell into the blessing ceremony. True Parents had

established the conditions to do that, opening the gates of hell. I am so ashamed, because even at that time, as I was doing that ceremony, I was in a state of awe, incredulity and amazement. Then through True Parents' prayer I could discover that it was not just the realm of Satan that could not relate to True Parents and receive the blessing, but that there were no realms at all that could relate to True Parents and be blessed. So True Parents went through so much in order to relate to them and be able to forgive them. True Parents went through so much resentment and grief, feeling what Satan felt, to make those conditions that Satan had to recognize. Using the principles of Heaven, True Parents proclaimed, spoke and decided according to those principles to bless even those who could not fit into the principles of heaven. Only he can know the extent of that course.

Satan has so much resentment, but not as much as True Parents have. Satan has evil and we can relate to him easily and do evil things, but True Parents cannot; they must relate to heaven and follow the principles of heaven, representing the grief and resentment of God, and work with the enemies of heaven and forgive them. So the grace of June 13 is so great.

On that foundation, on Feb 7, 1999, with the 360 million blessing and the start of the 400 million blessing campaign, our goal is to completely root out Satan through the completion of the true blessing. We have been pulling out the root of Satan on the earth, and we are blessing young people and even little babies and babies in the womb, through the purity candy and the prayer ceremonies to remove the blood lineage of Satan. With that amazing goal, our True Parents have been racing forward without rest. Restoration of the realms of true elder son, parents and king is based upon restoration of the lineage, from the root, not on earth alone but also in spirit world. Throughout history, to realize all this, True Parents have carried out a providence we do not know about through the course of Heung Jin Nim and Daemo Nim in spirit world.

Father:

Daemo Nim has carried out the role of mother-in-law and Heung Jin Nim that of elder son, linking the family in the spirit world. Centered on the family, and True Parents' actual physical parents, my mother [Choongmo Nim], my direct lineage linking to spirit world goes through Heung Jin Nim and mother's through Daemo Nim. This makes a realm in spirit world. In Jesus' age there was the Holy Spirit with Jesus as the True Parents in spirit world. We have been setting the foundation for a lineage on earth. The Cain realm is being released. We need love connecting heaven and earth, the entire cosmos. We have the completion of the individual blessing, family and tribe. As the blessed couples become one, this brings together the spirit world and physical world. The realm of heaven becomes resolved centered on true Adam. This is the unification of heaven and earth centered on God, with God as vertical parents and True Parents as horizontal parents. Now we have the proclamation of the True Parents of heaven and earth.

Nine is the number controlled by Satan and we need to go beyond it. In Christianity, we have tithing based on the number 10. Nine represents the satanic realm, so God's restoration requires a tithe to go on to the 10th step, representing the realm of God. So the Abel realm goes out

C A L E N D A R

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Declaration Day of Heavenly Parentism (1989)
- 6 Young Jin Nim & Hwa Jung Nim's Blessing (1997)
- Hyung Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing (1997)
- 8 Sa Sa Jeol Declaration (1998)
- 9 Shin Ji Nim's 5th Birthday (lunar)
- 11 Shin Joong Nim's 6th Birthday (lunar)
- 15 Hyung Jin Nim's 20th Birthday (lunar)
- 18 Foundation Day (1976)
- 24 Soon Ju Nim's 27th Birthday (lunar)
- 27 Day of Dispensational Reversal Toward Unification (1988)

OCTOBER

- 3 FOUNDATION DAY FOR THE NATION OF THE UNIFIED WORLD (1988)
- 4 Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
- 5 Proclamation of Total Liberation and Unification between the Physical and Spiritual World (1998)
- 14 6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 16 Shin Myung Nim's 13th Birthday (lunar)
- 19 In Sup Nim's 27th Birthday (lunar)
- 21 777 Couples' Blessing (1970)
- 24 Shin Eh Nim's 10th Birthday (lunar)
- 26 Shin Ok Nim's 10th Birthday (lunar)
- 28 Hwa Yun Nim's 22nd Birthday (lunar)
- 30 6500 Couples' Blessing (1988)

NOVEMBER

- 1 Shin Pal Nim's 1st Birthday (lunar)
- 3 Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 8 TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY (lunar)
- 11 Shin Sun Nim's 9th Birthday (lunar)
- 13 Yun Ah Nim's 21st Birthday (lunar)
- Shin Hoon Nim's 5th Birthday (lunar)
- 25 Jin Whi Nim's 36th Birthday (lunar)
- Shin Young Nim's 13th Birthday (lunar)
- 29 3.6 Million Couples' & 36 Million Couples' Blessings (1997)
- 30 Heung Jin Nim's 33rd Birthday (lunar)



to the various levels, the individual, family, tribe and so on.

Christianity stood in a Cain-Abel relationship in 1948. The Holy Spirit was like the mother to bring everything together. So the spiritual parents had to be there, but Jesus could not be substantial, so we had the coming of substantial True Parents. Confucianism, Catholicism and Protestantism were fighting. They should have united. Rome connected many countries at Jesus' time. If they had become one, through the individual and family love, that could have spread to the world through Rome. Unfortunately, Rome was not prepared that way and tried to do everything through money. Rome had the potential to reach the world, if they had united as Cain with Israel as Abel.

Always there is Cain and Abel, for example, Muslims and Christians. If Cain and Abel unite, Satan's realm will be broken. Communism and democracy were Cain and Abel on the world level. Communists deny God; they say God died. To cope with that, we had to unite the world as brothers and sisters to restore the brother-sister relations that were broken. Broken brother-sister relations means the division of the nations and races. So we needed to do blessings beyond race and nation, centered on God. We had so much opposition, from the family, nation and world. All the world religions should have united with this, but they were saying that we were breaking down families and nations. But anyway those things need to be broken down.

We have the battle of mind and body. Without mind-body unity, God cannot connect. He cannot connect on the basis of money, authority, or power but only true love. True love can unite mind and body and bring God down. True love means investing and forgetting, again and again. It requires doing it and wanting to do more. The individual for the family, family for the people, people for nation, nation for world and world for God. God has created the cosmos, and is carrying out the restoration of the cosmos. Evil people cannot go to that level because they are living for themselves. But we are living for the higher level. Then finally God is living for me. He is investing for me, and I am investing representing God. God is loving the creation in order to have the freedom of the ideal of creation, which is the realm of conscience.

The conscience of humankind has to come through the experience of mind-body unity. You have to do that by yourself. Man and woman have to be together, work as a couple and love their children with unique, absolute, eternal, unchanging love. They are absolute objects to God who is the absolute subject. We have to become one with the internal nature of God and represent God. We are to reflect what He has invested into us, which is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. You are individual truth bodies. What you leave behind on earth is whatever you contribute. Leave behind your lineage, your conscience, in the place of God.

Resemble God's unique, absolute, eternal, unchanging love. We can become one with God and be the object of His love, of Heaven. Then the world of creation expands and we can exercise the creativity of God. Creativity is from the subject-object relationship, as on the level of minerals and every level, including male and female animals, too. Can a man and woman leave their positions? No, their identity as man or as woman is absolute. The creative

nature and subject-object relationship is based on give and take action.

The fallen world is a world of relative relationships, including those between parents and children, teachers and students and so forth. They need to unite based on true subjectivity. Man and woman unite together. Why? To find love. If the man is alone, he cannot act as a subject loving his wife. Only if they are together can he be a creative subject.

To create the world of heaven, including all the ancestors, God had to bring them back into His realm. He had to bring them out of the realm of false life, love and lineage. Jesus died alone, so all the people after Jesus lived alone. But we are born to live together eternally. The lonely position started with the fall. The angelic world and earth were connected centered on false love, so Satan would work on the earth. So God and Satan are fighting. Who will end that fight? God sought to recreate Adam. As He did so, Satan would accuse and accuse. So they kept fighting. The realms of politics and economy and so forth were based on Satan. Who can solve it? The false parents born of Satan? No, nothing can be accomplished by false parents. The highest priority, therefore, was to resolve the false lineage.

So we accuse Satan, that he stole from God, that he is a liar. He had to admit that this is true. There was no lawyer for him; there was judgment. Who will resolve this in history? The presidents of Korea? They are ignorant of this. I went forth and established it. So, the elder son, America, has to become one with Korea. In the past, restoration came through mother and son, and now we are in the realm to unite everything and the father and son will cooperate. With Japan in the position of mother, if the Korean and American presidents become one, we need to move China. We need to center on God and have everything center on God. All the problems created by the false life, love and lineage have to be resolved. The True Parents are creating the liberating power to get rid of Satan completely up to the realm of king and to bring the realm of True Parents and liberate the whole world. All social problems, youth immorality, and so on can be resolved only in this way. No one, not the rich, not the Mafia, can handle it. Only the son of God. When God and Satan conflict and we can resolve it, people have to listen.

Unless you unite your mind and body you cannot go to heaven. The nation has to protect the family. It is difficult for the small to survive, but the big people are gaining greater access. Is the unification of the world difficult? What is today? The unification and liberation of heaven and earth? This is the Kingdom of Heaven in spirit world and earth. We are establishing a home on the earth, restoring the world to the state as if Adam and Eve had not fallen and ending all the separations. How can we organize it all? Everyone has to open their doors. We are creating a great river that will flow the opposite way, up to the source, to the top of the mountain. It is the water of true utopian love that will flow throughout the world. Then everything will be resolved naturally. Then the Kingdom of Heaven will come on earth.

We are a great people of history. Do

the ministers know this? No. Only the True Parents. Only the True Parents know how to win the battle of mind and body. Do I need people? (Yes.) Why should I? (joking) The True Parents do not need people, or do we? (Father is playing with negatives). To whom do the True Parents belong? The mind! The mind! Those who absolutely believe in True Parents have completed individual perfection. Are they absolute? A woman who is absolute ... who are they? Well, Rev. Kwak was in the process of finishing his speech and now I'm taking up his time. But I've come a long way to get here and there's no time, so now it's my time to talk.

We should be able to say that God and True Parents are absolutely mine. What is good about the Unification Church? I have this flat face. All the western people have distinct features but Korean features are so flat. Which will God like? What about me? Why would I like Koreans?



Both Japan and Korea have opposed me so much. Did they follow you? The past presidents of Korea ... did they succeed? President Park was killed. They sold away the realm of the kingship. They were like broken water bottles. They ended up in jail. They tried to do away with us. So when True Mother spoke at the Korean congress, some looked at it as a coup d'état. Hers was a hopeful lecture. I tell our leaders just to tell the CIA what I'm doing; don't make them work hard to find out. America will just destroy itself if they don't follow the way of God's will that I am showing. I don't really need Korea, but the providence does. The problem of communism and democracy cannot be resolved without me, but we will see what happens.

To whom do your mouth, eyes, nose, ears and hands belong? Everything belongs to True Parents. We have to have creativity and absolute love, not relative love. Do you like someone who changes a lot? Such a person makes us uncomfortable. That which is unchanging is like a diamond. All the things of the universe that don't change are beloved. So you want to be like a diamond. What's a diamond? We have diamond rings, and you give diamonds to show that your love won't change. If you put two rings together, you get a whole. So we use rings at marriage. The ring should be on the heart, not the finger. What is the reason for earrings? Girls like to put them on their ears in order to attract men. They symbolize the sexual organ.

Because so many people followed me, I was accused of brainwashing, but I was only clearing out their mind and heart. If I keep talking like this, it will go all day.

Here's an eighty year-old man in front of you. Should I be dancing? In order to become True Parents you have to talk well, be strong, smart and witty. You have to be able to fight if necessary, so that all the women will react positively. You have to be a man whom every woman would want and all men would follow.

[To an individual in the audience:] Are you a member? Do you want to follow me or someone else? To whom do the True Parents belong? You have to be able to say, "The True Parents belong to me; they are mine." Is that your wife? Whose wife is it? [To the sister:] Are you living with your husband? Are you planning to in the future? Are you living with him because you have to? If you are, then you can start to love him. In the Unification Church, God will appear and say "Do not marry someone of your own lineage or nation." A Moon should not marry a Moon; don't marry your close relations or in-laws. You

must be able to love your enemies. If you can love an enemy more than you love your family and even marry one of them, then heaven will come to earth. Therefore many Japanese and Koreans were married together. How many here are international blessings? How many are Japanese/Korean? Korea and Japan are enemies, so how could you marry each other? Are you all going to divorce? Why are you smiling like that? What's your wife's nationality? You are happy, but you never sent me a thank you card or invited me out for dinner. Can your children love both Korea and Japan? Can you make your wife into an object of love even more than if she were Korean? You need to bring the two nations together, to make a nation that can go into heaven. Is that not worth trying?

On days like this, I have to speak, but if I speak I have so many things to say. True Parents are to be mine. Therefore I must give the most precious thing I have to keep and be worthy of them. I have to do something to make my True Parents mine. If you take them without payment, you are a bunch of thieves. Would you invest your people, your nation and your ancestors? If so, those people also will have the True Parents.

If you cannot sacrifice everything in heaven and on earth, you cannot have True Parents. The True Parents are the most valuable thing to attend. Where do you put the most valuable thing? Do you sacrifice everything you have, or keep hold of it? The most precious thing in the world, do you understand? Are you sacrificing everything? Yes or no? [The answer from the crowd is a soft yes] If you value your house or country too much, you will lose everything. The Japanese are taking unjustly. You've been taking advantage of Korea for a long time.

You have to find True Parents. Traditionally, Japanese would marry women of any nation other than Korea. The word for house in Japanese is "eyeh," which also means "no," so to keep a house is a negative thing. Foolish people do that. "Bacca" means foolish and also means "eighth husband." You said the True Parents are mine, so it is principled to offer your house, nation and everything. If you are a believer, you don't apologize for doing this.

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North Korea is a country on Satan's side and today is Kim Il Sung Day, so we have to change that, bringing that country to God's side. If True Parents belong to us, repeat that. What are you doing here? You have to make a determination. Understand what you are doing and never say you are sorry you couldn't make it. Today is the day to eliminate all the satanic power, so don't say you're sorry or you can't make it. Put our hands on the floor and from your palms to the top of your head, go the way of indemnity. Redetermine here to go this path from now on.

However cute you are, the most important thing is that you are blessed by True Parents. Do you prefer a name only or a body as well? If you don't like your husband, would you rather have a handsome man? Fallen women think they want a fine handsome man. If you can overcome that thinking, you are home free. God approves when you overcome your desire for that kind of love. Give yourself, your life, give everything to God.

You have to indemnify the subject position. Those who finished the living offering, raise your hands. 100% of the Japanese completed it. If you want to make True Parents your own, do you do it by yourself? Does not Father have to approve it? Become people with one focus, not two foci. "Nihon," the word for Japan, also means second, or two. Should you be in the second or the first position? "Il bon" (number 1) also is a word for Japan. Therefore, there should be only one ownership. Only thieves complain about true ownership. This couple gave so many donations. What is a donation? It comes from a healthy giver. Money relates to the male organ. [Laughter] But the golden donation that you give will remain forever, eternally.

Do you want to eat lunch or continue? It's your decision. [Continue!] If you could have all of heaven and earth, what would you do with it? Hey, it doesn't look as if you agree with me. Do you realize the value of having True Parents? True Parents have tens and thousands of times the value of anything you have today.

[I missed several minutes here looking for an electrical outlet.]

You don't need to read all of Buddha's writings. The main point is the a man needs a woman and a woman a man. Mrs. Choi, do you miss Buddha? I have prepared the way for you, just follow the path. There are so many saints in the spirit world who are waiting to be blessed to people here. They've been waiting for tens of thousands of generations and now I have blessed them.

Whose wife are you? Confucius? You've received a wonderful blessing. Confucius talked about horizontal values, not vertical values. A woman is born from the womb and receives the parents' love. This blossoms into man-woman love, and the parents should love their children beyond anything. Love has a power even greater than that of life. In order to live, we need love. Even death cannot prevail over love. Without sacrificing yourself in the fallen realm you cannot go to heaven. It was so difficult to bless couples in the past, but now you can bless people in the street and I've even heard of people being blessed in the bathroom. That's really different from how it started, but I've established the conditions.

So we have been giving the blessing throughout the world and I think we can conquer the world by the blessing. Are you going to run to the blessing, or fly there on a flying horse? Take care of your mission and fly there. Do your responsibility. With those conditions, go forward. It is not enough to talk well; you have to live well. Don't say good things and then live an animal-like existence.

We have to mix life, love and lineage. Mix them together completely, then the seed goes in and we put it in the soil and it grows. Then love comes down vertically and mixes horizontally. Parents' love is like the bone. The father, not the mother, is the lord. Parents are able to give up their lives for their children. That comes down from God. It doesn't disappear, but comes back up and re-circulates. The person who participates in his parents' love can fulfill the role of parents. The parents cannot be separated. Together they look like heaven.



Parents and children cannot separate. Children are the fruit of the parents' love, life and lineage. The parents want the children to be better than them. The father wants his daughter to be better than his wife, and the mother wants the son to exceed his father. Then do we want our relatives to be better than our family? We should. So everything is connected vertically and horizontally, and in a circle it goes around. So the parents have to be absolute. They emerge from the substantiation of the absolute, unchanging, unique and eternal God, so they need to be that way, have that love, live with God and inherit from God. So then what is the parents' is the children's, what is the children's is the parents', what is the family's is the tribe's, and what is the cosmos's is God's and what is God's is mine. It starts from the individual, goes up to God, and comes back to the individual. It starts small, goes up and gets big, and comes back bigger than it started. If a friend sends you a \$100 gift, you want to send back more, not \$90, but \$110. If you live for others, a true connection is formed. If parents live for 100 people, all those 100 will live for the parents. When that environment is established, everyone will cry out, mansei. To accomplish that, I could not rest my entire life.

People had been saying that we would establish that foundation in 10 or 20 years, and now it is really happening. So should you believe me or not? If so, put your hands on the floor, representing the earth, and say that you'll be that son and daughter. [YES]

How does the life, love and lineage go from the parents? The sperm is the father's and the egg the mother's. Which is the

main one? Answer! You have to know the basics. The sperm go in and swim around and go into the egg. So the sperm penetrate the egg, meaning that the man is like the bone and the woman the flesh. Women! The word, woman, in Korean is "yoja." "Jayo" means to sleep, so women want to sleep at night. Women pray with a soft voice, especially at the time of blessing they pray for a good marriage. When people think they can do whatever they want without taking responsibility for the blessing, they just go through it without taking responsibility, that's not right. Pray earnestly about your blessing and take responsibility for it.

Ministers don't curse at their members, but a father can to his children, so I do to you. I can call you chashik (an insulting word for "son"). Since I'm the father, I can say that. If I were just a minister, I couldn't. We have to go through the three ages, the Old Testament Age, New Testament Age and Completed Testa-

ment Age, establish the realm of the elder son and plant the seeds for the realm of the parents. Until now in history the elder son was not born. God sent Jesus as His only son, which is amazing. The condition necessary for the messiah is to be the only son of God. Then where do the women go? Women have a womb in order to have a clean child of God. No one wants dirty children from a dirty lineage, so all wombs were weeping until now. There was so much terrible hell and wombs were creating improper children. You all came out of the womb and you are the product not only of her flesh and blood but also of her love. Because of your mother's love, life and lineage you were born. No one can deny that. But women are not born for the sake of being a woman, but for a man. From the beginning that was true. It's not just once, but eternally. The absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal love of God cannot change. In a woman a man finds his absolute object of love. You have to find children and grandparents whom you can love. The purpose of being born a woman is to be there for your husband. From the time your husband was in the womb he was there for you.

After the children's age is the age of brother and sister, in which man and woman are separated. Then comes the engagement stage and step by step up to the grandparents' age, eight stages in all. People haven't known that; they thought they were living for themselves. God wants to become the subject and Lord of love. Don't you want to become lords of love, as husbands, wives and families of love? You can eternally center your life on that alone. Men think they are great, but without a wife you cannot know love. Until you women seek the love of your husband, you don't know eternal love.

Even from the womb you are in that status. Going through all the stages is for the sake of becoming lords of love. Each stage leads to the next. By having that eternal hope, we need a movement for harmony. We have come onto the earth for that reason. The womb is the age of water. While on earth we receive its elements. We work on the earth. The earth is the growth stage mother and the spirit world is the completion stage mother. I am born in order to realize these three stages. So we must be grateful to the uni-

verse and heaven. God has loved us in all three stages. When we die we become a seed again and go from earth to the spirit world. We have to realize that we are born to be objects of the love of God, who is in the Kingdom of heaven in spirit world. If we don't relate to God but consider it all our own, we are like thieves living in the realm of thieves.

I am the king of the families of the earth. I have been blessing so many and creating so many, I am the king of families. No one can argue with that. For thousands of years since the fall, there were so many families, but we are expanding the dominion of God in one age, changing the earth into the Kingdom of Heaven and liberating God. It was as if God were in prison. When you hear this, doesn't it make you feel good? You want to meet your father who is doing this. But I cannot do whatever I want. I am such a formidable person; no one can tempt me or drag me away.

There are stages of the baby, the brother and sister, and so forth, and I have to be the subject or Lord of each one. There are the age of engagement and age of the family. Because I have this standard, we have the unification of the parents of heaven and earth, of the cosmos. Those who do not believe or understand this think we are crazy, but in the Unification Church we know this is true. When I hear the Principle, I feel that everything is possible.

Can you understand me? Okay. What are words beginning with 'O'? Opinion. Olta (means "right"). Korea means kitchen, kingdom, king, knowledge, K.O. means knock out. What stage are you at? That of a baby? Of parents? You are born to become True Parents. What realm are you in? Are you going to stay at your mother's knees? Are you ready to be engaged? To be married? To be parents and grandparents? To become kings and queens? That's what you should do. What is that centered on? Every stage is striving to attain the next higher one. The next stage beyond that of king is to attend God.

But what are you doing? You are using Father to advance yourselves. Don't do that; rather, become kingly people. Raise your hands if you want to be kingly children. We have to have an age in which we can inherit the realm of being children of God. It is all in order to enter the realm of kingship. The parents have to be best and this holds for all parents. If my spouse, parents and grandparents are kings, those three generations complete the foundation. From the time you are conceived in the womb, you are destined to become one with the kingship position of your husband.

To do this, we go through the process of re-creation, in which we have to invest ourselves. We've had three seven year courses and made so much effort, and we have to become victorious and so we pray. For what do we pray? To have nice clothes to wear? You dress for the cosmos and heaven. You have to be able to welcome God to the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, and be able to bow to the eternal God and be able to obey Him completely.

How many spiritual children do you have? It doesn't matter what you are doing; you can't live alone. You have to go on and do what God wants. If you are born for the eight stages of reciprocal relationships, through the Cain-Abel process you have to restore every level. You have to bless all the Cain and Abel realms in the name of True Parents. Then we can cut off the satanic world. We have to be



able to bless so many and bring people into ...

There are nine 9's today; we have to go on to the higher stage. The number after nine 9's (999,999,999) is one billion (1,000,000,000). By the year 2000 we should bring 2 billion people into the blessing realm of the Unification Church. Then if I have the means of communication, we can broadcast about true love to all people, whether day or night. People will attend, and those who don't will miss the benefits and probably fall prey to the results of all the immorality out there. The age is coming when people need to understand about true love or the natural law of heaven will discipline them. This attractive content is so simple, isn't it? Or is it difficult? The attractive words are not so easy. If you want to live the easy way, you can have an attractive tie and pretty skirt and be unfaithful. Then Satan says, hey, that's my guy. But we are going to break down the walls of hell, not be dragged into it.

I'm thinking about how to bring you out of hell and into heaven. We have to have the spirit of the subject, the subjectivity of God and have that relationship in a relative world, and we have to unify things. Why? Because of love. First match your eyes to the person you love. In Korea we talk about matching the eyes.

I keep perspiring. Do you like to see it or not? If you don't, can you perspire for me? The baby that is born for the eight stages is conceived in the mother and grows inside her. God protects our children. We need to have a beautiful area in which they can grow as filial children, in which they can grow up to be saints and patriots to their nation. First we are family level saints and then we get to the realm of the elder son of God. Then we enter the realm of kingship, as a parent and king, where we can have subjectivity. In the age of obedience, have you ever tried to live in perfect obedience through him? Have you met that kind of husband? There is the age of children, of brother and sister, of engagement, of marriage, of the flowering perfume of love, then of parents, of grandparents, and up to the realm of kingship and standing before God. There we offer the eight stages, inherit everything from God, enter the realm of absolute obedience to God, become good people and receive 120% in return.

As we reach the completion stage, it is so difficult. I have pioneered it and made a highway for you. You are wondering if you can follow me into the kingdom. So you have made a lot of debts before me. I've gone through such a difficult course into order to establish this path for you. I compacted 4,000 years into 40 years, through indemnity, only by paying indemnity. That is what creates the kingdom of heaven out of the kingdom of Satan. The providence of salvation is the way for people to go back.

What is indemnity? The second generation people here really don't know what is going on. The time has come in which you must be responsible. A man is born for a woman and a woman for a man. You have to go through all the stages by working hard, so that you can appreciate the work that True Parents have gone through all the way up to the world level. You need to be children of filial piety, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters. Be grateful for the amazing gift of God, to be able to enter the realm of God, leaving the realm of Satan. We have to re-bless all the families in the spirit world to bring them out of the realm of Satan, and here on earth complete the formation, growth

and completion stages to accomplish restoration. Everyone should go to South America as a family. Raise your hands if you didn't go. Why didn't you go?

When are we going to unify? Everyone has to have their bags packed and be ready to move when the lord tells them, like the Israelites. Can you do that crazy stuff as people did in the Bible? When Abraham departed, everyone thought he was crazy, but it was God's direction. Moses could have been the king of Egypt, but he killed an Egyptian and left. Then he had to go out into the wilderness for 40 years, and later he went there with the people of Israel. John the Baptist went out into the wilderness too. If I were to do that, would you follow me? What if I wore a loincloth and robe of camel's hair, wandering around? Do you think John's parents liked what he was doing? Am I living well or not? I've had so many difficult days because of women; they ended up sending me to prison. You women are like baskets of [smelly stuff]. But I've been trying to bring true love to this earth.

It's a problem; people shouldn't think they're the best. But in many ways they failed. Why? It follows the tradition of the Christians who failed. So you have to marry among enemies. I told people not to go to graduate school, but one leader put his children there, so he had problems. I promised I'd send them later, with scholarships. Wouldn't that have been better? But now, in America, there are many children who have come to our schools, so they don't oppose us in their nations. Are the Korean people going to go to America or Russia? Where?

The UN needs a UN for youth and for religious leaders, and an upper and lower house. We need to educate youth and students through hoon dok hae readings, centering on the national messiahs.

So what did I say? I'm saying that you have to establish things such that a new nation can be established. Cain has to submit voluntarily. Use the principle. We're at the point where the principle is not being used. You have to do as I tell you. Abel has to give to the end. You have to offer your right hand for the providence of God. I've taught you the principle of God over and over. You've gone the way of fighting, but what have you gained? National Messiahs, you really have to be able to go into the good age, the age in which you can reach out to Cain. Is this my water? [Indicating his glass.] I talk of flowing rivers and there's water for me too.

To establish the eight stages, I could not deviate from the course of heaven even for one day. From the baby stage through children, brother and sister, engagement, parents and grandparents, I was working to establish people to do that. There, people can bear fruit and grow. So the blessing of the nation ... When North and South Korea are unified, then everything has to be blessed again. To establish the conditions, how many courses of difficulty have been traversed? I had to become one with God and separate the grandsons of Satan from those of God. We have to go through the course of indemnity.

God established such a foundation through Israel, but it was lost when Jesus

came, and we had to go through the Christian realm filled with blood. On Golgotha there were the two thieves; they, not the twelve disciples, established the foundation for paradise. This affects the course of history, and we are doing it and establishing a foundation people will follow. So what we are doing is so important, and we have to establish the kingly dominion.

The Christians and presidents of Korea cast out the one who could have become the Lord. I could have established all the conditions, but the media opposed us and called us dangerous. I went through communism and persuaded them, and had ministers come. 1,700 leaders listened to hoon dok hae for 3 days, and all agreed to be blessed and this happened in Korea, and it is the foundation to multiply it throughout the world. So many people



opposed ... [Rev. Kwak: no one opposed] Why? One would almost expect that someone should have opposed, but no one opposed. I thought the hoon dok hae would create opposition, but I pushed Rev. Kwak to do it and it was very successful.

John the Baptist and other such men of faith were spies in the realm of Satan and I've done that too. Centering on the Koreans and Asians, women have to take the lead role in the providence. University women presidents should do it. What does it mean to live for the True Parents? Through the True Parents, you have the value of the only son of 10,000 generations or millions of generations. I have pioneered the way for you to inherit this. Do you know it, or just believe it? This is all we have. Read the Family Pledge over and over. I've taught you all that content. If you can truly actualize it as patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters, you'll be the spies of God on the earth. Don't just eat until you're full; gain the subjective nature and go around the world and circle around and go to the world of heaven. Recreation and resurrection; I've been doing this; it works like that.

So we have 400 Japanese couples and 100 Japanese without their spouse, totaling 900 people. How many Korean couples are there here? 2,000. So this is important. Everyone should make an offering to commemorate this day. This day creates a highway between top of the mountain and bottom of the valley. We need a condition of indemnity. Did you make the liberation offering for Daemo Nim? I heard people have been very serious about this offering. The content behind it calls forth tears. So we have to teach it until people understand the depth. There will be problems if we don't do that. The satanic realm is carrying guns and knives.

If you are inspired to offer everything you have, you should not hesitate to do that. You don't want to be caught by Satan. Who would you ruin by doing it? You have to do it for your own sake. Don't hesitate at the wrong moment. I'm such an ominous person in relation to what I have to do. Even if I have to reveal the consequences of sin, you have to be very honest about the effects of selfishness, otherwise there will be problems. Living according to your own desires has a bad effect upon your sons and daughters. Those who do whatever they want, arguing, complaining and criticizing are crazy. I hope they come to their senses.

For three generations, my fathers died for the country, outside the home. When mansei was being cried out in the headquarters when we had new children, so many amazing dreamlike things happened. Hee Jin Nim died; the second one died outside the home. If you don't listen to what I'm saying and pay the indemnity, there's no guarantee these things won't happen to anyone.

Who will believe America when America falls? We have the complete ideology to bring all levels back to God, with all connections made at a 90 degree angle, so we can unite everything. There are so many people, ideas, attitudes and ideologies, but we need to be able to unite. Each of us has to do our own vigils and establish our own towers of devotion and work for the kingdom. Young people; don't worry about going to secular colleges. Rather, attend the theological school, UTS or our seminary in Korea, to lead the world back to God. The school you graduated from has no value if you can't lead the world back to God. We need to separate the true and false traditions. So many children clung to their parents' skirts and their parents told them not to go out. This blocked the providence. You should follow the providence.

When I went to my parents' graves, my relatives wept so much but I was calm, in order to establish the realm of the elder son. When Heung Jin Nim died, I offered him to the providence. As the parent who has been trying to establish the way for everyone, I went through so much opposition, loving the Cain realm before my own children. Through Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim [Daemo Nim's medium], my mother told me that if I had said even one word about my responsibility while I was growing up, she would have helped me. So in a way I was not a filial son. But I had to do the work of God.

Who will stand up to take responsibility for the problems of society, for family breakdown? This is our present responsibility. Even if you offer your property, you will find it was a necessary step. If you believe this, put up your hands. Do you understand? To represent the country, are you going to use your money for the world or not? That depends on you. There's nothing more frightening or terrible than misusing money. I know from my own experiences. I'll explain. We have not attained the unification of North and South Korea, and it depends upon me. It is the work of True Parents. You need to become the arms and legs of True Parents. True Parents are absolutely necessary for individuals and families. You should feel we are "my True Parents, our

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family's True Parents." A family that cannot love True Parents cannot prosper. Such who love True Parents become absolute, unchanging families.

The family has to invest itself for the lineage. I've lived this way myself; you know how much I've sacrificed for this. Why do I sacrifice so much for the world, when I could make a little [realm for my own personal happiness]? Why did I endure being persecuted by scholars, politicians, and the top classes in America and Asia? Many of them now are repenting of this. So now we are in the position to create a country.

You have to understand my words through hoon dok hae. It may have been difficult in the beginning, but now you can understand that it is the way to create the great Heavenly Kingdom. If a president commits sin, his fortune is completely lost. You have to follow heavenly order, heavenly law and fulfill the demands of the law and the course I have followed. As the Bible says, a country that doesn't follow God's Will will be consumed by fire. The only point is how to reach perfection, and after that reaching God. I want you to understand to your bones what I've explained to you. You need to establish a foundation not through your words but through your actions.

When you are blessed, you make a donation. It's an important condition to make an offering when you receive a blessing. Have you fulfilled? Do you make excuses? Representative families have to pay indemnity to cover for the other families who do not fulfill. Is it better to believe me or not believe me? Will fulfilling that help or hinder your blessing? Is it clear or not? Wake up your ancestors in spirit world.

Those of you who think you can get the blessing for nothing are like thieves. Even in this IMF period, you should not think I'm going to take care of you. You have to succeed even in this difficult period. But you still think that I have to support and take care of you. We have to use our resources worldwide. Offer a sacrifice and be purified. By your response I will understand what your spirit is. This is the last proclamation to be made except for that of the unification of North and South and of Heaven and Earth.

If you lose your clothes and are naked, but can receive the blessing, would you be happy? When you make love, you take off even your underwear, right? Why don't you answer me? When you make love, do you keep your pants on or not? Even if you have to throw them in the air, that's what you do, right? That's the true way of couples who love each other. Wouldn't you like to get rid of your clothes that are full of sin and Satan's tradition? This is the opportunity for you to remove those clothes. Stand in that position as blessed families and don't be unfaithful. The most precious part for God and for human beings is the sexual organs. Are you ashamed when your husband goes to the toilet naked? Even if you are naked but receive the blessing, won't you prosper? Do you prefer to wear clothes or be naked? Do you feel you have to keep your position in front of God and keep pure [and therefore leave your clothes on]? But in front of God, you can wear transparent clothes or better still take everything off. In front of God, if you have unchanging, absolute and eternal love.

We are entering an historical period of unsurpassed opportunity. You should know this. Formation, growth or perfection? Is it a three position or four position foundation? When you exercise eter-

nal, unchanging ... one, two, three you should repeat: unchanging, absolute and unique love. You've never felt that way before, have you? You should know that heavenly law is a terrifying thing. I am absolutely following heavenly law. I am taking responsibility to solve all the problems and promulgate a new heavenly law. We need to be the children who can follow that heavenly law. We must climb a steep path, and that path is where we can receive a blessing from God or be taken by Satan. Satan is always behind, waiting for an opportunity. All blessed families in the spirit world and physical world, please understand to your bones that Satan is waiting to attack all the blessed families. So all of you blessed families should work together to accomplish for God. Raise your hands! Amen! Amen! Amen! It's another opportunity to give, to offer, to break through to a new level.

You should be so devoted in heart that you can come to Korea; it's okay. Bring your relatives and live here. And in South America there's plenty of land. We own more than 600,000 hectares of land in South America; it's a huge area. You need to be so determined before Heaven that you would walk all the way to South America if you had to. Make preparation to do that. Then you prepare for an ideal family and ideal home with me in South America. That land will be 10 times more valuable in the future. Now is the opportunity. You've got to fulfill that within forty days.

On the 10th of October there's a festival in which 195 countries will be represented. [I think Father is referring to the third IIFWP conference.] The people around the world should be able to see me, and transportation is necessary. We need to speed up education in the unification tradition for children. Should I make a speaking tour around the 50 states of America, or throughout Korea, or throughout Japan? Americans, you think you are number one, but are you? No. [In English; cannot be heard.] American members, what do you want to do? How many times more should America give than Japan? No matter how difficult, you are to be perfect. Can you do it? If you cannot, then get down.

This is the last opportunity to offer an historical donation in front of heaven and to be proud in front of heaven. It is to see north-south unity and the unity of heaven and earth. It is to create a golden gate for the unity of north and south and Asia and the world, and the unity of the physical world and spirit world. I can go to North Korea; there is no place I cannot go. I will not go alone, but take famous people with me.

What shall we do this evening? A cultural activity at 7 p.m.? Assemble tomorrow at 10:10 a.m. We need to make a promulgation at 10:10 a.m. Today was the promulgation of the unification of the cosmos. Satan will be in the position even to cooperate with this providence. So, have you had lunch? Why are you laughing? Do you prefer to hear my speech or eat lunch? The spirit world will open up if you read hoon dok hae with ... who really loves to do that? Actually, True Mother has to receive my tradition. The True Children follow my tradition. Mother's role is to give the education, but the tra-

dition they must follow is the father's. So there's give and take. Mother must be present, founded upon absolute, unchanging, eternal and unique love. This is the standard we must inherit. Then unity will follow from there. We cannot do without any of those four aspects of true love.

Who will welcome me? Korea? South America? Who will welcome me? Can Korea? Kim Bong Tae! Did you finish the pure love campaign? Do you have problems with unification? What kind of problems? Heavenly Father doesn't need to guide me anymore; for the next few months I know exactly what to do. Do you think I'm a good or bad son? What have you done? [To some of the Koreans.] When you should have been following the path of sacrifice, you escaped it. Did you do all you had to do or did you escape your duties? Every decision is between life and death. Even with no time, I'm fulfilling



hoon dok hae in the airplane.

So let's fulfill hoon dok hae before we have lunch. [Father chooses Dr. Yang to read hoon dok hae. After his reading, the meeting concludes at around 3:30 p.m.]

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True Parents enter a few minutes after 10 a.m., check watches, and commence in prayer at 10:10:10. After the prayer, Father speaks while standing in the same position together with True Mother. According to Rev. Kwak's explanation, the basic content is that the nine stages of creation (three divisions of each of the three stages of growth) went under Satan's dominion. Therefore the liberation and unification of heaven and earth over those nine stages had to be declared by True Parents, because man had responsibility for the problem of Satan's false ownership. On that foundation established on 1999.9.9, however, God can declare the same thing on the tenth day, which represents the 10% (tith) that belongs to God, and of course 10 is the number of perfection and completion. All of the proclamations representing the providential progress come on the foundation of true love. True love is the key point and foundation of everything. September 10 represents "7.8.9.10." "7.8" is the Declaration Day of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth, which was declared 1997.7.7 at 7:07:07 when Father was 77, and "9.10" refers to yesterday and today. These events are connected, therefore we have the expression "7.8.9.10"-in Korean: chil-pal-ku-ship.

Father drew on the black board 1 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 and then 10 10 10. The nine 9's represent the day before, and the three 10's represent September 10 at 10:10. The nine 9's were claimed by Satan, and

God could work only through the slender thread of the number 10. The three 10's represent perfection in the formation, growth and completion stages. The "1" in front of the 9's, from the year 1999, represents another 10 and is added to the three 10's to arrive at forty. The forty represents 4,000 years of history being restored and also the 400 million couples blessing.

Then True Parents went to sit down, and we did a bow from the waist and then Father began his speech. From here I had to leave to get my radio and missed 10 minutes or more.

Father:

Man and the sacrifice must become one. But that was not possible and the sacrifice was divided into Cain and Abel. Those clothes are not yours; your house is not yours; you cannot have the concept of yourself. When Noah was drunk, Ham walked backwards, ashamed. This was introducing the stain of Satan. God wanted to create a new world, but there were the leftovers of Satan remaining. This overturned everything that God tried to create.

Making material sacrifices, physical sacrifices, I had to come this way of sacrifice to accomplish the history of restoration by indemnity. To resolve the past and recover the standard to possess property, I had to shed sweat and tears and add my own jungsung (sincere devotion). You do not understand these things and no one really

puts it into practice. You've just made conditions, you just go up a few stages of the eight. No one could go all the way. Therefore this is all the more an amazing, grace-filled and triumphant occasion to be able to make this declaration today.

I must become the elder son of South Korea. I did sightseeing at Kumgang mountain while Kim Il Sung was alive. But the protection by American military force makes them think that America is their enemy. Everything connects to the political world. The presidents of Korea in the past did not receive me. The whole world knows that it must be me and no one else who can address the entire world equally, and that I have the key to the unification of North and South Korea. South Korea must become the elder brother. But to unify the north and south, the levels of technology must be equalized. Since the economy in the north is very poor, they are sending out cultural groups, they sell paintings, and centering on the painters they are opening their gates.

I went to my parents' house in North Korea and stood in front of my mother's grave. My sister cried as I said that I, your elder son, have come back, but I have not come back as your son, but as the person to unite North and South Korea. Many people died in a brutal way and I cannot just cry in front of my mother's grave, because there were so many others sacrificed. The responsibility of the elder son is to attend God and call upon all the blessings of the universe. I was never a filial son in my own life. I gave nothing to my own family; I was not able to do that. I always loved the Cain world first. This is the subject of my words. You must understand how True Parents have lived. To make the true position of Father at the blessing, I have made harmony of



Japanese and Korean in this place. It is a cosmic incident that can happen only once. I have transformed great fields of sorrow into a harvest of harmony.

There are three people of the three nations before God. This is a total sacrifice and total offering. The place you are sitting does not belong to you. You shouldn't say this is my tie. Korean and Japanese people are enemies. Completed Adam and completed Eve are enemies. Why did you mate with the archangel? If you try to protect yourself first, this is ... if the husband is not happy, it is the wife's responsibility, and vice versa. You are not allowed to demand or claim for yourself. God wants to show happiness to humankind. You are now living in a good era; the whole world can watch our activities. We have e-mail and can watch me on the internet, live. We have camcorders and telephones. This is like the spirit world.

When I look at this, to clear away everything I say to give a donation. Abraham gave up everything. All the organs of the body, you cannot look at them because they are so shameful. We are fallen man. I've brought all of you here. I know there are many members, even here, falling asleep. Unless we move the people's hearts, how many years will it take? For fifty years of history, Japan collapsed Korean culture by means of the secret police. When the war ended, they were left to die in Korea, but I saved them by sending them back to Japan. I did this because I know God's will. If you hit people, this is not God's way.

You must know that I also planned to hold a blessing in Japan but it was not possible. Did I come or not? Japan cannot collapse, because I am taking responsibility. In Korea, all the Christian churches wished that the Unification Church would perish. They prayed for cold weather but on that day I was really hot. You must be ashamed that God has fed you. This must be made into one nation. Through this bond as one nation, I want to bring unity between the American president and the Korean president. The earth will become the mother's nation. I've done this while you knew nothing about it.

Are you the children of God or just workers? You must become the children of God and form a tribe. Some will come first, through absolute faith, love and obedience. I've made this line. Absolute faith centers on parents, absolute love centers on blessed families. Are you my children or what? If I ask to go to Russia, you must go. You can become the owner of the nation, based on such a condition of offering sacrifice. There is a Korean phrase, "all is my life." This means that my wife, my children, all the whole universe is my life. You Koreans live on your own, following your free will. You are centered on yourself. You must look into the eyes of your children and their families and follow God's will. Then you rest in love and you see your wife. If you make love, it's with the man on top of the women. Are you embarrassed? Where is your husband? You should take off your clothes when you make love; if you laugh about this, you cannot be godlike. You seem to feel good.

[Father jokes about farm animals.] Pigs represent three cows ... two pigs and three chickens ... three represents parents: father, mother and God. Do you want to have two male or two female cattle? No; you need one male and one female. God and His sons and daughters are one. If this is possible, then the unification of husband and wife is possible, because it fits the basic rules of the Principle. Cen-

tered on this basic rule, we can say amen.

From now should you alleviate my burden or add to it? In this realm of the liberation of the cosmos, what will come? I've shed no blood other than my own during my life course. Since the principle is built this way, my father, mother, tribe and the whole nation, everyone in my family opposed my going to South Korea, but I shrugged them off and left. I went with the commitment that "I will restore the ideal world, and then I'll come back to you." But when I came back, my parents were in the spirit world. My parents died, but I have to love these enemies who will never understand my heart.

When you look at international blessings, they are good from the viewpoint of heaven. Especially Japanese-Korean matches are good. In Japan there is a Korean-Japanese church, and in that church the Koreans are to be the center. Maybe you've held your own children, but you must love your enemy before you can go to your hometown. Your real enemy is not me. I had to love my enemies, forgetting my difficulties. I learned to love. I don't want to share these things. You must become one with the saints and sages centered on heaven. This is my hope and this must be remembered. We have to become saints in the family. This is God's amazing power. If you set an oath here today, you must go that path to the end. I have given advice, and it is the way I have gone.

I also speak rapidly in Japanese, faster than the Japanese themselves. I do this since I have the mission to take the Japanese to heaven. I did underground activities in Japan. You cannot love God unless you are a patriot, so I did such activities. Should you participate? What else is there to do? It's not for me; it's for the brothers and sisters throughout the world. If you do not save your brothers and sisters, your parents cannot receive you. If you do not cross the mountain of Cain, you cannot become Abel. First you might have to receive the enemy's children and love them as your dearest ones. It is as if you are blessed to the enemy nation. I blessed Yi Kwon Soon, the patriot who gave her life during the March 1 movement, the Joan of Arc of Korea, with a Japanese man in spirit world. This is the outcome of the principle view. It cannot be denied. You cannot depart from it. All of you ... sacrifice for the liberation of all people, even if you become beggars. If you go beyond life and death, you will become the subject of all people within 100 years. You cannot rebel. You will fall. If you have difficulties, I do not want to listen to them and neither does God. I do not want to hear the words of resentment. I do not want to receive them. Words of resentment are something I never want to hear. I seem slow, but actually I am very smart. The weather is rainy, the wind blows, the flower blossoms ... I am running and running, for God's providence. Even now I am running.

[Once again my computer battery runs out and I am looking for a power source for about 10 minutes. I wanted to sit at the front as much as possible, with the American team, but there was no electrical outlet there.]

[Father is talking about the meaning

of offering everything to God.] This is an age of decision and judgment. I could have been an evil man, but became a great man of goodness instead. How should I receive my 80th birthday? How shall I climb over this cliff of 80 years? I'm clearing this up to go the way I should go. Mrs. Eu, does your husband come to you? (Yes) Really? Let's give her applause. (Father asks the same question to a man whose wife is in spirit world. He responds that she came yesterday, but not today. Father says that she should come everyday. Is she with another man?) Do the people who are not here today receive the fortune? Or those who came?

My original heart is hoping that your beloved ones will reach a highest position. Who will celebrate my birthday? Would you turn away your husband as an offering for my birthday? How would you give me a gift? Would you turn away



your wife? Would you give everything? Didn't you learn this in Jardim? Everything must be offered. You should understand this through the 40 days workshop hoon dok hae. If you take the blessing and keep it as yours, it's wrong. It's not for free. Everything must be returned to the society. Do you have anything left? Do you have silk clothes? I also want you to give your clothes. If I asked you, would you? Should you?

Pain is not just having a disease or being ill. I am making great effort to speak. I have talked a lot. I'm a great speaker and great eater. Wherever I go, I become the champion within ten minutes. Do you like me? Japan is my enemy country. But do the Japanese people like me? (Yes.) Then it's okay.

I appointed Reverend Yu as leader thinking of President Hyo Won Eu. When you become 80, then next I will be 90. Do you think I'll live to be 90? I didn't know I would live to be 80, so how can I predict about living to 90? Will I meet you in ten years? I have asked for an offering. If I pass away, you will not able to do these things and you will be ashamed forever in front of spirit world and your descendants. For my 80th birthday you should give an offering. How will I commemorate that day? Do you want to listen to this? If you don't, just stand up and go. If you want to listen, say mansei for the four position foundation, when four generations are saved vertically. If you say mansei with four fingers up, then God will reach down His hands and hold yours and put His thumb up and bless you. You should say amen. Is there any Korean word that means amen?

Repeat after me: If you follow Satan, you should take your eyes out [as Jesus said as well-Matthew 7:25]. Think of those

innocent people who had their eyes taken out falsely. One person who fell asleep during my speech had to repent for 3 years. [Father asks Reverend Jeong Og Yu to give a report.]

Rev. Jeong Og Yu:

Today, on this historic occasion, I am grateful to be able to stand here and talk to you. Since yesterday we took part in this precious occasion, receiving an unbelievable blessing. In five months we will receive True Parents' 80th birthday. Our transcendent providence centered on the ideal of true love and true family will start, and the Kingdom of Heaven.

Father: My 80th birthday is not important from the human viewpoint, but providentially we cannot receive it without tears. There are matters behind this event such that we cannot receive it without tears. You should know this from a principled point of view, but I have responsibility to fulfill as a son, the elder son who is a filial son.

Rev. Yu: After fulfilling the forty years course Father's next stage was to receive True Mother, create a true family and expand through the eight stages. This is Father's victorious course. We think it a simple fact, this vertical and horizontal eight stages, but this was a history of blood, of True Parents risking their lives. Their lives were really in danger. But doing this providential course, he has accomplished the providence and has bestowed love and blessing to all descendants. At the formal blessings and at occasions such as this day's, I will

now be responsible for the mother nation. I would like to ... Yesterday with the 9 nines was a precious day. Nine was Satan's number, but what I felt was that 9 times 9 is 81. Satan's world has been vertically and horizontally taken away from him. True Parents came to Korea and engrafted today's event into Korea. Japan, Korea and America must become one. Korea, Japan and America are here today. So I am very grateful for this blessing.

I've been in Japan for one year and 8 months. I've sought to accomplish the unification of Korea and Japan as one body. But everything has been included as Father has instructed next year. In Japan there are three responsibilities to be completed before February of next year. First is what Father himself would want, the second is to give offerings as the mother nation, and the third is the blessing on Feb 13. In all this we must fulfill Japan's portion of responsibility. My first wish is of course that the whole nation be restored, but on October 2, Japan receives the 40th anniversary of the Unification Church of Japan, and Japan must complete the restoration history centering on the number 40. During this course, True Parents' main overall wish is to restore Japan.

There are 180 Korean church leaders in Japan, and Father has guided the Korean-Japanese blessed couples together and said that they all should go to Japan. They do not absolutely need church leaders in Korea, but in Japan they do not have Father's tradition. So President Hwang agreed to send the 180 church leaders to Japan. In Korea, even if the churches have no leaders, Father's tradition will remain. How can I engraft Father's will and spirit into the Japanese church? I can feel Father's love for

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Japan. The nature of the Japanese people is that if they are in a group they have power, but they do not as individuals.

The Korean church leaders were appointed to positions in Japan. 360 churches must be created in Japan, then we will multiply this number by ten, and so now we are creating 3,600 districts. I appointed 3,600 church leaders. This is not a simple appointment; this is True Father's wish. Centering on the 3,600 districts, this movement is to save Japan. So this appointment is from God and True Parents, and it must be received appropriately.

Now Japan has 3,600 districts, centering on ten people each, and the regions are equalized. Until True Father confirmed that these were equalized, we had carried on this work for a few months. That means the equalization of the regions has not been successful, so we have organized the regions centered on teams of ten people. So they all have the same responsibility.

So how can 10 people make a church? Do they need to build an expensive church building? That is not the point. In the Old Testament Age ... now we're in the Completed Testament Age and all the indemnity and restoration has been cleared away. We do not need a church building but 3,600 regions can be the most core thing. Attending Father's words is the defining point, not the building. The world must follow this tradition, including all families. In Japan, each family is attending this book of Father's words. It symbolizes the church. It is being published by the sincere devotion of the Japanese people. 10 people attend one book of Father's speeches. We can prepare a fund centering on this book. Japan could pay part of its debts. The church is a family church, not a building. Ten people attend the book of father's speeches and this is the church.

Until now, the church in Japan has been persecuted, but now we feel that Father's words witness to people. Father said to me, "I've given you God's words, but you do not go out to witness, so from now on my word itself will witness to people. Since you are not proud of True Parents, my words will go out to the world and announce True Parents. The words will be proud of True Parents." If one-third of the people who are witnessed to become connected to a church, I would call this a success. People take ten books to 100 houses when they witness, and they take the names and phone numbers and leave a message on the book. The message is that the book is a message from heaven, not from the person himself or herself. This book can solve all the problems in your family and between spouses. At the bottom the individual member writes that they will come back to pick up the book after three days.

Japanese people like to read, so they usually read it when we lend it. If they read it, when we come back we make conversation about the content. They may be politicians, our opponents, or wealthy people, or ex-members, but we visit them all. The Korean church leaders are visiting ex-members. One visited five times. The first four times, he was rejected, but the fifth time he was invited in. The ex-member revealed his resentments and the church leader felt sorry for him. The church leader said, let's pray, and the ex-member could not reject it. Through the prayer his resentment was solved and he determined to come to church again. Many people have been restored in this way.

We started the movement to witness with these books. I asked church leaders from now on, if any books are left around the center undistributed, I will question your ability as a leader [i.e. they all should all be "in circulation"]. If you read the book, you will be inspired, and if you give it, you will receive spiritual testimonies. There are many testimonies over the years about spiritual experiences connected to our movement, so these members should be able to testify about these spiritual experiences to new spiritual children. A new history will unfold, centering on this book.

In the Gospel of John chapter 1 it says that in the beginning was the word, and the word was with God and the world was created through the word. When True Father's words are distributed, the last days will come. The Japanese members are confident with this method. We will try and do our best with this strategy to prepare for the blessing next year. Among the book recipients there are many who are spiritually prepared by dreams and in other ways, who are able to make sincere commitments when they discover the Messiah. We will reach our goal through the distribution of the book of Father's speeches.

Father told me not to worry about Japan, but that through the hoon dok hae tradition and this style of church, everything will work out. This is a new gate to the blessing. The offerings are made with tears. I was very grateful for the determination of the members to fulfill the responsibility. When children are not old enough to support the father, the wife must attend her husband. From last year, each family makes a special offering at each meal, three times a day, attending the father and elder son, even a small amount.

What shall we present for the 80th birthday as children? I have heard the explanation of the profound meaning of today's event. We only follow True Parents, and they have gone the way of indemnity. Who was it for? For us, for their family. Our True Parents are the only ones in history. To restore the history of sin, how difficult it was to clear away the course of indemnity! Of course, you members here are giving donations to support Father's global mission. All Japanese members are participating in this. It is a gift to True Parents on his 80th birthday that will come only once in history. I've asked that we contact all people who have ever been in the church, to give them a chance. It comes only once in history.

I went to a city and met a lady of 79. She is one of the earliest church members; the local members call her "mother." She came to the apartment of the church leader, and just before their appointment she was asked to give her testimony. Her story brought tears to everyone. We are reaching out to all those who related to the church. Until now we have laid so much burden on True Parents and we would like to send a gift on the 80th birthday. Some ex-members said, "Oh is Father eighty years old! How he has aged!" This 79 year-old remembers Father as a young man, and she made such a sincere offering. The ex-members are so grateful to be able to give. The conclusion is that although ex-members have resentments against the church, they all love Father. They have no resentment to Father, but had difficulties with other church members. On the occasion of the 80th birthday, their lives can be revived and a path to come back to True Parents can be opened again.

During this providence, I told the Japanese members, is it because True Parents want something for themselves? No; it is nothing material. For God's providence, True Parents need the means to carry out their responsibility. Therefore we are presenting it. To get from Korea to South America is a thirty hour flight. It is for the providence and to serve humankind. And we as children have the desire to comfort our parents. Traveling is very hard work for True Father, who is now eighty. To all those who contribute, I'd like to give some kind of token of appreciation.

All the Japanese members are taking on this responsibility. From now, you must unite with True Parents' heart. Regarding the 52 leaders from Japan and from America, Father said that the purpose is to convey and allow the elder son to inherit the fruit of the 40 year course of the mother nation. Japan as a whole has fulfilled absolute faith, love and obedience conditionally. That should transfer to America. The offerings we are making sets the condition of inheritance. Centering on the offering, we can be forgiven of all the mistakes of the past. The father, mother and son should make the offering in unity with jungsung. We must share everything we've been practicing as the mother nation to the leaders who have come representing the elder son.

In Fukuoka, there are three American leaders. Before I gave them the letter of appointment, I asked them to speak. Each said something different. One spoke in tears about how hard he'd been working to establish the standard of the mother nation. As a representative of the elder son nation, I came to attend you and inherit from you. Many words were not needed. All the Japanese members present revived, and the two nations were tied together as one during that moment. We can see that God's providence is really incredible.

Now we have to go straight back to Japan and carry on our efforts. While I'm here I'm also giving directions to Japan. My body is in Korea but my heart is in Japan. I'm always thinking about fulfilling my mission and Japan's mission. True Father told me not to worry about my health; that worry will not help me in any way. Korea, Japan and America are uniting that which was torn apart in the Garden of Eden. On this occasion, the three can unite and start one family. I am grateful and honored to be able to stand here today. Thank you.

President Sun Jo Hwang: I will report on the activities of the Korean church. First, the 400 million couples blessing. Second, our providential task for *tong ban kyok pah* and other educational projects.

All the church leaders opened a meeting and started the 400 million campaign with three days fasting. In July and August we started 40-day conditions. Each member is to witness to at least four people. The goal is 5,000 single blessing candidates. All families were to place the goal by the mirror. The result so far is that six churches have fulfilled 30%, and 51 churches have fulfilled 100%. More than 200 people have fulfilled the entire goal. Employees in all church organizations are to witness to four people if at all possible.

In our course of faith there are many times we do not take responsibility for our faith. If we cannot fulfill our responsibility, let's do three days fasting. Among the church organization employees, many of them have fulfilled the responsibility

to witness to four members. One blessed employee, in the witnessing department, was brought to the church by her mother and joined with no understanding of Principle when she came to work in the office. All she knew was True Parents. She has also fulfilled four people. We have 3,832 matching applications. 452 are pre-matched between Korea and the Philippines. This pre-matching will continue between Korea and the Philippines. Then True Parents have to approve them.

We advertised in newspapers, but now the results are coming through the *tong ban kyok pah* activities. The true family movement is now recognized in the society. One man, a graduate from a prestigious university in Seoul, with a position at a good company, visited our church. I asked him how he came to our church, and he replied that his friends all know that the best way to gain a solid marriage is to marry through the true family movement.

One sister's house is in Inchon. When she goes to the train, she distributes witnessing cards about finding a good marriage. I also have to witness to four people, but if I'm not able to, I told my wife it's her responsibility. So if I'm not able to succeed, she will. [Rev. Hwang, who is now the World Mission Department director, read the continental goals for the campaign and the results by continent. He then described the *tong ban kyok pah* strategy. Korea is organized by *tong ban*, each of which has a government-related local neighborhood leader. The Korean church tries to influence on that level. He then described building a nationwide hoon dok hae organization. We will persevere until we break through with this. Then he reported about the plan for a "Hoon Dok College." It is getting established at our International Convention Center, and is operating like a night school or part-time school such as those in the states that offer specialized courses in business management, pottery making, language, dance, computer skills and so forth. Finally, our church is trying to set roots among the common people. We are using the media and making monthly or bi-monthly broadcasts by way of a publicity campaign so that people will take note on the grassroots level. We have to reach the people on the street directly. We once were active on the street and at train stations. Last year True Parents bought the mobile jumbo-tron that you saw outside the building. [It is a truck and opening a large door on side reveals a video screen perhaps 10 feet wide and 8 feet high.] We set up a karaoke machine with it and 300 people lined up to sing and this was also advertising our church. The true family movement promotes volunteerism in the service of true family values nationwide. Father is pleased with these jumbo-trons for advertising the movement.

We now have 20 jumbo-tron trucks around the country. We show videos that we've produced. We're trying to create a video business including Completed Testament Age News every month. Our media team is getting good, and we even produced a video for Samsung. How are we going to educate a million people? We have a plan based on hoon dok hae with the church leaders, organizing cells of around 20 people. By the end of October we want to reach more than one million. One regional church leader from South Cholla has been invited to lecture officially. Already, 420,000 have been educated according to this plan. The focus of the education is first the singles and



second the grassroots.

We are educating the National Messiahs and others in the "world mission countries." One problem is a lack of material in these countries. Everyone is set up with faxes and most have computers. There are many Korean National Messiahs overseas who have no money or house in Korea. So I want to prepare a dormitory for visiting Korean National Messiahs and an office for their communications work.

The Completed Testament News is on a website. Soon you can subscribe and receive it via email. There are many thousands of members worldwide on the internet. It will include speeches, reports and photos. Also we are preparing the Sonyak (Completed Testament) magazine, a video magazine that will also come out in English. In fact, English may be the main language, with sub-titles in Korean. I'd like to make this project pay for itself. You cannot believe how hard the Korean HQ staff are working, 7 am to 11 pm and even sleeping in the office overnight.

In the world there are nations inside and outside the Christian cultural sphere. Because of the differences worldwide, I've produced a 300 page missionary handbook on how to organize one's missionary work. It even includes how to do a seung hwa ceremony.

Many new publications are in the works, especially to present Father's life for his 80th birthday, and editions of Father's speeches.

[Rev. Hwang outlines the significance of Father's declarations over the past few years. No translation is provided—our interpreter was exhausted. The final report, by Rev. Bong Tae Kim about Korean CARP, the activities between students of North and South Korea, and the Pure Love Alliance, was not translated.]

Father:

Let's make the conclusion. So far, Japan went it alone, but now you have to learn from Korea and America. I ask the Japanese sisters here, what is the best way to go from here? Korea sounds like "dungeon" in Japanese. But it is a gateway. Japan is the kitchen that prepares food for the king. The king is always curious about what the wife is preparing for him. From the womb, the mother and child become one, then the father stands on the extended line of life from there. The father and mother become one, and they multiply to constitute a family.

From the cosmic point of view, the Chinese character for heaven means "two people." The vertical creator and horizontal family become one. When it becomes one, it extends into the children, the family and three stages. The center of it is the hidden God, and the family is where the hidden God can settle down. This point of settlement is the zero point. The horizontal and vertical lines must go through this zero point. This zero symbolizes God. The one point where God dwells is zero. So, all things must go through this zero point. Left, right, front and back, the number 12 leads to 36. It is the vertical and horizontal settling point. It cannot make a mistake at that point.

The number nine is the husband-wife relationship, and the middle of it is the settling point of God's love. This is the realm of the unification of husband and wife, God and man. The relation of father-son and husband-wife cannot be changed because in both cases they are one body.

This can be extended everywhere in the world. It is united into one realm. The settling point is the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven. This is eternal life. God exists eternally, so that was God's original ideal of creation. But uniting this world, that is so tangled up, is one thing even God cannot do. This is the responsibility of human beings. Man fell in the realm that God controls indirectly. To make the point at which God can directly control man is an incredible undertaking.

I declare that this day sets up this realm of liberation. The mother must give away her life for the father, and the father will support his wife and children. If it's pushed from the other side, the center will go around. So the family must be ...

so the responsibility of the mother is terrifying. How old are you? (I'm 74.) Did you come here because you love me? I've been giving you this direction. You have missions relating to Korea and America, as wife to Korea and mother to America. So these Americans must forget their own customs and traditions. You must forget your own traditions and customs related to the fallen nature. It is not easy to forget fallen customs and traditions. You must separate and sanctify your shortcomings.

Woman should take care of things when something bad happens to the husband or children. The mother responds first. In the position of mother, as you think about involvement, you cannot reject doing what is difficult. The Pantanal is the opposite side of the world from Korea. There is the focal point, the starting base for the Garden of Eden. The historic father first builds the space of love. The mother must make the commitment of love. Do you remember the first time you had love relations with your husband? That was the turning point, your original holy ground. There is a holy ground in the Pantanal [the Holy Ground of Focus, Origin and Victory, established on July 27, 1999]. Does the father circle around the mother, or vice versa? The people who protect and cherish the Pantanal holy ground are the Japanese sisters. Do you want to go there or not? Is there anything more important? If so, what do you think that would be? To become a great person, you must get to the focal point.

If a passionate mother appears ... The mother wants a husband, children, food, clothes and a house. She is concerned for these things. So you're not even free to thoughtlessly drink water; you must check to see that the father and children are drinking water. You will always have to be worried and constantly taking care of others. This is serious. Going back to Japan you must all start anew and become new people. Are you determined to become a new person?

If you receive love, you can overcome these things. Your husband is the embodiment of God, the symbol of God. He is the center of the family and the embodiment of God. The vertical and horizontal meet at 90 degrees. You must attain this standard, with mind and body united. How far should we go? Before holding your closest loved ones, hold your enemies in your arms. This is the basic

rule. You are the wife of God and descendants of God. Since the fall occurred, humankind lost the closest loved ones because they have been taken by Satan. The communists did everything to fulfill their task. Women are not honest. If they are, would they act like they do? Their mind and body are not united. Honesty always shows the heart. Since the physical body is connected to the fallen lineage, you should separate totally from the physical tradition that comes from Satan. One reason I scold you is to express love and blow off indemnity straight away. If you listen to my scolding it sets a great indemnity condition. So you all are candidates to be a good wife and great mother. So go back to Japan beautifully.

Korean people, did you understand



what I said to the Japanese? [Father was speaking this last segment in Japanese.] You must admit that you have to learn the other language. If you speak Korean, you can speak Japanese as well as they. The sons speak English and the mother Japanese, so they cannot communicate. We have three languages, so in a unified village there will be much miscommunication. You can't have different parts of one body speaking different languages. The inside and outside must unite into one.

Today is sam *ship chul*. Jesus died because he could not receive this day. When he became 30 he went to his mother. Poor Jesus. He did not have a true wife or mother. His mother was not determined to sacrifice herself for her son. So he did not create the realm of the object necessary to fulfill his mission. Why did he have to go to Gethsemane? Because he lost his relatives and mother and he had to pour out his life. He had to shed tears. I've been in that situation for the sake of this day. How much I have sacrificed to settle this day! I am going beyond the line of death to declare this day. I've even forgiven Satan in the Garden of Eden and created the situation in which no one fell in the Garden of Eden. Everything becomes one. Do not live licentiously, but live a principled life. Before controlling the universe you have to control yourself. Otherwise there is no way to engraft into God's lineage.

If you cannot control your body, you will fall by the power of Satan's seduction. If you separate from your wife and return after seven years, if you hold her and make love and reach the climax, the sexes will connect. When I was in Japan, women came into my bed without their clothes on. They said they would die if I did not embrace them and they asked me to do whatever I wanted with them.

You must be able to reject this situation just as I did. It's spiritual. They must have thought that I was spastic. You must be able to endure this temptation, or you cannot represent God.

So I have come through this individual course, family course and tribal course and have set up this tradition of love through suffering. There are many pretty women in Japan. I could have done whatever I wanted, but they are my sisters and daughters of God. So I as a restored Adam must make them a good sister, good wife, good mother, good grandmother and good queen. How can I stand up and look at them as my own woman?

From today I said you must pass the test of principle. You must go through the seven-year course as a family and become filial children on the family level, centering on the family, so the family itself can become the center. The family itself finally becomes the victor. So I've followed this until now, until I enter the Kingdom of Heaven and restore God's palace. Then on behalf of God, I'll be able to inherit everything even if Heavenly Father is not able to.

Absolute faith, love and obedience—are these just words, or have you put them into practice? If you go to the north pole, can you sit there a few days? If I sit there one night, will I freeze or not? If I sleep, I will freeze; if I don't sleep, I won't freeze.

In South America, it was so hot that I had to take all my clothes off. But I have to make it a hobby. One can watch one's sweat fall from the face down your body. I watched this and it was interesting. Try it at night; you can sweat at night. People say they cannot stand here because it is so hot, but it can be enjoyable if you approach it this way.

Pray to be able to receive this day, 9.9, on the foundation of absolute faith, love and obedience. Absolute faith, love and obedience are the foundation of my life; there is nothing else. From today, become a new person. In the original ideal, God's love will come to you and your spouse. Always God will be with you and enfold you. It is possible that this world can exist, although it is impossible in the fallen realm. So I thank God for this day, and I say, let us be grateful. I have no complaints. If I perish, or am hit, or stepped on, I am grateful. I am grateful because of love. Take even the old people to the realm of gold and let them be proud of all the children.

[Father calls one elder member—Rev. Su Won Chung's wife—to sing the old song of gratitude. It is a song that was received by the Inside Belly Church, if I am not mistaken. Rev. Chung's mother was a member of that church before meeting True Father.] The lyrics are: I am grateful that he has given me the freedom of life. [Her memory lapses, and Father continues with the lyrics:] You're grateful if you die, and more so if you live. If you are hungry, you're grateful. If you have dinner then you are even more grateful, and even the taste of water is so precious. I know this because I was in prison. I know the true taste of rice with nothing on it; how tasty it is. ❖

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over your own life, your things and your family. Connect everything to Heavenly Father's ownership. To do this we need to unify language. You must learn Korean; it is a very serious matter.

Shall I come to Kodiak again? It is uncomfortable for me here. I made the original focus holy ground in South America. Everyone should work and serve there for three years. Our knowledge, ideas, economy, cultures—everything should connect to True Parents and God or they will be lost, useless.

Where do you want to go from this point? To the Kingdom of Heaven. You should get True Parents' lineage. It requires investment and shedding blood, sweat and tears, more than have any historical people. Then Heavenly Father will embrace you. Someday I will go to the Himalayas to train those people who are waiting for me there. I do not ignore their jungsung.

Politics is the art of distribution. Politics are not effective in this world. We need a politics of love. We totally offer to God. If you reject this, your descendants will inherit the burden. If you don't follow, what is the value of your property? As Jesus said, this world will be burned away.

Father established new schools, from kindergarten to doctoral courses. All kinds of education are connected to True Parents. If it is not connected, then it makes no sense and you need not study there. Computers can handle all knowledge, so you don't need to memorize it. Don't be proud of having a degree. It is a time of fearful judgment. A snake sheds its old skin and needs to be limber. We need flexibility in our ideas and concepts. Secular schools make no sense for the second generation. I called your parents to sacrifice their education for the sake of ministry work. Those who believed have been blessed greatly; the others, I don't know. I established UTS and everyone should complete that course. I appointed Rev.

Hwang and Dr. Yang (the new leaders over FFWPUI and America) because they are UTS graduates. Rev. Hwang is president of the Japanese church and Rev. Otsuka is vice-president. All the others are their advisors. Japan is calling the members to offer everything to Heavenly Father. Even if it is difficult, it is their way of tears to do God's will.

Until now, I just forgave and forgave, all the while holding resentment. Now I have to push based on what is right and wrong. Until now, I never taught the True Children directly. Now is the time for the parents to guide their children directly. It is time to establish the realm of Heavenly Father on earth as couples, so we have to know how I lived my daily life, that I did not live for my personal benefit or desires but only connected everything to the heavenly tradition. I never discussed anything with anyone; I only followed the directions of Heaven. You know that the "Hyo" in Hyo Jin Nim means "filial piety." Don't use him as an excuse for not being close to me.

Liberate the ideals of the family through Divine Principle and True Parents. To find them, I passed through miserable tribulation, trying to establish the heavenly tradition on earth. So I need people who bring the result.

As the Divine Principle states, there is no freedom without results.

Kodiak sounds like the squawking of a chicken when she lays an egg. "KodiYAAK KodiYAAK" So it is a place

up the heavenly nation and world. I never allow those who fell to come close to me. All must follow the way of indemnity. Therefore think of your life in eternity.

Be aware of the four great powers of God. God's will is for all people, not just you as an individual. Someday, the fearful judgment will come. Prepare for it. I am done, today. I can drink, play and so forth; my job is done. The standard I have set can serve as a standard of judgment, one that most people do not pass. Please understand True Parents clearly. I paid all the indemnity, with blood, sweat and tears. The day of judgment will come.

Like Adam and Eve, I will farm and fish by myself for my food. God wants to do it together with me. So I am preparing land in Jardim. It is pure and untouched, unpolluted, like the holy land. National Messiahs come first and build houses. You needn't worry about food. You can survive there with a fork and small knife. You can't even eat all there is to eat there. So you share it with brothers and sisters. I teach you to fish. The Indians survived. It will be so wonderful to be stewards of that beautiful area preserved by God, with True Parents. Be strong and bold. Can you do it? From today a big movement should start. I invited the leaders of fifty nations. Fifty American leaders should go to Japan, like the elder son going to the mother's house, to love his parents and inherit their ideas.

From now I don't need to seek a sovereign nation, because the foundation is done. I can teach the young people to have strong marriages. They should keep purity until marriage. That's why we learn the Korean tradition. Therefore all the American leaders should work in Japan for 21 days, and the Japanese leaders should go to America. Make an exchange program. Your languages are different, but try. Learn unity as one family. Get to know your mother. Should it be 40 days or 21 days? This is the busiest time. Make two teams to exchange.

Father applies unchanging Divine Principle to the True Children too. Everyone gave pain to True Father, especially when you did not have confidence in me. How many think seriously of the nation and world? If you didn't graduate UTS, I have no interest in you, no matter what degree you have. We are in a parent-child relationship and need to go through eight stages of indemnity conditions. Follow this path while carrying your own burden. God never encourages me, but only tells me to do more. You as my children have to pass the same way.

You are like an army. I think that in four days we can accomplish 40 years of effort. Even if it takes 40 days of fasting, I believe no one other than Heavenly Father. You need knowledge and power independently to become a son of filial piety. If I chastise you, you can grow up. Let's move toward this necessary providence of the God of the four great powers.



to which you bring heavenly results. We are in the completion stage, therefore we need absolute faith, love and obedience. You connect to these and you'll be a family of goodness.

Korea, Japan and America are one nation. Their church presidents should unite. I expect you to unite strongly. If parents and children unite, they will have the same concept. Mother-son unity plus father-son unity is necessary. Don't just listen to the mother's words but to the father's words. Father's ideas and heart should be the authority, then the family will prosper and develop. One leader said that True Mother is the fishing champion, but I am the real champion. I respect her and want her to develop.

In the husband-wife relationship, the husband plays the roles of father, husband and son, and the wife plays the roles of mother, wife and daughter. Also we make love in three stages—beginning with the mouth, then the bosom, then the sex organs. These are three levels of connection. By implementing Father's explanation, we can overcome the desire for free sex. In the family we set the order and tradition. We need clarity about purity. It is the special heavenly tradition of the Unification Church. You can't accomplish purity on your own. This purity idea is keeping heavenly law. In the final stages of restoration, True Mother should give the woman's side word.

I embraced Rev. Baek Moon Kim [the Christian leader of the Olive Tree Monastery] and my first wife. I tried to raise their level. I trained myself to overcome adulterous desires. I trained myself to keep one love with one spouse forever. During the training time I slept less than three hours a night. To go God's way, I need to chastise you. Without heavenly training we cannot set



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When we built this house [North Garden], we had too little money. I asked Rev. Hwang if I gave him permission to get a Masters Degree, and if he followed my direction to make church law. Carry out Tong Ban Kyok Pah (neighborhood evangelism and service). Young Whi Kim should have established it, but he didn't. Now it is being done through the Hoon Dok Team. Young Whi Kim's son should help. If you receive this well, you can fly.

Connect Kodiak to the South Pole through the new holy ground. Shil chuk, shil chuk, shil chuk—it means, result. The second generation should learn about Father. They have to go hunting, not stay here. [Father is referring to a group of youth taking part in a workshop.]

I am starting new projects continually. I have so many ways to connect to Heavenly Father and give authority to God. [Father plays with the term "okay."] "O" stands for what? [People respond:] Owner, offering, ocean, obedience, original, opinion. "K" stands for kitchen (we're hungry for breakfast, aren't we?), Kodiak, king, Korea, key. Be independent, strong and march forward. Be proud of yourself as necessary to God!

[Father dismissed everyone for breakfast, telling us to change clothes and prepare for fishing. After breakfast, however, we received word that instead of going fishing we would meet again with Father. We met at 12:15 p.m., and Rev. Hong again translated.]

I blessed criminals, and Satan couldn't accuse me because I am above the perfection level. Satan and false parents are down and True Parents are up. In the physical world and spirit world both, those who connect to True Parents enter the realm of liberation. To accomplish this yourself, do Hoon Dok Hae.

The IIFWP did the first Hoon Dok Hae conference. Top leaders from the world over seriously studied my direct teachings. National Messiahs should start their own such conferences. If you do it within the next 40 days, your country will turn upside down, and within six months, who knows what developments will take place?

We carried out the 360 Million couples blessing, even blessing the evil and worthless. On that foundation we are blessing the young people. After that, we do not even need the term, Messiah. Everything is liberated and we enter

the realm of the fourth Adam, who follows Adam, Jesus and the Lord of the Second Advent. So please get everyone to join and participate. Now we have the June 14 foundation. So there is one way to achieve the heavenly victory. Now the settlement age has come, because we've blessed almost two-thirds of humankind. Now women should educate all the people. So I started meetings of women university presidents. Women bring 12 to 120 people each to be educated. This reverses the fall, which started with Eve. This achieves the perfection of woman, who then looks for a perfect man as her spouse.

We will have resentment until we find a nation, and until we do so we invest everything. For 40 years I have tried to find Canaan. This is the meaning of the Total Living Offering. It is time to move. In Jesus' time, many offered their everything. To create something

bottom of your heart. Hoon Dok Hae divides the world. Inherit Father's heart.

[We broke up for lunch and then met without Father in order to do the lottery for sending leaders from America to

equality. America is proud of its own culture, and mingles it with others centering on its own agenda. The Anglo-Saxon culture, however, won't work forever. Anglo-Saxon culture has some

depth, but to assimilate the world it needs greater depth. Who can do it? The gaps between cultures are higher than the Himalayan Mountains, and the Anglo-Saxon culture is not deep enough. That culture is afraid to dive deep enough, and lacks the power of ideology and will. I see few young people in America who have the vision to go over that Mount Everest. Therefore America provides no hope. Who, then, can do it?

The way is to bring one world and one cosmos under God. To stop the fighting between God and

Satan, there has to be a new ideology from the Lord of the Second Advent, plus people willing to take it deeper than Satan does and higher than the Himalayan Mountains. Unless we are ready to go there we won't win the victory. We need our internal subject who is greater than Satan. God has been preparing for Satan to submit voluntarily. Without that, there is no victory. To get your victory, go deeper than Satan. To get there, you need guidance. You can't do it by yourself. As God goes deeper, Satan will give up and surrender. Satan will say to God, "I will blindly follow You." Satan will praise God and give God total ownership. Satan is not eternal, as God is. He will give up. When Stan surrenders, God will start rising up. Satan will follow God up, to the line at the top of indirect dominion.

Christianity has been limited because it has not eternal power, but has accommodated the path of the fall, following Satan's footprints. Will any American youth risk their life for God? No, and this is a problem. Who will take care of Africa? Human beings should. Will any young people follow Father to Africa and bring results? We have to sacrifice and be ready to die there. Then Satan will be surprised. We need to make a quantum leap to God and True Parents, and bring the victory to all humanity. Only God is willing to follow you to wherever you can confront Satan.

Kiss your wife as if you are God who has been waiting to kiss for 6,000 years. That is the culmination of indemnity. What kind of relationship do you think that True Mother and I have? That of friends, or one of fighting?

[Father spoke another hour, perhaps. Then we viewed videos of the Universal Ballet's recent European tour, with commentary by Hoon Sook Nim, until Father called it quits at 1:30 a.m.]

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Hyun Jin Nim and family performing

Japan. At that occasion Rev. Sun Jo Hwang gave a talk about the meaning of the Cosmic Sabbath holy day and the Hoon Dok Hae tradition. Then we had a break, and then the American members had a meeting outside on the grass with Dr. Yang. This took us up to dinnertime. After dinner we had entertainment by continent. The North American contingency rocked the house with "Sweet Sweet Spirit" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Hyun Jin Nim and his son Shin Won Nim offered up a rousing treatment of "Blue Suede Shoes," and finally True Parents sang together two lovely songs. Then Father addressed the group, with translation by Rev. Peter Kim.]

Do you feel great to be with True Parents? [Yes!] But you must know the responsibility that comes with it. There was so much indemnity behind the 7.8 holy day. It was a miracle to create it. For God to embrace His enemy was like flattening a mountain and raising up a valley. Humanity does not have absolute



takes investment. This world has no true love ownership. All ideologies are bankrupt. It is time for my subjective thought. I will take responsibility for and rebuild the world. Through Hoon Dok Hae, touch True Parents at the



Third Celebration of the Declaration of the Realm of

August 18, Hoon Dok Hae
[Translation by Rev. Hong.]

There will come one nation eventually. Divisions exist due to the fall. Through Cain-Abel restoration, these divisions will resolve into four entities, east, west, north and south, and finally into one, centering on the mother [or: Mother], and finally this one will transfer to Father. Then finally all will return to God.

Our final destination as the Unification Church is to live in Father's house. This is the original homeland that existed before the fall, centered on God. The parents represent God, who teaches the children to live together in peace. We need to prepare one such nation before the next 7.8 holy day. We need to reject the fallen environment and seek our original position.

Purify your ego through filial piety, patriotism, sainthood and the life of a holy son and daughter. We need to make of North and South America one nation. I've tried to do so conditionally, to engraft with Korea. Therefore we can say that the unification of north and south and east and west is done. Many blessed families will come from the south. Kodiak represents the north.

To create, God had a furnace to burn away dross. The new Eden will start from the unity of north and south, centering on True Parents. By connecting north and south, our families will rise up. Even pure gold will be melted. The eight vertical steps can be pressed into one step, by God's pressure from above. When we go to the Jardim workshop, we taste the fire of God. We need use only Father's words, not secular words. By understanding, we melt ourselves to be one with God and True Parents. Centering on True Parents, by eating true words we will grow into oneness with True Parents.

The north has fresh air and fish. The south has krill. All fish want to eat the krill. Fishing development is for the sake of feeding humankind. The Asians will take it further than westerners. Fish powder to feed all. The north is running out, so we go south for krill. And now we need to adopt western technology to make fish farms. The entire ocean is a fish farm. But the manmade farm grows small fishes and releases them. Pollution on land decreases viability of land grown food.

God connects the north and south. The owner is the Messiah. God started creation in a warm to hot climate, not cold, which means it was in South America. I need to balance north and south. We have to conquer the ocean, centering on the south, and influence South America. There are so many resources and treasures there.

Where can we establish our memorial tower? Use waterpower as the basis to establish new



cities. Shipping can be done by water. Fish powder solves hunger, and this will help bring on the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. We need to manage under water treasures. The Pantanal has been developed greatly since I showed interest in it. The place that connects mountains and the ocean is the prime tourist area. Living things need water, including human beings. Clean water is good for animals and dirty water is good for

of the Pacific culture. The land is masculine; the ocean is feminine.

Over the last one hundred years, the global issues centered on Korea. Americans are weak to follow my direction to go to the ocean. America is an archangel nation having no ownership. Who can make American members strong enough to expand north and south and conquer the oceans? [Father!] Before Father, it is Mother. You came

this. How can we start to restore America? First, deny America's external power. Second, find the great leader who can do this. Third, accept the leadership of the Messiah. The Messiah means the prince and princess of God's lineage. Americans miss out on true love, because power and wealth distract them.

God blessed America as the elder son centering on God, true love and one nation. This ideology comes from True Parents. True Parents are here and True Children are here. Korea, Japan and America are here. Koreans succeed wherever they go, because their nature is to give and Korean men are faithful in marriage.

Koreans have strong family values and share them. I am an example of giving and of sharing family values. Americans will be attracted by our family life and will find True Parents are behind it. If America doesn't catch true family values, it will truly turn into a robber and steal from the world. To change, America needs strong fathers and mothers. So our American members should be heavenly servants. That spiritual



plants. So places such as the Salobra Hotel feature the confluence of clean and dirty water. Asians relate to the Pacific Ocean and westerners to the Atlantic. Korea connects ocean and land. Therefore Korea and Japan are in the position to determine the future

from the mother's womb. America is proud to be the world leader. But it cannot lead the world by military force. To really lead, America first must deny itself. Many Americans spread immorality and AIDS worldwide, using their economic power. God is angry with

training is the best way to become sons of filial piety, patriots, saints and holy sons and daughters, and kings. The servant lives for others and becomes the central figure. And in the process, the two nations [Japan and America] will become one.

Much of American Christianity has lost its spirit. In many Christian churches, you see mostly older people. If they attend a two and seven-day workshop, they can completely change. Then America will be the best country. Many youths in America and throughout the world follow the Pure Love Alliance. But America otherwise is full of free sex. And they become more and more this worldly and materialistic. Hold demonstrations to restore American society. Then it will become a great nation to lead the world. Receive a servant's certificate from Japan—get their blessing and offer it to me. This will lead to the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. You will learn how to be the elder son. The elder son inherits his mother's spirit and attends his father through the mother's



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education.

Shall you work there for 40 days, 4 months or 4 years? If you are 100% determined, you can do it in 4 days. If the elder son doesn't engraft to his mother, he becomes Cain. If you do to Japan and go 10 times deeper than I did, I will attend you before I attend God. Will you offer your property and go to Africa to establish the Kingdom of Heaven? Will you do it? If you go that suffering course, you'll become a great nation in a few years. What you gain from Japan is the willingness even to offer your property when you return and move somewhere, such as to Africa or South America. Go to Japan for 30 days, then Korea for 10. Give the sermon the first Sunday you are in Japan.

[We then broke for breakfast, and on this day we did go fishing. True Parents and a few people went on three boats, and the rest of us went by bus to a river approximately 15 miles from Kodiak. We fished on the beach and upstream for about 100 yards. In mid-afternoon, True Parents docked off shore and came on land on a small inflatable. They shared lunch with us and took photos. On that occasion Father shared a few words with me about the mobilization to Japan.]

Your first purpose is to inherit from the Japanese church, then second to give something to them. The long-term goal is to make the foundation to bless the children of the three nations (Korea, Japan and America) together. The goal is international families, living together in condominium-type housing. Those children will be the true elder sons. The parents should care for the others' children before their own, for three years. All should learn the others' languages, Korean, Japanese, English and German. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth comes through the blood being mixed, creating heavenly citizens. [Translation by Rev. Peter Kim.]

[That day there was a good deal of fog, so while the buses returned to North Garden by 7:00 p.m., the boats could not get in until around 10:30 p.m. There was therefore no meeting that night. The next day we gathered for Hoon Dok Hae. Translation by Rev. Peter Kim.]

August 19 Hoon Dok Hae:

We absolutely have to keep our blood lineage strict and pure, centering on True Parents. Launch rallies for True Parents, True Families and True Love. The Pure Love Alliance is the way to promote this. God's sadness is based on the absence of a nation centering on pure love. So many ancestors are waiting and watching for us to promote the true family ideal. Our leaders should set the example.

American Christianity protects Christianity in Korea. Satan blocked Korea; therefore it was cut in half. Now is the time for good to win the battle with evil. If we lose, we will be cursed. Satan works through secular power to control the world. Therefore we need to rebuild godly power beginning in our own families.

The Principle teaches us to offer all things, children and parents. That has been my life, since the day in 1950 when I crossed the DMZ into North Korea. I promised God I would unify Korea. I went to North Korea in 1991 under God's direction; my motive was nothing personal. Therefore I shed no tears when I was there. I cannot abandon North Korea. Whoever brings uni-

fication, doesn't matter. Unification is the purpose. I grabbed Kim Il Sung's hand for the photo; he couldn't relinquish my grip.

Those who are sincere peacemakers know I ended communism and I will bring Korean unification. I want to bring 40 national heads to a summit conference in Pyongyang. It was conditional, but True Mother made this foundation by speaking in many parliaments.

In the late 70s and early 80s, Kim Il Sung hired a Red Army member to assassinate me. I practiced love for my enemy by embracing Kim Il Sung. There are many dangers in South America. But I do what I need to do despite constant risk. I'm grateful just to be alive and 80. I'll die if I have to. I'll die without fear and immediately report to God. Some top American leaders said don't go to South America, just sit in Washington; South America is a dangerous place. I ignored them, because of my mission to unite Catholic and Protestant through North and South America. I'm not a sedentary grandfather coughing away my life.

Therefore you all go to the 40-day workshop in Jardim, so you can join the True Family lineage. I blessed you, so don't become my enemy. The God of the four great powers, who is omnipotent, omnipresent, all abundant and all sovereign . . . I am like the lighthouse keeper who stays up all night to protect the ships. No one likes this job, but Satan is aware of it. I've been doing the providence by myself. You've been following me but have often been a burden. You need to know the purpose of my going to the ocean. My prayer life usually takes place at sea, on the boat. I go out for 10 to 20 hours at a time.

The elder son nation must give absolute obedience to the mother and father nations. Many Christian leaders tried to manipulate Sung Jin Nim

[Father's first son, by his first wife]. But he resisted them, holding steadfast. He visited our areas in South America recently.

Even though the huge blessings were conditional, they were important as



the foundation to give the spirit world blessings. I'm the king of loneliness and king of beggars. I'm a wandering gypsy. I have to be liked by Satan even. Then in spirit world, Satan cannot accuse me but will welcome me. I have the right to move leaders. Some resist being moved down, but they shouldn't, because I have a plan.

When I was single, many women invaded my bedroom, like wolves, invading my life. Trying to take True Mother's position. I had to hide True Mother for three years in another house. Also Daemo Nim could come in the back door only. Father rarely visits individual families, because rumors arise. I only go for public events.

Elizabeth [Zechariah's wife in the New Testament] should have cared for Mary and not let her leave her household. There were many women in my life, even who paid my tuition, but I never touched them. I treated them as my sister. I am not ordinary. I have guts, wisdom and power from God. That's why God chose me. Often I see your mistakes. I know them, but just watch and say nothing.

The True Children told me some of those leaders have to be dismissed. But I didn't agree with their plans—they are externally right, but they do not see the internal providence. Our determination must be so strong that I'll do my best, and if I can't make it, my children will. It's a serious time. My tradition has to be respected and followed for 10s of 1,000s of years by humanity. That's the horizon here, the context.

No one likes Hoon Dok Hae, so why are we doing it? When should it begin,

at 5 am or 6 am? Everyone prefers the later start, even True Mother. Last night someone asked me what time we'll start, and True Mother said, "6 a.m. and get out of here" before I could speak. True Mother suffered so much by giving birth to fourteen children. But I have fulfilled my responsibility as a man to serve a woman. Mother may not realize that, but I did. True Mother also did her responsibility to help me do God's providence, so I am in the position to give her an award.

My life has been absolutely serious in dealing with leaders and True Mother. I never cried for my wife, children or family. I established the FFWPU because the family is the cornerstone. Peace and unification go together; if you say one, you should naturally say the other. My family is the trunk and you are the branches. I have no documents but I am doing nothing randomly. Look at what I preached forty or fifty years ago. So, do Hoon Dok Hae—it is the standard for your daily life. You should read my mind and feel my heart. Also absolutely believe in spirit world. My mission will go to whoever works harder than I do.

We should have 100s of millions of Unification Church members because we have those blessing numbers. The more Unification Church members, the more fear Satan will have. I may make a team of 12 families from different nations, to visit 12 nations for one year each. The 52 American leaders should arrive in Japan by September 1.

[At this point we broke for breakfast. Father arranged a bus tour for us, taking us to see the fish processing and fish powder factory and to the top of a nearby mountain and to a park for lunch. We had a powerful prayer on the mountaintop. After lunch the American group met to plan for the mobilization to Japan and other upcoming jobs. Soon thereafter your reporter departed for New York.] ❖

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Daemonim Returns to North America:

by Rev. Eric Holt—NYC

When Daemonim came to the U.S. for her first four-city tour in April of this year, the event sparked genuine repentance, renewal and a heightened interest in the spiritual world among Unificationists all across the country. Brothers and sisters became even more keenly aware of the reality of the spirit world. We became simultaneously conscious of our ancestors' contributions (and limitations) as well as our own destiny to enter the eternal hereafter. While the



April crusade focused on "liberation" of ancestors, Daemonim promised to return to conduct the Blessing of these same ancestors, while also liberating several generations of older ancestors. And so, San Francisco, Chicago, Washington, DC and New York City geared up for Daemonim's second U.S. tour scheduled for late August and early September.



New York's event was held on September 5 in the beautiful Manhattan Center. Out of necessity both of the Center's huge ballrooms were reserved for this event. During the early afternoon of that Sunday in September, long, winding lines began to form outside the Manhattan Center. When the doors opened, the Hammerstein Ballroom, including the balconies and boxes, was soon filled with Blessed couples in white flowing holy



robes. It was truly an apocalyptic scene! Meanwhile, the overflow ballroom upstairs was likewise filled to capacity for the live video feed.

The first ceremony was the Blessing of ancestors. Daemonim and the co-officiators, Dr. and Mrs. Chang Shik Yang, entered in grand style down the center aisle, flanked on either side by attendants. They ascended to the stage while the emcee, Rev. Michael Jenk-

four vows. After the prayer of Blessing, the co-officiators and Daemonim left the hall.

After a brief intermission, we settled down for the liberation ceremony for generations eight through fourteen. The format was basically identical to the April ceremony. In contrast to the more quiet and serene Blessing ceremony, the liberating ceremony was a time for enthusiastic singing and clap-

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ins ably guided all of the participants through the particulars of the ceremony. A moving and poignant moment was when the ancestors were invited in. Perhaps we expected to see an army of ancestors marching in for the Blessing. In fact, some spiritually attuned brothers and sisters did indeed observe such a phenomenon. The Blessed couples who were present (in the flesh!) lifted the cups of Holy Wine into the air for the ancestors to partake of. This was followed by the sprinkling of Holy Water. Then, the Blessing vows were read. The Blessed couples shouted out a resounding "yes" affirming (in place of their ancestors) each of the

ping.

Many brothers and sisters testified as to the substantial reality of the experience that day. It seems that there were certain recurring themes in the testimonies. Many said that when they saw their grandparents, they appeared young - in their twenties or thirties. This certainly fits with True Parents' words on this subject. During her recent speaking tour, Mother stated that as a truly loving couple matures in age physically, their spirits actually become younger and more beautiful. Amen! Another common theme was seeing one's ancestors lined up and waiting to receive the Holy Wine.



Ancestor Blessing and Liberation

On a more practical level, a significant number of couples testified that their marriage had improved since the April liberation ceremony. Presumably, the ancestors on both sides were getting along a little better!

A number of prominent New York and New Jersey clergy attended the event. In particular, a pastor from Brooklyn was full of praise, adding that he would like to see this type of ceremony happening all over the world. He commended Rev. Moon for his courage

in pursuing these kinds of revolutionary spiritual moments in the face of opposition. Later that night, True Parents received great inspiration from Dr. Yang's report about the event. Father added that not only our direct ancestors, but also many patriots and historical figures benefited from this phenomenon. Thank you True Parents and thank you Daemonim.

Heartfelt thanks are due to the many brothers and sisters who volunteered to help organize the New York event



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IRFWP Jewish-Muslim

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann—NYC

Jewish and Muslim leaders met at the Hesperia Hotel in Cordoba Spain for four days of inter-religious dialogue under the auspices of the of the Inter Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP), from August 19 - 22, 1999.

Approximately 10 leaders and scholars from each tradition sought greater understanding by engaging in dialogue defined by the conference concept "Jewish-Muslim Encounters: History, Philosophy, Religion, Society, and the Arts."

All participants wrote scholarly papers. Conference conveners Dr. Charles Selengut (Drew University, USA), and Dr. Mumtaz Ahmad (Hampton University, USA) recommended prospective themes for contributors such as, "Religious Authority in the Two Religious Civilizations," "Law and Custom...", "A specific event and its consequences...", "Mysticism in the Two Traditions...", and many other possible topics and issues.

It is the view of IRFWP that politi-



The IRFWP selected Cordoba for this conference due to its historical significance for both Muslims and Jews, as well as for the fact that the city was a site in which these communities lived in relative harmony.

Not many know that in the 11th century Cordoba was one of the most important capitals in Europe. Jews, Muslims and Christians lived peacefully together, and important philosophers, scientists and artists emerged from there.

For Muslims, Córdoba has historical interest since it was the capital of the Spanish Muslim dynasty of the Ummayyads (756-1031). The Great Mosque of Córdoba (La Mezquita) was founded 785 CE. It was added to and expanded over the next two hundred years to make it the third largest structure in the Islamic world.

For Jews, one historical attraction in Cordoba is that it is the birthplace of the Rabbi Moses ben Maimon (aka Rambam or Maimonides) (Around 1148 C.E) who wrote a renowned commentary on the Mishnah.

Indeed the very last remark in the conference deliberations, from Rabbi Elkan Levy (President Emeritus, United Synagogues of London) was to ask, "What was it about this time and this place which enabled Jews and Muslims to flourish and support one another? It would seem that we should seek to grasp and re-construct such conditions in our own time?"

The conference had six sessions during which all 20 papers were debated and discussed. The papers naturally fell into broad themes, namely: Mystical, Theological, Political, Social and Cultural, and Historical. Participants



cally pursued peace initiatives, absent the willingness to take up the difficult reality of religious difference, are fated to suffer constant setback and disruption. Lasting peace is only possible grounded in hard won mutual understanding. This Cordoba dialogue was undertaken so as to contribute from the religious side elements necessary for the construction of a far reaching and enduring political, social, and cultural accord among Muslims and Jews.

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Cordoba Declaration

Gathering in Cordoba, Spain, a city steeped in the culture and history of our great faith traditions, we met as scholars, as leaders, and as faithful believers at the invitation of the Inter Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP) to discuss the subject of inter-religious dialogue and peace between these two great traditions and cultures.

We affirm that both Judaism and Islam teach the ideal of individuals, families, societies, and nations co-existing in harmony within a peaceful world.

Too often Jewish and Muslim believers approach one another with a spirit of competing religious and political ideologies. We decry the misuse of religion when it is allied to narrow political or ethnic interests at the expense of principles of justice, human dignity, and mutual respect.

We appeal to leaders of our respective faith communities to use their influence to promote interreligious understanding, dialogue, and harmony. In particular, we urge leaders and believers to affirm:

1. The human rights of all people, each one created with love by God, should be respected. 2. Education should promote attitudes of respect for people of other faiths. 3. Mass media should contribute to these educational values by fostering programming supportive of these ideals, and concern itself with accurate portrayals of Muslim and Jewish believers.

We make this appeal knowing well the obstacles, dangers, and suspicions that hinder the search for peace and cooperation. We also affirm, in the spirit of the teachings of both faiths, that within each human being is a deep longing for peace, and that it is the duty of religious leaders and governments actively to pursue peace for the welfare of all people.



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came from the United States, Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia. The engagement was respectful but straightforward. Issues were hotly and honestly debated. There was no haste for artificial concord. Rather these partners sought understanding, friendship, respect, and the founding of relationships which can contribute by example and by substantial output to future peace initiatives among the two communities.

The conference opened on the evening of arrivals with papers from Sulayman Nyang, and that of Gil Kahn who examined the issue of Democracy as it pertains to the two traditions. The morning session of the first full day of the conference included a fascinating study of Moroccan Saint Veneration among Muslims and Jews, by Janice Rosen (Archives Director, National Canadian Jewish Archives). Mustansa Mir (Youngstown University, USA) presented in the same



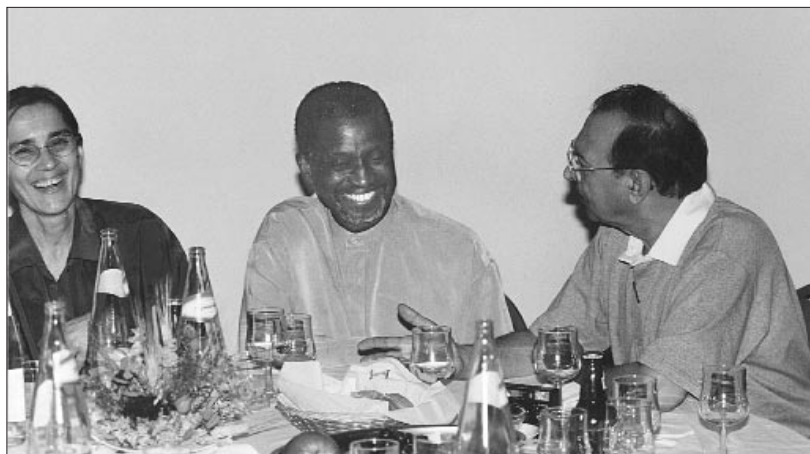
session on the topic Kabbalah and Sufism: Jewish and Islamic Mysticism. Every session proved as riveting and absorbing. No area of discussion was taboo or off bounds. Interestingly, the politics of the Middle East proved far less

explosive than the discussion on gender in the two traditions.

The conversation dynamic was greatly enhanced by the presence and contributions of IRFWP veterans such as Sulayman

Some stars from the recent IRFWP, "Jewish Identity" conference (for example Gilbert Kahn, Kean University, USA, Yudit Greenberg, Rollins College, USA, Lawrence Kaplan, McGill University, Canada) once again brought their pre-eminent scholarly talent to the table, and altogether new faces (such as Ygal Carmon, President, Middle East Media Research Institute, and former advisor to several Israeli Prime Ministers, Irfan Ahmad Khan, American Islamic College, and Razia Akter Banu, University of Dakha, Pakistan, Eliezer Don-

Yihya, Bar Ilan University, Israel) easily connected to IRFWP's trademark atmosphere of serious, purposeful, and deeply respectful dialogue. Shaykh Abdur Rashid brought a history of com-



mitment and dialogue experience, Shaykh Nooraddeen Durkee, a lifetime of textual passion and proficiency, and Rowena Muzquiz a superb knowledge of the region and its religious and political history.

IRFWP president Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak sent a written message to be read in his absence, in which he recounted Reverend Moon's (IRFWP Founder) sacrificial history as a champion of world peace, and the latter's current initiatives for harmonizing political, scholarly, and religious leadership, most particularly through the recently founded Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP).

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Nyang (Howard University, USA) who wrote on Muslim-Jewish Relations in the United States of America: Convergence and Divergence, and Richard Rubenstein (President, Bridgeport University, USA) who wrote a riveting piece of contemporary historical analysis entitled The Temple Mount and My Grandmother's Paper Bag (the bag contained dirt from Eretz Yisrael eventually used to allow her to "symbolically return home" at the time of her burial). Their familiarity with IRFWP standards and rigorous patterns of dialogue was a great support to the conveners who sought to create an ambiance conducive to frank and open discussion void of acrimony.



PURE LOVE ALLIANCE

PLA '99

by Michelle Myers—NYC

The Pure Love Tour kicked off with a rousing speech by Pure Love Alliance Founder Jin Hun Park and board members Robert Kittel and Michael Balcomb. The young volunteers quickly began to create a united spirit and vision for the coming tour. The PLA was also addressed by local church ministers and community educators.

Baltimore

The day began with a restoration and beautification project at the Christ Temple Church and the new Martin Luther King Jr. Family Life Institute in downtown Baltimore. The service project was a new addition to this summer's program. It was a beneficial way to teach the young participants about the reality of living for the sake of others.

After the service project, the 175 young people marched through the downtown red-light district. Despite jeers and objections from local adult sex-shot owners, the PLA marched on in protest of the industry which shamelessly promotes reckless sexual behavior. Converging on the Inner Harbor, the PLA held the first rally of the Pure Love '99 Tour.

Guest speakers on hand to support the young people's commitment and dedication to purity before marriage

were Christine Fogle from the Maryland Abstinence and Education Committee, Mrs. Ahmen Said from Parents Against Drugs, and Rev. Willie Wady. Representing the youth of the Nation of Islam, which also upholds the highest standards of purity before marriage, was Mr. Faraji Rasulallah. Also present was Mrs. Patsy Casino, who performed two inspiring songs, adding to the rally spirit.

Washington DC

The service project in Washington DC on Sunday, July 11, was a bit out of the ordinary. The United Planning Organization and the PLA joined efforts to help feed the homeless community in the District through harvesting and glean-ing fruits and vegetables from fields just outside DC. The young people had races to see who could fill their sack of zucchini first and drag it across the finish line. After a hard day's work in the fields, the tour participants cooled off at the local water park and river.

The next morning they were up bright



and early to go fundraising and signature-collecting in the downtown area. Each participant had to go out on the streets and explain about the PLA and its message of purity and fidelity and collect signatures for the Pure Love Pledge. At 10:30am sharp the 175 young people converged on Freedom Plaza to begin the march to the White House.

As the young people marched and chanted down Pennsylvania Avenue, the media from the National Press Build-

ing swarmed around taking footage, pictures and gathering quotes. At the rally site in Lafayette Park, the PLA was joined on stage with guest speakers from the local community. All veteran participants of PLA rallies, Mr. Phillip Walker of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute, Mrs. Francis Ballard from the Institute for Responsible Fatherhood, and Rev. William Bennett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dearwood, shared inspiring and support-



PURE LOVE ALLIANCE

USA Tour

ive words with the young crowd.

The day and the Washington DC area activities concluded with a final service project at Kennedy Memorial Park in North West Washington DC. A representative from Councilman Jack Evans' office was on hand to present the PLA with a proclamation from the DC City Council for the PLA's effort to educate and serve the Washington DC community.

Atlanta

The rally in Atlanta took place at Woodruff Park in the heart of downtown. Prior to rallying, each team had to go out street preaching. Almost every corner of the city thundered with the voice o a young PLA member.

Many partner organizations and guests were on hand to perform, speak and support the Pure Love message. Guest performers included the funk band Hybrid, the Still Waters Youth

Danny Buggs, former Washington Redskins long receiver, and a representative of the local Nation of Islam. The rally was covered extensively by the media, and the PLA even brought a presence to the local CNN talk show, *Talk Back Live*.

Miami

The tour arrived rested and ready for several days jam-packed with activities and fun. The area events began with a short rally and march in Florida City on Thursday, July 15. The group protested across from *Condom USA*, an "adult novelty store" across from a local elementary school. The next day of activities included two rallies and marches. The first was in Miami Beach where Mitsy Acery and Katsukimi Watanabe of the PLA gave speeches about their commitment to abstinence which rocked the crowd. Later that day the group traveled down to the famous Coco Walk shopping and dining area, where they rallied and marched through the center of the mall as hundreds of people looked

on. Jimi Baughman, winner of the Absolute Sex speech contest, gave her speech to the large crowd with all her might.

The Pure Love Alliance also took part in a service project at North Miami Senior High School in conjunction with the Love Your Neighbor service group. The PLA'ers dug trenches for a new sprinkler system, uprooted old trees and planted new ones, and painted and cleaned classrooms. The project really helped beautify the school and prepare it for the upcoming school semester.

The main event in Miami was the rally and march in downtown Miami. The lively march began at the Dade County courthouse and culminated in a high-energy rally at Stephen P. Clark Plaza. The crowd at the rally at times swelled to over 500 people. Speaking to the crowd of young people was State Representative Gustavo Barrerio, who told the PLA that he would do everything in his power to support abstinence education. The program was rounded out with a PLA speech by Sebastian Doroski.

Tallahassee

After an exciting and relaxing trip to Universal Studio's *Islands of Adventure* Theme Park, the PLA '99 Tour descended on Florida's State Capitol Building for our final rally in Florida. Inspiring the crowd and bringing the message of abstinence before marriage and fidelity within marriage were PLA speakers John Prevost from California and Miae Schanker from Washington DC.

Mobile

Upon arrival in Mobile, Alabama, the tour was greeted with a welcome dinner attended by Alabama Senator and Mrs. George Callahan, the Mobile County commissioner, and Mr. Robert Battles of the Coalition for a Drug-Free Mobile. Though the tour ended in Mobile, the excitement continued with a trip to an alligator farm, rides on high-powered air boats, and a dinner at an historical Southern home. Major service projects were also done in Mobile and Pritchard at local middle and high schools, and at the Mobile County Black History Museum. The main rally took place on Friday, July 23 in downtown Mobile. The march began on Government Street and quickly the sleepy downtown of Mobile was flooded with

bright young PLA participants chanting and yelling for purity. Addressing the crowd at the rally were Minister Jamed Muhammad from the Nation of Islam and State Representative Phil Crigler. Speaking on behalf of the PLA was tour veteran Hank Chin and tour newcomer Jennifer Barry. ❖



Mother In Mexico

by Farley Jones—Albany, NY

The publication of this report was delayed by a production error.

Mother's visit to Mexico was a tremendous success. In the weeks prior to her arrival, a significant contingent of sisters from Japan came to Mexico to begin working with the Mexican members under the Korean National Messiahs, Rev. and Mrs. Chung Kwan Yoo, to prepare for Mother's speech. Well, it was a winning combination! The large main hall where Mother spoke was filled to overflowing and a large number of guests had to be seated in the overflow room. The official count of attendees for the program was 2200.

Equally important with the numbers was the very nice feelings which developed during the evening. At one point, about the time Mother was cutting the celebration cake, the audience spontaneously broke into a Mexican song of celebration, in effect serenading Mother. It was very warm.

There was also a nice response from the VIP community with approximately 13 embassies

represented as well as a large number of other VIPs, from mayors to organizational presidents to community leaders.

The VIP representation was augmented significantly by the fact that only several weeks before Mother's visit, *Tiempos del Mundo* had begun publishing in Mexico and a number of guests came under *Tiempos'* auspices. Also, *Tiempos'* offices were made available for the campaign (my wife Betsy made ample use of the phones). In contrast to what I understand to have been the situation in some other countries, the Mexican editor of *Tiempos* was eager to cover Mother's visit in the newspaper, and indeed ample coverage was given. Kudos to Bret Moss, manager of *Tiempos* in Mexico, as well as to his wife and assistant Annette.

Mother left early the next morning, shaking the hands of some members at the airport. It was a very loving touch. ❖



Photo Captions

1. The Japanese Sister's Chorus.
2. Mother receiving an award from the Editor and his wife of *Tiempos del Mundo*, Mexico.
3. Mother with the President of Women Leaders in Mexico.
4. Receiving an award from the National Association of Educators.
5. Farley and Betsey Jones singing "There Will Never be Another You."
6. The Manager and his wife of *Tiempos del Mundo*.

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IRFF project 'Culture of Peace' held Slovakia

by Massimo Trombin
and Magda Balentova

'Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defense of peace must be constructed." This principle, found in the preamble of the UNESCO constitution, was the motto of the first day of the IRFF international volunteers camp. The theme of the camp was "The Culture of Peace" and it was organized in Slovakia from 16th to 25th July 1999.

26 volunteers representing 12 different countries and three continents gathered in the historical village of "Sahy" situated on the Slovak - Hungarian border. One of the purposes of their gathering was to join local professionals in the archaeological research of a medieval monastery located in Sahy.

This was also a pilot project for IRFF, an event with emphasis on the Friendship characteristics of IRFF. The cultural element of the program and the project "Culture of Peace" fulfilled the goal of more emphasis of cross-cultural friendship. The IRFF staff, together with the participants, can be called a laboratory for an experiment in friendships across cultural boundaries, and from the outcome we can safely say that it was a success.

The days of the camp where divided into several sections. The first two days focused on orientation and education, after which followed 5 days of work, and the last day was reserved for reflection and the closing ceremony. On Friday evening at the opening ceremony, welcoming remarks and a presentation on the topics of the history of the Sahy area and UNESCO works in Slovakia was given by Ms Dvorakova. She is the Vice-director of the Slovak National Institute of Monuments Preservation and a member of the UNESCO National Commission in Slovakia.

The first two days we held the "IRFF Orientation Program" educational part of the camp with lectures, presentations, teamwork and discussions. During the two-day orientation the focus was to create unity and harmony among the participants. The themes World Peace, Conflict Resolution, IRFF World-view, and How to Do a Project created a high level of interest and involvement from the participants. The final reflections by the volunteers confirmed this accomplishment.

Mr. Massimo Trombin, European IRFF coordinator and the President of IRFF Luxembourg, led these topics with the participation of Magda Balentova, Director of IRFF Slovakia. In particular, she gave a report about the "World Congress of UNESCO Clubs" held in Jekaterinburg, Russia, which she attended from 9th to 13th June, as one of the representatives of Slovakia. In her presentation she introduced the vision of UNESCO

and the UN concerning the "Culture of Peace" and the Manifesto 2000 Lunch by the UNESCO.

As part of the orientation we also had an introduction of the site we would be working at and explanations about the purpose of archaeological research, given by Mr. Tibor Palinkas, archaeologist and local museum director. A lecture on "Human Rights and Religious Freedom" was given by Mr. Peter Zoehrer, journalist and Human Rights activist, and Director of the Interna-



first and second day of the orientation program. IRFF Europe will publish a booklet about this two-day orientation.

From Monday to Friday we worked at the site. The volunteers were divided into 5 different teams, each with a team leader and assistant. Each team, through a ballot, received their name and became the representative of one continent. For a total of 6 hours a day we worked on archaeological research (with breaks for small refreshments and lunch), and every evening a different program was organized.

The work was hard but very exciting. On the first day of digging we discovered graveyards and the remains of some buried people. For the first time in an archaeological camp in this location, we found some precious remains. Massimo Trombin himself discovered a bronze lady cover-head from medieval times and a pearl and was proclaimed "Indiana Jones of the day". This really inspired us to discover more. During the week of

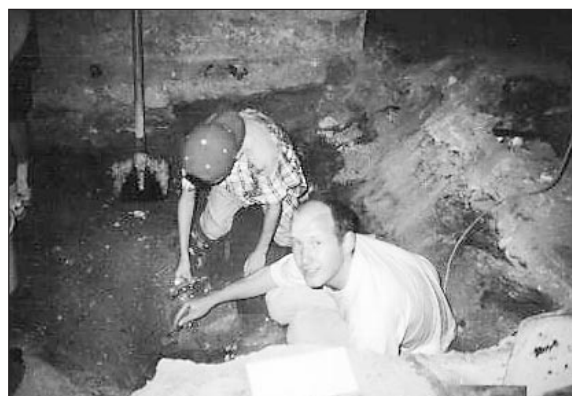
The evening program was highly varied. A lecture on Family and Ethics was given, as well as a presentation of the "Ipel Union" by executive director Mr. Wollent. The union is a local NGO that is a member of IUCN, working in the region between Slovakia and Hungary on issues of environment and peace. A presentation by the "National AIKIDO Association" representatives followed by an interesting discussion on the topic of "Martial Arts and World Peace" was organized in the public gymnasium in Sahy, and more than 90 people participated. A successful evening, with Medieval Music, was held in a local church, presented by a professional medieval musical group, the "Musa Ludens" from Slovakia. Through this they also became co-sponsors of the project, together with the Aikido group, because they donated those performances freely to the IRFF participants and the people of Sahy.

The last day, after the Motto of the day, which was coordinated by Alain Roulet (director of IRFF France) all

week, and breakfast, the participants had time for reflections and for presenting their suggestions and comments about the project. This is always very precious information for the organizers, because this kind of feedback really helps to improve the standard and result of future projects. The rest of the day was spent on a trip to "Banks Stiavnica", one of the official UNESCO towns of Slovakia. There the visit to the local ancient mine moved the hearts of the participants when they thought of the suffering and hardship of the people that worked there in the past under incredible difficulties. The day ended with a Cultural Evening where each team, and some talented participants, performed for the enjoyment of all the other volunteers. At the conclusion of the Cultural Evening, IRFF Diplomas were distributed to each one of the participants. And to close officially,

the whole group stood in a circle and, with strains in their voices, thanked each other for the wonderful and enriching experience that they had gone through together in this project. A farewell party was then held for all of them.

One of the most interesting aspects of the project was that the age of the participants ranged from 11 to 65, so the interaction amongst them created a very unique atmosphere and much excitement. The theme of the Culture of Peace was commented freely by the participant in a white big cloth posted on the wall and the desire to see a peaceful world become reality was expressed clearly in a spontaneous written comment: "It is now time for peace to come." This was the desire and will expressed by all of the IRFF volunteers who participated in the project and we hope that this program will help and contribute to the fulfillment of man's dream: A World of Peace. ♦



tional Coalition for Religious Freedom in Austria. Together with a presentation given by Judge Paul Frank, Vice-president of IRFF Luxembourg and ICRF Europe coordinator, on the topic "Law and Conscience", this closed the

work we found several more skeletons of men, women and children.

The Oceania team discovered a medieval arched door frame carved in Gothic style and they became the "Indiana Jones of the day". Also the African team found the medieval foundation of a monastery and this help the archaeologist to better understand the original structure of the building. Catalina and Jacqueline found the most important discovery, 10 minutes before the closing of the site, on Friday. It was a coin that will allow the precise age of the site to be estimated.

Kosova Rally: Day of Conscience and Concern

by Ina Gonneally and Gale Alves—
Newburgh, NY

Usually we are not into governmental activism, but these ongoing atrocities against Albanian families were something else. I had just had a baby of my own, and the pictures of crying children and desperate women were weighing heavily down on me. My background is German. To be reminded of history repeating itself was therefore another factor in my sudden idea to organize a rally, together with my spirited and always reliable ally Gale ("No rally without an ally....") Our main point was not NATO, ground-troops and collateral damage. We were simply outrage that war criminals like Milosevic could still exist in our day and age and go free while trying to "ethnically cleanse" a whole people (commit genocide).

"This time, let's protest at a cemetery," I suggested. A cemetery is good because it represents people who have passed away. So we had to find a church with a nice graveyard. Fortunately, the pastor of a beautiful historic church was willing to host the event. Other clergy were supportive as well, and at one ministerial gathering, together they wrote up a statement of protest against the Kosova holocaust. As usual, we contacted radio, television and the local newspaper. Our press release announced that, in addition to speeches given at the rally, a Native American minister would conduct a healing service.

We also invited local Albanians. To hear testimonies of refugees who had just arrived from Kosova added more gravity to our already firm conviction that we were doing the right thing.

The "Day of Conscience and Concern" arrived quickly, for we hadn't had more than three weeks' time for preparation. Our banner didn't have the traditional peace dove. Instead, it



showed a wounded dove with an arrow pierced through its chest. Surrounded by tumbled gravestones, our Catholic, Protestant, Muslim and Native American friends lined up. One rabbi who couldn't attend because it was Saturday submitted a written statement instead, which we read aloud for him. As all the different voices spoke out, Gale and I realized that our role in this event had been to encourage from behind rather than take the lead.

The healing service was very moving. The Albanian families were asked to stand in the middle of a circle formed by ministers and other guests. A bowl of sunflower seeds was passed around. The slow beating of a drum filled the

air, together with a Taino song. Then Manatee, the Native American minister, prayed for the spiritual healing and resurrection of all those killed and wounded in Kosova and other places of war. She asked angels and ancestors to help, guide and send energy to every soul suffering.

Channel 2 and The Midhudson Times had already left, but we were all still talking. Even though our gathering had started in such a heavy-hearted way, we felt uplifted after Man-

atee's prayer.

It had again been made clear to our minds that our mission as Unificationists is to bring together, to harmonize and to let God speak and express Himself in many ways rather than doing all the talk and going all the walk on our own. ❖



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National Parents' Day in S. California

by Sarah (Isabelle)
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THE 1999 National Parents' Day of the Inland Empire was the recipient of an Appreciation Award from Governor Gray Davis of California for distinguished service to the community. Ontario, California hosted the Inland Empire observance of the Third Annual Parents' Day (including Student of the Year and Teacher of the Year awards). Guests at the events on Aug. 2 were welcomed by Debbie Acker, the emcee, and a salute to the flag and unison recital of the national anthem followed.

Mayor Paul Eaton, the NPDF's honorary chairman, said in his opening remarks: "The recent school tragedies in Colorado and Georgia remind us that healthy families start at home. Only through the involvement of parents in the growth and development of their children can we hope to raise successive generations of American youth committed to the basic principles which shape a free and safe society. National Parents' Day encourages and recognizes the invaluable contribution of responsible parents."

Assemblywoman Nell Soto, while presenting a certificate, remarked: "The relationship of parents to children is the most important of all relationships. The interest a parent shows in the activities of the child will make or break how the child does academically and socially. This has a direct connection with the way the children progress into adulthood and the way they, in turn, raise their children.

Mayor Edward Cortez awarded the Outstanding Parents of the Year award

to Rev. and Mrs. Gunderson from the city of Pomona; Mr. and Mrs. Saliz from the city of Montclair were recognized by Mayor Paul M. Eaton, as well. By honoring the parents we are showing a good example not only to our children but to other parents as well.

Isabelle Davati said in her closing remarks: "The purpose of this day is to reinforce and uplift the important role of parents in raising healthy and functional children. Children are in trouble because their families are in crisis. As the World War II generation ages and dies away, so dies a set a rarely articulated but strongly held values which made America a highly desirable society in which to live. All over the world people still look up to America and avidly imitate its culture of freedom and democracy. On the other hand, any illness in American culture spreads rapidly to all the nations of the world. The West's social and moral decline should concern people everywhere, especially parents.

Healthy families are the foundation for healthy, well-adjusted communities because the values which promote peace in the world communities are a direct extension of the values which promote peace within individual families. God-centered families and the pursuit of world peace are not two separate goals. Without families which embody the love and ideals of our Creator, reconciliation and peace among divided classes, creeds and colors will remain an unattainable dream. (See

True Father's speeches and *True Family Values*.) Children need their parents to set the norms based on the ideals of their faith, by which to educate their consciences. Children's consciences must be trained so that as adults they can make right decisions. We believe the key to building a more perfect society (regardless of material advancement) ultimately lies in elevating the spiritual and moral lifestyle of its citizens.

There were five categories of winners: Outstanding Parents of the Year, Students, Teachers, Grandparents and Parent Professionals (non-profit institutions as caregivers to the community). The ceremony was ended by a Holy Wine and Blessing Ceremony as the grand finale! Everyone (including public officials—assemblymen and mayors) in the audience recited the Pure Love Pledge in unison and drank the Holy Wine to receive the blessing of God and True Parents for their marriage, family, children and the nation. This event was a big victory for God, won through the sacrifices of volunteer donors. Our gratitude goes to all the volunteer parents who gave of themselves, their time and their resources sacrificially to make this national celebration a memorable one! ❖



From left standing: Pastor Gundeson of 1st Baptist Church of Pomona, Sacramento Representative Honorable Dan; Mayor Eaton of City of Monclair, Mayor Cortez of Pomona, Baha'i Faith President, Pastor King of Isiah's Rock, Assemblywoman Nell Soto. Left front: Mr. Richard Hall of Crossroad Church, Isabelle Sarah Davati (NPDF Representative), Pastor Gundeson's wife, Era Thompson, Toshiko, Baha'i Faith Upland Representative.

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Religious Freedom Victory

by Dan Fefferman—DC

I'm happy to report a recent victory that occurred because of the joint efforts of our Japanese and American members. The US State Department has taken official notice of the fact that the Japanese government does little or nothing to protect the rights of its adult citizens who are illegally held prisoner for purposes of forcing them to abandon their chosen religion. The report can be seen at:

http://www.state.gov/www/global/human_rights/irf/irf_rpt/index.html

Although the report could have been worded more strongly, we feel this is

an important first step toward influencing Japan to take action that would make deprogramming a punishable crime in Japan, where between 200-300 Unificationists per year suffer from religiously-motivated kidnapping and imprisonment. As one of our Japanese members involved in this struggle, Mr. Norishige Kondo, said: "Soon most of the Japanese members will know the fact and will become happy. I can estimate that the report is great because the nation of religious freedom pointed out the Japanese hidden crime."

I would also like to alert all national leaders to the fact that the US is interested in promoting religious freedom through this report. If your mem-

bers are experiencing problems in exercising your right to religious liberty, you can report the problem to the US Embassy, and they should forward the report to the State Department for possible inclusion in the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom.

Our International Coalition for Religious Freedom can also help in this regard, by following up with the State Department to make sure your complaint is properly processed. We cannot initiate claims from the US, however. We hope that future annual reports will cover the situation in many more countries where the rights of our members and our True Parents are being infringed. We have been assured by

the highest officials that they will take our complaints seriously. In the case of Japan, the State Department directly intervened on our behalf when our members had trouble getting an appointment with an Embassy official in Tokyo.

If you are considering filing a complaint, I would appreciate your letting me know, and sharing a copy of the complaint with our office. We can also help you to identify the appropriate person to contact if you have trouble gaining access.

Dan Fefferman is director of the International Coalition for Religious Freedom ❖

A Blessing Testimony

by Bill Selig—DC

When our family had the special grace to spend 40 days in Jardim earlier this summer, our infrequent thoughts of life in the United States usually centered on how the upcoming Blessing would be accomplished. We prayed that we would have the spiritual gump-tion to participate without hesitation.

Upon our return, we learned the general plan for the blessing of 400 million couples: (1) giving the Pure Love Pledge cards to 30,000, (2) abstinence education, rallies, and outreach to churches and groups, and (3) the matching of couples to attend the next Blessing.

It took about 2 weeks once we returned to get into the swing of things and begin step one. We went anywhere we could find a lot of people together, beginning with a long night at Camden Yards in Baltimore, and then tried RFK Stadium, a 4-H fair, three county fairs, an ethnic celebration, and the beach. Averaging two hours a day for 11 days, we distributed 30,000 cards and candies. Letting our conscience be our guide, as Rev. In Hoi Lee recommended, we decided to do an extra couple of thousand to cover dupes. So we went to the beach, met about 2,000 more people, and celebrated in the surf.

We got a lot of good feedback from people who stood there and read the pledge or just responded to the name itself. Some even came back to us and asked for more copies. In busy settings, we sometimes got dizzy walking in circles trying to catch people coming and going.

Practically speaking, the cost of the candy is about \$230; with the printing, baggies, parking and entry fees, gas, etc., it adds up to about \$400. We prepared about one-third of the candy in sandwich bags with five pieces and

a copy of the Pledge, stapled neatly shut. This is very handy for family groups. It takes more time to prepare ahead of time, but makes it easier to reach more people in a shorter period when you're actually out there.

Donna made two candy cases out of clear plastic sweater boxes (\$4 each). She used shoestrings to attach duffel bag straps to the sides (you need a box with some kind of holes in the sides) and taped signs to the front that said "Free Candy. Take the Pure Love Pledge." We strapped these around our waists and became mobile blessing distributors. Both our hands were free to hand out the single candies, cards, and bagged candies. We also wore our white blessing tee-shirts with the Family Federation logo. We approached people and said, "Pure Love Pledge" or "free candy" or "here's something for you" or "a free gift for your family" or just "here," and put it in their hand. Don't ask them, just give it to them.

Father says to give the blessing unconditionally so it's not the time to argue or discuss; just be a channel for heaven's love.

If people asked why I was doing it, I explained that I have an 11-year-old daughter and I want her to grow up with pure love. No one can argue with this, and when I point out my wife and daughter are here with me doing this they are greatly impressed and grateful.

A big bonus to doing this providential activity has been seeing our daughter, Hannah do it. It's not easy for her to approach a stranger but she unites very well. She has already the kind of experiences we had 25 years ago, such as meeting good people who praise the activity, as well as the blasÉ and the negative. At the beach she met an "only through Jesus" lady who talked on and

on, then read the Pledge and agreed it must be from the Lord. Sadly, she also met a young woman who read the Pledge and then said "oops, too late for me." She's learning about people's characters. The other night she said if one person refuses the candy, then others around will mimic them. That was a good observation about human nature.

It really amazes me how the Blessed children understand the value of the blessing, sometimes better than us. Recently, we helped bring two vanloads of girls (about 11 to 14 years old) for a day at the beach.

We blessed for about three hours then spent the rest of the time in the sun and surf. The girls were all serious and very intent. It's like a PLA activity. They felt they were genuinely giving something back to the community. Another time, one of the teens refused to stop until her basket was empty. We all waited and finally she put up her hands in triumph. What a great

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feeling!

We did experience some kickouts. One county fair was great; we went many times without a whisper of negativity. But at two other fairs we were quickly kicked out for "soliciting without a permit." This is another good reason to unite with the campaign quickly and not procrastinate, to do it before Satan's world figures out a way to interfere.

People's reactions were mixed, although most were very positive. More people were negative to the idea of eating candy than to the Pledge. At Camden Yards, a young couple approached me and said, "We're getting married next month and we're both virgins. I thought you'd like to know that." That's not the sort of thing a person tells a stranger, but spirit world is hungry to find righteous people. It's like they were

drawn to a channel to say, "Heavenly Father, we haven't abandoned you."

A few people read the Pledge and gave it back. Several people have called us and want to learn more about pure love. We've met people who remembered us from other events. I've even given it to people who "looked" gay and even they praised our efforts to help young people. If that it isn't an endorsement, I don't know what is.

At first it was difficult to get started and we all had butterflies in our stomachs, but we always prepared the product well, prayed, set a time goal, and went out with a good spirit. Sometimes our concepts were challenged. For example, we'd been told to stick to the boardwalks at the beach and not go down onto the beach itself because it's hard to walk in the sand, people see you coming, they're sleeping, etc. So Donna and I stayed on the boardwalk until we seemed to run out of people. Then we looked unwillingly at the sand that looked so hot but where there were so many more people. We had to try it, and - guess what? - it was even better! The acceptance rate was far higher than anywhere else.

In a sense, blessing is like fundraising. We have to live our faith and believe God is with us. On the last day, my sign kept blowing away. I was locked into a concept that people wouldn't take candy from a stranger. (Is there a maxim more pounded into our heads than, "don't take candy from a stranger?") Anyway, I kept going without the sign and found it really didn't matter. People responded whether they saw the sign for free candy or not. After all, I told myself, "I'm not promoting candy, I'm giving the blessing." Also, it's important not to have concepts about who you think will receive the Pledge and candy. Once you start choosing to give them to the people you think are "easy" and passing by the ones you think will reject, then Satan wins. The blessing is for everyone.

Thank you, True Parents, for allowing my family to participate in this heavenly activity.

Bill and Donna Selig were blessed at MSG in 1982. They live in Rockville, Maryland, with their almost 12-year-old daughter, Hannah. ❖

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The Meaning of 9.9 Jeol and 3.10 Jeol

by Rev. Sun Jo Hwang

At an early morning meeting held at headquarters church in Seoul, Korea on September 12, Rev. Sun Jo Hwang, President, FFWPUI, gave a speech summarizing and clarifying the contents of True Parents' declarations on September 9 and 10, 1999. The following is a summary of President Hwang's speech.

T rue Parents arrived at Seoul Kimpo Airport at 6:00 A.M. on September 9, 1999 and offered a special benediction for The Liberation Ceremony of Cosmic Unification at 9:09:09 A.M. True Father spoke until 2:00 P.M. and hosted a leaders meeting after returning to Hannam-dong.

The next day True Father held a meeting from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Yesterday (September 11), True Parents made a visit to Chung Pyung and the Won Jeon. After concluding the leaders meeting at 2:00 A.M., True Parents visited Sun Moon University. Tomorrow True Parents will be departing.

The new dormitory has been completed and to hold an opening ceremony, this day was the only day to hold it with the attendance of True Parents.

True Father named the holy day of September 9 as 9.9 Jeol and September 10 as 3.10 Jeol.

The naming of The Liberation day of Cosmic Unification came from the fact that True Father chose to declare the Liberation Ceremony of the Unification of the Parents of Heaven and Earth at 9:09:09 A.M. on September 9, 1999, True Father's age is 79, which means the number 9 is repeated nine times. The number 9 is Satan's number and therefore Father chose this day to make the declaration. At the same time, if you add 1 to 9 it makes 10, and therefore True Father established this time and day of 10:10 on September 10 in which the number 10 is repeated three times as 3.10 Jeol.

When we see the achievements of True Parents, we find ourselves in habituation. We can not engraft deeply into its meaning. God's providence of restoration began when Adam and Eve fell. The record of what happened during that long history is the Bible. There is much content in the Bible. Most notably it is an historical record of the Old Testament and New Testament eras. It is not the history of the world or the history of religion, but a record of the events contributing to God's salvation of the world. Six thousand years of history is recorded in the Bible. The stories of the families of Adam and Noah are only briefly recorded. The complete course of life of Adam and Noah are not recorded. The same for Moses and Jesus. The Bible only tells us about the most significant providential events of salvation history.

So comparing the historic happenings of the Bible with True Parents' providential works, how important this event is! Each aspect of True Parents' life has meaning as a providential incident.

The current era is the fruition period in which True Parents' entire life will finally bear fruit. It is the fruition period for humankind, the fruition period of True Parents' life, the fruition period for the Unification Church, and the fruition period for our individual lives of faith.

During the 1990s, especially after 1993, many declarations have been made. Why? The reason is because now is the fruition period in which the providence

is bearing fruit.

Many incidents occurred after the Declaration day of the Realm of Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth. From this viewpoint, the meaning of the Liberation Ceremony of Cosmic Unification and 3.10 Jeol can be understood.

How precise are True Parents with everything? True Parents pay attention to detail even when dressing themselves. The newly appointed president of The Segye Times Byung Joon Song is 70 years old. Of course he is gray haired. True Father scolded him for not dyeing his hair. Father told him that since Mr. Song is now a public figure, he should have his hair dyed right away. Now he has appeared with his hair dyed.

The posture of True Parents at Pledge Service, Father's poise when he has his tie on, when True Father wears a tie, the end of his tie just comes down to the top of his belt. These are small things, but True Parents are always thorough. Such True Parents are creating providential incidents, so imagine how meticulous they would be.

Some years ago, I took 120 students from Seoul National University and students who were active for left wing movements to America, and all True Father talked about was the sexual organs. I was so disappointed and kept my eyes closed during his speech. The next day, Father said that there would be only one chance in Father's life to meet the left wing students, so what should he instill in them? They do not understand now, but they will in 10 or 20 years' time.

True Parents meet people from the viewpoint of eternity. When meeting leaders, they speak of principled things. Father said we must make declarations even though people do not believe us. Tell them even though they will not follow us. True Parents have this kind of philosophy. Since True Parents live with the values of eternity, the providence that they are guiding will surely not be simple.

When True Parents visited Cheju Island, they went to the botanical garden and saw some water lilies. True Parents said "Look at these water lilies. The reason the water lilies blossom in such filthy water is because although it cannot be seen, they have a deep root." Father said that we should live our life of faith like the water lilies.

True Parents' life never leaves the Principle.

The fact True Parents proclaimed and declared the 9.9 Jeol and 3.10 Jeol before heaven, the spiritual world and the physical world is not a random matter but is from an eternal viewpoint. The fact that True Parents established a commemoration day for two days — and three days in total including yesterday — is the first and last. Therefore it was a significant providential event.

A Christian holy food ceremony has been kept for 2,000 years. The origin of it was one week before the crucifixion of Jesus. He had a last supper with disciples in a beggar's house. What would have been on the table? Jesus' heart was serene. He had bread and wine around him. Jesus said, share this bread and wine whenever you gather, thinking that it is my own flesh and blood. That small action remained as the most important tradition in 2,000 years of Christianity.

You cannot imagine how amazing each of these declarations and commemoration days decided by True Parents will be as history unfolds. When you go to the spirit world you will have a chance to testify. You can say "I was there in that room when the 9.9 Jeol and 3.10 Jeol were declared." That will be an eternal story to testify.

In summarizing the meaning of this event, we can understand it correctly only when we understand the events that occurred before and will happen after, and the background to these.

The 7.8 Jeol (Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing) and 9.9 Jeol are the two great pillars of the providence.

The 7.8 Jeol was established at 7 seconds and 7 minutes past 7:00 A.M. on July 7, 1997. All providential events such as conferences and blessings are events of the restoration providence, events to restore the right of the Elder Son, right of Parents and the right of King. In contrast with events of restoration before the 7.8 Jeol, events after the 7.8 Jeol can be distinguished as events of creation in order to create the original world following the conclusion of restoration. After 7.8 Jeol they are events re-creating the original world under God's sovereignty.

For example, we offered donations before and after 7.8 Jeol. It is the same donation, but the donations we offered before 7.8 Jeol was not all received by God. Some were taken by God and some were taken by Satan. An offering was possible only through such dividing. But after 7.8 Jeol, the total living offering is something that Satan can not take away. The events after 7.8 Jeol are the incidents that would be completed. They show the sovereignty of True Parents. True Parents cannot liberate the spirit world and hell according to their free will. They must fight Satan. They must be True Parents who cannot be slandered by Satan. Therefore, True Parents life has been a severe fight. After 7.8 Jeol, God can bless Satan who became the origin

of the fall, without any condition. After the declaration of 9.9 Jeol, True Parents gave blessing as an age totally without indemnity condition.

Until now conditions were necessary to receive the blessing. In the past there was 7-day fasting, witnessing to 3 spiritual children and a 3-year course of public mission. But now the official indemnity course before and after the blessing is gone. Providential change is so great. Through the declaration of 9.9 Jeol, it is now possible to start family life straight away if you merely complete a 40-day separation period. It is an amazing change in the providence.

It is the Liberation Ceremony of Cosmic Unification. Centering on heaven, mind and body, husband and wife, neighbors, humankind and all things, it is a ceremony of liberation of all these from Satan. The completion of this providence will be accomplished in February next year with the liberation of all things through the blessing. All the difficulties and problems of Adam and Eve will be liberated.

At the last blessing ceremony, people who had committed sin participated. Until now it is a conditional liberation but complete liberation will be achieved on February 10 next year. The dividing point of complete liberation is 7.8 Jeol, the Proclamation of the Celebration of Cosmic Victory, and this Liberation Ceremony of Cosmic Unification. There will also be a complete liberation ceremony on February 10 next year.

True Parents emphasized one special donation on this occasion. It is great burden to us. But the path of life we are walking is one that will exist only once in history. When we see it from our viewpoint we are walking this path representing my own ancestors and descendants. We are walking this path representing all humankind.

Therefore the donation is not to restrain us, but to liberate us, an offering for God to claim it as His. ❖

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World CARP Special Task Force Program

The World CARP Special Task Force (STF) has become a proud tradition of the Unification Movement. Through the STF, the Second Generation makes a precious collective offering each year to our True Parents. By following the example of True Parents' tradition of public service, the STF is continuously creating a heavenly history.

The following is a brief introduction to the STF program.

Goals for participants of STF:

1) Inherit the foundation of parents and the tradition of True Parents 2) Prepare for a life of public service through "front-line" experience 3) Establish a strong foundation for a successful Blessing

History! "STF" stands for Special Task Force. The first STF program was begun in 1994 by Jin Hun Nim and was quickly endorsed by True Parents. STF combines the activities of fundraising, witnessing, Divine Principle study and teaching, campus programs, Pure Love Alliance educational programs and rallies, outings and True Parents' speech tour preparation responsibilities. It was designed for young CARP members and invited Second Generation participation.

From 1994 to 1999 the number of Second Generation participants has doubled every year. In the 1998/99 year, over 40 Second Generation participated in the STF program. STF members have taken major roles in the devel-

opment of the Pure Love Alliance in the past 4 years including the launching of the 1997, 1998 and 1999 PLA tours and the breakthrough in public school purity education in Chicago and other places.

Scheduling! The program of the STF is designed to engage in activities that not only train participants for their own growth, but also support True Parents and the Providence directly. As the Providence is constantly changing and developing, the schedule needs to remain flexible in order to respond properly to its needs.

Developing the ability to re-focus and re-determine according to a providential need is training in itself. Therefore, each year of the STF offers exciting new possibilities for the participants. Certainly, the schedule for the providential year of 2000 will be different from all past years for the STF.

Time Period! The STF programs last for one or two years, but not longer than two years. Participants usually join the STF right after high school or after their first year of college. After a year of chal-

The Pure Love Pledge

The pure relationship of love between a man and a woman is a sacred gift from God, to be cherished and honored for the sake of building a true family, healthy society and a world of peace for future generations. Once that love is consummated, it is not to be broken.

Therefore I commit myself:

- To refrain from all sexual relationships before marriage;
- To respect and honor the ideal of purity in myself and others;
- To learn how to practice pure love as a child, friend, spouse and parent;
- To dedicate myself to absolute fidelity within marriage;
- To encourage others to do the same.

Teach basic Divine Principle lectures about the purpose of life and goal setting 7) Prepare for their first mission

Fundraising: STF members usually start the program with a 21 or 40 day fundraising condition right after the kick off workshop. Although many STF participants had not had any prior experience with fundraising, almost all members testified later that through fundraising they experienced the most potent and meaningful education in developing themselves and building a genuine relationship with God. As True Father taught, fundraising is the foundation for all other restoration activities.

Education:

Divine Principle, Father's words and Hoon Dok Hae are a daily part of the fundraising and overall STF experience.

Throughout the year, members will be challenged to speak publicly and teach the Divine Principle.

Internal guidance through morning service, workshop lectures and relationships with STF staff will spiritually support members in striving for their personal and public goals.

Adherence to public schedules and corresponding "public" attitudes are stressed both on fundraising teams and in STF centers.

Witnessing: In addition to doing traditional witnessing, Second Generation STF'ers also reach out to younger Second Generation children, sharing with them experiences of God, True Parents and Divine Principle. It is common for STF members to staff locally organized Second Generation workshops for high school or middle school students.

Campus or street witnessing is usually pursued by particularly desirous first year participants or second year participants.

God's Day workshop! Traditionally, a one-week ski workshop is held over True God's Day in Boulder, Colorado. This workshop has a strong emphasis on education as many of the STF members have a much deeper foundation to receive Divine Principle after their experiences with public work. There is usually an invitation to blessed children from around the nation for this workshop and separate education offered for them, taught by STF graduates.

Leadership! All participants are encouraged to become models for their younger brothers and sisters and literally guide them as loving elder brothers and sisters do.

It is one of the goals of the STF program

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STF and PLA

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks—NYC

I strongly support the STF program, for reasons obvious to us all. Our U-Youth need to meet God personally and the best place to do so is on the front-line of team witnessing, fundraising, prayer and study.

I think that STF should be referred to as Standard Task Force. This is because True Parents expect that all blessed children will participate in STF after finishing high school. I strongly encourage church leaders to talk with the parents in your church, and parents to talk with your children about True Parents' expectation in this area.

I have heard nothing but positive testimonies from the young people on STF. Thus far, all those who joined completed the program with flying colors. In addition, these young people have a good impact on our local church life. STF members are at the core of the PLA activism, which is having such success for God and America, and they bring in new members through witnessing and teaching. STF is the best foundation for our young people to receive and make the most of the matching and blessing.

We owe a debt of gratitude and appreciation to Jin Hun Nim for creating the STF. It was not created in Korea or Japan, where the first wave of U-Youth passed through: their late teens and twenties. A member of the True Family created it in America. But it is the hope for our church/federation throughout the world.

Time does not stand still. No reli-

gion, no culture, can rest on its laurels. This is true in particular for new groups attempting to entrench themselves in an established culture. The culture clash takes place in the minds of the offspring. Some groups withdraw into isolation. But even the Amish, the most withdrawn of groups, are now having serious alcohol and vandalism problems with their teenagers. We are not going into isolation. Therefore we need to equip our youth with a deep faith based upon religious experience. Our tradition will be renewed naturally in our offspring. It will take shape in their lives as they take True Parents' movement into the future.

Within two years the blessed families of our American church will have approximately 700 young men and women graduating from high school. It is essential that we expand and solidify STF throughout the nation now, before these young people hit the scene. This is of the highest priority for our church.

I ask that each region have your membership database include separate records for members of all ages. There will be increased need for the production of lists of young people as they move through high school. If you include the birth date of the young person, you can easily print out a list of all upcoming high school graduates.

Please encourage all Unification parents and youth to participate in STF.

To sign up for the STF or get more details, call Irina or Mo Sook at the World CARP office (212) 382-2402 ext 200 (fax 382-2005). ❖

lenges in building a personal relationship with God and learning what it means to live the Divine Principle, many STF members opt to continue for a second year.

The STF year usually runs from the beginning of September with a kick off workshop to the end of July or the conclusion of the annual Pure Love Alliance Tour.

For those continuing a second year and those who are preparing for a first year, there may be a transitional program during August. For example, fishing/witnessing programs are being held this year in the Gloucester / Boston area. It is strongly recommended that once STF members join the program, they continue uninterrupted until the end of the year.

Location! Los Angeles and Chicago have hosted the main STF programs over the last 5 years. However, we will remain flexible as to location especially with the development of Pure Love education and the possible need for young PLA educators in various parts of the country.

Activities! The purpose of every organized activity in the STF program is for members to meet God through practicing Divine Principle. Many blessed children have testified to having deep experiences with God through their front-line experiences where they can put the Divine Principle they have been taught into practice. All STF activities are meant to challenge their ability to consistently practice spiritual principles as the method to personally meet the living God.

Workshop: The STF year usually begins with a 3 or 4 day workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to:

- 1) Clarify the purpose of the STF 2) Clarify participants' purpose and goal for joining the program 3) Clarify the rules of the program 4) Allow participants time to build relationships with one another 5) Allow participants time to build relationships with the staff 6)

Pure Love Campaign in Los Angeles

by Paula L. Fujiwara—Los Angeles, CA

On the weekend of July 24-25 three Los Angeles sisters distributed holy candies at the U.S.-Philippines Trade and Culture Expo at the L.A. Convention Center. Our Filipino sister, Heidi Iseda teamed up with Emma Reed and Paula Fujiwara to spend the weekend at this fair. Heidi arranged baby-sitting for her three, Emma's three kids were out of town with their father and Paula brought her 8 year old son on Saturday while her husband was at work. This was our first experience trying an expo like this.

Parking was expensive so we brought two vehicles instead of three. We came before the doors opened to the public.

We had to unload our huge supply of candy so we drove to the unloading area. We went in the back door and left one person with the candy while we parked our vehicles.

Once inside we filled small plastic bowls with candy and business card size Pure Love Pledge papers which included a mission statement and address, phone of our Pasadena regional HQ plus the PLA website and info on our Friday night cultural program. We then visited the booths and asked if we could leave a bowl. The reception from the booths was very positive, perhaps because most Filipinos are very religious Catholics who share our values. Emma volunteered to go around and replenish the bowls while Heidi and I stood near the two turnstiles at

the entrance and gave candy to the families as they entered the expo. Other business booths were giving out fliers at the entrance so we fit right in. To prevent a sore back or feet, we alternated roving and standing at the entrance. Still, many hours of this was very tiring. There were performances of celebrities in the evening so more people came at that time.

I should mention that one of the booths offered to let us store our large candy supply and keep an eye on it. Also, there were several ethnic newspapers there which are interested in doing a story about PLA. Heidi is Tribal Messiah in Rosemead, California. Every year for some time now she has entered PLA in the Rosemead 4th of July parade. This year we participat-

ed with two decorated cars and dozens of CARP/STF/2nd generation members carrying placards along with some blessed families. We were not allowed to give out candy or literature in the parade but Heidi took photos and videotaped. She brought the photo album to the Expo to show to the newspapers.

As far as figuring out our result, we need to consult with our regional leader. We are just setting up the reporting system. Of course, many adults took candy so we need to take off some percentage from our candy count which hasn't been determined yet. We decided to divide our result evenly since we worked as a team. A rough estimate of how much candy we gave out was 21,000 pieces. ❖



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Remaining Pure in a Decadent Society

104 seconds a black teenage girl becomes pregnant; every 20 hours a black child or young adult under age 25 dies from causes related to HIV."

According to a new survey of 400 teens aged 15 to 17 conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation and MTV, 42% of teens claimed to be sexually active; and of those who are sexually active, 43% acknowledged they failed to use a contraceptive every time they engaged in sex; moreover, 70% said it is more embarrassing to discuss sexually transmitted diseases with a partner than to engage in sex.

Clearly, in contemporary society, the most vicious assaults on the intrinsic moral worth and dignity of human beings are a result of our popular sexual attitudes and practices. For too many, sex is simply a plaything or a tool to enhance one's popularity or alleviate one's doubts about one's masculinity or femininity. For them, sex—instead of being the communion of life and love within the sacrament of mar-

riage—is simply a tool of masturbatory and voyeuristic gratification.

Premarital sex is considered the norm, and there are immense pressures to engage in sex before marriage, to procure abortions and to live together without being married; these pressures emanate from the media, popular literature and films, the deleterious influence of the peer group and the pernicious moral climate permeating society.

In sharp contrast to society's negative sexual attitudes and practices are the messages contained in teen singer Monica Arnold's two most recent music videos. For example, Miss Arnold's charming and gracefully-done new music video, *Angel of Mine* (Arista Records), deals with the yearning for true love, and it touches and attracts the heart and soul. Sung by Miss Arnold in a charming and gentle manner which reminds one of a mother singing a lullaby to her baby, *Angel of Mine* tells us that true love is spiritual and beautiful, and not just physical. And that is why Miss Arnold describes the object of her love as an "angel".

Monica Arnold's beautifully-done music video, *The First Night* (Arista Records), communicates a similar message. Expressed in secular, non-religious terms, *The First Night* conveys

the message that true love is and must be based on respect: self-respect, respect for others, mutual respect. We cannot truly love others unless we respect their God-given, intrinsic moral worth and dignity.

Such noble sentiments are echoed in the Cincinnati, Ohio-based Couple to Couple League's statement on chastity. According to the Couple to Couple League, "There will be no return to civilization as long as we permit legalized abortion; there will be no stopping abortion without a rebirth of chastity; there will be no breaking the cycle of poverty without a rebirth of chastity; there will be no widespread return to non-marital chastity without a rebirth of marital chastity."

Clearly, we must continue to affirm and uphold—in word and deed—the sacredness of sex, marriage, family and human life, and recognize that we possess the God-given ability to preserve purity of heart, mind and soul. ❖

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gram to have the participants leading all the programs and activities by the close of the year. In the event that members would stay for a second year, they would initiate and create the following year's programs themselves.

Pure Love Alliance! STF members participate in almost all PLA activities. STF members manned, coordinated and led a great part of the 1999 PLA "Pure Love" National Tour. STF members will teach the Pure Love abstinence education curriculum in Chicago and other cities' schools this fall. STF members participated in the writing of the curriculum itself.

The conclusion of the STF year traditionally culminates in the PLA national or international tour.

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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

by Linna Rapkins

Teacher Moon announced to all the members of the Chongpadong Unification Church: "The Blessing will take place on March 16".

The women exchanged quick glances full of inner meaning. They already knew there would be a wedding sometime, but Sonseng-nim and Hak Ja Han had just become engaged on March 1st, and they had not expected it to happen so soon. That meant there was hardly any time left to prepare all the wedding garments, the food, the cleaning and decorating, and everything else!

"And furthermore," he continued, "there will be both a traditional Korean ceremony and a Western-style ceremony."

This was surprising news, for they had never heard of such a thing in Korea. Immediately, the women began translating this news into tasks to be done.

"This means two sets of clothing will have to be hand sewn in two weeks," they were thinking. "Where is the best place to buy the fabric? Who should do the buying, and who should do the sewing?" The wheels were whirring in their heads.

As soon as Teacher left the room, meetings were held to decide what had to be prepared and who would be assigned to each task. Soon they were hurrying in groups to the East Gate Market and South Gate Market for fabric, to the local Shi Jang (market) for food, and so on. Although they didn't have much money or time, they knew it should be beautifully done. And, most of all, it must be prepared very lovingly and prayerfully.

There were frequent prayers for guidance every day as they prepared each item. Even though some of the young women still had not overcome their disappointment in not being chosen as Sonseng-nim's bride, they worked from morning to night—and often even through the night—to help prepare for his wedding. After all, this was the marriage of "the lamb" mentioned in the last book of the Bible, Revelations. This was the biggest moment in the world—the time when God's people would become stronger—and they understood that it was a great privilege to be helping.

As the day drew closer, many of the members became very tired from working through the nights. Their eyes were red from sewing for hours without rest. Then, as if that wasn't enough, they learned that everyone who was invited to attend the marriage ceremony had to wear a new white gown. These gowns had to be made, as well.

Soon enough, the sun rose on the great day. The church was cleaned and polished once again, and some of the portable walls had been removed to make more space. It was hard to get flowers,

but there were plants decorating the room, and on the front wall was a beautifully painted scene representing the world and the whole cosmos. From the ceiling hung the flags of the world. Never had this simple old building looked so beautiful.

The older members, robed in white, silently took their places on the floor, and soon the room was filled with the dazzling white gowns topped by black heads bowed in prayer.

Mr. Eu was the leader of the day—a sort of master of

lace veil made it Western. In her arms were a few white flowers tied with bows of lace. Mrs. Won Bok Choi followed her and watched out for her gown and the train of lace.

Teacher wore an impeccable white suit with tails and a white bow tie. The members had never seen him looking so handsome.

The bride and groom walked together to the front of the room. They took seven steps, which signified going through the Old Testament Age, and stopped with both feet together and bowed. Then they took seven more slow steps signifying the New Testament Age. Again they stopped and bowed. Their minds were totally focused on the deep meaning of walking through history. Then the final seven steps were taken, signifying the Completed Testament Age. This brought them to the front of the room, and they bowed one last time.

Mr. Eu and Mrs. Choi stood on either side as the couple said their vows before heaven. There was no minister standing before them to tell them what to say. Everything was directed from heaven, and Teacher Moon said the words and told his bride what to say. Then he prayed. It was a long prayer with tears, for it was a serious occasion.

After the prayer, they walked out of the room together. Mr. Eu explained to everyone, "We will now wait for the Korean ceremony to be made ready. Let us keep a very prayerful attitude as we prepare the atmosphere for the second marriage ceremony." They all prayed and sang songs as they waited.

When they returned, Teacher Moon and Hak Ja Han looked most regal in the colorful Korean costumes with tall headdresses. Their brightness made a striking contrast against the white of the cloth-covered floor and the white-robed members. Again there were the vows and the prayers, with Mr. Eu and Mrs. Choi attending.

When this part of the ceremony was completed, Sonseng-nim turned to the members and announced that they were now officially blessed in marriage before heaven.

"Now, we have been purified before God," he said. "It is the beginning of a new lineage. Therefore, from this moment on, it will be very important to purify everything we use. In fact, once anyone is blessed in marriage, they should use only new things. Actually, we really should grow all our own food, make all our own clothes, even spin our own thread and weave our own cloth."

The members listened carefully. This was going to be a lot of work, so they wanted to understand exactly what to do. The older members, such as Mrs. Hong, remembered Ho Bin Ha's group and how they prepared clothing and food for Jesus and for the Lord of the 2nd Advent. "Would they be doing this sort of thing again?" she wondered. "If so, it

will be a full time job for several people."

"However," he continued, "this is not practical for us. We have so much work to do to find members and restore the world. We cannot spend all our time raising cotton, spinning thread, planting rice, and so on. Therefore, we will continue to buy clothes and food at the market as before. But we will always sanctify everything before using it. For this, I will now create a new purified salt. We will start a new tradition of putting this special salt on all our new things once we are blessed. Then whatever we use will be purified, just as if we made it ourselves. This shall be called Holy Salt."

He turned to the altar, and measured some salt into a special container and said a prayer over it. This was the very first holy salt created, and all our holy salt used today descended from that first supply created at True Parents' wedding.

Then he turned back to the audience and began to speak. Mother sat on the side and listened, also. He spoke about the meaning of their wedding. He explained why his bride had to be so young and inexperienced. He explained many things to them for several hours. It seemed like a long speech to them, because they had already been sitting on the floor for so many hours. But he wanted to be sure they understood everything that was happening.

Finally, late in the afternoon, mealtime was announced. It was time for the Banquet of the Lord.

Low tables were quickly set up, and the food was carried from the kitchen around to the front door. (There was no door directly from the kitchen into the rest of the building. That way the smells and sounds of cooking could not disturb the activities in the main part of the building.)

Everything was beautifully prepared. Actually, it was rather simple fare by our standards today. There was some chicken and freshly made kimchee and a lot of rice. Who would have expected that kimchee would be served at the cosmic Banquet of the Lord? But for these chosen people, it was a wonderful treat, for they often had to exist on barley and chopped cabbage sprinkled with red pepper and garlic. Bowls of spring fruit rounded out the meal.

Then Sonseng-nim said to them, "I wish all of you could take home some mementos of this occasion. However, there may not be enough things to pass around. Therefore, let's draw numbers to see who will get the mementos."

One person's prize was a collection of bones from the chickens. "These bones you should keep forever," directed Teacher Moon, "although you may share some of them with others if you wish." To the others, he said, "you should keep the seeds from the fruit you eat here. These are very precious and should never be thrown out."

Then came entertainment. Everyone had a chance to get up and sing, and there was singing and dancing aplenty that night. Even the bride and groom sang and danced together. There was laughter and applause, for although this was a very serious occasion, it was also a very joyous one. The heavens were truly ringing with song and dance and joy. ❖



ceremonies. He announced to the people that the ceremony would now begin.

It was still morning when Moon Sonseng-nim and Hak Ja Han entered the room. Everyone gazed silently at the pair and were once again filled with wonder to see their beloved 40 year old teacher with this young girl who would be his wife. Although everyone had had time by now to become accustomed to the idea, the question still occurred to many of them, "Isn't 17 years just TOO young for such a position? To be the real mother of the whole world, the whole cosmos, is too huge a mission for anyone, much less a simple immature girl."

And yet, they had to admit that she was, indeed, beautiful. She walked gracefully and calmly, her eyes cast humbly toward the floor. At the same time, there was a certain air of self-assurance about her.

This was the western ceremony, so she wore the beautiful white gown sewn by the ladies of the church. Although it was designed like a Korean dress, the fact that it was white and topped with a

DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

WHY CHRIST CAME AND WHY HE MUST COME AGAIN

Volume 3 Part 10

Paul referred to Jesus as the last Adam. (I Cor. 15:45) for the Divine Principle, this is one of those brilliant insights which quite regrettably was never taken up and elaborated upon by succeeding generations of Christian thinkers. Nevertheless, its importance is clear. In becoming the new Adam, Jesus was to fulfill the divine mandate given to his original ancestor. Because Adam, the first man, did not fulfill his divine mission, another man as to come in his place — as a man.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus at one point asserted his humanity, not his deity. I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. (Jn. 14:28) By saying that the Father is greater than he, Jesus made clear distinction between himself and God.

At another point Jesus is reported as drawing a sharp distinction between himself and God, exclaiming, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone." (Lk. 18:19)

The Man Jesus

Beyond such statements, Jesus was in appearance no different from other men. Even his brothers failed to see anything unusual about him. One of them, James, did not join the Christian movement until after the crucifixion. Because of his very human qualities, Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by Satan.

According to the earliest Gospels, he often retired to a lonely spot to pray because, as a man, he needed strength from God to continue his exhausting ministry. Like anyone else, he was hungry and sleepy at times. More than once, the Evangelists tell us, he broke down and wept.

Jesus also became disheartened by the opposition encountered from the Pharisees and the disbelief of his fellow-countrymen even in his hometown of Nazareth. He was filled with distress when his inner circle betrayed, denied and then abandoned him to his fate.

For proof that Jesus was thoroughly

human consider his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and his lonely cry from the cross, "My God, My God, why has thou forsaken me?" (Mk. 15:34)

The early Christian theologian Athanasius of Alexandria argued that Jesus could be of help to us and could be our Saviour only if he were one of us in every respect. Divine Principle would agree adding that if Jesus were not subject as a human being to temptations similar to those facing the rest of us, he could never liberate us from Satanic dominion. If Jesus were not human, his life, his teaching, and his example would have no significance for us.

The Divine Mission

Nevertheless, Jesus is different. In addition to being a man who fulfilled the ideal of creation, Jesus is set off from other people by his mission. Jesus is described by John's Gospel as the true vine and his followers as its branches; only as part of the tree could they bear good fruit.

By being spiritually reborn through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, a fallen person can be restored as a spiritual child, and can ultimately come himself to resemble Jesus. If Jesus was the first fully human man, others were to achieve their own full humanity in relation to him. Jesus was the temple of God, and all others could become temples by uniting with him. In this divine mission Jesus was unique; but this

mission he was to fulfill as a man.

New Life, New Birth

One of the most famous statements in the New Testament is Jesus' assertion to a stunned Nicodemus that to see the Kingdom of God, one must be born anew. (Jn. 3:3) Regardless of the historical age, ever since the remark of the concept of rebirth has been a core doctrine within the Christian faith. In light of the Principle, let us investigate why humanity is called to rebirth.

As we have suggested, if Adam and Eve had fulfilled the original ideal of God, becoming true human beings, true partners and True Parents, then the Kingdom of Heaven on earth could have been realized centered on them.

However, because of the fall, Adam and Eve became false parents, giving birth

specifically to children stained with sin and generally to a world we can call the Kingdom of Hell. In this world, fallen, conflicted men and women can never find liberation unless they are released from sin and born again into new life and new love.

As we know, however, we cannot be born without parents. To inherit God's love and grace, fallen persons need parents who can represent God to them. In this sense, Jesus came as the True Father to impart new life to all humanity. He is called the last Adam (I Cor.

15:45) and the Everlasting Father (Is. 9:6) because he was to be the True Father in the place of Adam.

Mother's Role

But what of the mother's role? Just as for physical birth, for spiritual birth to occur there must be not only a True Father, but also a True Mother. Consequently, after the crucifixion, God gave Jesus the Holy Spirit as a mother spirit, or feminine spirit, to work with the risen Christ in Eve's place.

Making restitution for Eve's part in the Fall, the Holy Spirit inspires and comforts the human heart, leading us back to God.

Reflecting her feminine essence, the Holy Spirit is traditionally known as the comforter. As children are born through the love of parents, so through the give and take of love Jesus and the Holy Spirit give spiritual rebirth to all those who follow them.

We may thus understand Jesus and the Holy Spirit as spiritual True Father and True Mother. Being born again through Jesus and the Holy Spirit means that one's spirit is made new through the love of the spiritual True Parents.

Beyond this, however, Divine Principles emphasizes that complete restoration requires not just spiritual rebirth, but physical rebirth also. The division between spirit and body so poignantly described by the Apostle Paul (Rom.7) is to be healed. This further dimension of rebirth will take place through the Second Coming. ♦

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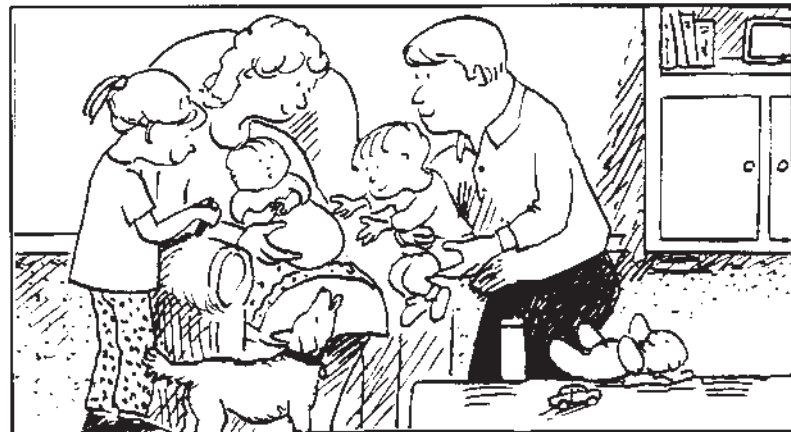
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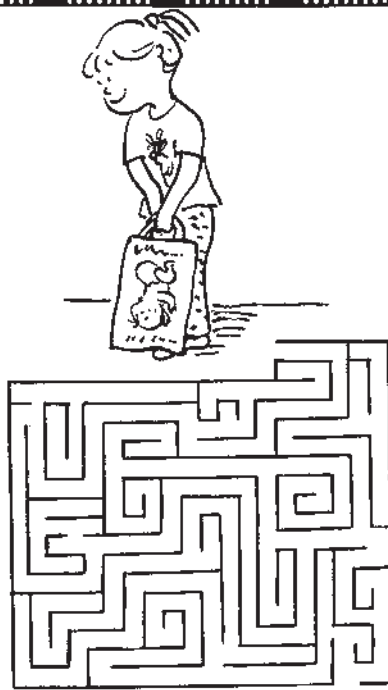
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FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of welcoming a new baby into the home



Help them find the diapers

by Peter Hayling—Birmingham, England

Natasha opened her eyes and enjoyed the luxury of lying awake with her own thoughts. The sounds of a spring morning came from the courtyard. The dawn chorus was punctuated by a wood pigeon's cooing.

Today was her day at college. Distance learning enabled her to study mainly at home, but once a week she went in for practicals and tutorials. Her thoughts drifted to the day ahead. Suddenly she recalled the conversation with her parents the previous evening, and a feeling of vague apprehension descended on her. What if they chose a husband she could not love, a complete stranger? What if they consulted the marriage market database and suggested someone from the other side of the world—perhaps pioneering the new settlements in South America? Of course they loved her and only wanted her happiness. They would consult her grandparents, and take into account her own preferences. After all, this had been the tradition in her family for more than fifty years. Now, in the year 95 (2095 A.D.) most of the world followed this tradition.

She climbed out of bed and took off her nightdress. She paused to look at herself in the mirror—mother's dark long hair, father's brown western eyes. Her figure had ripened to a pleasing maturity. One day soon her body would be given completely to another...but who would it be?

Throwing on her dressing gown, she went across to draw the curtains. The courtyard looked fresh with its newly cut grass, new leaves and blossoms on the trees. Her family lived in Little Aston, one of the collection of villages which used to be the City of Birmingham. Two other family homes occupied by close relatives surrounded the oval courtyard, together with a communal building for the crèche, recreational activities, recycling and other services.

As she looked out, she felt the presence of great-grandmother Harvey, who had come to her many times before. Natasha allowed her eyes to go out of focus and there she was, emanating a golden glow, projecting such warmth, wisdom, love and concern. Wordlessly her great-grandmother reassured her that she, and other relatives who had ascended to the eternal world, would be helping her family to find the right husband for her. Beyond the golden glow, Natasha could see the indescribable colors and scenery which she had so inadequately tried to reproduce in her art class at college.

Her father called up the stairs.

"Are you awake, Natasha?"

"Coming, Appa!" she shouted, using the world language, as was customary for family names.

Downstairs the family was gathering to greet her grandparents. Natasha went into the large family room and made the traditional full bow, before going over to kiss them.

"Good morning, Harabogi; good morning, Halmoni."

Her father's parents were sitting cross-legged on cushions, looking so young and full of life. In their sixty-odd years they had seen much of the transition from the nightmare world of the past to the harmony now enjoyed within the Family Federation of Nations, led by Father King Shin Joong and Mother Queen Akiko.

Natasha's younger sister Tanya was playing the piano. Natasha went over to hug her parents, then joined the rest of the family sitting cross-legged on the carpet in front of the grandparents. There were two younger brothers, 12 and 14, and the youngest sister, 9. Tanya finished playing the piano and the family waited expectantly for Grandfather Harvey to speak.

"I want to talk this morning about tradition," he began, his dark eyes twinkling. "There is nothing so precious as the tradition we have inherited from the Great Father and the pioneers of the transition."

Natasha had heard this many times in her 18 years, and her thoughts began to wander. She loved her grandfather and his tales of the pioneers, but this morning she felt some anxiety over the approaching choice which would decide her future.

She felt her grandmother's eyes on her. The kindly concern on her face as she wrinkled her brow served to refocus Natasha's attention on her grandfather's words.

"Why are diamonds and gold so precious? Because they are unchanging," her grandfather continued. "Before the transition there was no universal unchanging tradition; people just followed their own inclinations or that of their own culture. They were ignorant of the holiness of love, life and lineage. The family and extended family almost

completely broke down in many parts of the world. The coming together of men and women and the conception of children was often driven by animal instincts alone, with no thought for the future."

Natasha understood this well enough. Of course the family was the holy school of love, the building block of a healthy society and world. But she felt stirring within herself such a deep, mysterious longing for complete love...to belong to the man of her dreams...perhaps Peter Estoban. He was her childhood friend to whom she was attracted now in this awakening love, beyond their shared interest in music, horse riding and athletics. She made a decision; she would ask Peter at college today how he felt about their being matched together, if no one had been chosen for him. If he agreed, they would ask their families to consult and give their blessing on the match. This decided, she felt a warm glow of expectation, tempered by the anxiety that Peter might not see her as a potential wife. Even if he did, their families might disapprove.

Grandfather Harvey continued, leaning his solid muscular body forward, arms moving expressively...dark hair, clear open face lined with concern and experience of life.

"Religion was supposed to be the cure for the distortion and corruption of love, life and lineage, to enable God, man and

nature to be reconnected. Although the silver thread of faith and unselfish love could be seen running through the ages, religions generally became an end in themselves, and were mostly closed to deeper understanding of the way God was working."

Emma, Natasha's youngest sister, had a question and boldly interrupted her grandfather. Her mother tried to "shush" her, but Grandfather Harvey indicated for her to continue.

"Didn't anybody realize how much God was suffering?" she asked indignantly.

"There were good people who worked hard to relieve the suffering of their fellow man, even

some who did it because of their love for God. But it wasn't until the coming of the Great Father that the heart of God began to be experienced and understood by the great mass of people. And we know how much he was persecuted in the beginning, before religious leaders began to accept him."

Natasha was impatient for the talk to end. Her grandfather continued for another ten minutes; then at last it was time for breakfast.

Later, Natasha was cycling to college along the cycle track, next to the bridle path used by horse-riders. The rail for the long distance hover train could be seen in the distance, which silently whisked its passengers at great speed across the country and beyond. Since the safe and economical harnessing of energy from nuclear fusion fifty years ago, industry and transport had been revolutionized. At the same time,

there had been a movement towards a more natural, simple way

of life. Many people had migrated to the countryside or emigrated to pioneer new communities in South America or Africa. The equalization of technology, the fair sharing of the world's resources, had taken place rapidly as the heart of God began to be expressed through enlightened leaders. The vast resources of the ocean were now being harvested responsibly and many people lived by the coast. They were just as much at home on the ocean as on the land. Unnecessary drudgery had been eliminated thanks to unbelievable advances in microchip technology. This had led to a tremendous burgeoning of the leisure industries, especially travel, adventure holidays and deep-sea fishing. Some brave souls had embarked on lifetime journeys to the nearest planetary systems. The technology had been developed to enable them to recreated conditions similar to those on Earth, on suitable planets.

The arts, which had become so self-indulgent and fixated on depicting the basest aspects of human nature, had changed beyond recognition in the New Age. Instrumental in this change was the revolution in perception as the world of cause and essence, the spiritual world, became part of the everyday experience of people. They realized that to enjoy this world of eternal youth, instant gratification and infinite progression, they must develop a noble, loving and creative char-

acter during their physical life.

Natasha spied Peter Estoban in the college cafeteria at lunch time, sitting with friends. His blue eyes lit up as he saw her.

"Come and join us, Natasha!" he said in his deep, resonant voice. He pulled a chair over for her from a nearby table. He was tall and blond, with a serious face which changed dramatically when he smiled.

Natasha sat down with her meal.

"We're organizing a trip to Skye this weekend, to do some canoeing and ridge walking," Peter explained. "Do you want to come?"

"I'd love to, but I'm playing in the concert on Saturday."

As the friends continued their planning, Natasha tried to think of a way to speak with Peter alone. Finally, as she rose to leave, she took a deep breath and said to Peter, "I have something I want to tell you. Are you free at 3:00?" She tried to sound casual and ignore the knowing glances of the others.

"Yes, I have an hour between lectures. Shall we meet in reception?" Peter looked slightly embarrassed. They were good friends, but this felt different, despite Natasha's efforts to sound normal.

Later, they were sitting in the college garden. Cherry blossoms drifted down like snow in the warm breeze; the daffodils nodded cheerfully between the trees.

"Peter, last night my parents were talking to me about finding a marriage partner. They're sure to ask me if I have anyone in mind and..." Natasha was surprised at her own boldness. She was Peter's eyes widen as he swallowed hard, anticipating what was coming.

"We're good friends. We like each other's company. We share the same interests. I was wondering...if you family haven't found a wife for you yet...don't you think we'd make a good match?"

Peter's serious face took on a tender, almost dreamy look, and she could feel the electricity between them as they both caught their breath.

"I'm sorry, I've never felt like this before," Peter said awkwardly. "I've always regarded you like my own sister, only more fun to be with. But now it's like I'm seeing you for the first time—as a woman."

"Remember the day we went riding together in Sandwell Valley last month," Natasha recalled. "We stopped for a picnic, the rain came down and we didn't care; we just sat there and got absolutely soaked and enjoyed the experience together. That's when I first began to see you as more than a friend."

Natasha felt it would be the most natural thing in the world for them to hold hands and kiss. She had seen her parents kissing affectionately. A few times she had heard the groans and sighs of passion coming from their bedroom. Once, as a young girl, she had asked her mother what was happening. Her mother had flushed then, taking Natasha's hand, had explained that they were making love and that one day when she was married she would have the same experience, make the same sounds of pleasure.

Now, Natasha knew that once the flame of passion was ignited, things would never be the same again with Peter. In

see NATASHA on page 32



A CALL TO CHRISTIANS

by Charles Kannal—Columbus, OH

This was written as an explanation of our community to the Christian community.

Jesus is the Son of God. We honor His supreme example of sacrificial love. And we trust Him to reconcile us with God, our Heavenly Father.

Jesus prayed for all believers: that they may be one as He and the Father are one. Yet Christianity has been and continues to be divided. Historically, Christians have fought wars and shed blood (in very un-Christ-like ways) over what it means to be truly Christian. The true measure of being Christian is how well we love God and love one another. The animosity persisting today between various groups of Christians reflects our failure to keep Jesus' commandment of love.

Following Jesus Christ means more than lip service to a set of beliefs or membership in a particular organization. Over-concern for dogma or ecclesiastical authority hinders the practice of genuine Christian love.

God desires that we love one another as He has loved us. In this context, we are all in desperate and continuous need of God's grace. For who among us has loved perfectly?

Arrogance, narrow-mindedness, bigotry, self-righteousness and every form of impurity damage our relationships with one another and ultimately with God. We need humility, repentance, and healing that only the Spirit of God can bring.

Each human being is unique and infinitely valuable to God. He created us in His image, male and female. Each person has the capacity to uniquely reciprocate and multiply God's love. Let us therefore appreciate one another and forgive each other's shortcomings as God forgives us.

Let our unity be a unity of love. Not just in word, but in practice. Let us reach beyond differences of doctrine and organization. With humility and repentance let us seek first the love of God in all that we do. Let us melt the barriers of race, culture, ignorance and fear which have so long separated us. And may the light of our love so shine to the people of the world that they will glorify our Father in Heaven.

Who is a Good Christian?

The highest aspiration of Christians is to be one as Jesus and the Father are one. To have the Spirit of God, who is love, fully dwelling and moving in us. To be the children of God who love as God loves.

Who is deserving of our love? We should love not only those close to us, our brothers and sisters in Christ; we should love even our enemies. Just as Christ loved us while we were yet sinners.

The ability to love God and love God's children is not defined by doctrine nor constrained by church walls. The Spirit of God moves as He wills, touching our innermost hearts, healing us, transforming us, making us anew. We bear the fruits of the Spirit as we move in harmony with Him. Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Monophysite, Protestant, Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Christian Scientist, etc. It matters not what

labels we ascribe. All who display the fruits of the love of God are the children of God.

Rev. Moon's teaching differs from normally accepted Christian doctrine. Numerous Christian leaders over the years have ostracized Rev. Moon, calling him a charlatan or heretic. When I joined Rev. Moon's church years ago as a young Christian, I was concerned and cautious because of such accusations. However, I followed the urgings of the Holy Spirit which I felt deep in my heart. I closely observed Rev. Moon and his movement. Jesus said, "You will know them by their fruits." (Mt. 7:16) My conclusion is that Rev. Moon is a genuine man of God. Moreover, the world has not seen such a man of God walking the face of the earth since the days of Jesus.

Throughout his life, Rev. Moon has sought to convey God's love, God's blessing, and God's truth to all people. He has practiced and fostered in others, the sacrificial way of life for the sake of God's will. Rev. Moon has initiated and sustained numerous organizations and projects which encourage understanding and harmony among the peoples, races, religions, cultures, governments and educators of the world. All centering in the love of God. And Rev. Moon has blessed the marriages of millions of couples worldwide: that they be rooted in the original love, life and lineage of God.

The Family and the Blessing of Holy Marriage

God is love. The very purpose for which God created us is the fulfillment of true love and joy. God, our ultimate Parent and the Source of all true love, created us in families. The family is the school of love. In the family we learn parental love, children's love, conjugal love, and love between brothers and sisters.

However, humankind lost true, God-centered love when our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God. Their love became corrupted, sin crept into the first family, and all humankind has suffered the consequences of separation from God. We need the grace of God's forgiveness. And ultimately we must restore true relationships of love with God and with each other.

Rev. Moon's core mission is to transmit God's blessing of holy marriage to the people of the world for the restoration of true love in God-centered families. The Blessing revolves around four points:

1. Affirming God as the source of love and the center of the true family.
2. Eternal love and fidelity between husband and wife.
3. Raising children in the will of God by teaching chastity before marriage.
4. Loving all people of the world as God's children and encouraging them to follow the ideal of true love in true families.

Rev. Moon does not ask people to change their religion or church affiliation in order to receive this blessing.

God has mandated it for all people. It is for their benefit, and for the sake of all future generations. People need only concur with the commitments to true relationships. Everyone should seek to become true children to God, true parents to our children, true husbands and wives to our spouses, and true brothers and sisters to all people. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." (Mt. 5:6)

Rev. Moon's Theology

What a tragic irony that the foremost advocate of peace, understanding and Godly love should be so misunderstood and mistreated by his own people, the Christians!

Although often misunderstood and ill-treated, Rev. Moon has never sought revenge on those who have treated

him unjustly. Satan has attacked even from within his own family. Rev. Moon desires only repentance and restoration to God-centered relationships.

In this short paper I hope to dispel

some of the ignorance, fear and misunderstanding which have kept Christians from the special message and blessing which God is bringing through Rev. and Mrs. Moon.

I try to touch areas of concern while retaining a sense of the cohesiveness of Rev. Moon's thought. Major sources are Exposition of Divine Principle, and True Love and True Family, available from HSA Publications, 4 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036 (www.hsabooks.com) 212-997-9050 ext 250.

The core of Rev. Moon's message is that God is our loving Parent. Love is paramount. The practice of true love outshines any theology.

Truth itself is unique, eternal, immutable and absolute. Scriptures are not the truth itself, but an expression of truth. The Bible is a compilation of books written by men who were inspired of God. They reveal the central providence of God, and guide us to Christ who is "the way, the truth and the life." Jesus Christ, in the flesh, is himself the incarnation of truth.

Truth can be found everywhere, even as God is omnipresent. But most profoundly, we experience truth deep within our hearts. Truth resonates with our original mind (conscience) which is made

in the image of God. Blemished with sin and impurity, fallen humanity has difficulty following the original mind. But God says His word is close: in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. (De. 30:14)

Rev. Moon has been criticized for not following the Nicene Creed regarding the Holy Trinity. Yet, the Nicene Creed is not the Word of God. It is a human interpretation that attempts to reconcile various passages of Scripture with an understanding of reality rooted in Greek philosophy. It uses terminology not found in the Bible, describing God as being three Persons yet one Substance. ("Substance" in the philosophical sense might be better rendered in today's English as "Essence").

Rev. Moon draws from Eastern wisdom as well as Western thought. In Oriental thought, relationship underlies existence itself. Rev. Moon describes the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in terms of relationship. Their unity is the Oneness of perfect love.

I think Rev. Moon's approach is consistent with the Bible. It is unfortunate that many proponents of Trinitarian doctrine uphold theirs as the only correct teaching. Human attempts to define God vanish in the light of His all-encompassing love.

Purpose of Creation

God's purpose in creating is to experience joy in loving relationships. Joy is not experienced alone. Love requires a partner. God created us as His children so that we could share His most profound love. We are to return joy to God. This is understood through God's three great blessings given in Genesis 1:28. We are to grow as mature individuals in the love of God (be fruitful). We are to multiply and fill the earth with loving families. And we are to care for the rest of God's creation with His love. All aspects of Rev. Moon's theology are seen in the light of fulfilling God's purpose of creation.

Human beings are God's most precious creation. He grants us freedom so that we are able to freely respond to His love. Freedom entails responsibility. True love cannot be forced.

God is absolute. He is in ultimate control of everything. Yet, in His process of creating, He has chosen to share responsibility with humankind. This is what qualifies us above the rest of creation to be His children. During our growth toward perfection, God gives us His love, guidance and direction. But He does not interfere with our freedom and responsibility.

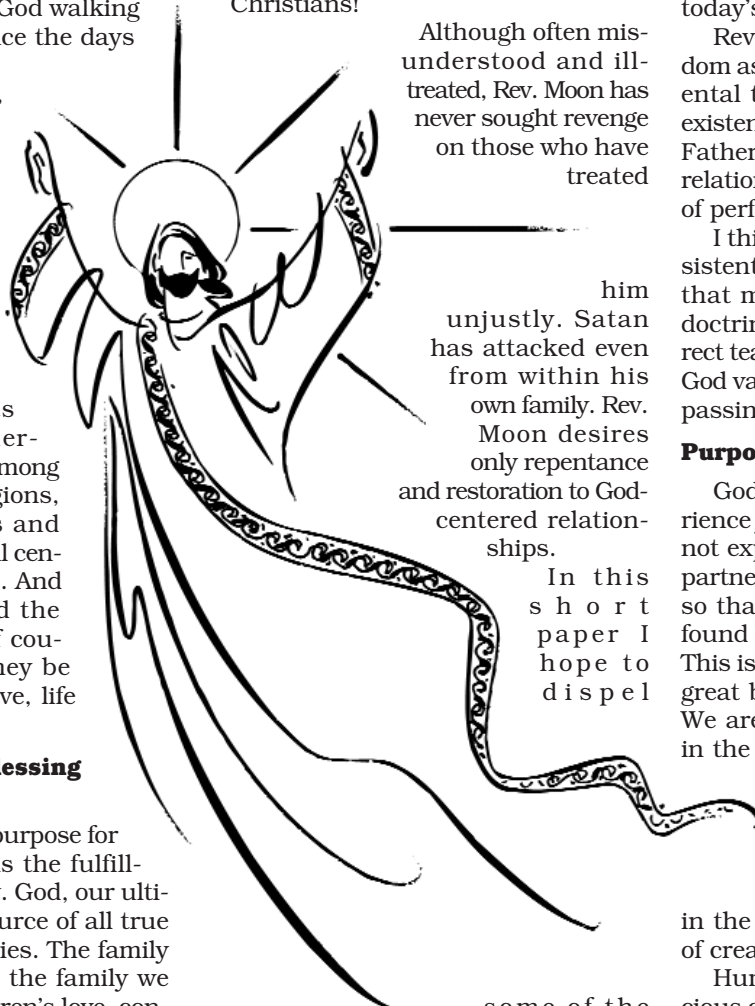
God has absolutely predestined the fulfillment of His purpose of creation. But exactly how it is carried out depends upon our response to God.

The Fall

God created us in His image, male and female. Sexual love is a most profound expression of God's nature. Sexual love transmits life and lineage. It must be used responsibly. Only by husband and wife in the bonds of heavenly marriage.

God guided Adam and Eve as they were growing. He commanded them to not eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. The fruit sym-

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order for them to be happy together, their families must also be happy, and give the couple their blessing.

Peter was silent for what seemed a long time. The breeze rushed through the willows; the cherry blossoms showered down. At last he said, with a big sigh, "I'll talk to my family. They have their heart set on me marrying into the family of one of Appa's old friends. I don't want to hurt them. But I know they love me very much and hopefully will respect our suggestion. At least they will be open for our two families to get together and seek guidance on the match."

After dinner that evening in her bedroom, Natasha was talking with her mother about the day. They were sitting on the bed and Natasha had her arm around her mother's still slim waist. Her mother's long black hair was combed down. At forty she looked at the

peak of her beauty, radiating motherly softness and warmth. Her delicate high cheekbones and oriental eyes were inherited from her father, who traced his lineage back to the old Korea, and her mother, whose ancestry went back to old Japan. Korea and Japan were one nation now—founder nations of the Family Federation of Nations and known as Pumonim Guk.

Natasha rested her head on her mother's shoulder.

"Om妈, I was thinking today of what you and Appa said last night, about finding a husband for me." She felt so safe and relaxed, nuzzling her mother's hair. "You know Peter Estoban and I are good friends—how we've known each other since we were kids. Don't you think we would make a good match?"

"Have you spoken to Peter about this?" her mother said gently, with a hint of concern.

"Yes, Om妈, today. He said he would talk to his family about it. But we love each other, Om妈. It felt so right, such

a strong attraction between us."

"And if our families decide he is not the match for you? Can you go back to just being his friend now?"

Natasha sensed some reproach in her mother's words and asked, "Was I wrong to talk to Peter about this first? I wanted to find out if he felt the same way as I."

Her mother, with hands on her daughter's shoulders, looked into her face.

"I know you're a sensible girl, but it's easy to get carried away. And now I suspect that it would be difficult for you both to accept no for an answer. It would have been better to let our families talk first, to see if a match could be arranged."

"I'm sorry, Om妈, but I'm sure our families will agree. We're so right together."

Her mother gave
her a



hug and said, "I'll talk to Appa and we'll arrange a meeting. We all want what's best for you, and your future family."

The Estoban family lived in Tyseley Village. The meeting was arranged at their home a few days later, in the evening. The Harvey family—grandparents, parents and Natasha—used their SaramAuto, the modern equivalent of the old Volkswagen. The love affair of the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries with the petrol combustion engine was long over. Working from home and distance learning had reduced commuter traffic dramatically. People preferred to walk, cycle or go on horseback, for short journeys. Cheap, "everlasting," computer-guided, safe vehicles had been developed to a few basic designs, for local travel. They used sea water for fuel, harnessing energy from nuclear fusion.

Natasha's father spoke his instructions to the computer.

"Tyseley Village, Estoban Court." Their nine-seater joined the local highway, moving rapidly and silently.

Mrs. Estoban served her guests refreshments. Peter's father managed the local fish farm and was answering the Harvey's questions about the process. Then they asked Peter about his interests and ambitions. Natasha sat a little anxiously opposite Peter, next to her parents, listening to the conversation.

Grandfather Estoban wanted to know more about Natasha.

"I hear you're specializing in art in your studies. What are you planning to do afterwards?"

"I want to be an interior designer," she replied, and enthusiastically outlined her opinions on design. She ended by expressing her appreciation of the Estobans' beautiful home.

"Peter also tells me you play violin in your college orchestra. Did you bring your violin with you? We'd love to hear you play."

Natasha had not brought it, but one of the Estoban girls was learning violin, so Peter went upstairs to fetch her instrument.

After tuning it, Natasha launched into one of her own compositions, based on an evocative melody she had heard from the spiritual world. Everyone was entranced. Even Natasha's parents were moved.

Grandfather Estoban asked Peter and Natasha to leave the room, and they went off into the courtyard garden.

"You've put us in a very difficult position," Grandfather Estoban began. "Natasha is a very charming girl, and it feels good when I see her and Peter together. But we made a promise to find a match for Peter in the family of our old friends."

"There's only one thing to do," Grandmother Estoban said firmly. "We'll invite our tribal elders from the eternal world to join us and give their advice."

The two families joined hands and closed their eyes. They each focused their minds on the ancestors to whom they felt closest. After a few moments the room felt considerably more crowded, and there was a buzz of conversation. They opened their eyes and there they all were, simulating the physical appearance best remembered by their earthly relatives,

and chatting away as if they had just dropped in to a party.

When the greetings and introductions were over, the furniture was rearranged and everyone sat down.

Peter's paternal great-grandfather began.

"We've been watching over Peter and Natasha for a long time. We think they are just right together, and everyone's very exciting about them finding love together."

Natasha's Great-Grandmother Harvey continued.

"Yes, we all think they are a good match and will make wonderful children. Don't worry about the promise you made to your old friends," she said to the Estobans. "When you explain it to them, we'll be there to help smooth things over."

Other words of encouragement and support for the match were shared by the spirit visitors. Finally they were ready to call in Peter and Natasha, and Mrs. Estoban went out to get them.

The couple, seeing the venerable visitors, offered a full bow as they entered.

"Come forward, both of you," Grandfather Estoban said, his serious face not yet betraying the decision the two families had made.

The couple stood in the middle of the assembly, already feeling relief as they sensed the happiness around them.

The grandparents of the two families stood up. Grandfather Estoban pronounced: "In the name of the Holy Father, the First Parents, and in our names, we give our blessing to your future eternal union as husband and wife. We fruitful, multiply and prosper."

The assembly then began to sing the traditional old Holy Song, "Song of the Banquet," as tears of joy began to flow...

"Fairest flowers of the meadow, tender buds of perfect form,

Now receive the gift of life, and dance in the joy of eternal Spring.

Heavenly host, men on earth, join us in praising this Day;

Bless us to share love's communion faithfully.

Hallelujah, Glorious Day of Joy!" ❖

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bolized sexual love. Love is the most powerful force. In essence, God was warning Adam and Eve not to misuse their love. To use their love properly, in accord with God's direction, was Adam and Eve's portion of responsibility. But Eve listened to the temptation of the serpent (an angelic being) and ate the fruit. She gave some to Adam who also ate. This caused them to be cast out of the Garden of Eden, separated from God (spiritual death), and unable to fulfill the purpose of creation. Satan, the fallen angel, has acted as the false father of humankind, "the god of this world."

God granted humankind freedom and responsibility. In God's providential history, there are thus two possibilities for human beings: to accomplish God's will, or to fail to do God's will. God thus gives two lines of prophecy regarding the future: blessing and curse. For example, Adam and Eve could either obey God's commandment to not eat of the fruit and live. Or they could disobey and die.

The Old Testament gives two kinds of prophecies about the coming of the Messiah. As a victorious king of kings,

Or as a suffering servant. These prophecies are not about two separate advents, but about the two possibilities that the Lord might be welcomed or rejected. "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John." (Mt. 11:13)

God, being in ultimate control, deals with the result of human actions. He sets up the conditions necessary for human beings to restore their failures, and thus constantly works toward the fulfillment of His purpose of creation.

Salvation

Salvation, is synonymous with restoration, resurrection and recreation. All are different aspects of the same process: bringing fallen humankind back to the point of fulfilling the purpose of creation. In this sense, the Unification view of salvation is akin to both salvation and sanctification within established Christian teachings.

"Messiah" means God's anointed one. Begotten of God through Mary, Jesus came as the new Adam to fulfill what the first Adam had failed. Jesus, as a man, completed his individual responsibility, growing to perfect oneness in the love of God. As God incarnate, he shouldered the responsibility to bring all humanity back to God. To accom-

plish this, Jesus needed to restore a woman in the position of Eve, marry, and establish an ideal family centering in the love of God. Then all fallen humanity would have been able to engraft with Jesus' family for rebirth both spiritually and physically. (Physically in the sense that it would take place during life on earth.)

However, Jesus was never able to find a bride. Satan invaded the people around him. John the Baptist initially testified to Jesus, but latter doubted him and failed to serve him. A close disciple, Judas Iscariot, betrayed him. Jesus consequently had to go the way of the cross to accomplish at least spiritual salvation.

Killing Jesus on the cross was Satan's victory. But the power of Jesus' sacrificial love and absolute obedience overcame the power of death and Jesus was resurrected. The resurrected Jesus, together with the Holy Spirit in the position of his bride, grant spiritual rebirth to those who believe in and follow Jesus.

The Second Coming

New Testament Prophecies about the return of Christ parallel the Old Testament prophecies concerning the first coming. Many are couched in symbol-

ism. Some are not easily recognized as applying to the Messiah. There are prophecies about victory and prophecies about suffering.

To complete the purpose of creation, Christ must come in the flesh and build God's kingdom on earth. As prophesied in Revelation 12, the returning Lord will be born on earth. Christians should consider the possibility that the Lord will appear as a different person with a new name, coming in the spirit and power of Jesus; just as John the Baptist fulfilled the return of Elijah. And that the marriage supper of the Lamb is more than mystical symbolism for the unity of Christ and the Church. It is the Lord's substantial marriage.

Many Unificationists believe Rev. Moon to be the returning Lord. What really counts, however, is God's point of view. If you don't believe my testimony, observe the works. And pray to God for guidance.

Whatever you decide, continue to practice the sacrificial love of Jesus and keep him at the center of your life. He is our Rock and the source of our salvation. Even if our views on God's truth remain different, we will ultimately be united in the love of God. ❖



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Differences

Before we begin I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge our brothers and sisters out on the front lines. While persecution has cooled here in America, our members in several nations remain subject to serious threats. Let's do all we can to support them.

This month we'll look at church growth. The Unification movement had grown amazingly in its first half century. Providentially, however, we've only been "playing catch up." The church itself is merely a Plan B to the worldwide acceptance True Father should have enjoyed right after World War Two.

Since we exist as a church (and now as a broader Family Federation), we interact with the world as such. Most churches seek to grow. For us, it is a Heavenly imperative. In the United States we've been through a slow period, and we're seeking ways to "break through."

Growth

Several new religions grew quickly in recent years. In the early 1990s our Eastern European leaders watched the Hare Krishna explode in membership, while we struggled to gain a handful of converts.

This author urged a "wait and see" attitude. Such groups have a simplistic enthusiasm that's very attractive to youth. They also have, to my mind, shallow foundations, and a rather myopic view of the human condition.

The Rajneesh movement was an extreme instance. They began by advising folks to "dance their way to enlightenment," and ended with their founder dead from STDs, and their leaders jailed for serious crimes.

Many new churches are worthy of respect. Our members have studied these, especially the Evangelical Christian "megachurches." They can be seen in many neighborhoods, building huge sanctuaries that host multiple programs for thousands of members.

We now understand how they attract so many members, and hope to emulate them.

These "church studies" work both ways. From the 1970s onward, a number of successful Christian ministers have borrowed our "witnessing, workshop, and actionizing" programs, modifying them for entire families.

How has the "differentness" of our church affected our growth? Which changes do we want to make? And what changes *should* we make—which may not be the same thing at all.

Persecution has of course been a negative factor, but it's much diminished from the 1970s, when we grew rapidly anyway. We're gradually finding acceptance, but note that it took the Mormons and Adventists 150 years to enter the mainstream.

Social conditions have changed. Today's young people are career oriented. In response, many popular churches emphasize God's material blessings.

Sunday Service

In America we used to focus on single people. Twenty four years ago, at our San Francisco center, we literally did not know what to do with an interested family!

With the growth of our own families we've come to resemble the mainstream, buying church buildings and organizing Scout troops.

The experience of our new San Leandro (northern California) church is instructive. Several local folks have joined simply by walking in for Sunday service. Others have come via personal invitation.

Some of these "walk ins" make one visit only—as is the case at other churches too. Our Rev. Thompson says he isn't satisfied with his member's "witnessing mentality," and thus, our care for these guests.

To accommodate visitors, he has streamlined the Sunday service, and cut back on jargon. Providential news is reserved for separate meetings.

These new "neighborhood members" are dealt with on a case-by-case basis. How strongly should we urge them to attend our mobilizations, matching, and Blessing?

Differences

While pioneering in Twin Falls, Idaho, this author visited all 65 local churches. My members and I got receptions that varied from getting tossed out bodily to having fresh-baked cookies delivered by the church ladies. (We complimented that Pastor very highly.)

We saw churches that were small and happy about it, believing that Heaven will have several hundred inhabitants at most. Some churches were large but contented; a few were skyrocketing. Others were like ours, small and trying to grow.

There are liberal churches that hold short Sunday services laced with jokes and anecdotes—and hardly any Biblical content. Opposite this, in Macedonia I saw Orthodox Churches that have 2 hour services, and no pews. Everyone stands the entire time!

Unificationists take a middle ground.

We visited churches where everyone leaves right after shaking the Priest's hand. Mormons have 3 hours of services, classes, and other events. Adventists hold group picnics and many other Sabbath activities.

Most churches ask for tithes in the Biblical "ten percent" range. Our church expects somewhat larger offerings.

The level of member commitment varies from church to church. Many congregations support an overseas missionary family, while staying home themselves. Mormon youths devote two years to full-time missions, and sometimes a retired couple will return to the field.

Unificationists accept travel as a matter of course. Once or twice a year our members "mobilize" for intensive campaigns such as signature gather-

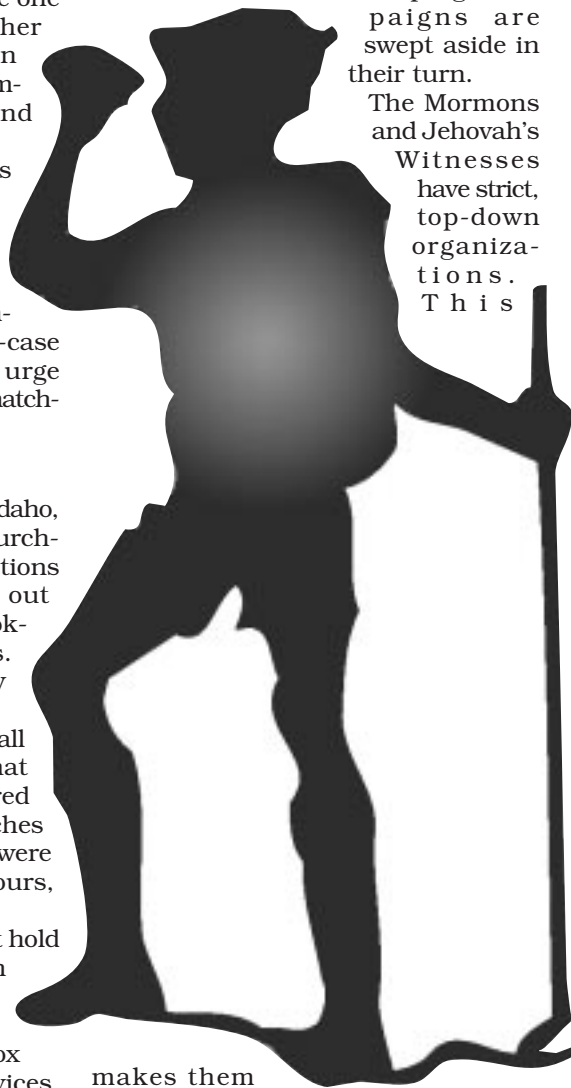
ing, town and international pioneering, and giving pre-Blessings. Many of our families volunteer for long-term commitments like National Messiahship.

A menagerie of organizations spring from these efforts. Some only last through a particular campaign, while others establish themselves for the long haul. Even so, we're simple compared to the vast and intricate Roman Catholic Church.

Many denominations value congregational independence. In our church, central directions are serious, detailed, and frequent. Local efforts are put on hold while our overall focus evolves.

Sweeping campaigns are swept aside in their turn.

The Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses have strict, top-down organizations. This



makes them very effective in some areas, but the result is not always harmonious. This author personally observed the grumbling (small town) reception of the announcement that Blacks could hold LDS/Mormon priesthood. Also, the JW's mandate that they could not go into business with non-member partners.

Opposite this, it seems to me that most American Catholics ignore at least half of their own doctrines, as well as many specific dictates of Rome.

In our church this varies more on an individual level.

Standards

The Unificationist lifestyle is strict in regards to dating, alcohol, and more. Some churches are even stricter! The Wesleyan Holiness Church forbids divorce for any reason. Salvation Army officers need permission to implement many personal decisions. The Amish

don't own video games or cars. Stringent monastic orders never speak aloud.

Mainstream Christians expect to be "freely forgiven" by Jesus for past, present, and

future sins, including adultery. They like to quote St. Paul's flat out guarantee of a place in Heaven (Romans 8:38-39).

Our understanding of Fallen Nature and Indemnity is unorthodox, and considerably more demanding. Our view of a fully revealing, "self directed" after-life is also very different.

Our member's level of self-denial remains high, as with prayer conditions, and the internal revivals we've held, especially at Chungpyung with its "ansu" sessions. It is as if *all* Catholics became Priests or Nuns.

This stems from the True Parent's teaching and example, and from taking the Spirit World seriously. (In comparison to others; and yet, still not seriously enough!) Boosting this are our many spiritually open members.

These standards can scare the heck out of potential converts.

Converts

Will we compromise so as not to discomfit our new, local members? The Methodists were the megachurch of their day, but they've compromised so much that they're breaking up over issues like the ordination of homosexuals.

This author has seen independent megachurches shatter over a strong, "linchpin" Pastor getting caught in scandal. The Calvary Chapels continue to grow, and basically they're asking their members to "wait for Jesus."

The fallen world proffers a whole range of compromise and danger: from secretly viewed Internet nudes; to unsanctioned remarriage of divorcees and widows; to drug or bullet-ridden scenes of insanity.

How shall we judge the seriousness of these? How many "free passes" can we issue? It appears we've tacitly issued some already, even at the highest levels. (I'm calling them "free" here even if they've been dearly bought by another...)

How can we ensure that our standards are honored, especially by converted families who have never lived in a church center? In countries where our members rarely lived in centers the record is dismal, especially when it comes to the Second Generation.

Our movement can and will expand. Let's always be aware of what we're becoming. We have even greater potential now that we've settled into skilled careers and loving families.

Let's not berate ourselves for not having a high enough standard. We do! Even while listening to our conscience, and to our elders, as to how well we are personally keeping it. (Bearing in mind that True Father's evocations of Heaven are pure, loving, and noble almost beyond imagining.)

We have to decide how best to change our movement in order to accomplish our goals. We must plan carefully for the future, both external and internal. ❖

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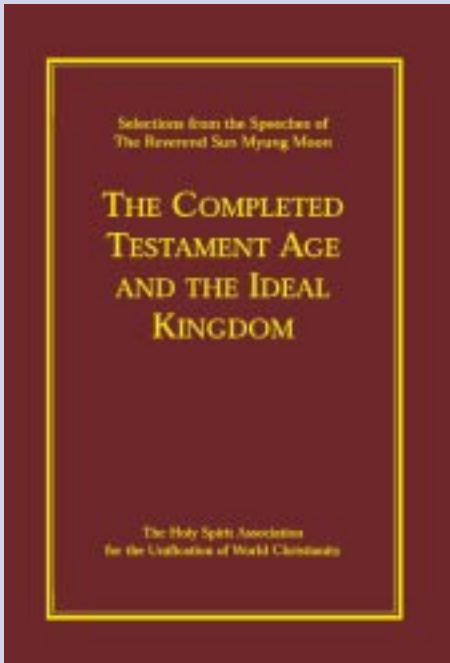
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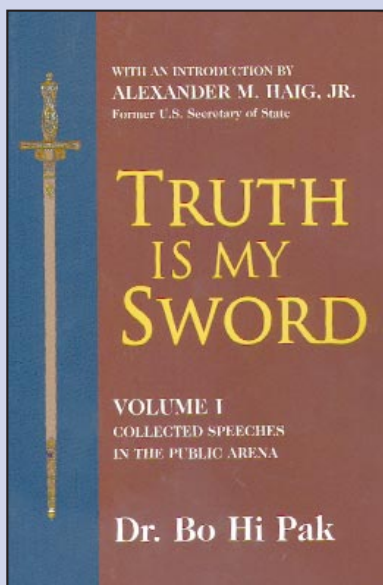
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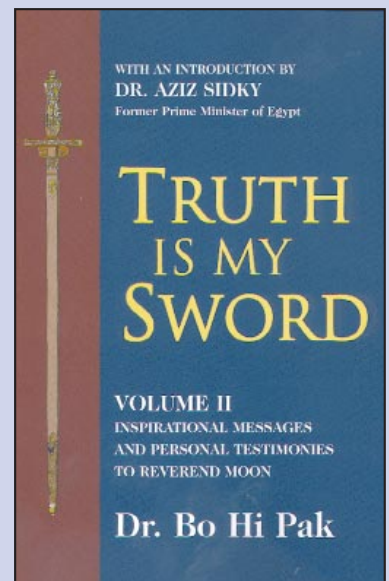
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