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## LETTERS AND REPORTS

Rome, Italy

Doris Walder

My Dear Miss Kim, I pray this letter finds you well and all brothers and sisters also. Barbara is going very strongly in Milan and has ten people studying Principle with her, and five that have accepted and are learning to teach. They realized also that they must start a Center right away, so I hope this will happen before our Leader arrives.

We here in Rome have absolutely nothing to offer so far financially, but we hope to have a sufficient amount by the time He arrives. Satan has been terribly active and Martin has been very ill, but seems to be improving now.

We hope to have some more people move into the Center with us soon, as it is Martin and Daun and I are the only ones in the Center now and it is terribly expensive this way. Consequently we cannot save a penny, but I am sure things will improve quickly. Deepest love to you and all.

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Vienna, Austria

Paul Werner

Report from Austria: Two Years of Principle Work in Austria

On May 18, 1965 I arrived in Vienna to begin to proclaim the Divine Principle in Austria. I had left my family in Wiesbaden, to be able to do the utmost for the mission. For the first four months my VW-Bus was the Headquarters in Austria, in which I slept, lived, and taught. I taught wherever possible, but the first year went by with little visible success. The second year was a blessing for Austria. Our Association was recognized by the Austrian Government and registered on May 16, 1966. Now Austria has a very strong Principle Family. In our large Headquarters eight people are living together. The second Center in Vienna is occupied by four persons, and others will move in. Some live in private quarters. In addition there are also some less active members.

Austria has now three cities that have Centers -- Vienna, Graz, and Linz. In Vienna public sermons are given Sunday and Tuesday evenings, in which Divine Principle is being taught. More than seventy such public meetings have been held to date. Many invitations to our activities have been handed out. At Headquarters missionaries are being trained steadily. Eleven of our missionaries have already given public sermons.

Special weight has been put upon personal development, based on divine love and truth, and so the Austrian Family is a solid and strong family.

We are all in anticipation of the coming of our Parents and their party and preparations are being made both spiritually and physically as much as possible. May we

all be prepared, so that we can bring joy to our Father and our True Parents. Love in their Name, your brother, Paul.

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Los Angeles, California

Zed Robinson

Dear Miss Kim: All is well in LA. Jon and Sandy are doing a wonderful job. They have three to take the examination in August and two new ones studying. I am working with Carole in Pasadena, and Jon Schuhart, and I will be working together soon also.

Much love to all of the family in our True Parents Name, Zed.

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London, England

Sandi Pinkerton

Dear Miss Kim: I am presently in the hospital -- St. Stephen's in Fulham. This is my 4th day. I knew eventually I would have to go to the hospital, but I knew I had to accomplish certain things first. Friday night I lectured to the two people (Mrs. Bidgood and Mr. Pegram) who came all the way from Rhodesia and South Africa to hear the Principle. The pain stopped wonderfully while I lectured to them. It brought me such joy to lecture and teach. I thought to myself, even if I only had four hours to live, I would like to spend them in this way. The next day I prolonged seeing the doctor half a day so we could by a twelve-seat mini-bus. (Which we will use when Father and Mother eventually come to this country or give to Peter to use if they only go to Germany.) Finally I went to the doctor and next day I was in the hospital. I am 100% better now and will go home tomorrow. (The doctor came by as I was writing and said that I must wait yet another day more.)

Reiner arrived from France last night! He did not know my condition, but had been praying on the Paris Holy Ground when he suddenly knew he must urgently go to England. So he left immediately!

Because of my illness, some things in our small English Family were falling apart. Reiner has done so many wonderful things since he came last night, and has helped me immensely. He leaves tomorrow night.

Living in the Centre is Don, David, June, myself, and Eve. The women are very strong. Eve is now also teaching. June will establish the second London Centre on 20 July in the infamous East End, where dwell the cockneys. June teaches school in the East End and really loves the cockneys. She has been preparing intensely to go there. She took the test last weekend. She will go alone. I know she will be all right and will do well.

Eve's sister, Patricia, (a nurse), will move into the Centre 31 July. She is a completely different personality from Eve, but will become equally as strong. She wants to quickly begin teaching. Also, Anna Roncaglia from the Rome Centre has come to England and wants to live with me. Living outside the Centre is Rennie, a Jamaican, and Charles. Many are studying with us: two cockneys (one Church of England and one a Druid!) Eve is teaching the Druid. The two South Africans will finish the whole lecture series before they return. I have two people who want to take the correspondence course, but they must wait until Sylvia sends me the ordered manuscripts, for I have not one left.

So, that is superficially the situation in England. Anthony has not contacted me since the first meeting, but Monica Parrish wants to study the Principle through correspondence. I don't know about these people. If they approach me in an outwardly positive way, I cannot be rude, for that will only cause greater problems. I will just do what I feel is best, step by step. My main work now is to strengthen and deepen Don, David, June, Eve, Patricia -- making them good teachers and leaders. At the same time, we look for new people.

I received Peter's copy of your letter, and I realized that our Leader would not come to Europe. I was in the hospital when I read Peter's letter. All I felt like doing was crying. I know we in Europe are perhaps not 100% ready for his visit, but the anticipation in our hearts had built up so very much -- I just felt terrible.

Because you gave so much of yourself in those eighty days in England, you can perhaps understand how easily one can love this city and England. Though the English are so difficult and stubborn, there is something so wonderfully appealing about them. There is great variety within this so small a country. The Englishman cannot be simply described, because there are so many different kinds of Englishmen. There is a strange, indefinable thing that seems to permeate all the English, but I cannot say exactly what it is. They are strong and deep, having unseen resources lying deep within themselves. They are not easy to always understand.

I feel as if I now understand the English, but I will not be able to ever portray this understanding in words. I am too close to them now. They are a part of me. My greatest sorrow is that I have not yet found a quantity of these reluctant English to be with our Leader and Mother when the eventually come to Europe. Looking around at the small number that we are in London, I feel as if I have done nothing in eighteen months.

I cannot believe he is not coming to Europe. All of Europe, even outside the Principle, is preparing for him! In London they are sand-cleaning all the important buildings and making everything shiny and clean. Directly across from the Holy Ground, they have built a beautiful new hotel called THE ROYAL LANCASTER. It overlooks the Holy Ground, Kensington Gardens, and Hyde Park.

All the important Underground Stations (Lancaster Gate, Green Park, Gloucester Road) have been rebuilt and repainted. And now London Transport is doing the same thing at other stations. London is cleaning herself and making all things new for his coming. As I told you, we bought a twelve-seat bus for his coming. We dedicated it on Sunday, the day after I was released from the hospital. It is a grey and white Austin with red seats and white walls inside. It really is a happy little bus!

How much we wish he would come. In our Parents' Name, Sandi.

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Frankfurt, Germany

Ernest Stewart

Dear Miss Kim, Time flies fast! I have been here already eight months; it doesn't seem possible. I have not much to show for it, but I think I have helped the Center to grow closer together, and also financially.

I know your concern and feeling of obligation to Raul, and I have an opportunity to repay a little. They are in need of a bus and I plan to get one and give it to them in the name of the American Family. Their family is too big to fit in one bus. I wish we all had that problem!

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St. Louis, Missouri

Wilma Edwards

We attended a class last night for Principle. There were four young girls, ranging from fifteen to approximately nineteen years of age there. They were Jacque and Fred's, Martha and Pat's, and Ruth's daughters. I don't know what the end result will be, but we are all hoping that they will see the great Truth the Leader has given us. Some younger people would be so great to have in our Family here. Leonard and I have worked on getting some of our friends to attend a class, but so far no one has come.

The other ladies - Jacque, Vivian, Ruth - and I were discussing Sunday night about things for the Leader's house. Since we don't want to send unnecessary things, if you have suggestions for us, we would love to hear them. We wouldn't want to duplicate what another Center would send.

I will close now in our True Parent's name. Wilma Edwards

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Los Angeles, California

Jon Schuhart

I am writing a letter representing our Center here in Los Angeles to reveal to you our commitment (in writing) concerning our love and dedication to our Master, to God, and to our Family. This letter is long overdue, but will provide a base, I hope, for further communication and exchange.

Miss Kim, our activities here on the West Coast are many and varied, and we are very busy. There are new opportunities arising all the time to witness and work for God and we are taking advantage of as many as we can find and relate to. As a result, we are getting new members faster and as a Center, are growing stronger. By the end of this year, we plan and expect to complete our goal of having twenty-one people working in our Center as members of the Principle and Family. Because of this and the particular way in which we are working, I would like some direction and advice as to the course of action we can follow. What is happening in America. And what we can do for the movement as a Family. I feel it is essential to have more give and take so as to increase our understanding and strength and desire to fulfill our missions and goals.

I would like to summarize briefly the type of work we are involved in.

.. Developing Workshop! The workshop is used as an instrument to attract people to us for the opportunity of witnessing to the New Age. Through the activities of the workshop, members can develop personal skills and abilities, can learn how to apply Principle, can release energy creatively and constructively. Goal of the workshop: to produce a show based on Principle and travel to many different cities to inspire and attract God's children to us. We also witness, teach, lecture, and study together as a family. We are developing the Holy Ground our Master blessed, clearing away the shrubs and weeds and planting trees and flowers.

Each of us here is working and has committed himself to fulfill the financial demands that you have requested. You will receive our contributions for the months of June and July and every month after as requested.

Miss Kim, we in L. A. are deeply committed to the Principle and will not leave or abandon it in any way, no matter what. We need direction from our leaders and love ties with our brothers and sisters.

Will we receive any notification of our Master's coming -- who and what, where, when? I would like something to say to those who are living here, fasting and praying daily for his arrival and success. Also, what can we do to share in some way, the indemnity, spiritual and/or physical, that will need to be paid as a unified effort on the part of the whole Family? Enclosed, please find checks written for HSA-UWC and accept as a demonstration of our commitment and support of efforts of the Unified Family to provide for our Master's needs as long as they are needed, and we are able to fulfill. Closing now, and hoping that we will grow closer to God in love and each other in our Master's Name, Jon and Sandy Schuhart

Washington, D. C.

Nora Martin

Greetings, dear Family, from Washington! Washington has been the scene of much varied activity -- both physical and spiritual. With twenty people in a center, we are learning not only the joy of sharing our lives, but also the responsibilities we each must take to make a center run smoothly and conserve the maximum amount of time to "be about our Father's business."

Miss Kim has been stressing the importance of our using every moment wisely and purposefully, pointing out that although we may be working hard, it is possible to be doing it only for ourselves. Therefore it is our attitude and purpose which determines how much work we are doing for Father.

As we see more and more people coming to be taught, we realize the necessity for each of us to prepare for leadership responsibilities -- to incorporate a high standard within ourselves. It is this standard which will set the pattern for the new world in America; it will not stand if it is weak and diluted.

We are teaching an approximate fifteen to twenty persons per week, and have persons studying at many levels. During the Tuesday evening lectures, our lecture rooms and teachers are usually all in use. As we sense the urgency of sharing this great truth with the world, we also recognize our need for wisdom and guidance in both witnessing and teaching in order to handle this valuable truth with the care it deserves.

During this month we have had the beautiful experience of teaching the Divine Principle to four Methodist ministers who were in Washington for a short-term summer course. Amidst the taking of final exams and the meeting of term paper deadlines, two of them were able to hear Divine Principle through the conclusion. The one who was initially most influential in encouraging the others to come had to leave unexpectedly due to a death in his family. Two of them now have the book and study course. Some of their comments were: "We feel such love and dedication in your group." "Either this is the greatest truth or the greatest hoax." "This answers so many questions I've had." "When one has been given light and does not respond to it, he falls into even greater darkness -- we had better be prepared to face a decision before we hear the conclusion."

We have felt such love and joy in sharing Principle with these men. We are now praying that Father will continue to work in their hearts as they take the study course. Our hearts go out to them as we anticipate the struggles they may go through.

Our newest family member, Linna Miller, a young teacher, moved into the center in early July and brings with her a wealth of varied experiences. She is taking a summer art course.

Blisters are frequent as we continue to prepare our Leader's house for his coming. Conquering weeds in the lawn is like getting rid of evil: just snipping at the surface is not enough. It requires energy to restore the world. May each of us be willing to take the individual responsibility of carrying out Father's concern, and consequently be able to share the work of restoration as a whole.

Pottstown, Pennsylvania

Gladys Davidheiser

(Note: The lady from Pottstown, Pennsylvania whom we mentioned in the last issue has finished the correspondence course. She is Mrs. Davidheiser. We welcome her into our work. Miss Kim would like to share with everyone a recent letter.)

Dear Miss Kim, Enclosed please find \$4,00 (four dollars). I wish to try to answer the questions at the conclusion of the printed portion of our Study Course.

1. I believe God has chosen Korea for the final dispensation.
2. I feel that Mr. Sun Myung Moon had prosecuted and subjugated Satan in 1960, establishing the crossing junction between good and evil.
3. Mr. Sun Myung Moon is the Lord of the Second Advent, in my estimation.

(I must say that I asked Barbara last evening, "Is Mr. Sun Myung Moon the Lord of the Second Advent?" And she said, "I believe you guessed right." I hope this doesn't disqualify me.

Barbara is a delightful girl and we had a very happy meal together. Enclosed also is a notice from the first church I joined after finding my own Baptist Church was very lacking. They are blessed in their mission, but I feel my work is with you. I also feel we have the Everlasting Gospel. Much love, Gladys.

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In the quiet study, the good politician sees a hovering ideal: it is the City of God. In the smoke-filled room he learns how far the city of man is from that ideal. He must begin with the earthly city as it is. He does not despair: he has seen the vision . . . In the majority of politicians I now discern, to a varying degree, an awareness of the hovering ideal, and some recognition of the city of man as groping toward the City of God. "

-Chad Walsh, Behold the Glory, 1955

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Men say I am a saint losing myself in politics. The fact is that I am a politician trying my hardest to be a saint.

-Mahatma Gandhi, quoted in Louis Fischer, The Life of Mahatma Gandhi



## ARTICLES

## The Case Against Reincarnation

Pearl World

To get the right answers to your questions, consult someone who has already had that particular experience. This is just as true for the spiritual as it is for the material world. No one should know better whether or not the soul returns to earth after "death" to inhabit another physical body than those who have already passed through this change, those who are now in the world of spirit.

So it was with great interest that I first heard a spirit entity questioned about reincarnation. This was many years ago at a trumpet seance in San Francisco. "Tell us, Dr. Briggs, is there such a thing as reincarnation? Does the soul return to this earth or to any other planet to inhabit a new flesh body?"

"As you know," Dr. Briggs' deep, scholarly voice shook the walls of that darkened room, "I have been here a long time by earth count, and to my knowledge there is no reincarnation. I have never known of anyone returning to any earth plane to activate a new flesh body." He continued, "Nor have I spoken to anyone on this side of life who had more than one physical earth life."

Dr. Briggs is the wise teacher-guide of one of the foremost mediums in this country. She has been the pastor of the largest spiritualist church in this area for over fifty years and is widely acclaimed for both her amazing ability as a clairvoyant and for her honesty and integrity. Through years of study and insight, she learned to test the veracity of those spirits who contact us through her gift. She brooks no frauds.

Dr. Briggs' pronouncement was but one more piece of evidence against the theosophy of reincarnation. The belief that we are trapped again and again within a flesh body, blindly to make the same mistake over and over, is unthinkable. No earthly father would condemn his children to so cruel a fate, then how much less would our loving Heavenly Father so condemn us? All evidence clearly shows that reincarnation is not God's Great Plan for His children.

Many of my friends believed in reincarnation. Most do no longer. But their efforts to convert me to their way of thinking drove me to arm myself against their attacks. Much authoritative ammunition is found scattered throughout the Bible. Heavy artillery was mustered through psychic study: books, developmental classes, hours of meditative research and prayer and direct contact with those in spirit. This direct contact furnished the strongest armament of all.

Recently a master teacher from spirit honored me with his help. As Ori Hanji, (phonetic spelling), he was born in India, close to the Tibetan border. My first question was, "When you were in the physical form of life, did you believe in reincarnation?"

"Yes, but I have learned better," he answered.

"Then you no longer expect to return to this earth or to any other in a new flesh body?" I persisted.

"No, I do not. The purpose of life is progression, to grow toward God. Continually repeating the same earthly existence over and over with no knowledge left to correct former mistakes is as cruel as blinding a slave and condemning him to a treadmill. He goes round and round until one day, by pure chance, he stumbles off his wheel and miraculously regains his sight."

The purpose of life is progression, to grow toward God. Continuous progression is based upon continuous learning. What we learn on earth we retain as a foundation for the studies we do after we shed this physical body. We continue onward and upward.

For those who believe in reincarnation, progression stops when they reach the spirit world. As Dr. Briggs explained, "I have seen many spirits just sitting and waiting to re-enter new flesh bodies. All efforts to lead these misguided souls to the Great Halls of Learning are in vain. They cripple their own advancement, they stunt their own growth by their stubbornness. Those who taught them this philosophy have much to answer for."

One of these repentant prophets is Madame Helena P. Blavatsky, whose teachings and writings made world-wide the theory of reincarnation. She now admits that she was wrong in a seance conducted by Dr. Carl A. Wickland, M.D., through the mediumship of Mrs. Wickland.

"I wanted to be a leader in some way or other. Now I want to bring the truth to the world. I knew of spirit manifestations, for I had them myself. I did a great deal in my early days along this line, but then I commenced to investigate theosophy. To me came reincarnation. It appealed to me for a time, for I could not see Truth clearly. . . . I studied reincarnation, and I thought there was truth and justice in the theory that we come back and learn and have more experiences. I taught it and wanted to bring it out to the world and its peoples. I felt that I remembered far back in my past. I felt that I knew all about my past, but I was mistaken."

This memory of past lives is the strongest and only argument the reincarnationists have. Now Madame Blavatsky explains what these "memories" are. "Memories of past lives are caused by spirits that bring such thoughts and represent the lives they lived. A spirit impresses you with the experiences of its life and these are implanted in your mind as your own. You then think that you remember your past. I took it for granted that these memories were true, but when I came to the spirit side of life, I learned differently."

Reincarnationists believe that the soul returns to earth, housed in new flesh, to correct former mistakes and to right former wrongs. This is a commendable idea, except that the reincarnated soul is left with but vague impressions of former lives and learning. All clear-cut knowledge is erased from the mind. How, then, can you know what mistakes to correct or what wrongs to right?

Would you permit a teacher to demote your child to a lower grade in school so that the child learns his lessons better, but at the same time wipe his mind clean of all former learning? Of course you would not! That is cruel.

God is stern, God is just, God is even angry at times. But God is never, never cruel. Throughout the Bible are examples of the kindness of God, the love of God, the mercy of God.

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me saying, 'Yes, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee.  
Jeremiah 31:3

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.  
John 3:16

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.  
Isaiah 44:22

No one who believes in the Bible can believe in reincarnation. There are too many unequivocal statements which refute it.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.  
Ecclesiastes 12:7

If reincarnation is the way of life, then spirits cannot return to warn and guide us. Yet the Bible contains many examples of communication with those who left the earth plane hundreds of years before their reappearance as spirits. The classic example is the conference held at the Mount of Transfiguration: "And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus." (Mark 9:4) The Bible contains but one quote which the reincarnationists are able to twist to their own misinterpretation: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord..." (Malachi 4:5) A reincarnated Elijah in the body of John the Baptist, with but flashes and vague impressions of his former knowledge would be of little use in God's Great Plan. How much more effective would the spirit of Elijah be with all his earthly and heavenly wisdom, to guide and counsel John.

Even the words, reincarnate, reincarnated, reincarnation are not in the Bible. Born again and live again are, but from the context mean a renewal of spirit or to be born into the spirit world. If reincarnation were true, Jesus, hanging on His cross on that terrible day of crucifixion, would not have told the repentant thief, "Verily I say unto thee. Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43) No, he would have said, "As soon as your spirit is free from your body, go quickly, find a woman about to give birth to a child and take up your new body."

Spirit entities, with a strong belief in reincarnation while on this earth, do exactly that. They usurp another soul's domain. The results are misery and unhappiness for all concerned and lead to nothing but confusion and often to insanity. Dr. Carl A. Wickland, M.D. explains the great damage done by these marauding spirits in his book, My Thirty Years Among the Dead.\*

Death does not make a saint out of a sinner, nor a sage of a fool. The mentality is the same as before, and individuals carry with them their old desires, habits, dogmas, faulty teachings, indifference or disbelief in a future state.

Assuming forms which are the result of their thought life on earth, millions remain for a time in the earth sphere and often in the environment of their earth lives, still held by their habits or interests.

Lacking physical bodies with which to carry out earthy propensities, many discarnate intelligences are attracted to the magnetic light which emanates from mortals and, consciously or unconsciously, attach themselves to these magnetic auras, finding an avenue of expression through influencing, obsessing, or possessing human beings. Such obtruding spirits influence susceptible sensitives with their thoughts, impart their own emotions to them, weaken their will-power and often control their actions, producing great distress, mental confusion and suffering.

Statistics show that insanity is increasing with alarming rapidity everywhere,  
....

Statistics also show an alarming increase in a belief in reincarnation. Is there any correlation between the growing numbers of mentally ill and the spreading belief in reincarnation? All evidence says that there is.

\*This book, published in 1924, is now out of print, but a taste of what it contained is available in booklet form from Amherst Press, Amherst, Wisconsin.

If you cannot give up the idea of reincarnation at this time, at least take an open mind with you when you leave your flesh body. Take time to investigate when you arrive in the spirit world. Do not sit like a bump on a log and wait to return to the flesh. Do not be stubborn and refuse all guidance toward learning and progress.

In this your new home of the spirit the mind is all powerful, what you think is, is what will be. A too-strong determination to reincarnate leads to nothing but unhappiness and delayed spiritual growth for both you and the unsullied spark of God which is the birth-right of every new-born child.

For those who think right the spirit world is filled with beauty, music, books, old friends, loving relatives, wise teachers, peace, and satisfying work to do. So pray for the right answers, remember, "Ask and you will receive."

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A Sermon (Washington, D.C.)

Albert Meighen

### Prayer

Disconnect me, Father, from all that prevents my connection with You. I was busy before I entered this room and I shall be busy again as soon as I leave it. But now my only business is my Father's, and I pray that You will keep my mind so fixed on You that, loving You with all of my being, I may worship You with all of my strength.

You are the Father of all -- even of those members of this group whom I do not like. Save me from trying to worship You without loving my brothers. And so open my heart outward that I may find my way upward.

Let your blessing rest abundantly upon us. In strength keep us humble; in weakness make us steadfast; and in all let us be faithful. Speak through me if You can, and in spite of me if You must.

Grant that we may not be content to be ungrateful. You have given us riches beyond our deserving, and we owe you our praise and our thanks. Lead us in this hour to do the deed for which no leading should be needed -- to become a fuller reflection of You.

Oh, Father, from where all things come, let these moments shed their light upon the coming days. We worship You today with words. Teach us to worship You tomorrow with our deeds; and, having been near You in this sanctuary, may we be no farther from You when we leave it.

Why are you in the Unified Family? And are you really a member all the way, or just part-time? Does everything you do center around the restoration, or is this just part-time? Are you talking Divine Principles and acting them out or are you really embodying them? I see a lot of outlining going on, but sometimes I wonder how much in-lining is going on. To the degree that it is a part of you, that is the degree that you are a part of the Family.

A deep union with the Father surpasses any type of union you can have with a person. But, on the other hand, I have heard many times said that the reason I can go out and help my fellow man is because of my great love for God. Yes, you should have a great love for the Father; but, if you do not really love your fellow man, you do not really love the Father. People will not respond if you do not have love or concern for them. We are called the Unified Family. Our aim is to make the whole of mankind one family with the Father at the head. If we are to be a true reflection of God, and we know that He has unconditional love for all of His children, all of mankind, then we must have the same love for all of mankind. The most active kind of love we can show to all of those who have helped us to come closer to the Father is to give more and more of ourselves to the restoration; that will make them all happier than anything else we could do. That is from the Father on down the line.

I think that once a week each and every one of us should go off by himself and think, "What does it mean to be a full-time member of the Unified Family? Then think over the last week's activities and feelings and thinkings and grade ourselves. Then see what we should do the following week to improve. Pray to Father. He will show you what to do.

Another aspect of time in connection with the Family is that at this point of time, we, the Family, are at war. A total and all-out war with Satan. More than ever we must unite and fight with all we have, for Satan is out to get us, and if we do not stand fast and use all our weapons, we will lose this most important battle, and all of mankind and the whole creation will judge us. And rightly so, because we know what is going on. So the responsibility lies with us, and us alone. We stand on the threshold. We can either advance the whole creation more than it has ever been before, or we can retard it for centuries. The responsibility lies with each and every one of us. We are all very important in this battle, and at this point we are losing.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A correction should be made in your study courses. In Chapter IV, page 47, the first sentence in the third paragraph should be changed to read, "The tree of the knowledge of good and evil symbolizes Eve prior to the fall..." We are trying to correct all copies we send out from Washington, but some are missed. Please be sure that this change is made in all study courses you use and distribute.

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We would like to advise that Edwin Ang has been delegated Director of the Bay Area, California, Area, effective July 10.

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## TESTIMONIES

Vienna, Austria

Emilie Steberl

(Emmi is 35 years old and an insurance clerk.)

I was born in Slovakia and grew up together with my twin sister under quiet, orderly, simple and contented family conditions. Up to my twelfth year of life my religious education took place according to customs in a village where Protestants were a minority. Then, at the end of the war, we were evacuated to Austria. It was there that I was confirmed into the Protestant Church with the Bible passage: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." With great expectations we sang the song: "Now take my hands and lead me." But twenty years passed by until I recognized this guidance.

The only fulfillment in my life I saw in an occupation that would give me the opportunity to work independently with many people. This couldn't be realized however, and therefore I saw very little sense in my life, because I had no real goal. Especially during the last year, before Inge Eisner confronted me with the Principle, I kept asking myself questions as to the goal of my life. I put my hands in front of me and thought, "Why are they made like this, if I can't do any more with them in my life than I'm doing now?"

For about six weeks Paul Werner and our Principle Family tried very hard to teach me the Principle, but for a long time I couldn't grasp what it was all about. In addition to this fact I fought against the strong vibrations I could feel. I just didn't want to admit that all of a sudden people could mean so much to me, and I couldn't understand that there was something that could interfere so much with my indifferent yet seemingly contented life. On the 26th of October the whole family came to visit me, and especially on this day my inner self was in a turmoil and I couldn't feel any joy about the visit, even though the Family radiated so much love and warmth. My conscience rebelled. Because of my negative behavior Paul Werner decided to leave earlier than planned. Also my wish to the family, to sing "Arirang" for me, wasn't granted. When everybody was seated in the VW-Bus already and Paul refused to give me his hand to say good-bye, my whole being just about broke up and I felt like crying and running after the car. But my pride and inner defense kept me from doing so. Paul's last words, "You know where we live," caused a terrible inner struggle. My pride was hit and fought against the longing to belong to the Family too. On the other hand I saw my indifferent life, my life without God, and, like many times before, I asked myself, why God never deserted me, although I never cared for Him and had no relationship to Him. The thought struck me again, as it had before that God would have to drop me and draw me up from the bottom, so that I might see and experience His greatness.

My longing, to drive to the Family at once, was very strong, but my pride was stronger yet. So I ran into the garden and prayed, really prayed, maybe for the first time in my life. I asked for a sign, for help, to overcome my pride. I felt as if all of a sudden I was being asked how it would be if God right now would take His hand away from me, the hand He held over me and my family, even though

I wasn't conscious of that fact. Something told me then very strongly to grasp God's hand, outstretched for the last time.

Within a few minutes I was on my way to Vienna to be with the Family as soon as possible, so that they would show me and lead me on the way to this new life. I only wish I could express in words the greatness and wondrous happenings that renewed my life and meant fulfillment to me, so that many people might experience this new life. It is my deepest longing now to help many people find the way to this new life of love, security, and strength, which is in our Father.

My deepest thanks and love goes out to all of those who went this road before us and with their lives, prayers, and love helped us to do the first step on this road to God.

In heartfelt love I'm with all brothers and sisters, with whom we are united through our common goal. Deep in our hearts we are longing, not only to receive our Father's love, but to respond to it fully. In the name of our True Parents, Emmi Steberl.

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Vienna Austria

Harald Unger

(Harald is 26 years old and has his diploma in Forestry Engineering and is an assistant professor.)

I was active in YMCA work here in Vienna as a youth leader. I joined this group after a long search, but right from the start I knew that this wasn't really what I was looking for, but because I couldn't find anything better here in Vienna I stayed there while I was studying at the university. After graduation from the Academy of Forestry I intended to go to one of the underdeveloped countries to live a life of service for God. Yet, after I finished my studies, I changed my mind and decided to get another degree in botany. During this time, however, I had the feeling that I was wasting my time and therefore I intended to finish my studies and go to South America during the summer. There was one problem, however. I knew that if I went to South America, my work should be that of a true Christian following God's call. But I wasn't at all sure whether this was really God's will for me and so I began to pray to get a clear answer. I also felt that I wasn't prepared enough to really work for God in one of these countries.

During this time of search and uncertainty about my future I was confronted with the Principle by Bernhard Maierhofer. I read the book and there were many things I couldn't understand and they seemed to be unbiblical. I thought, it would be nice if all of this could be true.

I decided to be objective and to hear other people's opinions, only to find out that these opinions were contrary to the Principle. In the meantime I already accepted some of the Principle as the truth without my really wanting to do so, and therefore I lost my objectivity. I was in conflict with my conscience and prayed to God for help to make the right decision, but I didn't get any answer. By remaining in contact with the Principle Family and especially with Paul Werner, I gradually came



to a clearer understanding and I lost my reservations. One night I thought about the situation and what possible reasons I still could have to reject the Principle. I found that I had none and accepted the Principle. That same instant I felt the power of God going through my whole body. I felt like new and had the deep impression that I could never have any wrong thoughts any more. I feel so sorry that this feeling didn't last forever, but I take it as a foretaste of things to come after I reach my goal. Up to now my development in the Principle was slow; but this has to be changed.

My love to all of you in the name of our True Parents. Harald Unger.

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Vienna, Austria

Elfriede Schaltermandl

(Elfriede is 29 years old and a typist).

From the time I was 16 years old until my 23rd year of life I was active in Catholic youth groups. At that time I had a deep and heartfelt relationship to God, which meant everything to me. But after that period there came a time when I didn't feel as close to God anymore. Yet this fact didn't keep me from partaking in the Sacraments and from leading my life according to God's will as best I could. Nevertheless there was a constant struggle within me, because I wasn't able to overcome my negative and feeble nature. Because of my constantly accusing myself I was drawn into a satanic circle I couldn't free myself of.

When I was confronted with the Principle, I at first didn't want to know anything about it, because I told myself that only the Catholic Church meant security for me and would be the only place where I would be at home. It was a long and hard road until I realized that the Principle means help for me and all mankind and that only through the Principle will it be possible to overcome everything that is negative and satanic. It was a shock to me to realize that it wasn't God that, as I told myself until now, accused me constantly, but Satan; that Satan is doing everything in his power to keep mankind from reaching its goal, perfection. Also I could see how much God suffered and still is suffering because of His lost children.

It is wonderful that God was so patient with me and called me in spite of my being so stubborn. It still is hard for me to comprehend, that God needs me and my brothers and sisters so that His ideal of creation finally can be realized. I will work for God and the establishment of His Kingdom 100 per cent and He will help me to do so. Elfi Schaltermandl

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Vienna, Austria

Brigitte Plochl

(Brigitte is 25 years old and a secretary).

In the name of our dear Master I want to thank our Father for the incomparable present he has given to me. Through the bridge of music I went to hear in St. August Church I came to hear from the Divine Principle. Emilie Steberl invited

me to the HSA for the Unification of World Christianity. The idea of unifying the various Christian religions interested me, and besides I felt a need for discussing many problems, e. g., about the goal of life for mankind. Though I was a practicing Catholic I still could not understand why God created men, what they are here for and why they are suffering so much.

The Family I was introduced to seemed wonderful to me and I immediately felt drawn to them, though there were many things in the beginning which kept me away from studying the Principle and from coming again to the Family.

Paul Werner and Bernhard Maierhofer spoke to me of the Principle. It was astonishing how they knew an answer to every question. Though the things seemed strange to me in the beginning, I was very glad and thankful for these answers. Life has become so much more meaningful to me now.

It is the most beautiful mission for me to tell other people about the truth and to know that just in our time Christ has come and we may see him personally. I will do my very best to fulfill this great mission, to thank God for the great confidence He has set in me, helping Him to build His kingdom as soon as possible and to console His sad heart.

Brigitte Plochl

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Vienna, Austria

Beate Paul

(Beate is 25 years old and a clerk-typist).

I was born an only child in Karnten, Austria. Even though my parents were both German, I have never been to Germany. My father died right after the war, when I was very young. When I was twelve years old, I participated in a camp meeting of the Southeast European Mission. During this short but blessed time I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior and dedicated my life to God. I grew up in Catholic surroundings and I didn't have any contact with people who had a deep conviction and were following Jesus. Therefore, what I heard and experienced would have been forgotten very soon if it weren't for my aunt, who supplied me with Christian literature from Germany.

After I did some years of office work, I had the desire to give more of my time to serve God and my fellowmen, and therefore I worked in a home for children for one year in Vienna. Since I knew only a few people with a deep faith, I pictured all Christians in my mind as really wonderful because of testimonies and reports I read. Of course this picture didn't quite match reality. I wanted to serve God, this was my only hope and desire. But when the time came and I saw my own inadequacy and I realized that it wasn't all joy, I resigned quickly.

Later I took up office work again. A girl of our Vienna Family (Hilda Maierhofer) invited me to hear the Principle. In the beginning it was very hard for me to accept the truth about the mission of Jesus according to the Principle and I was not open for new thoughts and ideas. Yes, not even the joy about a restored world could reach me. I had become so indifferent, tired and hopeless (especially in regard

to great and important events) that I couldn't believe that these things could become a wonderful reality. Yet Paul Werner and the Family surrounded me with so much love and patience and they never stopped inviting me, that I am forever thankful to be a member of our Family. In great joy and gratitude, take all my love and greetings in the name of our True Parents. Beate Paul

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New York City (Now in Washington)

Nora Martin

Dearest Family, How happy I am to be able to call you my family. Although I do not know many of you, I do know that we are one in heart and living for a purpose higher than ourselves and giving our all to the work of Father's kingdom.

Several years ago Father very dramatically brought me into a whole new world of spiritual growth during which I learned to love Him more deeply and had a greater sense of mission than ever before. His presence and leading were constant and clear. There was beauty and joy in living. After a series of very specific answers to prayer, I followed His leading to New York City for graduate school -- but I did not know why it was in New York He wanted me to study. For two years the confidence that I was in His will gave me peace in a city of chaos.

As graduation drew near, I had many unanswered questions. Why was I so definitely brought to New York University? Had I accomplished His will for me here? Why had Father taken care of even financial needs, leaving me free of all commitments? Where did He want me to go from here? I knew there had to be a reason for I would soon have to make definite plans. There was a consciousness that this was a period in my life when God was preparing me for a new and closer walk with Him. I was waiting to find it.

Little did I realize what Father had in store for me when I responded to an invitation to visit the New York Center (since my interest in them was mainly studying the various tactics used by church groups to evangelize the public).

I was raised in a Mennonite home; I was the oldest of nine children. My life has been a succession of growing experiences which has gradually led me far from the simple farm life of my childhood. I cherish this stable, warm, simple love and security -- a part of my past which I will always take with me. Above all, what began as a simple faith in God and Jesus deepened with each new experience, and growing intellectually meant growing spiritually as well. Upon this foundation I now seek to build firmly, so that I may be most useful in Father's Kingdom.

What can I say about you, dear family? Words do not seem deep enough to express the feelings. Now I know the why of every turn in my life -- always preparing me for a mission on a higher level. Commitment to God in a new way -- through our True Parents -- has wrought a great change in me. This comes about only through the growing pains of some of the greatest struggles I have ever experienced. Consequently, this has been a mellowing experience, a refining of heart, in which some of the vivaciousness and

exuberance of my Christian testimony has been replaced with a far deeper sense of responsibility and mission. Finally, I can say with a true heart of love that I want to give my all to the restoration of this world. When one knows truth -- one must live it -- through joy and sorrow. How can I say what I feel, for it only wells up within me. Yet you understand, for you, too, feel it. Together, dear ones, fortified with truth, unified by love, and strengthened by our Father's power and our Leader's example, let us go on with confidence. Most lovingly in Him, Nora Martin.

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Washington, D. C.

Neil Salonen

Beloved Family: In greeting all of you this first time as my true brothers and sisters, my thoughts are first of the constantly increasing gratitude I feel -- for your faithful and untiring effort and prayer that extended His truth as far as myself; and, second, of the urgent need to parallel our snowballing increase in numbers by an equally exponential increase in our efforts -- to touch everyone, everywhere as rapidly as possible.

To feel hope and joy in the knowledge and study of Divine Principles is to simultaneously feel sorrow for all those who still face life as I did only four months ago -- not as a gift or privilege, but as a curse or affliction. Born to loving parents of modest but sufficient means, I was raised in a Christian background, with a deep respect for education, and a firm belief in the worth of the individual. I expected a great deal from life, but as my world expanded, I found myself ill equipped to relate to something so radically different in reality from what my conscience told me it ought to be ideally.

With all evil so thoroughly manifested in the world -- selfishness, greed, and sadism among others -- and with all good so apparently futile or very short-lived, I was forced to rationally conclude that man was a randomly-evolved animal, whose security in his uncertain life span depended on his ability to manipulate others. I was unhappy, but my experiences told me that everyone was -- and the key to a successful adjustment was not to expect more than occasional happiness; I resigned myself to roll with whatever punches came along.

I could find nothing Absolute to base my life upon, except my own mortal and unconstant self. I was an agnostic by default. I stopped caring about others, and then about myself. What difference did it make? In many ways, I was beginning to die.

Divine Principles, therefore, meant a renewal of all my hopes; an opportunity to feel a direction in my life, and to become a valuable and worthwhile member of mankind. Not only can I now hope to satisfy my need to find logic in human events, but I am able to begin recognizing emotion as valid in deciding action, which I had previously so hopelessly fought. My joy springs not from what I have become, what our Family or the world is now, but what can and will become -- as fast as we can grow and apply our matured efforts.

This is not to be done in one day, although how fast it can be accomplished depends only on our ability to commit ourselves in action toward the goal. Even as I am ashamed to look back at all the resistance and reservations I have pridefully maintained, I know that this has only been a small beginning. By resisting or holding

back in even one small way, we delay the work of the Restoration.

As I strive to disentangle myself from the many stumbling blocks, which at times seem almost inherent to my nature, my prayers will be with all of you -- that as we grow together, those who follow will be aided and our Ideal transformed rapidly to reality.

May our Loving Father guide and strengthen all of you, in Their Names, your loving brother, Neil.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Leader and his party are still in Japan and have so far been unable to obtain American visas. However, the Leader's Japanese visa expires August 12. If he has not obtained American visas by that time he may have to return to Korea and delay his American trip.

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We have a few copies of the Children's Principle study course, written by Mary Weir, St. Louis. These are available on request to Centers with children. We hope to develop the course in the future, but we have had repeated urgent requests -- so we're making a few copies and will look forward to hearing your comments and learning your results.

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Two new sections of The Master Speaks series have first been printed and are now available. They are:

On the Restoration and Judgment - MS4(2) - .40  
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