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## International President's Message

Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan

# Doing What Has Never Been Done Before

*The following is taken from the message Rev. Kwak gave on January 21 at a New Beginning Workshop in Cheongpyeong*



I hope this will be the most meaningful workshop in your lifetime. About this special grace and amnesty, I would say it is amnesty without any condition attached. Father explained that *haebang* [해방] indicates that time and payment are necessary to become free, whereas *seokbang* [석방]<sup>1</sup> is used when time is not needed to offer an indemnity condition though you still become free, especially from the sins you have committed—even erasing all trace of those sins. All the sins of the past are being erased through this special grace and amnesty. Father even wants to erase those sins from memory. This is exceptional grace. Among all the grace that has been given, this is the greatest—that is no exaggeration. Furthermore, all of you attending this workshop are receiving this special grace and can start living freely according to the original order of creation. I want to explain to you how this special amnesty could come to us, according to the view of the providence.

Our True Parents bequeath true love, true life and true lineage to us. Moreover, they came to fulfill God's providence. Since the Fall, the history of God's providence has been imperfect. No one has ever fulfilled the purpose of his or her creation. Not one.

All the providence must be fulfilled by our True Parents; therefore everything related to True Parents falls into one of two categories—if it does not fall within the providence, Father cannot even take one step toward it; but if it falls within the providence, Father will charge in at the risk of his life.

This is what I want to explain today. In their course of life, our True Parents are indemnifying vertical history horizontally in Father's lifetime of eighty years. The value of our True Father's life is enormous. The six thousand years of God's providence is being restored and indemnified through the eighty years of Father's life. The entire six thousand years is equal to the length of Father's life.

In 2001, with the Coronation for the Kingship of God, the Cheon Il Guk Era opened. We have twenty-four hours in a day, just as was the case a hundred or a thousand years ago, but in terms of significance, a day today, compared to the past, can carry the value of a thousand of those past years. In terms of the providence, in our lives, it is as if we were living a thousand years or even ten thousand years. That is how important being part of the providence is.

The invisible God is revealed in two ways: One—through all that He created. Through that, we come to know and understand God. This is explained in the Principle of Creation. And two—God's nature is expressed in history, which we learn of through the providence of restoration. We come to know God through the creation and through examining history.

That is, something only holds eternal value when it is to do with the providence; nothing else holds eternal value. If something happens that is part of God's providence, no matter how long ago, no matter how small, it holds eternal significance.

What was the time that affected history the most? It was the time of Jesus. While Jesus was on earth, how many people did he witness to successfully? Out of all the people who had followed Jesus, only one remained. Jesus came as the second Adam. During his short, three-year ministry, he even performed miracles, such as restoring sight to the blind; yet when he was hanging on the cross, how many remained with him? Only one, Mary Magdalene. She allowed Christianity to live, and it has never been snuffed out.

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<sup>1</sup> These two terms are in No. 8 of the Family Pledge. To most Koreans 해방 and 석방 are often interchangeable and mean "liberation." Father has explained how he distinguishes one term from the other.



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# Midnight Prayer

January 1, 2007

Cheon Jeong Peace Palace

**E**ternal Lord, the source of the cosmos, heaven, earth and humankind! The sixth year of Cheon Il Guk, in which You exercised Your subjective authority as the victorious and glorious king, has past. On this morning of January 1, the first day of the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk, we have ushered in an era through which God's blessings can spread throughout all of heaven and earth and God can relate with the earth as He would have originally and with the authority of the original owner.

All the numbers centering on the numbers from *Ssang Hab Shib Seung* that were under the influence of Satan have been returned and restored to Heaven by designating *Ssang Hab Shib Seung Il*...God, the absolute being, could relate with everything centering on Himself; He is the absolute being, alone in a world without a partner; in the presence of all creation, He enjoyed absolute freedom and had a heart of love that was absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, constituting His main attributes. Still, as He did not have a world that could be His object, God was by Himself and lonely. Father, we learned about these things through the Principle.

God is an incorporeal being in whom the dual characteristics of inner nature and external form are in harmony. In order for God to stand in the position of the owner that can represent Adam and be more than just the center of the physical world, He needs to have within Himself a reciprocal relationship that could represent male and female. Without this relationship, He could not initiate, exist and be in motion as the source of life in the existent world of the entire universe.

Harmony cannot be created at all on a straight line; it is inevitable that both ends would be placed at a distance. Yet, after centering on four points, five points, eight points and ten points after the three points, God could bring into existence a physical world that can relate to the new created beings. We are aware that this was the great universe that was the hope of our Father's creation.

In the meantime, there was a providential course of raising the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind as the true subject, as the owner and object on the earth. Yet, in the Garden of Eden, Heaven did not leave behind the words for arranging the preservation of public security, for uniting the red blood cells with the white blood cells and thereby creating a secured realm that could have given protection to the entire course until Adam and Eve were blessed and perfected. Adam and Eve were given the commandment to not eat of the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, but a security measure ensuring the consequences was never made and thus they fell through an unthinkable process. From the day of the Fall, Heaven and all of the universe began to be disconnected.

The harmonious united realm of God's dual characteristics was to materialize through Origin-Division-Union

action. In that substantial form, God was to become the core of the relationship and affinities from the realm of the subject and object partners of all existing beings of creation centering on the main attributes of true love used during creation. Through the unity of the subject-object, top-bottom, front-back relationships that are absolute as well as unique; unique as well as unchanging and eternal, You assumed a physical form centering on Your incorporeal dual characteristics for the sake of adjusting the ecological environment for all creating beings centering on that single central core. Through this, the separated substantial realms of the father and mother could become as one centering on Your new ideal love.

Consequently, through the course of history of re-creation, whenever a generation among the countless of generations from the first generation was past, [history] would return to a single standard that could be returned to and united [with Heaven.] By developing and completely settling itself at that core which can be connected as far as the limit line, the ideal starting point emerges bringing harmony and unity to the entire created world within that realm of God's love, life, lineage and life. After the completion of the Blessing of our human ancestors the true separate entities of truth can function in harmony and in partnership, representing the historical elements cultivated by God, representing the entire world to which God could relate to, representing everything—the historical source from God to the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind who are God's physical manifestation—and every being of creation, at that point of emergence. The great universe moves like one living entity and is like a single branch or tree from a shoot centered on the true love root and origin. In this universe God can reside in the position of the great king which has dominion over the autonomous heaven and earth of one mind and one body, and the position of the lord of glory.

The fact is we lost that Father. Within the history and realm of heart of God who had to go through a course of bitter resentment called "restoration through indemnity," God had designated all beings of creation on top of the standard of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience, and our human ancestors as the subject and center representing all things so that He may embrace and forgive the world He was relating to. From the day that when everything, which longed for that ideal realm, failed to become as one, the history of re-creation was repeated until now. God's incredible endeavors for re-creation, from one to tens of billions of such effort had to be connected together. Ten should have led to eleven, to twenty-one, to a hundred and one, to a thousand and one, and to a hundred million and one. By doing so, we could become one with that unified realm covering those comprehensive details along with the original, formative source of creation. We thank You for Your grace of persevering until



the time when that history of the endeavors for allowing that unity to be made could be restored through indemnity, and that unified realm could be perfected and returned to Heaven through the True Parents.

God's heart was filled with grief and a history of bitter sorrow ensued as God had to deal with an environment in which Satan was independently asserting his authority by separating, dividing and severing the ties between God and humanity, parent and child, husband and wife, the older brother and younger brother, and all the realms of the ancestors, present and future. God completely experienced, understood and was aware of the history of failure spanning thousands of years from the first family, to the failure of the attempt to restore the nation through Moses, to the repeated failure in Jesus' time—from the source of these mistakes to the ultimate result of these mistakes. He sent the True Parents in the truest form to the earth so that the grace of liberation and complete freedom allowing us to aim for a world that can be of one heart, one body, one mindset with God and established at His center in unity and harmony, and the light of life from the God of glory could cover everything from beginning to end thereby allowing use to enter a time of welcoming a new realm of resurrection for all life forms. We thank You for this grace.

There has never been a hometown, a homeland, parent, husband and wife, siblings, a true nation, or true people on this earth. Indemnity was paid for all this, establishing a shining physical realm to represent the hundreds of millions of families of the world beyond the individual family that feel in the past and bless countless families in light of all such situations of sorrow greater than that of Adam. By doing so, You bequeathed to us the realm of resurrection of the family of an independent and individual realm of truth so that the beginning of the new ancestor could be designated. Through this, we inherited the authority of Heaven's glory and at the same time ushered in anew the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk in which the authority of the owner could be exercised upon the central heaven and earth above the realm of unity that can cover and make use everything including the authority of the great universe in which the force of the world and everything included in the act of recreation, re-production and re-perfection.

Let all the responsibilities of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind until the year 2006 that were not fulfilled be completed, perfected and fulfilled. Furthermore, let the things that Heaven could not reveal be developed and illuminated on its own so that everything can be neatly arranged and on its way of being settled completely. Let the position of the owner of this era who can bring this all about stand at the summit of the victorious realm of the unity between the cosmos, heaven, earth and humankind. Today we enter the seventh year—number 7—of Cheon Il Guk. We thank the Father for the grace of allowing us to be immersed in the grace of liberation, the realm of freedom, liberation and release which allows us to exist in tune with God's respiration and pulse of life along with the numbers 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and the numbers from *Ssang Hab Shib Seung*, the 360 plus days centering on the four seasons.

God's sovereignty has now been established on the earth. Cheon Il Guk, which can become the peace kingdom of heaven and earth and cosmic peace, has manifested itself. This was possible based on the standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience upon with all existence

was created from beginning to end. Everything that was distorted by the false parents will be swept away and with the authority of life of True Parents' true love resurrected anew, each and every layer will be stripped away, each and every kernel and core coming from that inner single point, the focus of the pulse that can breathe in the deep pulse of the universe, will be expanded from the source of the rotational movement to the great motions of the universe. We have entered a time when all of heaven and earth can independently move or remain still together in synch with the pulse of love.

In the meantime, God worked through providence so that the lineage of God's life could be connected. On that foundation, He planted and nurtured the seed. The entire life of the True Parents was set in accord to the standard of indemnity over five stages—indemnity from the era of the individual, to the era of the family, tribe, people and nation so that everything that was planted by the false parents throughout the historical eras until now could be indemnified. Everything planted by Satan's lineage bore fruit on the national level and began from an imperfect state. In terms of the realm of eggs, it is similar to the case of an unfertilized egg which could not become a fertilized egg. The injection of the sperm that was nurtured from the core of love that resides in God and encompasses tens of billions of years, which could have become the core of the fertilized egg, began but did not reach the egg into which it could completely settled down and produce the fruit that would allow True Parents' lineage to be established.

The Cosmic Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have perfected the authority of the physical True Parents in this world. On the foundation of love of their blessings, they could have many children and to them hand over the twelve tribes, rallying them together toward the ideal authority that connects each group, clan and nation in the Blessed world of 72 people and over 120 people within the third generation. In that position representing the world, the protected authority of God's victory has been received as we send-off the sixth year of Cheon Il Guk under that realm of liberation and complete freedom of making a new beginning under that privileged rights which allows the heaven and earth to be revived anew and grow, and to stand in a position that encompasses the realm of the object that is above and below and capable of bringing together the numbers 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 which can perfect Cheon Il Guk. In that position of the owner, the rights of existence of everything within the realm of heaven and earth can establish its original form that has been repatriated before that single standard even if goes beyond 10 to 11, 100 million to 100 million-and-1 and to eternity. All the senses which breathed within the united realm in which one mind, one body and one mindset is established follows the circuit of the original standard which flows like the veins and arteries of our pulse so that we may be mobilized toward the liberated kingdom of heaven on earth.

The motto for this year and today is: 'Cheonju,' say 'Cheonju,' [**Cheonju**], 'Pyeonghwa' [**Pyeonghwa**]. There is something that must be left in the universe. In the reciprocal relationship centered on true love—within the left-right, front-back relationships—harmony and unity is created through the harmony through give and take with one's partner. Through this, a world of one harmony, completely settled centering on the physical realm of your original ideal, will be created on the earth and carried beyond the realm of





True Parents praying at midnight; Laid out on the table is the paper on which Father will write the motto for the year.

liberation and complete freedom. As the nation at the center and core of the Cheon Il Guk federation of the cosmos, this will lead to the liberation of the homeland that will enable us to declare the complete liberation of all nations and the complete release of the entire universe. Furthermore, we can now designate and proclaim the day of declaration enabling the liberation of the cosmos and surrender of the realm of heart of the world of the 4th Adam to be brought together from this point on and mobilized again.

The perfection of the earth must now be fulfilled on the earth; it cannot be perfected in the spirit world. Consequently, all the ancestors who have gone to the spirit world, who were connected to the flesh of Lucifer, the elder brother, Lucifer, the father in the place of the physical body that Adam lost, can be engrafted to the realm of True Parents' heart and Blessed. Through this, all the ancestors in the spirit world who now are in the position of the elder brother and father to the archangels have become the sons and children of the True Parents. All 300 billion ancestors in the heavenly world who were Blessed should from this day on become as one in harmony with their ancestors above, horizontally with the world horizontally and vertically with the descendants centering on these ancestors, who were in the position of the servant like the archangels that were attendance to Adam in the Garden of Eden. The spirits in the spirit world should become as one in harmony with the families Blessed centering on the physical Adam on earth. Through this, the positions of the elder brother and younger brother, child and father, grandfather and grandson shall be reversed. On the foundation allowing for this new 360 degree transition, a new history, rotating clock-wise from the right to the left, shall begin from the first day of the first month on behalf of all things. Through the link connecting the core to the world of the core of the cosmos, all this has been carried into the age in which all blessings can be governed, where God can exercise and assert His autonomous authority based on one mind, one body, one mindset and one core. In True Parents' name I allow the restoration of this new heaven and earth which enables this transfer so that history can make a new beginning centering on the united realm based on the solidarity of all things.

Let the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind become as one. Let everything from the beginning of creation, which has been the

desire of the mind and body, to the world of the end of restoration be turned around. The kingdom of the peaceful reign and liberation can begin and advance within the countless days of eternity returned to heaven from the single day of the beginning of eternity beyond morning and evening, year after year, and the world. In the new morning of the New Year today, this we proclaim to the entire universe and all the realms on earth and in heaven in the presence of the Parents of Heaven and Earth who had made this possible.

All existing beings of creation could manifest as a single being united as one as an entity of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience according to True Parents' desire. Let all this be brought in including everything that was taken away from Heaven and returned by January 13, 2013. Until this day, let us pour all our efforts and devotion to urge and press for the liberation arising from the fulfillment of the goals proclaimed on this day. Let us advance into the time of autonomous realm of freedom in which the fulfillment of the goals is completely realized. This I report fervently, earnestly in True Parents' name! [Aju!] Aju! [Aju!] Aju! [Aju!] Aju! [Aju!] Aju! [Aju!] Aju!

Let the owner of the living room in which the father and son can live together emerge! In gratitude, I pray that Heaven's blessings be with you forever. All this I pray in the name of the True Parents. Aju! [Aju!] Let everything be freed!

All then offer a bow to True Parents, then to the members of the True Family. Father writes the motto for this year: "Eog Mansei for the Sacred Reign of Peace in Cheon Il Guk, the Realm of Cosmic Peace."

*Rev. Kwak called members to rise and offer a New Year's bow to True Parents; after asking True Children and True Grandchildren to join True Parents onstage, he asked members to offer a bow to the True Family.*

*Father wrote this year's motto. True Parents were photographed with the motto. Father called up the other True Family members and more photos were taken. Father explained that cosmic peace referred to the entire world that God created. "Eog mansei for the sacred reign of peace in Cheon Il Guk" can be found within that peace," he added.*

*The program ended with Rev. Hwang leading three cheers of "Eog mansei!" As Father was leaving, he said, "May you have many blessings in the New Year. Don't fight. May heavenly fortune be with you. Don't fight; if you do, you will be in trouble." ♦*



# Fortieth True God's Day Speech

Excerpted passages from Father's speech following the holy day pledge service  
January 1, 2007 - Cheon Jeong Peace Palace

**I**t's a happy New Year's Day. Is my face beaming or gloomy? [You look happy.] You would be quite aware of that. An audience can be fearsome. There are all sorts of people in the crowd looking at you!

Six-thousand years have passed. The number six has passed. The sixth year of Cheon Il Guk was a year of hardships. Just because it was Cheon Il Guk does not mean that it would be a year God could enjoy. Through the six thousand fallen years, the enemy has endured through the lineage....

You must be aware of a thing called collective responsibility. What is personal responsibility? You may have a parent directly related to you who can protect you. You may have siblings who can protect you, but they cannot protect you from your collective responsibility....

Which would you like better, a person who does not express joy at the coming of a new age or a person who dislikes the coming of a new age? [We rejoice at the coming of a new age!] The person who can rejoice at the coming of a new age would never shirk his collective responsibility. If things changed ten times, he would be there in his place all ten times.

If, for example, you go to elementary school, which has six grades, and pass through first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades, the name of the school would follow you around. Do you understand?...

If something goes wrong, he should be able to say, "It was my fault. It happened because I failed to set a good example." A person should take incidental and collective responsibility. How great would it be if people had that kind of guts? But they don't! Where can that be used?

I have been opposed by the entire world. There was not a nation or religion or school or ideology that did not persecute me. In the Republic of Korea alone, eight political administrations opposed me.

To take up the collective responsibility of the Unification Church faith, you must become of the same clan, a member and of the same blood. You must become like twin embryos. The desire of parents, siblings and kings lies in having you seek this out, take collective responsibility, become a guide, open the door for those who pioneer, remove obstacles and make the path comfortable for those who come later, even if that allowed you to overtake them in getting closer to Heaven. The conclusion is feasible....

What I said fifty years ago is now being realized. There are some among the people I meet who say that they had already met me even before I was born. Do the young people even know about such mystical facts? You good-for-nothings! Don't you think God would have made such preparations?

He prepared for four thousand years to send Jesus. That is

how the Messiah came to deliver you from death and create a nation of the Lord among all nations through joyful restoration. Just thinking about this should make your stomach full and give you strength in your activities...

How old am I as of today? Mother! [Laughter] Mother! [Yes?] How old am I? [You will be eighty-eight on your next birthday.] When you say eighty-eight, it connects to ninety. Once you reach eighty-one, you enter the realm of ninety rather than that of eighty....

If we are called into action, would Mother be at the head or Father? Women! Would Father be the one fidgeting and Mother the one being gentle? Answer! I see that there are a lot of women here today. Those who love Mother raise your hands! Then you should answer me first.

Does what I'm saying seem like what would come from an old man, eighty-eight years old, who may die the next day and be lying in the bottom of a coffin, or from a young darling boy of hope just born and who might live for tens of thousands of years? [A young boy.] [Applause]. Well, I should be the one applauding!...

Song Yong-chul! Come here with your wife. What she says about the activities in Europe is reliable. What he says is a little bit unreliable. [Laughter] I would like to hear a report from your wife.

[Mrs. Song: Whenever True Parents give instructions to us, our leaders and members (in Europe) would wonder "Can we really do this? Isn't this impossible?" In the beginning, they all have these thoughts. But in our hearts we believe because it comes from Father...]

If you have faith and take action, everything will turn out as you wish! [Applause] It's easy, very easy.

[Mrs. Song: When we acted with faith, we have seen miracles happen everywhere.... For example, Father could not visit England for twenty-seven years and Germany for twelve years, and because of this some European members somewhat lost their fighting spirit. We had thought, "No matter how hard we pray, True Parents are not able to come. What hope do we have?" However, to attend True Parents in person is the goal of our faith. In 2006, we must surely...]

Surely! Say it. [Surely!] Wow, you're so loud, the roof might blow away. [Laughter]

[Mrs. Song: The goal of our faith is in recovering Father's name and reputation in Europe. With that standard, we worked so hard. Then True Parents did come and bless us, and stayed in Switzerland to bless anew the European providence. As a result, we were able to obtain victory in the courts in England and also in Germany's Supreme Court. Their final verdict was that there is no legal reason that Father cannot visit Germany, and the government had no basis to stop him coming.] [Applause]



Okay, the verdict has been made. You can stop speaking now. Be happy and sing a good song for us. [Laughter] Your husband doesn't need to sing. [Laughter] You should inspire him, so that he will start dancing to your song, without his realizing it.

She's a fascinating lady. You don't know how interesting she can be. [Laughter] Sing loudly! [Rev. Song and Mrs. Song sing a song.]

Shin-joon! Where is Shin-joon, my grandson? [He has gone upstairs.] Aigo! If there are a lot of people when Shin-joon is here, he gets very excited. Then he greets people and sees if they like it or not.

He claps his hands so hard and winks, but how many people really enjoy it? Are their mouths opened or closed? I'm saying those whose mouths are closed should be punished. [Laughter] Do you understand? When Shin-joon is here and claps his hands and winks, if you open your mouth and stick out your tongue even if you dislike it, he will be quite happy. Then he will bring a box or pack of goodies I bought for him and give them all away. He really resembles his grandfather—so much so that I feel sorry. [Laughter]. It's true.

If you go to the Wonjeon, isn't there a grave for my great uncle Yoon-gook? [Yes.] He was an important figure in the March 1 Independence Movement. He was well versed in the books of prophecies. He was more learned in Confucianism than anybody else, and he was well educated in Chinese history. He knew about all the prophecies ever recorded.... I was quite fond of that old man. He was very handsome—more handsome than I am. He was tall. He would tell my grandfather, his older brother, not to make me study, that I shouldn't be studying. He said this despite the fact that he knew what Confucius and Mencius had said, about the affairs of the world, how to judge people from a Chinese outlook on history and about the strengths and weaknesses of the prophets. He said that out of concern that our household would perish. He didn't want to die within his limited lifespan during Japanese rule. He was that kind of person.

He spent two years and eight months in prison—the same length of time that I did later—and was branded a criminal. He would have been eliminated from this world. Yet he was given a suspended sentence for I don't know how many years. He was driven out and was on the run for thirty years without knowledge of his children or relatives. After Korea was liberated, he returned to his hometown, which he had not been to in thirty years, when he heard that I was in town. That's the kind of person he was.

That grandfather cannot be excluded from the list of patriots who offered their lives for their homeland and nation. There's no knowing how many patriotic acts he performed. I will not speak of it. I will not forget the things he taught me about the orders that were quietly given to move the independence army, about raising funds for the provisional government in Shanghai. I am telling you these things for the first time.

So, his sentence was suspended, but he could not return to

his hometown for thirty-two years.... How much he yearned for his hometown though he was unable to go there! Yet he was aware of the people he'd left behind, his elder brother, his friends, his clan, his wife and children....

How many days shall we stay here? You will have to stay here for at least three to four days, whether you like it or not. If you leave, it will be as if "My lord who has left me...." [Laughter] Your legs will feel broken before you go ten, even five, kilometers. [Laughter] It's true! Such a time has come. Your ancestors will not leave you alone. The time has come for me to offer such prayers.

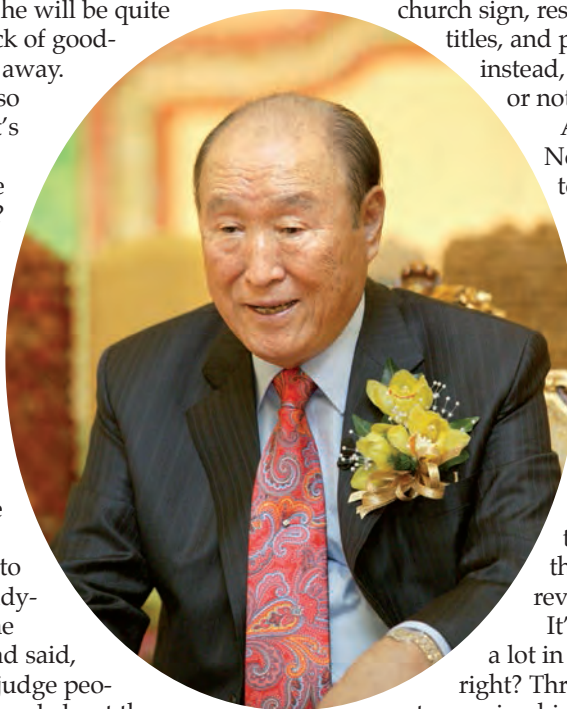
I will send Jesus now and gather representative teachers centering on the hundreds of Christian denominations, and educate them more than I have the 120 Christian leaders I called recently. If needed, I will call three times that number, 360 leaders of denominations, and give the command for the entire spirit world to follow. If I tell them to take down their church sign, resign from their positions, give up their titles, and put up the Unification Church sign instead, under my name, would they do that, or not? Is it possible, or not? [It is possible.]

All you need to do is mobilize them. Now you can mobilize even your ancestors. You have something that enables you to do that. So even if you do not know where your grandfather died, you can ask in prayer. Where is the location? This can be revealed to the earth. The patriotism displayed by such people who have such deep emotions on earth is similar to the patriotic mind of Heaven, which works for the liberation of the fatherland. Such people who are buried in the ground, unknown to others, in the end will be revealed through history. That is why they will reveal to you the location.

It's the same for me, too. I've suffered a lot in order to establish Cheon Il Guk, right? Through thousands of generations of history, using historical people, God has tried to turn around and restore everything in one generation that which was perpetrated because of the failure of false parents. Just as everything was corrupted in a single moment, so everything is being restored in a single moment, in my one lifetime. Even so, if it takes a number of years, it is a very shameful process. It's really a pity that it has to take a whole lifetime....

Jesus prepared from the age of twenty-seven. Three times nine is twenty-seven, right? In order to indemnify the number nine for each of three ages, Jesus took up the challenge at the age of twenty-seven and then—twenty seven, twenty eight, twenty nine, thirty, thirty one, thirty two, thirty three—over seven years, he intended to achieve victory. The problem is that it all collapsed in the end. That has to be indemnified, right? You understand that, right? [Yes, we understand.]...

With old people, their minds and bodies don't fit together exactly, so they lose energy and become inactive and slack. Young people, however, have explosive minds, and their bodies reflect that. If they die, they cannot give up and something happens. Whether they are going to live or die they simply have to take up the matter and decide. I am a rather impatient and hot-tempered person. I don't have the character to just





entrust a job to someone and wait for the result. I have to get out and do it myself...

There was really no other way except that the Garden of Eden be there, in one place, where there was a flat plain. There would have been ponds, and there would have been saltwater as well; it would have been a green area, like a greenbelt, because there would have been water, and there also would have been forests, etc. Everything would have lived in that single garden. God would have wanted to live close to the things that He had created out of the love He felt.

If Adam asked God, "Why did you create this in this way?" Do you think God would have told him, or not? Would Adam have asked, "Why do the females follow after all the male creatures we see here?" You women, answer me! Would he have asked that, or not? [He would have asked.]

As Eve gradually matured, rather than asking God and having Him explain everything, she would have turned to Adam, asking, "Hey, the archangel really likes me. Don't you like me more than the archangel does?" She would have said that to Adam. That was really rather thoughtless. Up until that point, Adam didn't worry at all, thinking that God was protecting them. He wasn't anxious. At that time, did he make some kind of contingency plan? Did he take some kind of security measures to protect the situation, use some kind of secret organization? No, he simply trusted that things would go well.

In fact, he naïvely trusted too much! There were three archangels; he could have had each one look after Eve for four months at a time, over a year. Why did he just entrust Eve to that archangel completely in that way? You see? That's what I'm asking. He didn't take any security measures at all. In the Unification Church, up to now, I haven't established any kind of security measures. We need to have people involved in this.

To this day, you Unification Church members have just had to put up with all the insults and slander thrown at you, right? Moon Lan-young also had to go through a lot of tribulations...

You have to believe in your daughters. If you were to believe in me alone until you die, what use would that be? Wherever you go, no matter what happens, come to me and tell me about it, about all those difficulties and challenges. Do you think I would tell you to stay away? Have I ever said that? Hey, Pak No-hi is here! You didn't like Moon Lan-young, did you? You thought she was too short, right? [No, I liked her.] You're only saying that because you don't have much choice now, right? Would you just kill off your own children? Aren't you going to open your heart to her now? [Laughter]

[I liked her from the start.] Let's ask. Hey, Lan-young! Did he really like you? You had to negotiate, didn't you? Didn't he say he wouldn't bribe his own bride? Moon Lan-young, well, she has Moon blood, so she is a pretty tough customer.... If she puts her mind to catching something, she just won't let go, even if she has to cut off her own legs. Right? I mean, over the years, you've seen that, right? [Yes.] She can be difficult sometimes, right? [Ah, yes, sure.] [Laughter]

In the Unification Church, I'm just like the dad, so I know all the defects, all the cracks and crannies. I know exactly how that rascal acted, and what he said when he got married. I'm aware of his relationship with me, too. I cannot forget that he is connected to me. That's what it's like for a parent, for a teacher. It's the same thing for a king, too.

You poor Unification Church men! You don't get treated well by your women, do you? What's it like for you? You, here? Does she take good care of you? Your wife is very smart, and she doesn't really try to take much care of you, does she? [No, she treats me pretty well.] How does she take care of you? [Laughter.] Does she press her lips to yours? Lips—hers and his—have to press together everyday, right? What could be better than that? Besides that, though, does she feed you okay? Does she pick you up and carry you on her back if you are drunk? She doesn't really do much to take care of you, really, right? [Laughter]...

[Father says the motto, phrase by phrase, in Korean] Cosmic Peace! [Cosmic!] Cheon Il Guk! [Cheon Il Guk!] A sacred reign!<sup>1</sup> [A sacred reign!] Eog Mansei! [Eog mansei!] [Applause]

What does it mean? If we work with the Universal Peace Federation, this will become the main theme underlying the work we Unificationists do from now on. The name *Cheonju<sup>2</sup> Pyeonghwa Yeonhap* [The Universal Peace Federation] refers to the land and house that God can live in. People have not risen to that standard yet. The name means the house, the earth, the land (with the creatures) that God can dwell in. All of these have a collective responsibility toward the house that God created....

So who would you like better? Someone who is really proud of himself, or someone who receives a lot of praise from others? Most people don't like to praise someone who is always bragging about himself. Everyone else tells people who are not meek and humble, who think of everything as being centered on themselves, to get out of the way. And everyone tells people who go outside of themselves, give to the whole and increasingly invest for the public good, to go higher, and higher, and higher, and receive the greatest blessing that the world has to give. You should remember that even God likes that kind of person! Aju! [Aju!] Will you become that kind of person? [Yes.]

Is the term "cosmic peace" an adjective? Which part is the subject? We can say "the sacred reign of peace in Cheon Il Guk, the realm of cosmic peace." What sacred, glorious reign are we talking about? [That of Cheon Il Guk!] Even if we have Cheon Il Guk, if we do not have the ideal God originally had in mind for the creation, an environment where we can live together with God. Cheon Il Guk doesn't help us at all, because we don't have what we need in the environment.

1 *Taepyeong seongdae* is translatable in various ways, often as "glorious reign of peace"; in the motto, it was determined to translate the word *seong* literally as "sacred."

2 *Cheonju* is often translated as "cosmos" or "cosmic" to indicate that it embraces both the spiritual and physical realms (as in the motto for 2007); it was translated as "universal" in the Universal Peace Federation for ease of understanding.





It is just as if someone became a beauty, but instead of having natural beauty, she has to make great effort to decorate herself like a beauty. It doesn't matter how good any Cheon Il Guk is if it doesn't include all that should be in the kind of house that God wants to live in, that is, the ideal He envisioned at the Creation. It has to be the kind of place that anyone would want to visit and see once he had heard about it. He would want to live there, have his sons and daughters live there for eternity and have his friends live there. It has to be the kind of place where no one could help wanting to live, where people's hearts are drawn to find a home!

We have to fix this point firmly in our memories: Giving this heart and making love shine is actually the ideal environment of God's creation, the ideal of cosmic, universal, peace and of the creation! All the beautiful reality of that country, all of that is the full and complete ideal, such that anyone who sees it cannot help longing to be part of it. That kind of ideal place, that is the sacred, glorious reign of cosmic peace in Cheon Il Guk!

What is *taepyeong* [lit: great peace]? The source and beginning of the reign of peace, of a great unifying, that is what we call *taepyeong*. *Taepyeong* means that if you want to become one, for all of you to become one, first you have to make peace. You have to create harmony. If you cannot make peace and achieve a flat, even, horizontal plane, or if the horizontal plane does not exist, the vertical plane cannot come into being. In other words, peace and unity are a pair, a single set. Do you see?

Which part then is the center? Is unity the center, or is harmony the center? Is the vertical the center, or is the horizontal the center? [The vertical is the center.] Yes, the vertical is the center. If you ask, where does that vertical come from, the origin of peace comes from the home where people live with and attend God, who is the source and origin of universal peace. If you think about it in this way, it feels pretty good, don't you think? [Yes.]

In this sense, what we mean by *taepyeong seongdae* [the glorious reign of peace] is a truly wonderful age, a truly wonderful world, in which happiness can continue forever and ever, without end. The sacred reign of cosmic peace! And that's not all. What's next? *Eog mansei*! Because we love that sacred, glorious reign of cosmic peace, we say, "*Eog mansei*!" [May it last forever!] Over and over again. We can live together for a hundred million years, proud in the authority of joyful liberation! *Eog mansei*! That's what it means.

So, everyone, what is the main thing that we are teaching in the Unification Church nowadays? In the one universe, there was one true origin. What is that origin? It is heart or mind. If there is one heart, if there is one mind, there has to be one body, one object. In a world without subjects and objects, there cannot be any joy, freedom or happiness.

When the Israelites moved to Egypt, how many of them were there? Seventy-two! Jacob's relatives numbered seventy-two. Of course, that included his twelve

sons, but the question is, why wasn't Esau included when they went to Egypt? All of the twelve sons went, but Jacob's own brother, Esau, was left at home. When Jacob's offspring saw this, do you think they would have asked their elders about it? Would they have just kept quiet? What do you think? It is certain they would have asked about this.

All twelve brothers [Jacob's sons] were together, including Joseph and Benjamin. But Esau was actually Jacob's twin brother, wasn't he? When Esau didn't show up, is there any chance that Joseph's mother and father [Jacob] didn't know? Would people have asked about it, or not? If Joseph asked his mother or father about this, would he have been asking because he would have wanted him to come, or because he really felt, "He didn't come. That's great!"? He would have asked with the heart of wanting him to be there.

How hard Joseph must have worked as the prime minister of Egypt, the representative of the Pharaoh! After seven years passed, there were seven years of famine—Joseph had prophesied about that. By preparing for all of that, he became someone who could be respected, whom the whole nation could welcome. And together with his brothers, he could enjoy that environment of welcome, mingled with all the hopes that his parents would have had, and with the kind of foundation all his ancestors would have hoped for. How wonderful it must have been! How truly wonderful! The question then is, why (after having come all the way to Egypt) did the Israelites have to leave again? Why?

It wasn't their own homeland. In your homeland, there should be brothers and parents and also your ancestral graves. That's a homeland....

Kang Hyun-shil, what country are you from? [I'm from Korea.] What year is this? [It's the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk.] Well, then, what nation are you from? [I'm from Cheon Il Guk.] Why did you say you are from Korea? [(Laughing) Korea is the fatherland of my faith, though.] When you think



Father, fired up, passes second-generation leaders, (l to r) Kwon In-seong (Peace Cup), Shin In-sun (Church), Han Soon-shil (WFWP), Song In-yong (Church), Yang Yong-taek (Returned U.S. Regional Leader) at the God's Day Pledge Service



about the homeland of your faith and Saint Augustine, even though there are many Kangs living in Cheon Il Guk, we still need Kang Hyun-shil. You've focused on Korea up until now. I never think very much of having lived in Korea; I don't take much pride in that.

[Sorry. I'll think that I'm from Cheon Il Guk now.] [Laughter] You are going to? Well, whatever! What do you need to change for? It's up to you. Is there something wrong with doing what you want to? It's up to you.

Well, anyway, that's what a homeland is. During their life, we can see that each person has a nation, a homeland. After growing up, you start to realize that even before you were concerned about these things, your life included a myriad of relationships based on all the connections made by your ancestors. We should think that such collective relationships are truly amazing and precious. We should understand them as a kind of event, something that enables us to overcome significant historical eras.

Okay. Today we should think a bit about the past. [To Kang Hyun-shil:] Briefly tell the story of how you were witnessed to. Tell a bit about your life as a wanderer, like Kim Sakat.<sup>3</sup> Then sing the song "Kang Sakat." [Yes, Father.] How many precious memories arise from the historic era in which we lived; how many difficulties and tribulations we have overcome! Yet, I am still around. Because you always overcame, holding on to your connection with me, the more time passes, the better and more interesting all those memories become. If you think about it, we have been waiting for that kind of historic quality in our lives. Every year, every day, we have that connection of heart from those experiences. Don't think lightly about those past days. Be grateful that you could be introduced to things you would never have otherwise heard about. Listen to these stories with the heart that it would also have been good if you had had similar experiences. Okay! Tell your story now, Mrs. Kang, for a short time. You are speaking instead of me. [Yes, Father.] I'm going to take a minute's rest... [Excerpts of Mrs. Kang's testimony:]

[... Father didn't use money for himself, for his own situation, but for God's will; he invested it in places that would accomplish the will. Do you see? He started with the paintings that Mr. Kim Won-pil painted. He did that for a while... ]

Wasn't that Won-pil I saw a moment ago? [Yes, he is just over there.] Won-pil, stand up please. Here he is, the painter from those old days. [He's really been through many hardships, actually. I'm always thinking about him...] [Applause]

[... In those days, Mr. Kim always wore a uniform from the American base, rather smartly. In the mornings, he never spoke at all. Nothing. Even though he didn't say anything, he still has lots to teach you. He is the kind of person who can move other people's minds even without words. I don't know about everyone else, but I really respect Mr. Kim.] I respect him, too. [Applause]

It looks as if it's about 12 o'clock now. Why don't you stop here; and I'll say a few words. Listen well, everyone. Even to this day, Unification Church members have focused on me, looked at me, and have dropped everything to come to this movement. There are many events and behind-the-scenes activities and situations that people who do not understand

<sup>3</sup> *Sakat* is the name of the traditional, wide-brimmed hat worn by Korean men. The name Kim Sakat comes from a song about a historical man who cursed someone he later found to be his grandfather. For that reason, he always wore the wide-brimmed hat, preventing him from seeing heaven. Father is comparing only his peripatetic life with that of Mrs. Kang.

the Principle just cannot fathom. Amazing, incredible things have occurred. I'm just one person, and I have been living all this time, and so many people have joined this work because of me. Imagine what would have happened if I had never been here. What do you think?

Now, I am eighty-eight years old. Pretty much, I've lived a reasonable life. Wanting to live longer than this is somewhat greedy. So now, what has to be done by me on earth... I have gone over the border, as it were, and moved beyond that. If we take our message, the Principle, out to the world, it really won't take much time; it's inevitable that the world follow behind us and take up the path we have been following.

Why? Because whether we are talking about logic, or ideology, or systems, the depth of the content is too great for the world to reject it. Furthermore, there are many experiences we have all undergone in our lives of faith that people simply cannot take away. This doesn't mean I am retreating. Rather, all the preparations are in place for us to move to a bigger stage, where we can do even more activity. Therefore, even if you stir up even greater problems, the spirit world will be able to digest and manage them. That's how I see it.

By way of conclusion, simply because of me, one person, so many people have come here. That's true of the Japanese too, isn't it? To come and see your teacher, you have traveled all this way. You don't know how long your old, gray teacher will remain on earth, so you want to see him at least a few times more and create your own memories. There are some people here, many people, who have come with that thought in mind.

From now on, what is it that you have to do? What is the revolution you have to bring about? What is the transformation that you have to accomplish? The fact that you have believed in me and followed me, means that if you testify to this, become historical witnesses to the facts, at any time, the historical manifestations can happen again. The problem is, when I am gone, what will you do? What are you going to do with all the experiences that you have had, these concrete facts, all that you are hearing now and seeing now?

You mustn't forget the fact that there is a palace here where God can dwell and you have a homeland, a hometown. That homeland was unable to become the kind of homeland I wanted to see. This hometown was unable to rise to the standard that I wanted. Nevertheless, I want to ask that even if I leave the path, please work so that the establishment of the homeland is even better, so that you can leave behind a hometown that fulfills the ideal and that is even more beautiful. You have to do this. That is what I am asking.

Once I go over there to the spirit world, I will initiate a huge revolution beginning with the five great saints, whom I will send down to the earthly realms. They will have billions of spirit people with them. It seems like something out of a dream, but it's a fact.

If you look for a key to all of life's problems, to the problem of life and death, you won't find one anywhere else. It is as if I have a patent on it. The situation is just the same as having a patent. And just as if I were the patent owner, I can forgive transgressions. Even if I leave the patent behind, it has something behind it that prevents it from ever running out.

If you happen to witness to a nation's president, that nation can belong to God in a very short time. That kind of foundation, which can bring about instantaneous change, exists. The era of witnessing to individuals has already passed.

Now, once I leave with you my last will and testament and pass on, it will be all you have. Once I go to the spirit world, I



will turn everything upside down within a few years for sure. At that time, where will you be able to stand? What kind of reality will you have to stand on? You should prepare for that now, starting from now. That is what I'm telling you.

God is alive. He exists. He created the entire universe. Think about it. How big is the solar system? Centering on a single star, nine planets move around to form our single solar system. Think about how big it is. Think about all the people who have lived and died on earth—all the spirit people, numbering hundreds of billions. In the whole universe, there are about a thousand billion solar systems, one thousand billion. Even if there were only a thousand, that would be huge, but there are a thousand billion.

The question is, when will God be able to exercise his unique and liberated authority in this universe? The universe was designed so that God, who can calculate even the world beyond time and space without even worrying about distances, could freely reign over and control it. When will this happen? Aligning myself to that standard, I have poured out all my sincere effort, toiled with all my heart, running, running, going again tomorrow, and going on, and on, and going ahead. After all of this, here I am. Now that I look around me, I've come to the end of all that work.

*Cheonju pyeonghwa* [cosmic or universal peace] is peace that can fill up all of heaven and earth. There is no way to go ahead except for the path of cosmic, universal peace, centering on Cheon Il Guk. This small country, the very small circumference we have already carved out... The question is, where is all that peace going to go—all the peace in the universe, the peace in Cheon Il Guk? If and when Cheon Il Guk is realized, we can receive all that peace. If we prepare that, *taepyeong seongdae* [the sacred, glorious reign of peace] will be no problem at all. Even beyond the sacred, glorious reign of peace, the era of the sacred, glorious reign of peace is coming. The era is coming when victories even a thousand times greater can be won. So, *eog mansei* will be no problem either. An era of *eog jo* [lit. 100 million trillion] *mansei* is coming.

I, a person you respect with affection, will soon go to the spirit world. I will soon go to the spirit world. How many years remain until January 13, 2013? It is the seventh year, so in a little bit more than six years, that will all have passed. After that time passes, will I still be here? Four of my children went to the spirit world and have been going through many difficul-

ties there. They have now become a sturdy group that can take charge of that place. If I give the order, you must bring all the saints and sages that come under your charge and have them all assigned to the local areas.

That is why I divided the six continents into twelve regions. Instructions for a great migration might be given even tomorrow. Don't even dream that the hometown you live in is the best. You should be able to fly free. What would a flying bird do with heavy baggage? What will you do with worldly things?

That is why a crane or a wild goose has to make the structure of its body fit to fly high. Do you understand? [Yes.] There has to be adaptation....

What if all your ancestors have been called, and a pile of blessings could be distributed to them all, even if they did not wish for it? If you were placed in such a world, would you hesitate? Well! If I had money, say billions and even quadrillions of dollars, I could use it all in an instant. If I could, I would call tens of thousands of the world's poor people and distribute it. There are still many ways for the world to go through sudden change. Do you understand? [Yes.]

You have been following me, but what should you follow from now? You should look upon the palace under God's protection and in which He can reside and realize the greatness of His power and the source of His abundant blessings. You should muster the confidence to become such sons or daughters-in-law, or children who can relate to that palace. To live with

such confidence is the single path that you should follow and have faith in.

That would lead to the liberation of the fatherland, which we could finally offer to God. In God's nation, everybody from the third world who has gone to hell will be liberated. People who from thousands and tens of thousands of generations ago would be able to forget those years and receive the same victorious authority as you have, in your time, thereby being restored to a position before the Fall. They would have a generous heart, a generous attitude, as Adam and the brothers Cain and Abel did in the past. Only then can the liberated kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven be completed! Aju! [Aju!]

This is reflected in this year's motto. Look at the words of the motto. What does it say? It talks about cosmic peace. [Cheon Il Guk!] Forget about Cheon Il Guk for now. Cosmic

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**Mrs. Kim Ae-ja, wife of Rev. Kim Zin-moon, deputy chairman of the FFWPU International office and national messiah of Antigua; Mrs. Yun Jung-un, wife of Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan; Mrs. Chung Dae-wha, wife of Rev. Kim Yong-whi, national messiah of the United Kingdom; and Kwak Jin-man, son of Mrs. Yun Jung-un, are dancing to songs Father asked members to sing during the True God's Day celebration at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace.**



# Training in Life

## Hyung-jin Moon explains his approach



*When he speaks, Father often touches on the issue of mind-body unity. Sometimes, however, we are so used to focusing on the large task or mission to be accomplished that we neglect to take care of our own temple and nurture our spirit.*

*Last year, Hyung-jin nim, the youngest son of our True Parents, began a series of "Workshops for the People of Cheon Il Guk" at the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology in Korea. They were based on the premise that to become the people of God's kingdom, we can and should focus more on consciously training ourselves; that we can work day by day, applying certain principles, towards a unified state of being and then on to larger levels of harmony, beginning with our family.*

*Hyung-jin nim shared his own techniques for training himself. These included the discipline of meditation while focusing on feeling grateful, which is a healthy strategy for life that we can actually develop. One such exercise required participants to sit as still as possible for thirty minutes while resisting any physical temptation (even scratching an itch!) and sending away any thought that encroached on the mind other than a feeling of gratitude matched with the rhythm of one's breathing. These foundational exercises were followed by a series of discourses on relationships within the family and practical, principled ways to nurture them.*

*Hyung-jin nim surrounded these insights with his personal testimony, through which participants experienced being drawn closer and closer to the True Family.*

*He very kindly consented to be interviewed by Today's World about his vision for the workshops, and the following is taken from the transcript of that encounter.*

**Julian Gray: Hyung-jin nim, how did you come to begin these seminars?**

**Hyung-jin nim:** Initially I was not intending to stay in Korea. My plan was to go back to Harvard to register in the PhD program.

Whatever religion you are studying at Harvard, whatever tradition, it receives a strong critical analysis. It is a liberal atmosphere. They are always attacking religions that hold conservative values. I did not find it so enriching in that respect. I talked with Father. He was very empathetic. It is not as though I am going to be an academic, teaching at Harvard for the rest of my life! I want to be closer to the members. I want to not just deal with books; I see myself as a Unificationist practitioner—Unificationism not as something to know, but as something to live.

You cannot just know something and that's the end of it. We have to change society; we have to help the diseased and the poor. We are very practical in terms of our theology. We have tried to be engaged socially. We have done big activities, but how focused are we on the central tasks we have to fulfill within the



*Above: Graduating from the seminar involved a candlelight prayer ceremony and photos with the instructor; Below: As a microcosmic exercise in mind-body unity, during meditation, participants stave off all thoughts and concentrate only on their breathing and cultivating a feeling of gratitude.*





movement—creating strong and true blessed families, examples to the world? We have to substantiate the four great realms of heart and three kingships, creating the four-position foundation on the individual and family levels...the three blessings. How are we supposed to start?

My older brother [Young-jin nim] emphasized method. I felt we have to provide our members with more than the big goals; a great mission statement contains both the goals and the means to achieve them.

How do we help people substantiate their ideals in a very real way? With children, life is very real; it is not ethereal. It is also not always some kind of mystical experience. It's visceral, very emotional, psychologically challenging, physically challenging, spiritually challenging. How do we begin to acknowledge that these are the levels we have to start addressing, and where we have to begin succeeding in a practical way?

### **Father has done so much, but we have a lot to implement personally.**

If you study religion, Father is the most successful religious leader that we have seen in the last two hundred years, in all of religious history, even. He's impacted millions of people around the world. We've become so mainstream in his lifetime. I give the example of Mormonism; their founder was imprisoned and killed. Father and our movement have done it together. We have accomplished a tremendous amount. The question is how to go forward. A religion has to be concerned not only about recruiting people; it has to consider retaining them as well.

We need to be able to become more consistent with our words while developing the skills to start viewing whether our actions are consistent or not. That's why I emphasize practice.

When we practice, we can learn a *lot*. Those thirty minutes of meditation are totally packed with experience. They are packed with emotion, with sights, thoughts, feelings—all sorts of things. In that very short time, we can see a lot about ourselves. We talk about the "I" that I think I am and the "I" that I really am. Why that is important is that our spouse has to live with who we really are, our children have to deal with who we really are!

My main impetus for starting these workshops was to see how we could begin to train our mind and body. At UTS, that is what we primarily focused on. At that time, we did not get so much into the spouse or family side, at least not in depth. It was a good chance to exercise the will aspect of our being...

We have always trained our intellectual side, our emotional side. That can be a great tool to create peace in the home. I am very interested in realization; in how we can utilize mind-body practice to help us become better husbands and better daddies, better brothers, etc. That connection is crucial. Even in my own life, although I exercise mind-body practices, I also have a family, which is so intimately connected. If I don't have the ability to review myself in a systematic fashion and to purge myself of intrusions or anger (when I am angry at the kids, or whatever), I often fail.

As you experienced, the meditation time is a very chaotic period—very similar to our lives—because in that thirty minutes, so many things are thrown at us and we have to learn how to deal with them in a manner that is not going to stress us out or tire us out.



In his seminars, Hyung-jin nim emphasizes living the Principle. Here, that calls for him to respond to his father with a song on the fortieth True God's Day.

We learn how to take the subject role, but also how to become a better object, so that we can become more grateful for the smaller things that God has given us. That skill is also important in our families because when the husband is trying (although it may seem like a small thing) it requires so much effort on his part. If the wife can catch that and say thank you, the husband feels acknowledged. You know, (laughing) maybe it infuriates her when he moves the toothpaste from here and puts it there—but this day he didn't do that, and it took a lot of effort. When we start sensing when people are trying and appreciate their efforts, we can start acknowledging the fact that we are all trying. We usually just think, "Well, I'm trying," but when you look around and you watch your children, *they* are trying! We want to develop those skills, become better objects to God, and to find those great gifts—at the same time learning how to keep the subject role when we are being intruded upon by fallen nature, secular values or temptations. To be strong in mind and body—that's really what I feel is the center of it. Because as Father says, if that's not happening, you're not going to heaven (laughs).

That's why we have to address it as a movement; we have to start practicing. Let's begin a systematic approach that is consistent with our teaching. There are so many gems—what I am trying to tell people is that the Principle has so many systems, that whole mind-body dialectic—that's a system. But how do you use it? That's the problem! Again, the system we talked about in the seminar, the five levels of sharing love with one's spouse, the sharing that has to be on all levels of the human being... That's a system within the Principle. But how do you use it in your marriage life? Once we see that the Principle is systematic, we can start using those tools as Unificationists; we can start actualizing the teachings. I hope that was being communicated. I feel that is wonderful, because it brings life to the theory. It is not as if we are just wishing one day to be in that ideal world. No, we can use these systems; we can start building it now. That's what I find exciting; that's why I wanted to do the workshops.

### **What plans do you have for the workshops in the future?**

What I really want to do is start investing my energy in working on the manuals and then hopefully develop it so it can be very accessible to people. To make accessible the wisdom of the



Principle to people regardless of religion, race or nation—that's essentially what we are supposed to be doing. For me it's a question of how are we going to help improve people's lives.

I had the experience of visiting the home of my son's friend. I met his parents. They are not members, but they know who I am. They asked me, "What do you believe?" Of course, when asked that question, we are itching to say something about the messiah—Rev. Moon is the Messiah! But I just said, "What my father teaches is that we have to create peace between mind and body. We participate in a marriage blessing sacrament. We see marriage as a holy institution where true peace can be realized. He teaches us to create what we call true families, that is, to have healthy strong families that contribute to our world." When you think about our theology in terms of what we must actually do, it is those things. When I told them that, they said, "Oh, that's great!" They were interested too. They are interested in those aspects as well. What I found is that it doesn't matter whether they have been in the movement a long time, or don't even know the movement; they want to have better control over their mind-body relationship; they want to learn how to create stronger marriages, and they also want to have better relationships with their children. These wants, these desires are because each of the dimensions—emotion intellect and will—is searching. The emotional realm is searching for the reciprocation of beauty; the intellectual side is searching for the reciprocation of truth; and the will is searching for the reciprocation of goodness. We start understanding and utilizing our entire being, we can start making our life more beautiful, more true, more good.

I think that is quite basic for all people. It's a practical way for people to start approaching their families, their relationships and themselves in a different way. I think it can be beneficial for people that are not necessarily Unificationists, because in the end we are supposed to be helping the whole world.

I hope that the program can develop over time, which is why we ask members to offer their thoughts on it. We really want to build this together.

For example, Stephen Covey took the real principles of Mormonism and applied them in a manner that is accessible. We should have been doing that, in terms of leadership, fam-

ily...whatever. And I believe we can. When we look from a systematic perspective at the many systems that are there, they are very useful. They have been there, but we just haven't known how to use them. How do we bring them to life and start applying them in a way that is creating more beauty truth and goodness? If we can do that, it will be wonderful—not just for our members but for the rest of the world.

So I am hoping that we can develop this in a way that can be more accessible for people and that can help them succeed in all the dimensions of being happy, being well, being healthy.

We've held workshops and now hope to do retreats. The retreats will focus much more on practice. We will practice, but we will also learn such things as a very simple Korean ceremony for sharing tea, which uses a very principled system. There is a father, a mother and children in the tea set. We can practice that, learn how to share tea and give something healthful to each other, enjoy that gift from nature and learn how to give each other foot massages, for example. I learned this from my wife. Whenever one of my kids feels emotionally needy, she gives them a foot massage, at night. They feel so adored! That's *skinship*, the sense of touch that we need as human beings in interacting with each other. Especially within our families, we need to hold each other, embrace, massage each other's feet. Even a father can come down and massage his child's feet.

So I want to develop a system where we can actually practice these things together and have fun together! This is the age of release and liberation, when we can start rejoicing, and start bringing each other health and happiness. We can start practicing, in order to become stronger in all the aspects.

I hope what I am trying to do is helpful. My point is that we have a lot more than we think we have. If we look closely, we can make an impact in the world and be helping people. From the resources of our Principle, we are retrieving these systems that are helpful.

#### **This work will help the future of the movement.**

I hope so. I mean I can't promise anything. Only God knows...

#### **Everyone will want to help you....**

I always try to tell people, "Don't try to do everything at once; it's too much." We end up giving up because it's too much to do. Try to take one small step. Do small things. Small things are what build strong relationships, not big things. I think people forget that.

With Father, we do not see every single day of sincerity and devotion that he must invest in, every single moment and hour. We just see the big announcements, but there is so much preparation for that. In fact, that is only one aspect of the entire effort. I really want to acknowledge that. When you look at a man like Father, he's great not because he is doing great things. He is doing many, many small salvific actions that in the end are saving all of us.

As his child, when I interact with him, it's the small things that save me. Here is one example: Usually when we are talking to someone and we talk at the same time, both people stop to let the other one talk. We think of Father as a very dominant speaker—he speaks a lot, educating his kids, talking all day to them (laughs)—but this is totally not the case! When we both try to say something at the same time, he stops, and I am waiting for him to say something, but he lets me speak. That's a different side, you see! It is those small acts of trust—empathy and listening—that make me so grateful in our relationship. I cannot do that! I've reflected, and I realize I am not even doing



January 3<sup>rd</sup>: Shin-deuk nim with his mother Yeon-ah nim and father Hyung-jin nim; just visible is Hoon-sook nim; Shin-mi nim is at back right



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Heung-jin Moon was born on October 23, 1966, in Seoul. He "cast off the umbilical cord connecting him to this world and was reborn in the world of light" on January 2, 1984. Two weeks after his passing, Father said of him, "The spirit world, the physical world and True Parents love Heung-jin nim.... The Day of Victory of Love is that day in which True Parents have reached a new level and are marching forward on the foundation of Heung-jin nim's sacrifice." Calling him a "door opener," Father predicted Heung-jin nim's offering would make possible the liberation of ancestors, the unity of religions and the unity of the True Family. On January 2, the True Family was joined by 1,200 members to celebrate the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of Victory of Love. Here, Heung-jin nim's wife Hoon-sook nim and his son Shin-chul nim light candles before bowing.

that with my kids.

I'm learning from this. I feel that strong families are built on many small investments. That's where strong families are built; that's where powerful marriages are built and that's where the mind and body unity is built. That is hard to invade. It is built by many small investments, effort and training.

Father is such a humble person. As his child, speaking with him, it is amazing how much he just listens. That has really been the most enriching part of my relationship with Father—to understand the value of the ability to listen.

This has greatly benefited my own family, my own life, my relationship with my wife and children, and so forth. Just the ability to say yes, as a father, I can stop, catch myself and listen to what my kids are saying. We don't do that usually, because we are dominating the conversation—we're the Dad! But that's not what I experienced with Father, and I found that so illuminating.

I wanted to share those aspects of Father's life. In the end, it is not only the words that he speaks, it's his life that is exemplary. We also want to see the other aspects that are even beyond words—how he lives and practices.

**You remind me of Father when he was in his student days. We can catch a glimpse of Father's youth though you....**

(Laughing) I am a germ compared to Father! I definitely can-

not claim to be anywhere near him. I see him as a real example of living the Principle.

Recently I was present when Father suddenly started tickling Mother's foot. They were just playing around, like two innocent children. I am waiting to see if when I am eighty-seven and all wrinkled, I can still be that free, harmonious and unified. We talk about that in the fourth pledge—freedom, harmony, unification and happiness!

I found that to be a tremendous teaching because it is not the cerebral Principle, it is the living Principle. I love watching Father and Mother, observing what they do. When I talked about this experience in front of Father, he was overjoyed. As academics, we can sometimes get into our cerebral prowess and lose that freedom to just act with heart, emotion, and will and move freely. We may be stunted by our rationality.

Linguists say that ten percent of communication is verbal, and that 90 percent is non-verbal. If we are only learning through Father's words we are only learning ten percent of what he communicates—with his family, in his true marriage to Mother, and we are only learning ten percent of how he communicates with God. We've got to start looking and seeing the other ninety percent. I feel that these teachings, in conjunction with the verbal teachings, will create a much more holistic understanding of how we can become true parents. ♦



# In Context: The First God's Day

By David Beard



The True God's Day celebration this year was held at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. Thousands of younger members joined Korean elders—grandparents, widows and widowers among them—who had come to begin the year by connecting with the central focus of the providence through True Father and Mother. Some of those elders were there at the beginning, when—on the foundation of their having established Parents' Day, Children's Day and the Day of All Things—True Parents proclaimed the first God's Day at 3 AM on January 1, 1968. Only a hundred and fifty members were able to personally witness the event in the small old headquarters church in Cheongpa-dong, Seoul.

So much has changed since then. South Korea was a very different nation in the 1960s. It was the poorer of the two Koreas. "Per capita income in South Korea lags far behind that in the North," the *Washington Post* reported in June 1968. "The United Nations estimates that [yearly] North Korean per capita income is about \$210, compared with South Korea's \$140."<sup>1</sup> North Korea is richer in natural resources and had had a more developed industrial base, whereas the South was largely a nation of farmers. And there had been droughts. In 1965, food shortages meant that when lunchtime came in South Korean elementary schools, nearly a quarter of the 4.7 million students had nothing to eat. Two years earlier, because of shortages, the government had temporarily banned rice in restaurants as part of lunch meals.

The church was also very different in those days. Only the 36-, 72- and 124-couple blessing ceremonies had been performed. Most members were young and single. To catch a sense of how the lifestyle and outlook of members at the time of the creation of the first God's Day differed from that of members today, I briefly interviewed by telephone a Korean elder, Rev. Lee Jung-ju, today the Adam-nation national messiah to Senegal. Later, at home, I was testing a scanner to see if it could scan documents as text, and I reached into a bookshelf and pulled out, at random, a journal published in 1967 that I'd bought almost a decade ago. In it is a sociological study of "Korea's Tong-il Movement" done by a Professor Choi, then an associate professor of sociology at Ewha University.

Prof. Choi mentions nothing about having been a member, but in a separate introduction to the journal as a whole, the publishers write of her, "She was once an active member of the Tong-il Church and was closely associated with Mun Son-myong." In Ms. Choi's paper, which came from a larger study of two new religious movements contrasted with two established churches, some bitterness is evident ("We have seen many families which have been destroyed, leaving unhappy husbands, sorrowful parents and miserable children because of these new religious movements"), but the way she expressed our beliefs and described aspects of Father's life caused me to wonder how she could have severed ties to a movement she seemed to hold in such high regard.

Her study was not reminiscences but had the quality of conclusions drawn from data, systematic questionnaires and interviews. As such, it was helpful in outlining the lifestyle of our early members and the level of commitment called for from those who were members around the time True Parents established God's Day. It confirmed what Rev. Lee was to say forty years later and answered additional questions I should have asked him.

"People then thought of the Unification Church as a students' church," Rev. Lee said. "We were all very young. I joined in 1965, when I was a high school student, in my second year. Another high school boy spoke to me. He was saying that Korea is a country chosen by God and that there is a great Korean man who was called by God. I didn't know if it was a religion, or what, but I went and heard the Divine Principle."

"Special emphasis is put on youth in the Tong-il Church," Ms. Choi wrote. "They don't expect much from those above forty.... [My research] shows the following elements of motivation in Tong-il Church believers: 1. They believe their church is superior to others. Their principles are logical. They have many experiences of divine revelation. They believe that this is the only road for the salvation of the Korean people who are suffering from poverty and misery. 2. They are disgusted with the

<sup>1</sup> The same paper reported that by 1962, Japan's per capita income stood at "\$450, about half that of the highly industrialized European countries."





**True Parents pray on the first God's Day, in 1968, which came on the foundation of their first seven-year course**

traditional churches, because of the disputes and divisions in those churches, and because their doctrines are illogical.”

Rev. Lee—“We did not have church buildings in those days; we just rented humble homes, where the members would gather for services. The minister would live there. The minister did not work but would have to do something like fund raising to get food to eat, going to different houses, without products. It was more like begging.”

Prof. Choi—“The church’s statistics as of January 1964 are given as follows: The total number of churches is 891, and the number of believers is 32,491.”<sup>2</sup>

Rev. Lee—“The members went witnessing during the summer and winter months for forty days; we would go to small villages. I was a pioneer to a small town in the southern part of the Korean Peninsula.”

Ms. Choi had the dates: “They set aside special evangelistic periods for organized proselytizing, twice a year. The first term is from July 20 to the end of August, and the other is from December to the end of January.”

Rev. Lee—“We would teach hangul, because at that time, many Korean people couldn’t read. And we would find ways to serve people. We would go fund raising, sometimes without any product. Some people sold little things, like pencils.”

Prof. Choi—“All the costs for this evangelical work are born by the participants, individually. When they go out, they

teach children the Korean alphabet and mathematics as well as their church principles. They work hard with the farmers and help the villagers in any way they can. Because they are not a financial drain on the farmers, but help them with sincerity, many of them are welcomed by the rural administrators as well as by the people.... The Tong-il Church is growing more rapidly in rural areas than in Seoul.”

I failed in not asking Rev. Lee about the heart of the early members. Fortunately, Prof. Choi did a far more thorough job. She wrote, “The prefatory note of the first printed copy of the Divine Principle says that the Principles were revealed by God to Mr. Moon over a period of twenty years. God constantly opened Moon’s spiritual eyes; he was able to communicate with God himself, or the Lord Jesus, and was able to talk to other saints in Paradise. On accepting these Principles many have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, healing from sickness, speaking in tongues, prophesy, visions, and voices from God.”

Mentioned also were workshops and national periodic Divine Principle tests. “In order to provide evangelists for the church, they frequently hold training meetings. A national meeting is usually held for forty days. During this period they have the participants master their principles and do many drills,” she explained. As part of her study, Prof. Choi approached members of two Christian churches of different denominations and Tong-il Church members with multiple-choice questions about their respective doctrines. She found the Christians rarely agreed on their own beliefs, but Tong-il members answered with near 100 percent uniformity. She took this as a sign that even the Christian deacons and dea-

<sup>2</sup> The Korean Church History Committee does not have figures for this period. The old headquarters church was purchased in October 1955. A concerted effort to build A-frame type churches around Korea only began in June 1976; 176 were built. Here 891 “churches” likely refers to the same humble homes Rev. Lee recalls.





In 1955, Ewha Womans University [sic] expelled professors and students for attending the "Tong-il Church." This woman (center) transferred to another university. Father and her fellow "Ewha members" pose with her on graduation day.

conesses she'd surveyed were going to church only "as a matter of form."

### Events that shook the nation

At one of the New Beginning Workshops recently, Rev. Kwak spoke about his experience in the 36-couple blessing. He told us about the upheaval surrounding that bedrock blessing and mentioned that not only was there great intensity within the church at that time but that this was reflected in Korean society as a whole. The very day after the 36-Couple Blessing Ceremony, he said, the coup d'état occurred that brought Park Chung-hee to power.

After hearing this, I initially set out to write only about the secular circumstances surrounding the first God's Day. Toward that end, I asked Rev. Lee about attitudes toward North Korea in those days. "The relationship was very different then," he said. "Now we are trying to make unity; in those days, they were just the enemy. We always had to think about how to protect ourselves from a North Korean invasion."

For older Koreans, memories of their country as a battlefield may be fading, but in the 1960s, ordinary sites still had the power to trigger memories of wartime occurrences. Those memories kept them on edge, prepared for the unexpected. Anyone who has attended a workshop at Cheongpyeong is likely to remember passing the Bukhan Dam, a landmark as you near the training center. If you've been to several workshops, you probably find yourself checking to see if the water is coming over the dam as a trickle or as a cascade of white foam. Next time you pass by there, try to imagine thousands of Communist troops crossing single-file across the top of the

dam wall, with rifles pointed toward the main road, as they did in May 1951. It was during their spring offensive. Their objective was to retake possession of Seoul. In the weeks that followed, artillery and air strikes that helped push the "Reds" back to what was then known as the Chongpyong Reservoir left scorched and denuded a great swath of land south of Cheongpyeong Lake.

The threat of North Korean invasion was more tangible for those who attended the first God's Day than it is today. In 1966, Kim Il-sung reportedly announced, "Our revolution will not be achieved without liberating South Korea.... A war may come at any minute." From November of that year, hostile acts against the South began to happen with escalating frequency and intensity, peaking in 1968—within weeks of the first God's Day—with two incidents, either of which could have reignited the Korean War.

According to declassified American military documents, "North Korean-instigated incidents in the DMZ increased tenfold in 1967 over 1966—445 to 44. The number of [North Korean] agents and collaborators captured or killed in 1967 rose to 470 as opposed to 204 in 1966.... Before [1968] was over, North Korea had instigated 542 incidents in the DMZ and 334 North Korean infiltrators had been killed or captured."

At about 11:00 PM on January 17, 1968, thirty-one North Korean guerrillas in South Korean Army uniforms, "armed with submachine guns, pistols, daggers, and hand grenades," came south across the Demilitarized Zone. The next afternoon, while traveling cross-country, they encountered and took hostage for five hours four civilian men, laborers working outdoors. They lied to their captives, telling them that



they were part of a large homegrown South Korean Labor Party and that 1968 was the year Korea would be unified along communist lines. Before releasing them, they threatened the men with retaliation if they were ever to report the incident to the authorities.

After gaining their freedom, the four men promptly reported the incident to South Korean soldiers.

The North Koreans initially took main roads. After allowing them to pass through the first military checkpoint, a suspicious guard called ahead to a town police chief. The chief went out to investigate. After shooting the chief and his driver dead, the infiltrators went cross-country. Roadblocks were set up and contingents from both the U.S. and South Korean armies chased the North Koreans through rough terrain, but the guerrillas moved so rapidly, covering ten kilometers per hour, that they outran their pursuers. They hid in the hills surrounding Seoul and slept during the day on January 20. They moved into position on January 21 and at 9:00 in the evening slipped into Seoul.

An hour later, while marching in formation through the streets of the city, the guerrillas were challenged by a policeman. One of the communists in the front spoke dismissively to the police officer, and the soldiers marched on. The suspicious policeman grabbed one of the men from the back of the column, whereon one of his comrades lobbed grenades at two nearby public buses, killing two and injuring two. Thus began a running battle that continued throughout the night. There were firefights at various points in the streets of Seoul, including relatively near the Blue House, the presidential palace. That night, four North Koreans were killed and two captured. The others divided and fled. One of the two captured North Koreans committed suicide with a concealed hand grenade; the other, Lieutenant Kim Shin-jo,<sup>3</sup> revealed a wealth of information under apparently intense questioning. Though Pyongyang's English language media later described the invaders as "South Korean revolutionary armed guerrillas" who had risen to "drive out the U.S. imperialist aggressors and to overthrow their lackeys...." Kim Shin-jo identified them as officers of North Korea's 2,400-man 283<sup>rd</sup> Army Group, trained for guerrilla operations in South Korea. He also told of the planned escape routes of his comrades. With this information, twenty-three other guerrillas were located and, in ensuing battles, killed. The frozen body of an additional infiltrator was found weeks later. Only one escaped to the North. In all, the guerrillas killed thirty-seven South Koreans and wounded sixty-five. One of the civilians killed by the grenade attacks on the buses was a fifteen-year-old boy. He was to have graduated from middle school two days later. His father attended the graduation ceremony and accepted the certificate for his slain son.

The most significant information that Lt. Kim revealed was that their primary objective had been the death of President Park Chung-hee. Their destination was the Blue House, and they had come within eight hundred meters of reaching it.

Two days later, while at sea in international waters near the east coast of North Korea, a lightly armed American naval intelligence-gathering vessel, the USS Pueblo, was being hounded by a number of North Korean naval boats, as North Korean MiG jet fighters buzzed overhead. The cap-

tain of the Pueblo radioed for help and expected retaliatory strikes from one of the U.S. military bases in South Korea or Japan, but none came. Perhaps apprehensive about sparking all-out war, or a nuclear confrontation between the United States and the USSR, the Pueblo's pleas for assistance did not result in a military strike.

The ship was shelled, killing one sailor. North Korean naval personnel boarded the Pueblo, captured its crew and towed the ship to Wonsan harbor. The eighty-two remaining crewmembers were to spend eleven months in hellish captivity. On their release, some of the men were described as crippled from malnutrition while others were said to be near blind. Their suffering continued in the United States, where they endured harsh accusations over the incident.

The American military began bilateral negotiations for release of the crew of the USS Pueblo with the North Koreans at Panmunjom, the meeting point along the DMZ. This sparked an angry backlash from the South Korean population, who assumed the Americans' only interest was the return of their sailors. The *New York Times* reported, "South Korea reacted intensely. Daily demonstrations—big ones of 50,000 to 100,000 people—were held in the cities to raise the decibel level of the cry that the country's security could not be made secondary to the fate of eighty-three hapless Americans." For a time the whole nation was thrown into chaos, until it became known that the U.S. negotiating team had aggressively protested the attack on President Park and that increased military aid for South Korea had been requested by U.S. President Johnson.

The violent period of November 1966–December 1968 has been called the "Second Korean Conflict" by some military analysts. If it were not for the prominence of news of the Vietnam War, the ambushes, killings and casualties that marked this cross-border Korean confrontation would have received more attention by the media.

A search of Father's speeches turned up only one reference to these incidents. In 1970, in relation to an upcoming Victory Over Communism rally, Father said, "We have to raise a beacon fire of love centered on God. We have to do it in the Unification Church. January 21 was a day of great regret, but it was the day Koreans began to think seriously again about communism. You remember the Kim Shin-jo terror incident, in Seoul, on January 21, 1968, don't you? That terror incident caused a beacon fire to appear in Korea."

Father has not spoken about any relationship between the creation of God's Day and these events. Still, within the 106 weeks of the "Second Korean Conflict," the first attack by North Koreans in Seoul since the 1953 Armistice and the first seizure of an American naval vessel in a hundred years both occurred little more than three weeks after Father declared, "As of January 1, 1968, at 3 AM, God's Day has been instituted."

If nothing else, it is useful to look back at the atmosphere that existed within the church and in Korean society as True Parents carved out a path for us to follow. Our elder brothers and sisters went through many hardships, but they pulled through. Even Professor Choi, I was happy to learn recently, returned long ago to rejoin members who in the early days used to stay up with Father and as she described it, would "talk, sing and laugh without realizing how fast the night went." If for some of us, 2007 is as intense as 1968 seems to have been for South Korean members, I pray we meet the challenges with the same zeal that characterized the early movement. ♦

<sup>3</sup> Kim was pardoned for his crimes. He met his wife in 1969. He suffered from alcoholism even after converting to Christianity in 1984 (Life in the South is harsh for defectors.). He was ordained as a Baptist minister on the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the infiltration.





Following True God's Day and related celebrations, Hyun-jin nim visited organizations in Korea (including the parent office of *Today's World*). He emphasized the centrality of the Blessing Ceremony and ideal families. Above: He poses with members from various organizations housed in the Family Federation Headquarters Building; Right: Kwak Jin-man was among those that accompanied Hyun-jin nim



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The most controversial novel and movie of recent years was *The Da Vinci Code*, which mentions Mary Magdalene. That such a book was written two thousand years after the event teaches us that what is connected with God's providence has eternal significance. Had this woman not met Jesus, she would have been completely unknown.

Today we are living with True Parents, who came to fulfill God's providence. In 2007, the value of life is eternal. We are living through one thousand years or ten thousand years. You and I are not living just through an ordinary lifespan in terms of the value of life.... We are living a meaningful life, not because we have a lot of money, power or fame; a person whose life had incredible value is sitting beside you. Is he or she great, or not? The value of a thousand or ten thousand years! Why don't you talk to each other? Say "You are a great person." This is half of the problem. I am not making this up—these things will be seen as true through history.

You cannot deny God's existence.... God is alive; God's creative process is observable in history. The last step toward completion is from 2001 to 2012, when we will be building up Cheon Il Guk substantially. In that way, you are part of the providence; your life is eternal. The way to greatness is not easy; we want to love eternally. Yet, how should we do that?

Let's look at our True Parents' path. The registration blessing was the blessing received as a family unit, as a completed four-position foundation. The four-position foundation is the

fulfillment of the ideal toward which God created. So up to the point before we received the registration blessing, we were fruit hanging on True Parents' tree, but since the registration blessing we have been independent—the fruit fell off and we became our own selves, fourth Adams. The third result is that, through the Fall, hell was created in the spirit world. Those people need to be restored...

So this is restoration of all things, restoration of humankind and restoration of the spirit world. Religion, even prayer, has to end; there will only be order according to the original principle of creation. The time came to report, not in the name of Jesus or True Parents, but in our own names now, in the position of God's children. This is an incredible change in the providence.

It is rather like our not being able to sense the motion of the planet Earth in its orbit around the Sun; we cannot perceive the movement of the providence, because it is so vast.

From January 13, 2001, the coronation for God's kingship was offered. It was an incredible change. The ideal of God's kingship began from there. At the conclusion of 2001, God's kingdom, Cheon Il Guk, appeared.

Among the many advances in the providence in 2002, the climactic conclusion is that through the Holy Burning Ceremony, the true owners of Cheon Il Guk appeared. In 2003, the True Parents emerged as the good ancestors of humankind. God's providence came to visible fulfillment on True Parents'



Birthday, when the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Coronation of the King of Blessed Families were held.

When we were preparing this birthday celebration, I received instructions to also prepare for True Parents' Holy Wedding. Some people asked me, "Why are they getting blessed again? They have already received the blessing," and "Are they really going to wear wedding clothes?" I was curious as well, but Father said we had to prepare as if a young man and woman were marrying.

Their marriage blessing ceremony was held. What was the meaning of that? I did not know before the event. After that wedding, Father told me that this ceremony marked the registration of True Parents' marriage.

You can see how meticulously Father is walking the path of the providence. In 1960, although their marriage was registered, it was registered in front of the world, not in front of God's kingship. In 2003, they were blessed under the kingship of God, in order to establish Cheon Il Guk.

The conclusion is that in 2003 our eternal parents finally appeared before all humankind. At the conclusion of 2004,

True Parents became the king and queen of peace. In four years, the internal foundation for Cheon Il Guk was created.

As we are at the time of the substantiation of Cheon Il Guk, True Parents are accomplishing many things. One, as you know, was the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation in 2005. According to True Father, this organization is needed in order to build the peace kingdom. In inaugurating UPF, True Father traveled to nations all around the world. Even at the risk of his life, he took that course. By establishing the Universal Peace Federation, he was establishing the environment for Cheon Il Guk.

Also, in order for Cheon Il Guk to be substantiated, there was the entrance ceremony into Cheon Jeong Peace Palace and their crowning as the king and queen of peace. It didn't signify a change of residence for True Parents from Hannam-dong. It was of much greater providential significance. That is why you need to listen carefully.

We say we want to build Cheon Il Guk; that's a big project. It's a dream that has existed not just in the hearts of members; the same dream, living in freedom in a peaceful world, has been held by all humankind. All religious, diplomatic,

***Clockwise from upper left: All blessed members took the Holy Wine; Members' written pledges to make a fresh start were offered to God through a burning ceremony; a group photo; Inset: Dae-mo nim and Dr. Kwak both spoke at the events***





military, cultural, political and media activities have all been aimed at that purpose. There have been many revolutions, which came about in many ways, but that clear result has never been accomplished despite all that effort. No one has been able to realize the dream that we are working to fulfill. Imagine how large a job we are trying to do. Is what I'm saying true? Therefore the people who are working for this great task are great people. Tell the person beside you, "You're a great person." People have died for this, engaged in war for this. There have been so many efforts, but the dream remains to be accomplished. We are striking out to accomplish this. We have big dreams, big ideas. We are doing the most important thing that needs to be done. That's us. How are we to achieve what no one else has? It's not imaginary. It's not just ideals, like the dreams of a communist. They had a dream for seventy years and killed so many people in wars but were unable to make it real. How are we thinking of doing this? By using True Parents' methods, using only godly ways. Past efforts have all begun centering on human beings. Yet, religions can't do this, even Christianity, which is considered the most prominent religion. Christian leaders have caused wars. We cannot have war. Christianity has often caused war, so in the fundamental teachings of Christianity, there are winners and losers—a line is always drawn, and the only way you can receive salvation is by joining the Christian church. How about Islam and other religions? Other religions also resort to battles. But True Parents say this should not be. We have to save all people, and we have to take an interreligious route to realizing this. What are the methods that God uses? The Principle existed before True Parents did. It has existed from the time of Creation. True Parents clarified the Principle again and what God was seeking to accomplish through the Creation.

The ideal God envisaged at the Creation must be realized through a family, a family four-position foundation.... Once this has been replicated and such families fill the earth, God's ideal begins to take root. This is where the Principle is great. No religion, philosophy or political ideology includes this. A family is the core, the center of the peaceful world; when the substance of this family, this four-position foundation, is expanded throughout the world, this ideal can be realized....

Cheon Il Guk is the substantiation of God's ideal, which begins with the family. If this pattern is realized first and spreads into every corner of the world, it is the realization of the Principle of Creation. True Parents have been carrying out the providence according to the Principle. First, the foundation is built; that was signified by their entering the peace palace. God has been preparing for six thousand years, Christianity for two thousand years and True Father has been personally preparing for eighty years to become the king of peace, the good ancestor. And they did not just enter the palace; there was a process. Externally, UPF was inaugurated; internally True Parents endured throughout the inauguration tour. God, Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel and three generations of the True Family were involved in these tours. True Mother inherited the legacy of this foundation gained by Father. The True Children, in an internal position, inherited this and the ideal was established through the Holy Wine and Holy Burning Ceremonies.

Because of all this effort, the entrance into the peace palace could take place, but was it a simple process? True Mother's tour of 120 nations was not a simple task. Did Adam's family inherit faith? Abraham and Moses' time and that of other central figures have passed. Jesus wasn't able to build the four-position foundation, so that had to wait until True Parents

could achieve it. For the first time in history a True Family was established, by True Parents. This foundation was substantiated with their coronation. God's providential course is to bear both incorporeal and corporeal fruit—the right way to live and a world without borders. What I'm explaining here is the building of Cheon Il Guk, in which the first four years is for foundation building and represents spring. The ensuing four years, 2005–2008, symbolize summer. The focus here is how the substantiation will take place. First, all nations must erase their borders and come together under the Universal Peace Federation. Second, a substantial settlement must take place centered on the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. This is the significance of the entrance and coronation ceremonies. Third, within the True Family, the providence of three generations had to be carried out.

True Mother toured all those nations with a mother's heart, with her children and then with her grandchildren. How serious a time this was! If you look at Father's speeches, he says that at the age of eighty-eight, he doesn't know when he will go to the spirit world. This might be his last tour, he said. He said that he would clarify the secrets of Heaven. This is from the peace messages. True Father risked his life to complete the tour; True Mother did the same. We just sit and watch. There are extremists and radicals around the world who are observing True Parents. These tours were risky. True Mother, representing True Father, was able to complete the providence of mother-child cooperation. With the True Grandchildren also taking part in the Blessing Ceremony, she was able to fulfill what Eve could not, to bring together the realms of Abel and Cain.

This providence was inherited by three generations, as you could see, with three generations going to different countries on their speaking tour. Within True Parents' family, the substantiation of Cheon Il Guk took place over the period covering June 2 to October 14, 2005. The process of Cheon Il Guk's substantiation started with the four-position foundation and expanded over three generations, which had to be attended all over the world. True Parents are now completely settled in the Peace Palace on the foundation of this victory. The prototype has been established. God created Adam and Eve, and they created Cain and Abel. The eternal dream God has held regarding His creation can spread now throughout the world.

Why was Jesus the Messiah? Why am I not the Messiah? It's simple. The Messiah is someone who brings God's truth into the world. God created with the word. Adam and Eve fell through rejection of the word, and the Messiah recreates through the word. The Messiah must bring the word of truth. True Parents have gone through the formation, growth and completion stages. The Holy Wine and Holy Burning Ceremonies took place. The twelve tribes were established. True Parents have instructed that a second Cheon Jeong Peace Palace be built. And they have given us *aju* [아주].<sup>2</sup>

Where do we go from here? How do we realize Cheon Il Guk? The True Parents, True Children and True Grandchildren have now settled. Once the prototype has been established, how can it spread throughout the world? Up to now, political, economic, societal, cultural, and all other methods have been inadequate to the task of establishing peace. How can True Parents accomplish this? In pursuit of this, Father decided that after the three-generation world tour was completed, all blessed families worldwide should receive forgiveness. What

<sup>2</sup> For an explanation of *aju*, please see our November 2006 issue, page 4 footnote.



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**True Parents at Pledge Service on the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God on January 3, on which day Jesus' birth was also honored. Father had asked the headquarters to prepare one offering table for all the ceremonies from True God's Day to January 3. The preparation of items takes 3 days. On site, one team of 15–20 men and women do the stacking. White chestnuts (symbolizing God; first stack on True Parents' right) are the most difficult to deal with. A second team of people prepare the holy food that True Parents will eat. True Parents touch the food with their chopsticks, allowing God to eat.**

does this mean?

The foundation of victory needs to spread throughout the world. First, through the blessed families' four-position foundation we will inherit this, so that this kingship can be established. So all blessed families need to be cleansed of their many sins in order to constitute the core. This special forgiveness is given in order to spread Cheon Il Guk. You are seated in a place of inheritance. Why are you here today? Did you come because you were asked to come or because you were told you would receive blessings? This is a place of inheritance. What are you going to inherit? The substantiation of that which has taken place in the True Family—the realization of Cheon Il Guk—will be inherited here. True Parents are forgiving all of our past, erasing it from their memory, so that all blessed families have a clean slate.

God's kingship must be substantiated, so all of you must become true blessed families. Couples must have absolute love. Parents and children must share true love. This must be inherited over three generations and the Family Pledge must be realized. God's invisible grace is now going to take root in each of our families, so that we can make a new start. This is the meaning of this workshop. Do you understand? Sudden change has to take place. Ladies, if the man sitting next to you is your husband, and men, if the woman sitting next to you is your wife, turn to that person and say, "I will do better." This is a where you can inherit the substantiation that took place within the True Parents' family.

How can this be developed and spread throughout the world? Who is going to inherit it from us? Christianity will

first. Why? There is God, Adam and Eve and three generations. Events will follow the same pattern. Who is Eve? Japan is in the position of the restored bride, and America is in the position of the restored eldest son. That is why 120 ministers from America were sent to conduct rallies throughout the world. The eldest-son nation, America, sent out its 120 ministers to the world to declare the peace kingdom.

Then 1,200 religious leaders from throughout the world will hold brotherhood and sisterhood ceremonies. Until now, there have been divisions between men and between man and nature. Through the cross-cultural blessings, different nationalities are to be brought together, especially those who are from nations that are or have been enemies. By April 17, each country should prepare peace ambassadors without regard for their religious and cultural background. They are to establish the order of the culture of heart. This is what True Parents see as a substantial, borderless global family, a global community. Providentially, our task today is to answer the question, how will Cheon Il Guk be realized? How are we going fulfill what has never been done before?

The eternal ideal of the Creation had to settle on earth as the four-position foundation and spread into every corner of the globe. From June until October 2005, this took place.

The first step is the blessed families, then the Christians, then on to the wider religious realm. Will Cheon Il Guk be realized or not? If I speak of it like this, you gain some sense of it—what we felt couldn't be done in the past we are, step by step, coming to recognize as possible. The conclusion of each peace message is the same. We have to succeed our True Parents. ♦



# Hyun-jin Moon in the City of Angels

By Keith McCarthy

Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim toured twelve major cities in the United States, connecting to ambassadors for peace and Unificationists together in the borderless peace kingdom.

Throughout the sanctuary of the historic Founder's Church of Religious Science in downtown Los Angeles, "One Family under God. Aju!" resounded over and over during the first stop of Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim's twelve-city tour across the United States on Saturday night, January 20.

Prior to the speech, Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim shared an intimate Korean dinner with thirty ambassadors for peace from Arizona, San Diego, and the rest of Southern California. Breaking bread (and jellyfish) provided a moment where Hyun-jin nim, Dr. Yang and Reverend Jenkins could get to know local clergy and community leaders more deeply and hear their experiences and opinions about the fifth world tour.

The speaking event revealed Hyun-jin nim's profound sense of spirituality and theater. After beginning his presentation, he left the stage area and roamed throughout the thousand-member audience, continuing to speak, and pausing to talk with individuals present. The presentation was entirely extemporaneous—there were no written notes. This was truly a revival event, in the old-fashioned sense. One after another, he would ask people to stand, and repeat once again, "One family, under God. Aju!" There were twenty-five who were called upon to continue this proclamation.

"We must shed our pretensions. We are not just Christians, not just Muslims, not just Jews, not just Buddhists, not just Sikhs... we are all sons and daughters of God!" Several times during his presentation, Hyun-jin nim paused—not for ten seconds, or one minute, but for over two minutes. One participant commented that it was something he had never seen a speaker do before, but that it was almost as though he "was drawing on a direct connection with the Divine." It was powerful; it was ethereal.

Awards were presented to nine local leaders who participated in the prior world tours. Reverend Betty Tatalajski provided a very moving testimony of her experiences in many places, especially the Congo, and how the power of the spirit can move people to seek peace.

Immediately after the event concluded, Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim, together with Dr. Yang and President Jenkins, visited the home of Southern California state leader Godwin D'Silva and his wife Darlene to pray with them as Godwin battles with cancer.



District Director Timothy L. Henning reporting to Hyun-jin and his wife

Hoondokhwae on Sunday morning was held in the ballroom of the Sheraton Gateway Hotel. The spirit of revival continued, with testimonies from the recently blessed activist Susan Will Waldman, wife of Rabbi Waldman; STF member Hwang Dae-hi; and Archbishop George Stallings, who really lit the fuse to kick the morning into high gear. Hyun-jin nim himself reminded the adults that we need to become like teenagers and recapture the energy and spirit that our sons and daughters now have, and sang his signature song:

There must be peace and understanding sometime  
Strong winds of promise that will blow away  
All the doubt and fear  
If I can dream of a warmer sun  
Where hope keeps shining on everyone  
Tell me why, oh why, oh why won't that sun appear

Following Elvis' song, in what has become a tradition with Hyun-jin nim, those in the second generation bridged hands to create a "human tunnel" around the ballroom, while the older folks danced through, everyone singing over and over, *Country Roads*. Evidently, Elvis Presley and John Denver are hard at work in the spirit world.

Led by our District 12 director, Reverend Timothy L. Henning, and his wife Elisabeth, the entire series of events was shaped by the united commitment and joyful support of individuals and families throughout Southern California and Arizona. ♦



# Death, Immortality and PhD Studies



*Today's World interviews David Hanna, assistant national leader in the UK and national messiah to the Seychelles about his recent efforts to gain a doctorate.*

**Today's World: What made you pursue a PhD in Theology, and how did you set about it?**

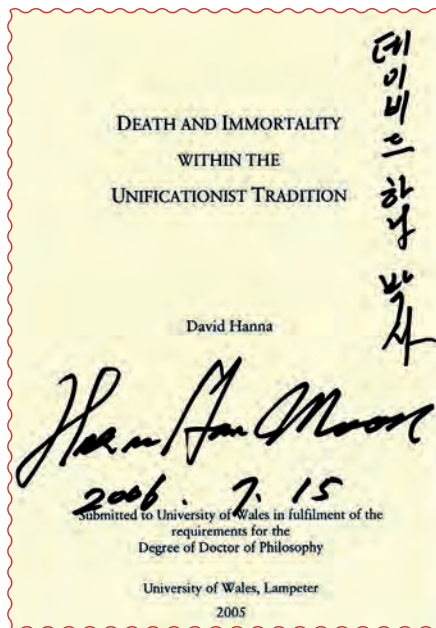
*David Hanna:* Attending the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown, after seventeen years in full-time missions, awakened me to the importance of Theology and the general need to further Unification Studies. I was a graduate of the class of '94, and on returning to Britain, I was assigned as a local church leader. I contacted a professor I had come to know through the Professors' World Peace Academy (PWWA), Rev. Dr. Paul Badham, just to ask his advice about further studies. He asked me to send him a topic proposal, encouraged me to apply to his university, the University of Wales, and he ended up being my supervisor. It was to be a part-time course, over five years initially, so I made sure I had the support both of my family and of local church members.

**What was the title of your thesis and what form did it take?**

I chose as my topic, "Death and Immortality within the Unificationist Tradition." I took a theological line of investigation, primarily, but felt there was a story here that needed to be told to the wider academic world—one which involved the lives and experiences of Unificationists—so I constructed a questionnaire on people's attitudes to death and dying, and on their own spiritual experiences, and put this to three sample groups—in Korea, Japan and in the United Kingdom. This was possibly the first survey to compare beliefs and attitudes of Unificationists from different cultures.

**There is a debate, isn't there, as to whether research is better done from within a tradition or from outside that tradition. What advantages or disadvantages did you come across?**

I was lucky in that my college, St. David's, Lampeter, encourages research



**Above: True Mother's signature on David Hanna's PhD thesis; Below: Dr. Hanna and his wife Kyung-ja on the day he received his PhD**



from within traditions—recognizing that the knowledge and experience that comes from being immersed in the faith tradition really does count for something. Because I was doing this fairly late in life, I was glad to find my experience as a Unificationist being respected in this way. At the same time, they expect the researcher to be critical, to question everything, and to take into account the opinions of other authors from outside the tradition. Adopting a critical stance (in the academic sense) is hard at first, but I came to value this rigorous approach and found it to be a very healthy exercise.

**Can you give us an example of how your understanding as an insider helped to challenge views of other, non-Unificationist academics?**

I tested out two related postulates that underpin the Divine Principle, with regard to the topic of life-after-death—that restoration takes place from symbol to image to substance, and that God reveals his truth through progressive revelation. Some academics see recent developments in the Movement as a descent towards spiritism, but I came to the conclusion, and endeavoured to show, that the role of religion in general, and the Messiah in particular, is one of presiding over and facilitating a progressive unity of the two realms of spirit and body—the spiritual world and the physical world. I state that the "Unification Church is no longer seeking to be thought of as a Christian church but instead is developing a unique role as a religious movement in its own right by setting its sights on global peace-making efforts of an interreligious nature." Now, that is not news to most *Today's World* readers, but I felt that part of my task was to test such ideas out and articulate them in such a way that the academic world might be better informed about the remarkable works that are going on here.

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# Divine Principle via the Bible



In Greenbelt Maryland, in the U.S., we have begun using a marvelous, new (actually, the original) way of teaching the Divine Principle to Bible-oriented new spiritual children. We teach right from the Bible, since Christians, Muslims and Jews accept the Old Testament characters and Scripture, from which most of the Divine Principle comes. This is, in fact, the way True Father taught the Divine Principle in the very beginning, when he was preaching in North Korea—using the Bible. There were no Divine Principle books and no diagrams, just the Bible and True Father’s understanding of the revelations he had received.

Recently, as we sought to find culturally-based ways to introduce people to the Divine Principle, we had the idea that since this culture is rooted in the Abrahamic faiths, which subscribe to worldviews based on the Bible, we would immediately connect with people if we created Bible study programs based on the Divine Principle.

The first three have been very successful. The first was a hoondok-style workshop with slides that started with numerous Bible verses showing the basic Principle teachings. The second and third have been Bible study sessions at the home of Gary and Wanji Rowe, a blessed couple in our neighborhood who graciously opened their home for this public program. This report will focus on the home study program, which was by far the most hopeful new development.

We gathered around a kitchen table, Bibles in hand, to study Divine Principle—only we called it “A Bible Study: Lessons on Successful Living.” We started by reading over several life-oriented study questions and briefly asking which ones seemed most important. The group was then led through several Bible verses that are used in the introduction of *Exposition of the Divine Principle*. Each member of the group, new students<sup>1</sup> and seasoned ones alike was asked to read a few verses from a pre-printed sheet. This is much easier than thumbing through from verse to verse in the Bible when there are many verses.

At the conclusion of the readings, the group leader asked, “What do these verses say to you?” Then the heavenly sparks started flying! Everyone chimed in with wonderful insights—discussing such verses as, John 16:25—“I have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you in to all the Truth.” One new student asked, “Will the Spirit of Truth come to all of us, or will it come in a person?” Wow! Great question! A blessed member answered, “That is one of the main purposes of our group—to let God answer questions like that directly to us from the Holy Bible.”

Then we launched into the Principle of Creation, though we simply called it Creation. We read selections, round-table style, from Genesis Chapter 1. This time we used the Bible itself. Each student was guided to selected passages such as, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,” and, “male and female He created them,” down to verse 1:28—“Be fruitful, multiply and have dominion...” The entirety of the verses we used was on a separate sheet.

The group was then asked questions about each verse, in an attempt to highlight the various sections

<sup>1</sup> We have pushed ourselves to get away from the word “guest,” which engenders a sense of “us” and “them” and separates us from our new friends. We are using terms such as “new friend,” “student” and “neighbor”—anything but “guest.”



of the Principle of Creation. For the purpose of the Creation, we highlighted, "And God said it was very good." For the dual characteristics, we used, "male and female He created them." For the three blessings, of course, we used verse 1:28. The group leader augmented these by showing a diagram or two from the Divine Principle hoondok slides simply printed on paper. Finally, we read Matt 16:29 ("Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven...") regarding the spiritual world.

New students and seasoned members came alive. Each person had something extraordinary to say. The Divine Principle had come alive through the Bible. New students were afire with their newfound revelation of the Bible. Our seasoned members were electrified because they were seeing how the spirit could work in this way. We felt united; there were no distinctions between new students and blessed members. All were aglow in the fire of the new revelation from God as seen through the Holy Bible.

One new student, in answer to the question, "What is God teaching us about how to live on earth through Matt 16:29?" said, "It's as if God has a video camera and is capturing everything we do as we live our lives. When we die, He plays that video. That will decide if we go to heaven or hell." Amazing! True Father has been using that analog on the global speaking tours; now it's coming out of the mouth of a new student studying the Divine Principle from the Bible!

Another new student said, "I love this way of studying the Bible. In my church, the pastor reads a passage or two and then just gives another sermon. In this group, you ask each of us to share and give our opinions—we find the truth together."

In the end, everyone around the table felt that it had been a fantastic evening. The next home Bible study of the Divine Principle was scheduled without any resistance—in fact, one new student asked if he could bring a friend and a long-time member asked if she could bring her neighbor.

Everyone who participated in the Bible study feels that God has shown us a whole new way to teach the Divine Principle, at the same time, we realize it's not actually new; True Father set the pattern almost sixty years ago.

Our plan is to go through the entire Divine

Principle starting from the Bible. We do not read the entire chapters; only those sections that are relevant to teaching the Divine Principle. We use a little different flow than the book *Exposition of Divine Principle*, one we believe is more in line with how the early members were taught.

Principle of Creation: Genesis 1 and 2 and selected New Testament verses cited in Divine Principle

Fall of Man: Genesis 2 and 3 and selected New Testament verses cited in Divine Principle

Adam's Family: Genesis Chapter 3

Noah's Family: Genesis Chapters 6 and 9

Abraham's Family: Genesis

Jacob and Esau, Moses' and the Israelites Course: Exodus

Jesus' Course: Matthew, John and selected verses cited in Divine Principle

Consummation of Human History: Selected verses cited in Divine Principle

Parallels and The Second Coming: to be developed. We are not sure yet exactly how to approach these two chapters of Divine Principle

What we are sure of is that the idea of teaching the Divine Principle directly out of the Bible is a winner! ♦



**Henri Schauffler leading a Bible study that draws out those aspects of the Divine Principle that spring from biblical sources**

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### **How did you organise your time and keep going to the end?**

It was difficult, partly because I did not have the benefit of a college environment, so it was quite a lonely task at times, and also because I did not want to lessen the amount of church work I was doing. For much of the time I helped to support the family by one-to-one tutoring, because this gave me some free time in the mornings and late at night. (There were two years when I did a teacher training course and taught Religious Education in high

school—I could not do anything on my studies during that period.) I was able to pursue it to the end, largely through the encouragement of my wife, and in the latter stages by being gripped by the excitement of the task. It had its boring aspects, for sure, and long stretches when nothing seemed to progress, but when you start to make connections, or find that you work out key parts of your theory in your sleep so that you wake up early and dash to the computer, academic work can have some of the aspects of a spiritual revelation.

### **How do you think that gaining a PhD will help you, from now on?**

I do feel that we need more brothers and sisters with this level of qualification and beyond, to make further inroads into society—I hope that it can help me to represent the Movement more effectively; that was my main reason for doing it in the first place. It is not an end in itself, and in some respects it is not so important, but I do want to encourage others to do the same and have them know that it is possible to combine such studies with all the other important demands of church and family. ♦





# The New World Encyclopedia: A work in motion

By Frank Kaufmann and Gordon Anderson

<http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/>

**F**ather has sought to establish an encyclopedia of general (or “all”) knowledge that reflects God’s revelation about the “true nature of reality,” and the “true nature of history,” from the very beginning of his mission as founder of God’s original ideal world.

## The original task of knowing

The human mission to understand our world and to categorize and report all knowledge was one God originally gave to Adam. We can read about this in Genesis 2:19-20:

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field.

This starts at the birth of human existence and deepens, expands and grows eternally without end. Thus, this mission to prepare for True Parents the *New World Encyclopedia* (to be offered in early 2008) should be understood as laying the cornerstone for the infinite growth of true human knowledge. We must have Father affirm the right way to learn, the right way to know and the right way to report what is true about everything we can know. This must be done while True Father is here with us. The *New World Encyclopedia* is the contemporary version of the original shared work between God and Adam.

There is another simply remarkable secret to be discovered if we read on in this same Genesis passage. What we discover is that this naming God assigned to Adam occurred with the inner purpose of helping Adam to find his true love! What a perfect context for intellectual inquiry! It exists solely for the sake of realizing true love perfected between man and woman:

So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field.  
But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, He took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man. The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

The mission of the *New World Encyclopedia* is to bring all knowledge into the service of true love.

## Father’s investment in the academic world

A second radiant context for this project is True Father’s overflowing investment in academic institutions and in scholars from the earliest times of his ministry. This work includes the creation of major international organizations such as ICUS, New ERA, and PWPA. In relationship to these came his several universities and seminaries and his major international media foundation. The encyclopedia is the full flowering of this expansive foundation. It is clearly a work of kingdom building both from the biblical or “Eden” perspective and from the history of True Parents’ work to establish a peaceful, ideal world.

Father has founded and invested in many organizations devoted to rigorous scholarly pursuits and excellence, which are simultaneously meant to build young men and women who reflect a Godly purpose. It is inevitable that there arise from these efforts a growing compendium of “true knowledge.” As we saw, knowing is the foundation for loving; it is in this spirit that the devoted editors, writers, staff and administrators of the *New World Encyclopedia* humbly undertake their efforts through long hours each day without cease.

Those who manage to be on record as contributors to this encyclopedia are blessed in having made an offering of enduring and eternal value. These are the people who will remain an eternal part of the foundation True Parents are erecting for the world God originally desired.

## This time around

This is the fourth time this project has been attempted. The first time was a full-blown effort involving research by PhD scholars from 1991–1996. In 2001, there were some discussions, transfer of materials and later research into creative and alternate approaches for succeeding at this undertaking. Eventually these all came to a halt. Since 2001, the project has lain fallow. On May 1, 2005, with the two words “go ahead,” thirty months were given to complete an initial phase of the encyclopedia release. Much of what has made the project possible this time has to do with the information and communications explosion and the rise of the popular use of the internet.

Additionally, many miracles surrounded the founding of this current effort, and these continue in startling ways day after day. Quite simply, the current work is a thrill and a delight, at countless levels. Beyond the purely divine and spiritual dimensions of the work, there is much to be said for the



practical and scholarly necessity of establishing a reliable compendium of knowledge under Father's direction.

### Why we need a *New World Encyclopedia*

The internet has revolutionized the way people study and do research. Traditional encyclopedias, like the well-known *Encyclopedia Britannica*, contain 20,000 to 100,000 articles, arranged alphabetically, printed in twenty to forty volumes. They are concise, often well-researched, expensive and at best published annually. They contain only a few pictures and images, usually in black and white. Most families can afford one set in a lifetime, so students traditionally worked from knowledge that was not up to date, or they had to go to libraries for research.

Internet encyclopedias, like *Wikipedia*, are not limited in number of articles, article size, or number and colorful beauty of images because they are not printed. They can be updated constantly (literally "up to the minute," or even second!), and they are easy to access from anywhere in the world—an airport lounge, or a grass hut. All that is needed is a computer connected to the internet. *Wikipedia*, started in 2001, had over 1.5 million articles as 2007 started. These articles are easily located through search engines, and a reader can follow thought progressions quickly through hyperlinks. *Wikipedia* articles vary in quality, accuracy and style. Many teachers and scholars complain about the lack of quality control and accuracy because it can be edited by anyone. Yet, most students, as well as others, consult *Wikipedia* before any other knowledge source. Just as the automobile has made everyday traveling by horse obsolete, so are internet encyclopedias making everyday research in print encyclopedias disappear.

Readers want to know what knowledge is valuable and useful. Traditional education was more than learning facts and theories. Traditional education was aimed at imparting knowledge that would lead to personal success, leadership and the advancement of civilization. This was why and how Aristotle organized knowledge to teach future leaders like Alexander the Great. When the French encyclopedists developed the modern encyclopedia, of which Enlightenment personages Denis Diderot and Jean Le Rond D'Alembert were the editors, they sought to provide valuable and socially useful knowledge to readers who were expected to become good citizens in the new democracies that gave individuals political power. However, many of the Enlightenment thinkers were accused of having an anti-religious bias. Their encyclopedia was thought to undermine the influence of the Church in France. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* tried to better integrate scientific knowledge and traditional British values through its eleventh edition (1910–11). However, charges of promoting the values of British imperialism eventually gave way to the publication of the modern "scientific" encyclopedia. Most twentieth century encyclopedias attempted to convey only "proven facts." They focused on the natural world, science, and technology, greatly limiting or abbreviating articles on historical people or social institutions.

Postmodern philosophers realized that all language contains values on the basis of its construction; there is no language that is value neutral. The scientific encyclopedias carry in them the implicit values of "scientism," or the view that true knowledge only relates to the material world. Thus, not only do scientific encyclopedias fail at being sufficiently broad, they fail at being value neutral. They also fail to help the reader to organize knowledge in a way that can improve his or her life or society. Many scholars consider the eleventh edition of the *Britannica*

to be the last great encyclopedia; later encyclopedias have been merely scientific compendiums of knowledge, in which religious, humanistic, or spiritual values have no place.

The *New World Encyclopedia* is addressing these two challenges for encyclopedias:

1. The *New World Encyclopedia* is a wiki-based internet encyclopedia that can be continually updated by editors through an edit pane over the internet. It draws upon *Wikipedia* and uses the GNU Free Document License. However, articles are rewritten and edited by a team of writers and editors to check grammar and style, facts, implicit values and agendas, and improve the quality if necessary. In addition, articles are written and copy edited according to the *New World Encyclopedia* style guide to improve consistency in presentation.

2. The *New World Encyclopedia* takes up the question of values through the foundational affirmation of values believed to be ideal and universal i.e., happiness, prosperity and peace. These values roughly approximate the values enshrined in the United States Declaration of Independence (life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness) and those in Unification Thought (all people are equal in the sight of God, and are created to fulfill the three blessings.) Nearly all major religions and ideologies point to these general values. Also, because wholesome societies require educated and responsible citizens, they depend on people who respect and embody these values. Every article has a specific and more detailed discussion of values on the "Unification Aspects" page. This page is not directly part of the article itself, but rather an addendum or reading guide to the article.

The core values that govern the treatment of knowledge are simple, straightforward and explicit. They reflect the universal aspects of Unificationism. God exists. Humans have a divine purpose. Spiritual reality exists. Nature serves the purpose of the human mission to realize the purpose of creation. History reflects God's efforts to guide human beings on the path of restoration designed to result in our liberation and the establishment of an ideal, peaceful world.

The *New World Encyclopedia* is integrating the fluidity and accessibility of *Wikipedia* with quality controls of traditional encyclopedias. The *New World Encyclopedia* integrates factual information with knowledge about the value of the information, how it can be used to help readers to make decisions that support personal success and a peaceful world.

### What you can do

We continue to accept editors, writers, advisers and others for the many tasks related to producing this wonderful encyclopedia. If you have any interest at all, please do not hesitate to contact us. There is a high likelihood that you can be integrated into the work. There are ways for everyone—from the president of a country, to a maintenance person—to contribute. It is paid work that respects your time and talents, but simultaneously upholds rigorous stewardship and respect for the sacrifice of Father and Unificationists.

It is our deep wish that as many brothers and sisters as possible have a hand in this eternal record of True Parents' foundation of truth and knowledge dedicated to God's ideal, peaceful world.

Please contact Frank Kaufmann (editor in chief) at TL@pipeline.com. Do not be bashful or think that any question or inquiry is inappropriate or too small. This work belongs to God, who speaks through whom He chooses. We hope to hear from you. ♦



# Winning the War for Your Body and Soul

By Robert Becker



Robert Becker, a national messiah to Zimbabwe, at home in the United States

*In July 2006, Robert Becker spoke to young men at a WAIT (Washington AIDS International Teens) training camp about maintaining absolute abstinence through controlling their eyes, mind and heart. The following has been adapted by Today's World from the first part of that talk, which dealt mainly with controlling how we use our eyes. Not all the trainees were Unificationists.*

**A**bsolute sex means more than just absolutely wonderful sex, but fortunately that is a big part of it. I want to present the idea that in order to have an absolutely wonderful marriage you need to prepare for it well by becoming absolutely abstinent. I am assuming you all have the goal to remain abstinent until marriage, but there are many different definitions of abstinence.

Before I get into all that, I want to offer you an apology. Every generation has to start with whatever environment the previous generation created or sustained, and my generation is greatly responsible for the sexual revolution that has made life so difficult, and even deadly, for teenagers today. When I was a teenager, we didn't have to worry about AIDS. Many of us embraced the philosophy that says, "If it feels good, do it," which is an attitude that has resulted in our culture being rife with sexual associations and drug use. Since I helped degrade our culture, I want to make up for some of that by helping you introduce a true love culture.

Of course, my generation didn't invent sexual immorality, which seems to have been with us forever. Scripture from various religions say similar things about sexual immorality:

**Islam:** "Approach not adultery: for it is a shameful deed and an evil, opening the road to other evils." —Qur'an 17.32

**Christianity:** "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for God will judge the immoral and the adulterous." —Hebrews 13.4

**Buddhism:** "A monk who, with sexual desire and a perverse intention, contacts a woman, holding her hand or holding a braid of her hair or rubbing against any part of her body, commits an offense, requiring formal meetings of the Order for its exoneration." —Vinaya Pitaka

**Hinduism:** "A man should not think incontinently of another's wife, much less address her to that end; for such a man will be reborn in a future life as a creeping insect. He who commits adultery is punished both here and hereafter; for his days in this world are cut short, and when dead he falls into hell." —Vishnu Purana 3.11

**Judaism:** "A master has said, 'He who beholds a beautiful woman should say, 'Blessed be He who hath created such in His universe.'" But is even mere looking permitted? The following can surely be raised as an objection: 'Thou shalt keep from every evil thing.' [Deuteronomy 23.10] implies that one should not look intently at a beautiful woman, even if she be unmarried, nor at a married woman, even if she be ugly, nor at a woman's gaudy garments, nor at male and female asses or at a pig and a sow or at fowls when they are mating." —Talmud, Aboda Zara 20ab

You can tell that the last one was written before the days of internet access, can't you? Yet even though the world is so different from what it was like in Old Testament times, on this fundamental point of morality, the same debate still goes on, even among religious



folk. Is it okay to look at a beautiful young woman and praise God's artistic creation? Or should we only appreciate a woman's beauty if it "belongs to us," that is, if we are married to that woman? If you genuinely believe in saving sex for your marriage, this is an issue you need to think about carefully. This is the core of my topic this morning, so please let's examine this issue together.

Some may say, "God made girls pretty, and He made me a young man who can appreciate beauty, so why shouldn't I look at girls? It makes me feel good. Wouldn't God want His children to be happy and feel good?"

Let's examine this. If it makes you feel good to look at the pretty girl who sits next to you in class, wouldn't it make you feel even better to look at her naked? Of course, she never comes to class naked, but that's not a big problem if you have internet access and a computer, is it? You can see any number of beautiful, naked young women that way, can't you?

Let's examine this a little further. What comes next? Something starts to happen after you find a stimulating picture or video, doesn't it? A certain part of your body wakes up, and perhaps you feel a desire to do something with it. Our hypothetical young man started out praising the beauty of God's creation, but ended up masturbating.

Once he has done that, how does he feel? Does he want to tell his parents about what a wonderful experience he's just had? It is a universal fact that a man will feel guilty after masturbating, or at least somehow humiliated. Our conscience bothers us. I would bet that a majority of you young men here know exactly what I am talking about.

As we saw before, every religion has very serious things to say about sex. I gave several examples, but I am not an expert on every religion. I am a Unificationist, so I am going to share with you some of the philosophy of Rev. Moon on the subject of sexual morality. This is from an informal talk he gave on February 14 this year:

You have to do as your conscience tells you to do. We have disunity and struggle between the conscience and the body and so are unable to be God's children. Before you wish to control the universe, you should be able to control yourself.... If a beautiful woman embraces you and tries to kiss you, what should you do? The fallen body will react to that every time. When you dress up and leave

your house to go to work and you see a beautiful woman, your head and your eyes turn toward her, right? You should not have that.

I'd like to read another quote. This is from a wonderful novel by Cornelia Funke called *Inkspell*, in which the main character, named Meggie, makes a big mistake that separates her from her father, whose name is Mo: "Most of all, she missed Mo. It was like an ache tugging at her heart. Love and a guilty conscience didn't mix."

Isn't that a wonderful way to put it? Love and a guilty conscience don't mix. I think we are all a lot like Meggie. For one reason or another, we have a guilty conscience. We want to feel the love of our parents and the love of God, but love and a guilty conscience don't mix.

That's the bad news. The good news is that you can do something about it. After all, God gave us a conscience in order to guide us, not to condemn us, right? If we strive hard to follow our conscience, we can gradually get better at it.

Once you seriously begin following your conscience, you will recognize that you are in a war. If you do whatever feels good, going along with much of the rest of the world, you will be fighting against your conscience itself. But when you follow your conscience, you find yourself swimming upstream, don't you? There is an unseen war going on all around us. The battleground is within you. The front line is the place where your mind and body meet. You decide the outcome by choosing to follow your conscience or your body's desires.

How can you win this war? One thing I can tell you is that you cannot do it on your own. At the time of the Creation, God told Adam and Eve to wait. He told them not to eat that fruit, but the serpent told Eve that God was lying to her, right? Did she have the authority to confirm that on her own? Whom could she ask? She didn't have the power on her own to resist the lies and temptation of the serpent, but if she had prayed, she would have gotten that power. That's why I'm telling you that you cannot do it on your own.

You need to plug into God power, interact with God's word and pray! You need the love and guidance of God, and to get to the point where you can receive it, you need your parents, or at least someone who can stand in that position for them. You also need the support of brothers and sisters who have the same goals and outlook as you, because you

get good power from that.

On the other hand, you need to avoid being with people who will not support your pursuit of your goals. Everyone you meet gives either good or bad influence, and you are interacting with many people without realizing it. Whenever you turn on the radio, you are deciding to spend time with those people whose music is being broadcast from that station. Do those people share your goals? Are they nourishing your spirit or poisoning you? Are the people who made a movie you are going to see going to give you energy to do what's right, or some other kind of energy? You need to think about these things. You need to live with a constant awareness of what direction your power is coming from.

Next, I am going to briefly present some of the concepts from the book *Every Young Man's Battle*, which is available as a downloadable e-book from God4me.com for \$6.99. I encourage each of you to read it and to study it in groups. You need to study it yourself if you want to change your life. I will also be referring to Rev. Moon's speeches about true love; I have a compilation of quotes from his speeches that I can e-mail to you.

Both *Every Young Man's Battle* and an earlier book for dads, *Every Man's Battle*, start with a New Testament verse, Ephesians 5:3-4, "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place."

"Absolute sex" is a term Rev. Moon introduced. You are all here today because you believe in abstinence, correct? You want to stop the spread of HIV by remaining abstinent until marriage and encouraging others to do so, too.





Would it matter to you how many sexual partners your future wife had had before meeting you? Isn't any number other than zero unacceptable?

Absolute sex means absolute devotion to your spouse or your future spouse. It means that you believe that your sexual organ belongs to your spouse, so you have no right to do whatever you want with it. Here is a quote from Rev. Moon's speech, "God's Love Partner," given Feb. 13, 1997:

A man's sexual organ does not exist for the man. It exists for his wife eternally. Absolutely, there is only one owner, eternally, not two. There is absolutely only one owner of a woman's sexual organ—her husband. No power on earth or in heaven can change that. I cannot change that. No matter how much power True Parents have, they cannot change that. No matter how powerful God is, He cannot change that.

This is the core of Rev. Moon's philosophy, that, as it says in the first chapter of the Bible, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them." This indicates that God is the source of both masculinity and femininity, and to fully resemble Him, to truly exist as His image and to be God's partner of true love, we must be united in love as husband and wife eternally, completely and absolutely.

You, there! Let me use you as an example. What's your name? [Orange] Okay, Orange, imagine that God gives you a wonderful wife. You have saved yourself just for her, and you believe she has done the same for you. You are making love to your lovely wife, and in the passion of the moment she calls out, "Oh, Grapefruit!" How are you going to feel? Like a rotten piece of fruit, right?

Your conscience knows that this is the correct standard of love, doesn't it? If not, brother, you need to pray about it. Only one love, eternally. That's what every man wants in a wife, so that's the character you should prepare as a future husband.

Please don't misunderstand me. Don't think you are damned to eternal hellfire even if you have been a scoundrel in the past. It's important to leave that in the past and move on to a higher standard. I know it isn't easy. We are in a war for our eternal life and for the fate of the world. You might think that is an overly dramatic statement, but if you study what this AIDS pan-

demic is doing, you will see that it has already devastated some counties and is spreading at a rapid rate in many other countries. It is not a big leap to go from where we are today to worldwide devastation. As Rev. Moon expressed it on his birthday in 1997, "God knows what Satan wants. Through free sex, Satan wants to stop every last person from returning to God. In other words, Satan wants to destroy all humanity and create hell on earth."

Your choice to pursue absolute purity can prepare you well for a marriage that will not only bring happiness to you, but to everyone you meet. With this kind of personal standard, you can proudly say, "I am the AIDS vaccine!" The purer your love is, the more powerful a vaccination you will be. If you have totally rejected self-centered love and totally accepted God-centered love, you cannot only stop HIV, you can become a kind of virus yourself, infecting people with true love. This is what I mean by "absolute abstinence."

If it is not absolute abstinence, if your definition of abstinence means only not having sexual intercourse before marriage, it doesn't have the same power. If you are looking at every attractive young woman who crosses your path and enjoying her feminine attributes, or if you are looking at pictures of women and masturbating, you are undermining your decision to remain abstinent. You are putting that decision itself in danger, and you are seriously diluting your message to others. What kind of abstinence do you choose, half-hearted abstinence, or absolute abstinence?

In the Old Testament, Job 1:8, God bragged about Job, whom He had chosen as His champion. "Then the Lord

said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.'" After boasting about him, God tested Job by taking away all of his blessings, including his good health.

All of Job's friends assumed that Job was being punished for his sins, and he became even more miserable because of them. His friends repeatedly came to him, trying to persuade Job to repent to God and receive God's forgiveness. It was obvious to them that Job was being punished for his sins, but Job continued to deny it. In chapter 32, we finally discover why God looked on Job as righteous. Job says:

I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl. For what is man's lot from God above, his heritage from the Almighty on high? Is it not ruin for the wicked, disaster for those who do wrong? Does He not see my ways and count my every step? If I have walked in falsehood or my foot has hurried after deceit, let God weigh me in honest scales and He will know that I am blameless—if my steps have turned from the path, if my heart has been led by my eyes, or if my hands have been defiled, then may others eat what I have sown, and may my crops be uprooted. If my heart has been enticed by a woman, or if I have lurked at my neighbor's door, then may my wife grind another man's grain, and may other men sleep with her. For that would have been shameful, a sin to be judged.

Because Job made a covenant with his eyes not to look lustfully at a girl, God chose Job to represent Him. And because of Job's success in this area, he had a clear conscience. He knew that God was not punishing him for his sins, but testing him. If you want a clear conscience, you must learn to control your eyes, through which a man receives sexual stimulation. The sight of a naked woman gets our motor going. God made us that way. The first stage of sex for a man is visual. Women are not that way, so they think it's weird. Fortunately, Mrs. Tsubata, the adult coordinator for WAIT, is now telling the girls about that, so they will be sensitive to the fact that showing too much skin to us makes us crazy. Please don't be angry with your sisters if they have been driving you crazy. They probably don't even realize it.

If you are still not sure that there is anything wrong with stimulating



Robert Becker giving his presentation at a WAIT workshop



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peace, who does that belong to? It is not mine, Rev. Moon's; it is God's. It is God's cosmos; it is His house. What is peace? Harmony is needed to bring everything together as one. Everything should come together in harmony! Today, I called you here and had you sing and dance. But you should not forget about the past.

You must never forget about the reality of the spirit world. There are many mysteries in that world. The dream lives on in that world....

If you need money or something to prepare household goods after spreading God's abundant blessings on earth, the time has come in which a free environment will be given to us through the liberating grace. Thus, lest you bring shame to such an era, what you have to do from now is defend these royal grounds and create another palace with your own strength!

Do not forget this era in which you can bequeath what you have to future generations and also receive blessings greater than those I have given you. Like the motto for this year: Cosmic peace! [Cheon Il Guk!] Cheon Il Guk! [Sacred reign of peace!] Sacred reign of peace! [Eog mansei!] The motto is about a nation. A sacred reign of peace is needed in a nation. You should present this nation with the gift of cosmic peace. The sacred reign of peace is not transient; it lasts for eternity. We are assuredly in such an age when this can be made possible. Thus, you should be amazed by today's motto.

You should be deeply immersed, tens of thousands of times over, in God's will. You should be able to go forward, in the same direction as Heaven, as you push aside the rain

or other difficulties from your face. I went through my own course to establish this motto, so that you may take this time to become determined to live in this way, even if you were to perish and disappear for having faith in this. It is the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk. Seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve—that's six numbers. You have to go beyond the twelfth hurdle. Once you reach the thirteenth, that is January 13, 2013.

What is the significance of the number thirteen? Jesus could not stand in the position of an owner. People from the West dread the number thirteen most. It is because it has no center. We should drive a stake in the center and tie an anchor cable to history that goes from the past to the eternal future, so that it may be coordinated from the spirit world. Isn't it the cherished desire of God, the Lord of Creation, to live in joy as He gazes upon a world filled with individual embodiments of truth who can return glory to Heaven while they live in their respective fields with their respective anchors? To fulfill that dream, we should offer all that we have and continue to advance from now on! [Aju!] [Applause]

[MC: Let us all rise.] It's almost twelve noon. It is five minutes to twelve. If you go down to eat now, by the time you get there it will be past twelve. Enjoy the new day of this new year. From now, draw together your cumulative efforts—from tomorrow, the day after tomorrow and the rest of the 360 some days and beyond—to the next ten years, so that you may offer it to Heaven. I pray that you become such princes and princesses who can exert that kind of effort. With this, I would like to close this hour. Have you understood my message? [Yes.]

[Eog mansei!] May you all receive many blessings in the

yourself with the sight of a woman or the memory of a woman's body, let me remind you of what Jesus had to say about it: "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

You can limit the chemical exhilaration in your brain by refusing to look at sexually stimulating images. As you train yourself to look away immediately from women who catch your eye, you can begin to live with less and less stimulation.

We live in such a sexually charged culture. Everybody wants to sell us something by getting our attention with a sexually stimulating image. Our sexual desire is artificially overfed and overgrown, and then we need some artificial satisfaction. This is the "sumo" that Fred Stoeker, one of the authors of *Every Young Man's Battle*, speaks about in the video by the same name. The sumo wrestler is continually overfed in order to get that super-sized body. In the same way, if we overfeed our sexual desire, it becomes unnaturally large, and we feel we have to release that desire. The simple solution is to starve the sumo. Don't feed your sexual desire with sexual

images and fantasies, and the sumo will start to shrink. A normal-sized sexual desire is much easier to control.

Another factor that makes attaining absolute purity a struggle is a natural cycle of sperm production that concludes after about seventy-two hours with a desire for sexual release. Like our ability to be sexually aroused by the sight of a little skin, this cycle is a good thing after marriage, when you want to make babies.

On the other hand, if you don't gain mastery of your body before marriage, putting on a wedding ring won't eliminate lust. If you like looking at pictures of naked women now, getting married isn't going to make that habit evaporate. If you are masturbating now, marriage won't kill that habit either. A happy marriage means two people becoming one. If you are hiding a pornography habit or a masturbation habit from your wife, can you two become one? It will never happen.

You have to take charge of the situation and starve the sumo. Then you can reduce your sexual desire to a normal level. God gave a little gift to young men to see you through this difficulty. Do you know what I am talking about? It's called a nocturnal emission and is more

commonly referred to as a wet dream. You think you are going to explode, but God gave you a safety valve. There is nothing shameful, harmful or immoral about a wet dream. Just take it as God's gift. Amen?

I'm not an expert in this area, but I'm told that someone going from looking at pornography and masturbating to absolute abstinence may find it difficult. The wet dream won't come at first, but eventually it will. God won't let you explode. You need to train your eyes to bounce instantly away from the sight of a girl's body. You also need a strategy. Identify the habitual sources of illicit sexual stimulation in your life, and make a plan to deal with each of them.

I was really happy to hear about this technique of starving the sumo. It gave me hope. Will it work for you? You have to want purity more than anything else, and you need God power. It is possible to become pure in just forty days if you want it bad enough. I'm almost there now. Don't be like me, over fifty and still fighting this war. Get it done. Make the choice right now to attain absolute abstinence. Whatever you want to accomplish in your life requires power, and the power of a clear conscience is a formidable thing. ♦



