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Practical Guidance for the Year



The following is excerpted from Rev. Kwak's address to the participants of the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly on its final day. After outlining the basic problems facing Korea and the world, Rev. Kwak spoke about True Parents' vision for the work of the movement in the coming year and beyond. This included the ways in which our efforts can most fruitfully support the unfolding providence at this time, from both an internal and external viewpoint. During his talk, Rev. Kwak mentioned some of the major events planned for the current year, including Divine Principle seminars for parliamentarians, and the World Culture and Sports Festival in the summer. We are pleased to offer here the latter part of his speech.

The brand name that Father is so proud of is the cross-cultural blessing. This is the era of famous brand names. The cross-cultural blessing is a global brand name that no one can compete with. It's as if it were patented. This is a precious product, a gift from Heaven. We should wrap it nicely to create a wonderful effect. As such, it is the best medicine in the world for the future of humanity. Everyone knows this. Specifically, the ceremony is international, interreligious and interracial in its scope and is being carried out by Father on behalf of God. No one else has dreamed of doing this. Presenting it with pride is part of establishing Cheon Il Guk. Therefore, to overcome that fundamental and essential challenge, we must make a foundation; to do so, we have to make the cross-cultural blessing a famous brand and express pride in it to the rest of the world. We must find very good people to be blessing participants, educate them, bless them, and take care of them properly, thus firmly establishing the culture of the blessing. This is not the responsibility of the headquarters or the Blessed Family Department alone; blessed central families must become models and take pride in the blessing. We can do this.

From this viewpoint, the most important task for us in 2007 is to make the cross-cultural blessing into a world-renowned brand. According to what Father has said, to guide and convince our families, to bless our relatives and tribes, we must become good examples, role models, for them. This time, Father called children of ambassadors for peace to participate in the Blessing Ceremony. Father wanted to hold it before True Parents' Birthday, so we held it on February 22. Even though there were not many of them, it was the first time in history that children of ambassadors for peace participated in a Blessing Ceremony. [Applause]

One of the events of the World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) in July this year will be a Blessing Ceremony. We have to work hard and spread the word so that the children and relatives of the ambassadors for peace can participate. We see that there is great potential for this. Those who are hearing this idea for the first time may wonder how we can do this, but if we invest some effort, miracles will happen. This time, surprising things happened in the matching.

Seen from the outside, the ambassadors for peace are important leaders, but they worry about their children, some of whom have been unwilling to marry even though they are getting older. Therefore the goal of [bringing their children to] the blessing is the "gospel" for them. Please boldly implement this idea. The blessing is the realization of the peaceful, ideal kingdom, so we must work hard to introduce it to the sons and daughters of ambassadors for peace. We must do this multi-dimensionally, throughout the world. This is our most important internal task.

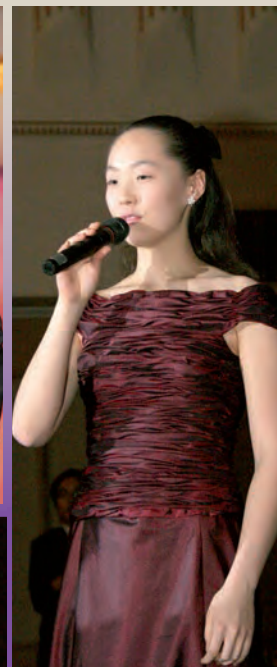
My second point concerns getting the word out to young people. Many young people in the world are not living in the right way; immoral values have corrupted them. We must raise public awareness of the message of absolute sexual purity, abstinence, pure love and purity of lineage. This is the true family movement. To do this we have to educate the parents of young people, and the young people themselves.

I've told you about the success in St. Lucia. In many nations, we already are giving Pure Love presentations, with enormous effect. To do this work entails not only recommending a pure lifestyle to others; we must exemplify this ourselves by three generations of our families clearly demonstrating pure love. Otherwise, we cannot become citizens of Cheon Il Guk. This is my explanation of the second mission for all the world's Unificationist families.

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When people read how God is working through you, goodness has a chance to multiply!

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Father's Speech on True Parents' Birthday

On True Parents' Birthday, Father gave the twelfth peace message; he read the written speech and, as is his custom, made additional comments throughout. What follows is an English translation of the speech with Father's extemporaneous comments colored to distinguish them from the prepared text.

What shall I do? Shall I give a testimony or my prepared speech? This speech is important... It contains a conclusion about how precious individual perfection is; this is the terminal point of all human hopes. Therefore, each individual, family, nation, the universe, and even God Himself needs this message. Please remember this; be natural, open your minds wide and appreciate the content of the message. It contains something you will need not only today but throughout your lives. I believe the people here must energetically unite to realize the content of this message on an individual level, in their countries, and in the world. Those who promise to do so please raise your hands and give me a round of applause.

[Father drinks water.] Would you like to drink some? Drinking on your behalf pleases me. As for the topic of my address... [Father coughs.] My voice is a bit hoarse. I should speak loudly. What do you think? Is it better if I speak softly, or loudly? A long time ago, when I was young, I would shout so loudly that walls would collapse, and I would break the podium as I lectured. I know if I do that now, it may seem improper to the people that have come here today.... Since God has youthful vigor and likes young people, I earnestly ask you to please have greater courage and the vigor of

youth; adjust yourselves during this time in order to be like young people. Aju. You have to say "Aju." [Aju.] Thank you.

My topic today is God's Ideal Family (and I am going to talk about the purpose of the Creation and the ideal family) and the Responsibility the Citizens of Cheon Il Guk Are Called to Fulfill. By Cheon Il Guk, I mean the nation where two people became one, and a large number of people unite to create a great nation and a great world.

Distinguished former and current heads of state, guests from home and abroad who love peace and who have come from every corner of the earth to celebrate and commemorate this day:

First of all, my wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, our entire family and I would like to welcome you all to this occasion. Family is important! We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your efforts on the front line in fulfilling your mission of advancing the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and realizing peace for all humanity. [Applause] Thank you.

As you may know, following the coronation ceremonies at which I was acknowledged as the King of Peace—held both in a United States Senate Office Building and at the Korean National Assembly, in 2004—I founded the Universal Peace Federation in New York City on September 12, 2005. On the

foundation of those victories, on June 13, 2006, we held the Entrance Ceremony for Cheon Jeong Peace Palace and the Coronation Ceremony of the True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and on Earth. These were each steps toward the establishment of the substantial kingdom of heaven on earth, Cheon Il Guk.

Heaven's providence is progressing rapidly each day. In its course for the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, a day can feel like a thousand years and a thousand years can feel like a single day.

Distinguished world leaders, this year, 2007, the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk, is a jubilee year in the providence. **But it is not a year of rest; we don't have time.** In this holy year, today is also a meaningful day, because by the Korean way of reckoning, it is my own eighty-eighth birthday as well as the sixty-fifth birthday of my wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. To commemorate this day and to renew our resolve, I would like to convey to you a message that summarizes Heaven's message that my wife, the three generations of the True Family and I have been conveying to the 6.5 billion people of the world during the past two years. My purpose is to remind you once again of your position and mission from the viewpoint of God's providence and to reemphasize the significance of the era in which we live. The title of this message is "God's Ideal Family and the Responsibility the Citizens of Cheon Il Guk Are Called to Fulfill."

GOD'S PURPOSE OF CREATION

Respected leaders from around the world... [Yes.] **Thank you. It's so hot....** What do you think is God's ultimate purpose for creating human beings? It is to experience joy through the perfection of ideal families filled with true love. What does an ideal family look like? Simply put, an ideal family is the model for absoluteness and peace, wherein its members have secured a parent-child relationship with God and can live in attendance to God as their parent, **without a doubt. People haven't known God; they have been unaware that He is their Father. We should be able to attend Him and be closer to Him in heart than grandchildren are to their grandfathers. He is handing down everything to His partners in love.**

God created Adam and Eve and established them as the first ancestors of humankind with the intent that they form an ideal family that is the model for absoluteness and peace. He committed Himself fully to raising them as His son and daughter, to be encapsulations of the entire cosmos, mediators between the spiritual and physical worlds, and lords of creation who would be joined with Him through true love, true life and true lineage.

ABSOLUTE SEXUAL MORALITY AND CONJUGAL LOVE

Ladies and gentlemen, Adam and Eve had to establish a model, peaceful, ideal family. God, the absolute being, created human beings as His children in order to instill in them absolute values, which spring from an absolute standard. Thus, human beings must follow the way of that unchanging standard in keeping with the demands of the heavenly path. This means we must follow our destined life course in order to attend God, our eternal parent. In other words, for us to perfect ourselves in resemblance of God and obtain the stature of people of character who can be called sons and daughters of the eternal God, we must follow the path based on the unwavering standard God has determined. The essence of this path is the standard of

absolute sexual purity.

The first stage is maintaining absolute sexual purity prior to getting married. After we are born, we go through a process of growth. We pass through infancy and childhood in a very safe and secure environment under our parents' love and protection. We then enter the period of adolescence, which signals the start of a new and dynamic life. This is the moment when we begin to travel the path to becoming a mature human being—internally, through the perfection of our character, and externally, by reaching adulthood. During this time there is a strict requirement that everyone must meet, no matter who he or she is; that is, maintaining his or her purity. **Say it once.** [Purity.] **Purity.**

The second stage is establishing the model of absoluteness in the love between husband and wife. This heavenly law of total marital fidelity is more precious than life itself. Husband and wife are eternal partners given to each other by God. Through having children, they become the cocreators of true love, true life and true lineage, and the origin of that which is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. **Who knew this?**

How could people who preserve their purity before marriage and whom God bonds together in purity as husband and wife ever deviate from the heavenly way and go astray, following a wrong path?

Ladies and gentlemen, absolute and sacred conjugal love is the greatest blessing that Heaven has bestowed on humankind. **You must understand this.** Yet, without adhering to the principle of absolute sexual morality, the path to the perfection of one's character—to spiritual maturity—is closed. Furthermore, without securing the foundation of absolute sexual purity within a true family of perfected individuals, it is impossible for God to manifest His presence in dignity as the incarnate God of character. **This is important.**

Therefore, if Adam and Eve had achieved individual perfection—the perfection of their character—by upholding the strict principle of sexual purity in accordance with God's will, and then entered into conjugal relations through His holy blessing, they would have attained complete oneness with Him. God would have dwelt within their union. Their children would have also been linked to this holy order of true love, and enjoyed a direct relationship with God as their parent. **The Fall is the problem.**

THE ATTRIBUTES OF TRUE LOVE

What is true love? Its essence does not lie in receiving but in being the first to give, in living for the sake of others and for the sake of the larger whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful and loving heart of a mother who cradles her baby in her arms and nurses it at her breast. True love is sacrificial love, as with a devoted son who gains his greatest satisfaction through helping his parents.

When we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever, continually rejoicing in each other's company. The attraction of true love brings all things in the universe to our feet; even God will come to dwell with us. Nothing can compare to the value of true love. It has the power to dissolve the barriers fallen human beings have created, including national boundaries, the barriers between races and even those between religions.

The main attributes of God's true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, so whoever practices true love will live with God, share His happiness, enjoy the right

to participate as an equal in His work, and the right of inheritance. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute prerequisite for entering the kingdom of heaven. [Why don't you give me a big hand?](#)

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND TRUE LOVE

Ladies and gentlemen, what kind of place is the kingdom of heaven? In brief, the heavenly kingdom is a world overflowing with God's true love. True love is its axis. True love is everywhere, in the outward expression as well as in the inward thought. Everyone's life is filled with true love from beginning to end. In the kingdom of heaven, people are born through true love, live in the embrace of true love and follow the track of true love until the day they pass on into the next world, the spirit world.

The kingdom of heaven is a natural world where all people live for the sake of one other. Consequently, antagonism and jealousy cannot be found anywhere in that world. It is a world that is not governed by money, position or power. There, the success of every person represents the success of the whole, the likes of every person represent the likes of the whole, and the joy of every person represents the joy of the whole.

The kingdom of heaven is a world filled with the air of true love, where everyone breathes true love. Its life throbs with love, everywhere and all the time. The citizens of that kingdom are all linked together through their common membership in God's lineage. There, the whole world and all its people are connected in an inseparable relationship, like the cells in our bodies. True love, the love that is God's essence, is Heaven's only governing power. Accordingly, God also exists for true love.

THE IMPORTANCE OF LINEAGE

Do you know what has pained God's heart most, causing Him the greatest grief over the long history since the Fall of Adam and Eve? God lost His lineage [that was the first thing](#), and with that, God lost the basis of human brotherhood [when Cain killed Abel](#) and even His ownership over the creation. [Everything was turned upside down](#). God's lineage is more precious than life itself. Yet, this was lost. Without it, the fruits of true life and true love never matured.

Ladies and gentlemen, lineage is more important than life and more precious than love. Life and love come together to create lineage. Lineage cannot be established if either life or love is missing. Therefore, among the three—love, life and lineage—lineage is the fruit. God's lineage contains the seed of true love. God's lineage provides the context and environment for a true life. [People weren't able to receive this seed. This problem was caused by the Fall.](#)

Hence, for us to become the ideal people envisioned by God, that is, people of ideal character, and to create ideal families, we first need to be linked to His lineage. To take it a step further, only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to create God's homeland, the ideal nation.

Please inscribe the importance of lineage in your hearts. I cannot emphasize this enough. [There's no use in just becoming devoted children or patriots. A father and mother didn't put down roots; children cannot shoot out branches and give birth to posterity. Isn't that so? That's why I'm asking you to please inscribe the importance of lineage in your hearts. I cannot emphasize this enough. Will you remember this? \[Yes.\] Say it loudly. \[Yes!\] Thank you.](#) This is because the parent-child rela-

tionship is the highest and most important of all relationships, and the model, lineal relationship between parent and child is the only way through which God's lineage can be bequeathed and made to last forever. You must be clear on this point.

THE CROSS-CULTURAL MARRIAGE BLESSING

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, our bondage to the lineage of Satan has caused so much suffering throughout history. Let us now boldly step forward to sever it and be grafted onto the root of the lineage of the True Parents. Why should we foolishly continue to live and die as wild olive trees? Where can we find the path to escape this vicious cycle?

It is through the holy blessing. The holy Blessing Ceremony offers the grace of being grafted onto the true olive tree. It was instituted by the True Parents, who bring God's true lineage to humankind. [Applause] [Thank you](#). Without changing your lineage, you cannot change your seed. The best way to restore people to the position of children of God through changing their lineage is through the cross-cultural marriage blessing. [People intermingle. If a person from the United States and one from Russia just agree to be blessed to each other, their life together—on its own—would become a process of registration in the heavenly kingdom. Wow! Do you actually understand what that means? The best way to restore people is through the cross-cultural marriage blessing.](#) These marriages contribute to the great task of transcending the barriers of race, culture, nationality, ethnicity and religion, and to creating one family of humankind. [Now, I'll never perish. The man who initiated this movement can stand tall, even if the whole world opposes him.](#) It is a revolutionary occasion, creating the heavenly lineage on a completely new level, transcending the obstacles of race, culture, nationality and religion. It is an act that severs all links of enmity. It is the sacred rite of the change of lineage, through which everyone can be re-created through the True Parents. They are the king and queen of peace, the manifestations of God in substance, who enable Him to exercise His providence in the present world. [Everyone must receive the blessing. Everyone, no matter who the person is, even if he is the president of a nation, must receive the blessing. The constitution of any country was instituted not by God, but by people, fallen people. The right of ownership does not belong to people either. I see Mongolian leaders here. No one belongs to God....](#)

The path is open wide for all people to change their lineage through the Holy Wine Ceremony that the True Parents have instituted. [Through the Holy Wine Ceremony people can understand the will of Heaven. Holy Wine contains twenty-one ingredients necessary for the change of lineage. The holy blessing is yours that you may establish true families. The responsibility you are called to fulfill is to teach others, without fail, that the perfection of a life of absolute sexual morality through the cross-cultural marriage blessing is the ultimate means and method to establish a peaceful, ideal world here on earth. Do you understand? You didn't know that you possess an organ so precious that you absolutely wouldn't exchange it for even the whole universe.](#)

Even in the Last Days there is no other method than this. You know that I disclosed this fact because it was my calling and responsibility. You also know that these principles should be popularized beyond your families and tribes throughout the whole human family. That is your responsi-

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True Mother's 65th Birthday





During the event on February 23, True Parents distributed Cheon Seong Gyeong in seven different languages and books of twelve Peace Messages in forty different languages; these convey the essence of their teachings on creating an ideal world based on God's true love, true life and true lineage.

bility. All ancestors in the spirit world passed through this, so they will tell you someday, "We passed through this; why, before coming here, didn't you help to bestow this liberating blessing on people of all nations, on humankind?" You are going to face a problem. You can go there and check whether what I'm saying is a lie.

A FAMILY OF THREE GENERATIONS LIVING IN HARMONY

Ladies and gentlemen, the family sets the pattern for living together, the pattern for living as if stuck to each other. Because of the Fall we lost the original family, original nation and original mind. The warm environment of oneness based on love and respect between parents and children, mutual fidelity and love between husband and wife, and trust and mutual reliance among siblings is the manifestation of the model, ideal family of peace. This means that you need to establish a true family, wherein the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love. This was not accomplished because of the Fall. Mongolians have to be serious. Nobody could stand in such a position. Listen well.

In this manner, the three generations of grandparents, parents, and children should live together as one family and serve the eternal God. God desires to see such families, and it is your responsibility as tribal messiahs and ambassadors for peace to strive for and establish them—families of Cheon Il Guk, the kingdom of God. **This means we are reorganizing.**

Ladies and gentlemen, you should form families that God will miss and yearn to return to after He has been away. **He does not have a family He can visit.** He should feel comfortable to visit your home like any parent coming to visit his or her children. This is what it means to live in service to God. Within such a family, God is the vertical subject over your conscience, and your conscience is the vertical subject over your body. Thus unity with God brings your mind and body into harmony.

At the absolute, final point, everything becomes one and follows that vertical subject. We call the vertical subject of a person the "conscience." It takes the subject position and unifies the mind with the body. Your mind and body are fighting each other, aren't they? They are not united. If they are not united, God cannot come to you. You need to understand that peace cannot come to you. Throughout history, because of the struggle between mind and body, no one could pull up the root of grief. No one else could do it. Only I, the True Parent, taught about it clearly. Once you fully understand this and unite your mind and body on the basis of this resolute truth, there won't be any problems, because Heaven connects you to the source of boundless energy. You must know that nobody can break this. This is unity.

Family members who have established that vertical axis can perfect the four realms of love and heart—parental love, conjugal love, children's love and siblings love. Under those circumstances, people can perfect the four realms of love and heart—parental love, conjugal love, children's love, and siblings' love. That's the problem. Parental love comes

first, then conjugal love; parent-child unity; conjugal unity; love in the unity of children, siblings' love. Love among siblings extends through the realm of three generations—the grandfather's family, the parents and their siblings, and the siblings that are the parents and their siblings' sons and daughters. That's what we call siblings' love. That is how we achieve the perfection of the four great realms of heart—parental love, conjugal love, love of children for their parents and love among siblings. Members of the Unification Church do not understand this. Three generations of descendants must become one. Do you understand? You forget about this, which is why you don't know how to witness to your fathers, mothers and siblings. You have been unable to resolve this problem, which is connected to your lineage. God cannot relate to the fact that some foolish Unification Church members follow the traditions of the believers of the established religions. You must grasp this idea. Do you understand? I'm talking about siblings. Therefore, we must complete the four great realms of heart. Only such a family includes up and down, left and right, three vertical ages (the Old, New and Completed Testament Ages) as well as four other ages (the ages of your grandfather, your father, your own age and that of your children). That is how the four great realms of love are perfected. That family links all directions—up and down, front and rear, right and left. They revolve around each other in everlasting spherical motion. This is the eternal God's model, ideal family, which expands to ideal model nations and a peaceful, ideal kingdom. The Old, New and Completed Testament Ages are all the same. You see, if the age of individualism, age of family-centered ideology and the age of nation-centered ideology become one—if all these unite—this will lead to eternal existence. Everything will move in concert; God's eternal, model, ideal family, ideal nation and peace will come about. This will be the ideal, peaceful kingdom. An individual kingdom will not do. Do you understand? You have to understand this clearly. [Yes.] If you understood, please clap. In-laws cannot be different.

Seven generations, fourteen generations must become one. Generation by generation... One thousand, two thousand... If seven generations do not unite, they cannot go to the kingdom of heaven. They will have to wait. Do you understand? [Yes.] You are the same. A family embraces the realm of three generations, but after forty or fifty years... Passing through seven generations, it will grow to become hundreds of people. So, you have to live for the sake of others.

This means we need a movement to realize a society of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. We need to make humanity one great family, by breaking down the walls in our hearts and eliminating even the boundaries between nations. This movement begins from each family. You should know that if we don't realize it within our families, we have nothing to do with world peace. If only the entire world were filled with such true families! It would be an orderly world where people governed themselves by the heavenly way and heavenly laws, with no need for lawyers, prosecutors or even judges.

Who would be most fully aware of your good and bad deeds? It would be your grandparents, your parents, your spouse and your children. Is there anything that cannot be resolved within the family? When parents and children, husband and wife, and elder and younger siblings set an example of living for the sake of one another, how could they do anything unforgivable? What reason would they have to commit crimes? A world governed by the heavenly way and the heavenly laws is a natural world, an unobstructed world of truth and pure reason. **That's right.** It is a world at the "high noon" of absolute values, without any dark shadows. **There are no shadows at noon.** If your family casts a shadow during the day or at night, you cannot go to the heavenly kingdom. If a shadow stretches from east to west, people can hide. That's what I am speaking about—a world at the "high noon" of absolute values, where such things don't happen.

Therefore, each of us should bear in mind that it is our

providential calling to establish a true family. This is the way we can expedite the establishment of the universal peace kingdom on earth. Your family doesn't exist just by itself; everything is connected to you. Therefore, your families must unify the world. You must unite your mind and body and reach unity with your spouse. Three generations and three ages, the Old, New and Completed Testament Ages, must become one in your family. Such a representative central family is a model in the spirit world of the ideal God envisaged at the time of the Creation. A model family.... Each of us should bear in mind that it is our providential calling to establish a true family. This is the way we can expedite the establishment of the universal peace kingdom on earth. It's not just one family. A family is connected by a rope to the whole world; if we combine all families one by one, we can create something hundreds and thousands of times bigger. That's why I am telling you to accomplish this in your family first. Do you understand? [Yes.] Please bear this in mind.

THE DUAL STRUCTURE OF HUMAN BEINGS AND THE SPIRIT WORLD

Viewing the structure of a human being from another angle, we can perceive that God created us as entities with dual characteristics. **We have a "bodily self" and a "mind-like self," don't we?** He created our physical bodies as miniatures of the corporeal, tangible world and our spiritual bodies as representatives of—and lords of—the incorporeal world. Accordingly, it is intended that we live for a hundred years or so in the physical world and then pass on naturally and automatically into the incorporeal spirit world once the physical body ceases to function. This is from the Principle of Creation. No one can amend it. That's why not even God could prevent Satan from falling.

In this way, though it cannot be perceived by the eyes in our physical bodies, the spirit world is the automatic and inevitable extension of our lives on earth, humankind's eternal, original homeland, created by God. **The ideal that led to the Creation is unchangeable.** You cannot change it. If you conform to it, you will inevitably become a master of the world. Aju. [Aju.]

The spirit world does actually exist. It is not a world that has been fantasized or imagined into existence. We do not have the right of choice concerning it. It is not a world we can go to if we please or refuse to go to if we would rather not. Just as God is eternal and unchanging, the spirit world He created is also eternal and unchanging. In like manner to our living in the physical world in our physical bodies and forming all sorts of relationships with the existing world, even in the spiritual world we are destined to go on living in our spiritual bodies, and to form and maintain close relationships with all phenomena of the spirit world. **That's the way it should be. That's how the Creator made it, which means nobody can persevere alone.**



Archbishop Milingo, Dr. Yang Chang-shik and Dr. Pak Bo-hi greeting one another at True Parents' Birthday celebration at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace

LIFE ON EARTH IS FOR THE PERFECTION OF THE SPIRIT SELF

In the relationship between a person's spirit and physical body, the spirit is the more important of the two—not the body, which eats food. The physical body lasts for about a hundred years before it ceases to function, but the spirit lives forever, transcending time and space. Without your spirit self, without God who is spirit, without the invisible God who can become a friend to your spirit self, you cannot become a devoted son or daughter, or move around. The universe is so huge. It is billions of times bigger than the solar system. They say the earth is 4.5 to 4.7 billion years old. There are some stars out there, light from which hasn't yet reached the earth even though that light has been coming toward earth for 4.7 billion years! Keep in mind that the speed of light is 300,000 kilometers per second, and that in one second it can cover a distance seven and a half times longer than the equator. The distance light covers in a year is called a light-year. How huge the universe is!

Can we, who are like tiny pieces of dust, claim superiority and act however we wish? Anyone who does is out of his mind. Should he be punished, or blessed? A person who violates universal law will be automatically punished. I'm giving you a hard time again. That's the way the world is, so if that doesn't match the way you are living, you're in trouble. Even the Republic of Korea would disappear. Is there an owner now? Mind and body are struggling with each other. Who's the master—mind or body? Who is the master, able to ease the struggle of the soul? Is the nation the master? Is a leader of a government party or an opposition party a master? None of these presidents, ministers and parliament members is a master. They all will disappear. None of them was installed by God....

No matter how well you fare in this earthly world, you are bound to die. Therefore, before you pass on to the next world, you should achieve harmony between your spirit and physical body by living your earthly life in such a way that you meet the standards of both the physical and spiritual worlds. In other words, you are called to take up the responsibility of perfecting your spiritual self within your physical body based on the finite life you live in the tangible, physical world. You must do it. You can ask your conscience, which knows everything about the things you are doing. You cannot cheat it. That's why the conscience comes ahead of one's parents, teachers and even God. If only as people lived they'd ask their conscience about everything, things like religion and politics wouldn't be necessary. That's the level we have to reach.

This does not mean, however, that the perfection of your spiritual self happens automatically. Only on the basis of your having fully united your mind and body during your earthly life, by expressing true love through your actions, can your spiritual self fully mature. While living on earth, your every action and movement—without exception—is recorded on your spirit self, with the public laws of heaven as the standard. The conscience knows everything. Accordingly, you will enter the spirit world in the form of your spirit self, on which your earthly life is recorded with 100 percent precision. Your spirit will show plainly whether you have led a ripe life of goodness, or a wormy, rotten life of sinfulness. What this means is that God will not judge you; you will be your own judge. In traditional churches, they say that God is a judge sending evil people to hell; actually they go there by themselves. God is the most miserable being.

THE LIFE COURSE OF THE TRUE PARENT

Ladies and gentlemen, my life for the past eighty-eight years been one of sorrow, marked by inexpressible suffering and persecution. God couldn't stop the Fall. The true parents became false parents and destroyed everything; God could not stop them. Though God had taught the original man and woman the way of true parents, He could not reveal these facts to me. It's the human portion of responsibility to reach perfection in marriage. Our first ancestors fell while still imperfect, at the age of sixteen, and could not build a perfect blessed family; Heaven could not teach them. Nobody could tell them, "You are committing the Fall and are bound for hell." The Principle of the Unification Church explains everything clearly. You actually know everything. There is no excuse. As the third Adam, the True Parent, I need to indemnify and completely reverse all the failures of the first and second Adams. I am responsible to complete not only the mission of the Savior, the Messiah, and the Lord at his second coming, but also the missions of all those major figures from whom religions have sprung. [Applause] Once people come to know the True Parents, they have to live for the sake of the absolute master. Even God cannot fulfill their responsibility for them. They have to believe in True Parents, give them priority and attend them, overcoming any opposition. They must fulfill the duty of devoted children, loyal subjects of God and of the sinless True Parents. Only then can people enter the kingdom of heaven; this is the original principle.

Do you think you can go to the kingdom of heaven based on faith in people like Paul? It is a pure fabrication. Try to go there. Do you consider faith in Paul important? It is nothing. People who believe in the supremacy of their own religious denomination cannot go there. Those who believe in the superiority of their nation won't go there either. God's nation is one family. It is like a tree with a central root and trunk that has been growing for thousands of years from a single seed. It has numerous branches and fruits, but all these millions of children have equal value. They are all intended to go to the kingdom of heaven, as were their ancestors. I have to make you realize that such a peaceful world will inevitably come to be. This is important. The mission of the True Parent, the third Adam, is to fulfill all that was not fulfilled due to the failure of the first and second Adams. He must fulfill the mission of the Savior, Messiah and Lord at his second advent; moreover, he must fulfill all the religious founders' missions. I did become the True Parent, didn't I? We don't need all these words—Savior, Messiah, Lord at his second advent. How did all these words come about? It was because of the Fall. Now we have built the palace. True Parents had to become saviors to save the nations. The Messiah, Jesus, came to factions that were fighting, in order to become a king, a master. So, people are supposed to attend the Lord at his second advent, the second parent. On behalf of the Lord at his second advent, you must become saviors of the land, of the world, you must become messiahs to save religion....

How did God feel in His heart when He couldn't teach people? False parents became masters, so the Lord at his second advent must create a world where all this can be rectified and offered to Heaven. Then God can stand in the position of the Lord and say to the people, "Everything you have been taught are my teachings. Satan took my possessions, but now—since you've obtained all these things and offered them to me—I can return them to you. You can stand in the position of masters having the right of ownership only in the third era, when such



On February 22, 2007, True Parents officiated over the Cross-Cultural Marriage Blessing Ceremony in the Sacred Reign of Peace for the Realization of a Peaceful World at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. More than 500 couples received the blessing, the great majority of which were second generation couples whom Father had matched personally earlier in the month. Notably, Father had also called the sons and daughters of Ambassadors for Peace to be matched by True Parents. A number of the couples receiving the blessing this day were from this unique group.

Cross-Cultural Marriage Blessing Ceremony



things become possible.

Bearing similarities to God's creation of the universe, my life has constituted the great work of the re-creation of humanity, where not even the smallest error is permitted. It has been a lonely course that cannot be discussed with anyone, one that took me down thorny paths through the wilderness—paths that I had to follow while utterly alone. Not even God could acknowledge me. Frequently hovering in a state between life and death, even vomiting blood, I still had to rise again like a phoenix to remain true to my promise to God and establish the absolute model of the ideal family and of absolute sexual purity. There was no father able to establish such a model, and no children born through such sexual relations. There has been no family created by the marital union of a man and a woman standing on a perfect foundation of such a conjugal relationship; there was no such tribe or nation. Everything should be rejected. That's why Korea now can trust neither in communism nor in democratic America....

Look. Even God wants to be absolute, so wouldn't the son of the absolute being also want to be absolute? Wouldn't he? "Absolute" means "only one." Do you understand? The word "absolute" cannot be applied to something that exists as two copies. So, if parents and children, husband and wife or brothers and sisters are fighting each other, how are they going

to build absolute relationships? Can they do it or not? Huh? Answer me! Can they, or can't they? [They cannot do it.] I'm telling you they can! You scoundrels! [No, they cannot.] Since you are saying that they can't do it, it's not rude of me to call you scoundrels. You may think, "What a nasty guy this Rev. Moon is, if he, being a pastor, swears in a public setting." It may seem that I'm going to perish, but I won't. Am I right, or not? [You're right.] Did that come to your head, or to your heart? Do you understand things with your head, or with your heart? [We understand things with our heart.] You have to understand them with your heart. People who don't feel deep emotions and impulses, making their bodies move like a heartbeat, will find themselves off the track leading to the heavenly kingdom. Aju. [Aju.] Say it louder. [Aju!] I believe you.

The purpose of my life was to establish the absolute model of a phoenix.... I had to endure imprisonment six times, though I was innocent: for working in the underground independence movement in my early days while studying in Japan; for propagating the will of God in Pyongyang, which was under communist control immediately after Korea's independence from colonial rule; during the Syngman Rhee administration after Korea had been reborn as a free nation; and even in the United States, which proudly presents itself to the world as a model of democracy. Who on earth can under-



Celebrating Two Eights

Hon. Tsakhiagiyn Elbegdorj
Prime Minister of Mongolia 1998, 2004-2006

Dear True Parents, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen: We all have gathered here today to celebrate a great occasion, the eighty-eighth birthday

of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and the sixty-fifth birthday of Mother Moon. They are real champions and living examples of the building of world peace. We all know that not only have they been such examples but their wonderful children, their great sons and daughters and their wonderful grandchildren together are a family role model for world peace and for service to others.

I think peace is a foundation for everything else. Without peace, there is no freedom. Without peace, there is no prosperity. Because we Mongolians made a peaceful transition to democracy, we now enjoy prosperity. We made a peaceful transition; now we are enjoying freedom in Mongolia. I think that if every man and woman were living in harmony and dedicating their true love to each other, families would enjoy true peace. If every family enjoyed true peace, true harmony, every nation would enjoy it.

Peace is the only human value that crosses the borders of nations and the hearts of people without permission.

I like peace and I like freedom. Freedom does not come without a price, and neither does peace. We all know that True Parents have made great sacrifices to build true peace on earth. [Applause] We all know of the difficult lives that True Parents have gone through; now we are celebrating

their birthday in this great place.

Usually when I see those wonderful things, I say "Wow!" We all need to make our families "Wow! families." We need make our nations "Wow nations." We all need to contribute to world peace and harmony.

Today, we all know that we are living in a time of great controversy and challenge. The gate of the twenty-first century was on fire when we passed through it. We live in a great time of challenge and a great time of controversy. When humanity experiences a time of great controversy and challenge, God sends its true missionaries. God sends His great man to earth.

I think Rev. Sun Myung Moon and our great parents are God's missionaries, sent to help us. Once Mother Teresa said that God does not require that we succeed; God only asks that we serve." Great living examples of that service are our True Parents.

This eighty-eighth anniversary is great occasion and great number, great date, eighty-eight. There are two eights. Today we are celebrating two eights. I know that humanity will celebrate three eights, the 888th birthday of our True Parents and they will celebrate four eights and they will celebrate five eights.

You know there are four parts of world, east, west, north and south and eight directions. Let's spread peace to the eight directions from this wonderful place of celebration.

And let all of us lay stepping stones as a foundation for world peace. Let's all wish our True Parents long life, good health and every success in their great endeavor. Thank you very much. ♦

stand my eventful life, which has been for the sake of perfecting the model of absoluteness in conjugal love? We are proud of all these things, but are you really on my side? Aren't there people who vacillate? Some ambassadors for peace associated with the Unification Church expect me to recognize them. You are not supposed to expect recognition. What are you going to do? I'm merciless. How can I forgive people who are like that? To forgive this kind of thing I would need to take responsibility for it, make restitution... I am not someone that avoids responsibility. That's why you are walking up a long, rough road day and night, and I'm grateful to you for this. A fleeting emotion of a person determines success or failure, eternal happiness and the value of his life. You are going along the course of the hidden will of God in order to gain that victorious right that enables you to prosper. Since you became secret envoys you cannot be treated well without understanding ordinary people. Aju. [Aju. Applause] Who could understand the vicissitudes of my troubled life, which is directed at perfecting an absolute model?

Mine has been a life of misery; by biting my tongue, I have endured for the sake of our God, who deserves pity, and for the sake of the salvation of the world's fallen people who are suffering in the realm of death. Even now, if one person were to look into my heart and speak just one word of sympathy, I

would burst into tears and my tears would flow like a waterfall. If you start shedding tears all at once, taking responsibility for all eight stages from the individual, family, tribe, people, nation and up to the universe, you will end up dying in tears. Don't say that my circumstances are so bitter; don't love me in that way. You have to comfort and love me while in the same situation. Since I have been comforting God...

Ladies and gentlemen, once someone becomes an old man of eighty-eight, he would normally look back on his life and quietly prepare to enter the next world. Yet, my life begins from now. [Applause] I didn't oppose even those who slandered me or beat me. I became a father to people I did not know, and the lord to families of those who pursued me.... It is good that you came. Do you understand me? You are young. I might even kiss you on your cheeks. The life of an eighty-year-old man is now just beginning.

It is not because I have many lingering attachments to this life. It is because I still have yet to fulfill the mission for which I received my call as the True Parent—to save people, who are suffering in the fallen realm, unable to escape from it. Who could take this responsibility? I cannot give it to anyone.

Now the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven, the time of harvest, has arrived. This year, I will continue to guide you in carrying out this universal revolution for the restoration



Following Father Moon's Model

Hon. Victor Ciorbea
Prime Minister of Romania 1996-1998

True Parents, members of Rev. and Mrs. Moon's family, ladies and gentlemen: It is easier to speak following the great message Father Moon gave to everyone this morning. It is easier to speak after the message give us by Mr. Moon Jr. this afternoon. Thank you for your extraordinary messages.

I am very honored—my wife and I are honored—to be here with you, participating in this great occasion, the anniversary of your birthdays. For me, for my wife, it's an historic event.

We heard about you during the communist period in Romania. We heard about you during the Ceausescu regime in Romania—of course because of your anticommunist activities, your religious activities. It was presented from a very negative point of view. This is not something new for you, I appreciate. But at that time, we had the habit of listening to foreign radio to understand the reality. After the Romanian revolution, in December 1989, we had the possibility to read, to know about your real and extraordinary life and work, and what all your activities were achieving.

Of course, I had the great opportunity last year to be at the UPF conference and to be present at the official ceremony to open the peace palace. For us it was something incredible, a wonderful realization. It is a wonderful creation for the sake of peace in the entire world. Thank you for everything.

At the same time I want to emphasize the fact that you represent a model for us. In my former capacity as prime minister, as general mayor of Bucharest, trade union leader, and so on, I tried to emphasize, to realize, to implement some ideas given to us by you, Father Moon. I tried to create the first democratic institutions in Romania, to implement the rule of law in Romania, to try to fight against the misunderstanding between Romania and Hungary. My government was the first government in our history in which the Hungarian minority had their own members and after eight hundred years, we finally succeeded in offering a model of interethnic and interreligious understanding after your model, Father Moon. (Applause)

Now Romania and Bulgaria are members of the European Union and NATO. I believe within the next fifteen or twenty years, every country in the Balkans will be a member of the European Union. You know very well that the Balkans is a region that has seen much interethnic and interreligious conflict, and where there were many wars during the previous century, including the first world war. In the future, in the next fifteen and twenty years, the Balkans will be a model of interethnic and interreligious understanding, based on your model, Father Moon. (Applause)

Finally I want to congratulate you again, Father Moon, Mrs. Moon; I wish you to have the same vitality, the same power to complete your work, to accomplish your entire historic role.

One Family Under One God, Aju! Thank you.◆

of humanity. Please do not hesitate! Let us hold hands and together uphold the heavenly decree in fulfilling our calling and responsibility! How can we avert our eyes from the situation in which tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters are dying helplessly while waiting for salvation? **We cannot turn away from this. This is our fate, our predestined responsibility.**

THE ADVENT OF THE ERA OF THE PEACEFUL, IDEAL KINGDOM

Leaders who love peace! You are now living in the most blessed and exalted time in history. We are in the era after the coming of heaven! I proclaim the beginning of the long awaited new heaven and new earth, which billions of your ancestors in the spirit world, who have come and gone in history, have yearned for. **Who is doing this? As God's representative, I am.** This is the era of the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. The four great religious founders and billions of good ancestors have come to earth to guide you on the blessed path of heaven. The age when the fallen and corrupt world wreaks havoc on humanity, allowing evil people to live better than others, is passing away. **It's passing away.**

The Universal Peace Federation, which stands as the "Abel-type United Nations" on the universal level, will work toward a peaceful, ideal world, the eternal ideal God has cherished for the creation, while renewing the existing "Cain-type" United Nations. UPF will provide the leadership for this new dimension, the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world. Making the "Abel-type United Nations" is a must. You should know that the value of the Abel-type UN exceeds that of your country, so that the creation of an Abel-type UN is a worthwhile undertaking even if to accomplish it you have to give up your life, your property and your entire nation. You won't lose out. I know this, which is why I have spent my life as I have. I have been making continuous effort for the sake of humanity's happiness. I've been doing this to disperse the grief of the Fall and build a foundation of happiness for myriads of people, who have been hoping for this. From now on individuals and nations can receive the blessing and be registered in heaven. Once Americans and Russians intermarry with each other their nations will be connected with the heavenly nation within three days. There is no owner—neither in America nor in Korea; no country exists that can become an owner. Since the world has become like this, the only way for people go is to my bosom, the lord of the family, the owner who has liberated heaven and earth through eight stages.... Wait and see whether it will be like this or not. To see what's going to happen, stand on the front line. Behave well. Don't look back. Try to overcome some challenges. You will see whether it's going to happen or not. If it won't happen, God won't let me go....

I have been in many life-and-death situations. UPF is the Abel-type UN, working on the universal level and able to fulfill the functions of the kingdom of global peace on a new

level. Say "the Universal Peace Federation" once. [The Universal Peace Federation.] If you fulfill this decree of Heaven, you will discover that individuals, families, nations, the world, and heaven and earth are waiting for you.

The Universal Peace Federation, born through our concerted efforts, represents God's victory and the fruit of the True Parents' blood, sweat and tears. It is the world's cherished hope. **It's the hope of its citizens. Our hope is that today it will carry out the role of an "Abel-type" peace kingdom representing a new sovereignty of universal peace known in Korean as Cheon Il Guk, a counterpart to the existing "Cain-type" UN—no matter how much they oppose me....**

Is it good that you came to the Unification Church, or not? [It is good.] If it is good that you came here, you should die well. Those who are willing to die will obtain protection from God. You are living in the revolutionary era after coming of heaven, the era of the creation of heaven and earth begun by God and me. There has been no other great historical figure able to achieve success, progressive results, and to make proclamations like the ones that I have made. You have to liberate your conscience. Those whose mind and body are at war won't be able to enter the heavenly kingdom. I won't allow this whether you are Buddhist, Christian or a follower of Confucianism.



After presenting flowers to True Mother and kissing her, the Little Angel bows

OUR MISSION IN THE ERA AFTER THE COMING OF HEAVEN

The era after the coming of heaven that God and True Parents have begun is a time of dramatic change. You have the mission to make this era blossom and bear fruit in blessing and glory. I have done everything for you—everything. Don't you all have the peace messages? If we don't complete the liberation of absolute sexual morality and quickly build the world where words like "free sex" and "homosexuality" are non-existent, the six billion people populating the earth will all die out within sixty years. More than half of humankind will die. You will be accused. I asked this of you earnestly, but...

Thousands of people sent messages from the spirit world, and you've heard everything, so they will challenge you, saying, "Did we ask you to come here [to the spirit world] believing in religion? Did we ask you to come holding on to Buddhism? Did we tell you to hold on to your ego? Did we ask you to come here holding on to Buddha or Mohammed? We told you to come here holding on to True Parents, but where are True Parents now?" And you will not understand this. You'll be like stray dogs. If this is not true, I should disappear...

You have the mission to make this era blossom and bear fruit in blessing and glory. Everything is in your hands, you know....

I have said that in this age we must recover the true lineage that was lost when Adam fell, by receiving the marriage blessing through the True Parents. The providence of the marriage



Counterclockwise from Lee Hyung-jin nim (black suit, pink tie), his wife Shin-mi nim, Otsuka Hirotaka nim, his wife Shin-sook nim, her mother Dong-sook nim, Shin-eh nim, her brother Shin-joong nim, Yoshida Jin-hwa nim and Yeon-ah nim watching the Little Angels performances at the banquet on True Parents' Birthday

blessing should be perfected in five stages—the individual, the family, the tribe, the race and the nation. Satan dominated five stages—the ages of the individual, family, tribe, race and nation. It wasn't complete on the individual level, so until now politicians shed the blood of religious people, trying to weaken and expel them. The Communist Party tried to destroy religion with its atheistic ideology, but it failed because of me. They were no match for me. Their theory is no match for mine. The same thing can be said of America. Now America isn't listening to me, which is why she is in trouble....

Messages 1, 2 and 3 are related to True Parents' family. The fourth message was given to enable nations to receive the blessing, purify their lineage and enter the Abel-type UN, thus forming a unified world and creating universal peace. If we fail, the nation will be lost.

This is the time when, metaphorically speaking, the sun is directly overhead, such that no shadow is cast. This signifies that we have passed through the era before the coming of heaven, which included the Old, New and Completed Testament ages. These eras have required immeasurable restitution and atonement in order to re-create the ideal. The present time, however, corresponds to the era, prior to Adam's Fall, of building the original, ideal world. *This era is different.* It refers to the era of true love that is all-encompassing, all-powerful and has overall authority. It is the realm of heart in which the spiritual and physical worlds are bound together as a unified realm with True Parents, the King and Queen of Peace, at the center. In other words, it is the time of the kingdom of peace and unity in heaven and on earth. You probably don't understand what I'm talking about. Nevertheless, it is all true. So we are busy.

Ladies and gentlemen, your mission and position have been made clear. What do "Cain-type UN" and "Abel-type

UN" mean? We must create the families God is hoping for.... Now your position has been made clear. I have explained that within the realm of God's grace through the True Parents the way is laid out for all people to change their lineage through the Holy Wine Ceremony, to receive the holy blessing and establish true families. People must receive the blessing. Your parents couldn't become true parents to you; your spouses and children couldn't become true spouses and children; and your brothers and sisters couldn't become true siblings.... All these relationships are connected to Satan, but the way exists to restore all of these, and the Unification Church has it. The ultimate way to establish a peaceful, ideal world here on earth is to perfect a life that embraces absoluteness in the marriage relationship through the cross-cultural marriage blessing. The cross-cultural blessing is the grace by which you inherit Heaven's lineage. You have come to know clearly that the mission for which God has called you is to unfailingly teach these things. Furthermore, as an heir and actual representative of the True Parents, you must now move beyond your concepts and level of awareness to fulfill the responsibility for which you have been called. *You know everything.* [Applause] *Our ancestors were destroyed. Free sex is dumping our society and the world, including young people, into a cesspool swarming with worms. What property do you have in this kind of world? You have no possessions in this world. Once a person dies, his children start fighting among themselves for the inheritance. Everything ends in a fight.... You have to accept what I'm saying, which I have given as an advance warning. Aju. [Aju.] Good. You have to raise your representative and heir; nobody selects a representative who is worse than he is. There can be many representatives, but only the best of them can become the heir. If a person doesn't*

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Hyo-jin Moon Speaks at the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2007

February 24, 2007
Cheongshim Youth Center

Hyo-jin nim was the first of four True Sons to speak to the participants of the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly

Thank you. What should I talk about to you people, who are important because True Father needs you? I believe you will do well. Please do your best. **Then you can go back home.** [Applause]

This morning Father spoke to you; I'm sure he will continue to share many good points with you. If I had anything I wanted to say, I wouldn't need to because you all believe in Father and follow him, and you know yourselves best. In that sense, I too, as Father's son, must attend Father. He gave me the name Hyo-jin [孝進],¹ which is why the only thing I need to do is be dutiful to my parents. [Applause] I guess you could say that this is the path I should take until my death. We only die once so we should die well. I'm beginning to feel that time is short.

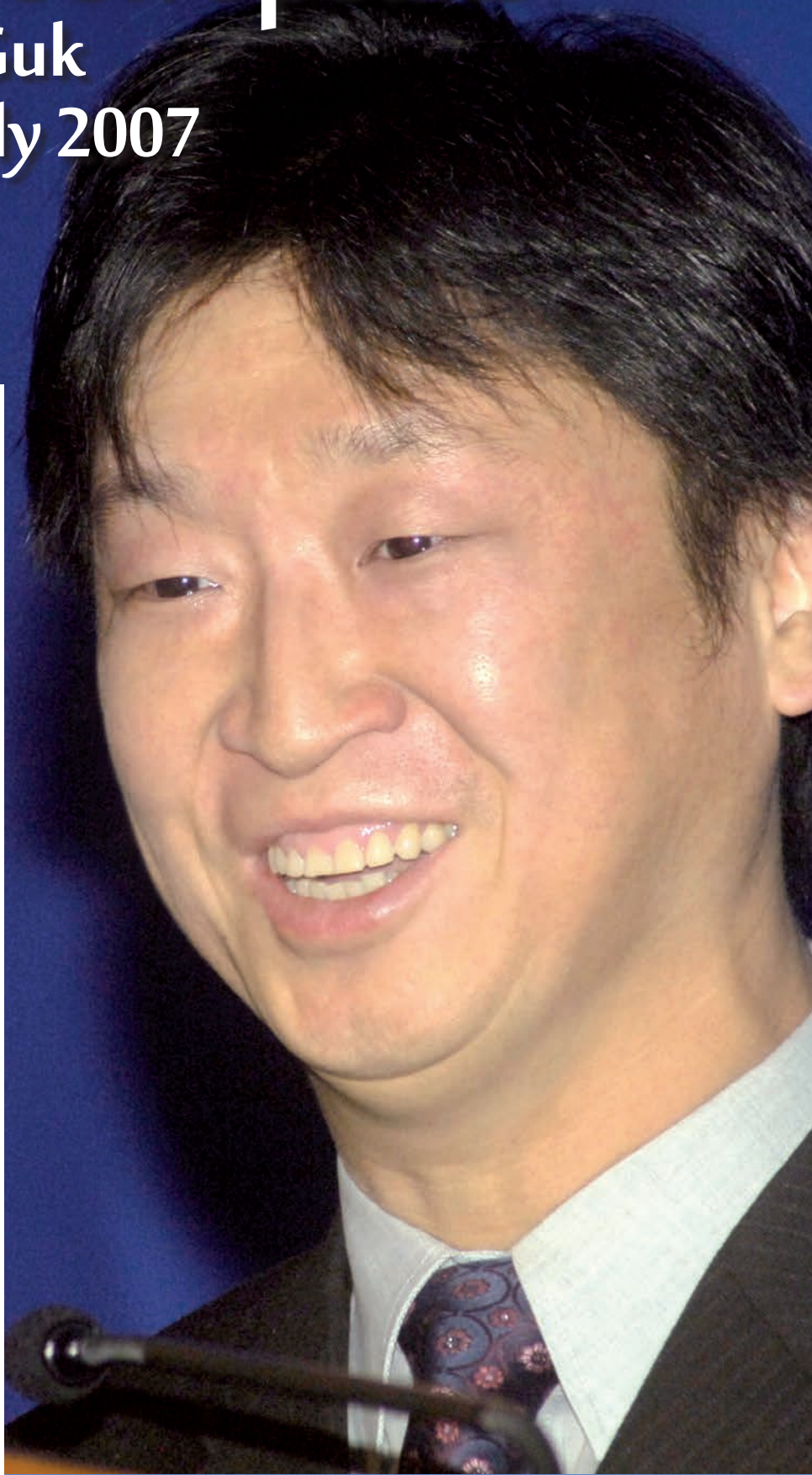
You are here because Father gave you the word, the Principle. Beyond that, Father has also spoken about true love, about loving humanity and about living for the sake of others. He has lived completely immersed in the word.


You all have important positions in the church; some of you are district leaders. Your path in the end must be rooted in and aligned with True Parents'. Consequently, your reality is, shall I say, an unending challenge. Why? Because new choices are constantly emerging. The path you will take until the day you go to the world after death will be the most strenuous, difficult, tiring and lonely path. Isn't that the path of a church leader?

I can frankly say to you, as a father, that when you raise children, you absolutely want every single one of them, without exception, to create a family. This desire does not end with your family; there is no end in the particular bloodline you belong to. Why? It will carry on into your role as an ancestor.

Regardless of what kind of seed is produced from a certain individual, regardless of whether he or she knows the Unification Church, this is

¹ To advance filial piety





something that is the same for everyone. Nobody can deny this reality nor **avoid this challenge. I'm sure that such a consensus** regarding the position you are in exists regardless of where you go—and I don't really know you. That is what people—even your children who have begun family life—will feel all throughout their lives, regardless of their age. They will surely feel that burden accumulating throughout their lives; they cannot feel free from it.

Yet, how true is that in itself? Is it real? You are the only ones who knows **the truth about this. If you're going to do something** (Father has said this, hasn't he?), **you might as well do it right**, or you would be better off not doing it.

When you carefully observe children these days, honestly speaking, the kids in Korea are just like those in America. This is because this country is now **about to enter the ranks** of the developed nations from the ranks of the underdeveloped nations. Different aspects of the environment have improved, and in many respects people feel security from **their standard** of living. The situation is such that the youth are now acutely aware of the extent to which they can control a certain situation, which cannot compare with how things were in the past. The technology the young people speak of is quite formidable. They are not easily persuaded. Nothing can be done if you don't do it seriously. If you're going to do something professionally, you should do it to the end. It will definitely not work if you do it half-heartedly.

That is how people look at it. People these days say they like a certain celebrity they see on TV. **In this age, unlike the past, you see people walking around like someone from a comic book**, frankly....

In various places in America, there is a gaping difference in that standard compared to the past. **That is the reality.** In the past, information that took a year to be conveyed is now conveyed in an instant. You can find everything you need in a single day, and you can do that right in your living room!

I have a favor to ask you. Please forgive. [Applause] How wonderful it would be if symbolic things were one and the same with reality. Is there anything that is naturally and automatically perfected from the start without going through a process of growth? There is no need to ask; each individual has his own portion of responsibility. Who says? Has there been anybody who helped another or even asked for help? That's the truth. It's the undeniable and absolute truth. That is reality. Really, do you think I came to Cheongpyeong because I like it? Do you think I came here because I wanted to? There are not so many people here that I like. There are many whose thoughts are more like those of an enemy. To tell you the truth....

You must now persuade people to live for the sake of others. **Weren't the members of the Unification Church with plenty of money called to come here? It isn't easy to witness to people** these days. It isn't easy to take care of those who are in the movement, either. What should we do? It is also difficult to witness to people who have problems because their standard is different. It is particularly difficult to deal with people with many problems. **Isn't that so? You must really invest a lot. That** is the only way. The way to fill people with grace is by sacrificing, or otherwise by financial means. You have to present things to people in a way that they can really feel it. Otherwise, they will feel reluctance.

Sometimes, honestly speaking, I don't want to be near own my parents. If I go to them, **I don't feel so good. It's not as if I** know everything. Also, there are many among you here whom I don't know. That's a fact. Yet, I also see many familiar faces.

Did I come here to judge you? I am not here to be judged either. [Applause] I know that you have faith and are doing a good job. **I too was blessed again by True Parents. You should now** receive a lot of blessings and do your best. Let's do our best in our lives.

On a personal note, my body is almost completely well. I am preparing now to **begin my work in earnest. So I will offer** what Father needs to the extent that **I can and to the best of my** ability. That is all **that I can do. In the end, those are the things** that are needed in our activities.

The Principle is the Principle. Yet, you would need a lot of self-development—or shall I **say a lot of useful information and material—to create an opportunity to start a conversation using** what's in the Principle. **This must be in the hands of each individual**, of the members....

In case there is good information, I'm saying that we should enter into good **competition. We are now living in the internet** age. That is why broadcasting stations no longer spend as much money as they did in the past. If somebody can provide a good idea, if they just have the content, they can attract a lot of people. They can draw the attention of the audience and continue to develop themselves. It must first begin from the psychological level. From there it can spread to the church. If you can't feel that **yourself, people will naturally go in search** of something more profound. You have to be working with that focus. Otherwise, who will follow you when you tell them to?

Such things must emerge on their own at various points. That is why it is desirable to have that kind of good competition. Then a lot more people will gather in different places as one person speaks. What good is it to gather and talk?

I think that coming to speak is the greatest gift I can offer to Father. That is how I honestly feel. I don't think there is anything else. I will continue to do that. [Applause]

It seems you have tried to create that kind of opportunity. If it is there, let's go and do it. But it is hard for me. People feel good when they have something to do that they want to do. If you want to come, come. If not, don't. I told you then **at the Berlin Wall,**² I would have gone anyway without you. I have now just begun. There is nothing else. I am somebody who can focus on that task and carry on with it. Didn't you all set conditions and strive to live like that? That is what I have to say. I was asked to come and say hello to you today but honestly, what is there **that I can do that would be of some help to** you? Thank you for your hard work. You are all doing a **great job. Isn't that what I should say? Isn't that what I should say** to make you happy? I should make you happy and just leave. That's what I was **originally thinking of doing.** [Applause] I will do things one at a time. If you've endured until now, please endure a little bit more. Thank you.

If I were to have one last wish, I would ask you to pray and set conditions so that Father can live for a long time. Shouldn't he live for another fifty years, don't you think? So I'm asking you this as it is the only thing I can ask you. What else can I ask you to do? And if you really want to give me something please do so. **That's the gift I need most. Whatever you appear to be** doing for me or appear to be doing for Father, you are still his children, right? If you can at least do that, I too can recover that mindset that I had in the past of **having hope and doing my** best. I will work on **melting away the hard feelings I had and** try to love. True Love! Thank you. ♦

2 Hyo-jin nim led a group of CARP members and European church members in a protest against communism to the Berlin Wall in 1987.

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One Family
Under God,
Aju!



Anyeong hasaeyo! Konichiwa. Good afternoon. Bonjour. Hola. Guten Tag. Which language have we missed today? Nihao. Sawatdi. Who else? Who else?... [Konichiwa.] I already said, "Konichiwa."

It's good to see all of you here today. You are here as one family; I'm very happy to see all of you here together as one family. Let's think about it—in the whole world, the Unification Church is in the Abel position, so we should show the path for Cain to follow. All our leaders are here from the whole world; we should be united in front of God and in front of True Parents. We have to work to achieve a true family. We should show a vision to the world. What would the world be like if we gave it a vision? Please participate with that heart, at the Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Assembly; become leaders throughout the world. Can you do it? [Yes!] I can't hear you! Can you do it? [Yes!] I can't hear you! Can you do it? [Yes!] Wow! Good.

I don't have a long time. I've reported to True Parents. I write a report to True Parents every month. I have so many responsibilities, so I have a lot of assistants. Every month I have so much to report, but I can't give every report myself in front of you guys. I lived in America for a long time, but I don't think as Americans do. I'm more familiar with Koreans and am closer to them. So, if I make a decision, I only see what I've decided—like a cow. I cannot listen to others. If I make a decision, I stay on that path. My personality is very manly. A man should be like this, have masculine characteristics. If I didn't have to speak, I'm not a person who would speak a lot. If I have to speak, especially with Unificationists (You are my family; we are here today as a family.), I want to share what I do with you guys. Do you want to know? I prepared a report; Kim Young-jun, the vice-chairman, who is a handsome second-generation member, will read the report I gave to True Parents. It's edited, and I rearranged it. Please listen closely. [The vice-chairman reads the report.]

[Hyun-jin retakes center stage. Pointing to his watch and referring to the time limit given to speakers at the Assembly, he resumes his message.] I have only fifteen minutes, right? I can see you so closely. I'm so happy to see you here. I don't have much time, and I want to speak faster, so I'm going to speak in English. It's good to see all of you from all over the world! Blessed central families! Citizens of Cheon Il Guk gathered here in Cheongpyeong today. This is the hour where we substantiate God's sovereignty on earth. We have entered the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk. The number seven represents the number of completion.

As a son, although many of you look at me as being in the second generation, I have more affinity to the first generation, because—[applause] Wait! Wait!... It's because from the day I was born until the day I am standing before you, I have witnessed the trials and tribulations of my parents. Not from some far-off distant corner of a stadium but from the middle of the fight, on the front line with no mask to hide behind, internalizing, experiencing together the tremendous sacrifice—blood sweat and tears—that was sown on the hallowed ground, this hallowed earth that had lost God, planting the seeds of hope for humanity, so that humanity could be saved, to be united once again with humanity's original parents, God. I have witnessed the life of a filial son—not just a filial son—a patriot—not just a patriot—a saint—not just a saint—a holy son and daughter of God. Someone who had God's dream etched deep in his

heart, going back to the beginning of Creation, the beginning of time, unlocking secrets behind God's agony as mankind fell away from God, realizing that his dream was to realize the world, a kingdom, where God could dwell as the parent of humanity.

Actually, the age of Cheon Il Guk should not have started in 2000; it should have started in 1945. Gathered here are the blessed central families, the founders of *Tongil Gyohae*; in one sense, our history was not the original history intended by God for the work of True Parents. As a son, as I stand here before you to proclaim the age of Cheon Il Guk—the seventh year, the year of completion—I realize that this is the culmination of a large detour because of the failure of prepared Christianity and the nation of Korea in not uniting with the will of God. And the precious life and years that should have been spent in the building of Cheon Il Guk—in the building of God's substantial kingdom and sovereignty—were wasted in the wilderness because of the failure of humanity to receive True Parents. Therefore, as we stand here today, gather here today, you stand as members of the extended family of True Parents, sons and daughters, Cain and Abel, as we celebrate the eighty-eighth year of True Father's life and the sixty-fifth year of True Mother's. Eighty-eight—eight, eight—representing a new beginning. This should be a time of new beginning, where the dream that was etched in the hearts of True Parents should be realized within the time frame ending in 2012. As the sons and daughters of True Parents, you hold the key to unlocking the tremendous burden that is on the shoulders of True Parents as you inherit God's dream of one family under God and substantiate His sovereignty on earth. Aju! [Aju!] Aju! [Aju!] Aju! [Aju!] Aju! [Aju!] Aju! [Aju!]

That is the conviction that we have to have in this hour. Aju. Can you do that—yes or no? [Yes!] Can you do that—yes or no? [Yes!] Can you do that—yes or no? [Yes!] This is a time when we have to be reborn again like a young man or a young woman—burning with the passion to realize God's dream on earth as owners that have inherited the dream of God, True Parents and the ideal family. Aju! Aju! Do you want to be young people again? [Yes!] Do you want to be young people again? [Yes!] Do you want to be young people again? [Yes!] Do you want to be reborn again? [Yes!] Do you want to find that old self that had the passion to give up everything for the fulfillment of God's will on earth? Amen? No men? Aju! Everybody stand up and say Aju! [Aju!] Aju! [Aju!] Aju! [Aju!]

It is said that Tongil Gyohae has found the fountain of youth. Let the message go far and wide that as the sons and daughters of God, whether you are the Cain-type or the Abel-type, you will be born again to carry out God's mission and his dream. Aju!

[The music to *Jeon Pureun Chonwonwie* rises in volume.] Before you wonder what all these young people are doing here—these are ones I've trained. You go in here and you come out [through an arch formed by young members standing opposite one another with their arms outstretched and touching over the front row]. You have to be reborn again as a young person, a teenager. [Singing lasts for about twenty minutes] Work hard. Number one! Number one! Number one! Number one! Number one! Number one! [Handing the microphone to Yang Chang-shik] Lead us in mansei. All of you are young people again. ♦

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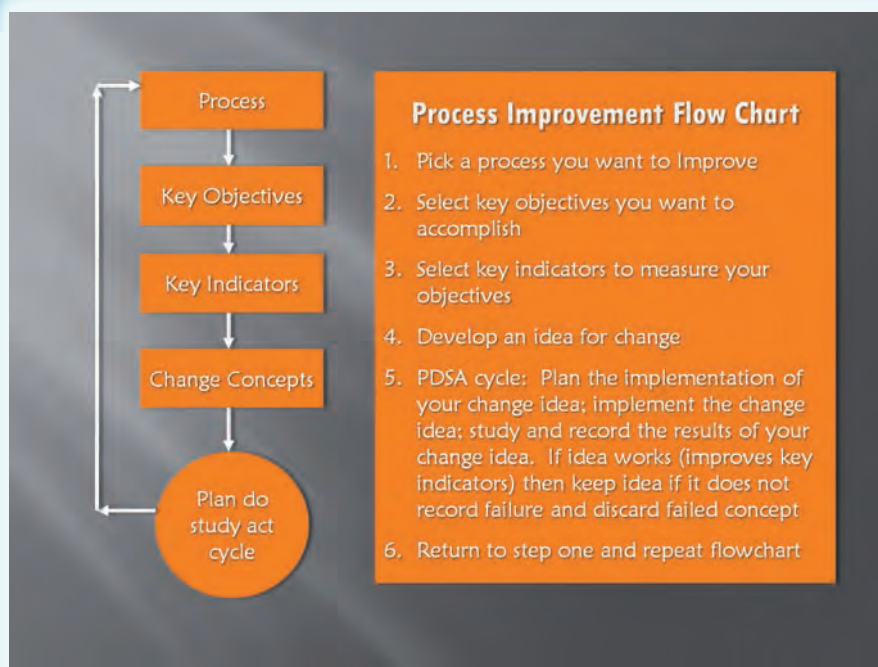
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These are the five rules of management we presented to our group: We asked our managers to choose results over status, to choose accountability over popularity, to choose clarity over certainty, to choose productive conflict over harmony and to choose trust over invulnerability.

One of the major problems we've had in the Unification Movement is that many of our organizations and leaders were more interested in preserving their position and their status than focusing on delivering actual, substantial, measurable results for the sake of our entire church. Since they were interested in protecting their status, they were not willing to face reality. As a result, reports were distorted, there were exaggerations, and dissent was basically not allowed. What we have tried to do here in the Korean Foundation and in the Tongil Group is bring in more openness. We are trying for transparency, being truthful and sharing data with all of our church. The remarkable thing is that when you show trust, respect and honesty, you get those things back.

Ours has been the work of helping people to become free and honest with themselves, helping them to become free and honest in serving our True Parents and in making substantial results. That is what I would like to share with you today—how we can become free, because today we are living in the time of liberation. Our responsibility is not to enslave people, but to free them spiritually so that they can all enter the kingdom of heaven and all become children of God.

This is the definition of Six Sigma: "It's a way of measuring processes with a goal of near perfection, represented by 3.4 Defects per Million Opportunities (DPMO); it's an approach to changing the culture of an



results. Let me show you how it works.

Continuous improvement

The Foundation business group is the process we are dealing with here. Our key objective is to make profit. The key indicator is operating profit. Our change concept is to sell or liquidate unprofitable companies that cannot be easily fixed.

We now need to implement the change concept we developed. We plan. We do the market valuation of all the companies in our business group. We decide which money-losing companies are too difficult to fix, decide which companies to dispose of. We do. We dispose of the companies we planned on disposing of. We review the results and their effect on the operating income of the group. If the effect is good, we record the change concept as a standard operating policy (SOP) of the business group.

This is the result of the first operation of the Continuous Improvement Cycle:

We sold the following: Wacom, INP, Hyundai Industries, and Sung Shin Investments. We liquidated or bankrupted: Hwa Shin, Plastic Software, Prime Salt, and Sung Won King Krill.

I don't know, my brothers and sisters, some people say that businesses sell themselves. But they weren't that easy to sell or dispose of. Our group is getting better because we are doing specific things and executing these change concepts.

This was the first cycle. We made substantial improvement by doing this. Our operating loss was reduced substantially; by this, there was a huge reduction in operating loss.

Now that we have executed and done the first cycle, we have to come up with a new change concept. The first cycle was to liquidate or sell businesses that are hard to fix. That stays as our standard operating policy; we don't throw that away. If we see the same situation again in the future, we use that standard operating policy.

Continuous improvement—the second cycle

In order to improve our group further we need to come up with a new change concept. The process stays the same. The key objective is the same. The key indicator is the same, but the change concept changes.

Here we have it again—continuous improvement: Foundation business group; key objective, make profit; key indicator, operating profit; change concept, restructure unprofitable business to make profit or reduce loss.

I don't know how many of you have done business restructuring, but in the field of management, restructuring is one of the most difficult jobs to do. To do successful business restructuring is even harder. I can tell you that for a fact because I spent countless hours working on these restructuring projects. I interviewed hundreds of people and had to make hundreds of decisions on who to fire. My friends, people do not fire themselves. This is the hard work we've been doing for two years.

The PDSA cycle: We develop a restructuring plan for the companies that are unprofitable or have low profitability. We execute the plan. We review the results and their effect on the

organization. Most accurately, though, Six Sigma is defined as a broad and comprehensive system for building and sustaining business performance, success and leadership."¹

There are six major themes in Six Sigma—a genuine focus on the customer; data- and fact-driven management; process-focused management and improvement; proactive management; "boundaryless" collaboration; and a drive for perfection, yet a tolerance for failure.

My brothers and sisters, we have all come together; we have all been brought together by our True Parents; and we all have been brought together by the Divine Principle and the teachings of this church. The Principle teaches us that with the advent of our True Parents this is the age of perfection. My friends, my brothers, my sisters, if this is the substantial age of perfection, don't you think that God has introduced concepts to achieve perfection on earth, perfection in organizations today—at the same time that He has revealed the spiritual truth of the Divine Principle to our True Parents, so that both the spiritual side and the external side can together harmoniously achieve perfection in this age?...

My brothers and sisters, perfection is achievable today. It is. But it is achievable through failure. In Six Sigma and in Continuous Improvement, in order for us to improve, we have to fail. So, when Jesus came to the earth as the Messiah, he preached to all the people of the world, "Judge not, lest you be judged." He taught us to love and forgive sinners, to embrace those who have fallen from God. All the people of the world are children of God, and it is our responsibility in this age to gather all of God's children and lead them all to the kingdom of heaven.

The process of continuous improvement is found in Six Sigma philosophy. This flow chart is called a "closed loop" system; it's a circular system—hence, continuous improvement. How does this work? First, you pick a process; then you pick a key objective. You pick key indicators. You develop change concepts. You plan. You do. You study and you act. You implement those concepts and study and observe the

¹ p. 77, *The Six Sigma Way: How GE, Motorola, and Other Top Companies are Honing Their Performance*, by Peter S. Pande et al

operating income of the group. If the effect is good, we record the change concept as a standard operating policy of the business group.

We restructured the following companies: Il hwa, Il Shin, the *Segye Times*, and TIC companies.

My vice-chairman gave you the report this morning. You can see the quality of management we've brought together. We have very good professionals working for us now.

As a result of the second round of the Continuous Improvement Cycle, our group experienced greater, additional reduction in operating loss and improvement in our profitability. Now that we have completed two of the Continuous Improvement Cycles, we have to come up with a new change concept.

A key point to understand is that business improvement, organizational development, is done deliberately. Nothing in business organization happens by chance. It all has to be planned to be successful.

Continuous improvement—the third cycle

Again the process is the Foundation business group; the key objective is to make profit, the key indicator is operating profit. The change concept is to grow businesses to improve low-profit businesses.

Then we go to our PDSA cycle.² We make a plan to grow revenues in a profitable manner to take greater effective advantage of fixed expenses. We implement the plan and review the results on the operating income of the group. If the effect is good, we record the concept as a standard operating policy of our business group.

As a result, we improved, through growth, the operating profit of Yong Pyong Resort and Sun Won Construction. All the businesses in that group have improved. Not one has gotten worse. Did this happen by chance?

Let's be reasonable now; we are all grown-ups. We can make the Tongil Group outstandingly successful. The world movement, our Unification Movement, can be outstandingly successful. But in order to realize our potential, we have to become honest with ourselves.

Based on three rounds of the Continuous Improvement Cycle, we now have three standard operating policies. We will sell or liquidate unprofitable companies that cannot be easily fixed. We will restructure unprofitable business to make profit or reduce loss, and we will grow business to improve low-profit businesses.

We've done, for example, one restructuring already in the *Segye Times*. The president of the company worked hard and had to make many difficult decisions to do that restructuring. All of us in the Tongil Foundation and in the entire Tongil Movement appreciate his effort in making those changes. We should all give the president of the *Segye Times*, President Lee, a big round of applause.

But, my friends, what is our second operating policy? It is

² The Plan Do Study Act (PDSA) Continuous Improvement Cycle, first formulated by Edward Deming, is part of Total Quality Management (TQM). TQM has been said to be the core of Six Sigma.

PDSA

- Plan: Develop a restructuring plan for the companies that are unprofitable or have low profitability
- Do: Execute the restructuring plan
- Study: Review the results and their effect on the operating income of the group
- If the effect is good then record the change concept as a SOP of the business group

restructuring unprofitable business to make profit or reduce loss. Although we have reduced the loss at the *Segye Times*, it is still substantial. That's not good enough. According to our standard operating policy, we will do restructuring until we get the proper mix of human and fixed resources, so that we can make this organization sustainable. We have made much progress, but our work is just beginning. It is not finished—this is just a start.

Now that we have done three rounds of the Continuous Improvement Cycle, what is the next challenge? We must come up with a new change concept to do another cycle, a fourth cycle. Once we complete the fourth cycle, we do a fifth, sixth, seventh. Continuous improvement goes on forever. It never stops. Organizations today are able to achieve near perfection in the quality of their manufactured products because they are continuously, incrementally making themselves, their organization and their products better. My brothers and sisters, this is truly the age of perfection. We are seeing perfection being achieved in this day, in this hour, at this time, in substance.

You've already seen the results from the accountants' statements. Those are the facts. Nobody's making those numbers up. They have all been reviewed by qualified accountants, both internal and external.

Continuous improvement—God's providence

But my brothers and sisters, we are not here to talk about business. We are here to talk about our True Parents, about God's providence and God's will for the earth. Don't you believe that God is continuously working throughout history and through all of us to bring all of us closer to Him? Don't you think God wants to save all His children, bring the entire family of man together as one family under God, without excluding one single person? My friends, my brothers and sisters, I too, share that conviction, with you. [Applause]

It is interesting that when we look at our Divine Principle and when we look at the Continuous Improvement Cycle, we can see Six Sigma and the Continuous Improvement Cycle in the Divine Principle that we read every day.

Our True Parents have already taught us everything. All the truth is right before our very eyes, but we are blind; we



do not see what is there. Now is the time to throw away our prejudices, our intolerance, our greed and our selfishness and truly embrace the truth of God, of True Parents as the True Parents of all humanity, of all the people.

Look again at the Continuous Improvement Cycle. The process we pick this time is the providence of restoration. The key objective—restoring God’s dominion; establishing Abraham as the Father of Israel; the key indicator—accomplishing the foundation of faith by a successful offering, and the change concept—make Abraham the father of God’s chosen people. This is the Principle.

PDSA Cycle: Pick Abraham as the father of the Israelite people; make him and his descendants prove their faith in God. Do—establish the foundation of faith through offerings of a heifer, ram and dove. Study—review the results and their effects on the providence of restoration. If the effect is good, record the change concept as a standard operating policy of the providence. Result—Abraham cut the bull and ram as God directed but failed to cut the dove. The dove was taken by Satan. Because of the failure of the first offering, his descendants were condemned to four hundred years of slavery.

So we failed, okay. What do we do? Do it again. This is continuous improvement. The process is the providence of restoration. The key objective—restore God’s dominion; establish Abraham as the Father of Israel; the key indicator—accomplish the foundation of faith by a successful offering; make Abraham the father of God’s chosen people.

Pick Abraham as the father of the Israelite people; make him and his descendants prove their faith in God. Do—establish a foundation of faith through offering Isaac. Study—review the results and their effects on the process of restoration. If the effect is good, record the change concept as a standard operating policy of the providence.

Result—Abraham succeeded in offering Isaac. God continued working through Isaac and his descendants to win substantial victory over Satan. The foundation of faith was fulfilled.

Continuous improvement in the process of restoration—the next cycle: Key objective—restore God’s dominion, resolve the Cain–Abel conflict at the family level. Key indica-

tor—accomplish foundation of substance by bringing Esau to voluntary surrender to Jacob. Change-concept—By restoring the Cain–Abel relationship, create the formula for successfully subjugating Satan and lay the foundation for the coming of the Messiah.

PDSA: Pick Jacob as the new Abel and Esau as the new Cain. Establish the foundation of substance through Esau voluntarily submitting to Jacob. Review the results and their effect on the providence of restoration. If the effect is good, record the change concept as a standard operating policy of the providence.

What was the result? Jacob succeeded in subjugating Esau through love. Jacob established the foundation of substance; through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, God gained victory over Satan and established the root for Israel. The foundation for the coming of the Messiah was established.

From the Continuous Improvement Cycle we get the standard operating policy; follow Jacob’s course to subjugate Satan. Fulfill a faith offering to separate from Satan and accomplish the foundation of faith. Bring Cain to voluntary surrender to fulfill the foundation of substance.

This is the standard operating policy of the providence. Moses followed Jacob’s course at the national level. He fulfilled a forty-based faith condition and subjugated the nation of Israel through three courses.

Jesus followed Jacob’s course to become the Messiah. He fulfilled a forty-based faith condition and established the foundation of substance.

Brothers and sisters, this is the Principle. God is working through history and all of us to continuously improve us. Continuous improvement is not about exclusion but about inclusion. It’s not about intolerance but about tolerance. It’s not about punishment; it’s about forgiveness. These are things which Jesus brought to us and which Father is now teaching. I ask you: Why are you so reluctant to open your eyes to this?

Becoming the stewards of a nation

I have a question for you. What is Cheon Il Guk? It is the nation where the subjugation of Cain by Abel occurs naturally and continuously. What does this mean? When we look at the transition of power in democracies, we see this transition. Cain, represented by the party in power, bloodlessly and automatically relinquishes power to Abel, represented by the new party, which has the love and support of the people.

In this age of completion, where is God? God is with all the people. If we take this process of natural subjugation and infinitely speed it up, Cheon Il Guk is a place where all are Abel. Because in the kingdom of heaven, people who serve themselves and are only selfish cannot rise and hold positions of authority.

I have not come here on my own authority. I am here only because True Parents asked me to come here. Today, I stand here before you only in service to our church and all of our members. I did not come to judge all of you; instead, my responsibility is to be judged by you. That is the responsibility of all our leadership....

To make Korea our nation is very simple. We just need to make 50 percent of the people of this nation our members. It’s a democracy. No individual or organization is going to give us power. If we want to become the stewards of the nation, we need to make all of the people of the nation our people.

How can we do this? The problem is not the outside world. The problem is not the satanic world. The problem is

Compounded Growth



us. We are the problem. The reason we have not been able to expand our church is because we have reached a limit in ourselves. We do not grasp our True Parents' comprehension of the Principle and the truth. That is the gap. The gap is between our perception and True Parents' perception; it's between our perception and God's perception.

In the world today, VIPs and thousands of other people respect our True Parents, but they will not join our movement. The reason is simple. They know our organization is still immature. It is not capable of digesting organizations at a higher level of development. Our leaders are still immature. They have not yet risen to a level where they have truly abandoned their ambitions and their greed. Our leaders have memorized and studied the Principle hundreds of times and probably know it by heart; yet they miss the essence. Just like the Jews at the time of Jesus Christ, who knew the teachings and the Mosaic Law by heart but missed the essence. The course of indemnity is the course of a foundation-level religion. That is our current status. Ours is the course of a foundation-level, tribal-level, religion—like Judaism.

We have to get rid of the past in order for us to enter a new age where we truly universalize our church and become a growth-level then a perfection-level religion and organization. This is our struggle and our challenge today, here and now.

Investment for a time of transition

My brothers and sisters, if we can create an institution that is fair, based on policies and procedures that protect the rights of individuals' accomplishments, which seek to do justice rather than exert authority, there are many churches, thousands—tens of thousands—of churches, that will join our movement. This is the direction that I believe our True Parents are leading us in. We just need to open our eyes and see it.

The Foundation's goals in terms of business are very simple. They are to increase the market value of Foundation companies, to increase the market value of Foundation property and to provide cash flow to support church growth. We can do it.

This is a good illustration of compounded growth rates.

This is where we started from fifty years ago. This is where we are today. If we truly follow our True Father's intent, where can we be fifty years from now? This is a graph showing compounded growth rates over fifty years. If we have started out with one billion dollars of church assets, if we grow at ten percent, after fifty years, we will have 120 billion dollars.

Over fifty years, if we grow at 12.5 percent, starting with one billion today, we will have over 360 billion. If we grow at 15 percent, we will have more than one thousand billion.

The lesson is very clear. Moderate rates of return over a long time will produce exponential growth in investment value. It is more important to stay in the game than to win big. You stay in the game by avoiding risk and preserving capital. The preservation of capital is the fundamental building block of investment strategies. Our failure is not that we invested too little; it is that we invested too much. We should remember this point.

This is a slide showing the indemnity period versus liberation. There is a clear divide. It is very different. The times of God's providence before Jesus came and after Jesus came are very different. The same is true of our situation. The times of the Unification Movement on the foundation level and on the growth level are very different. We have to make this transition for us to realize God's will and True Parents' vision. In the indemnity period we have the process of making the foundation of faith and substance, Noah building the ark, Abraham's offering, Moses in the wilderness—a period of absolute obedience to irrational orders.

The period of liberation is different. It is a period of the coming of the Messiah and his acceptance, the period of understanding God's intent rather than following the letter of the law, the period where man governs himself by his own conscience, a period of brotherhood and universal acceptance....

What does this mean for me? We have all suffered. I have suffered, you have suffered—but we have to remember that we suffer so that others do not have to. Unification Church members must learn to be more open and embracing and universal. It is a period without discrimination, a period when all people can inherit God's blessing and the kingdom of heaven because of True Parents' sacrifices.

I will leave you with one last slide. These are True Parents' words from God's Ideal Family and the Responsibility the Citizens of Cheon Il Guk are Called to Fulfill.

The main attributes of God's true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, so whoever practices true love will live with God, share His happiness, enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work and the right of inheritance. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute prerequisite for entering the kingdom of heaven.

Our True Parents and God have given us the keys to the kingdom of heaven. All we need to do is practice it.

Komapsumnida! ♦



Members of True Parents' extended family join True Parents and all the performers onstage at the conclusion of the entertainment that followed the birthday banquet

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live in such a way that you can say he's better than your parents, you cannot hand things down to him. The universe was lost, so you cannot receive the holy blessing, giving you the right of inheritance and you cannot become representatives bearing collective responsibility without following me. Listen to reports of saints [from the spirit world], and you will see if I'm lying to you.

There is no time to lose. A fearful day of judgment will come if we fail to fulfill our calling—the responsibility and mission that Heaven has given us in this era after the coming of heaven. This is not a threat. Those among you who can communicate spiritually, try to pray about it to see if it's just a threat. You never know when the day will come....

When we established Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, we also established a nation. We gave a name to the nation. We have a flag and an anthem. This is a formidable nation. Neither Russia, nor China, nor the U.S.—not even the spirit world—can dominate it, since I am in charge of it. Even God is watching it, so there is no way to live just as we please. I am not just boasting. I am a conscientious man. If we don't reach completion, a fearsome judgment day will come....

You have no way to go now if you can't become one. God's original lineage is one. Can there be two lineages? A national tradition is one. Can there be two? Don't ask. If we don't complete this, a fearsome day of judgment will come.

During the Entrance Ceremony for Cheon Jeong Peace Palace and the Coronation Ceremony of the True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and on Earth, held on June 13 last year, I proclaimed the seven basic obligations and mission, based on the heavenly standard, for becoming a citizen of Cheon Il Guk. Please be victorious in fulfilling those basic obligations and mission. I have specified seven points that you are responsible for. This is not just idle talk, made in passing. The constitution of the heavenly kingdom has been established, so this is the most important original document for you to refer to. This is the original.

Leaders from around the world, please become true princes and princesses who live in attendance of God as your true parent, for He is the Peace King of the multitudes. Let us build the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world of the sacred reign of peace by attending True Parents, who have been enthroned as the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and on Earth in the realm of eternal liberation and freedom—where there is no need for the Savior, Messiah nor Lord at his second advent—and fulfill the dutiful way of a true, devoted child, a patriot, a saint, and a member of the family of God's sons and daughters! [Applause] That's the responsibility we are called to fulfill.... Be high spirited. Please become true princes and princesses who live in attendance of God as your true parent, for He is the peace king of the multitudes. Even if Republic of Korea is liberated, even if it is in the realm of eternal liberation and freedom—where there is no need for the Savior, Messiah or Lord at his second advent—its prisons are full. Fulfill the dutiful way of a true, devoted child, a patriot, a saint and a member of the family of God's sons and daughters, attending True Parents, the king and queen of substantial, liberated heaven and earth in the liberated world. You must fulfill the dutiful way and establish the global kingdom of the ideal of peace in the sacred era of peace. That's the answer.

Let us establish a model ideal family through which to bring the complete settlement of the ideal realm of liberation and complete inner freedom in heaven and on earth, and the peaceful kingdom of goodness in which we can enjoy a time of absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal peace and prosperity, and which can become the homeland of peace in heaven and on earth that can be eternally praised! [Applause] We have to establish the homeland at the price of any sacrifice. We have to build God's nation, the homeland where He will be able to dwell. Those who don't have any objection to that, raise your hands. May God's blessings be upon your family, your nation and the world for all eternity! Thank you.◆

Hyung-jin Moon Speaks at the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2007



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I used to be bald, but now I am a non-bald man. I actually got in trouble this morning. Before coming here, Mother told me to wear a suit. I told her, “Mom, I will wear a suit in my mind,” and I ran like crazy down here. I’ll probably be scolded when I go back up there. Mom, use the small stick please; the large one hurts.¹ [Laughter]

I would like begin by sharing with you the key points I talked about last year. I’m sure many of you came last year, but this is what I said. I spoke about theologically elevating and glorifying True Parents as the leaders of the tradition, providing resources to help prevent historical schisms and preserving the cosmic value of True Parents.

We discussed these points last year: *Homoousios*, *homoiousios*² and that in early Christianity there were many discussions about different doctrines related to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in relation to Jesus. I also spoke about preventing historical theological failures, and keeping the center. We

1 True Mother may have been watching from the Peace Palace.

2 Greek, meaning “of the same substance” and “of a similar substance” respectively; they are the core of a theological controversy.

should keep the center—there can be no new True Parents, no new king, no new center. These were the points I talked about.

Case one

Let’s study the history of religions. The Roman Catholic Church, for example (*Cheonjugyo* in Korean) is the oldest and largest Christian church. It is the oldest and largest centralized religious organization in the world. Of course, Bishop Milingo knows. At the end of 2004, the Catholic Church had approximately 1.09 billion members. We can say that one sixth of the world’s population is a member of the Catholic Church.

So, in 381 during the Nicene-Constantinople conference, this phrase came up, [in Greek he reads] “μία, ἁγία, καθολικὴ καὶ ἀποστολικὴ Ἐκκλησία.” This is what the Roman Catholic Church uses to identify itself. It means “the one, holy, catholic [meaning ‘universal’] and apostolic church.” “Apostolic” means that it is connected to those who personally followed Jesus Christ. The Roman Catholic Church is

a tradition descending from Peter. We can find those four descriptive terms in the Bible, 1 Cor 12:27. It was inspired by that particular biblical verse.

The pope is the bishop of Rome and Peter's successor; that's the formal definition of the pope. The pope is at the center of this tradition, which comes from Peter, and he is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the entire church, the company of the faithful. He is the Vicar of Christ and the supreme pontiff of the church and has papal infallibility; essentially, he is the definitive interpreter of the doctrine.

Under the pope are bishops, who are constituted pastors of the Church to be teachers of doctrine, priests of sacred worship and ministers of governance. That's their formal description. The pope, cardinals, patriarchs, primates, archbishops and metropolitans are all bishops and members of the Catholic episcopate or College of Bishops.

Then there is the College of Cardinals. I'm sure you remember seeing many cardinals when Pope John Paul passed away. Cardinals are selected by the pope. The College of Cardinals generally selects bishops to head episcopal sees. This refers to the Roman curia. The Vatican is actually a separate state, as I understand it, from Italy. Cardinals advise the pope in matters of church and faith. Cardinals under the age of eighty select the pope during a papal vacancy. As of January 7, 2007, there were 185 cardinals; 111 were under eighty. That's some background information about the Roman Catholic Church.

That is the Roman Catholic Church now, but when we look at early Christianity, it is a very different story. As you all know, the first Christian emperor was Constantine. His was the first Christian royal family. Later, the Athanasius and Arius debate arose.

The homoousios doctrine states that Jesus is the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, while the homoiousios doctrine states that they were similar. That's what [Athanasius v. Arius] was all about. We have the Roman Catholic Church, the Greek Orthodox Church and the Russian Orthodox Church—all because of this. Some people supported Athanasius, who believed in homoousios. Arius believed in homoiousios. They debated among themselves. In the end, the sons of Constantine took sides. You need to study many things about history if you wish to understand the Trinitarian disputes. When I was in Harvard, there was a very famous person whose focus was the Trinitarian Theology.

Trinitarian disputes and relations

This deals with economic and political issues. Trinitarian theology was connected to the political issues of early Christianity. The early theological disputes become legitimizing factors for schisms in early Christianity.

Let's look at Constantine and his succession legacy. We have some information about Constantine. He is known as the first Roman emperor to "embrace" Christianity, although he also supported other non-Christian "pagan" religions. He was of tremendous help to Christianity, granting it legal status as a religion (*religio licita*) in the 313 Edict of Milan. He died in 337, leaving his empire to three sons—Constantine II, Constantius II and Constans—who were from his second wife, Fausta.

The first son, Constantine II, supported Athanasius and the homoousios doctrine, which claims that Jesus the Son was also the Father and the Holy Spirit, in other words, that Jesus

was God—not similar to God, but God Himself.

The second son, Constantius II, believed that Jesus was not God and that God created Jesus. He led a massacre of those of his relatives who descended from the second marriage of his grandfather Constantius Chlorus and Theodora. The family split over competing theological doctrines in a feud for political and religious power. In 340, the first son, Constantine II, died while trying to usurp the position held by his brother Constans, who eventually became the ruler of the west. In 350, Constans, the third son, died in a battle with forces allied with the "usurper Magnentius." Christians regarded Magnentius as a heathen. Then, Constantius, the second son, defeated Magnentius in the battle of Mursa Major.

We can find numerous historical examples of schisms from the Christian tradition, such as the "Incident at Antioch," a schism between Pauline Christianity and Jewish Christianity, circa AD 50, the Donatist schism, beginning in 311; and the Great Schism of 1054, which was one of the largest schisms in Christianity. A number of denominations resulted from schisms, such as the Scottish Reformation in 1560, the Jansenism schism of 1643 and the one between Anglican Communion and the Continuing Anglican Movement in 1977.

What we can learn

What we can learn from this is that although the brothers were intended to rule together, they ended up at war with one another, with the people of the empire divided and mobilized under their respective leaders. There is no unified empire in this model; Christianity was completely divided. It split into Eastern and Western Catholic Christianity, which still exist today. It all began then, in the early years.

Case two

We will now look at Islam and I will explain a little about Muhammad. In the Islamic tradition, Muhammad is the final prophet of God. He is the restorer of the "original" monotheistic faith of Adam, Abraham and the other prophets whose messages were "corrupted" or "misinterpreted" over time. In 632, Muhammad passed away, and there was no apparent successor. This is when the Sunni and Shia factions split. The Sunni tradition began from Abu Bakr, who was Muhammad's father-in-law; while the Shia tradition comes from Muhammad's cousin, Ali ibn Abi Talib. The Sunni faction is currently the dominant tradition in present-day Islam.

Let's go back in history and look at Muhammad's life. On September 9, 622, he emigrated or fled from Mecca to Medina. In Mecca, there was the Kaaba, to which the Muslims go to worship. Back then, [non-Muslims] did not worship God but various Arabian deities within the Kaaba. The people in Mecca did not like Muhammad because he was a proponent of a radical monotheism and spoke of a day of judgment. So Muhammad's own tribe drove him out of Mecca. An assassination attempt forced him to flee to Medina in 622.

In Medina, Muhammad's followers became a political and military force. Eight years later, in 630, they returned to Mecca as conquerors and purged the Kaaba of its idolatrous worship and restored it as a holy place of God.

There were two groups in Medina—the Muhajirun and the Ansar. The Muhajirun, meaning "emigrants," were those who followed Muhammad from Mecca to Medina in 622. The Ansar, or "helpers," were citizens of Medina who helped Muhammad and the Muhajirun upon their arrival. Simply put, there were two groups. After Muhammad's death, the

Muhajirun and the Ansar disagreed and threatened to split the *ummah*, the community of Muslim faithful.

The Meeting of Saqifah was held to select a successor to Prophet Mohammed. "*Saqifah*" is Arabic for "small house." Most scholars agree the process took several months. Abu Bakr was named, but some disagreed and refused to swear allegiance to him. They chose to follow Muhammad's cousin, Ali, as the true leader and successor. This is how the Islam tradition split into Sunni and Shia.

The Sunnis and Shias have different narratives of what happened. The Sunnis tell the Shias their version, and the Shias tell their version to the Sunnis. It is very complicated. The Sunni say that Ali eventually willingly submitted to Abu Bakr after Ali's wife Fatima, who was the daughter of Muhammad, passed away six months after Muhammad did.

But the Shia disagree. They believe that Ali was pressured and threatened to submit and that Umar, who was Muhammad's lieutenant during his lifetime and a leader of the followers, killed Fatima and their unborn son. Umar became one of the leaders of the Abu Bakr group. This is the Sunni tradition.

What the Shia say is so different from what the Sunnis say; each denomination contradicts the other. With the way they narrate the story of the passing of Prophet Muhammad, the Shia blame the Sunnis for murdering Muhammad's daughter and grandchild.

What we can learn

There can be great conflict and confusion in the time directly after a central figure's absence when dormant disagreements between followers might emerge, possibly resulting in violence and schism. We do not want this. Followers formed groups under different members of Muhammad's family and used the family members' authority to claim to be the "true" tradition. It happened in this particular case. Some people grouped under the father-in-law, while another group formed under the son-in-law and the daughter of Muhammad.

The Sunni-Shia schism began in the early years of Islam. The different groups employ different narratives in accor-

dance with their own objectives and to legitimize their leader. This happens both in the case of Abu Bakr and in the case of Ali. It is a regrettable chapter in the history of religions. When I was studying for my master's degree, I focused on the early years of each religion, especially early Christianity. I also studied various doctrines and ideologies. I wrote one paper comparing the ideology of Jonathon Moschus with that of Buddhism and Taoism. I found the early years of any religion to be the most crucial time.

Case three

That was a medieval period example. Let's go into a Confucian one. We will deal with Confucianism in Korea during the Joseon (or Yi) Dynasty. This dynasty ran from 1392 to 1910. Since there are many leaders here from outside of Korea, I will give a brief overview of the Joseon Dynasty. It was founded by General Yi Seong-gye, who was enthroned with the name King Taejo. It was one of the world's longest running monarchies and was the world's longest ruling Confucian dynasty. It was founded in Kaesong, but the capital was later moved to Seoul, which is why Seoul is a major city now. The Joseon Dynasty encouraged the entrenchment of Confucian learning and ideals and heavily imported Chinese culture into Korea.

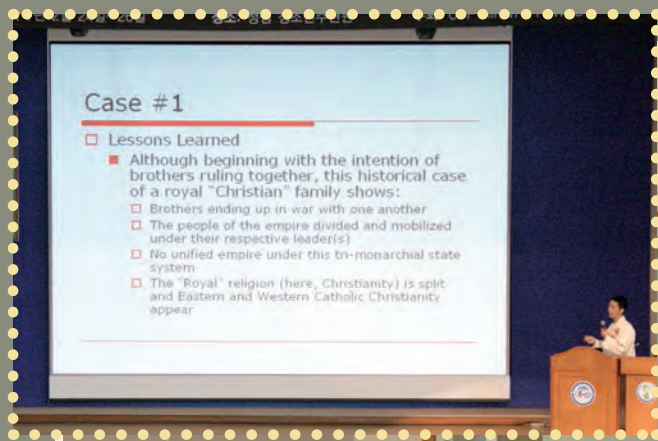
When we look at the Joseon Dynasty's early years, we see they enforced a strict caste system. There was a king at the top of the pyramid. The *yangban* formed the government-official class or upper class. There was a very small middle class of merchants and government employees, the *chungin*; the majority of the population were *sangmin*—peasants, laborers and fishermen. The *sangmin* were forced to pay heavy taxes, up to 50 percent of their produce. They were coerced into military conscription whenever it was mandated and experienced forced labor and brutal punishments. Scholars estimate that 30 percent of the Korean population was made up of *cheonmin*. They were slaves, an even a lower class than *sangmin*. Slave prices were set by the government, which owned 45,000 slaves. We can confirm this according to a 1467 slave count, which is available in the historical record. The government also set the age when the slave's children should begin working. Slave children were sold as well.

In the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries, Hideyoshi Toyotomi of Japan and Qing China invaded Korea. Because of this, the Joseon Dynasty was severely weakened and developed an isolationist policy leading Korea to be known by surrounding nations as the "Hermit Kingdom."

In 1895, Korea was made independent from the Qing tributary system by the Treaty of Shimonoseki, which came about as a result of Japan's victory in the Sino-Japanese War. In 1910, the Joseon Dynasty came to a formal end in the Treaty of Annexation with Korea's annexation by Japan.



A contingent of mainly European leaders during one of the presentations, which were held in the sports hall of the Cheongshim Youth Center



Hyung-jin nim giving his presentation to the Cheon Il Guk Leaders assembly participants (February 26). Yeon-ah nim is seated at back. Assisting Hyung-jin nim with on-the-spot interpretation is Koh Kunduk of the FFWPU International Office.

Let's move on to an early conflict during King Taejo's time, "The First Strife of Princes." King Taejo viewed his fifth son (Yi Bang-won) by his first wife (Queen Sineui) as having contributed most to his victory over Koryo and thought of him as a worthy candidate for successor. Jong Do-jeun was a minister, one of the key allies in overthrowing the Koryo Dynasty and also a consultant. Jong Do-jeun did not like this fifth son. They hated each other.

In an attempt to change the king's mind, Jong Do-jeun convinced the king to choose the son he loved most. So in 1392, Taejo's eighth son, Yi Bang-seok, was named Prince Royal Successor. Jong Do-jeun, meanwhile, planned to assassinate Yi Bang-won, who, remember, is the fifth son, in order to consolidate his position in the court and take out a political enemy. But in 1398, Yi Bang-won raided the palace, killed Jong Do-jeun, and the two sons of Taejo's second wife, including the Prince Royal Successor, Yi Bang-seok. It's a complicated story.

Appalled by the fact that his sons were murdering each other for the crown, King Taejo crowned Yi Bang-gwa, his second son, king. Yi Bang-won, the fifth son, opposed that and attempted to become the "Royal Prince Successor Brother," but Yi Bang-gan, the fourth son, who also desired power, opposed this move. In 1400, these tensions rose and the factions collided. Yi Bang-gan, the fourth son and Yi Bang-won, the fifth son collided. Yi Bang-won was victorious. He exiled his brother, Bang-gan, and executed all Bang-gan's supporters. Yi Bang-gwa, the second son, who had already been crowned king, was intimidated and abdicated. He surrendered the throne to Bang-won, who was so intimidating. Bang-won thus became King Taejong. He committed many shameful deeds to become King Taejong.

In 1405, King Taejong investigated aristocratic landowners who had avoided land tax by hiding land they had acquired. He took the aristocrats' lands from them as well as their right

to muster or create private armies. He severed their ability to create large-scale revolutions. At the same time King Taejong increased the size of his own army.

What we can learn

We can see that this particular monarchy was an ineffective system of government. It had to employ a rigid caste system and to be constantly wary of revolt or revolution by competing factions or powerful individuals. What impact did this have on the nation? We see this inherent stability stifled prosperity, creativity, freedom and innovation. In this historical case, we see that government became a facilitator of slavery and of class distinction. It became a facilitator of oppression. The majority of the population—estimated by scholars at over 50 percent—experienced extreme poverty and forced labor. Caste systems are employed in an attempt to create stability but result in an oppressive governmental structure.

We see that successors to King Taejong created an extremely bad history; there were murders, competition, and jealousy between common successors. This monarchy entrusted all power to one individual, which created a volatile and unstable form of government, because it could violently shift. It could change so quickly. It prevented checks and balances, and it increased the risk of violent and oppressive rule and tyranny. You can see from the conflicts and internal struggles that the king's legacy was stained. As with the biblical legacy of Adam and Eve and with their children, it was stained.

Case four

Let's go to the next case study, which is from sixteenth and seventeenth century Japan. This is a story of Tokugawa Ieyasu and Toyotomi Hideyoshi. Western members may not be familiar with this particular story. Tokugawa Ieyasu was the founder and first shogun of the Tokugawa shogunate, which

ruled from 1600 to 1868 until the Meiji Restoration, when Japan modernized. After Hideyoshi's passing, Ieyasu became the de facto ruler. He became the ruler of Japan with his victory in the Battle of Sekigahara in 1600.

If we look at Tokugawa's history, we find he was taken hostage at the age of nine by the Imagawa clan, enemies of the Oda clan. In 1560, Imagawa Yoshimoto, the head of Imagawa clan, was killed in battle by Oda Nobunaga. These are very famous figures in Japanese history.

Ieyasu made a secret alliance with the Oda clan and in 1561, he officially broke his allegiance to the Imagawa clan. He had to capture Kaminojo fortress, which he did, because his wife and child were still in the hands of the Imagawa clan. He told the king at Kaminojo fortress, "I'll give you your wife if you give me my wife back." They had an exchange.

In 1583, Toyotomi Hideyoshi battled Shibata Katsuie for rule of Japan in the battle of Shizugatake and was victorious. At that point, Toyotomi Hideyoshi became the most powerful daimyo in Japan. But Tokugawa supported Oda against Hideyoshi. In the Battle of Nagakute, Ieyasu was victorious and Hideyoshi negotiated with the Oda clan and offered a truce to Ieyasu. In 1590, Hideyoshi offered to exchange the five provinces under Ieyasu's rule for the eight provinces in the Kanto region.

He made this deal with Ieyasu. So Ieyasu took a great risk and agreed. He left his home province and trusted the uncertain loyalty of the Kanto samurai. He pacified the Kanto samurai, improved the economic infrastructure of Kanto and slowly built his authority there. In a few years, he was right under Hideyoshi. He was the second most influential daimyo in Japan in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries.

In 1598, Hideyoshi, with failing health, created a Council of Five Elders, who would be responsible for ruling on behalf of Hideyoshi's son, Hideyori, after Hideyoshi passed away. Ieyasu became one of the five regents, one of the five elders—the most powerful amongst them. Over the next two years, which was after Hideyoshi's passing, he made alliances with daimyo that had opposed Hideyoshi. This angered the four other elders in the group, so they waged war (again! in this example, too). It was in 1600, at the Battle of Sekigahara; 160,000 men faced off in battle and Tokugawa was victorious.

What we can learn

In this example, after Hideyoshi had passed away, we see that the intentions of even a powerful person can change after a leader passes away. In this case, Ieyasu abandoned the leader's last wish.

Hideyoshi created the Council of Five to rule until his son came of age, but the regents waged war. There was war between them. Hideyoshi's son's "birthright" was usurped. He became a common citizen and Ieyasu became the king of Japan. The lineage of Hideyoshi switched, and Hideyoshi's lineage was replaced in Japan with Ieyasu's lineage. Ieyasu became that de facto ruler.

Case five

This is about a modern-day religion, the Church of Latter Day Saints, also known as the Mormons. As you know, the Mormons go back nearly two hundred years. Yet, they have become a large organization in modern times.

The Church of Latter Day Saints was organized by the founder, Joseph Smith Jr., on April 5, 1830. Within their traditions, Smith was the "Prophet, the Seer and the Revelator," even prior to the organization of the church. Originally, the highest leadership position of the church was that of an "elder," what they called an apostle. Smith initially held the position of "First Elder." A friend and advisor, Oliver Cowdery, became the "Second Elder," initially. This was before the real organization of the movement.

The Mormons used a different system from other religions. They were exceptional. In 1832, the First Presidency was created. There were three individuals, three presidents, within this presidency. In 1832, they were Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon and Jesse Gause. The governing body of the Church was the Council, which had a president and two counselors. Basically, it was Joseph Smith working with Sidney Rigdon and Jesse Gause. It gets complicated; simply put, there were three people in the first presidency—Joseph Smith, at the center, Sidney Rigdon and Jesse Gause.

On February 17, 1834, Smith organized what they called the High Council. Their role was of a judicial and legislative body. Twelve men were organized under the first three, who are at the top. This particular High Council handled issues within the church like excommunication trials or approval of

Having danced a circuitous route among the Cheon Il Guk leaders, True Parents finish their dance onstage



church spending, for example. However, in 1844, when Smith died in prison in Carthage, Illinois, they got rid of the High Council.

In 1835, the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles was organized. The members, or the apostles, had a special calling. They called them “evangelical ambassadors” and “witnesses” to Jesus Christ. Basically, it is the second leadership role within the Mormon Church as of today. The major role of this quorum is to appoint a successor when the president of the Mormon Church passes away. They meet in the Salt Lake temple and lay hands on his head in ordaining a new president. Of course, this is usually the most senior member of this quorum. The Mormon Church acknowledges their elders.

In the 1830s, the Quorum of the Seventy was organized. These were seventy ministers under the twelve. The seventy in this group were “traveling ministers”; inspired by Luke 10:1–2, they were charged with preaching to the world. These seventy operated under the direction of the twelve apostles. As of 2005, there are eight quorums of seventy, because the church is so large. With over 12 million people, they’ve had to multiply the groups of seventy ministers. This group of seventy has become a very important layer between local and general church administration. They provide consistency in doctrine. They provide alignment with the Church’s traditions and ideals. They meet face to face with the Mormon followers. They are the face of the general church administration. There are now 12 million members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They are only about a hundred years older than we are. I’m sure we will be greater in number a hundred years from now.

Why has “non-bald man” given these examples?

Because we are no longer a wandering tribe, we are a world family under God and True Parents. We need to be clear that for all eternity, True Parents are the eternal king and queen of peace; they are the central and absolute authority of the nation; they are the revelators, victors and manifestations of God’s providence and will. They are eternal. We have to start thinking for when they are not with us physically. Once they are not with us physically, the children and constituents need rules of behavior to create lasting harmony and unity, and the ideal peace kingdom....

Let’s look. This is what Father talked about a couple of

days ago. Let’s look at some of the guidance that Father gives us. This is the address that Father gave just a few days ago and one of the peace messages as well.

“The heavenly kingdom is a world overflowing with God’s true love. True love is its axis.”

“The kingdom of heaven is a natural world where all people live for the sake of one another. Consequently, antagonism and jealousy cannot be found anywhere in that world. It is a world that is not governed by money, position or power. There, the success of every person represents the success of the whole, the likes of every person represents the likes of the whole, and the joy of every person represents the joy of the whole.”

“The family links in all directions—up and down, front and rear, right and left. They revolve around each other in everlasting spherical motion. This is the eternal God’s model ideal family which expands to ideal model nations and a peaceful, ideal kingdom. This means we need a movement to realize a society of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. We need to make humanity one great family.”

There are three main categories among the people who follow True Parents.

The first, of course, is the True Family. This is the direct blood lineage of True Parents’ victorious foundation. Father announced the twelve tribes on the January 3, this year. Father acknowledged all the True Sons and Daughters of True Parents.

The second category is the ministers. Ministers are different from the general members. In our church, there may be a slight difference in the status of the ministers and that of the blessed family members. Ministers guide the members. Father has raised and guided such these religious leaders, who have served and sacrificed. These are our ministers.

Then there are the blessed central families. We have many of them now, millions around the world. They have been converted to the true lineage through the blessing.

This is our model of the ideal family.





True Parents and four True Sons left a lasting impression on more than five hundred leaders from abroad and a thousand leaders of the Korean movement during the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2007; here, Hyung-jin nim speaks to an attentive audience.

The sustainability of God and True Parents' legacy

We are focusing here on the children (True Family members, ministers and blessed central families). True Parents and God are absolute. They do not change. Wherever you go in the Unification tradition, in the future, in every nation, they are the center. But how do we create eternal, long-lasting, continuous unity among the children? (The children are from the True Family, from the ministers and their families and from the blessed, central Families.) How do we create continuous unity?

Let's look at some models. We have models in the world today and in the past that we can look at to compare with or just look at. I have studied religion at school but I'm not an expert, so I would simply like to talk about the strengths and weaknesses of each category.

Communism—the strength, we can say was their striving for egalitarianism and equality, which can inspire vast popular support. The biggest weaknesses is, of course, that they do not believe in God. Communism denies that God exists and completely rejects religion. Not one Communist Party in history has ever succeeded. They have repeatedly failed. They failed to actualize their ideology.

The second model we can look at is pure democracy. This is a democracy not like in America or in Korea, which are called democratic republics. Pure democracy is the will of the people. That's it. The strength here is that, theoretically, every individual is heard from and you may get "buy in," from the citizens. However, there are weaknesses. The weaknesses are there are chaotic shifts as the opinions of the masses shift quickly. It has a very chaotic potential. And minorities are not protected. In America, for example, minorities are protected whether they be Asian-American minorities or Spanish-American minorities or Native American minorities, etc. Protection for them is explicitly sought.

If we move to a democratic republic model, we have some strengths—checks and balances, accountability, and leaders that the nation chooses through the election process. We also have weaknesses, such as bureaucracy and time-consuming processes.

Another model, this a constitutional monarchy. United Kingdom is an example. Great Britain is formally known as a constitutional monarchy, which has the strength that it acknowledges lineage. There is the House of Commons, the House of Lords, and of course, Queen Elizabeth and the monarchy. There are checks and balances, because the prime minister is elected. Their weaknesses are similar to a democratic republics'—bureaucracy and time-consuming processes.

The next model is an absolute monarchy. An example of that in the present day would be the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. We can say their strengths are acknowledgement of lineage and perhaps quick implementations of mandates, but their weaknesses include a high risk of tyranny and the lack of a just legal structure.

Another model even up to the modern age is dictatorship. I guess you can say a strength is a quick implementation of mandates. I couldn't think of another strength. I thought about it for a long time but I only came up with one. The weaknesses are of course, *total* oppression and lack of freedom, innovation and prosperity.

This next slide has reminders that we are no longer a wandering tribe. We are a world; we are a movement that touches across nations. We have African brothers and sisters. We have Latvian brothers and sisters. We have Russian brothers and sisters. The unification community has grown tremendously.

These are other points that I made earlier: True Parents are the center. That does not change. Once they are not with us physically, we need rules for the children because—as you all know—children don't always listen. We want to be able to create the rules of behaviors for the children and the constituents, so that we can do what Father wants us to do, which is to create this kingdom.

You all have children, don't you? I have a seven-year-old boy. Whenever I ask him to do something, he will just touch me and run. Children, I'm sure, sometimes behave like that. We have to teach them not to do certain things. (Men are strong so they shouldn't hit young boys, even if they are fighting amongst themselves.)

We are an ideal family and nation, one family under God. This is a constant message that Father is giving us—one family under God. It's amazing. Even just this morning, Father talked about democracy and communism. He emphasized that we were not "family-ism" but Unificationism. During hoondokhwae, Father said that we must create Unificationism.

God, True Father and True Mother do not change. The children—True Children, ministers and blessed, central families are all children of True Parents. How do we continue to create lasting peace? I think Father hints at it. On January 3, 2007, Father proclaimed the twelve tribes. If the True Family can have a council where all the family members are recognized... Honestly speaking, Ye-jin nuna, Hyo-jin hyung, Heung-jin hyung, In-jin nuna, Un-jin nuna, Hyun-jin hyung, Kook-jin hyung, Kwon-jin hyung, Sun-jin nuna, Young-jin hyung—he passed away, so did Heung-jin hyung—Yeon-jin and Jeong-jin are all my family. I love them all. I thought about how we can all work together. The children should work together in the presence of the True Parents to honor their legacy and leave it for history to see. How can all of us—the True Family, ministers, from the thirty-six couples to all those ministers who were blessed, ministers who attended True Parents for a long time, their families and all blessed families—work as a team? How can we go forth hand in hand? This is very important.

My conclusion

Let's not shame the True Parents' legacy with schism, feuds or ecclesiastic politics. Let's work together to create a Cheon Il Guk that will provide an eternal model and legacy of freedom, unification, harmony and happiness that will include all our brothers and sisters. We are all family. Let's make True Parents shine before our descendants, before history, before our world, and before our Heavenly God! God is watching.

I have studied many things until now, from history and religion, and thought long and hard about these things. Father told us that the True Family must do it, so I have also discussed this with the other True Children. As we go forward

from now, the question is how can we bring the church to become an organization that can truly practice Unificationism and present Unificationism before Father. This is very important. You are all here at this Cheon Il Guk leaders meeting. Many of our leaders, beloved blessed families and ministers are here with us today. How can all of our blessed families, ministers and the members of the True Family preserve the twelve tribes, work together to allow our church to prosper for a hundred, a thousand and tens of thousands of years so that True Parents and God can shine in history? I think this is very important.

I'm sure that many of the members and ministers have already thought about the things I have said today. Many of our members are thinking about this. When I was studying at the theological seminary, many outside people kept asking me these questions. Not only the world but even our children and grandchildren are closely watching us to see if we are really doing what we believe in in this age.

If you study the world's religions, you find that the new religions must successfully pass through various phases in order to prosper continuously. I can tell you clearly that if you look in textbooks on the world's religions at the religious leaders from the past two hundred years or the past five thousand years, no one can compare to Father. There has not been a single person in history who was able to build a church this big in his lifetime.

From an objective point of view, the Mormons, Bahia or Soka Gakkai have all been around about a hundred years more than we have. There is no church in history that can compare to what our ministers, their families and members who attended Father have created to this day. I truly hope that our children, our grandchildren and their grandchildren can continue to flourish from now so that we can create an ideal nation and a world of harmony, peace, unity and happiness. Father, too, expects great things. I hope that we can show our children a new world. Thank you very much. ♦

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The third thing we need to do is substantiate Cheon Il Guk. We are not talking about only establishing it in the spirit world in the distant future. Nor is it to be a future heaven on earth. Father is determined that this be completed by the end of 2012, so that Father can report it to God on January 13, 2013, and announce it to all of heaven and earth.

Because Father has declared this already, we cannot postpone it; nor can we depend on others to do this for us. This is something we must do. We must integrate this into our lives, our actions and our families to manifest Cheon Il Guk.

For this purpose, Father has a number of points for us to fulfill. We have to spread the Cheon Il Guk lifestyle to everyone, gradually getting to the point where it is deeply ingrained in our families. This is so that we can become leaders in the Cheon Il Guk lifestyle. We can do this by incorporating the traditions of hoondokhwae and *tongban gyeokpa* (activities to breakthrough in the neighborhood and community) into our daily lives. Hoondokhwae is the means by which this lifestyle will radiate from our family, to our tribe, to our neighborhood; we need it to radiate throughout our realm of life.

Father has said that families that take part in daily 5:00 AM hoondokhwae will not have problems. Though doing hoondokhwae may be difficult, we must guide the members under us to adopt the practice. With that in view, we need

to cooperate in producing good hoondokhwae material and make it a practice of our daily lives; all families should use the materials and keep this tradition. We need to produce a lot of hoondokhwae material this year.

This morning Father told us that we should always include messages from the spirit world in hoondokhwae. Father told us not to just carry on a day-to-day existence, but to live with the spirit world. That's why we should read the messages received from the spirit world. Our world is not separate from the spirit world; we should be the reading messages that the leaders of different religions have sent from that world.... Reading messages from the spirit world should be included in our hoondokhwae sessions so that we have a relationship with Cheon Il Guk.

We should be determined to fulfill our internal and external goals, so that our families can follow through with them. The first thing we need to recognize is how precious it is to have gone through the New Beginning workshop. We had been influenced by dirty elements, and because we have to enter Cheon Il Guk, this grace became necessary. It is pitiful and heartbreaking that although we have received the precious blessing from True Parents, we still needed to go through this workshop.

Who is capable of liberating us, if True Parents had not? We should not forget the grace given by True Parents as we make

a new beginning.

Even after God bestowed the three blessings on Adam and Eve, something went wrong before He could bless them in marriage. We could also have the same problem. For that reason, we should deeply appreciate the value of the blessing, and we should keep the blessing as God intended. Who can liberate us? In the time of the realization of Cheon Il Guk and its liberating grace, we should appreciate the depth of God's grace that we have received.

Adam and Eve had responsibilities to fulfill after God bestowed the three blessings upon them. As they were then, we are now at the beginning point and have to preserve and be grateful for this grace twenty-four hours a day. We can then receive the benefit of that kind of cleansing.

I heard something surprising from Father—even with the complete cleansing of the New Beginning workshop, a scar remains. If we made a serious mistake, even after reporting it a scar would remain that everyone in the spirit world can see. What are we to do?

Having a scar like that would be a mark of shame. It is not so much a matter of our feeling shame, it is that God and True Parents would feel bad at the sight of that scar. If we offer devoted loyalty, achieve results and set conditions, before someone sees the scar, the filial piety, and the devoted investment can be shown off like beautiful silk clothes. If people see the brilliant clothing before seeing the scar, they'll be caught up in that and the scar will go unnoticed.

From now on, we must dedicate ourselves sincerely, reach the standard of absolute faith, and achieve results. Who can be proud in front of God? Who can be confident? From now on, we have to make extra effort with sincere dedication, so that we can have visible achievements in our neighborhoods. That is the tribal messiah's mission; we have to fulfill such criteria. We should be grateful. If we don't feel any ingratitude, even for one day, ours will be positive lives in which we will

reap the harvest.

The next thing we need to realize is that even if Cheon Il Guk is made substantial, if we are not a part of it, God's heart of love will be empty to that degree. We have to establish Cheon Il Guk and all blessed families have to be a part of it.

Our spiritual body should be absolutely pure, absolutely moral, expressive of pure love and of the pure lineage. We have to become pure, loving husbands or wives, practicing absolute conjugal love, in a pure bloodline, in pure relationships as couples and as sons or daughters. As family members, we must practice absolute sexual purity, exude pure love and maintain a pure lineage. Spiritually mature people are people of character.

If that is made real for three generations, it constitutes the achievement of a three-generational realm in a true family. Before we speak to non-Unificationists, we have to emphasize this within our own families, and be determined to progress. Once we achieve this, we can reach our third goal, completing the model of true parenting, an ideal family over three generations, which is the goal of the blessing.

Next we can move on to the tribal sphere, which constitutes those whom we meet in our daily lives. The tribal sphere is the tribal messiah's mission field.

Speaking of the "realm of life" means holding hoondok-hwae in our neighborhoods and restoring people there. In immersing ourselves in that activity, we are contributing to the realization of Cheon Il Guk in answer to Heaven's call.

That we owe a great debt to True Parents is evident in the Principle; we have to remain clean, organize ourselves and live with humility. Because of Satan, True Parents have set up many conditions. They have established many conditions that we know nothing about. We cannot comprehend how deeply determined Father is. He has led others on the front line and even at eighty-eight he has not relinquished first place to anyone. He wants to work harder and devote himself



Cheon Il Guk leaders play yut, a game that grew out of Korea's agricultural past. The number of spaces your piece can move forward according to what you throw are 1 *do* (pig) 2 *gae* (dog) 3 *geol* (sheep) 4 *yut* (cow) and 5 *mo* (horse).

more sincerely. Personally I think it would be fine if True Father no longer worked hard or set conditions, but he continues to do so for our benefit. Father is paying a price because of Satan. We need to be more determined than anyone else is in the world.

Finally, to realize Cheon Il Guk with True Parents, we have both an internal and external agenda. Something that we must share, as the family of the Unification Movement, is confirmation of our basic methods and principles. We think we know, but we have to reaffirm these things in order to make headway.

I would like to say something about this. We are talking about the vision of Cheon Il Guk. The ideal vision is centered on Godism, the ideology with God and True Parents' will at the center. Centered on that idea, the specifics of which are becoming clearer and more extensively understood, we can see the primary tasks we need to fulfill. In our Unificationist family, what does realizing Cheon Il Guk and working so that God's will can be manifested on earth mean? In all of history, this is the most valuable concept. This is Godism, the ideology centered upon True Parents, and head-wing ideology.

Based on this ideology, what purpose do we all, myself included, have to share? It is that of being citizens of Cheon Il Guk, both as individuals and family units. Then it is becoming a Cheon Il Guk society, a Cheon Il Guk nation, and finally a world bound together in unity, connected to the spirit world—one family under God. This is our purpose.

To realize this, to have an awareness of our heavenly calling and the position we are in, this is a declaration of our mission, our creed, the articles of faith we have to live by to fulfill our purpose.

The first section of this declaration states that for the realization of Cheon Il Guk—which was God's goal in creating humankind—we have to live a life of absolute faith, love and obedience to the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

The second section states that we have three basic standards of behavior that have already been given to all blessed families. All families have to be built from an absolute conjugal relationship and pure love in the family. They have to indemnify the historical regret of Cain and of Abel, respect one another and enter into relationships that do not violate human rights. They have to transparently manage public money, public items and the natural world as a truly loving true owner.

Third, through the hoondokhwae tradition, which True Parents have given us, we can inherit a Godly lifestyle. Through the cross-cultural blessing, we will increase, embracing the whole world and making one community of blessed families. All this must resonate in our bones, in our hearts. Our primary task is to focus on the organizations and nation we are working in.

In the short-term, each providential organization must accomplish the goals it has set up for 2007. As a global move-



True Mother, who had read a Peace Message to the leaders, listens to Father speaking

ment, we should follow a course directed at fulfilling Father's will to renew the UN through the Universal Peace Federation and reach toward management on the global stage. The mid-term goal we must address is how to complete the peaceful reunification of North Korea and South Korea, our providential homeland—how to unify and restore this nation centered on True Parents. Our long-term goal is to build God's kingdom in heaven and on earth.

Concretely, therefore, we can focus on issues pertaining to our locality, our society and nation. Later we can focus on UN-related work, on world peace, which stems from interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. As responsible people, we all have fields we have to put our minds to, but all Korean members and all blessed families have to pray and dedicate sincere effort,

whether directly or indirectly, toward the unification of North and South Korea and a joint North and South Korean election.

Respected senior elder brothers, dear loving brothers and sisters, what great fortune is coming in 2007! We who have followed God's will for decades must devote ourselves fully for a few more years and together we will see the fulfillment of God's will. Through God and True Parents, heavenly fortune comes to us for the work we are doing, and the fortunes of Korea and the world are connected to this good heavenly fortune....

Please think about True Father's age of eighty-eight years. If we consider that True Father has declared that we will conclude everything by 2012, we should have the mindset each day that this is the final battle for True Parents' liberation and complete freedom. With that in mind, we can go forward one day at a time until 2012.

Therefore, our determination and attitude at the beginning of 2007 are important. If each of us just thinks about himself, will we achieve oneness of mind and body? How difficult this path is! Based on our own resolve, we speak about having absolute faith and absolute love. Yet without building a real foundation of absolute faith and absolute love, it is hard to unify our mind and body.

Then, as families, how are we to complete the tribal messiah mission through inheriting True Parents' victorious realm of three generations? In the local community where we live, how are we to bring about a society of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values through our local level activities and hoondok family churches? How are we to restore heavenly sovereignty in our nations? It is we, not someone else, who must restore a nation to God.

Therefore, by 2012, there must be at least one restored nation, perhaps several. Only then will Father's universal proclamation to the world be possible. Based on such a principle, and centering on the internal and external agenda, we should, more than anything else, make a new start with a fresh mind and do our very best. ♦

