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Question	<p>
Dear Anne-Marie,

 "I will be going to college this coming September. I am very strong in my life of faith and I know what I must do and not do but I am very nervous, if you have any suggestions I will truly appreciate them."

 Anonymous BC girl</p>
Answer	<p>
Dear Anonymous BC girl,

 Going to college is a big step. It may be the first time in your life that you will be away from your family for an extended period of time. The joyful exhilaration of being on your own for the first time will be quickly overridden by a sense of loneliness. It will pass as you will have to get very busy with your classes, and in time you will be meeting new friends.

 It will take time to find the true friends that you will be comfortable with because even though they will not know the DP they will have great religious principles to live by. Do not rush into deep girlfriend relationships. Observe and select carefully. A couple of good friends will be a real support to you when you are feeling down.

 Obviously if there is CARP in the college you are going to I suggest you look them up. Also if there is a religious organization on campus, check them out because some of them may be very good and most do practice purity until marriage.

 Do not seek boys except for group studies. Do not get talked into going to bars under any circumstances, even with adult professors (outside the auditorium or classroom they may not be that great in terms of their moral example).

 Use your conscience, if something does not feel right, it is not right. If you have to think it over or hesitate, you probably shouldn't do whatever it is. Do not forget to take some time alone to read the Divine Principle and True Parents words, this activity will keep you centered. Concentrate on your studies. Do not forget to write, email and send pictures to your family. Keep in touch with them by phone too.

 Finally and most importantly start and end your day in prayer to God. It does not have to be long but it has to be true.

 That is all for now, take good care of yourself,
 Love to all,
 AM</p>
ReplyDate	8/20/2005

PostedDate	9/27/2005
QuestionID	16
QuestionCatID	5
Question	<p>
Dear Anne-Marie,

 I was born in 1952 and joined the church in (and loving True Parents since) 1973, while serving in the U.S. Army. I am now the proud father of several Second Generation children from 13 year old down to 11 months. I'm curious -- what do you plan to teach Second Generation children about birth control, especially in light of True Father's guidance on the topic?
</p> <p>Best regards,
 Anonymous from the Mid-Atlantic States, USA</p>
Answer	<p>
Dear Anonymous,

Thank you for responding. Actually I don't particularly desire to "teach" anything. The teaching is already out there in bits and pieces throughout the Divine Principle and our True Father's words. However, it is not always easy to piece it together and discerned what applies to a particular individual. I recently received the email from Jim Stephen about "birth control" and I believe more information is coming on this particular topic. If an individual comes to me with a very specific concern involving "birth control" I will hope to be able to guide that individual to make the right decision concerning his or her individual situation. But, especially for that kind of issue, I will not direct (or push) someone to go one way or another. I hope this clarify my position.

Please keep in touch, my responses to questions and comments will be posted for any one to read. And, if I give advice that does not fit someone else point of view, I will hope that I will receive feed back that will also be published.

Once again, thank you for responding.
Sincerely,
Anne-Marie</p>
ReplyDate	10/1/2005

have included in my answer to you several links that should be worth looking into.

Even though I will not give you specifics on certain items, I would like to expound a little bit on True Father's comments about "sleeping naked". True Father speaks at the cosmic level. When True Father speaks, not just the people in the room are listening but a myriad of spirits are also listening and True Father also knows that his words will be distributed at lightning speed to all our membership throughout the world. Plus, his words will also be made public to everyone else. True Father does not put any limitation on his words. They have to be spoken, even if they are not understood at all, (and perhaps even if they might be misunderstood). If True Father was speaking to a particular individual for that individual's sake only, his words might be very different because his sole concern would be for that person. So he would therefore tailor his guidance to that individual's needs.

Now, to come back to "sleeping naked". If it is too cold to do so, by all means wear clothes. It is very possible that at some point in your intimacy with your husband you will generate so much heat that you would want to take all your clothes off any way. "Sleeping naked" is not a law to be followed, it is a loving guidance from our True Father to be understood.

That is all for now. Do not be afraid to ask again.

Please take good care of each other,

Sincerely, ITN,

Anne-Marie

<http://www.unification.net/bif/>

This link will give you multiple speeches of True Father regarding the blessing. It is titled, "Blessing and Ideal Family".

http://www.familyfed.org/bfd/book-list_hw_relations.htm

This one is a list of recommended readings for couples posted on the Blessed Family Department website of the USA.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/unification-texts/message/46>

This link is a yahoo-group created by a member of the Family Federation: Damian Anderson. You will find a lot of good information there. This particular link is a speech given by our True Father on "Preparation for Blessing (II)". You will find that same information on http://www.unification.net/1978/780520_2.html.

Dear Anne-Marie,

In the letter above, it is not clear whether the writer is 1st or 2nd Gen. I assume 1st because you talk about the 3-day ceremony. 2nd Gen do not do that ceremony because they are born without Original Sin.

Also she (I assume it's a woman writing for some reason) asks about sexual positions. I believe Father once said, "There are no 10 Commandments in the bedroom," meaning that a couple, united with God, creates their own mutually agreed-upon rules of conduct. Father also once told a group of ministers "The purpose of your teeth, tongue and lips is to lick the most sensitive parts of your wife." So that should answer some of the questions about whether some sex positions are satanic.

Larry Moffitt

Reply Date

10/1/2005

PostedDate	9/30/2005
QuestionID	17
QuestionCatID	14
Question	<p>
Dear Anne-Marie,

I was told that you could possibly answer my question. I was talking to a blessed sister who has a daughter in high school. She was quite upset over a situation that happened and that shook her daughter's faith. Here it is.

</p> <p>A BC boy approached the daughter and said, "Look in my hand - I am holding a CIG membership!!" The daughter looked and could not see anything. The boy replied, "It's a spiritual membership, and my parents paid \$1000 for it"!!

</p> <p>The daughter reported this to her mother and asked what kind of church is this - that we are paying money for a spiritual membership? Have you heard of anything like this? Could this be true? Or was this a "story" that this boy was telling her? I would like to help set the matter straight so that the daughter can feel better.

</p> <p>Thank you,
Marcia Schlichting</p>

Answer	<p>
Dear Marcia,

The Family Federation is composed of all sorts of people. God and True Parents do not limit who can become a member and therefore we have a great diversity in character, personality, and in the spirituality of our membership. The goal of True Father is ultimately to help every individual reach the standard where he/she can relate to God directly -- and build in within and around them the Kingdom of God. With that said, there are many things that happen in our movement at all levels of membership that may be questionable. If we bring our faith to be dependant on these things we will never grow. Our spirit will get stuck in the bureaucratic and politics and ultimately will die.

The most important mistake made by religious individuals, not just in our movement, but in every religious movement, is the limitation they put on their faith. Their faith is dependant on their pastor, their teacher, their central figure. If that pastor, teacher, or central figure says or does something that does not make sense or even contrary to the teachings, then in the end that individual can lose faith and lose the ability to connect to God.

What kind of church are we?</p> <p>We are a movement who is restoring the world. We are a movement which is fighting on a daily basis with 6,000 years of misconception, misunderstanding and ignorance of what is true. Many things will come and go; many traditions will come and go during this restoration process. At the end of this history what will remain is an ideal relationship between God and humankind and the creation, nothing else of the 6,000 years struggles will be there. Is the "spiritual membership" story true or not? I do not know. If I come across an explanation for it, I will let you know. What is important however is that it is irrelevant to my relationship with God and with True Parents and with the Divine Principle.

A teenager's faith is very fragile and very precious.</p> <p>It should not be faced with this kind of dilemma. however, it cannot be avoided. And, it is this kind of thing that will help the teenager become an adult with a unique relationship with God that will be indestructible. It is normal for a teenager to question. Teenagers must do so. It is a normal process in their learning experience. The "Why?" that a four year old expresses with great interest is transformed into a desperate "Why?!" when that four year old reaches the late teenage years.

The only things we can do as adult is: embrace, encourage, love, guide and observe. We must be there to pick up the pieces of a very bad day, and be there to participate in the joyful exuberance of another day.

It is my hope that this teenager will</p>
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disregard this particular incident as something that she or he does not need to bother with at this time. In the future, it may come again and at that time a better explanation may be forthcoming, or it will be proven a hoax.

 I hope this helps, please keep me posted,
Sincerely,
 Anne-Marie

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Question
Dear Anne-Marie,

---question has been edited just enough for the sender to recognize him or herself.---

Are all positions allowed? Oral sex too? Do you give answers on the site?

About hypocrisy: How ...can these hypocrites ever help other blessed families? These types really put the Image of True Parents to shame! My cousin tells me in his country during service...

Answer

Hello there,

The question was long. I cut it very short by just copying and pasting a couple of sentences, because I have no other way to reach you at this time, and because I felt that I should let you know right away that I have received and read your entire mail and will try to sort it out and give you an answer by next week end.

Thank you for giving me the chance to respond to these kinds of things. Please remember one very simple thing, if humankind was easy to restore it would already be done. So, please don't give up, precious one, do not let anger consume you. Cultivate your own personal relationship with God and True Parents. Some day, bigotry and hypocrisy are words that will have no meaning.
Take care,
Anne-Marie</P>

ReplyDate 10/16/2005

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QuestionCatID	16
Question	<p>
Dear Anne-Marie,

I am an older brother considering entering into the next matching, I contracted herpes simplex 2 [genital herpes] many years ago and though I no longer have had any symptoms for years I realize that I still carry it and will transmit it to my matching partner. What should I do? In a strange way for years I considered it a blessing since the horrible lip cold sores I used to get[oral herpes-simplex 1] completely disappeared, permanently after I contracted simplex 2.</p>
Answer	<p>
Hello there,

There is no reason why you should not go to a matching.&nbsp; However,you will have to be clear about your situation with the proper blessing staff.&nbsp; I think it will help if you can take with you a simple medical explanation from a medical expert of the disease and its consequences, and what could be expected to happen in the future.&nbsp; That should make the staff more confident in handling your case.

You have to consider the possibility that you may be matched to someone who will also carry the same or similar disease. I have never been part of the blessing department so I do not know how they will handle it.&nbsp; Just be forthright and confident about yourself.&nbsp; If the first time around no match can be found for you do not give up; just be patient.

If you need additional guidance let me know. You seem to have the mind to handle this situation correctly and I do not feel through your mail that you are overburdened by it.&nbsp; You are taking the situation responsibly.

Takecare,
Sincerely,
Anne-Marie</p>
ReplyDate	10/22/2005

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QuestionID	24
QuestionCatID	16
Question	<p>
Dear Anne-Marie,

 I am retired '97. I was a member from '75 and spent several years on MFT from '77 to 79. I left in '80 but never lost faith in True Parents I just felt I could not do it, serious mental [spiritual] problems. I just made contact with the church in July this year after an experience I had while viewing Father's speeches on the internet. I e-mailed Damian and he sent me the address of a church leader here, I saw the brother and we made plans to start some businesses etc. he says that he does the matching himself, so I don't know about what is a matching staff? I live here on a tourist visa and I wonder if I should stay here or go back to the states. Maybe this is a question that can't really be answered for sure but I just thought you could give me your opinion. Thanks, often people have question they don't feel comfortable to ask their abel person or anyone for that matter.</p>
Answer	<p>
Aloha,

Matching of older members has been arranged by central figures in the past, so I suspect that your central figure is right when he says that he can do the matching himself, or maybe he means that he can have influence in the arrangement of the matching for you.&nbsp; I believe that the matching needs to be approved by the Korean Regional Director and the blessing will likely be performed by that Korean Director as well.

Do not make any rash decision about the country to live in at the moment.&nbsp; If your primary focus is the blessing, you may want to keep your status quo at this time.&nbsp; You and your eternal partner can decide later on where the best place is to live as a couple.&nbsp; This is only a suggestion.&nbsp; In your particular case, it may be wise to consider spending some time in the U.S. for the right partner to be found for you.

Take care of yourself, and may God bless you,
Sincerely,
Anne-Marie</p>
ReplyDate	10/22/2005

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QuestionID	25
QuestionCatID	15
Question	Dear Anne-Marie, When the 'black' Heung Jin Nim said that for spiritual reasons it is better not to practice fellatio, what are the reasons for it? I read several speeches, and I believed it has been allowed by Our Father, it is not? Thank you.
Answer	 Seeking opinions on any topics from others and from books is good. Even if the information given is not always accurate, still it makes one think prayerfully in order to seek deeper truth. Our True Father has spoken extensively on the blessing and marriage relationship. I think it is wise that when couples have doubts on how to manifest their love towards one another that they seek True Father's words. Every person has a tendency to interpret other people words from their own framework of references and values, (including True Father's words) in a way that makes sense to their own understanding, and that understanding may be erroneous or incomplete. The best way I have found when I am looking for TF's words on a specific topic is to go to the following link: http://www.unification.net/teachings.html and then search by words. Searching can be fruitful this way. For example, I found many speeches with reference that might be relevant by searching using the word 'lips'. The following link is just one of what came up: http://www.unification.net/1993/930323.html When reading the Bible and our True Father's words one may become confused because it seems that there are plenty of contradictions. However, explaining the Heart of God and the way of human life cannot possibly be done simply. And, if we read the Bible and True Father's words with the assumption that all is good and true, then contradictions will mean only that our understanding is not good enough and we must pursue the truth until we understand what has been said. Take care and may God bless you, Anne-Marie
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QuestionCatID	19
Question	<p>
Dear Anne-Marie,

I just found out about your website and I love it.
I just want to say welcome.
I have many questions to ask you.
Thank you and God bless you.
A bientôt!
Fifi

PS: Is this site for everyone or just the 2nd generation?</p>
Answer	<p><p class="MsoNormal">Dear Fifi,
Thank you for your welcome and kind comments.

Please feel free to ask away about anything, and will do my best to answer.
Even though this site was originally intended to target our 2nd generation's quest for internal knowledge and advice, everyone is welcome.
And so questions from 1st generation or even 3rd generation will be answered to the best of my abilities.</p><p class="MsoNormal">
Have a great day!
Anne-Marie</p></p>
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QuestionID	27
QuestionCatID	18
Question	<p>
Dear Anne-Marie,

Do you think you can put a testimony on your site about how people can overcome relationships barriers (ie: S.T.F?) for both 1st.and second generation.

It's great that people come to expose their relationship with God and True Parents an to counter balance what can be found in some very ugly testimonies. Those who have doubts about True Parents, because negative books, should be made to realize, that their spiritual life should bear similarities to the life of True Parents and True Children, and those who are loyal to them.

Anonymous</p>
Answer	<p><p class="MsoNormal">Questions and/or comments are welcome on this site.

Testimonies can be posted. </p><p class="MsoNormal">
By the way, I am not the only one who can help answer questions.
To any visitors reading this site, I welcome anyone who is inspired to do so, to answer questions or to offer meaningful advice to those seeking answers</p><p class="MsoNormal">
It is natural that there may be differences in thinking.
But offering diverse views may help those who need all the information possible that can be made available on a given topic.
It is my hope that individuals who have researched certain matters or given specific problems a lot of thought will be able to give their own personal comments and testimonies so that their ideas can be made available for consideration by others.

Sincerely,
Anne-Marie</p></p>
ReplyDate	10/22/2005

PostedDate	10/29/2005
QuestionID	28
QuestionCatID	21
Question	<p>
Dear Anne-Marie,

I would like to ask you about my 36 month old son. He is so adorable, cute and very smart but sometimes he makes me spank him a little. I hate to do that because at the end of the day I feel so guilty about it but also, I don't want him to get hurt or hurt his little sister who is only 9 months old.

</p> <p>Sometimes he act very rude toward his sister, or when we go to the grocery store, he will run and sing loudly or play around and people have to stop their strollers to avoid hurting him. I feel so embarrassed by that. My husband has no patience with him when he acts badly.

</p> <p>I fight with my husband all the time because of that. I love my kids so much that since they were born I did not work; I do not want to take them to a babysitter. I decided to stay home and take care of them but now I am scared that our son will grow to be violent and full of anger toward others.

</p> <p>Would you please give us some advice?</p>

Answer	<p>
Hello Dear,

It looks to me that your son is desperate for attention, and he will go to extremes in behavior to get it ... even if it means a spanking or getting a negative response from his dad.&nbsp;Raising one child is not an easy task for anyone and requires great patience, but raising more than one, requires more than just great patience and love, it requires skills that most of us do not have by the time we reach the age of parenthood. If the Fall had not occurred these skills will have been passed down from generation to generation.&nbsp;Then in the Ideal World of today there would also likely be plenty of great family and community support to help raise high-spirited strong children.

Special note: In order o eliminate some physical health issues with your child, one thing you will have to do -- if you have not done it yet -- is to speak to your pediatrician. Your pediatrician should help clear up or eliminate any health related issues, and also he or she could direct you to a professional counselor (if needed) to help you with your child's behavior.

First things first; in order for you to solve the problem with your son, you must solve the problem between you and your husband. Both of you need to make a plan on how to raise your children. Raising children is team work, not just one parent over the other. You are both upset with your son's behavior, both frustrated because you do not know how to handle his young personality, and it would be natural if you both felt inadequate to the task.

I would suggest that you two take time with each other to reset your goals on how to raise your family. Take into consideration your finances, your social activities, and religious commitments. All play a part on the guidelines that you are setting for your children. The ultimate goal is for your children to become better people than yourselves and continue in the path that you started when you became a follower of our True Parents.

Your struggle is not unique, it is multiplied by millions in the fallen world and also it is found in many of our own blessed families. Do not put yourselves in a weak position by beating yourselves up, just look up to the finish line and know that you will get there as long as you do it together with God at the center of your being a family.

Now for practical points of advice:

Get your hands on good books that relate to your family problems, and read them. The following link:

http://www.blessedfamilies.org/bfa/index.php?p=parenting will list several professional counselors and also some books. I have not read </p>
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them but I would expect, since there are listed on our Blessing Family Department web site, that they are good materials. Do not ever fight in front of your children. If you do not agree with one another about anything -- anything at all, wait until you are alone together to argue about it. Even though you may feel the need for spanking, it should be done extremely sparingly, and lightly, just as a reminder to the child that you are in charge and not him or her. Done too frequently and it will lose its power of persuasion and could work to your disadvantage if the child senses this may be the only way to get the attention he seeks. As a side note: Spanking is often a release mechanism for the parent but it sometimes does not do anything more for the child than possibly accumulating resentment. Your son deserves your love and attention and it should be given to him in adequate amount. Just make sure you do it. Sometimes it is easy to forget, especially when you have a 9 month old who is asking for the same thing. Your son should have personal time with you and your husband, without the little sister around. Even though you do not like to use a babysitter, you may want to do it once a month -- or even more often than that -- and take your son to the movie or MacDonald's or a pizza, and all by himself without his sister tagging along. If all else fails, I believe that both of you need to see a good, professional, family counselor. There is no shame whatsoever in doing so and there is too much at risk to not do whatever it may take to set things straight. Remember, you are not just raising a family, you are restoring one. That is all for now, please keep me posted if you wish. Take care, both of you, Anne-Marie

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Question

Dear Anne-Marie,

Thank you for starting this site, in particular for your heart in wanting to help people by answering questions that they may have been keeping inside them without knowing whom to ask.

I want to make a suggestion: that you re-organize the questions and answers so that the most recent question is always at the top of the page, and the earliest question is at the bottom. In months and years to come you will probably have hundreds of questions, and people won't want to scroll down through many pages to get to the new additions.

Otherwise, it is a beautiful site, very nicely designed!
I wish you success in this endeavor!

Sincerely,
Renee Corley,
Moscow

Answer

Dear Reney,
Thank you for your kind observation and comments. I will try to apply your suggestion.
Sincerely,
Anne-Marie

ReplyDate 11/19/2005

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Question	<p>
Dear Anne-Marie,

 First, let me tell you, how happy I am about such a competition! My own blessed children are 12 and 8 years old, but I believe, that there is a big group of Spanish-speaking blessed children out there, who are eager to participate as well. That's why I put your announcement into the international Spanish-speaking Forum foroesun@yahoogroups.com of Jesús Gonzalez. Just for the record: are you considering Spanish-speaking entries or should they be translated into English? Translation takes away a lot from the original heart of the person expressing their thoughts, unfortunately. (Not always, but mostly).

 I live in Argentina and my children—and practically al the other blessed children around here—don't speak any English yet. What are your thoughts?

 With best wishes,
 Dagmar Corales
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Answer	<p>
 Dear Dagmar,<o:p></o:p> <p class="MsoNormal">Thank you for your mail. &nbsp;If I find someone who is able to provide me with a good translation from English to Spanish and vice versa I will publish it. &nbsp;It will have to be pro bono.<o:p></o:p></p> <p class="MsoNormal">Sincerely,<o:p></o:p>
 Anne-Marie<o:p></o:p></p></p>
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Question

Dear Anne-Marie,

I'm from Europe and 36 years old. My husband and I have been together for two years. We long to become parents but I didn't become pregnant yet. The results of the medical check ups of both of us are good and I have been to Cheong Pyeong last summer. I know couples who adopted children, but how can you ask another couple to do this? I cannot simply put an ad on the internet as it is such a sensitive matter. I feel a bit helpless.

Some tell us to wait (also our national leader) , but in the country where we live there is an age limit for couples who want to adopt and we are already close to this age.

We read books and I also went to a doctor for traditional Chinese medicine. She told me that my body is not warm enough and my whole system is low (low blood pressure, always tired etc.). She gave me some teas and told me to take warm baths. As we only have a shower I take footbaths. I have been doing this now for 9 months, but stopped with the teas recently as they are very expensive and I don't feel any effect on my body.

Thank you already in advance for your answer

Desperate Mom to be

Answer

<p style="margin: 0in 0in 0.0001pt 0.1in;">Dear Desperate Mom to be,</p>
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<p style="margin: 0in 0in 0.0001pt 0.1in;">Thank you for your enquiry. If you have checked both western and eastern doctors and both, in their different ways have not found anything drastically wrong with your couple, then I would check with the Blessing Family Department. Their web site have a page that deals with adoptions, here it is: http://www.familyfed.org/bfd/adoption.htm. However you mentioned low blood pressure and always being tired, you may want to check that further if you have not done so yet.</p>
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<p style="margin: 0in 0in 0.0001pt 0.1in;">On another level I would suggest that you and your husband relax about this matter and leave it up to God. The more you get uptight about it, the more difficult it is going to be for you to get pregnant. When you have done all you can do, it is not up to you any longer.</p>
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<p style="margin: 0in 0in 0.0001pt 0.1in;">If it is at all possible, after the act of marriage, please relax in bed. Do not get up for at least ½ hour. Put a pillow under your

back to keep your pelvic area on a slight slant upward.</p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0.0001pt 0.1in;"><o:p> </o:p></p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0.0001pt 0.1in;">Please keep me posted on how you are doing,</p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0.0001pt 0.1in;">Take care,</p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0.0001pt 0.1in;">Sincerely,</p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 0.0001pt 0.1in;">Anne-Marie</p>

ReplyDate

11/19/2005

PostedDate	12/27/2005
QuestionID	36
QuestionCatID	11
Question	<p>
Dear Anne-Marie,

Hi, I plan to start an abstinence group on my college campus where I'm currently a student. I plan to model, in terms of functionality and programs/event as the bioethics meetings. (Discuss articles, topics...). Hopefully invite guest speakers on the subject of healthy relationships.</p> <p>

I've seen enough of what the misuse of love can do to a people and families.</p> <p>

My school is very liberal, though seems to have a Christian presence (bible study groups). I figure it's better to just get to the point rather than go through the entire bible 'study' program.</p> <p>

Any advice..? Or has anyone had success on other campus, not including CARP?</p> <p>

College student</p>

Answer

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<P class=MsoPlainText style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT size=2><FONT face="Courier New">I encourage your initiative to create an abstinence group on your campus.<SPAN style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp;</SPAN>I may not be the best person to give advice as I never had to face that kind of challenge when I was your age. <SPAN style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp;</SPAN>However my life experience has taught me that it is not enough to tell someone not to do something, we must explain why, and the explanation better be to today's standard of information or it will not take hold.<o:p></o:p></FONT></FONT></P>
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<P class=MsoPlainText style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT face="Courier New" size=2>With today's multi media available, it may be possible for you to develop some kind of attractive presentation that will explain in a nutshell the consequences of the fall. <SPAN style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp;</SPAN>There are applications such as PowerPoint and third party online applications that might be of use to you in getting your discussions sessions started (e.g., </FONT><A href="http://www.seriousmagic.com/"><FONT face="Courier New" size=2>www.seriousmagic.com</FONT></A><FONT face="Courier New" size=2> ). </FONT></P>
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<P class=MsoPlainText style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT face="Courier New" size=2>Regardless of how you make your initial presentation, your idea of Bioethics Meetings sounds unique and brings the topics into an arena of discussions that requires both intellect and some knowledge/appreciation of ethical behavior.<SPAN style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp;</SPAN>I think that such a forum will hopefully attract a wide variety of individuals, including those who may not have any religious inclinations but who do have a genuine interest in the topic.<SPAN style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp;</SPAN>I would very much like to know your outcome of this activity.</FONT></P>
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<P class=MsoPlainText style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT face="Courier New" size=2>Your idea of bringing in guest speakers sounds good too.<SPAN style="mso-spacerun: yes">&nbsp;</SPAN>I would suggest that if at all possible you find a way to digitally video their presentations, or at least take some pictures and have good

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notes. Later on you may be able to put pieces together from the best speakers and offer your methods or presentation to others.

One thing for sure: The "Please don't have sex, it is not safe" will not work, or the "Please don't have sex, because God said so" will not work either on most people. I think that after a few of your sessions you can be advising me what works and if I can help to spread the message I will.

By the way, my personal approach to saying "no" is not the word "no" but the words: "Yes, but..." Religions in the past have portrayed the act of marriage as a necessary but evil thing, not to be talked about and better to be done in the dark. True Father has spoken about the act of marriage with much more honesty, passion, and I will add ... even reverence. There is absolutely nothing to be ashamed of in performing the act of marriage with God's blessing. That is, to me, the first point for the general population to understand.

Then we must help them understand why it must be done only after certain conditions are met. To explain that I would use a twofold approach. One, I will explain what would have happened to Adam and Eve if they had been able to withstand the temptation and go directly to God for advice. Second, because of the fall, the process of being permitted to fulfill the act of love now requires the blessing of the Messiah. That is the difference between before the fall and after the fall.

There is no one on this earth, except for our True Father who can explain with such clarity the consequences of the fall. That understanding cannot be absorbed with just a couple of lectures but hopefully enough can be understood to gain the patience necessary to wait and first seek a deeper understanding of God and his Principles.

Love is a powerful force and should remain so. The act of marriage is only a small percent of what that force is. If we, as individual, are able to comprehend what absolute Love is, abstinence before marriage with God's blessing is possible.

Please keep me posted on how you are doing,

Take care,

Anne-Marie

ReplyDate

1/2/2006

PostedDate	12/27/2005
QuestionID	37
QuestionCatID	11
Question	<p>
Dear Anne-Marie,

</p> <p>Thank you for all your hard work. I really like the idea of this site. It's really wonderful. I just wanted to share my small dilemma with an elder, so I came here.</p> <p>

</p> <p>So anyway, I am in my first semester at college. I was just struggling a lot with loving and embracing this one girl I am friends with. She is really needy. She has a lot of struggles in her family. She is like this bottle that's being shaken up, and all this pressure is just building up inside her, ready to blast if given the opportunity to open her up. She talks in a really loud, forced, almost mechanical way, as if she has no sense of joy in her life, and she is just surrounded by stress, mostly due to her family. Everything that comes out of her lips is a complaint, if not it's just useless comments that have nothing to do with anything.</p> <p>

</p> <p>It's hard for her to really listen to someone, since she's circling around all her own problems constantly. She is a sincere person, who has strong faith in Jesus and her faith. It is, however, different from that of her parents. Her mom is a devout Catholic, while her father is a devout Buddhist. I don't know how much that affects their relationship. But I do sense how unloved she feels in her family. She's really suffering.</p> <p>

</p> <p>Anyway, it's just so hard for me to love her. I know God lead me to her. In a way, I needed a friend, so having her as a friend did benefit me. But I find myself getting easily annoyed with her, and have a hard time staying nice. When I am with her, I try to serve her, and just stay patient. It's just hard, and I feel guilty if I ignore her when she goes on and on about her problems. And I have told her more than a few times, that I would appreciate it if she would try to talk about more positive things, if she could just try. It would help both her, and her listeners. And a few times I just snapped. I don't know how that is affecting her.</p> <p>

</p> <p>My mom suggested the best thing to do would be to relate with her solely on a spiritual child basis. I haven't done much there. She suggested doing one on one DP reading with her. I haven't yet gotten the will to do that yet. But I suppose it would help. Other than that, I feel like I might go crazy in this relationship!</p> <p>

</p> <p>If you read all the way to this point, then thank you for your patience. I think the best thing to do would be what I said, DP. Center the relationship. I guess I am just reluctant. And I am also not so centered in my life right now. Anyway, if you have any other suggestions, I would really appreciate it. Thanks for your time. God bless!!</p> <p>

</p> <p>Sincerely,
</p> <p>anonymous</p>

Answer	<p><P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">Dear Anonymous,</P></p> <p><P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">I am sorry for taking so long to answer your mail. Yes I did read all the way to the end. I think you letter is very good, and your struggle with this friend shows that you care and also that you are searching for an answer for both of you to grow and not just one of you. That is one expression of the foundation of substance, when two individuals (or family, or nation, etc...) fulfill something centered on God and both sides come closer to God.</P></p> <p><P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" /><o:p>&nbsp;</o:p></P></p> <p><P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">I think the suggestion of your Mom is right on target. The only thing that is probably going to save the young girl from a life of constant struggle, confusion, and self pity is the Divine Principle and True Father's words.&nbsp;In our providence today, individuals do not have to go the path of sacrifice the way older members had to. She can even stay in her own church if that is what she wants to do. &nbsp;The only thing that God truly demands is a Divine Principle lifestyle – which is honestly, lovingly recognizing and respecting the position of our True Parents.</P></p> <p><P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><o:p>&nbsp;</o:p></P></p> <p><P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">There is very little that you can do on</p>
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12/28/2005

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Question

Dear Anne-Marie,

I am a 2nd generation sister and my parents are working to find me a match. There is one brother that my parents said they were considering for me that I have had at least 5 very spiritual dreams that clearly express that we may be intended for each other. There have been matching conversations between our families, but the brother apparently does not feel ready to be matched right at this time. Still, these dreams keep coming that are very profound and very pure. I shared with my parents about the first two, but do not feel comfortable bringing up the dreams that continue to follow if I am unsure if the matching will be rediscussed in the future.

The dreams seem like a strong sign to me. Do you think it means that I should be waiting until he is ready? Should I be doing conditions so that he and his parents can receive such dreams? I am not desperately depending on this matching possibility to turn out to be my eternal Blessing, but it does seem to be too strong a sign to ignore.

Answer

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<P>Dear Anonymous Girl,</P>
<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">Thank you for writing to me. I think you are quite mature in the way you are approaching the situation at hand, and I believe that God will guide you to make the right decision. Just consider my response as a sounding board to your thought process.</P>
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<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">We are surrounded by good spirits, bad spirits and confused spirits. Same is true with our ancestors. Dreams can be influenced by any one of these spirits and can also be influenced by our daily activities, whether they are social, physical, or spiritual activities. Therefore dreams cannot be the sole influence on your decision making and you are wise in keeping your perspective in balance.</P>
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<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">Your parents know you very well because you lived with them all your life. Most likely you have shared your inner thoughts with them throughout the years. If so, then their input about your future spouse is very valuable. The fact that the young man does not feel ready could mean just about anything and therefore my personal opinion is that he should not be pushed.</P>
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<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">At this time in the providence of restoration, with all the accomplishments that have been made, it is my own belief that physical conditions (like fasting, cold showers, and lack of sleep) are not the best conditions – (to experience them is good, to do them over and over, is not necessarily productive). The best thing I would do, if I was you, is discuss my dilemma with God. </P>
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<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">Pray about it, then pray some more, then pray again. You may want to ask God if you should pay attention to these dreams, and if not, tell Him that you would rather not have them anymore. </P>
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<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">Do set up some quiet and private time for a real discussion with God on a daily basis, and talk to Him earnestly, without fear, and with great eagerness. Tell God what you envision your husband to be; as a religious man, as a spouse, and as a father. Speak with God openly and freely. Speak as you would to someone who you love and can completely trust, because God loves you and may be able to communicate more clearly with you due to your absolute trust in Him. I suggest such candor with God regarding this candidate or about any

others who may be available in the future. </P>
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<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">Again, my suggestions are based on my own opinions and intuition. I sincerely believe that if you pray to God from the depth of your being like the "second gen" that you are, then your confidence, love, respect, pride, and honesty should enable God and the absolutely good spirits to convey an answer to you.</P>
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<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">Please let me know how you are doing in the future,</P>
<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">Take care,</P>
<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">Sincerely,</P>
<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">Anne-Marie</P>

ReplyDate	1/3/2006
PostedDate	1/2/2006
QuestionID	39
QuestionCatID	17
Question	 Dear Anne-Marie, I am having trouble with masturbation. What does Father say about it, how can I stop if it is so important, and what are its consequences (spiritually?). Thanks
Answer	
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PostedDate

1/11/2006

QuestionID

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Question

Dear Anne-Marie,

I am not quite sure where to go with this question.
Please give me more information about the possibility of blessing between 1st Generation and 2nd Generation.

Thank you very much,
Curious Person

Answer

<P>I asked your question to Jim Stephens who is in charge of the Blessing Family Department in the US. Below is the answer. It includes a letter from Rev. Phillip Schanker as well.</P>
<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">Anne-Marie,

Father does NOT want 1st Gen and 2nd Gen to marry, but there has been some confusion.
Please read about it below and let me know if you have questions.
Thanks,
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LETTER TO: BFD Representatives and BFD National Ministry Coordinators

Clarification about matching Second Generation to First Generation.

There has been some confusion about whether Second Generation can be matched to First Generation. Father did it himself a couple years ago in a special case of older BC girls who did not have any prospects of finding a match. With their permission, Father matched them to pure Jacob Children.

Because of a misunderstanding, several high level leaders announced that Second Generation could now be matched to First Generation. That is NOT correct. Only Father can do it and only under very special circumstances.

Unfortunately, we are still trying to correct many misunderstandings by members who heard those mistaken announcements. In addition to that, the book that my wife and I have been promoting by Dr. Yoshiko Masuda with many of Father's words about Husband-wife relationships also contains this error. In Vol. 2 (green one), on page 10, this misunderstanding is repeated. The book exists only in Japanese and all Japanese members in <st1:country-region w:st="on"><st1:place w:st="on">Japan</st1:place></st1:country-region> were told of the correction.

However, many Japanese members in <st1:country-region w:st="on"><st1:place w:st="on">America</st1:place></st1:country-region> who are reading this book probably did not hear about the correction. They need to be told and I would like to request your help in spreading this announcement among your Japanese members.

Below are two clarifications. One is from the author of the book, Dr. Masuda. A second explanation is from Rev. Phillip Schanker.

Thank you,

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Letter by Rev. Phillip Schanker<BR style="mso-special-character: line-break"><BR style="mso-special-character: line-break"></P>
<P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">To Whom It May Concern:

To the best of my knowledge Father has, on 2 or perhaps 3 occasions, made a special matching between 1st and 2nd Gen. partners. All of them were unique and providential, as in the one case I know about: when TF invited representatives of the Korean STF to Yeosu for a day of fishing, etc., a Japanese brother was lost in a boating accident. Thinking the brother had drowned, all were surprised to find him hours later in the air-filled hull of the capsized boat, waiting for rescue. TF was relieved and inspired, and declared the event a meaningful providential occurrence. He matched this brother during the celebration and his talk. One was 2nd gen, the other 1st. Also prior to the Dec. 29, 2005 "Gyocho" Blessing, TF mentioned that if no match could be found for any older 2nd Gen candidate, TF would consider matching them to 1st gen., if they were willing. In this case it seems he was concerned to make sure that all 2nd gen. would have a match. He made no such couple this time, but one can imagine that this situation will arise again as 2nd Gen get older.

It is clear that in each case like this, TF was exercising his authority for some special reason. I am not aware that he has extended that authority to allow anyone else to match 1st and 2nd Gen. He clearly encourages Blessed Children to contribute what they have to offer to the renewal of God's lineage, preferring pure 2nd gen. be matched to pure 2nd gen. rather than to 1st Gen or Fallen 2nd Gen. </P>
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 <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt">For Fallen 2nd gen. who have restored their faith, TF prefers they be matched with the same category rather than EITHER pure 2nd gen. OR 1st gen.

Some parents, more concerned with the happiness and desire of their children than with lineage issues, have allowed or approved a 1st - 2nd gen. match & Blessing between their children who may love each other and request it. I am not aware whether or not approval from TP has been sought or granted in any of these cases. I know most have been without permission, and doubt that any have been allowed. Certainly, one day the barrier between 1st and 2nd Generation may be eliminated, as well as between 2nd and 3rd, 3rd and 4th, etc. I don't believe that day has come yet.

Certainly many 2nd Gen. cannot comprehend or relate to the value of their pure lineage, or how important it is to TP for the restoration of True Love & God's sovereignty. When a 2nd gen falls in love with and marries a first gen. outside the Blessing, they lose their position as 2nd gen. I assume that when 1st & 2nd gen couples were matched by TF (2 or 3 cases, as I said) they are lifted to the position of 2nd Gen. by God's grace & TP's authority, but I am not sure. Certainly most 2nd gen would not want to be matched by TF to 1st Gen. if it meant losing their precious and important position, nor is it likely that TF would do such a thing. There have been some 2nd gen. matched with a 1st gen. with their parents approval only, and allowed to participate in the Blessing, though the idea is strongly discouraged by some BFD's & leaders, and not allowed by many others. In these cases, the couple must accept that their position is First Gen and that they must go the restoration course of First Gen (i.e. Holy Wine, Indemnity Stick Ceremony, Blessing, 40-Day Separation, and 3-Day Ceremony). Also their children will walk the course of 2nd Gen. not 3rd Gen.

I hope this understanding is helpful. As you pray about these things please remember and value the precious seed of your children's pure lineage, and of all the sacrifices of 6000 years, from Abel -to-Jesus-to-True Parents that it took to realize it. It is a profound and serious consideration whether to "spill that seed" for any reason.

Love and prayer, Rev. Phillip Schanker</P>

ReplyDate

1/25/2006

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1/29/2006

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Question

Dear Anne-Marie,

I have questions on the 'Cheon IL Guk Pledge' which someone asked me to explain to them but I do not feel I am qualified to do so.
1) From pledge #3 - please explain " the four great realms of heart" and " the three Great Kingships" " the Realm of the Royal Family" what do each really mean?

Thanking you in advance for your speedy reply.

Answer

<P>Hi Richard, </P>
 <P>The best book to have, which explains every paragraph of our Cheon Il Guk Pledge is True Family Values. If you do not have it I would suggest you get it. If you do not know where to buy it, we have it for sale at the following link http://www.konafamily.org/store.htm. </P>
 <P>Take care,
Anne-Marie</P>

ReplyDate

2/16/2006

PostedDate	2/10/2006
QuestionID	44
QuestionCatID	14
Question	<p>
Hello,

 I am member from central Europe. 30 years old, 12 years church member, blessed, 2 children. One of my mission is promoting religious freedom and tolerance. So I have to monitor also similar webpages and organizations promoting same values in order to get inspiration, to read last news, to cooperate,.....

</p> <p>Just today I was reading www.religioustolerance.org - unofficially no.1 organization in western countries. This is actually most visited webpage about religious freedom and their database is almost unlimited. It was me who pushed them to change the sentence that Rev.Moon had 4 wives altogether. Now they state only 2. And I was shocked.

They wrote about Washington Times: <They also publish a newspaper, the extreme-right wing Washington Times. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC): "The Washington Times is relatively small (circulation 102,000) and money-losing (it's been estimated that its backer, the Unification Church, has spent more than \$1 billion to keep it going over the past 22 years). But its influence cannot be measured in those statistics. President Reagan once described it as his favorite paper. The first President Bush said it 'in my view brings sanity to Washington, D.C.'" President George W. Bush gave a personal tour for top staff of the Washington Times during 2005-JAN.

</p> <p>Marian Kester Coombs, wife of managing editor Francis Booth Coombs, has had at least 35 news and opinion pieces published in the Times.

SPLC quotes excerpts from some of her articles:</p> <p>America has become a "den of iniquity" because of "its efforts to accommodate minorities." White men should "run, not walk" to wed "racially conscious" white women and avoid being out-bred by non-whites. Latinos are "rising to take this country away from those who made it...[the] Euroamericans." Muslims are "human hyenas" who "smell blood" and are "closing in" on their "weakened prey," meaning "the white race." Blacks, are "saintly victims who can do no wrong." Black solidarity and non-white immigration are imposing "racial revolution and decomposition" in America. The whole of human history as "the struggle of ... races." Non-white immigration is "importing poverty and revolution" that will end in "the eventual loss of sovereign American territory." Muslims In England "are turning life in this once pleasant land into a misery for its native inhabitants."

</p> <p>According to the SPLC, the Washington Times has published articles taken from white supremacist hate groups, anti-Semitic ads for a book called "For Fear of the Jews," and an ad from a key Holocaust denial group.>

</p> <p>Actually I must say that I am also ashamed about Washington Times. I am receiving emails from Damian Anderson. Usually there are some articles from WT. And it is really terrible. It is not about love, God, peace, tolerance. It is about hate, war, racism, anti-muslim, anti-Europe, sorry but WT is total bullsh.t.

</p> <p>Some members in our country can also read it. And really nobody understand it. Even our leaders are so sad. How we can speak about peace when everybody in Europe knows about WT?. Especially VIPs are so angry.

</p> <p>I remember 80 days DP seminar. We were educated that fallen man is similar to man with two hearts or man with two tongues. One is good and one is evil. Therefore such a man is not true, it is false. What about our church?

</p> <p>On the one hand teaching about love, tolerance, brotherhood, equality,international, interreligious,christian-jew-muslim cooperation,.....

</p> <p>On the other hand being proud of WT, which is promoting war,only white american</p>

protestant is good, others are dogs, only america is good, only republican, muslims are terrorists, Usama is bad guy, but Bush is nice one, Iraq belongs to our property, those who are opposing us are either communists or terrorists, let's kill 'em all in God's name.

Are you american members really so blind?

Do you know how many European members left our church just because of WT?

Thank you for any answer. Even I don't believe you will publish it.

Answer

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