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My Path in Earlier Days



Over the True God's Day holy day celebrations, Father asked various elders to give their testimonies. The following, taken from Rev. Kwak's talk on January 2, includes his later edits to the Korean transcript.

I'm sure you all poignantly feel that with the dawn of the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk we've entered a totally new level of advancement in all aspects of the providence.

Before I joined the movement, I was a student in law school. My dream at the time was to pass the Higher Civil Service Examination or state law examination and become a legal expert or lawyer. I was in the midst of preparing for such a career when I came to know this movement. I was totally ignorant of the spirit world, but I was curious to know about it. I was able to satisfy my curiosity through the reasoning expounded in the Principle and by actually experiencing it. The living God seemed to have showered me with His love in those days; in that short time God set me on fire, allowing me to have many spiritual experiences testifying to His existence. Through these experiences I was able to develop conviction in this path despite the fact that I did not come from a Christian background.

As it happened, I received word from True Father that if I wanted to, I could participate in a workshop for the leaders at that time, the very first of its kind in our movement's history. With that, I immediately packed my belongings, took a night train on a cold winter night and headed for Seoul with my small bag at my side to participate in that workshop. I can now say that I was guided by a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire. Fifty whole years have passed since that day. Since then, I've often experienced that the living God has prepared everything for me even before I ever even thought or wished for something to happen. True Parents, too, would always have something prepared for me that was more than anything I'd expected. In following this path, I've been showered by such unending blessings and grace.

I'm sure all of our members have such deep, internal experiences, testimonies from the spirit world and spiritual experiences that reinforce your faith. In those days, I was the youngest and a new arrival who was taking my first steps as a leader. Unworthy as I was, I was assigned to take charge of the Pyeongtaek Church, which was a church out on the frontier. During my time, Father visited my church seven times and guided us in many ways. Looking back, I realize how I dense I was and how I hadn't understood what Father had said in those days. Only later, I came to appreciate the significance and grace of his teachings. That is how it has been for most of my path of faith.

While following this path, never did I think about securing a particular position. I've lived my life in the belief that God would give me something greater even before I thought about it. During the past fifty years, I never expressed my wishes or asked anything of Father. I always realized later, belatedly, how much grace and blessing I had received from him. At such times, I was always busy thinking about how I could repay that grace and how I could offer it to Heaven. In that sense, I can say that I've gone through a truly demanding life, and I've really worked hard.

My entire life I've lived in gratitude to the living God who has always been by my side. Even now, my heart is filled with emotion whenever I utter His name. I was given the grace of receiving the blessing as one of the thirty-six couples, even though I was the virtually the youngest and had joined the church most recently. In those days, a person who had joined the church only six months before still felt like an "elder." I was loved, especially after I joined the ranks of leaders,

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Midnight Prayer on True God's Day

원단기도: Prayer for the New Year

January 1 in the Eighth Year of Cheon Il Guk

Beloved Heavenly Father,
We are here this morning on the first day of the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk with the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

In Your heart, You dreamed of a world that fulfills the ideal You had for the creation, a world where joy blossoms in every area of life, a fruit encapsulating the whole of creation, over which You could take pride throughout the ages. Yet, humankind lost its joyous value, which was to be manifested through a mind-set that is revering, serving and respecting Heaven. The crimes committed by the first ancestors of humanity have upset the great way of heaven and earth since that day. We know very well what the devil did, forcing the removal of the original palace that stood in the core position.

You were in a position where You were forced to abandon the ancestors of humanity despite the motivation of love You may have had. Yet, the source of the heart, of the Father's love, which prevented You from abandoning humanity, brought the light of glory and the fruit of victory to all of creation. Through the Principle, we came to know of the Father who lost that original world, a world where all existing beings, in all ages, were to respect and revere Heaven as they laid their foundations in their lives.

God and humankind are aware of all the historical circumstances that are deep, vast and complicated. God and Satan, however, know what caused the Fall, though human beings are unaware of the Fall's origin. As a result, people have been unable to speak of their circumstances to the Father, nor could God appear before members of the human race to warn or instruct them.

The ancestors of humanity fell while still immature. Consequently, the new sprouts that were to grow as the manifestation of heaven and earth, of life, and of all things in creation centering on absolute love, absolute life, and the absolute lineage, which are the fundamental and central core of love and of all the hopes that were focused on Adam and Eve, never reached their fulfillment. Throughout history, people have suffered in lamentation and despair within the clutches of the

enemy, their hearts in distress as they have been unable to forget the original heart. Those in the Unification Church know of the Heavenly Father, who though forgotten by all to this day has walked a public path of loving His lost children, more than He would have if they had never become lost.

We have gathered here in Cheon Il Guk, which is headed toward the ideal of a new heaven, in order to commemorate this day in joy and jubilation. During the seventh year we offered our entire being and strength; that jubilee year has passed. We have entered the eighth year, a jubilee year wherein the positions of above and below can become one as a couple.

During this crucial year, the cause of the accident that occurred in the Garden of Eden can be erased.

Your sons and daughters can be created from the original, clean, pristine, genuine lineage, and they can grow in attendance of You, while You hope for the day when You can freely dominate any sovereignty or palace in the satanic world. We have passed through the Old, New and Completed Testament Ages; yet nobody could guide us through the complicated circumstances in the Completed Testament Age nor take responsibility for us in the midst of that great chaos.

A period of eighty-eight years has passed centering on this man called the True Parent, who was young and like a mere child but was raised by Heaven.

Those years will surely remain in Your eyes as a time You will never forget. Now as a grown man of eighty-eight, in full bloom, I think of all the instances and circumstances where I pledged and prayed to reach the critical juncture of a jubilee year. When I think about these things, I know that the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk that Heaven established has already become a jubilee year. My desire is to know the value of the jubilee year, to live completely immersed and absorbed in it, in love and adoration, and to make these days the blossom and even fruit of my life that can be spun into silk and ultimately connected with God's true love, life and lineage. Yet, despite these hopes, this child who stands as the True Parent before the Father on this new morning of the first day in the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk cannot suppress his regret before his Father.





(Back, left to right) Hyo-jin nim, Hyun-jin nim, Kook-jin nim, Hyung-jin nim and Sun-jin nim watch intently as True Father, with True Mother by his side and assisted by Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, reveals the motto for the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk.

Day after day, on the paths I took and even when I ate, it must once again be known how I longed for and waited through many years for all our hopes to grow and blossom. In a jubilee year, You allow all the emotions and desires in the deepest part of Your heart to be released and fulfilled. Father, I fervently pray that You forgive the members of the human family, all six billion of them, who have not fulfilled even a single aspect of the dutiful family way of a patriot, saint or divine son or daughter, and that You allow this True Parent to fulfill his responsibility.

I fervently pray for all members here to become one in heart and body. Let them be assimilated into True Parents' hearts, and vertically into God's might. Let the sprout of love that has been hidden from view in the new heaven and earth rise vertically from the families, individuals and even the spirits in hell. Let them sense the fragrance of that grace and open their eyes to gaze upon its light. Let the source of Your original love be activated in that unified environment, which allows humanity to move toward Your presence. Let the entire universe be placed in Your hands, that You might mold it according to Your wishes. Let all members of the human race reach a position of victory and glory in the new heaven and earth as Your children whom You can caress and who live according to Your desire. Let this day be one where we can welcome the *ssang hap* [combined] jubilee years, the seventh and eighth years of Cheon Il Guk, allowing the eighth year to be the central jubilee year. May the families who were justly blessed through their attendance of Heaven not fall short in any way. May they, of their own volition, go toward You forever in humility. May God's leadership be complete to the extent that You can say to humanity that there is nothing more to share and that You have provided all that any member of the human race might desire. Let the pulse of the lifestyle they can adopt once they enter the spirit world beat freely in the earthly and heavenly worlds.

From this hour, within Cheon Il Guk, we have welcomed and begun a new millennium. Heaven was busy, hectically working, during all the days of the jubilee year, the seventh year, which has passed. May that sense of urgency continue

centering on these six years through the eighth, ninth and tenth years and all the way to the twelfth year. Let the original form of the ideal kingdom cover an earth filled with people who can harvest the fruits of the jubilee years from the seeds of victory that are scattered, planted and harvested throughout this period.

At this time, the Parents of Heaven and Earth have renewed their promise that heaven and earth will be an environment where we can view and assimilate in love everything that has been given, received or passed down during this period as a symbol of the original universe's love, which abides within all creation. They have given permission for this. Let all the details and secrets be revealed.

Let True Parents' desire be smoothly revealed in a straight line, so that no single aspect of contradiction exists within Your nation. This will allow You to become the great king of heaven and earth who reigns with God's kingship, which is centered on the Parents of Heaven and Earth, embracing and loving everything and declaring that it all belongs to God. Father, before You place True Parents at the forefront and give them the order, I fervently hope and pray that the heavenly palace and members in heaven be mobilized to break down the walls and partitions that exist all around, allowing the members to become sun rays that are no less than Yours, beaming toward that tranquil place of hope, thus spreading out in broad daylight onto the plains, extending the victorious realm where each can freely assert him- or herself and govern his or her life.

A three-year or four-year course still remains to be undergone as this child, who has passed eighty, approaches ninety. Father, please be with me. Please remember the future generations that are emerging; if there is anything that obstructs any part of Your pressing providence, may You govern and guide it so that all obstructions can be smoothed over, leaving one vast plain. Let the hearts of those who are here be joined, consolidated into a single heart that is allowed to shine forth as a beam of glory, like the first streak of daylight. I sincerely pray that You will permit this time to be one of launching a day of grace on behalf of the entire universe. This I earnestly and fervently report in the name of True Parents. Aju. Aju. Aju!◆

The True God's Day Speech

January 1 in the Eighth Year of Cheon Il Guk

There are many people here who haven't been blessed, isn't that right? [Yes.]. In the future, members should participate as couples in public meetings like this one. The course of restoration and the erstwhile age before the coming of heaven resulted from Satan's lineage, but the age after the coming of heaven is one where the blessed families under the God of true families constitute Heaven's household. That is why I established the ambassador for peace system. Collectively, ambassadors for peace are similar to the angelic realm in the spirit world.

What are the responsibilities of ambassadors for peace? Their worldly responsibilities carry no weight. There is no reason to be proud of those. Ambassadors for peace should be reminded that they came as babies into this world, and certain accomplishments of theirs had a lasting benefit for their country or for moving us down the path of God's providence. That is why they received the title "ambassador for peace."

In other words, even they did not fulfill the responsibilities they should have for us to go beyond the providence of restoration and indemnity stage. On the foundation of True Parents' victory, by my going beyond the five stages—the individual, family, tribe, people and nation—in order to reach the world

level, I created the base by which I could influence two thirds of the Cain world, and upon that foundation I blessed the world's ambassadors for peace.

Therefore, people who haven't received the blessing must fulfill the conditions that Heaven demands of them in order to participate in these public events. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Therefore, there are things you need to learn in the Unification Church. There's a forty-day workshop, a twenty-one day workshop and what else? [A seven-day workshop.] A seven-day workshop and...? [A three-day workshop.] What is the total number of days? [Seventy-one days.] You should go to seventy-two days or beyond....

The providence of restoration has to go beyond all the indemnity conditions that were set during the satanic age, so the aim of the Unification Church is to bless all humanity. To become the ideal family, the ideal tribe, the ideal citizens of heaven, you have to receive the blessing. Without receiving the blessing, you cannot enter heaven. Keep this in mind.

Also, from now on, only blessed members will be allowed to participate in these official events. Being in a blessed couple, you should especially keep in mind that if you are unfaithful to your spouse and just do as you wish, flapping your wings as you desire so that Satan's shadow covers you, you cannot



participate in these events. Getting drunk and carrying on... I heard one ambassador for peace say, "Let's go get some booze." We are entering an age where we have to get rid of this kind of thing through a thorough process of teaching. Do you understand? Even if you are a government minister or the nation's president, you have to obey the law.

So, what is foundation for this in the Principle? You can become the citizens of heaven only when you have a pure lineage. Heavenly people can become citizens of heaven whether they are blessed or not, but people who are tainted by the shadow of the Fall cannot become citizens of heaven. No matter how much wealth a man has, and regardless of all his power, because he had garnered these from Satan, the life he leads on the public path of the providence must be one that surpasses the life he had previously been leading, in which he felt proud of what he possessed. You have to overcome that. Do you understand? All the ambassadors for peace here should keep this in mind.

Understand this: Even animals living in the mountains and fish living in water—that is, all creatures—will spit at someone who says drinking, smoking and chasing women are all good. Only pure people can establish heaven, constitute the substance of heaven and become citizens of heaven. Aju! [Aju.] You have to abide by this!

What I should do before I go

For big events like this one, annual events, or for other special events, you cannot just come as you wish. If there is a great and joyful event in a country, people have a responsibility to respond to it. So if you are the citizens of heaven and earth, you should stand in a nobler position than ordinary people living on earth can imagine and become sacrificial and service-oriented. With total joy, we have to prepare the environment to surpass the satanic world in its entirety.

Heaven has nothing to do with those who live as they wish—stealing, robbing, or cheating people—being money-

centered, self-centered, focusing on their lives alone and passing this on as a tradition to future generations.

I will move on to the spirit world soon enough. As long as I am here, I can tell you what to do, or make comments. What will you do when I am no longer here? What will you say out in the wilderness? Wolves, tigers and other wild animals will simply hunt and kill indiscriminately; it will be that kind of environment.

So before I go, what should you do? Which teachings...? [Those found in *Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong*]. *Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong* is not a peaceful scripture in the way you say. We have to make peace. There is no peace, so we have to create it. From that perspective, there is *Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong* and next there is *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and next there is the Family Pledge. And then what? Which speech in *Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong* is about the Family Pledge? The fourteenth one, right? What's next? "The Three Great Subject Partners Principle from the Viewpoint of God's Providence."¹

There was God's subject-partner principle, based on the ideal of creation, but this was lost. As a result, everything became complicated and covered in blood; I unveiled this to the world and have come this far. To come this far, in each age, religious groups and many responsible individuals in the realm of God's heart sacrificed themselves. We have to be aware of this. People who are unaware of this might think, Wow! Our native country is heaven. They may think they can do whatever they wish, but there are laws in heaven. There are laws for everything, both internal and external things. Laws for the family, laws for the tribe, laws for a people; there are laws for a nation and laws in the spirit world for God's kingdom. We have to fulfill these laws and have to bring Satan and everything to surrender and return and establish a place for ourselves.

Does God presently have a homeland or not? What do you all think? Kwak Chung-hwan? [No, He does not have one.]

1 The fifteenth Peace Message



What are you all doing? If you were I, what would you do? What would the True Parents do? The important days related to one's nation should be remembered as should the day you received the blessing—a day you can never forget for your whole life. Furthermore, more than anyone else, your relatives and family members have to respect the foundation that Heaven has laid, which made it possible for you to be where you are now.

Start with individual love, then conjugal love, and then love among family members. But you should not stop there. After that, there is love among the members of a tribe, but you cannot stop at the tribe, either. If you are a Moon or a Kim, for instance, you cannot represent the world by just loving your tribe. You have to go beyond all the clans. Love beyond your tribe. Love beyond your country. In order to be in the position of a nation that can become God's homeland, one tribe sacrifices on behalf of many peoples, as the descendants who are responsible for the most difficult things. You will take charge of all those difficult responsibilities and should be able to pass on to your descendants the greater tasks of the responsibility God is calling you to take on. Without coming to a self-realization that includes taking on that responsibility, you cannot enter heaven.

This is not a gathering of foolish people. Do you understand? The time has come for their dignity to be respected. From the perspective of the providence, ambassadors for peace are in the position of Lucifer's older brothers. Later they will be in the position of Lucifer's father. You must understand this clearly. Whether you are a man, or a woman, if you have the title of ambassador for peace, you have to be aware of the human condition, because you need official recognition from God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth. The Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the Cosmic Parent, did not



True Mother expresses delight as one of her grandsons, held by his mother Ji-yea nim, accepts a rice cake from True Father on True God's Day.

have physical form, so He created real bodies that became the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. The ambassadors for peace need to understand the human condition.

Regarding some Confucian principles

If you look at Confucianism, there is a saying, "Origination, flourishing, benefiting, and firmness are the constant characteristics of the Tao [Way] of Heaven. Humanity, righteousness, propriety and wisdom are inherent guides of human nature." Confucianism doesn't recognize that God has personality. It does recognize that principle or laws exist throughout the universe, but it does not embrace the concept of God having personality, living among us, teaching us and having contact with us. It answers questions such as whether affection should exist between father and son and whether a distinction should exist between husband and wife as a matter of moral principal. How do you interpret this? It has not fully settled on earth; they cannot comprehend God having personality. True Parents came representing God, who has personality, so they need to correct everything in the world.

What sets the standard for our conscience? How does the standard of our conscience come to exist? What does our conscience do? What does humanity consider it to be? Intellect, emotion and will! Your conscience is formed by intellect, emotion and volition. Is intellect, or emotion, the primary factor? Does "emotion" in "intellect, emotion and volition" mean "love"? What is it? What is volition, or will? The interesting thing about the character volition [意] is that on top there is a character [立] that means to establish or to stand; under that, there is a character [曰] that means to speak, and on the bottom, there is the character [心] that means heart. Together it means "having the will to establish the heart of the word." What is the will here? They cannot clarify will.

Origination, flourishing, benefiting and firmness are the constant characteristics of the Tao of Heaven. From the beginning, every movement in the universe occurred according to the principles of Heaven. What's next? Humanity, righteousness, propriety and wisdom are inherent guides of human nature. What is humanity? What is righteousness? What is



Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim listening to True Father's speech on January 3; visible behind them is Jin-sung nim.

propriety? What is wisdom? Even with all these, they couldn't reach a worthy conclusion.

The great thing about the Unification Church is that it clearly reached the conclusion that God exists as the subject with dual characteristics, and that He manifests as the masculine aspect. Why did God need to have people? That is very difficult to analyze closely. What is it that God really does?

If I talk about all these concepts, I cannot talk about what I wanted to talk about today, so I will stop here. I say humanity, righteousness, propriety and wisdom are inherent guides of human nature. What is 三綱五倫 [*Sam Gang O Ryun*] the Confucian concept of three bonds and five moral rules in human relations? *Sam Gang O Ryun* includes everything; does it include religion? Even among you, there must be scholars of Confucianism.

We have to go the bottom of the foundation of these issues. What we need to know once we get to that point is how we are going to define God; and we need to know what God wants, from His standpoint. If He has the closest relationship with humanity, what should God be like? These are the core issues.

Among all people, who is the most *human*? If we were to define a principle for that, at the point where the heart of two sets of parents meet, the most human among human beings begins from that point. This logical matter is a great discovery.

Vertical and horizontal are ninety degrees apart. At what degree do they intersect? It is exactly ninety degrees! If the angle were off by one thousandth of a degree, a perfect sphere would not form. The figure would be out of true. The great universe would be misshapen.

Heaven can exercise its power on earth

Seen through these issues, to a certain extent we have clear knowledge of the original mind and the conscience, and of the spirit mind and the original mind. What are ambassadors for peace? Lucifer's older brothers! What did Lucifer do? He is a monster that stole moral principles and turned the principles

of heaven and earth upside down. People couldn't perceive that, so all kinds of evildoers had power and formed groups, destroying weaker ones and strengthening themselves. There wasn't any ideology that could make those groups, tribes, or countries become better. If something better appeared, its advocates had their heads chopped off....

There are many elders here. I'm over eighty and on the verge of going over the hill, and I gave you a warm reception. You think I will treat you nicely just because of who you are, but it is not like that when you go to the spirit world. We are entering the age where we must establish the standard of the spirit world, an age where God can come to earth and exercise His power. That is logical. You have to know God. If you don't know God, you will fail.

To become the president of Korea, people fight, saying, "I am better; you are worse." They install a president and try to follow him. Isn't that pitiful? It's a miserable situation. If I have unveiled Heaven's way to bring the grace of God's truth, should I reveal it or not?

Until God's liberation, the individual age, family age, tribal age, ethnic age, national age, global age, age of heaven and earth and God's age—all eight levels—should be achieved. To confront God, you need to have passed through all eight stages. Throughout history, people have sentenced others to death according to human laws, but such a thing does not exist under Heaven's law. Through man-made laws, they acted as if they were at the center of representative nations and sacrificed the lives of so many people. Who will relieve the resulting resentment? The Savior, the Messiah, the returning Lord, the True Parent, has to come to do it.

True Parents by themselves are all that's needed, so why are there so many other terms attached? What's the relationship between the True Parent and the Savior, or Messiah? Jesus died two thousand years ago, so what connection do I have with him that I am called the returning Lord? He is the Lord who had to accomplish what he had set out to do by coming again.



True Children, ambassadors for peace (seated on the floor) and members start the new year off by listening to Father's speech.

Without any clear reason, some talk of sovereignty instead of about Heaven, but the time has come when sovereignty can become like a gangsters' den. It has been said that by 2020 more than 60 percent of economic power will be in the hands of such people. If that's the case, can this be corrected? Are we trying to follow that way, or correct it and live by the principles that our fair and righteous God desires?... History has continued down its path of ruination based on the proportioning of power.

Why did I have to go through imprisonment and contemptuous treatment? Why was this entailed in my emergence? It was because it was not yet time. I am a smart man. I am not singing my own praises here. When Heaven told me I was the Messiah, the Savior, the returning Lord and the True Parent, I said I didn't want to be those. As a result, I was punished to the point where I could not even speak. I was told that if I didn't want to be, I should quit only after I had installed someone in my place....

The Unification Church is not Pak Bo-hi's church; neither is it mine. It is also not Kwak Chung-hwan's any more than it is any blessed family's church. God personally raised and nurtured those who could become warriors in the struggle to establish the homeland, so that the homeland that is God's kingdom could be restored. This was the ideal God originally intended for the creation; and even if it had to be prolonged thousands and tens of thousands of years, this has to be corrected.

And in world history, there is no one other than me who has suffered so much to establish a religion yet has not perished or collapsed but has come forth publicly declaring his message. You will not find such a person even in the spirit world.

Wasn't Jesus killed? He could not fulfill everything. How about me? Do you believe in the liberation of God? After God is liberated, will you ask God to work? God desired to take the lead, put to rights all that caused Him grief and sorrow and become the king who can lead heaven and earth in happiness

and joy. So, when could this come to be? We need to make a clean slate once and for all. Do you understand? Ambassadors for peace, you should clearly make decisions based on a broad view. Immature members of the Unification Church will all try to follow what you do.

Were those of you who hold the title of national leader in the Unification Church given the position when you first came in? When you take charge, you should have a heart that can transcend situations and receive instructions under my leadership. That's right. So if there is a disagreement, shouldn't you greet the other party or plead with him before fighting at the risk of your lives? If you face a confrontation, you should make a declaration. You should say, I am the descendant of so and so, of a certain clan, of a certain people in a certain nation, and for such and such a reason I am confronting you. Isn't that how fighters do it?

That's the way for you too. When I meet people, I ask them to give a testimony every time I see them. I've never met a person who asked, "Let me give a testimony." And when asked to give a testimony, you only talk about good things; it's up to me to take responsibility for the bad. You think I am all that is bad in the Unification Church and not yourselves. Yet, haven't I taken responsibility for all the wrongs that you committed and taken the blame for them?

I taught you to become new people

So is the Abel UN better than the UN? [Yes.] I don't think so. The Abel UN should educate them so that nations do not fight and offend each other but understand which one is on a higher, or lower level. Only when they are automatically brought back to God can they be found; otherwise, they cannot.

You should reach such a standard that you want to win at whatever the cost. I am saying this to you on this good day because you must become new people, and to bring that about I need to teach you the fundamentals at their deepest roots.

If you are not up to the mark in terms of these rules, there is



On January 2, at the commemoration of the 25th Day of Victory of Love, Heung-jin nim's wife Hoon-sook nim and their two children, Shin-chul nim and Shin-whul nim, lit candles and bowed in front of the offering table, which honors all the True Children in the spirit world. Those True Children who are younger than Heung-jin nim bowed next. True Parents proclaimed this Holy Day at 4:00 AM on January 3, 1984. Father later instructed that it be celebrated together with the commemoration of Heung-jin nim's ascension on January 2.



On the Day of Victory of Love, Father asked several elders to stand and testify about their lives. Father said he wanted to remind the audience of the course early members endured. Those who have never witnessed, Father said, will not clearly know of God's existence nor will they come to understand God's character. We should go out to other cities, witness to people, shoulder what difficulties might arise, face what persecution comes and break through the opposition. Overthrowing the domination of the environment over us is the only way to clearly grasp the situation in an area. Here, Rev. Rah Im-yul, who joined the movement on February 3, 1957, testifies to the audience.

no need for you to meet me in the future. I have accomplished all I can. You wait until you go to the spirit world; you'll see if I have spoken falsely or not. I have given you all the right of inheritance.

What is today? The era before the coming of heaven, of the Old Testament Age, New Testament Age and Completed Testament Age, and the failures of the realm of the Christian religion to this point extended until yesterday. Today is the day on which we enter upon the era of action, where we can recruit those who can march forward under the new homeland of Heaven in the era after the coming of heaven. Do you understand what that means?

The Christian view of life is about going to the kingdom of heaven by oneself, leaving the mother, father and ancestors in the dustbin. In Christianity, memorial services for ancestors are considered idol worship. That idea will be the ruin of them. From the time I was young, in my teenage years, I went to the church and knew about all such things in the spirit world. When there was a memorial service, I said, "Mom, Dad, let's go to the memorial service." There were no rules in the church that forbade holding memorial services....

They say I am a heretic, and they claim, "The Unification Church is worse than the Devil. It recognizes all witchery and hocus pocus, and it says it will collect all such things and establish the kingdom; but such is not the kingdom of God." But have they ever tested whether it is the kingdom or not?

Service substantiates God's providence

What is the title of today's speech? Kwak Chung-hwan! [Mansei for the *Ssang Hap* Jubilee Years, the Seventh and Eighth years of Cheon Il Guk Based on the Universal Peace Federation.] What? I don't understand any of that. [Laughter] There is nothing missing from the universe. UPF is all there. All of Cheon Il Guk is within it. At least two people whom God is

seeking, two groups, two people as husband and wife, two clubs in a world that is becoming one, the one united country—Cheon Il Guk! Two people... "Two" [二] and "person" [人] and "heaven" [天]. Cheon Il Guk! It is a country where two people unite as one.

What is the cosmos? What does "cosmos" mean? Cosmos is Cos-mos. ... Did I teach you this or not? Kwak Chung-hwan, tell me what the cosmos is. [It is heaven and earth; the entire spiritual and earthly worlds.] What is that? Why do we call it *cheonju*?² It is a home where the owners of heaven and earth can dwell. That's the cosmos. Right? Should a nation's president alone live well? If the president lives better than other citizens, he should repent and serve the people. If there is a threat, he should be the first to go to put his life on the front line. If he does so, he will surely not come to ruin. That has been the way I have lived until now.

Youth of the Unification Church! We created Sun Moon University. Even if you are going to Seoul National University or Yonsei University or are studying abroad, you

should quit and transfer; study at Sun Moon University. Did I instruct you to do this before, or not? Did you know this, or not? [We knew.] Have ambassadors for peace heard this, or not? [We have.] If you knew that, why haven't you followed through? If you ambassadors for peace are better and know more, even if you have to work through the night, you should bring people and make good what is lacking. You have to build bridges. Isn't that the responsibility of an archangel? Nobody has fulfilled their position as an archangel.

Since I have done this much, you should have developed an understanding of my spirit down to its bone marrow. Repeatedly extend forgiveness, and though you have your limitations, you will offer service for the fulfillment of God's will. Be determined to do more than just serve. I went to the edge of what can be done by a person on sheer human power. I went several stages beyond. Therefore, God must work instead of me...

Be aggressive in your faith

Take back all the ambassador for peace certificates today! Dismantle all Unification Church organizations! There is no longer a need for me to teach you what you don't want to learn; I don't have to guide you to a path that you don't want to walk down. I have already taught you everything. I taught you all about the spiritual world. You can't say you don't know how to reach individual perfection. If you have stayed in the Unification Church for more than three years, you should know more than enough. You should know all you need to know for the rest of your life.

You have to talk about Rev. Moon. If you don't talk about me, there is no way you can avoid the voices of accusation in

² In *cheonju* (cosmos), the Chinese characters for *cheon* and *ju* mean "heaven" and "home" respectively.



January 19, True Parents, Shin-joon nim, and members who accompanied them from Korea pose with staff members at King Garden in Hawaii.

the spirit world. I am speaking about everything very clearly. There is nothing to be desired on earth, is there? If I continue to talk about these things, I'll feel miserable on the first day of the year....

Pray to God: "God, do you like Ahn shi il [안시일], or do you prefer the Sabbath [안식일]?" Pray about it. What did I create on May 5 in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk? [*Ssang Hap Ship Seung Il*.] What did we create to accompany Ssang Hap Ship Seung Il? [*Cheon Seong Gyeong*.] The beginning point of absolute value! I revealed everything that I couldn't speak about. I said, "Now, God is the owner. Never forget this. Even if you forget this, I will never forget it. As long as I am alive, I will seek to accomplish His will."

Even though I went through all sorts of embarrassment, I am reading *Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong* every day. Do you know how contemptuously I was treated? Why has it become doubly complicated?...

From the first message to the fifteenth is like just one sentence.³ We absolutely have to achieve God's liberation and the restoration of His kingship.

It took four thousand years to restore one individual, for one individual's perfection, to send Jesus, to send one person. Because he was killed, even during the two thousand years since then, people couldn't figure out how he would return. They still think he will come from heaven riding on the clouds. Those foolish ideas. From their viewpoint, Unification Church members are real imposters; according to their logic, we are imposters.

I, the founder of the Unification Church, went to America and never spoke about being the returning Lord. Some people received it through prayer....

If I don't teach a person who prays, I will be snagged by heavenly law. I am saying I will be caught. I understand clearly. If a religious Christian leader starts to connect with the spirit world, he or she comes to me and wants to become my

³ This may be a reference to the interconnectedness of the messages.

disciple. They want to become disciples. Do you? Or don't you want to? Answer me! If you want to become a disciple, you can at least register....

Do you know how much turmoil I have been through in my heart throughout the eighty-eight years of my life, knowing the ideal God envisaged at the Creation? All sorts of evildoers did whatever they wanted to do. They fought even among themselves; now many of them have come to my side and the number is growing. The atmosphere has now changed; people who say I am evil and others who oppose those who have come to my side are themselves put to shame. I don't have to touch or do anything; they will decline by themselves.

Where would you go if you were not pursuing the path of the Principle in the Unification Church? If not for the way of Principle that I teach, what would become of Christianity, of the two thousand years centered on the New Testament? What would become of the six thousand years of religious history? If one person asks another about these things, that person cannot answer and runs away; and there are people who think of meeting me, but are afraid and run away from me. That's all they do. I pity them. I have ignored people's shortcomings and tried to work in one or two ways to save you, and somehow this group has become this big.

Who proclaimed the Cheon Il Guk jubilee year? Yang Chang-shik, you know about jubilee years, right? Where is he? Yang Chang-shik? [Yes.] What is a jubilee year? Can you tell me about it? I am asking you about the jubilee year that is written of in Bible. [It is the fiftieth year, the year after seven sabbatical years⁴ have occurred. It's in the Book of Leviticus.] Wow, this is the first time I've heard this. [Laughter]

Those loyal to heaven were ignored

What day is today? [It is True God's Day.] Do you know what kind of day True God's Day is? Do you know about True Par-

⁴ According to Lev 25 God ordered the Israelites to rest the land every seventh year, that it, too, needed a sabbath. This is the sabbatical year.



At 88 years of age, Father still regularly goes to sea

ents' Day? True Husbands' Day? True Wives' Day? True Married Couples' Day? Unification Church blessed families know about those. People who have not received the blessing would not know, but people who received the blessing know those things.

In the midst of difficulties, I did not want to reject the path on which I would be chased away, put in prison and beaten to the brink of death, while embracing that title [True Parent]. I kept this all to myself and took responsibility, and when I thought to pass on what I had gained to everyone—ambassadors for peace or even monsters who would go to hell—I gave them a title and told everyone to treat others equally. Am I a good person, or a bad person? [You are a good person.]

How much have people who have fulfilled the dutiful way of a patriot before God, the heavenly way, never allowing anything to cause them to waver, abiding by heaven's every rule and keeping their promises to God been ignored and denounced? This is like going into Satan's nest, pulling out people and blessing them—even monsters—so they can be in a better position than they deserve. Where would you put them in that higher position? They know God's will. From all the religious concepts they have learned, they know that the path I am treading is greater than the biblical path. That is why they believe in and follow it.

They didn't believe in the spirit world, but they believed the Unification Church members and came forward. Do you understand? You have to resolve history. Do you know how many insults I suffered because of these women here? Women had their hair pulled out or cut off, looking all battered and told it was up to them whether they lived or died, they were dumped from a car in their underwear in front of the Cheongpa-dong church. The police opposed us, but if they got woman members who had been treated like that, they would send them to the Unification Church.

I have saved many people who were on the verge of death. All sorts of wicked women tell people not to go to the Unification Church, but Heaven teaches people every day that this is

absolutely the right way. Why do people oppose that? Those people certainly know they are doing something wrong. It has only taken a few decades—what should have taken a number of generations has taken less than three, so now I see this era as one that can be brought to its conclusion. In light of this, those people should question why they did such foolish things to oppose me.

Why am I working so relentlessly? Why don't I go and meditate on a mountain for ten or twenty years? When I look at the spirit world, at everything that surrounds us, I know now is the time that without difficulty we can unify the world all at once and work to renew the UN General Assembly. If we bring the religious leaders of the archangelic side of the world, assign them and order them to do it, that will be the end of it. If that happens, Korea will not maintain in its current position. Do you understand what I mean by that?

What is Korea, some kind of arch-enemy? I've met many people, many big-headed people and I've treated them so well. Many people have come

just to take a look at what's happening. From today, don't do that. From now on, I will make an example of ambassadors for peace. I will scold them when I meet them.... If there are instructions from Heaven, I might just convey them right away. But that would be hard for you. It would mean changing your lifestyle.

If ten people are in harm's way and one is on the brink of death, God will make effort for the one's sake. God is like that. I know the heart of God when he said if there are five people in Sodom and Gomorrah, I will not destroy those places. Do you understand? [Yes.] Don't complain unnecessarily. Don't act thoughtlessly.

I need to liberate God through love

How old am I? [Eighty-nine (by Korean reckoning).]... Eight times nine is seventy-two. Seventy-two elders were brought to ruin in Egypt, weren't they? Jesus' seventy disciples were not seventy, but seventy-two. Twelve times six is seventy-two. I have to surmount six hills. Jesus sent his seventy-two disciples witnessing in pairs, didn't he? This was to fulfill the heavenly way. I know God's will for the heavenly path. Do you know it?

Why did I suffer through thirty-four years in America? It was to inscribe the mark of victory from the spirit world onto the nation of Israel and the second Israel—Christianity. With the authority of the returning Lord, I went to the U.S. Congress and then to Korea's. Without the official endorsement of our ancestral homeland, the providential will cannot be achieved.

Would you do things the way I like them done, or how God likes them done? If there is something that God likes but you don't, are you saying you would quit? Isn't that what you are saying?

I must liberate God, with love and out of love. Would God just let this world fall to pieces? This great work! He created it with love, with His life. He made this with His hands of love.

You have loved your wives since the blessing right? Are your wives here? Bring them with you; go places with them. It is good to be proud and say you are a scholar when you go

places, or that you did this or that for forty years, and so on, but your wives have had the role of a walking stick, supporting you. So from now on, if you serve these walking sticks for ten years or so, you will go to a good place in heaven. Wait and see.

Because I have done things in an exciting way, my wife wanted to do it too. She goes somewhere and gives a good speech and brings all sorts of things back with her. Without fail she evaluates how things went. Whenever I evaluate her, I think she is smart and better than I am. She spoke in public once, twice, a third time and more; it became like a habit for her! She said that she hadn't realized how impressive and wonderful the content of my speeches was. Wherever she goes and gives a speech, since there are many more ladies in the audience than when I speak, they give her much applause, as if they are clapping for their lives.

Now is a time to bring Mother forward. We have many church leaders. If I designate Hyun-jin, he will definitely do it. If I designate Kook-jin, he can also do it. Even if I designated Hyung-jin, he could do it. They all have the ability and more. I have tried to live so that there would be nothing to be ashamed of, and so my children followed me. I never asked them to follow me. If they wanted to, they could do so. Otherwise, they did not have to. If there is a Buddhist monk who is better than I, they should follow him. If there are better parents, they should seek them out.

We need to emancipate those in hell

Oh, since I haven't drunk any water, my lips are about to stick together. I have spent enough time scolding you. [Father drinks water.] All of you in the front, what kind of relationship do you have with me? You call me Father, right? Or don't you? [We call you Father.] Maybe there are fifty of you; it would not be a problem for me to make you presidents of countries. But I don't want you to do that; instead, I want you to become the ancestors who can raise a country and its president and influence them so that the nation's history shines. I want you to become the owners of peace, that is, the unchanging, single-hearted, core hope that I have dreamed of. I want all of you to know that.

Here you are in front of me. Don't talk about what you would rather do instead of what I am doing. Things are set, and that cannot be done. I don't know any alternative course. If you live cleanly according to the directions I have given, that the True Parents have given, you will most definitely reach where True Parents are going. Don't go off on a tangent, thinking you are smart. Do you understand?

Hyun-jin's wife Jun-sook, Kook-jin's wife Ji-yea, and Hyung-jin's wife Yeon-ah! These three ladies should unite. As you unite, you should educate your sons and daughters. Since Mother cannot educate them, you should educate them as representatives of True Mother, as her helpers. You must raise sons who instead of becoming kings of fifty countries become ancestors who can raise the royal families in fifty countries. If they become that kind of ancestor, they will be welcomed for thou-

sands, even hundreds of thousands, of years in those countries and in the world. The world will also change. You never know how much it will change.

You boast that you have become a leader, but that all passes by. What do I mean by that? When you become a leader with the title of president, executing that position's power is necessary. If, however, you can inherit the tradition of the president and pass it on to your descendants and pass on the tradition and traditional view of life that were bequeathed to you from our nation through tens of thousands of years, you can stand in the position of ancestors who can raise royal descendants. That is the first condition and the first blessing that God wants for all True Parents' sons and daughters. God knows that and I know that, so I hope you will become such people. Those who wish for that, raise your hands and hold them together. [Applause]

Wherever you are, if there are fifty people, a hundred people or a hundred and twenty families or more, if you made a determination today that no matter where you are you will become families that can be organized without any loose ends, don't worry about anything. Don't worry if you don't have



True Father, Hyun-jin nim and various key leaders visited a construction site that is part of the Yeosu resort project; Father is making a point to a construction engineer.

enough money. Don't worry if you don't have enough skills or ability. Don't worry that you haven't fulfilled the responsibility of the Abel UN in your country. Heaven has prepared and arranged everything on a level above your standard; I know that. Do you understand what am I talking about? You have the blessing to remain there, so with this blessing we are cutting down the number of people who will go to hell in the spirit world.

You tried to work in cooperation with those people who might otherwise have been hell-bound and to extirpate the root of Satan's Fall from the lowest part of hell. Yet, in order to uproot the devil's elements in the spirit world, all the way down to hell, you and those who were saved from falling into hell should unite and save the rest; if that happens, there is absolutely no way that the age of Cheon Il Guk, the world of God's liberation and rejoicing, cannot come. Aju! [Aju!] [Applause]

As of today, with God, and with all the saints and sages in the spirit world, and with all the ancestors and blessed people on earth, True Parents, who are standing in the vanguard position of one body, one heart and one core, spoke about these and made a public pledge, therefore people who follow the path of these public pledges will certainly, without fail, follow the path of True Parents and become people who can inherit the dutiful family way of a filial child, patriot, saint, and divine son or daughter. This is a fact. Aju! [Aju!] All the people who welcome this raise your hands and applaud. [Applause] Thank you.

One unified foundation of good fortune

When you return home, what will you have received through your prayers? The time has come to ask. All sorts of things should be written down as if in a diary where nothing is hidden. As in *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, your history should radiate from the pages. I am now allowing you to introduce your history to your descendants as you embrace and unite with all the content used for heavenly hoondokhwae, including *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, *Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong*, and the Family Pledge.



Among those at hoondokhwae on January 4 at Blue Sea Garden were Japanese women living in Korea with their husbands, who are in Yeosu for 40-day workshops that mainly consists of on-the-sea training

Do you understand? Teach your children honestly about what you, as a father and mother, have done.

In that case, I've blessed everything I can bless on this good day. Shall I finish with this, or speak a little more? Mansei for the Ssang Hap [combined] Jubilee Years, the Seventh and Eighth Years of Cheon Il Guk Based on the Universal Peace Federation! Two worlds, those related to seven and eight, will unite and shout, Mansei! Then we can overcome nine without difficulty. Nine will be ours. Onward to ten, eleven and twelve! There is six, and then another six. The first part, from one to six, and then the second from seven to twelve, Cain and Abel (the two as a pair) will align like cogs and move to the one united realm of fortune. This is what it means.

If you want to interpret it from an overall perspective, this can be a motto that can be used for a year, ten years, or even a thousand years; so don't forget this motto. Ssang hap? [Seventh and eighth combined!] Seventh and eighth? [Jubilee years!]

Jubilee years? [Mansei!] Heaven and earth should unite. Mind and body should unite. Man and woman should unite....

Now we have to use good words. In the Garden of Eden, they fell because they talked about worthless things. We should not speak about worthless things but speak using words that are proper and right for us. We didn't make friends using our mouths; we learned about our spouse through the Principle, so we should abide by the Principle and be grateful.... Once the eight parts of your face interact harmoniously, your body will automatically follow, and your arms and legs will follow too.

We have fulfilled humankind's hopes. Even God would want to see the world as His village and take care of it from tomorrow, as He would have with Adam and Eve and their descendants. How great it would be if everyone were to become citizens of heaven! How great it would be!...

You should be careful and focus on fulfilling your responsibilities before you pass away; go through a course of sorrow and heartbreak as I did, because God's blessings will seek people who have the same philosophy I do. If they go to Jeolla Province and find someone worthy there, those blessings will go to him or her. If the people there are better than those in Gyeongsang Province, the blessings will move from Gyeongsang to Jeolla....

Act on what you know

Women are the four directions. Men are the center. A man should be the center of five points. That is why we are centering on families.

Also don't invite just anybody to these events. If there is an event, if you cannot think of someone qualified to attend, don't invite anybody. You should be setting conditions for this day for a year, allowing this day to be a day of blessing for the blessed families, and to love this day and prepare all the necessary costs from each state, region, town and family. By doing this, you can educate your descendants and live well. If we just continue as we are, people will pack up and leave. With this ideology, you can enter heaven by yourself and do more. I am not mistaken in this.

Don't just sloppily do this and mess it up. Cleanly memorize and study the

Principle. God will come to people who are marching in front, so make study groups focused on the teachings and work hard; make groups that study and then make effort. Wherever people who have studied the teachings and aggressively acted on them go, even into a fighting arena, they won't be losers; this is logical. I am announcing that I will embrace people who are like that. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Stop asking me for money. From today, Korea should be the responsibility of the Korean people. I have to look over the funds and deal with providential organizations.... If there is a fund for the global providence in the future, Korea has to give back to that fund. The time will come when Heaven will issue instructions and you will have to follow them. Do you understand? Do all the young people here understand?...

The person next to you—who are you? Where is your

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The Unity of East, West, South and North

January 3 in the Eighth Year of Cheon Il Guk

At Cheon Jeong Peace Palace on January 3, Father and Mother gave a special blessing declaration, attended by many members.

Holding hands, True Parents first walked down the center aisle of the room. They then walked back and forth together in all four directions of east, west, south and north before returning to the front. There, just in front of the audience, Father and Mother faced each other and held hands to give the benediction. Before he prayed, Father said, "Within the unity of all four directions, east, west, south and north, all things will be embraced in True Parents' bosom—a world making a new beginning. Let us pray so that these things can come about."

Father then offered the prayer of blessing with deep emotion and with tears.

Beloved Parent of Heaven and Earth, You were supposed to be entirely victorious in the world based on love when the ideal of creation coming from the depth of Your heart was realized. You wanted to stretch Your arms to reach out in all directions.

Yet the mistake of Adam and Eve, the ancestors of humankind, which they committed in just one day, compelled You to undergo the bitter history of restoration through indemnity. Because of that one mistake, heaven and earth were submerged in darkness, plunged into a bottomless pit. Human beings lost their clear destination and have wandered in grief and lamentation.

However, Your heart, Father, could not abandon humankind, so You kept watching over us and holding on to us even when we were at the very bottom. You took responsibility for the realization of the ideal You envisaged at the creation, so You had to shoulder the sorrowful history of re-creation in order to liberate us. We, members of the Unification family, know that You were looking forward to establishing someone in the position of the True Parents, united as true husband and wife, in whom Your corporeal and incorporeal substance would become one and in whom true love would settle; You wanted such a couple to become like an extension of Your body amid all things of the universe. This was Your ardent wish and hope. People did not recognize the sadness in Your heart, but this son of Yours could not forget, through day and night, that humanity has such a universal Parent, one who is more keenly aware than anyone else of the sadness of the history created by the fallen descendants, and who has paved the road of indemnity, who has been teaching, advising, and comforting me on this road of sorrow, and who has not abandoned me even until this day. Thank You, Father, for Your grace in putting me in this position.





Today is January 3 in the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk. As we enter the unified jubilee years, the seventh and eighth years of Cheon Il Guk, based on the Universal Peace Federation, all beings on earth and in heaven are watching the height of heaven and dark depths of hell, because True Parents have lit a candle, a torch, a beacon lighting all those places. We are approaching the position on the horizontal line corresponding to the original garden of Eden before the Fall; we are entering the unified jubilee years of Cheon Il Guk, so, please, Father, guide humankind that we may pass through every precious day that remains until January 13, 2013, and surmount all eight peaks, starting from the individual and family, and stand unashamed in front of You, God, who have been toiling so hard.

I know how difficult traveling down the path of restoration through indemnity is. Heaven knows it too. So as we come together to praise liberation and complete freedom, please forgive all inadequacies that I reported to You in the name of True Parents.

From the depths of Your heart, You have been wishing this world to reach the era of "the firm establishment of noon," when there is no darkness, when all families and the entire unified body of the heavenly kingdom can live eternally in the bosom of boundless love. Please instill more of this heart into us, so that we can build the foundation for liberation.

On our path, we still have rigorous expectations to fulfill, and the mission we are called to accomplish requires from us readiness to risk our lives, so please, Father, guide Your children with Your loving heart, I earnestly implore You.

In this hour, nearing noon on January 3, 2008, let all beings on earth and in heaven be embraced in True Parents' bosom. We beseech You to please put the seal

of liberation upon us.

We know that the unified realm of God and True Parents' hearts is in fact the realm of liberation and complete freedom, the heavenly kingdom on earth and in heaven, where God can act freely. Please do not abandon us, but protect us so that we may spend each day, month and year of the remaining five years with confidence. I beg You to please urge us and push us, so that we can walk a straight path.

Now, this son of Yours, and this daughter of Yours who is heading toward her seventieth birthday, are determined not to taint their path in any shameful way, but rather to undo the mistakes of the false parent within their lifetimes, even if it means True Parents have to extend their lives of struggle beyond ninety and toward a hundred years. In this hour, we report this determination to You, so please accept it.

These people love True Parents and True Parents love God. Based on this tradition, our hearts are the same wherever we are. Therefore I earnestly implore You to bestow Your special grace of liberation and complete freedom upon all blessed families on the individual level, on the levels of the family, tribe, people, nation, world, heaven and earth, so that they can inherit the authority of princes and princesses of light in the era of noon. Enable them to become one in heart and body with True Parents, so that they can settle in the land of equality and be embraced in the bosom of God and True Parents.

May Heaven mobilize our blessed ancestors to help us reach our lives' precious final destination. Please guide us that we may enter the shining world of God's direct dominion, which is blooming with flowers.

I earnestly ask, report and proclaim these things to the universe in the name of True Parents.

Aju. Aju. Aju.◆

An Interview with Julia H. Moon

Her Life and Her Art



Recently *Today's World* had the opportunity to interview Hoon-sook nim, and we are grateful to her for sharing her story and allowing us deeper insight into Universal Ballet's work and the world of ballet in general.

Today's World: It would be very nice to know something of how you began studying ballet.

Hoon-sook nim:¹ I didn't choose ballet....Well, you know many little girls dream of being a ballerina. They see the crown, they see the satin point shoes, they see the glittering costumes... Like little boys say, "I want to be a racecar driver," or "I want to be an astronaut," little girls say, "I want to be a ballerina." I was one of them. When I was a little girl, I used to do a lot of splits and backbends in the living room. I remember always showing off: "Mom, look at me! See what I can do." I guess it was something that I had a leaning towards as a child.

I started lessons, with my younger sister, at McLean School of Arts. It was in one of those old, little wooden churches where the pews were taken out to make a dance studio. The fact that my first ballet school was in a church is quite meaningful because through all the difficult moments in my dance career it was my faith that sustained me.



Above: Six years old, with a ballerina on her birthday cake; **right:** As a member of the Little Angels, around age 10

How old were you then?

I was seven. My sister and I had two lessons every week and it was fun. I remember doing the school performances. For some reason, my teacher kept picking me for main roles. I guess I was not so bad. My first role as a dancer was a little squirrel, picking up acorns in the school's junior company.

At the age of nine, I went to Korea and danced with the Little Angels for a few years; this gave me the opportunity to learn Korean folk dance.

After returning briefly to the U.S. to finish elementary school, I entered the Sunhwa Arts School, which at the time was called the Little Angels Arts School. Because I entered the

junior high school, I had to pick a major.² The Little Angels sing, dance and they play the *kayageum*,³ so I could choose one of the three. But that was the exact same year that Adrienne Dellas arrived and started teaching ballet at Sunhwa. I think she must have been one of the first Westerners to come and teach ballet in Korea.

Wasn't this long before Universal Ballet existed?

This was 1976. It is very interesting to see how this whole story unfolded. Ms. Dellas came to Korea⁴ in 1976 to teach in the Ballet Department at Sunhwa. She gathered all the students in a huge hall because they were trying to recruit ballet students. I was there. She was talking about ballet and explaining some steps. I think she must have asked, "Does anybody know how to do ballet?" As I had had ballet lessons in the States, I raised my hand. I remember standing up and showing a step called

Ronds De Jambe.

So, I decided to go back to ballet. And that was the beginning of my professional training, at Sunhwa. Ms. Dellas wasn't just teaching ballet to her students as a hobby. She was teaching with the goal of creating a company. It takes eight years to train a professional dancer, studying from age eight to eighteen.

You have to start young.

Yes. Professional training should start by ten years old at the latest. By the time you're eighteen, with eight

years of training, you're ready to join a professional company. Universal Ballet was started in 1984. 1976 to 1984 is exactly eight years. Back then, nobody knew what would happen in

2 Potential students must pass an examination to be accepted by the school and another to show sufficient proficiency in the chosen major.

3 A oblong stringed instrument, the *kayageum* is played while seated, with one end resting in the musician's lap.

4 Adrienne Dellas is a blessed member who taught ballet at Sunhwa (the Little Angels School) for eight years, and was the founding Artistic Director of Universal Ballet, a position she held for three years.

1 Hoon-sook nim's stage name is Julia H. Moon. The H. stands for Heung-jin nim.

1984. Nobody knew that Heung-jin nim would have an accident. Nobody knew.

But Ms. Dellas had the goal, the hope and the dream of creating a ballet company, and she came here and taught ballet with that in mind. I studied for three years with Ms. Dellas. During the third year, the Royal Ballet of England was in Seoul performing for the opening of the Sejong Center for the Performing Arts. Ms. Dellas invited Gerde Larsen and Donald Macleary, the ballet master and ballet mistress of the Royal Ballet, to come to Sunhwa to audition seven students including me. All seven of us passed the audition and were accepted to the Royal Ballet School in London. That tells you something about the quality of her teaching.

We were all thrilled and elated. I was one of the first three students to leave Korea and enter the Royal Ballet School in England. However, my dreams did not last very long. We lived in the church headquarters at Lancaster Gate and we took the underground to school every day. I was there for about a year. What was really hard on me was that although we were accepted, when we got there, we were all placed in a foreigners' class. There was only one school performance a year, and the foreign students were not allowed to be in it. This made us feel like second-class citizens. It was disheartening and depressing. Because I got depressed, I got injured, and I wanted to stop dancing altogether. I started asking myself, Is this something I really want to?

How old were you then?

I was seventeen when I entered the Royal Ballet School. After entering the school, all the students take an exam at the end of the year to determine whether another year will be given to them.

Although the school offered me another year, I decided to leave the school. I had decided that ballet was not suitable for me; not only did I not have an ideal physique for ballet I also had a very shy personality, and I didn't think the stage was the right place for me.

So, I called my parents and told them I didn't want to dance anymore. I was so unhappy. I was literally sobbing on the phone. My dad picked up the phone and he said, "Don't you move. Don't think of going anywhere." Basically, he was saying, "You've put so much work into this that to give it all up now would be such a waste." He said, "Try one more school, and if after one more school you still really feel like quitting, I'll let you quit."

So, from there I went to Monte Carlo, to the Académie de Danse Classique Princesse Grace. I was there for almost two years. It was such a different school! It was like a family. There were all nationalities there—Japanese, Irish, French, Italian, Swiss—they came from everywhere and were all treated equally. An added bonus was the weather, which was so wonderful compared to the rainy weather in London.

My injury healed immediately, which goes to show how physical problems can come from emotional and mental stress. I was happy there and I continued to dance.

When I graduated from the Académie, I thought about auditioning for the Stuttgart Ballet, but the artistic director, Marcia Haydee, was away because she was directing two companies at the time. In the end, I came home and auditioned for the Washington Ballet. Because I'd been away from home for so many years, I thought it was a good time and a good chance for me to be with my family. I was offered a position at the Washington Ballet and worked there for two years.

In the meantime, Adrienne continued to train more students in Korea. It was during my second year at the Washington Ballet that Heung-jin nim ascended, in 1984. Soon after that came my blessing to Heung-jin nim, and the ballet company was started a few months later, as a memorial project to Heung-jin nim.

At the time of Heung-jin nim's matching, Father brought all the blessed children to East Garden. Father said, "Heung-jin nim's bride should be an artist so she can devote her life to her art." So, he was looking for a bride among the second-generation girls who were artists. There were painters, singers, musicians... If Father had chosen a concert pianist instead of a dancer, perhaps we would have an orchestra today!

At the time of the matching, I was touring with the Washington Ballet. We had left for an Asian tour in January and the blessing was February 20. I got a call from my mom in the middle of my tour, when we had just arrived in Hong Kong. My mom basically said, "You have to come back."

I said, "This is a company of twenty-one dancers; you just can't ask me to come back in the middle of an Asian tour."

She said, "Well, there's a going to be a blessing."

My parents didn't tell me the reality until I arrived at the airport in the U.S. We didn't say much until we had picked up my bags. Then Dad said, "I think we should go to the coffee shop. We need to talk." So we went to the coffee shop. We sat down, and the first thing he said was, "Have you ever thought of being a nun?" And that was it. I knew immediately what the whole situation was about. I understood.

You understood just from that one question?

That was all he said, and I knew exactly what was going on. It was as if somebody had turned on a faucet, because I started sobbing as I'd never sobbed before. I don't know if it was me, or what it was. We didn't say anything else. Then he explained to me about the matching with Heung-jin nim.

I didn't have any nice clothes with me, so we went to Belvedere and my mom lent me her blouse and jacket. Then we went to East Garden, and everyone was already there, where Father had gathered them. I was one of the last to arrive, and soon after I arrived, the engagement was announced. The engagement ceremony was the following morning.

You might have heard that Heung-jin nim had thirteen cats before he passed away. So many cats were living in his room he had to sleep in the closet, but he just loved cats. But after



With her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Pak Bo-hi, and her brothers and sisters (Hoon-sook nim is in the front row on the right)

his Seunghwa, they gave most of the cats away, except one black cat called Malachi, who was taken to live at Belvedere, and two pure white ones, Mamio and Tamio, that stayed at East Garden. That day one of them came walking in. You know how cats walk... and the cat went from person to person, and then it just plopped right down in my lap.

Father wanted Heung-jin nim's bride to be an artist...

Yes, and that's how the company got started, but Adrienne didn't know any of that at the outset in 1976. She didn't know what would happen eight years later. It's really quite interesting how everything fell into place. Everything was already prepared for a ballet company to be started.

The other interesting thing is that though Adrienne had studied various styles of ballet training, she had chosen the Vaganova system and the Maryinsky ballet style for the company, because she thought

it was the system that most suited the Korean body. She was always referring to the books and videos of the Maryinsky Ballet⁵ that she had studied. Back then in Korea, even to get a video of the Maryinsky Ballet was very difficult. Then a few years later, in 1989, an unimaginable thing happened. Oleg Vinogradov, who had served as the artistic director of the Maryinsky Ballet for twenty-three years,⁶ agreed to begin working with us

as the artistic director of our new ballet school in Washington, DC,⁷ a position he still holds today. Meeting him and beginning to work with him was very providential. When we started in 1976, we couldn't have imagined that the artistic director of the Maryinsky Theater would one day work with us. Back then, the Kirov Ballet was something we could only see in videos or books. It was a world we could only dream about.

There have been so many times in my life where I feel that Heung-jin nim has been helping me. Sometimes with very small things. I remember one day I needed a basket of flowers to present to someone who was leaving that day, but I hadn't prepared one; nobody had prepared it. I arrived at the ballet thinking, Oh, my God, there isn't enough time. Then I went into my office and there was a basket of flowers sitting on the table. Of course, somebody had sent them to me, but there they were and I could give those flowers to the person who was leaving. Things like that happen, and when they do I know he is helping me.

When the company was created, so many people were envious of me. Even now some people say, "She has her own company, everything is paid for. Any dancer or choreographer would just die to have that position." But for me, back then, there were so many times I wished the company *didn't* exist, because it was just so hard. I felt I was trying to be something I was not. I always felt that I was inadequate as a ballerina, but I was being called upon and was expected to be a world class ballerina.

5 Often called the Kirov Ballet

6 Vinogradov was artistic director from 1977 until 2000.

7 Founded as Universal Ballet Academy in 1990, the school is now known as Kirov Academy of Ballet of Washington, DC.



Above: Universal Ballet's Oleg Vinogradov in 1987 rehearsing with Rudolf Nureyev in Russia while Artistic Director of the Kirov Ballet; Left: Hoon-sook nim rehearsing with Adrienne Dellas while a student at Sunhwa Below: Hoon-sook nim while at the Monte Carlo ballet school



matters of administration and dealing with people, and who helped me grow and mature.

So, I always feel that God and Heung-jin nim have sent me the people that I needed at every point in my life. He also sent Anne. She is a blessed member who had ballet and opera

I had a certain amount of ability but not the physical condition or natural coordination it takes to be a prima ballerina. But then again, Heung-jin nim sent me the best teacher I could ever dream of, Geta Constantinescu from Romania. And because of her, I was able to go to the Maryinsky and dance on their stage.⁸ He sent me exactly the coach that I needed. She may not have been the most famous, internationally known coach, but she was the one who knew exactly what I needed to learn in order to grow and mature as an artist.

And then when I stopped dancing, I had a similar experience with another person, an acquaintance I had made, who helped me learn about

training before she joined the church! She has helped get us organized so we could keep moving forward. She's been here helping me for eighteen years.

So the company was my cross. Dancing was for me... my cross, my sacrifice. I spent many years crying and endlessly pushing myself.

Doesn't it require a lot of sacrifice to become good?

Dancing in itself is a sacrifice. Non-dancers have no idea what kind of work dancers have to do



to maintain their craft. A dancer has to be dedicated to ballet religiously. The word "religiously" is used often to express the undivided dedication and devotion that ballet dancers must have.

I am somewhat of a perfectionist and was always very critical of myself and my dancing. I was never satisfied with my performances and that drove me to work even harder. I remember that after a performance of *Sleeping Beauty* at the Seoul Arts Center, I was so upset thinking that my performance was so bad that I walked all the way home from the theater, crying. (It was quite a distance.)

There were times when the burden was so great that I

8 The *Los Angeles Times* described her as "the first outsider to perform on the fabled Kirov stage."

wished that the company did not exist. I spent most of my twenties and thirties in tears. But this was Heung-jin nim's memorial project. I couldn't go to Father and ask him to close the company. When you know Father's life, you can't go to him and complain. You can't say, "It is too hard, Father."

You just can't do that. So one way or another I had to continue, and I did because of True Parents and Heung-jin nim. There were many times when the faith that others had in me gave me the strength and courage to go on when I lacked faith in myself and my ability. When I look back [sigh], so many times I wanted to let everything go, but now I'm really so grateful. For me, it's such a great privilege to be able to say, "I'm a ballerina."

When you were in Russia, you got good reviews!

I got good reviews but not because I was technically brilliant. I was not a virtuoso dancer. I was lyrical, romantic, dramatic and musical. Those were the qualities that helped me through my career. The technical aspect was always very difficult for me.

When I look back now ballet gave me so much in my life and enriched my life so deeply. I'm so glad that I was pushed through those years.

What would I have done if I had not gone this route? I haven't the faintest idea, really. I think I would have been a very good secretary, because I like to organize. I don't like to be out in the front. I don't like to be the person carrying the flag. I like to be behind, helping people and organizing. When I was growing up in Washington, my dad used to have his office in the basement of our house. And he had a very wonderful member, Betsy Hunter, who was his secretary. I thought, When I grow up that's what I want to do. I used to think I'd be a secretary and help my dad or something like that.

But I do have other interests—I love horses, so I would have loved to do anything with horses. And I'm interested in photography. But right now, what I would like most to do is study, really study—study theology, study world history. If I had the time, I would do that.

Where do you see Universal Ballet going from here?

In the past twenty years, ballet here in Korea has gone from



Above: Hoon-sook nim in *Don Quixote*; Right: With Andries Liepa in *Giselle* at the Kirov Ballet in Russia, December 1989; Below: Universal Ballet's newest original work, *Ballet Musical Shim Chung*



very primitive to world class. In a very short time, Korean ballet has covered the same ground that European ballet covered in three hundred or four hundred years.

We've been able to accomplish that with the help and direction of Oleg Vinogradov. We have really been blessed, because when you say classics, in ballet, Russian tradition is considered the best. It is there that many of the great classic works were created, including *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *The Nutcracker*, *La Bayadère*, and *Don Quixote*. The fact that we were able to inherit that tradition straight from the root is a huge blessing and now it's the foundation of the company's work.

During the past ten years, Korea has slowly developed a classical ballet audience, but the majority of the population is still not familiar with ballet. Therefore, in order to build a larger market, we need to continue to develop

the audience, through special programs such as lecture-demonstrations, performances at local cultural centers, performances with narration, brunch ballets and open rehearsals as well as through high quality PR and marketing, and most importantly, by consistently presenting excellent performances.

We also need to take the development of ballet here in Korea to the next level by introducing other styles of works besides

the classics, including more recent works by European and American choreographers. But what is most important for the development of Korean ballet is to be capable of creating new works, unique to Korea, unique to Universal Ballet, works that give us our own identity.

You have *Shim Chung*, which is unique.

Shim Chung was created in 1986. Last year we created two new Korean works, *The Love of Chunhyang* and the ballet-musical *Shim Chung*.

Aren't musicals the new trend in Korea?

Musicals are popular because they are easier for the general public to understand and enjoy. As a result, recently here in Korea there has been a huge boom in presenting musical performances. Because musicals are so popular in Korea, we are taking that element and combining it with ballet in order to introduce classical ballet to people in a format that is easier for them to understand.

But we have to be careful not to lose the classics. Just because something is popular doesn't mean you can do it all the time. Artists also have to guide and lead the artistic standard, the artistic culture of the public. They need to constantly strive to keep the artistic and cultural level high. For that, pure classics, such as opera and ballet, are important.

What do you want to communicate through the choices you make for the repertoire?

In the early days of the company, Ms. Dellas, the founding artistic director, chose the *Shim Chung* story as our first original Korean ballet. I thought it would be wonderful to



Universal Arts Center was built as The Little Angels Performing Arts Center in 1982 and renamed after renovations in 2007

create a trilogy of Korean ballets that express values that True Parents uphold and teach. Shim Chung expresses filial piety, the story of Chunhyang is about chastity, loyalty and true love; and Heungbu-Nolbu is about brotherly love.

Mr. Vinogradov once said that when you go into a theater, and watch a performance, it should feel as if you took a shower—uplifted, renewed and inspired. That is the power of art, because art is an expression of the human spirit. I read somewhere that George Balanchine said that stepping into a theater is like stepping into a cathedral. Dostoyevsky put it this way: “Beauty saves the world.” Art has the power to reach beyond nationality, race, religion and politics because it touches the heart directly. That is what we are trying to do here at Universal Ballet, uplift and inspire people through beauty.

Looking to the future, what is your vision?

When you have a goal, it gives you clear motivation to work hard and even make sacrifices in order to accomplish it. But once that goal is achieved, how do you maintain it?

Staying at the top of your field requires just as much motivation and sacrifice as it takes to get there. For the past twenty years, we have been climbing up a very steep mountain, because when we started, ballet was very primitive here in Korea. The reason Universal Ballet was able to grow into a world-class company in such a short time was the

combination of True Parents’ vision and support, Dr. Pak’s administrative leadership and Oleg Vinogradov’s artistic direction.

I know that eventually, one day, I will have to carry the responsibility of leading and sustaining the company on my own. In the past six years since I stopped dancing, I have had to learn how to shoulder that responsibility. My lifestyle has changed completely, 180 degrees, because when you are dancing, basically, you only think about your performances and preparing for those performances, which is exactly what a dancer should do. You cannot dance and think about

how many tickets have been sold, how much the budget deficit is, how many injured dancers you have, or what repertory the company should dance next year. A dancer has to be 1,000 percent focused on dancing. Which meant while I was dancing my lifestyle basically included home, studio, theater, rehearsing, performing, recuperating. That was it. That lifestyle reinforced my naturally introverted nature; necessitating a big change when I was faced with the prospect of taking over the leadership of the company.

It’s been a difficult transition for me to make, but it was an inevitable transition that I had to make for the sake of the company. At the same time, there is a generation shift in progress in the church as a whole, with several members of the True Family playing key roles.

UNIVERSAL BALLET’S 2008 SEASON

SEOUL PERFORMANCES

March 20-23	<i>Giselle</i> at Universal Arts Center
June 8-19	<i>Ballet Musical Shim Chung</i> at Seoul Arts Center’s Towol Theater
October 17-19	Modern Ballet Project at LG Arts Center
December 25-31	<i>Nutcracker</i> at Universal Arts Center

OVERSEAS TOURS

November 6-15	<i>Swan Lake</i> at the Arab Emirates Palace Theater, Abu Dhabi (3 performances)
December 18-21	<i>Nutcracker</i> at Pasadena Civic Auditorium, Los Angeles (6 performances)

KOREAN TOURS

Shinsegae Cultural Center Performances	3/8, 5/10, 9/20, 11/29 – Shinsegae Main Store 3/29, 6/21, 9/27, 11/28 – Shinsegae Chukjeon Store
Ballet with Commentary by Julia Moon	April 2 – Incheon Cultural & Arts Center April 12-13 – Osan Municipal Arts Center
<i>Ballet Musical Shim Chung</i>	June 8 to August 31 – Various locations throughout Korea
<i>Nutcracker</i>	December 6-7 – Ansan Arts Center December 12-13 – Gunpo Culture & Art Center

Sometimes I feel like I really don't have it in me; I feel inadequate to the task. But then there are days when I think I *can* do it. I see what needs to be done and where we need to go. It's a challenging time right now, because we're trying to build the future, but I guess that's what makes it exciting.

Is having your own school necessary to supply dancers to the company?

There's a book written by George Balanchine, who created the New York City Ballet, entitled, "But First a School." Because the career of a ballet dancer is very short (dancers usually retire around the age of forty), without your own school, it's sometimes difficult to maintain the style and tradition of your company.

Because of the social climate here, Korean dancers often retire earlier than dancers in the West. Ballet hasn't been around for very long here. Many people still do not look upon it as a serious profession. They see it more as something to do for a while when you're young. But this is slowly changing.

Is there is anything you could say for younger people growing up in our movement?

Growing up in the church in the second-generation is very difficult because it was your parents, rather than you, who made the decision to join the church. So growing up in the second generation you have to make that choice for yourself. Being in the church and pursuing a life of faith has to be your decision.

Sometimes second-gens can take Divine Principle and what we learn in our life of faith for granted, because they have never experienced the turmoil of not knowing the truth, not knowing why there is so much pain and suffering in the world, not knowing whether or not there is a God, not knowing whether spirit world exists. Of course, within the church, there are situations that may not be ideal, because we are still in the process of restoration, so you may think there is something better elsewhere and you may go looking for it.

But if you stray too far, you can lose what you had to begin with. This doesn't mean that you shouldn't look. You *should* look because the more you look, the better you will understand the value of what you already have. You will know it for yourself, not because your parents told you so. You have to own your choice, your decision. I think that's very important for second-gens.

The first thing is to own what you believe in. The second thing is to be an example in your life. That in itself is a testimony to True Parents.

Could you say something about your children?

Now that I am raising Shin-whul, I understand why Father once said one should raise both a boy and a girl. It's just amazing how much difference there is between boys and girls.

My son is very tall now, almost 183 cm, and is attending a military academy in the U.S. My daughter Shin-whul is so cute when she introduces her brother: "I have a brother who's bigger than an adult!" That's the way she introduces her *oppa*.



In Bulgaria, serving as a member of the jury at the 2002 Varna International Ballet Competition. Established in 1964, the Varna IBC is the oldest international ballet competition.

He's about fifteen now?

He's fifteen. I'd never want to be a teenager again. It's so hard being a teenager because it's the time in your life when you're trying to figure out who you are. Like all boys his age, he needs time to mature and come into his own.

Shin-whul's four and she's just adorable. She is very musical and loves to dance. She loves to go to the ballet with me and has already memorized music from *Swan Lake* and *Nutcracker*.

When I was raising Shin-chul, just to have him call me Mom, and that he was my son, was the greatest gift. A few years ago, Shin-chul decided to go to the United States to study. Even though I was sure I would miss him it was something he needed for his growth. I thought, Okay I am going to have time in the evening. I'll be able to study. I'll be able to do all those things I've wanted to do but haven't had time for.

I was making plans to fill my empty time. Then, all of a sudden, Father asked Hyo-jin nim about... Would you? And he said yes. And suddenly I had a little girl. At first there was a little bit of a shock. Oh, my gosh! How am I going to raise her? I'm already forty-five. But she's amazing. She gives me so much happiness. I'm so grateful to True Parents. I think Father knows me better than I know myself because I don't know how I would have managed these past few years without her.

When Shin-chul was young, I was often struck by how much he resembled Heung-jin nim, and I felt Heung-jin's presence around him. Now, a lot of people tell me that Shin-whul looks a lot like me, which is really amazing. It feels like it was meant to be. Sometimes, I find myself looking at them in amazement. I am so blessed. ♦



The family (from top) Shin-chul nim, Hoon-sook nim, Shin-whul nim and Ginger

How to End One Year and Begin the Next



Heung-jin nim and Dae-mo nim reside in the spirit world and guide the Cheongpyeong providence through Hoon-mo nim (Mrs. Kim Hyo-nam). Following is a major portion of the speech that participants of the ancestor liberation workshop heard on December 30, 2007.

From Adam and Eve, central figures were established throughout history, moving down the line through Cain, Abel, Esau and Jacob, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and the returning Lord. Because Adam and Eve fell, God has lived for the sake of restoration.

Therefore, He hoped the central figures would understand His heart and circumstances and Satan's mind-set and all there is to know about evil. He hoped they would thus never fall into temptation from Satan and evil but fulfill what God willed. However, this did not happen. When we listen to the Divine Principle and study the central figures in detail, we see that in the end, they were led into the temptation by Satan, by evil. Why was that? Do you know? Fallen nature! Satan and evil tested them by appealing to their jealousy, hot-headedness, hatred, falsity, greed, self-centeredness, arrogance, discontent and dissatisfaction, and the central figures fell into temptation. Thus, as history developed, the amount of evil increased.

On the other hand, who were the ones that worked and ran errands throughout the created world in accordance with what God asked? They were angels, whose central figure was Lucifer. The angels were thoroughly aware of all that God had created. However, when Adam and Eve fell, so did some of the angels.

We need to know that God did not create Satan. There was no such being as Satan. Who became Satan? It was an archangel. And two thirds of the angels fell with Lucifer, Adam and Eve. They became a part of it. We refer to those who have become part of the evil side as Satan.

They were aware of everything. They were strong and understood God's purpose for creating and His will. When they turned and worked against God, therefore, they demonstrated even greater power and caused humanity's situation to progressively worsen over the course of history. When a man who was evil while living on earth because of elements of evil and fallen nature within him passed into the spirit



Left: Jeongshimweon (literally, place of pure heart), the Cheongpyeong prayer hall, amidst the glory of nature Right: True Father listening to Dae-mo nim as she reports about the spirit world on January 1

world, Satan and the evil spirits that preceded that man made him into a stronger, more evil spirit. Why would they do that? In order to overcome goodness. The entire spirit world was like the kingdom of heaven. The earthly world too. After Adam and Eve fell, evil developed and progressed over time. Then to what degree has it grown? As much as eighty percent.¹

True Parents' work of restoration

The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who came to earth as the Messiah, came to understand that historical reality and God's will and God Himself. They are aware that God desires to convert this world, which was degraded by Adam and Eve's fall, back into the world He had created, which was to be one of joy and happiness, and they are determined to do it.

If it can be done, whose hearts have to be moved through the power of goodness? It should be those of Satan and the forces of evil. So, as God and True Parents carried out the providence of restoration, they gave love to Satan and the evil forces, and set the conditions of indemnity they demanded. As they set these conditions, they moved the heart of and reformed each and every one of the fallen angels. Up until today they have been coming down and blessing us even though we had original sin, inherited sin, collective sin, individual sin and fallen nature.

As they blessed us, it was as if they were telling us, "We will take care of the most terrible and adamant sin, original sin; you should, of your own accord, rid yourselves of inherited sin, collective sin, individual sin and fallen nature through putting true love into practice centered on the Divine Principle." That we could indeed rid ourselves of those sins was possible. Here we could practice absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience toward God and True Parents.

¹ Dae-mo nim is looking at the comparative strengths of evil and goodness.

Then what should we accomplish here little by little? The "firm establishment of noon!"² Here in Cheongpyeong, we should achieve the public focus of our heart, body and mind-set. Today should be better than yesterday, tomorrow better than today, this year better than last year, next year better than this year. We should have come here and achieved the firm establishment of noon, but we have not yet done so. We should have gradually rid ourselves of all the elements of evil we lived with before we knew the Divine Principle and before we received the blessing. We should have gradually gotten rid of them and then come here, but we failed to do that.

Blessed families failed to fulfill their responsibility

And yet what do we tell ourselves? "We are a blessed family." You are wrong to think in this way. True Father rids us only of the original sin so that we in turn may rid ourselves of the inherited sin, collective sin, individual sin and fallen nature. Only the original sin. He says that we should rid ourselves of the other kinds of sin by practicing absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. "I will take care of the original sin alone. Since the original sin can only be dealt with by the Messiah, I will take care of it and leave the others for you to take care of." As I told you earlier, after establishing our center, we should have transformed ourselves in accordance with the Divine Principle and come here. We failed to do that.

In light of this, what are we doing now? We ourselves have created the good spirit world and are separating ourselves from evil spirits. In the past, we were meant to separate ourselves from them in our everyday lives, but now we can separate them by our own hands, with the support of the absolute, good spirits. This is not something that comes from

² Father coined this phrase to mean the achievement of spiritual uprightness such that your life casts no shadow.



The Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center with Cheongshim Tower in the left foreground, the main hall on the right, minor halls on the left and Cheongshim Hospital in the background

the original Principle way; the responsibility for this does not lie with any one person but with all of us who know the Principle. No one should be blamed. "We're a blessed family; why can we only live at this level? Why do we have so many difficulties?" There is no need to blame anyone.

If we had come here of our own accord and achieved the firm establishment of noon, there would be no need for ancestral liberation. Our ancestors would have advanced with us, so by the time we became perfected individuals and reached the place where God is, our ancestors would also have arrived at absolute goodness. This was a blessing that God and True Parents wanted us to have, a blessing that you were to receive yourselves, centered on the word, on the Principle. They wished for us to attain it by ourselves centering on absolute faith and absolute love.

But what did we do? We looked back to our past lives before we knew the Divine Principle and before we received the blessing. When we looked back, who came to us? Satan and evil came upon us, even more strongly than before. What do we look like now? We are pillars of salt. Do you admit this? [Yes.] We have become pillars of salt, and once one becomes a pillar of salt, one is 100 percent bound to go toward evil rather than goodness. Then because Satan and evil cause disease, pain, and suffering, in the end we could not avoid living in sickness, pain and suffering. Such has been our history.

Loosed in the spirit world, loosed on earth

Then what have True Parents set up here for us? This is the spirit world, isn't it? The Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center is not the physical world. It is the spirit world! They have prepared what is necessary for us to rid our bodies of evil spirits and have our ancestors work with us. Those of our ancestors who are in the worst places can be liberated, so it is not a question of blithely telling them, "You can stay there," but making them into absolute, good spirits now, so that the providence of restoration need not be repeated.

There are some among our blessed family members, who do not come to Cheongpyeong because they do not like it here. However, there is one thing they do not know. In the past, goodness could be achieved as time passed according to our way of life. This statement was once true: "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Now, however, for

all of us who have become pillars of salt, situations involving the spirit world and evil spirits, rather than earthly circumstances, need to be resolved.

So which is the subject world? Is it the physical world, or the spiritual world? According to the fifth verse of the Family Pledge, the spirit world is subject! Within the spirit world, there is much that needs to be resolved. Only when it becomes a good spirit world can goodness permeate the physical world. Now, we are in a position where we cannot move at all, so how could we possibly resolve everything here? How can we "loose" everything if we ourselves are shackled hand and foot? We cannot. That is why the circumstances in the spirit world need to be put right, so that everything can be stripped off us and we can become beings of perfected character and citizens of the kingdom of heaven—and then go there. The work needed to bring this about is that which has an effect in the spirit world, the activities taking place here at Cheongpyeong.

Church leaders must understand this issue clearly. If church members do not understand this, they will not come to Cheongpyeong. It is wrong if they do not come. Nowadays, it is no longer a case of entanglements in the physical world resulting in entanglements in the spirit world but of entanglements in the spirit world resulting in entanglements in the physical world. Now, only when situations in the spiritual world are resolved can those in the physical world be rectified.

A blessed family's responsibility

Therefore, as I have mentioned, we should not just concern ourselves with our children's happiness, with eating well, with clothing ourselves well, and with living in a nice place; we need to become people who know how to change history. You don't realize how intense this time is. Our history is much longer than just six thousand years. Isn't that so? When I go to the spirit world, I see that things are not a result of merely six thousand years, but of a truly long history.

After passing through such a long history, we have learned about the Principle from the True Parents who have come as the Messiah. It is the task of those who know the Principle to put history in order.

At this time, when we delve deeply into the eras of the central figures of the past, it was not only the central figures who made mistakes. Those who lived in those eras, those who knew Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus could not ful-



On January 13, participants of the 121st forty-day Cheongpyeong workshop enjoyed a sports day at the Youth Center.



Left: Dae-mo nim with new mothers celebrating the delivery of the 1,000th baby at Cheongshim Hospital
Right: Sporting activities on Cheongpyeong Lake during a summer workshop for members of the second generation

fill their responsibilities. In this era, the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace has been built and the Entrance Ceremony and Coronation Ceremony carried out. It is in this era that our True Parents have been victorious. However, what if the central figures are victorious but we who live in this era are not? What will you do? This would be a condition to be accused by all of history.

While True Parents are still on earth, our number must grow from this year to next, and from next year to the year after, so that an increasing number of people learn the Divine Principle. Therefore, it is our responsibility to leave behind a history in which the firm establishment of noon emerged naturally while True Parents, our Messiah, were still on earth, by bringing everyone without exception to know the Divine Principle. Do you understand? [Yes!]

Our attitude for the new year

At the beginning of this year we made promises to God, "This year I will do such and such and do it well." Didn't we? We made promises. And God believed in us, thinking, "Yes, he is a blessed member; he has gone through the New Beginning Workshop and is an owner of Cheon Il Guk. I trust him." What's today's date? It's the thirtieth. And on December 30, God says to Himself, "There's one day left. I will wait a day for you to see if you carry out what you prayed about at the beginning of this year." If you have made mistakes, you must report them to God, and if you have not carried out your promises, you need to tell Him.

Where is the spirit world closest to us? Where we can make the report? At Cheongpyeong. Or at your church. Those members who could not come to Cheongpyeong today must, without fail, go to church tomorrow, which is Sunday, and report to God, "Heavenly Father, on January 1, I made this promise, but I failed to fulfill it." You must tell Him why you could not do it, and ease His mind. He will embrace you with love in His heart as a parent. So that He can, we who offer our reports to God must develop such an outlook in our life of faith. Do you understand? [Yes!]

We pray casually; we report casually. We report nonchalantly about what we are unable to fulfill, without thinking. If we can't do it, we don't do it; if we can, we do—as a habit. We pray habitually when we are about to eat or sleep or on Sundays.

Ultimately, we need to know as fact that God believes in

our prayers, in what we say when we pray. We also need to know that Satan also listens to what we say in prayer. Satan tries to prevent us from fulfilling our prayers, and God watches over us with love and blessings, that we may fulfill our prayers. He hopes we will fulfill them.

The reason we cannot fulfill our prayers is that God cannot help us, because we are not one in heart, body and mind-set with Him. Do you understand? Therefore, as we come to the end of 2007, we should reflect. "How much have my family and I been one in heart, body and mind-set with God?" We should think about this as we take part in this Holy Song Session today and as we go to Jeongshimweon to pray.

We should reflect on this as we think ahead to 2008 and not simply discard what we failed to accomplish in 2007. Think about it and fulfill it if we can today or tomorrow. What you can't do by then, without fail you should do in 2008. In that way, you may become children God feels are worthy of His trust.

God asked me, "Can you carry out what Cheongpyeong has to do?"

I said, "Yes!"

"Can you really do that?"

"Yes!"

"Do you know what the greatest difficulty is in what you do?"

"No, I don't."

"Catching hold of the hearts of people, who are very fickle and make promises they never keep! This is important."

God told me that people cannot be trusted, and then He said, "You need to catch their hearts, the heart that is genuine; you must also be genuine and treat them with love. You should not hope to receive anything in return, just work with sacrifice and service and do everything truthfully and diligently. Then the work can be accomplished."

So as I carried out the Cheongpyeong activities, and though of course offerings were made when we were constructing this building and the palace, I never told the members, "You should offer this or that amount." What I can truly be proud of is the fact that until now I have never received money from even one individual. Why is that so? It is because I wanted to work with a mind-set of sacrifice and service, as God had told me to. So until now, not once have I ever told anyone, "Pay this much money and I will heal

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though I had spent the least time in the church. I first met my wife-to-be at True Parents' Holy Wedding.

My wife may look frail, and to those who greet her, she may seem unresponsive, but she wasn't like that before her accident. She is a precious person to me. I came to see a new world through my life as a blessed member with her, Yun Jung-un. Through the Principle, we've come to know about the original world, yet we still learn many new things. Who would have thought that there were two masters in this world? Before revealing them to us, Father put his teachings into practice and perfected that ideal. In terms of the blessing, there is no fathoming the value of the perfection and completion of true love through the realm of the three generations.

Two things deeply moved me when I first heard the Principle. The first thing that impressed me was the reasoning and abundance of experiential evidence that described the spirit world. I was also greatly inspired with the concluding remarks of the final chapter, The Second Advent, where it describes the future of the Korean people and how Korea would become the center of the world.

The situation in Korea at that time was dismal; we were experiencing difficulties and hardships that severely bore down on our spirits. That is why the Principle moved and touched our hearts greatly. I think I studied the Divine Principle quite a lot more than other people did. I read it many times, and the deeper I delved into it, the more value I discovered hidden in the Principle. I discovered many new things in the Principles of Creation in particular, through which I was able to experience ecstasy and gratitude. When I came to understand the deeper meaning of the concept of the four-position foundation centered on the ideal of true love, and especially when I was able to experience it as the ideal found in my life within a blessed family, gratitude filled my soul because I knew this was indeed the truth. I was filled with the conviction and inspiration that the four-position-foundation ideal could easily outshine any ideology or religious doctrine on earth.

In addition, concepts such as give-and-take action, subject partner and object partner, and the give and take between the

subject and object partners alone are enough to explain and resolve all the intricacies in the world, and to inform others of the goal, the direction we have taken. There are, of course, many other vital themes such as those found in The Messiah: His Advent and the Purpose of His Second Coming, Resurrection, Eschatology and Human History and so on. No other person has revealed and so vividly elucidated God's fingerprints on history, or clarified the parallels between the two ages in the providence of restoration as an intentional course of the providence, as we find in the Divine Principle. No one else has even dreamed of this. Yet, the Principle clearly reveals how God was not free to do as He willed even though He was the great Lord observing the development of history through human beings.

The Principle also teaches us the astonishing and wondrous fact that God factored human beings into his great formula, even though doing so forced Him to wait patiently in the background for us to fulfill our five percent portion of responsibility. I've given many Divine Principle lectures over the past fifty years in workshops and other educational settings, in revival meetings, in public forums, and on a variety of occasions, including a period when I lectured virtually every day at the Divine Principle lecture hall in Seoul or at seminars for professors and leaders.

In the early years, there were times when I was breathing heavily through most of the lectures I gave because I was famished; at other times I sweated profusely or felt unwell. I remember when a deaconess treated me to a bowl of thick beef soup after I'd lectured and how it felt like the sweetest and yet most potent tonic I'd ever had. Even through such difficulties, I was energized and excited whenever I stood at the platform to lecture.

I must confess that, looking back, I realize we lost or wounded many people, even though we were trying to convey True Father's precious teachings through Divine Principle lectures, because we were so inexperienced. There were times when we disregarded our audience in the belief that we knew everything. Only after many years did we realize our mistake of being too quick to judge Christians by our own standards when they themselves had undergone the ardors of a life of faith. That is truly regretful and shameful on our part. I still



At Hawaii King Garden, the 7th anniversary of the Coronation for the Kingship of God was commemorated before hoondokhwae on January 13. Father spoke about the importance of lineage and the significance of connecting with one's ancestors.



Father spoke at the January 29 Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Hwayang Free Economic Zone (FEZ); Korea is developing FEZ to increase both manufacturing and trade. The Hwayang FEZ in Gwangyang Bay is being developed as a global marine leisure complex and was a key component in nearby Yeosu's successful bid to host Expo 2012.

work on furthering my understanding of the Principle. Yet, in the early days we failed to link the ideals expounded in the Principle with the blessing ideal. In the beginning, we did not think Father would bless thirty-six couples. The first thing we expected Father to do was select his twelve disciples. I personally did not even dream I would be included; I'd gone there thinking it would be interesting to watch my elder brothers being matched but I ended up receiving that grace myself.

I was completely unprepared and did not comprehend the significance of the occasion. Yet, by True Parents' special grace, I was matched to Yun Jung-un. The core of the Principle is to have a subject partner and an object partner, a man representing God's plus side and a woman His minus side meet under the blessed family ideal. I was enveloped in grace and came to be matched in that way.

My family background differs from my wife's. I come from a Confucian and Buddhist background, from a very conservative, traditional family. My wife's situation was exactly the opposite; she came from a modern household. Her mother graduated from Soongsil Theology School in Pyongyang. Her parents married out of love for each other, which was quite uncommon in those days. In that sense, her family was quite enlightened. My wife, Yun Jung-un, grew up in an educator's home (her father was a high school and teachers' college principal). She had a good educational foundation, was well educated and had graduated from Ewha Womans [sic] University before being matched to me. Under these circumstances, my wife and I came to be together. Through my wife I have learned absolute love and absolute faith toward God and True Parents. I have been greatly influenced by her and have learned a valuable lesson on having an unblemished faith and heart, which I could not have learned from anyone else. That is why I truly respect my wife and am always grate-

ful to her.

Of course, after her accident, it became difficult for her to move around, and it's true that it can be quite frustrating dealing with her in daily life and in actual reality when it comes to meeting people, as you all have probably experienced. Yet, she has a pure and precious heart that is beyond any of her shortcomings, and I am truly grateful that this particular disposition was fully inherited by our children. At home every day, my wife would always prepare a separate set of clothes for praying in the evenings and early morning, offering a prayer condition at those set times, always setting the focus of her mind on God, True Father and True Mother. Observing her lifestyle, I came to experience great happiness and gratitude. After we had children, and as they grew up, we held worship services in our house, making it a tradition to have our family overflowing with spiritual devotion. There was a set pattern in the order of the prayer service or who in the family would lead the service. Even a young child could easily adapt to that environment.

In such an environment, I think we were able to raise six upright children though there were other difficulties. I think it might seem out of line for me to express pride in my children, but their single-heartedness toward Heaven, all six of them, to me seems worthy of respect. There are many times when I feel this sudden urge to bow to my children out of respect. I see that they have something in their hearts that is more precious than mine, that their devotion to God is more fervent, and that they are connected somehow to True Parents in areas which I have been unable to experience. Thus, whenever I speak to my children on the phone or in person I find myself naturally using the polite form to them; I believe my original mind is moved to do so. I think my children were greatly influenced more by my wife than I, but for this I am actually grateful. My grandsons and granddaughters all

worship at home with my children. They have always maintained that tradition in their lives since before the start of the hoondokhwae tradition.

My wife and I had to live apart for five years. It all began when Father called me in 1975, telling me I should come and work in America. I went there as the manager of the Ilhwa United States branch office. I had applied for permanent residency. My lawyer had told me the application process was complete and I would get my permanent residence card in about a week. Unfortunately, just about that time, it was discovered that I was a close disciple of Rev. Moon. Father was then undergoing severe persecution in America for no apparent reason. The processing of my application went on hold. I did not hear from them. They were waiting for me to leave the country. If I'd done so and tried to apply for a visa outside the United States, they would have most likely have rejected my application. Yet, Father had directed me to be there. I felt that if I left America I would not be able to enter again, so I stayed. I was unable to leave.

The only I option I had was to remain where I was. What started out as a one-year wait lengthened into two and eventually lasted five years. My wife probably experienced more than a few difficulties during that time, taking care of six children on her own, especially considering her character. It was also not easy on my part to live separately from my family. After going through these difficult times, I was finally able to get permanent residency. After that, I was planning to visit Korea and bring my entire family to America. That was when the incident happened.

One day my wife and two of our children, Jin-hyo and Mi-sook our youngest child, were on their way to Joonggok-dong on a bus packed with people. My wife, with Mi-sook in her arms, was barely able to get off at the bus at the stop near our house. Our son, Jin-hyo, however was unable to get off the bus, which immediately left after my wife had gotten off.

My wife was totally at a loss; if she had some time to think, she would have taken a taxi and followed the bus to the next bus stop to look for our son. Instead, she thought it would be best to take Mi-sook to our house, which was nearby, leave her there and then go after the bus. Her mind, I'm sure was in a flux. Her blood pressure was unstable to begin with, but she ran all the way to our house and back to the main road. She was breathing heavily and at her wits' end when she was finally able to catch a taxi. The taxi driver started driving and asked her where she would like to go but got no answer. He asked again, but my wife was leaning back on the seat with her eyes closed. She had collapsed on the seat. This happened twenty-eight years ago.

The driver was a seasoned taxi driver and immediately got a patrol officer from a police stand to come with him. They went to the Adventist Hospital in Cheongryang-ri but the medics there refused to take in a patient who was barely breathing and without a guardian. It was only because the patrol officer made a big fuss about it that she was able to get immediate attention and was hospitalized in the intensive care unit. Later, the taxi driver told me how, strangely, the traffic lights had all turned green all the way to the hospital.

At the time of the accident I was traveling in Peru. After hearing the news, it took me two days to get back. Yet, I found my wife in a condition where it would be difficult to say she was living. Her pulse, respiration, electrocardiogram, body temperature, the color of her skin—none of these were even close to normal. The doctor told me the likelihood of her living was less than one percent and I should prepare for the worst.

I stayed at the hospital and prayed throughout the night. Our members too offered their prayers and conditions. My wife was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital in Myungdong to receive treatment. In the end, she came back to life after being in a vegetative state for twelve days. The doctor said he could find no other explanation for her recovery but that it was a miracle. Father told me God had taken pity on me and allowed my wife to live.

If a patient has been nearly brain-dead for twelve days, even after reviving, he or she would need to go through rehabilitation. Yet, because I was not experienced in this, I left for America shortly after my wife revived but without giving any further instructions about her care. This is something I regret to this day. Hearing that my wife had gained consciousness, Father made an international call to me and asked whether I would like to have a mission in Korea, remarking that I should look after my wife. I was serious throughout this entire ordeal. My first thought when faced with this emergency was, Why has this happened? This question occupied my thoughts on the plane during the two days it took me to arrive in Korea. I still didn't have an answer. Because I knew how devout my wife was and that she always lived in goodness, what had happened was obviously not by her fault. This meant it was mine, or was caused by some other relevant factor. I felt I had to repent and ask forgiveness. I spent those twelve days with this thought in my heart. I remember praying for her, asking God to allow her to live. My prayers were heard; this miracle occurred.

When my wife awoke, I intuitively thought, So that's it! I had never did anything of my own volition. I lived in complete dedication to God's will, and this led to my having to endure being separated from my family for five years. God surely must have taken pity on me and allowed my wife to live. I should therefore return to America and work even harder in the mission field.

It was while I was filled with such gratitude that Father had called me. I couldn't bring myself to say "Yes, I would like to remain in Korea," even if I wanted to. I was unable to say that. I thought that if I did God would scold me saying "You rascal! I saved your wife but now you're worried about her instead of focusing on your mission!" So I honestly told Father how I felt and that I would return to America.

My wife came back to life twenty-eight years ago after this accident, but her movement and physical condition are not what they used to be. It is difficult for her to move around; she moves slowly. Outwardly, she seems obtuse. She is far from normal when it comes to adapting to or enduring in a given environment. Her mental capacity, her memory, power of reasoning and power of thought are weak. That is why when you meet her she may not greet you; she often neglects to show the proper etiquettes. She does not pay much attention to her surroundings. Still, she is getting better little by little. Thankfully, her devotion and dedication to God and True Parents have not changed. I would appreciate it if our members would be considerate of her circumstances.

True love is in giving and living for the other in your life; True Parents have taught that the original form of true love is perfected on the foundation of the family. This particular teaching, I poignantly feel, is the core of the Principle. Furthermore, one cannot perfect the true love ideal alone but only through one's partner. This amazing truth illustrates the duty that is incumbent upon all blessed families. Within our families, and as a whole, let us devote ourselves in carrying out this duty. ♦

father? [He is right here. (Moon Yong-hyun.⁵)] Moon Yong-hyun is your father? [Yes.] I often saw you with Hyo-jin. When I saw how you reported about activities, I got the impression you have some ability. From your reports, I could see you think things through and plan well.

This year is one of the ssang hap jubilee years. The jubilee years have been connected. The eighth year should be a bigger year than the seventh. Eight is a feminine number. That is why women have a bosom and a belly. That is the number eight. If women can have good sons and daughters, those seeds influence whether her husband can do well in life or not....

Family comes first. So centering on the family, with a heart of concern for their descendants and for humanity from when children are young, from the moment of birth, the parents have to devote themselves to applying the Principle and its concepts. If the mother and father don't do well, how can their children do well?

If there were a Unificationist nation whose tradition stems from the Principle, our philosophy, we could achieve anything. Because we don't have a country, I have been persevering. ...

I scolded you a lot today. You heard me scold you, so don't allow things to go on as they have. Wake up. Make a stand. You should go from a sitting position to a standing position in one motion. Be determined not to bend. Stand up straight like a brave soldier and live your life heroically. If you possess

5 Moon Yong-hyun is one of Father's cousins

that determination, you will light the days of the Unification Church and the Unification Church's path will be straight and true. Aju! [Aju!] [Long applause]

[Emcee: Everyone, please stand up.] Stay where you are. I didn't say I was finished! Are you trying to make me finish now? [Laughter] Now we have to start the second part of the program. Yang! Yang! You know I'm talking about Rev. Huh Yang, right? [Yes.] It should be recorded in history that the path he traveled down was that of a lonely missionary. That is how I know him. How do I know that? I traveled the same path, so spiritually I often saw what he was going through. Because we have this shared history...

If you just look at Huh Yang, he is short, so you might think he isn't worth much. If you were aware of how much he devotes himself and the quality of his internal life, you'd understand why he is exemplary and why I often call on him to come up and sing. Do you understand that? You grandpas, do you understand me? [Yes.] You should buy your wives more nice meals than you do your grandchildren and should love her more than you do your sons-in-law.

Come out and sing. What will you sing for us? [Rev. Huh sings.]

Hoon-mo nim! Say something about how things are moving in the spirit world at present. Give an assessment of whether the standard of heart of the people here is low or high. Don't think that you can't be candid.

Moon Pyung-rae! [Yes.] Go back and forth and shake anyone who isn't listening to this. [Laughter] Okay, speak! [Hoon-mo nim gives her report.]◆

you," or "Pay this much money and I will make your business flourish."

Those activities, which members carried out with a mind-set of sacrifice, service and love, have until today brought 320 billion absolute, good spirits into being, created what we call Cheongpyeong and built the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. Each and every aspect of the process of creating the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace was perilous and risky, as when someone is hanging in midair. Even until the day of the Palace Entrance Ceremony and the Coronation Ceremony, we were not sure if it could be done. Now we have no worries. All of heaven and earth is now fulfilled. Why? After the Fall, the house of God could not be established on earth in a thoroughly good world, and what makes these accomplishments truly great is the fact that now there is a house for all of the physical world and the spiritual world wherein God can dwell. This is truly a great undertaking.

New history beginning from March 2008

Therefore, from March 2008, our members, if you spend time here, will realize the firm establishment of noon and resolve everything. The circumstances that contributed to people being turned into pillars of salt will be resolved. Those who have become stronger pillars of salt may be restored later, but in the end everyone will be restored.

So we must all go forward in that direction, with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. From March 2008, an era will begin in which we can be proud in front of the world that we are blessed, because great changes will take place then. Henceforth, any improvements made through Cheongpyeong activities and the Holy Song Sessions will be visible to the eye. The era wherein everything will be

greatly improved begins in 2008.

You can see that we are liberating our ancestors from the 141st to the 147th generation, and from January they can be blessed. You need to understand that history will be transformed as those from the 141st generation to the 147th generation are blessed.

Preparing for the New Year

So, respected members, please resolve everything in your life from 2007! Through the Holy Song Session following my speech here today, you can completely remove everything and bury it here at Cheongpyeong, liberate all that is within you. While looking over the lists of your ancestors, which I was doing until early in the morning, I thought, So many mistakes have been made. What should we do? Should we leave this in the people's hands as their responsibility? Or shall we help them?... Let's help them....

When members attend the Holy Song Sessions, it would be so good if they could see what is happening! I deeply regret that you cannot see. If you could see, you would feel so thankful and cry out in gratitude. In this hour-long session, please take out all the mistakes of 2007 and give them to the absolute, good spirits. After you do so, with that great heavenly fortune, you must offer filial piety to God and True Parents and follow the dutiful way of divine sons and daughters.

I ask you to please welcome 2008 by embracing the hope that everything will go well. Please experience the joy of good health in your daily life. In so doing, please adopt the spiritual tradition of following the dutiful way of divine sons and daughters with a heart of filial piety in front of True Parents that can change the course of history. I wish you many blessings for the year to come and ask you to become proud members of our Unificationist community!◆



Last year, the University of Bridgeport celebrated its eightieth anniversary since its founding as the Junior College of Connecticut in 1927. The year was marked by accelerating growth, a transformation of the campus and development of outstanding academic programs. With an unmatched respect for diversity and a career-orientated environment, UB has become the fastest growing school in Connecticut.

"Our admissions team is doing a great job. The counselors are focusing on campus visitations and they actively follow through from start to finish. We are proud of the success," commented Barbara Maryak, associate vice president for admissions.

Students are increasingly selecting colleges based on a "university's strength in their intended major," according to a new report from Eduventures,² College Search and the Millennial Generation. "Compared to previous generations, today's students tend to be career-focused at a younger age with 90 percent of high school juniors and 92 percent of high school seniors having already identified their primary field of interest," said Jim Quinn, senior research analyst.

UB finds that a commitment to service, individual integrity and respect for alternative points of view are values that attract students from all walks of life to the university. "Our learning environment is a global community. When you serve others and treat differences with civility, a person's leadership potential grows. So we encourage all of our students to be givers," Mr. Salonen said. The distinct curricula aid students in their journey to become the kind of professionals that enrich the communities in which they

1 A significant increase in the number of births in the U.S. occurred in 1945–1959; this became known as the baby boom and those born in those years as baby boomers. In their childbearing years, baby boomers caused a similar but less spectacular spike in births per year. This has been called the baby boomlet or baby boom echo.


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Engineering school booming



The man working on the vehicle is a student at the University of Bridgeport. The vehicle is a custom-built engine-powered car, likely used for engineering projects or competitions. The background shows a well-equipped engineering lab with various tools, equipment, and other students working on projects.

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On a recent fall day the sound of a motor growling in the air is a constant hum at the University of Bridgeport, where more than 1,000 students are working on a variety of projects in the school's new engineering building, which opened last fall at a record high in cost.

With 100,000 sq ft, the building alone takes almost three times as much space as the school's previous engineering building, which was built in 1980. The new building is a state-of-the-art facility, with a variety of classrooms and labs, and a large open space for students to work on projects.

"This is really something," says the school's president, Dr. John J. DeStefano, "to have a building like this in the heart of the city. It's a real testament to the school's commitment to excellence in engineering education."


Dr. DeStefano says the school's commitment to excellence is reflected in the school's curriculum, which is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in engineering principles and practices. The school also offers a variety of extracurricular activities, including a variety of engineering clubs and competitions.

The school's commitment to excellence is also reflected in the school's facilities, which are designed to provide students with a high-quality learning environment. The new engineering building is a prime example of this commitment, with its state-of-the-art equipment and facilities.

The school's commitment to excellence is also reflected in the school's faculty, which is made up of highly qualified and experienced professionals. The faculty is dedicated to providing students with the best possible education, and to ensuring that they are well-prepared for the challenges of the engineering profession.

The school's commitment to excellence is also reflected in the school's alumni, who are highly successful and respected in the engineering profession. The school's commitment to excellence is a source of pride for the school and its community, and it is a testament to the school's dedication to providing a high-quality education.

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The man working on the vehicle is a student at the University of Bridgeport. The vehicle is a custom-built engine-powered car, likely used for engineering projects or competitions. The background shows a well-equipped engineering lab with various tools, equipment, and other students working on projects.

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live and work. "This has been a landmark year for us. We strictly focus on academic fundamentals and fiscal discipline," President Salonen added.

Employing over five hundred people, the University's impact on the local and regional economy has been estimated at over \$130 million per year.

In addition, fund raising is gaining strong momentum. "In the last six years, annual fund contributions have risen 723 percent and alumni participation is stronger every year," says John Daley, director of public relations. With assistance from increased giving and government grants, UB is undergoing numerous transformative projects.

UB has recently floated a Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) approved a \$21.2 million tax-exempt bond issue for the renovation and expansion of several key facilities. Earmarked for renovation are Mandeville Hall (home to UB's School of Business) with smart classrooms technology and the library's main floor with a "learning commons" (including a café). An extension of the IT Information Center network is also planned.

Through a State of Connecticut grant and private contributions totaling over \$3 million, the Fones School of Dental Hygiene is moving to a new, state-of-the-art clinic. The thirty-chair clinic serves more than nine thousand people annually, contributing an estimated five hundred thousand dollars in services to local communities. "The Fones School Clinic has provided excellent dental care to an underserved population. We are continually being recognized as a leader in the world of dental hygiene," said Marcia H. Lorentzen, director of clinical affairs.

UB's International College has received national



Many student recreational activities take place at nearby Seaside Park, which abuts the Atlantic Ocean; seen here, the 100-year-old Perry Memorial Arch.

attention for the school's Bachelors Degree in Martial Arts Studies—the first such program in the nation. Students cover the theory and practice of martial arts and the program includes the study of Asian culture, philosophy and East Asian languages. Dr. Thomas Ward, Dean of the International College commented, "The Martial Arts program has no parallel in the U.S. It attracts some of the university's

strongest students."

The International College also focuses on tackling global issues such as poverty and conflict resolution. It has recently initiated an MA in Global Development and Peace, designed to prepare students for careers in international civil service. In similar stride, the college has partnered with Japan's National Model United Nations Team at the 2007 National Model UN Conference. This team was sponsored by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is preparing to partner with us again for next year's Conference.

The School of Education and Human Resources has created one of the largest education internship programs in the United States. These professional educators and managers graduate with a strong interdisciplinary background and teaching experience to support teaching in an urban environment.

UB's School of Engineering is one of the top three fastest growing engineering schools in New England.³ For the last three years, the school has acted as principle partner to the world's first completely virtual, international science and engineering research conference. The school remains a trendsetter in the field of robotics and

³ A region in the northeastern United States comprising the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Maine



Right: Happy University of Bridgeport graduates Left: The April 15th International Festival featured 14 performances and 26 food booths





“We invite you to come to UB, and then become one of our 52,000 alumni. The people we attract—athletes, students, faculty and staff—are drawn to what makes UB unique. We are excited about what the University is creating. Stay tuned—the best is yet to come.”

—President Neil Albert Salonen

computer engineering. Next fall, UB will begin awarding almost \$2.4 million in scholarships to incoming minority engineering students.

Many problems affect the health of an individual as well as the wellness of the community. Following a more holistic view of unified health sciences, UB offers diverse study choices within the healing professions. These include the increasingly popular fields of chiropractic medicine, naturopathic medicine, nutrition, acupuncture and dental hygiene. These programs are educating students in preventative and alternative medicine, which many other U.S. universities are now beginning to look into.

UB is host to a strong National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II athletic program with six men's teams and seven women's teams. Sports include basketball, baseball, cross-country, soccer, softball, gymnastics, swimming and volleyball. The University takes athletics very seriously, as close to one-third of the full-time undergraduates participate on a sports team; many of our athletes have also received academic honors. Next year, the University will expand to play lacrosse and provide an open field for cricket (a favorite sport of students from South Asia.)

The UB men's and women's soccer teams kicked-off the 2007 season on a brand new field, Knights Field. There are plenty of seats for fans, a press box, as well as light towers for night games. The field is an international standard size, the first of its kind in the East Coast Conference.⁴ It uses the latest innovation in synthetic playing surfaces, FieldTurf. Freshman Defender Nick Campbell was amazed after playing on it. “The field is really nice and as I play the surface allows me to be more technical.”

Next, UB will begin the renovation of the Arnold Bernhard Arts and Humanities Center with a restored theater, sunken garden and modern facilities for community arts. The Bernhard Center building is a major resource for the greater Bridgeport community. “This is an exciting time. It is our hope that the greater Bridgeport area will also hold their activities in these renovated facilities,” said Salonen.

I am a proud 2006 graduate of the University of Bridgeport's International Political Economy and Diplomacy program and an active member of the Unificationist community. I am especially grateful for the university's personal approach to my studies, as well as the numerous leadership opportunities presented to me. I am currently working for the university in the public relations office and plan to study on the graduate level in the near future. ♦

4 An organization that constitutes a league of competing teams (in various sports) from colleges in the New York metropolitan area



The UB campus is 60 miles northeast of New York City.



The Magnus Wahlstrom Library; its book collection comprises more than 270,000 titles.



President Salonen speaking to student delegates to a Model UN Conference

The Gentle Winds of Change in Libya

By Mihoko Hamasaka

In 1992, Japanese sisters headed for Libya in order to start service activities as WFWP volunteers. Libya at the time, however, was under economic sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council; it was isolated internationally and very difficult to enter. Therefore, they went to Jordan instead, carrying out service activities in homes for the elderly and among refugees and children.

In America at the time, many Japanese sisters were involved with a series of Japan-U.S. Sisterhood Ceremonies, which brought inspiration to many participants. Mrs. Amena Azwai, wife of the Libyan Ambassador to the UN, took part in one of these sisterhood events and was deeply moved.

At the time, my husband and I were in Japan and had just been appointed national messiahs to Libya. Mrs. Yasuko Takahashi, a national messiah to Turkmenistan, called us from the U.S. to say that Mrs. Azwai was willing to invite me to the anniversary celebration of Libya's revolution, which was to be held at the UN.

At the celebration party, I met the Libyan Ambassador to Libya and his wife. Later they introduced us to a couple, Mrs. Mufida H. Tuwebi Anag and Mr. Giuma Anag. Mrs. Mufida became the first ambassadors for peace from Libya.

Since then, Mrs. Mufida, Mr. Giuma, and other socially prominent Libyans have had the opportunity to attend IIFWP or UPF conferences, the WFWP Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East, WCSF, and the Coronation Ceremony at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. My husband and I were also invited to Libya and visited the country four times. We are truly grateful that such blessings are the fruit of the mustard seeds sown by Japanese volunteers to Libya, who had to offer their services in Jordan instead, as well as the help of sisters in America.

On our visits to Libya, we had the chance to meet representatives of their Committee on Education, as well as leaders of the Revolutionary Committee, to whom we testified to True Parents' movement. We also were able to hold exchanges with schools, orphanages, an organization for children with Down syndrome, as well as the High Institute of Women's Vocational Training Centers, of which Mrs. Mufida is the director. During this period also, Libya suspended its terrorist activities, destroyed its weapons of

mass destruction and publicly recommended to North Korea that it also abandon such weapons. When the Philippines presented a resolution to set up a religious council at the UN, in line with True Parents' direction, Libya voted for it. Against the backdrop of such developments, the United States recently reestablished an embassy in Tripoli.¹

Last September, we visited Libya as representatives of FFWPU Libya, with a Letter of Gratitude and a commemorative gift, a crystal miniature of the country. We were able to present these to Dr. Salem Ben Amer, a friend of Colonel Gadhafi's since the

Libyan Revolution. We also spoke about UPF to Dr. Salem, who later presented the letter and gift to Colonel Gadhafi. We then received a message from Colonel Gadhafi, via e-mail, expressing his thanks to us.

We also found a long article about Mrs. Mufida in *Al Jamahiriya*, a Libyan newspaper, which mentioned that Mrs. Mufida as a successful woman and the first ambassador for peace in Libya.

Colonel Gadhafi is planning to bequeath the next administration of the country to his son, Mr. Saif Al-Islam Al-Gadhafi. The younger Gadhafi happened to be visiting the Philippines recently, on invitation from the government, at

the time that Hyun-jin nim was holding the Global Peace Festival there. Through an introduction by the Philippines Government, Mr. Saif Gadhafi, seen as the second-generation leader of the future Libya, was able to meet Hyun-jin nim in Manila! We are deeply grateful that such developments were able to take place, as a blessing also from Heung-jin nim in the spirit world.

Libya has exchanges with North Korea and has amicable relations with South Korea. Numerous Korean businesses are involved with various projects related to Libya. It is our hope that Libya can contribute to the unification of the Korean peninsula, and furthermore to the building of Cheon Il Guk. We will continue to do our best toward these goals◆

The Hamasakas were blessed among the 777-couple blessing group.

¹ On May 31, 2006, after a 26-year hiatus



Mrs. Hamasaka presenting gifts of appreciation to Dr. Salem Ben Amer, who conveyed them to Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi, of whom he is both a friend and sometime envoy

