

PEACE
KING

THE MAN
AND HIS WORK

INDOMITABLE SPIRIT

DR. L.M SINGHVI

Former High Commissioner for India in the United Kingdom; Former Member of Parliament; President, Parliament of the World's Religions (1992)

AS I REFLECT ON the life and work of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, "amazing" and "incredible" are the words which come spontaneously to mind. Their life together constitutes a saga of mutual devotion, the hallmark of which is their indomitable spirit and commitment to the ideal. The tensile strength of that commitment kept them unruffled through the rough and tumble of life.

Trials and tribulations, prosecutions and persecutions, adversities and onslaughts, imprisonments and incarcerations made him all the more resolute and firmly rooted in his basic ideas and ideals of how to change the world for the better and in his divinely ordained determination to help create a global culture of peace to bind humanity together. In that sense, peace and harmony occupy a proud place in the agenda of his life, and he has persevered in his pursuit of those goals with a determination that is indefatigable. A more joyous and purposeful consecration of life to the ideal of universal peace is difficult to imagine.

I am deeply impressed by his basic idea of the institution of the family and family values. His emphasis on the centrality of family values to human welfare and to peace and harmony is a pioneering

contribution in our age and time when values are under attack. He has a universal vision which embraces the world with unbounded love. His spirituality, ethical insights and emphasis on interfaith understanding are vital to his worldview and his vision for shaping a new and humane approach to the uppermost task of achieving peace on earth in our time.

His vision of governance, transparency, rule of law, human rights, human responsibilities, mutual affirmation and acceptance of the religions of the world provide a framework for global dialogue among civilizations. I admire him as a philosopher, man of action and true citizen of the world which is struggling to be born. Hence, this brief annotation and encomium with love from India, the oldest cradle of human civilization and the heritage of human values.

The first question I asked Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Rev. Dr. Moon's chief lieutenant, was whether the peace movement launched by Dr. Moon had a proselytizing agenda. If it did, I was unwilling to associate with it. His answer was an emphatic and categorical no. That is how my association with Rev. Dr. Moon started. His own views on religious sectarianism was best expressed thus:

As far as I know, God is not sectarian. He is not obsessed with minor details of doctrine. We should quickly liberate ourselves from theological conflict which results from blind attachment to doctrines and rituals, and instead focus on living communication with God. I think we urgently need to purify the religious atmosphere into one in which believers can have living faith and every soul can communicate with God. In God's parental heart and His great love, there is no discrimination based on color or nationality. There are no barriers between East and West, North and South. Today God is trying to embrace the whole of humankind as His children. Through inter-religious dialogue and harmony we should realize one ideal world of peace, which is God's purpose of creation and the common ideal of humankind.

That conviction found an eloquent expression in the life and work of Rev. Dr. Moon, even though he himself leads a church of his own. His work for peace today transcends all denominations. He is an apostle of love and affirmation of life in love and joy. His words have an exhilarating prophetic resonance:

There is no limit to joy. Happiness has no end. When you are standing in the love of God, every cell in your body jumps for joy. You breathe in and out with the entire universe. In this state, your life is fulfilled. God means us to live, intoxicated in love and joy. And through our joy, God receives His joy. The joy of man is the joy of God; and the joy of God is the joy of man.

The following poetic words from Adi Granth, the sacred scripture of the Sikh faith, capture the essence of life and work of Rev. Moon:

In the holy Word my heart feels joy and perpetually disports.

In the cave of spontaneous realization is it in trance,

Stationed on a splendid high cushion.

After wandering to my home (true self) have I returned.

And all of my desires have obtained.

Devotees of god! Completely fulfilled is my Self,

As the Master has granted a vision of the Supreme Being,

realized by mystic illumination.

Himself is He King, Himself the multitude;

Himself the supremely liberated, Himself of joys the Relisher;

With Him seated on the throne of eternal justice,

ended is all wailing and crying.

As I have seen, such vision of Him have I conveyed—

Only those who are initiated into this mystery have its joy.

As light is merged into Divine Light, has joy come;

Nanak, servant of God, has beheld the sole,

all-pervading Supreme Being.

Rev. Dr. Moon has found joy in his tireless pursuit of peace and righteousness in the teachings of Vedanta, Lord Mahavira, Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ and Guru Nanak Dev. His pursuit of peace and righteousness is in accordance with the enduring dictates of all the noble paths of all the religions. Through his life and work he fulfills the true meaning of *religare*, the root word of religion, which means to bond and to sustain. That is his vision and mission.

EXCEPTIONAL MAN

H.E. SIR JAMES MANCHAM

*Founding President, Seychelles (1976-77); Chairman,
UPF Global Peace Council*

IN JANUARY 2001, I unexpectedly received an invitation to participate in a Convocation of World Leaders that was to take place at the United Nations.

At that time, many of my collaborators thought that I should not participate in this gathering because it was an initiative of Dr. Sun Myung Moon, who was regarded then as a leader of a controversial religious sect known as the “Moonies.” For a while, I thought I would refuse the invitation, but when I realized that such outstanding world personalities as Alexander Haig, former U.S. Secretary of State, and the Rt. Hon. Edward Heath, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, were to attend, I made up my mind to accept it in order to see and hear things for myself.

Upon my arrival in New York City, I learned that Rev. Moon had launched the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), with the objective of getting all the religions of the world to put aside differences of dogma and theology in order to concentrate and collaborate, on the basis of their commonalities, in an urgent search for peace and a better world order.

I have never regretted my decision to go to New York and subsequently lend my unqualified support to Father Moon’s initiative. As a born and practicing Roman Catholic, there has never been any attempt to “convert me” towards another faith. On the contrary,

through attending various conferences organized by the IIFWP over the years, I have come to know and to befriend imams, rabbis, archbishops and bishops of various Christian persuasions, Confucian and Buddhist leaders, Hindu swamis, and a whole range of other religious personalities of good will from every corner of the globe.

As far as the preaching and philosophy of Father Moon are concerned, I have been profoundly impressed and influenced by his steady concept of "living for the sake of others," his preaching of sharing and genuine caring, his argument that in every healthy body lives a healthy spirit, and his belief that we all belong to one and the same human family. Who indeed can question Father Moon's ardent belief that our life needs a spiritual dimension and that God is the source of all spiritual power?

Father Moon has always spoken eloquently about this world of ours which, in his view, constitutes a laboratory of human experience upon which we should try to build the university of love, tolerance and integration. He has always preached that a country cannot be a piece of driftwood carried along by the wind and tide. Like a majestic tree, it needs to be firmly anchored by deep roots and nourished by a unique set of values that will help it to grow and thrive. For these reasons, he has always been a forceful proponent of family values and the need for character education.

Against the background of a sadly divided world, Father Moon assembled some 1,600 delegates representing more than 150 nations to launch the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) at the Lincoln Center in New York City on September 12, 2005. I consider myself to be lucky and privileged to have been part of that historic gathering.

"Humanity stands at a critical turning point. The decisions we make and the actions taken or avoided at this time will take us either further along a path to increased harmony, prosperity and peace, or along a track of crisis, of conflict and want," Father Moon told his international audience to loud and sincere applause.

Thus was created the Universal Peace Federation, guided by this man's vision of humanity as one global family under God and called to live in accordance with core universal principles. Father Moon

has created a global alliance of religious, academic, political, civic and business leaders to work together to promote global peace and create what he calls "a unified world in which people live together in harmony, cooperation and co-prosperity."

Father Moon could have isolated himself in retirement and avoided the ongoing turmoil before us, as so many others have done. Instead, at his advanced age, he is more dedicated than ever to charting for us a path that will remain a living memorial to his lifelong commitment to a safer and more loving world. For this reason, just after the founding of the UPF he embarked on a 120-nation speaking tour to spread his vision and message. He took up the tour at the risk of his very life, saying he could not sit back and watch as the windows of opportunity for peace were closing one after the other. "Even if it costs me my life," he said, "I will not hold back."

Father Moon believes that we derive our existence from a common origin and that we share a common purpose and destiny and that this destiny is peace. He further believes that peace cannot be achieved by weapons alone—that peace cannot be legislated and therefore must come from within.

Over many years of adherence to the IIFWP and subsequently the UPF, there is nothing which has had a bigger impact on me than the love, support and loyalty which Father Moon enjoys from his wife, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon and their family and from those working closely with him. Today these outstanding men and women have been joined by Ambassadors for Peace working on global, regional, national and local levels to contribute to the fulfillment of the Founder's mission.

Recognizing that peace begins from the individual level, Father Moon developed programs and support networks that expand upon the peace education which focuses on the individual so that peaceful practices can take root at all levels of human society.

The Ambassador for Peace initiative was inaugurated at the IIFWP Convocation on "Dialogue and Harmony among Civilization: The Family, Universal Values and World Peace," in New York City in

January 2001. On this foundation, the Ambassador for Peace movement was launched and the first commissions were presented. To date, nearly 50,000 Ambassadors for Peace, all committed to living for the sake of others, have been appointed in over 185 nations around the world and are busy organizing, supporting and participating in service and relief projects such as building schools, digging wells, providing leadership in the area of interreligious dialogue, and fostering practices that help prevent conflict.

Father Moon's efforts for peace began in war-torn Korea in the early 1950s and have continued unabated to this day. Without exception, individuals who change and uplift the world in enduring ways derive their deepest inspiration from the realm of an altruistic spirit—where true transformation begins. As a great thinker said, "Age is opportunity no less than youth, though in another dress and as the evening twilight fades away, the sky is filled with stars invisible by day."

Against the background of my personal involvement with the work of the IIFWP and the UIPE, I can wholeheartedly proclaim that Father Sun Myung Moon is an exceptional man of superlative value. And if anyone wishes to question this assertion, then I would beg of him this simple question, "How many people with his charisma, generosity, commitments and sense of purpose and urgency do we find in the world today?"

PROPHET OF OUR TIME

H.E. KENNETH D. KAUNDA

President, Zambia (1964-91)

THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE an exceptional person is a great privilege. And I exercise this privilege with some pride. It is said that the world is a huge stage—and life is a great drama. Every day lives are born on this great stage, but usually they go unnoticed. Once in a long while an extraordinary person appears on the stage. The Rev. Moon is truly an extraordinary person.

I have known the Rev. Moon since 1983, only a short period during his life's work. But it does not take long to appreciate the tremendous impact he has made upon the world, even to the smallest corner of it.

Rev. Moon has dedicated a lifetime to a message. He has done this against great odds. The greatest of the world powers have opposed him. But the message has continued because it is a message that is anointed. It is a message that echoes deep in the human psyche. It is a message about the most basic unit of human life, the family. It tells the world the truth about our nature and what we must do if we are to have true peace in the family, in the community and between nations.

Rev. Moon has dedicated his life to giving practical expression to this message. It remains consistent today and it remains as relevant as ever. And thank God for giving him to the human race and to the world.

But we are not the only ones who celebrate his extraordinary life. Rev. Moon has touched many lives. He has touched the lives of the poor. He has advanced the arts, sports, physical sciences, social services and above all peace in the world.

We thank him for his efforts to reunify Korea, his homeland, and pray that God will strengthen his hand in this effort. He can take comfort in the knowledge that his wife is beside him as he continues his life's work. They are a magnificent gift from God to each other and to humanity. They are a valuable example to us all.

We are all privileged to listen to Rev. Moon. He is a teacher. But not an ordinary teacher. Rev. Moon is a messenger. But not an ordinary messenger. The truth is that Rev. Moon is a prophet of our time.

RT. HON. BISHOP ABEL T. MUZOREWA

Prime Minister, Zimbabwe (1979)

WHEN I THINK ABOUT Rev. Father Sun Myung Moon, whether in his presence or in his absence, I am reminded of God's words to Jeremiah the prophet, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5)

Although his biography says he was sixteen years old when he was called to be God's teacher, messenger and prophet, he was called while he was still in his mother's womb.

If every person under the sun would truly and earnestly take to their heart, mind and soul what Father Moon has delivered from God to humanity here on the earth, the Kingdom of God shall have been finally established and done on earth as is done in heaven—that is, the kingdom of true and genuine love for God and neighbor, forgiveness, peace and unity.

Father Moon's sufferings remind me of Saint Paul, who was imprisoned, beaten and persecuted for preaching and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The world stones true prophets, and Father Moon is a true prophet.

PROFOUND THINKER

H.E. ABDURRAHMAN WAHID

President, Indonesia (1999-2001)

IN THE SPEECH AND in the person of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, we can find a very long struggle to establish peace in a peaceful way. Religion does not permit the use of violence. Under Islamic law, only if you are abducted from your home are you entitled to physical defense. Christians are admonished to give the left cheek if the right has been struck.

All religions insist on peace. From this we might think that the religious struggle for peace is simple ... but it is not. The deep problem is that people use religion wrongly in pursuit of victory and triumph. This sad fact then leads to conflict with people who have different beliefs. For this reason Rev. Moon's call for peace though religion is something of great nuance and profundity. We are deeply fortunate for the chance to hear him and observe his life-long struggle for world peace. We can see how he lives peace so fully in his life. He has endured unspeakable persecution. I know this. This puts us in his debt.

If he can continue, we are the beneficiaries. This is why I harbor an inner hope that this visit will bring about the peace he lives and gives through his life and his speeches.

POWERFUL FORCE FOR GOOD

H.E. AZIZ SIDKY

Prime Minister, Egypt (1972-73)

I HAVE ATTENDED A NUMBER of events generously supported by Rev. Sun Myung Moon through the last few years. At each of the events I have had the pleasure to meet and to break bread with him and to see his vision and talent at work. I have met a vast number of leaders of the highest caliber from around the world who with utmost sincerity gathered together to discuss issues of immediate and current importance. We have met in many cities and countries around the world including Seoul, Moscow, Paris, the Middle East, and Washington, D.C. We have dealt with issues such as the environment, conflict resolution, diplomacy, trade and peace. Always, the quality of participation and depth of discussions have equaled if not surpassed what is occurring in the United Nations, the Organization of American States, or NATO.

The man behind this astonishing movement is Rev. Moon. Since his early youth in his native country of Korea, he has been a voice for justice and faith. He has championed the true brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. He has mediated conflicts and embraced those separated by different creeds. He has created many organizations earnestly working toward the solution and elimination of conflict. His goal is nothing less than a totally unified and harmonious world.

In his long and distinguished public career, the areas of his activity are so plentiful that it becomes impossible to list them. This

extraordinary individual has started a great number of publications; newspapers of high significance, including, of course, *The Washington Times*; multiple ecumenical and theological movements; academic and scientific efforts; and not to mention the hundreds of commercial and industrial corporations employing thousands of people.

Rev. Moon, in my humble opinion, represents a powerful force—a force of good—devoted to the defense of moral principles, to the promotion of the Kingdom of God, and to the name of peace and fraternity among nations, peoples, and individual human beings under the paternity of God.

The life events of Rev. Moon are well known—his birth in Korea, his education in Korea and Japan, his life devoted to the eternal, his vision and spirituality, his missionary work in more than 185 territories and countries, his imprisonments and tortures, and his constant evangelization and untiring pastoral work.

It is not possible to introduce Rev. Moon in an adequate way without making a special mention of his extraordinary, loving and sacrificing wife, Hak Ja Han, and his children and grandchildren.

As its founder, Rev. Moon can be proud of the fact that the Unification movement has always been free from racism, discrimination and prejudice and that it has opened the doors for communication and friendship between the yellow, white and black races and among the different peoples, ethnic groups and nationalities, as well as the languages, cultures and civilizations. His fundamental belief in the power of sacrificial love has overcome all obstacles and transcended all borders.

RT. HON. SIR EDWARD HEATH [1916-2005]

Prime Minister, United Kingdom (1970-74)

DR. AND MRS. MOON can take satisfaction in that over all these years they have brought the message of true love and peaceful families. This is very notable. Nothing is more praiseworthy than that.

TRANSFORMER OF THE WORLD

H.E. STANISLAW SHUSHKEVICH

Chairman, Supreme Soviet, Republic of Belarus (1991-94)

TEN THOUSAND KILOMETERS FROM their homeland, a large group of young people from Belarus are studying in prestigious Korean universities. This seems like a dream to me, having been born and raised in the Soviet Union. If I add that all this has come about through the efforts of one person, and that this is but a tiny bit of all the good works being done by this person, then one may truly call it a miracle. Who is this person?

To dominate people is the simplest thing of all, and it often leads people astray. We may state that the desire to rule has spawned a plethora of popular and amusing legends, and the legacy of this is not easy to shake off.

Even I have personally experienced this. At the time of my birth, the communist regime had ruled Belarus for seventeen years. In that time, through repression, terror and mass ideological propaganda by the Bolsheviks, the regime had fundamentally changed the mentality of the better part of the population, inculcating in them the new Soviet system of values, guidelines for life and social mores. The ubiquitous propaganda and lies, an obligatory component of education at all levels, instilled the "moral code of the builders of the communist state." The vast majority, including myself, never dreamed that in fact it consisted of a selection of ancient religious precepts, since we all were convinced that religion was the opiate of the masses and brought people nothing but grief and suffering.

When I was just six years old and began to be aware of all that had transpired, the incendiary bombs of the German fascists starting falling on my native Minsk. All that remained of the great city were a few brick buildings and humble wooden shacks on the outskirts. The Bolsheviks and communists were battling foreign invaders, enemies who had obliterated my beloved hometown and killed most of my kinfolk. Thus, it was totally logical to regard them as champions of a righteous cause, struggling against fascism for the sake of freedom and justice, and to me it seemed honorable to support these people in their endeavors.

During the war and the Nazi occupation, hardly anyone realized that the communist system being installed by the Bolsheviks in actuality differed little from the monstrous fascism. The evil of the fascists was patent with each step they took; but the repressions of the Bolsheviks were explained away by propaganda as the struggle for a resplendent future against the enemies of the people and the capitalists encircling us who were eager to enslave and exploit us. I even thought that my father being exiled to Siberia for no reason whatsoever was an unfortunate mistake by a righteous regime.

Several generations of my fellow countrymen were brought up on the atheistic ideology, and many even to this day continue to believe in the dazzling future of communism and in the absurd communist tenet "From each according to his ability and to each according to his needs." It is difficult to awaken such people from their dreams.

No small number of the older generation still sincerely believe in the communist ideal. For them, to repudiate their Soviet past would mean betraying themselves and giving up the very ideals taught by their kindergarten teachers and their university professors, not to speak of the mass media which had always been under strict censorship.

I may be faulted for the fact that, as I became aware of what the past had been all about, I did not commence at once to battle against this blatant evil. Along with most of my colleagues, I continued to work in a single-minded way, since my profession, physics, is not ideological in nature and is needed equally by all politicians regard-

less of their orientation. It was only later, as I conclusively came to terms with the perverted nature of the Soviet "humanistic education" and began to understand more and more clearly what is what and who is who, that I entered into politics.

Things went my way. I became acquainted with truly interesting people. They were not—as were the majority of my colleagues, professors in the physics department of universities—merely correctly interpreting the events of the past. These people could wield a substantial influence upon the world situation and even act to change it. These were presidents and heads of state of worldwide repute, along with their ministers and advisers.

Recalling all the distinguished people with whom I have crossed paths of destiny—figures such as Edward Heath and Francois Mitterrand, Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin, Helmut Kohl and Bill Clinton, George Bush, Sr., and Boutros Boutros-Ghali, presidents and prime ministers of the former Soviet republics, and many religious figures in the public eye—I would not be overstating to say that the most singularly interesting, impressive and intriguing of all has been Dr. Sun Myung Moon. Furthermore, I can assert that this same basic attitude in regard to Dr. Moon is held by the majority of politicians and religious leaders whom I have had the opportunity to meet.

Dr. Moon has been persecuted, imprisoned and restricted in his freedom to travel. He miraculously escaped death in a North Korean concentration camp. He was not broken by these experiences. To the contrary, he became a tough, thoughtful and wise warrior against dictators and despotism, renouncing all primitive, vengeful methods of confrontation.

Possessed of phenomenal patience and persistence, Dr. Moon was able to brilliantly clear away or surmount obstacles in his path and transform many of his opponents into his allies. His conviction in the rightness of his views and his wealth of experience in working with people of all different races and nationalities, without regard to their social class, have enabled him to meet with as loathsome a dictator as Kim Il Sung and to work out a means for nudging the

deadlock into direct dialogue between the governments of North and South Korea. I have been observing all this, which is not at all easy to believe, for a good many years.

The life of Dr. Moon is a prime example of service in the interest of the highest altruistic ideals. The constant support of his faithful and devoted wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and their wonderful family has helped him to stay true to his ideals. However, we ought not to downplay his profound benevolence and capacity to meet the incessant demands presented both in the sphere of human relations as well as his entrepreneurial concerns. Both factors receive much attention from Dr. and Mrs. Moon.

It is good to see him with his children and grandchildren and to hear the testimony of his closest aide, Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, about how a North Korean refugee who had lost everything eventually became the renowned Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon of worldwide fame. In spite of deprivation and the heavy burdens placed on their shoulders, Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han have come to stand as the foremost example for couples and families the world over. These two people are one in their quest. Mrs. Moon herself is totally dedicated to achieving the same ideal for which her husband is striving—the creation of a world of love, freedom and goodness, with no more armed conflicts and wars.

Dr. Sun Myung Moon embodies the best qualities of the Korean people, above all, the traditional thirst of Koreans for education, and indeed not only to receive an education, but to constantly upgrade and perfect it. Many have upheld such mottos as "Study, Study, Study," but generally they were either spellbound by an ideology or were calling people to study in a realm far removed from the human realm. Dr. Moon has made it possible to attain and perfect an education through a comprehensive curriculum on all levels ranging from childhood to adulthood—an education free from compulsory dogmatic or ideological content and encompassing a range of professions in the sciences, culture and the arts.

In each concrete case, he has achieved a rare degree of completion as the sponsor, manager, professor and architect of curriculum

programs, project planning, and even architectural design and construction of the physical facilities. He combines an ability to select talented people with the gift of inspiring them to attain fulfillment as they work to put substance to their dreams. In such an environment—where the most wonderful modern technological facilities are combined with wonderful professors brought together from all around the world—one would not dare to do evil; one could not help but devote his or her full time and effort to study.

Therefore, it makes complete sense that he is being welcomed with admiration worldwide. He has built institutions to advance knowledge, encourage creativity and restore health. His efforts reached the pinnacle of perfection in the museum and Peace Palace at Cheong Pyeong, which is breathtaking in its beauty and grandeur; virtually overnight it has become the destination of tens of thousands of pilgrims.

History knows numerous people who have contributed their thoughts on how to save this world from the plethora of plagues troubling its inhabitants. Fyodor Dostoevsky gave the most concise answer of all: “Beauty shall save the world.” At first thought, this was just a catchphrase without deeper significance. But I was wrong. All of the activities of Dr. Sun Myung Moon may be summed up as beauty of thoughts, beauty of deeds, beauty of action, and beauty of concrete results.

H.E. KESSAI H. NOTE

President, Marshall Islands

AS THE FRUIT OF his distinguished mission in life makes clear, Rev. Sun Myung Moon is a man of extraordinary qualities. A strong-willed individual, armed with a vision, he has proven that with conviction, courage, and an unshakeable faith in our Creator

one can achieve one's dreams. In Rev. Moon's case, however, his dream was not centered on achieving his own personal prosperity but rather on helping others in their own pursuit of happiness, based on the moral fabric of family values, interreligious harmony, and world peace.

His renowned work toward world peace has led him and his wife on countless missions around the world and into key world forums, such as the United Nations. His work around the world has left significant handprints, and today they speak for themselves. Rev. Moon, with the unfailing support of his family, has followed his heart and convictions of peace in the family and peace in the nation to lead many into areas where only a few have dared to lead.

H.E. EDUARD SHEVARDNADZE

President, Republic of Georgia (1995-2003)

I CONSIDER THE IDEAL OF world peace to be of the utmost importance. This ideal is now being carried forward by Dr. Sun Myung Moon. Such a concept implies the transformation of the movement for world peace into a global, cross-cultural and interreligious movement.

I have dedicated all of my life for the establishment of world peace and I cannot ignore world events. I want to wish you, Rev. Moon, and all the people of good will from around the world who participate in the Universal Peace Federation, every success in your noble endeavor.

UNIFIER

HON. ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.

*U.S. Secretary of State (1981-82), Supreme Allied
Commander, NATO (1975-79)*

I FIRST VISITED THIS HISTORIC land of Korea in 1950 as a member of the U.S. Tenth Corps, which landed at Inchon and liberated it. Two of my grandsons were born in Korea during the time my son served as executive assistant to the United Nations Commander. Thus you might say that the Haig family is part Korean, nourished by three generations of experience!

I'm particularly honored to introduce Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Together we have seen our paths converge on several important occasions, if not physically then certainly episodically.

He was born near North Korea's capital Pyongyang. After high school in Japan, he returned home and began to promote Christian values in clear opposition to the Godless communism which had gripped the northern half of the peninsula. Shortly after the invasion of the Republic in June 1950, Rev. Moon was imprisoned and sent to a concentration camp near Hung Nam on North Korea's east coast.

Shortly after the Inchon landings, I was a part of the second United Nations amphibious landing near Hung Nam. That action resulted in the liberation of Rev. Moon, who was able to flee to freedom in South Korea. This was the first time our paths crossed.

During the next two decades we both in our own way struggled against communist tyranny and for the establishment of a world

characterized by rule of law and peaceful change in contrast to a world dominated by the rule of the bayonet and violent change.

In the early 1970s, during the period I served as President Nixon's Chief of Staff, Rev. Moon came to America to launch his ministry. Then, as today, his ministry was based on our most cherished Judeo-Christian values: that the family unit was to be safeguarded and strengthened, that our youth need to be provided with sound moral education, and that our religious institutions, regardless of denomination, must play a pivotal role in these tasks.

In carrying out his mission during that troubled time in America, the Rev. Moon and his Unification Church promoted the concept that the Watergate-besieged president of the United States was as entitled to due process and full protection of the law as any other American citizen. He opposed a process dominated by emotion, hatred or base political motivation. Being at the center of that Watergate maelstrom, I have been grateful to Rev. Moon, who as a result was himself subjected to retaliation from certain circles in the United States. And while during that period the Rev. Moon suffered his share of pain, it did not deter him from continuing to promote his global mission.

Rev. Moon founded *The Washington Times*, which in my view has proven to be indispensable to the preservation of objective journalism in my nation's capitol. Rev. Moon's foresighted leadership has prevented Washington from becoming a one-newspaper town, dominated by a distinct philosophic bias.

In recent years America, as elsewhere, has been influenced by politically self-serving revisionism, which suggests that the collapse of Marxist Leninism in the Soviet model was the exclusive consequence of the United States military build-up during the Reagan administration. Here again, Rev. Moon was closer to the truth in recognizing that godless Marxism in the Soviet model was already in a state of disarray. I also spoke to that reality as early as the mid-1970s when I served as NATO Commander in Europe.

What we actually witnessed, as perhaps we are currently witnessing in North Korea and Cuba, is the consequence of the internal contra-

dictions inherent in the Godless Marxist ideology. Furthermore, the collapse of the Soviet Union, as some insist, was not a triumph of democratic values. Rather it was a triumph of systems—free markets, private property and entrepreneurship.

We must remind ourselves that the struggle for values continues. Our complacent failure to understand that the struggle for excellence in values continues may well result in the very outcome we fought to prevent throughout the conduct of the Cold War. In chairing important interdisciplinary convocations, the Rev. Moon acknowledges that the struggle for values continues.

He has emerged as a great peacemaker and unifier on the world stage. He is a leading force of interreligious dialogue and understanding between peoples of all backgrounds and, above all, for global peace and stability.

In 1991, during the inaugural meeting of the International Federation for World Peace, I concluded my remarks as follows:

Are our grandchildren going to say to us that we were content to tend our own vineyard while our neighbors struggled? Or are we going to rise above the temptation of complacency so that the peace of the twenty-first century is truly a contrast to the conflict of the twentieth century? We must work together as nations so that it may be said of us: They prepared a world of the future that redeemed by its justness the suffering of the past.

These conferences are testimonies to the Rev. Moon's effort to prepare a better world that redeems the suffering of the past.

H.E. RODRIGO CARAZO

President, Costa Rica (1978-82)

FOR REV. SUN MYUNG Moon, there are no boundaries of land or time, no insurmountable obstacles, no foes, no barriers in his hard-fought struggle. His goal is the fraternal unity of all people. Since early youth, he has been the voice of reason and moderation. He has championed true brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. He has mediated conflicts and embraced those separated by different creeds.

He has created many organizations to resolve conflict. His approach is to refresh our hopes for world peace with practical applications of cooperation, brotherhood and unity. A united world is his foremost goal. He is a man of constructive, fertile action in so many fields. His true renaissance-like abilities are as multiple and endless as his energy and his drive. In this gathering of democratic leaders of the nations of the world, he carries the torch of liberty.

He has defended religious freedom. He has fought against all forms of racism and discrimination. He has gathered—with his uniqueness, openness and tolerance—people of opposing religious and political thinking to work together for the unity of this beautiful planet.

The underprivileged have heard their defense from his lips and received succor from his generous hands. Minority groups the world over recognize his support. His native Korea has witnessed this patriot's unflagging efforts to promote the reunification of the peninsula. Devoid of personal ambition and pride, he has served all peoples. His sincerity and devotion are an inspiration to the young and the old. A true teacher, he has already taught three generations.

Rev. Moon is a man of peace and above all a man of God. He preaches that we must place God at the center of our lives and all our endeavors. Only God we honor, and Him we must serve.

ADVOCATE OF DIALOGUE

H.E. MOHAMMAD KARIM KHALILI

Vice President, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

AFTER NEARLY THREE DECADES of bloody war and conflict in Afghanistan, we are entering a new phase of social, economic and political life, which is opening a new chapter in the history of Afghanistan. Peace is the best gift of God for people who have suffered for such a long period, and peace is the sign of hope. The people of Afghanistan believe that peace and security are as important for life as air and food. It is extremely important to consolidate all efforts that advance peace and stability at national, regional and global levels; therefore, we will not spare any effort to promote peace and coexistence through dialogue among the different cultures, religions and peoples of our globe.

After the Taliban and Al Qaeda terrorist networks that controlled most parts of Afghanistan were toppled by U.S. and coalition military operations supported by the people of Afghanistan, we have made significant progress under new leadership, with the assistance and support of the international community. We have succeeded in establishing the foundations of a legitimate system based on democratic principles with a strong commitment to human rights and tolerance but without undermining our religious and traditional values. Today much progress can be observed in different social, economic and cultural spheres in Afghanistan. Yet we still face many challenges for our nation's development. Our young democracy needs complete

stability, which requires consistent support and cooperation of the international community to prevent the recycling of conflict.

Thus, we need to pay specific attention to strengthening moral and spiritual values in order to prevent the spread of immorality on our planet. Countries and communities now have the status of a global family, and the prosperity of the members of this family are closely interlinked. Ensuring peace and living in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and respect are keys for solving many problems. The solution to these problems depends on rooting out the cause of inequality in a way that is fair and acceptable for all and helps to bridge the gaps on the global, regional and national levels.

Diverse geographic, racial, linguistic, social, cultural, religious and political views should not be allowed to be abused and result in hatred, conflict, terror and the expansion of extremism. Fairness, tolerance and overcoming the causes of inequality and injustice are the key issues to be tackled in promoting durable peace on our planet.

Peacemakers who have provided leadership towards the realization of this cause have been respected and appreciated. Dr. Moon is one of the most respected figures of our time who has played a magnificent role and made a remarkable contribution in the movement towards the realization of universal peace. I believe that the principles and views of Dr. Moon, which are based on spiritual insight, have succeeded in institutionalizing the idea of universal peace not only in the minds of individuals but also in society. This has been an effective movement to reinforce the dialogue of universal peace.

He focuses on promoting and strengthening family values as the basis of a peaceful society and world. His emphasis on true love and actions of kindness even to the enemy has borne fruit and helped eliminate violence and hatred. Thus, the principles that Dr. Moon advocates are paving the way for dialogue and understanding among the religions and races of the world.

PROPONENT OF UNITY

H.E. RAHIM HUSSEINOV

Prime Minister, Azerbaijan (1992-93)

THE UNITED NATIONS DECREED the year 2001 as the "International Year of Volunteers." In that landmark year, as the former-Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, I was invited to one of the summit conferences of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace. The Federation marked the second anniversary of its founding by a man who is well known for his unwavering resolve and his fighting spirit, a proponent of the idea of unity among all peoples, nations and religions in the name of world peace—the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

It was in the 1970s when I came to hear about the inestimable dedication of Dr. Moon for the sake of strengthening and enhancing friendship among peoples. I heard that through his teachings we can facilitate resolving and sublimating ethnic tensions in our world today and prevent such conflicts from breaking out all around the globe.

To get to know and to relate with such a world level-figure is truly a comprehensive education which should endure to the end of one's days. In 2001 I had the good fortune to become acquainted with this truly great person and have substantial dialogue with him about the prospects for furthering the development of his peace efforts.

During the breakup of the Soviet Union and in the process of attaining independence, Azerbaijan experienced all the horrors of armed conflicts, as expressed, most painfully in the wholesale destruc-

tion of the biological, intellectual and cultural treasures and even the gene pool of our nation. The idea of creating an innovative model of good governance and demonstrating the realistic and practical potential and the effectiveness of interreligious and interethnic cooperation for resolving critical problems in the society, nation and world indeed offers a basis for realizing genuine peace on our planet.

Dr. Moon has been uniting men and women of good will and world leaders whose lives serve as an example of protecting the lives of others, reaching out beyond racial, ethnic and religious barriers to promote peace. In 2001 I was appointed as an Ambassador of Peace. Following the guidelines of Dr. Moon, the Ambassadors for Peace have been campaigning for interreligious and interethnic tolerance, respect, harmony and cooperation. We are in principle opposed to any sort of violent methods, regardless of under whose flag they are being conducted. Violence cannot liberate but only enslave people. For this reason, upholding today the principle of nonviolence and the cause of human emancipation, we must issue a fundamental call for harmonious mutual relations among nations and peoples, sovereign powers, and citizens themselves.

Dr. Moon teaches that righteousness is an essential and universal guideline and an ideological criterion, providing a measure for the conformity, appropriateness, balance and harmony between the actions of a person and the responses to these on the part of the society, its organizations, institutions and individuals, which may be manifest in the form of either rewards or punishments as well as judgments in regard to such actions.

The experience of recent years shows us that the Universal Peace Federation, with its close ties to the United Nations and to governments throughout the world, is indeed facilitating the resolution of actual issues in international relations and in human development, by averting ethnic and religious conflicts. All of this is enabling positive development of cultures and dialogue among civilizations.

Dr. Moon has proclaimed "The Era of the Peace Kingdom." Clearly this is a new road for humanity to take on its way toward achieving and preserving peace in our world.

We should remember at all times that the Lord God created this earth with all its wonderful gifts for the sake of people who are capable of thinking. Then let us use our minds constructively, in order that our planet will blossom in its full potential, and that we people can begin to live in peace and prosperity at last!

REV. LAURI OINONEN

Lutheran Minister, Member of Parliament, Finland

I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY to observe the activity of the Unification movement and its founders, Father and Mother Moon, since 1990. They have carried out their efforts to build a lasting peace among nations, trusting in the guidance of Almighty God. They have continued their work even though they have often been misunderstood and persecuted. I understand that their commitment has kept them going on towards that noble aim even against impossible odds.

I thank Father and Mother Moon for their consistent teaching and exemplary activity for upholding solid family values and strengthening families, which help to improve social well-being and joy in life.

WELLSPRING FOR WORLD PEACE

H.E. ANNETTE HSIU-LIEN LU

Vice President, Taiwan

I WISH TO CONVEY MY profound respect to Rev. Sun Myung Moon for his tremendous efforts to foster the spirit of peace and cooperation in this world filled with conflict. I also wish to congratulate him for his promotion of religious harmony and the unity of women leaders from different fields as a part of his initiatives for world peace.

I had the honor of meeting with Rev. and Mrs. Moon in Taiwan during their 120-nation world peace tour in 2005. I was deeply impressed to see the loving relationship between Rev. Moon and his wife, and I was also inspired to learn of Rev. Moon's effort in "rebuilding morals and ethics" and "rebuilding families." Rev. Moon shared that people can restore their character and integrity only by uniting their mind and body centered on God. Once a person's character and integrity are restored, then a peaceful and happy family as well as society can be rebuilt. Only then can our vision of world peace be realized.

His thought exemplifies exactly and perfectly the traditional Confucian philosophy of "cultivating your integrity first, building your family second, serving your nation third and bringing peace to the world." I also admire Mrs. Moon's courage and her devotion for the work of world peace. As a mother of fourteen children, she

has made great achievement not only in her family, in her nation but also in the world.

About thirty years ago, I initiated the women's movement in Taiwan to advocate a new feminism. Despite the many tragedies that have befallen me since then, I continue to stand up for gender equality. I believe that some of the worst problems in today's society are caused by the disintegration of traditional social and cultural values, a phenomenon I describe as the "social and cultural landslides" in Taiwan. Corruption of traditional values severely damaged the conventional morals and ethics that once bound our families and society together. As women began to participate on more equal footing with men in every area of society, development of a proper perspective on gender ethics in the twenty-first century has become a very serious topic. In my dictionary of feminism, the virtues of women are beauty, mercy and wisdom. In order to make the best of the feminine nature in this global village, I have been urging my fellow women to concern themselves not just with domestic and national affairs but with international issues as well.

Rev. Moon recognizes the unifying power of women and uses it in his work to bring peace to the world. Since I became the vice president, I have devoted even greater effort to promoting the use of "soft power," including human rights, democracy, peace, love and technological progress. I believe that Taiwan, as the pivot point of Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia, is a force for peace and soft power, rather than a cause for war and hard power in the region.

I want to offer my deep gratitude to Rev. and Mrs. Moon for their contribution in our country and around the world towards the goal of world peace. I am pleased to use this occasion to express my personal respect for them and my best wishes for their continued success in bringing peace and prosperity to the world. The tireless work of Rev. and Mrs. Moon makes them truly the cradle and well-spring for world peace!

PROMOTER OF THE IDEAL FAMILY

SIR PETER TAPSELL

Speaker of the House, New Zealand (1993-96)

I NEVER CEASE TO MARVEL at the technological developments which have occurred in my lifetime; there have been greater advances than at any similar period in history. As a student, it took me three days and three nights to travel by coal-fired steam train from my home to the university. My children can fly home for lunch. Computers and satellites have made it possible to converse with, or send pictures instantly to someone anywhere on the globe. We've seen a man walk on the moon. So called intelligent machines, robots can perform tasks which took men many hours to perform in a matter of minutes.

But whereas technology's rapid advance has brought us into a new age, we have not developed the disciplines which will allow us to use these developments wisely and for the good of humankind. Technology has helped us with our work, but it has sometimes freed us from those constraints which allowed communication to function peacefully and productively. We have been able to ignore some age-old moral values which made for peaceful coexistence. Science has sometimes led us away from the basic fact that we humans are spiritual beings.

Moreover, the advent of the new technology has magnified the economic imbalance both within and between nations. Those coun-

tries which own the new skills are becoming richer by the day; those without them are becoming poorer. Even within the richest western nations there is a widening gap between its richest and its poorest citizens. If this divergence of wealth continues, it is unlikely that the universal desire for peace will be fulfilled soon.

Not so long ago, there were some who predicted that the increase in the world population would bring about food shortages and even famine. But advances in agri-science have seen food production in most countries increase to the stage where they are sometimes embarrassed by gross surpluses. One of our major domestic problems in western countries is now obesity.

One might well be forgiven in this new age of technology and scientific achievement, where humankind is spared much heavy manual labor and there is no shortage of food, for thinking that peace would reign worldwide and happiness would be universal. Sadly this has not been the case.

Since the Second World War, strife has continued almost unabated. Israel and the surrounding Arab states are constantly at war. There is no sign of a peaceful settlement in Kashmir. The presence of oil has seen the Middle East constantly in turmoil, with widespread death and destruction currently occurring in Iraq. Some countries remain divided and ruled by different ideologies, for example Korea, where each side must maintain sizeable armies, the people of the South living in constant confrontation with the North. Even within some states, religious and culturally diverse groups are continually in conflict. 9/11 brought home to everyone the ease with which terrorists can cross national boundaries and kill innocent people.

At the purely local level we have seen the rise of the so called "dysfunctional home." In my country a large number of young people no longer marry, they simply cohabit as "partners." More than half of all unions end in separation, often bitter and acrimonious. It is the children who bear the brunt of this discord, and we are beginning to realize that children who grow in a solo parent home are disadvantaged. Physical and sexual abuse in the home has become commonplace. The problem is that a growing number of

children in this generation are growing up believing that violence is acceptable.

All of this brings us to the inevitable conclusion that to bring about peace is the major task of our time, and I have greatly admired the teachings of the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon with regard to the ways in which some of the violence which besets us can be overcome.

After the Second World War the victors created an international forum, the UN, where disputes could be debated and hopefully settled peacefully. The US, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China were the major players. It would not be true to say that the UN has done no good, but it has clearly failed to settle many ongoing disputes. In part that is because the UN is a "conclave of ambassadors" each committed to promoting the view of his or her government irrespective of the debate. Moreover, by its very nature, the UN makes no provision for views of the major religions or cultural groups, and in nearly every major conflict religious and cultural differences have been paramount.

Rev. Moon has proposed a "second house" at the UN composed of representatives of the major religious and cultural groups. This would ensure that the UN can fulfill a wider and hopefully more successful role in dealing with international and even intra-national dispute. It is a message which deserves much greater recognition.

Rev. Moon has constantly promoted the family as the basic unit of a happy and peaceful society. He is clear that the ideal family consists of a man and a woman, their children and the grandparents—the "three-generational family." In today's world that is not always a popular teaching. Many young people resent the disciplines of family life, but these disciplines are essential to a good and harmonious society.

On the occasions when I have been privileged to hear Rev Moon, I have been impressed that his teachings provide a way in which we can pursue the universal desire for peace. My own view is that long after he has passed on, his messages will enjoy much greater recognition. His great contribution to us all will be his untiring overtures for peace.

PRINCIPLED LEADER

RT. HON. SIR LLOYD ERSKINE SANDIFORD

Prime Minister, Barbados (1987-94)

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON is a great worker for peace in a troubled and tormented world. In this regard, the words of James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ to the twelve scribes scattered abroad, arouses inspiration:

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. (Jas 3:17-18)

Rev. Moon is a diverse, complex and multi-faceted personality. With other persons it is sometimes easy to compartmentalize their work. But his work for peace is a seamless coat intricately woven into an philosophy and total way of life that starts with the Creator God, continues with Adam, Eve, Satan, and the Fall, and finds reconciliation, restoration and fulfillment in God's providential will through the birth, death and redemption of His Son.

It is a story of love, sin, disappointment, righteousness, mercy, sacrifice, peace and divine love. Through it all flows a healing peace for the individual and for the family, peace for youth and for adults, peace for churches and religions, peace for races, cultures, and civilizations, and peace for the nations and peoples of the world. Rev. Moon helped us perceive the unities, diversities and connections

in life spiritual and temporal. The great English poet, John Milton, sings in *Paradise Lost*:

*Of Man's first disobedience, and the fruit
Of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste
Brought death into the world, and all our woe,
With loss of Eden, till one greater man
Restore us, and regain the blissful seat...*

And no less than Milton, Rev. Moon seeks to

*...assert eternal Providence,
And justify the ways of God to men.*

Paradise Lost, lines 25-26

What is this peace to which Rev. Moon has dedicated his life's work? Peace has been defined as "a state of tranquility; absence of war; a pact to end a war; freedom from disorderly disturbances; freedom from fears or worries." And yet I think the word has much broader denotations and connotations than such a definition conveys. Peace certainly entails all that is meant by the Hebrew greeting word, *shalom*.

Indeed, if it were not ineffable, I would say that the word "peace" is one of the defining, essential, categorical imperatives of God Himself, implying perfection, completeness, totality, righteousness, absolute honesty, absolute truth, absolute unselfishness, and absolute love. Peace is certainly not merely the absence of war. Rather it is positive, engendering, enabling and ennobling; it emanates and disseminates all that is beneficial, benign, wholesome, nurturing and salubrious. It is that virtuous characteristic that God shows to mankind, and that true parents exhibit towards their offspring.

There can be no greater obligation, task or duty than that of committing oneself to a path of peace, and of being true parents seeking to guide humankind of all races, religions and nations into

a path of peace according to the will of God. That is the path which has been chosen for Rev. and Mrs. Moon.

It has been a most remarkable experience for Rev. Moon. Called to the service of God, yoked to His will, and committed to toil for the salvation of mankind through peace and good works, since the tender and formative age of sixteen, Rev. Moon has encountered praise and persecution, success and failure, hope and disappointment, comprehension and misunderstanding. Through it all, he has persevered, growing in understanding, in principle, in faith, and in living for the sake of others. No one can say with any precision what respective weight nature and nurture bear in our development through the life span of infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood and senescence.

Which one of those factors was more dominant in the growth of Rev. Moon? We just do not know. What we can venture to say is that both factors have played dominant parts at various times, one no doubt reinforcing the other. Both nature and nurture have combined to bring Rev. Moon to the height of his powers, intuitions and perceptions, and to be in our world one of the foremost exponents of peace as the salvation for all mankind.

The greatest challenge facing the world today is the need for mutually beneficial cooperation among the nations of the world. Within each nation-state of the world, national well-being depends upon mutually beneficial relationships, based upon internal law, order and government, among the individuals, groups, interests and institutions that constitute the nation-state. So too in the international community of nation-states, peace and harmony will only prevail if there is a fair, equitable and just economic and social order that treats all nations in a just and impartial manner.

There has always been cooperation among nations, but this brought overwhelming benefits to the rich and powerful, and overwhelming disadvantages to the poor and powerless. The end of the cold war era, and the emergence of a more multi-polar world have not meant an end to the unequal bases on which the desirable goods and services of this world have been distributed. Power, influence,

riches, and might still permeate the corridors of international cooperation, and these imposing factors do not appear to be vanishing in the near future. The world is still divided into a developed, industrialized group, and an underdeveloped, non-industrialized group. This is above all a moral and ethical problem, which will only be resolved through a moral and ethical response.

Rev. Moon understood all of this perfectly well. As he pointedly says: "Whose children are we? We have all originated from the same Parent. He is the Father of all humanity, who is with us wherever we go, whatever direction we take, whether north, south, east or west. That is God, the Father of humanity. Discrimination is not allowable."

Whenever and wherever the resources of the world are distributed in such a way that some have too much and others have too little or none at all, that is discrimination. That is why Rev. Moon's call for a stronger moral and ethical voice from among the religions to be more closely associated with the work of the United Nations should be given greater credence. For it is at the United Nations that the great dialogue among nations and people takes place, and it is there that the voices of love, peace, justice, equity, and non-discrimination must be heard echoing from the principles of a right relationship with God, a right relationship with true parents and families, and a right relationship among nations.

In his teachings and preaching, Rev. Moon has worked tirelessly, selflessly, and in diverse places to bring people together to explore the dilemmas facing our world, and to seek solutions through international cooperation. He has never been afraid to speak out on controversial issues of the day, whether it be on the reunification of North and South Korea, the end of apartheid, racism, poverty reduction, a sustainable environment, interreligious conflicts, religious and moral renewal, a more equitable distribution of wealth, the creation of new sources of wealth, the disparities among nations, divisions among social systems, renewal of the United Nations, or the continuing search for human perfectibility.

He and his wife have been models of true parents. He continues to be a relevant, consistent, pertinent and very substantial principled leader of and for our times.

DEVOTED TO DOING GOOD

H.E. MARIO ECHANDI

President, Costa Rica (1958-62)

I AM GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY to remember some passages of the life of this great and splendid man, Rev. Sun Myung Moon. His life is permanently devoted to doing good to his fellow men, and of pursuing the spiritual over the material. It is the life of a man with an exquisite interpretation of the Bible that enabled him to find the path to bring us to communion with God.

Since he was very young all his actions and creations have been fundamentally directed to seeking world peace and to further the unity and harmony of human beings under God's law. He strengthened his intellect by studying electrical engineering at Waseda University in Japan; but this did not prevent him from struggling against communism, not only for what it was in itself, but also because it was an assault on world peace.

This struggle led to his being arrested, tortured and imprisoned in 1946 in Pyongyang and 1948 in Hungnam, North Korea. He was freed in 1950 by the United Nations' forces. Torture and imprisonment drew him nearer to God. Not only did he give advice to the prison inmates, but he also stated: "I have never prayed out of weakness, I have never asked for help. How could I tell God my Father about my suffering and grieve His heart even further?"

In prison, no tears welled up, no words came out of his mouth to beg forgiveness or to insult his detractors. What a constructive behavior to inspire his deeds on earth! In 1954 he founded the Unification

movement that has spread over six continents and more than 163 countries spreading his teaching called the *Divine Principle*.

Gentlemen, what else can be asked of this struggle in the quest for the good of mankind? Thanks, Rev. Moon, for having founded the International Federation for the Victory Over Communism. One of the largest gathering of all time, 1,200,000 people, took place in Seoul, Korea, at the "World Meeting for the Freedom of Korea" [1975].

In order to bring the ideas of Godism and victory over communism to all the inhabitants of the world, he founded newspapers, cultural associations and schools in different countries. What I have mentioned serves the simple purpose of remembering some of the many, many things created by Rev. Moon so that his fellowmen can study, get nearer to God, love peace, and work for the common good.

The work of Rev. Moon is significant for all the Americas. As a Korean, Rev. Moon has endured the suffering of a divided nation. Yet he has reached out beyond Korea, so that we of the Americas might know how to avoid a similar suffering. For this I am deeply grateful.

Visiting the companies founded by Rev. and Mrs. Moon, I came to appreciate their uncanny business ability; and visiting their home, I observed the behavior of their family and came to understand their love, parenthood and advice in the creation of this exceptionally beautiful family. In studying his good advice or reading his proposals, I have felt a deep obligation and duty to follow this man of God.

H.E. FRANCISCO MORALES BERMUDEZ

President, Peru (1975-80)

THE GREAT IRISH AUTHOR George Bernard Shaw once wrote: "Some men see things as they are and say: 'Why?' But I dream of things that never existed and say: 'Why not?'" Shaw's

words seem to describe the life and the attitude of Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

Twenty years ago, who would have imagined that a clergyman from Korea would fulfill a key role in the foundation of an important American newspaper, *The Washington Times*? Who could have foreseen that he would develop a network of newspapers in Spanish in the United States and in Latin America? That he propose a world system of highways, including a 100km tunnel between Japan and Korea?

Who would have guessed that the same person would congregate Nobel Prize winners and other scientists at annual meetings for the purpose of discussing the moral implications of modern science and technology? And likewise, who would have foreseen that a Korean gentleman would sponsor an international congress for world religions to discuss the ways to increase interreligious cooperation?

For years Rev. Moon was misunderstood in the United States of America, but in recent times a deep change has taken place. One out of seven American legislators has attended the American Leadership Conferences sponsored by him. Thousands of Christian ministers participated in these programs. Leaders of the U.S. Senate, Congress and White House have all praised his work.

Those who know him personally note that he is a devoted person, one of great understanding. His wife, Hak Ja Han, and his children and grandchildren also reflect that quality, as well as a deep sense of commitment to God, the Father of all mankind. Throughout his life, Rev. Moon has been a conciliator, a unifier and a pacifier.

He has opened dialogue between Arabs and Jews, between black Africans and white Africans, between the East and the West. To him, peace is not merely a military or diplomatic matter. Without a genuine understanding and a prospect of acceptance of mutual values, treaties have little meaning. Rev. Moon's life is evidence of his belief that only through devoted love shall we see the day when "nations will cease to raise the sword against other nations" and men "will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks."

EXAMPLE OF ALTRUISM

H.E. OCHIRBAT PUNSALMAA

First President, Mongolia (1991-97)

SANDWICHED BETWEEN TWO GIANT countries, Russia and China, Mongolia is most sensitive to any reforms or changes. In 1921, Mongolia became the second communist country, with support from the Soviet Union. During its seventy years of communism, Mongolia's history has both black and white pages. The white pages were about our ordinary people, who are well skilled, literate and living safely and healthily. The black pages were about many intellectual people exercising force and killing the innocent. Thirty thousand monks were killed, and seven hundred temples were destroyed, due to denial of religion in the communist regime. As a result, our precious historical, cultural and intellectual heritage disappeared.

When the communist regime collapsed and reform started in 1990, Mongolia was the first Asian country to change into a democratic country with a free-market economy and an open society. Mongolia is old in terms of its history and origin; on the other hand, Mongolia is young in terms of its alignment with modern developments and its reformation.

I was the first president of Mongolia in its democratic youth of 1991-97, and I led my nation in making a peaceful transition. During this time of promoting the nation's political and economic stability, I received the first representatives of Dr. Sun Myung Moon, the champion for world peace, in the Government Palace in March 1994. I

remember the event as clearly as if it had happened yesterday. This is how the Unification movement, which had already reached a worldwide level within forty years of its inception, started in Mongolia.

We Mongolians have honored peace and harmony from ancient times; not only do we support good ideas and deeds of peace but we also become deeply involved in them. In keeping with this tradition, I welcomed Dr. Moon's peace initiative at the state level.

Dr. Moon clarified the meaning of human life and discovered righteous patterns for overcoming the problems the world is facing. Having attended many international and national activities initiated by Dr. Moon and listened to his speeches, I whole-heartedly support his core teaching that if we perfect ourselves as individuals then we can establish sound families, which are the root of world peace. Chingis Khan emphasized the family when he established a powerful state and conquered half of the world in the thirteenth century. He said:

*First strengthen your individual being
And establish a strong family;
Then attend to state affairs.*

To "strengthen your individual being" means to have a generous heart of compassion and love, to respect one's elders and care for those who are younger, to carefully learn everything, and to become a humble, wise person. To "establish a strong family" signifies that husband and wife ought to make harmony and unity with each other, raise their children righteously, and be a model couple in front of their children, and create a peaceful family. Only then can one attend to the affairs of state and devote one's self to the public welfare.

Having such a tradition, Mongolians readily accept Dr. Moon's teaching about family and peace in these complicated times. The decline of the family in Western society affects our young generation. Many young people, under the banner of freedom and democracy, exercise their free will and ignore their tradition and parents' teaching.

Their involvement in free sex, drug abuse and crimes threatens the nation's future.

Dr. Moon teaches people to keep their purity before marriage, be faithful to their husband or wife, and create an ideal family nurtured by true love. This is to be the root of a healthy society, sound nation and peaceful world. Three thousand young Mongolians are involved in educational programs initiated by Dr. Moon. I believe that to help young people become capable and moral leaders is a significant investment in a nation's future. I had many opportunities to meet the youth who follow Dr. Moon's teaching and practice it in their daily life. I was inspired by the high, moral conscience, positive attitude and creativity that they gained from the wise teachings of their respected teacher, Dr. Moon. I hope that they will become good leaders of the nation as well as of the world.

Another core teaching of Dr. Moon is to live for the sake of others. This principle is especially critical for leaders of any nation. Some leaders prioritize their self-interest above public interest, especially during transition periods from one regime to the other. It is no secret that people say that some leaders are easily bribed and misuse public property, even in our country. This problem stems directly from the human mind and heart, which should think of others and live first for the sake of others rather than thinking of themselves.

Dr. Moon has been calling together conscientious leaders whose hearts and minds are devoted to living for the sake of others and appointing them as Ambassadors for Peace. Seven hundred Mongolian Ambassadors for Peace represent each aspect of society. To encourage leaders from around the world to work together for peace and harmony is a brilliant idea. It enlists people who recognize God as the ultimate truth and the origin of peace and goodness and strengthens their commitment to live for the sake of others, establish a sound family, healthy society, strong nation and peaceful world.

I believe that Dr. Moon shows the best example of living for the sake of others. At one conference, he asked those present, "Do you think I am the richest person in the world? I do not have any single coin in my pocket. I spend all the money that I earn for the well-being

of humanity and for world peace." The more he spends for public benefit without any expectation of receiving something in return, the richer he becomes. I realized this is evidence of a universal principle that everything exists interdependently in harmony. Dr. and Mrs. Moon are rich, not in material wealth but in being surrounded by people who appreciate their life for others. They came to be called True Parents of humanity, the King and Queen of Peace, because they taught people to live for the sake of others.

Our ancestors taught us to love the person who does not like us. My father-in-law, Mr. Sharav Sambuu, taught me the same thing. Dr. Moon never attempted to fight his attackers or give up on a situation. Instead, following his principle of loving his enemies, he was able to embrace those who opposed him. He is a true man, with a generous heart of love, compassion and forgiveness. His tremendous endurance embodies a Mongolian saying, "If you are righteous, you will catch the rabbit even if you are riding on a cattle cart." No matter how dark it may be, the truth always pierces the darkness and illuminates it.

More than political, economic, or academic measures, the press has the most immediate impact on our society. Therefore, the media need to be responsible, and responsible media should be free, independent and moral. Dr. Moon emphasizes the moral responsibility of the media. In 1996, when Mongolia was a young democracy, he donated a full-capacity printing press to the Government News, the biggest newspaper. Renamed Millennium News, it is one of the major free daily newspapers, and the printing press is still in use.

Dr. Moon's proposal to establish an interreligious council of representatives from different religions and areas of society deserves serious consideration as a way to change the current situation of the UN. Many countries, including Mongolia, support this.

Dr. Moon established the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace in 2004 as the partner of the Universal Peace Federation. Seventy-four percent of the world's population was born with the Mongolian blue birthmark, indicating a common origin. Dr. Moon initiated the federation to draw on the common heritage

of culture, tradition and ways of thinking as tools for making one unified peaceful world. Mongolians desire to be a leading force to make this vision for peace a substantial reality.

In the morning mist, everything is dim, and we cannot see nature clearly. By analogy, human life is dimmed by many misunderstandings, conflicts, problems and confusion, and we cannot see clearly the right way to go. In the misty morning of Korea, 300 international delegates headed to Cheong Pyeong and saw the Peace Palace appearing. Dr. Moon built the Peace Palace as a setting where peace-making world leaders in fields such as politics, religion, culture, science and media can discuss global problems, consult with each other, and find wise solutions. Its design represents the harmonious relationships between God and human beings as well as between heaven and earth. The museum documents how Dr. Moon started the global peace movement with a few loyal followers in a mud and cardboard hut. Display cases show the thin trousers that were his prison uniforms, culminating in him being welcomed and respected by people throughout the world and hosting us in this exquisite Peace Palace. He has truly become a great man of peace.

It was a moving experience to hear him say, "My life cannot be imagined without God. I started everything from the bottom under the direct guidance of God." He always teaches us to "Love your nation, love humanity and love God." He discovered that the more you love others, the more you are loved by them. Dr. Moon has been striving for world peace throughout his life by the power of true love. I believe that his efforts will succeed because love conquers all barriers.

A MESSAGE OF SIGNIFICANCE

REV. WALTER FAUNTROY

US Congressman (1971-91)

IT'S A REAL PLEASURE for me to be present on this part of the forty-nation, 400-city tour for global peace and conflict resolution being put on at this critical moment in world history by the Universal Peace Federation. You could not have chosen a more relevant or powerful city on this entire planet to bring this message of profound significance, the profound significance of the human family and the nuclear family, as well as the importance of seeking peace through nonviolence.

I bring you greetings as one of the African American citizens of this, our nation's capital. We remain a majority of those here in the nation's capital, and I bring you greetings from that part of our family because we have reflected in our experience the greatest drama of the need for family.

And secondly I bring you greetings on behalf of my former colleagues of the U.S. House and Senate dealing with the most serious problems confronting this nation and the world. They fall into two categories: that of building strong families and that of finding peace through nonviolence. So my words of greeting come first out of my black experience and then out of my experience as a member of the Congress of the United States.

Out of the black experience we know best the importance of family because we were subjected to the most cruel form of slavery in the history of the world. It was a slavery based on the destruc-

tion of the family. Uniquely in human history our slave forbears were stood on auction blocks and then sold down the river to the highest bidder. Mothers were deliberately separated from their children, fathers from their sons, brothers from their sisters, never to see one another again.

It's little wonder that when a black child on a plantation somewhere was asked who he was, whence he had come, where he was headed, he had to cry out, I'm a poor pilgrim of sorrow. I'm lost in this wide world alone, without mother, without father. Sometimes I feel like a motherless child.

And we can take instructive example from how we overcame the destruction of the family. At the end of slavery in this country we had zero families because we were not allowed to live together as brothers and sisters. How did we overcome that? We found that when we got here, without mother, father, sister or brother, that God was our Father. And therefore, every man, every woman, every boy and girl is our brother and our sister. That old black man over there wasn't just an old black man. That was Uncle Remus. And that old black woman was not just an old black woman. That was Aunt Jane. And we are families and we must care for and protect and defend one another.

So when we came out of slavery, with no families, within thirty years we had gone from zero percent families to eighty percent families. Mothers and fathers in the family rearing their children. And today it's almost reversed in the African American community.

I like all women because the first woman that I knew was a caring women who protected and defended me. She was my mother. I bonded to her. And I like all men because the first man that I knew was a caring man who protected and defended me. I bonded to him. And then they said, you've got to be bonded to some other people. That little boy and that little girl in this house are your brother and your sister. And we learned to care for and protect and defend one another.

Before I knew it, I was bonded to the boys on the block. We called ourselves the Westminster Street Cherokees, and we cared for and

protected and defended one another against those bad fellows across town. And before I knew it, I expanded in my bonding by learning I was a Washingtonian. So we had to care for, protect and defend one another. Before I knew it they had me singing "America the Beautiful." I found I was American, and we had to care for, protect and defend one another against those bad people in other countries.

But the Sunday School taught me a better lesson. It said that God is the father of us all, and all of us beyond race, beyond creed, beyond color are brothers and sisters, and we need families to teach one another how to care for, protect and defend one another.

That is why, from the moment I met Father Sun Myung Moon during my first month on Capitol Hill, when he came here from Korea with a message of family and a message of peace, I lined up with him. And I'm so glad to see his son, Dr. Hyun Jin Moon, here carrying the work on today.

For it is related not only to my heritage as an African American but also to my work for the single most important man with the most important message for the most violent century in the history of mankind. That man was Martin Luther King, Jr., and his message was simply this: Either we learn to live together as brothers and sisters on this planet, or we will perish together as fools.

This tour is on time because never has that message been more meaningful and more significant than today because we have so many people who fail to hold with the principles of their religion, and the principles of our government.

I love America. Martin Luther King, Jr., loved the American dream. If you want to get familiar with it, read the Preamble to the Constitution: "We, the people of the United States, in order to establish justice, to provide for the general welfare, and to have domestic tranquility for this nation." I thought I'd mention that, because the general welfare is when everybody has sufficient income, education, health care, housing and justice. If you've got those five things, you've got what Jesus called the abundant life. And if you've got those five things, you've got what the Founding Fathers called the general welfare. And I love the Lord and I want to take care of my neighbor—

red, brown, black or yellow. I want to do it in self-defense. I love my neighbor and I want him to have sufficient income, in self-defense, because if he doesn't have some income, guess whose income he's coming for?

If my neighbor doesn't have health care, guess who's going to get sick? If my neighbor doesn't have an appreciation for education, guess whose schools are going to be ruined? If my neighbor doesn't have a house, guess whose house he'll break into? If my neighbor doesn't have justice, guess who's going to feel the weight of his anger and hostility and violence? And violence drives people mad.

Without Father Moon's message we are in danger of becoming a world that is an insane asylum with the inmates in charge. I thank God for this movement because it is the answer to the most critical problems confronting the world today. We need to live together as families, rear our children and present the kind of leadership that will make Martin Luther King's dream a living reality. Let's listen and let us go forth to carry the message.

HON. MATT SALMON

US Congressman (1995-2001)

ONE OF MY FAVORITE scriptures in the Bible talks about prophets in the last days. It says "by their fruits ye shall know them." Over the past fifteen years, I have become intimately aware of the efforts of Rev. Moon to address world peace with a multi-faceted agenda. I have been thoroughly moved and impressed with each meeting I have had with Rev. Moon and his efforts to unite people of all faiths, nationalities, and cultures toward a common goal. In the political arena, it is common to meet people on the world's stage who have hidden agendas. Many people speak, but their actions do not speak those words. Rev. Moon is a refreshing exception, in that

I have always believed his motives to be pure, his faith unwavering, and his uncommon work ethic to be unsurpassed.

My first experience with this movement was at one of its leadership institutes in Washington, D.C., when I was first elected to the Arizona State Senate. At that three-day conference, I was thoroughly impressed with the commitment by Rev. Moon toward patriotism and freedom and many of the philosophical jewels that I cherished then and value even more now. I was curious why a religious leader would put such value on things that many in the religious community view as secular. I quickly came to learn how Rev. Moon believes that all things, including political and secular, come under the umbrella of the grace of God. Furthermore, I came to learn that he has a keen understanding that freedom and worship go hand in hand. To work toward the improvement of earthly governments only furthers the work in building the Kingdom of God. Rev. Moon has a deep understanding that character and leadership should be synonymous.

I marvel how a man such as Rev. Moon could face the persecution and skepticism from worldly governments and still maintain such a guileless, loving approach in dealing with his detractors. His ability to love and forgive his enemies has been a tremendous inspiration to me as I have faced far less from my detractors over the course of my life in politics. He truly understood the phrase, "turn the other cheek, and love those that spitefully use you," more than any man that I have had the privilege of meeting in my lifetime.

In virtually every Ms. America competition, contestants identify their top project as the accomplishment of world peace. Countless world politicians have uttered the same phrase to please their constituents because it is a noble idea. However, few have any legitimate clue as to how to accomplish such a noble yet insurmountable undertaking.

Rev. Moon has come up with the most common-sense platform of accomplishing world peace that I have heretofore seen. His plan, simply put, is embodied in the phrase, "I don't care how much you know until I know how much you care." He has learned that world

leaders have a hard time in negotiating peace compacts because they all have a very complicated constituency to please. And the kind of sharp rhetoric and political posturing that gets people elected are big detractors in the peace process.

His novel approach is to carry no hidden agenda and the only real agenda is peace. He has built his credibility by truly forgiving and truly loving and truly envisioning everyone as God's children. With this approach people sense his sincerity and his realness and his clear sense of purpose. This allows him to reach the unreachable and to bring parties together who otherwise would have never come. I believe that his efforts are succeeding because love does have a way of conquering barriers. In the Book of Mark, Jesus said, "All things are possible to he that believeth." I believe that peace is attainable. I know that Rev. Moon believes it is possible and many more will be brought to that belief because of his great efforts.

VISIONARY

RT. HON. HAMILTON GREEN

Prime Minister, Guyana (1985-92)

IT IS RIGHT AND proper to pay respectful and joyous tribute to an illustrious visionary, who with inspirational perspicacity has for many years illuminated a pathway to offer us the chance to live in a better world, a world of peace and plenty.

In 2005 and 2006, Father Moon and his family undertook unbelievably strenuous tours of every continent to share the message of world peace. This latest effort is but a sample of the consistent and pragmatic efforts this icon has been making for world peace despite the dark clouds that often hover over the international environment.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon has inspired and established dozens of organizations, thereby creating conditions to bring people of all nationalities, religions and status together to show them the way of love, tolerance and the glory of God. Understandably, he and Mrs. Moon are regarded as the "True Parents" to those who have been touched by his generous affection and deeds.

What also distinguishes Father Moon is his passionate patriotism, business acumen, religious fervor, extreme optimism and leadership. He has gathered around him women and men of extraordinary dedication to the cause. True leadership is shown when a person attracts high-quality followers.

Having attended several international conferences, I can attest that the Universal Peace Federation conferences stand out for their

quintessential smoothness of management. This level of efficiency is truly a credit to astute leadership.

Rev. Moon's relentless campaign for good is of particular significance when we take into account human history. History has shown how little has been achieved for peace worldwide, in spite of the rhetoric of world leaders, armistices, treaties, the League of Nations and the United Nations.

The base of human society is the family. Rev. Moon has taught us that if we secure the sanctity of the family unit, we begin a process that leads to a morally and spiritually good community, country and world. Such families and communities would develop a strong sense of love, purity and oneness leading to the highest ideal, which Father Moon has identified as "living for the sake of others," the linchpin of a better life.

Rev. Moon's monumental task will not easily bear full fruit today, nor can we expect an overnight change by people, who, as he points out, were disconnected from God when Adam and Eve, our earliest ancestors, disobeyed the instructions of the Creator. He puts it succinctly—the fall of mankind occurred.

Many sages, prophets, religious figures and other leaders have sought ways to effect this reconnection with the Creator in order to earn salvation and find peace among all men. History reveals their limited success. Religions aim to bring love, kindness and peace, but they have not had great success. Ironically, religion has caused much conflict and suffering up until today. The Crusades and the Inquisition have left a legacy of hate, distrust and an "us" versus "them" cycle.

The great task ahead is to attain the dream of all ages for peace. However, with the Universal Peace Federation banner held high, we must rededicate ourselves on this occasion, to push extra hard in the vanguard of the philosophy of peace and to realize Rev. Moon's lifelong quest for a world of pure love, compassion, justice, understanding and peace.

We can hardly ignore current events all around us, which suggest that this is not all easy going. Unhappily, today, war attracts thirsty

men like water in a hot desert. Blinded by our history of so-called nation-building, too many of us assume the utility of conquest, war and conflict; indeed, this is a school of thought held by many people. As a student of history, I know how many are convinced that the path to nation-building has to be through conquest. And I can see how the road to nation-building can be achieved by our good deeds and a change of attitude.

We were brought up, as millions of children are now being reared, to glorify and even to follow men who bear arms. The conquerors, not the saints or sages, occupy many pages in our history books. This generation has many lessons to learn from the inhumanity and immorality of plunder, discrimination, war and violence. The successions of revolutions show that some soon develop their own radicalism after toppling an evil or undesirable predecessor, oft-times referred to as "a despised past."

In Italy, Mussolini introduced in October 1922 a fascist calendar, which ended unceremoniously in April 1945 with the defeat of Germany and its Axis powers. This was part of a pattern of violent change. As in 1792, when the French Republic was proclaimed, such changes were symbols of an ideological desire to eliminate the past from the minds of the people.

This tendency in many places to erase the memory of earlier questionable environments and habits resulted in sustained periods of propaganda and brainwashing. This form of subtle terror excuses violence before and after a revolution or other traumatic events. This in a sense launched the age of mass warfare.

I mention these things to remind us that the pain, anguish, dislocation and disfigurement of millions of people are seldom recorded in history. We see this tragedy today in Iraq and elsewhere; we need do something new and morally correct: not mainly to end wars, but to eliminate the idea of war itself.

I believe this is what Rev. Moon has set out to do. He has so far done a commendable job, bringing people from every walk of life and every religion to share their experiences and chart a path to peace by destroying the belief in the utility of war.

He has proposed a Peace UN. Throughout the six decades of the UN's existence, it has not secured peace on earth. He has encouraged marriages across the many divides. He has promoted cultural, sporting and economic activities to encourage our youth to lead this noble assault against violence and war as a panacea to human difficulties.

We hail this grand design of Father Moon, confident that his legacy will be a kinder world where we will make peace among all men a reality.

RT. HON. SHER BAHADUR DEUBA

Prime Minister, Nepal (1995-97, 2001-02, 2004-05)

HUMAN BEINGS ARE, UNFORTUNATELY, more violent than any other beings. Human beings are killing because of faith, ideology, different religious views, and extreme nationalism. Therefore, I would not hesitate to say that creating a tolerant society, a democracy, is the only way, and the vision shown by Rev. Sun Myung Moon could be the best way to bring peace to all nations.

NOMINATION AS KING OF PEACE

HON. JOSE DE VENECIA, JR.

Speaker, Philippine House of Representatives

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON'S life-long work is all about building world peace and creating a global family of humankind. He aims to build a world where people of all nations, cultures, races and religions may rejoice together. From his early years, he had to take the path of a pioneer, bearing the burdens of reconciliation to break down the many hardened walls of division. In all, he was jailed six times, by Japan, North Korea, South Korea and the United States. Yet, he never recoiled from his suffering but regarded it as the will of Heaven, the will of God, with a profound sense of mission and great historical purpose. In building peace among nations, which is Rev. Moon's greatest legacy so far, he sets the living example of loving and embracing the enemy and "living for the sake of others."

Although he is first and foremost a religious leader, he has always been on the front line of the struggle to end war, injustice, poverty and environmental degradation. For this purpose, we consider him one of the great prophets of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Having known firsthand the dehumanization caused by Communism, he organized CAUSA in the 1970s and 1980s, a worldwide movement which articulated a critique and counterproposal to the

God-denying Marxist-Leninist ideology. In the 1980s, CAUSA played a role in my own country, in the Philippines, in helping protect the Philippines from the threat of Communist insurgency through its educational materials.

Also, Rev. Moon met the great Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in 1990 and urged him to allow full religious and economic freedom to his people. He met with North Korean President Kim Il Sung in 1991 to discuss peace on the Korean peninsula. Rev. Moon traveled to Pyongyang to make his appeal for peace and unification. Until today, one of his foremost dreams to which he has committed his life is the dream of a unified Korea.

When the Cold War was at its apex in 1982, Rev. Moon launched the prestigious newspaper, *The Washington Times*, utilizing the tool of a moral media to protect and promote God-given human rights and dignity and to fight against immorality. *The Washington Times* is now helping popularize the values of family and faith in America, and thus helping to arrest moral decline.

One of the great missions of Rev. Moon is to see how we can bring about a unification of the great religions of the world, for we have all descended from Adam and Eve and Jews, Christians and Muslims all come from Abraham. Today, gathered here, are the great leaders of Buddhism, of Islam, the Jews of the world, the Roman Catholics, the Confucianists, and the Hindus. All are gathered here in this great hall of the people.

I'm happy to report to you that, as a result of the lifelong work of Rev. Moon, and of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) under the chairmanship of Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, and as a result of the mutual pioneering efforts of the Philippines, Iran and many nations in Europe, Asia and Africa, and under the leadership of Rev. Moon, I had the privilege to present to the UN Security Council a resolution for a dialogue among religions, among civilizations and among cultures. I am happy to report to you that on November 8, 2004, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously approved our resolution calling for an interfaith dialogue among the great religions of the world.

As part of the process, the IIFWP did something pioneering, courageous and imaginative by bringing together thousands of participants from all over the world to the war-torn land of Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip on a World Peace Pilgrimage to extend a hand of peace and reconciliation among leaders of the three Abrahamic religions: the Jews, the Christians and the Muslims. It is the first time this has ever been attempted in history.

Today, the fighting faith, the marching faith and the battle cry of the IIFWP and of similar-minded organizations around the world have launched the idea of focusing on the family, freedom, unity and faith under God. No less than President George Bush of the United States of America is putting an essential focus on the need for freedom, family and faith under the aegis of God.

Rev. Moon is a great teacher and prophet of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We the delegates gathered here believe this is the formula for bringing together the great religions of the world. This is the formula for bringing together the great civilizations and the great cultures of the world. This is the formula for bringing together the great nations, the great tribes and the great peoples of the world.

When we speak of Father Moon, we see the sun, the stars and the moon. We see the blazing searchlight of the sun, and in the evening, even in the midst of darkness, the moon gives light.

Based on what we know of the remarkable life of Father and Mother Moon, it is my great honor and privilege, on behalf of the delegates from 185 nations from all over the world, from one end of the earth to the other, to ask that we affirm and nominate Father and Mother Moon, the True Parents, as King and Queen of Peace.