

New Hope for America

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Men and women came from Europe to build in America a nation centered on God, a nation that would stand for the values of freedom, brotherhood, and justice for all. People around the world have expected the United States to live up to that standard. But after nearly 200 years, Americans seem to be losing confidence in themselves, and their government.

In the face of the present energy crisis, America, long accustomed to affluence and a lion's share of the world's resources, now has to re-evaluate its priorities and needs.

Many developing countries look to Western democracies to aid them. Who will stand as the bulwark of freedom and righteousness? Who will protect the helpless, and feed the hungry?

The primary responsibility lies on the shoulders of those who believe in God. But Christian churches are in a crisis of faith and are often unable to translate their words into action.

This is a day when people are longing for something beyond crass materialism. Thousands flock to the Pentecostal movement, to anyone who offers them spiritual experiences- to the

fundamentalist churches, to the Jesus people, to mind-expanding drugs, to Indian gurus. Yet so many of these groups think only of their own well-being and abandon their responsibility to serve their brother, to create a better world where God's ideal can be realized.

Spiritual experiences are not enough to turn the tide of destruction. Mankind needs new truth, a deeper understanding of the source of conflicts and principles needed to usher in a new era for man. We dedicate this issue to the proclamation of a New Day of Hope for America and for all mankind.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon is now speaking in America. His message is a wellspring of transforming power offering the greatest hope for our age. He has inflamed the hearts of hundreds of thousands with his vision.

It is our hope that a great spiritual awakening beginning in America can reach out to and embrace the entire earth.