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by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

FATHER HAS TAUGHT US FROM THE BEGINNING THAT in man's original nature there is an element of heart and mind that is meant to be precisely in tune with Heavenly Father's heart and mind. The doors of our soul should always be open to catch the frequency and direction of God's "heart waves," so that our actions resonate in harmony with God's desire. When we are pure and not self-centered, it is much easier for us to receive His vibration. If we do, then our level of thinking and feeling is automatically elevated vertically and expanded to encompass Heavenly Father's universal realm of concern. Because God's heart is continually reaching out in every direction, we must connect with His core motivation if we are to become as universal as He is. If our motivation is the same as God's, then our actions will automatically correspond to God's desire and will.

According to the Principle, this heartistic link should have developed quite naturally; thus man's communication with God and the spirit world would have been effortless. But as we know, man fell and broke this relationship. The spiritual and physical worlds lost their mediator and came to exist as separate entities.

Members have heard True Parents speak about the spirit world and about the mission of Heung Jin Nim and its significance, but often without deeply grasping the meaning. Therefore, I am very grateful that all over the world, many members are now experiencing our beloved brother Heung Jin Nim's direct guidance. This kind of personal experience can help strengthen our belief in True Parents, the Principle, and the spirit world, and enhance our understanding of the role and mission of Heung Jin Nim.

I want to deeply thank Heung Jin Nim, as well as Jesus, for their continually warm, loving, and sincere guidance. That our worldwide movement can receive their guidance so directly is a great blessing, and it allows us to appreciate True Parents' worldwide victory and Heung Jin Nim's sacrifice even more. I have heard that Heung Jin Nim has spoken to many, many brothers and sisters in Africa, the Philippines, Europe, Korea, America, and Japan—on all six continents. We feel shame when we see how busy a schedule he keeps and how hard he works. With kindness and wisdom he gives very real and detailed direction to our members and leaders.

Spiritual phenomena for most people, both in and outside of our movement, are very new and exciting. However, we must be discerning. We can understand that without the Principle, a person would have no idea how to perceive or interpret spiritual phenomena or how to correctly respond. A solid foundation in the Principle and an attitude of purity and clarity on the part of the medium are of prime importance in determining the value of what is received. If the medium's spiritual standard wavers, the quality of what he or she receives is affected.

We as members are very fortunate to be directly under True Parents' guidance. This is a tremendous blessing because True Father is the only person who fully understands the organization and content of the spirit world. He is the only one who can completely and accurately interpret any kind of spiritual phenomena, whether it be through hearing, visions, or dreams. We also have the Principle, which gives us a clear and logical explanation of our spiritual senses, how the spiritual and the physical worlds relate, how to lay good conditions, and so on. Additionally, our elder brothers and sisters in the movement have had many spiritual experiences and can guide us in how to use our experiences most beneficially.

To understand spiritual receptivity, we can use the analogy that a medium's knowledge of the Principle is like a container that holds the spiritual content. The quality of the medium's internal preparation determines the kind of "container" he is—whether cup, bowl, or vase—and how much he can hold. Different spirits prefer different containers. The deeper and broader a medium's comprehension of the Principle is, the more attractive he is to high spirits. Even the spirit world must follow Principle rules and regulations. According to the Principle, conditions made on earth are very important in determining what can happen in the spirit world.

Furthermore, since the spirit world is unlimited—beyond time and space—one can easily get confused about spiritual phenomena without a very reliable compass and map, which the Principle, in essence, provides. We are accustomed to the three dimensions of the physical world, so the guidance of the Principle is further necessary to help us go beyond our cubic thinking and get an accurate perspective on

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UNIFICATION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



by REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
June 30, 1987
Barrytown, New York

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The 11th commencement exercises of the Unification Theological Seminary took place Tuesday, June 30, at 11:00 a.m. There were 54 graduates—41 from the two-year Religious Education Program and 13 from the three-year Divinity Program.

RESPECTED PROFESSORS, PARENTS OF OUR STUDENTS, ladies and gentlemen:
Today we are congratulating the 54 honorable graduates who are participating in the 11th graduation ceremony at the Unification Theological Seminary. Hereby we are celebrating their future.

You graduates are now departing with hope, after having studied here two or three years, to go out and practice your ministry in order to fulfill the will of God. Before offering my encouragement to you, I must first thank God for the protection that allowed you to celebrate this day and also praise the outstanding education given you by all your professors.

Despite the short history of our school, the Unification Theological Seminary has become famous throughout the world for its uniqueness. It has been giving its students an interdenominational and interreligious education, and it

serves as a model for breaking scholarly barriers by inviting scholars from various denominations to teach and share with those students of our own faith. This is a truly historical achievement. In the near future, a department devoted to researching all the great religions of the world will be installed at the Seminary.

HARMONY AMONG RELIGIONS

God established many religions in order to guide us to the full realization of His ideal for the creation. In these Last Days, the Unification Church has been erected as a religious movement for fulfilling the entire will of God through bringing harmony among religions and among denominations within religions. It was not established by the will of human beings.

God is not a being who dwells in doctrines, nor is God restricted by rituals and forms; God is the creator of the universe as a living spirit. Religions are intended to be the exemplars to all mankind of correct teaching. God's heart aches the most when He sees religions struggle because of conflicts among their own denominations or when they

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fight against other religions.

Centered on the Unification Theological Seminary, I initiated New ERA and the God Conferences, two truly ecumenical movements. Through these, I demonstrated both the possibility of and the necessity for the harmony and unification of Christian denominations, and, further, of other great religions. I believe that this unification and harmony will be the precious result of patience, sacrifice, and true love. To advance the will of God on earth and bring peace to the world through sincere dialogue and harmony among religious bodies, I also founded the Council for the World's Religions and the Assembly of the World's Religions. These organizations have performed miracles in the religious world. Further, I founded the Youth Seminar on World Religions and the Religious Youth Service, which bring young people together to help prevent racial and religious wars and to establish a peaceful ideal world under God. Through all these organizations, I am presenting to the world's religions a new alternative. All of these programs and projects are part of the Unification movement that I initiated. It is my wish that you graduates, and everyone here today, may inherit this foundation with the heart of an owner, expand it, and bring forth new fruit.

Beloved graduates! You are departing today as important members of our church, bearing grave responsibility toward fulfilling God's will for salvation. At this time, what should be the deepest wish in your hearts? It should be to establish true lordship as ideal individuals, creating ideal families, societies, nations, and ultimately an ideal world, which our human ancestors were unable to initiate due to the fall.

A MIND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Because of the fall of man, all human beings came to live within the bondage of Satan, the master of false love, without being able to become the worthy objects of the love of God, who is the Lord of life. Hence, this world ceased to be the original world. This reality has been expressed as "paradise lost." The fall has affected not only individuals, but also families, societies, and nations, and thus the world and the entire cosmos.

We who have lost paradise should proceed to the ideal through the process of restoration, or recreation. However, we cannot proceed directly to the path of recreation; we must first go through the path of indemnity, reversing the way of the fall. Adam and Eve and the archangel fell due to false love, abandoning their public-centered way. Therefore, one should walk the way of recovery through the heart, by loving God more than Satan, loving goodness and rejecting evil, and loving that which is public more than that which is private.

This is not some vague theory but a practical principle. For individuals, this means loving God the most by following one's original mind—the mind that is oriented towards

public righteousness—and rejecting Satan, who is rooted in the fleshly desires of our daily life. At each social level—family, society, nation, world, and cosmos—one should eliminate the bases of evil, such as greed, indulgence, distrust, and false love, through the practice of sacrifice, service, and true love centered on God.

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Seminary grads hear of leader's peace initiative

By PATRICIA DUSSEY

Barrytown — They came from around the world to study here at the Unification Theological Seminary.

On Tuesday, 50 students — who came from England, Scotland, Taiwan, Japan, the Netherlands, Cambodia, Zimbabwe, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Czechoslovakia, Australia, Iran, France, South Africa, the United States, Canada, and Germany — marked the completion of their theological training.

At the 11th annual commencement ceremony at the seminary, 51 students graduated from the two-year religious education program and 14 graduated from the three-year divinity program.

In a commencement address to the graduates, the founder of the church, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, said the school has quickly established a worldwide reputation for being unique.

"It has been giving students an interdisciplinary and inter-religious education and it serves as a model for breaking scholarly barriers," Moon said.

As the students leave the seminary for the outside world, Moon told the graduates, their "living environment (will be) a battleground between good and evil."

"The graduates' actions, Moon said, will serve good or evil to the extent that those actions do or do not serve the public interest."

Congratulating the graduates, seminary President David S. C. Kim said they must strive to inherit Moon's tradition and emulate his example.

Kim said Moon established two new projects during his recent 70-day stay in Korea, writing his

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The Rev. Sun Myung Moon gives the commencement address at the Unification Church Seminary in Barrytown.

Seminary President David S. C. Kim hands a diploma to Bryce Blaine of Burlington, Wis.

The church choir sings "Halls of Ivory."

A positive article on the graduation appeared on the front page of this Kingston, NY, paper. The photo of Father was in color.

Great satisfaction can be gained by exercising public righteousness even when it is difficult.

From ancient days, outstanding religious leaders have strongly emphasized a disciplined life of faith. This is because the conditions that religious persons establish here on earth affect their eternal life. You should understand that your living environment is a battleground between good and evil that both God and Satan are watching carefully. I ask you to understand this serious point: Depending on whether you speak or act out of true concern for the public benefit or only for yourself at the public's expense, that word or deed can belong either to God or to Satan, to life or to death.

Humankind has inherited fallen nature and easily becomes a slave of habit, and even religious people are inclined to live an easy life. But a life of routine faith is hazardous. Such a life of faith presents a condition for Satan, who works without ceasing, to try to infiltrate. As people walk the way of restoration, Satan, who doesn't want to lose anyone, looks for every opportunity to reinvade. Even if Satan must depart from a person because of the indemnity conditions he or she has set on an individual

level, he may invade again on the family or the national level.

Are you not feeling a sense of liberation with graduation? However, in certain ways, strict regulation is helpful for a life of faith. A secular life relying on habit, which can easily involve your own past life, is not the way of true life. Only by living a life of true love and continual self-sacrifice can a person overcome Satan. Moreover, great satisfaction can be gained by exercising public righteousness even when it is difficult. I hope that all of you may lead such a life.

THE MINISTRY OF LOVE

The Messiah comes to teach mankind to overcome Satan, to destroy Satan's base in this world, and to build God's Kingdom on earth. The Messiah shows the example for this through his own life. Thus the Messiah comes with the love of True Parents, which is the highest love. Unification Church members should be able to embrace the world with love, but only when you are totally united and centered on the love of parents who have become one with God can you win the world back to God.

Through this love, and by overcoming Satan's cunning tricks in your daily life, you can live in the eternal realm of liberation. When you are an individual of such love, you can finally build a true family and an ideal society, nation, and world, which will be the Kingdom of Heaven.

Beloved graduates! In order to find the best location for our Seminary I looked at many different places. This place was not chosen easily. I put great emphasis on finding a place in a beautiful natural environment, where the spirit of the mountains and the river could help educate you in developing wholesomeness of character. After this school opened, I came here many times and prayed, and I personally educated students from many different perspectives. My heart and my dreams dwell in the Hudson riverbanks, the surrounding mountaintops, the trees, the grass, and even in every small rock. On this campus, there is nothing to which my heart has not been given. You have been living here day by day, drinking in the life spirit provided by God, under the protection of the world of good spirits. I hope that you will not leave this campus with only a bag of knowledge accumulated through your years of research, but also with God's hope and my expectations for you as you go out to the field to practice the ministry of love.

I expect all of you, who are graduating at a time whose importance can hardly be matched in the entire providence of God, to become witnesses of the living God and of true love. For this, I pray that each of you will become a lighthouse and an example for all humankind, and that you can educate all people through an exemplary life.

I pray that God's blessings will be with you and that you will become true disciples of love and heart.

Thank you. □



WE SHALL LIVE IN THE ORIGINAL HOMELAND

by Rev. Sun Myung Moon
July 1, 1987
Belvedere

Translator: Dr. Bo Hi Pak

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT—"I" OR "WE"? THIS IS A fundamental question. "We" usually means men and women, but actually "we" should include everything God created—the trees, the animals, all things of creation. The most important point we must establish is that each person, each "I," dwells within the group, within the "we"—not "we" within the "I." Saying "I" signifies an individual surrounded and protected by a multitude, called "we."

Whenever you speak of "I," you already denote "we," in that each "I" can be seen as a representative of the whole group. It is only when you speak of yourself in reference to the whole—everybody else—that the emphasis upon yourself is acceptable.

But in this society of America today, individualism has become the pervading spirit. When individualism goes to its furthest extreme, a person begins to repel everything else. He thinks, "Why do I need my family? Why do I need my country? Why do I have to care about the world?" All of these attitudes are the extreme manifestations of individualism.

TRUE PRIDE

If you don't care about anything other than yourself, then that "I" becomes very selfish. An American might say, "I am second to none in the world because I am a citizen of the number-one country." However, it's all right to feel proud if you are also thinking, "I am a representative of the United States and I want to represent my country well." In that case, thinking proudly of yourself is acceptable. When you act as a spokesman, representing the entire entity, then your value is virtually equal to that of the whole group.

Suppose one of your eyes proclaimed, "I don't care about that nose or that mouth or those things called ears. I'm the most important." It doesn't make sense for the eye to try to focus on itself alone. Only when the eye recognizes the importance of the whole body and strives to serve for the

sake of its overall well-being can that eye correctly feel it is indeed important and plays a most significant role.

When you say "we," what does that include and where is your position? You are in the center of your loved ones. Above you are your parents, below you are your children, on the left and right are your brothers and sisters. If you are a woman, your husband is in front of you, and if you are a man, your wife is behind you. Wouldn't you like to be in the middle, surrounded by those you love, or would you like to just go off to the side somewhere, isolating yourself and dwelling alone? Certainly you want to be at the center.

When you are at the center, that means you are a representative of the whole. You represent everything above, below, to the right and left, to the front and rear. All the elements of the whole can be found in the representative.

How many people are needed to become the representatives of all human beings? Actually, two people—one man and one woman. Should just women be the women's representatives? Someone else could represent women even better. If there were a man among your representatives, wouldn't you feel stimulated? If only men were the men's representatives, the men would be bored, but if women became involved, that would be exciting. Don't you want to become a representative, a champion of something? Anyone without such an aspiration has a life that's not worth living.

THE HIGHEST PURPOSE

It is natural to want to be proud of your country, to be a representative of your people, a champion of your nation. The United States, with every race here—black, white, yellow, brown, red—is a microcosm of all humanity, containing people from every race from around the world. This is truly something to be proud of. Therefore, God approves of your pride in being a representative of a nation that represents all humanity.

But if you are trying to push everybody else down to give yourself number-one importance—that is satanic. Look at your hand. Ask it, "Would you like to exist only for

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your own sake, or would you like to be doing something worthy and good for the rest of humankind?" Certainly the hand would prefer the second option. Compare one person who represents the United States with a person who represents the entire world. The one who represents the world has the greater value. Why do you prefer to live for the sake of the world? Because everything in the universe welcomes the person who lives for the largest purpose. To be welcomed, valued, and respected is the desire of all existence.

To take another step, which has the greater value—living for the sake of all 5 billion people on the earth today, or for the sake of all the people who ever lived? Certainly historical humanity is the larger purpose. Going a step further, we know there is a Creator of the universe. To live for the sake of God—isn't that an even greater purpose?

What does God like to represent? Money? Knowledge? Power? Suppose there were something that embraced the past, present, and future, as well as all men and women; something that would not tarnish in value; something that everybody liked—children, parents, grandparents, people from the East and people from the West, high and low, rich and poor, educated and unlearned. If such a thing were to exist, then wouldn't God say, "Yes, I will represent that"? Is there such a thing? Yes. It is what we call true love.

All creation throughout history is looking forward to finding its true representative. Do you think history has found that person about whom the whole of creation can say, "Yes, I am well represented by that individual"? Do you want to place yourself in that position, to represent all creatures? You say yes. What a revolutionary difference that is from the conventional, selfish outlook of people!

A CIRCUIT OF LOVE

By now you have come to the realization: "I am the representative of the nation and the world and the universe and all creation." But do you want to represent that all by yourself, or together with your loved ones? You want to be together, don't you? Why is that? Togetherness means there's a circuit of love, and only through a circuit can love be enacted.

If you are an Olympic champion, you don't want to win a medal just for yourself—you want to win it for your nation. You want to see your nation's flag being raised and hear your national anthem being played. You want your parents and children and your whole family to be there with you, and you want to represent all of them well, isn't that true?

People salute the person who represents them well. They are not saluting some idol; they are paying homage and respect to their representative. There are thousands of statues of heroes all around this country, but that does not mean that Americans are idol-worshippers. Honoring your nation's champions and building statues to them is a good tradition and will inspire all future generations.

The large tree out on the lawn here at Belvedere—what does it represent? That tree is declaring to the world, "Look at me! I represent God's ideal of creation. What a wonderful being I am!" You should salute that tree every morning, saying, "You are a greater champion than anything else because you represent God's ideal."

Even a tiny blade of grass can say, "Don't look down on me. I am the representative of the love of God, a creature who appeared because of God's love. You must show

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respect to me." Then you've got to salute that blade of grass.

THE CENTER OF ALL THINGS

Everything is connected to the love of God. Every creature on earth says to love, "Please come and dwell with us." Love does not have any particular dwelling place, nor any particular direction—but amazingly it becomes the center of all things. This is its secret.

You always find true love in the very center. You must not forget this concept. When you look at something, wherever your attention goes first becomes the focus or center—and that is where true love dwells.

Let's say there are 360 closed doors in a circle. Only love has the power to open them all at once. Were it not for love, even God would have to go around opening them one by one. When your husband comes home, it doesn't matter which door he enters. You won't say, "You can't come in the back door, just use the front door." When your loved one is coming home, every door is open to him, isn't that so? Even if a big man who looks fearful—rough and dirty like a beast—is touched by true love, he blossoms like a flower. He smiles and shines with the beauty of true love. If you are intoxicated by true love, there is nothing you cannot do.

In true love, the lower your position, the better. This is because the lowest position can best complement the highest position. The truly virtuous king is the one who loves not only his cabinet members or his ministers but also those who are the lowest, poorest, and most miserable. A good king must be able to harmonize with even an old lady in the countryside.

HELL INTO HEAVEN

There is no one whom God, with His true love, cannot love. God tries to embrace even the ugliest, most evil and vengeful person with His true love. He is able to love even His own enemy. If you go down to hell with true love, you can change it into heaven. Where do you think true love shines most—in the broad daylight or in the darkness of night? The darkest night is the opposite of light and is the enemy of light, in a way, but actually that enemy is the one who can most fully recognize the brilliance of the light of true love.

The greatest statement to man that Jesus Christ made was "Love your enemy." That statement can conquer the world. I have not only reiterated that statement but explained it completely. If the enemy is invaded and totally surrounded by true love, will he cry out in agony, "Oh no, we are dying"? Or will he say, "Hooray!" Even the enemy would be jubilant to be conquered by true love.

You resemble God. Do you love your enemy, as He does? You are destined to resemble and to pursue love because

you were created by God.

If love had a certain shape, like a square, then it could only accommodate a square-shaped person. But love is like the air—there is no shape, no form to it. Love can sometimes be round, sometimes thin, and can even be stretched like a thread. But that love thread will never break. It can stretch endlessly and will never say, "Don't pull me any more. I'm already stretched too much!"

Love wants to bind God together with all those within the love string. That love string will make God stretch out vertically—He will become very tall and thin. God will even feel pain at being so stretched out, but it will be a joyful pain. He will say, "More! Stretch me more!" Only the power of true love can do such a thing.

WHERE YOUR TRUE SELF DWELLS

Wherever your love dwells is the place where your true self dwells. Vertically speaking, you are dwelling within the heart of your parents. Of course you can't dwell physically in the heart of your parents, so something that represents you—your true love—dwells there.

You also dwell in the heart of your beloved spouse, and when you have children, then you dwell in their hearts as well. When you are asked, "Where are you?" you can answer, "I am dwelling amidst my beloved universe." This is most incredibly convenient: Since love has no particular location or shape, love can go anywhere and stay anywhere. When you have planted the seed of true love everywhere, then everywhere is your home and you are welcomed by everyone.

God has a very long range vision. He knows that even within the individualistic nations we see now, someday there will emerge righteous people who will truly embody His love and embrace all of humanity. Even from the enemy's descendents, someone will be born who will reciprocate the love we give our enemy now. America's help for Korea now can be seen in essence as a reciprocation for all that I have done here.

One good example of the work I have accomplished is your Blessing. You all began from very different backgrounds and cultures, but coming to the point at which you could allow me to suggest an eternal spouse for you is the greatest testimony to how selfless and God-centered you have become.

What is our title today? "We Shall Dwell in Our Original Homeland." Where is the homeland of God? Our original homeland is the place where God dwells. But where is that? The focal point and essence of the homeland is true love.

GLOBAL FAMILIES

If you examine any seed, you will see that there are two parts within it surrounding the embryo at the center. Each seed might be said to be a symbolic representation of the

Anyone who passionately loves and tries to meet the needs of his brothers and sisters and his society—such a person can never go wrong or be neglected.

whole universe—the positive and the negative joined together. Every human being also has two parts—the physical and the spiritual united together. At the center, like an embryo, is true love. God created two parts of the human race—male and female—and He designed them so that they should be joined into one, as a couple. What makes two parts into one? It is only true love, not any other power.

Men and women come together as a couple and create a family, which represents the universe. Husband and wife are like the eastern and western points coming together. But God wants to see a round, globe-shaped entity. In order to create that round unity, men and women must have children. Thus the family comes to exist. When you become such a global existence, then you represent all four directions—east, west, north, and south. Your harmony creates a vertical and a horizontal line of unity, which cross at the center, forming an axis. This axis must be centered on God and true love.

What actually is the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven? That is when families have been perfected here on earth and can enter the spirit world to live forever, centered upon God and true love. Without that, there is no way we can even talk about the Kingdom of Heaven. Once you accomplish this formula on the earth, then it will fit anywhere and everywhere.

Heavenly love is always giving, always altruistic. The action of giving means you are participating in the act of creation. God created first, and you are creating a second time. That is what the action of giving represents. You must understand that not only God creates—we, too, are co-creators. We are constantly creating every day.

God's creation is nothing more than the investment of Himself—manifesting Himself and giving Himself. Therefore, as we engage in our own second creation, we must invest ourselves through sacrificially giving. The person who gives most, leads. Why are the parents always the central figures of the family? It is because they are always giving unconditional love.

UNSELFISH GIVING

Who is the patriot? It is he who is willing to give everything for the sake of the nation, even his own life. The whole country can turn around centering on the tradition of that one patriot. This society of the United States has not understood this central point. People feared that by unselfishly giving, they would diminish themselves. But on the contrary, by giving one can gain. The more one gives, the more he can receive. That beautiful secret seems unknown as yet to the people of this society. We have to teach them this principle.

What God has been doing is investing His whole being for the sake of creation, without any reservation, without withholding an ounce of His energy. That is what God's tradition is all about. We as co-creators can do no less. If



you do this you will prosper.

In the satanic world there are no absolutes and everything is relative, as we see in today's society. Setting a good family tradition is crucial because there one can find a solid centering point. A tradition of love always manifests itself in beauty and virtue.

The United States must have some unchanging axis that it can present to the world, saying, "Look at the tradition we have in our country. We are so proud. Everyone should follow our example." What do you think that axis is? It is the tradition of true love. In the home, the highest virtue is that of filial piety. In the nation, the highest virtue is patriotism. In the world, the quality of sainthood is the highest. At each level, the central practice is that of true love.

The Unification Church is the school of this true love axis. We are people of different races and cultural backgrounds, yet we practice the same principle of love. In fact, what the Unification Church is practicing throughout the world in more than 120 nations is the tradition of holy son. The Korean word *sung ja* means "holy son." Even more than a saint, the holy son of God embraces and practices the principle of love for the sake of all heaven and earth. That is the tradition I am trying to create. Every member of the Unification Church who practices this same principle, regardless of what race or culture he or she is from, can become a holy son or daughter of God. That is our ultimate goal.

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YOUR PLACE IN HEAVEN

The order or hierarchy in spirit world is determined by one's fulfillment of true love. How much true love "equity" you have will determine your position. The king of the spirit world is the one with the most true love. Once he is ordained in that position, it is permanent.

We want to live in the homeland—the place where true love dwells. God wants to dwell within the hearts of men and women, within the parents' heart, and within the children's heart. Those hearts can be the dwelling place of God only if they are places of true love.

In order to secure your place in the permanently revolving, cosmic motion of God, you must be able to push out and give rather than trying to pull in and take. How does love come to exist between a husband and wife? It is when both want to serve each other. Instead of pulling on each other for love, they should push love toward each other, giving everything of themselves to the other.

What is true brotherhood? It is when brothers try to give to each other, pushing out toward each with their love. If one brother tries to take from the others for his own sake, there will be a big hole, a puncture. Then that family has to move forward on a flat tire.

The parents who live their entire life for the sake of their family, serving and loving them purely, cannot go anywhere else except a high place in heaven. All the people in the spirit world will want to come and be around such parents because they will also enjoy the benefit of their true love.

You cannot invite God to dwell within you as long as you remain flat. You have to create room for Him by becoming round, like a ball. Then you can invite God and the whole universe to dwell with you. You should have this kind of purpose in your mind: "I want to be a higher, bigger, wider person. I want to be deeper and longer." That means you want to become global. You've got to create your family as a global dwelling place, not just a flat plane. You want to expand into all directions. When this intensified true love entity is assembled, it is no longer flat. Like good bread, it rises up and swells into a nice round shape.

ONLY ONE WAY TO PROSPER

If there had been no fall of man, this process of creating God's homeland on every level would have occurred automatically. But because of the fall, we must struggle and fight for each step forward. As we constantly confront our enemies on each level, we must melt them with love; then we can move up. I have encountered enemies along every stage of the path of life. But I struggled, overcame, and always embraced my enemies with love. Then I could move on. As long as I dwell in the original homeland, which is true love, no satanic power can infiltrate. This is my

protection.

You have to live for the sake of others. You've got to invest yourself without any hesitation. That is the role of the co-creator. As much as God invested His entire being, you have to invest your whole being. When you do, that brings a new creation. Because I have followed this secret throughout my life, I have been able to make the most extraordinary accomplishments, something that will remain for a million years to come.

Even if all 240 million American citizens run away from this country, I will remain to the very end. I will defend and protect America. The citizens of this country want to be loved by someone who brings true love, someone who can love them in an extraordinary way. Americans want to deserve such love; they are waiting and longing to receive such love.

Ask the entire world, "Do you want to be governed by a person who truly represents the love of God?" The world will say yes. This is the secret. The fallen world is trying to conquer and subjugate through force, through war, but we have a different strategy. By practicing true love as our way of life, we can win the world for God. How convenient and practical this is! God's idea is not just theoretical.

On a hot summer day like this, July 1, why have I been speaking for so long and working up such a sweat? Because I want to give to the absolute degree, with nothing left over. This is for you. I only know of one way to prosper—that of giving totally, absolutely, to perfection.

LIVE WITHOUT SHAME

I want you to live happily. Particularly you husbands and wives, I want you to be truly happy couples. But I also want you to live without any shame in the sight of God or the nation. You must be able to stand with your chin held high, with true pride. What is the secret to living like this? Can you say to the nation, "Give me more. Take care of me"? That brings shame. You must give to the nation. Ask, "What do you need? Let me give it to you. Let me provide whatever service you need."

You must be willing and ready to sacrifice your family, if necessary, for the well-being of the nation; you must be willing to sacrifice your nation for the well-being of the world. That is the true way. When you struggle and win, then you become a true representative of the nation, world, and cosmos. Only because of the fall of man is this kind of sacrifice and struggle necessary. Perfection would have been an automatic process if the fall of man had not happened.

Don't ever think that the homeland is someplace far away. Wherever you practice your true love, that is your homeland. Don't you want to live in dignity, walking down the street with your head held high? In order to do that, go ahead and sacrificially serve this nation. Then you can become truly proud, without shame. You men and women



The True Family celebrates Kook Jin Nim's and Sun Jin Nim's birthday on July 9. Back row, left to right: Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Jin Whi Nim, and Jin Sung Nim. Middle row, left to right: Hyo Jin Nim, Jun Sook Nim, Nan Sook Nim carrying Shin Young Nim, Kwon Jin Nim, True Father, Sun Jin Nim, True Mother, Ye Jin Nim, In Jin Nim carrying Shin Myung Nim, Un Jin Nim, and Jin Hun Nim. Front row, left to right: Hyung Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, Yeon Jin Nim, Jeung Jin Nim, and Shin Jeung Nim.

who live your lives in this manner will be protected by the universe; the universe will be your "security guard."

So many times I have been thrown into jail. But every time I came out of prison, I experienced leaps and bounds of prosperity. Why is that? It is because the power of true love is supporting me, pushing me forward like a tailwind. Anyone who pays attention to each individual, anyone who passionately loves and tries to meet the needs of his brothers and sisters and his society—such a person can never go wrong or be neglected. Nothing is more precious to your life than love. Love does it all.

YOU HAVE TO BE DETERMINED

At East Garden, I am always in the position of host, whether it is morning, noon, or evening. I am always there to pay attention to everybody. Sometimes my family and household members tend to neglect the people who come to visit, saying, "Oh, Father will take care of them." Even sometimes those on the East Garden kitchen staff disappear to their own families at night. The people who leave their jobs are not my kind of person. They should think, "I am always the one responsible for this household. No matter who comes or when they come in, I will serve them and have

something ready for them." Instead of just me feeling that way, everybody should feel that way.

Each of you should feel, "I want to take Father's big burden upon my shoulders and gratefully bear that burden. I want to become the number-one person in the church to take the initiative in practicing Father's message." If you want to take the heavy burden of God and the True Parents and sprinkle true love here and there and everywhere—in every direction, if you are always emptying yourself out and then coming back to get refilled by the word, then you are a true Moonie.

Now every aspect of the environment is ready—everything except you. It's all up to you now to choose what route you want to take. You have to be determined, "I want to follow Father's living model, to be like him." Nothing else.

Today is the first of July, and half of this year is over. The second half of 1987 is beginning today. I want you to live these remaining six months of 1987 with this love principle that I expounded on today. Those who can say, "I will live by that principle, Father. You can trust me. I pledge this to you," raise your hands. Thank you and God bless you. □

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WHERE THE INFINITE BLESSING OF GOD IS

by Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu

*Guidance given to American members at a home church meeting
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AS YOU KNOW, FATHER RECENTLY gave a special direction for the mobilization of all the Korean blessed wives. This providence is connected with America because Father said 7,000 people will be going to Korea from all over the world. This event is very important and has a significant purpose.

The day may come very soon when many of you will go to Korea, so I want to explain a little bit about the background of Korean Christianity.

Why Christianity spread

Christianity first came to Korea more than 100 years ago. Most of the early missionaries came from Europe through China. Many were severely persecuted, and even beheaded, because they tried to abolish the ancient tradition of ancestor worship, which is common in the Orient.

The day that one's ancestors departed is always celebrated in Korea, and most families spend a lot of money making elaborate offering tables for them. But the Christian ministers said that ancestor worship was like worshiping Satan and that you only needed to worship God and Jesus to get to heaven. That aroused tremendous hostility, which led to their execution. In Korea you can visit a historic mountain where many Catholic priests and Protestant missionaries were beheaded.

However, despite the persecution, Christianity started to take root among the people. At that time the Korean people were living under a severe feudal system. Only a very small percentage of the people were in the wealthy, ruling class, while the majority were miserably poor. Especially the children of the noblemen's concubines were very much despised.

Though they might have been talented, they had almost no chance of improving their social status. Generally, there was a lot of resentment, frustration, and despair among the majority of the people.

Christianity helped the common people grasp the idea that all men are equal under one Heavenly Father. This idea of equality encouraged them, and that's one of the major reasons why Christianity spread.

Around 1905, at the beginning of the 40-year occupation of Korea by Japan, many of the most patriotic Koreans started to leave their homeland because they could not tolerate being under Japan's domination.

situation; it's a providential situation. Only after the 40-year period was over could Korea take proper dominion over the Eve country in order to prepare a foundation for True Father and the salvation of mankind.

Refusal and compromise

Just prior to the end of World War II, the Japanese leaders, considering their hopeless military situation, realized that Japan was losing the war. Their only hope was to try to win by spiritual power. So they forced not only the Japanese people but all the people that Japan dominated, specifically the Koreans, to bow down to the Japanese emperor who was seen

The blessed wives took Father's call as their moment of destiny, without any complaint, without any questioning.

Those that remained were very desperate and had nothing to support them except their strong faith in God and Jesus. Therefore, during the occupation, Christianity began to spread even faster in Korea.

For most Korean people, Japan is an unforgivable enemy. I personally hated the Japanese people. However, Father has explained that, because Adam was dominated by Eve in a non-principled way at the time of the fall, in the Last Days the same situation must reappear on a global level in order to indemnify the fallen act. Korea, as Adam, received the evil dominion of Japan, as Eve, for 40 years. This is not any coincidental

as a god to be worshiped. Korea is located west of Japan, so all Koreans had to bow toward the east, toward the residence of the imperial family in Tokyo. Every church and every house in Korea had to have a Shinto altar, where they were to bow down and worship.

For Christians, this was just unbearable; it was even harder than dying. They had only one God and one Jesus to serve and worship, and could not conceive of bowing down to any other authority. Japan was already the enemy in their heart, so how could they worship the imperial family—the god of Japan? Many devout Christians refused to obey. Therefore, great num-

bers of them were arrested and put into prison; very few of them survived. Some fled to Manchuria, China, or to the United States and kept up a movement for independence based on their Christian foundation. Father has said that the Christians who didn't compromise and who persevered in their faith to the end—those who went to jail or went into exile—were clearly the Abel Christians.

However, there were other Christians who thought, "Since we cannot survive without compromising with Japanese policy, why don't we just cooperate with what they say and bow to the east? This is just external ritual. Internally, God knows our heart." This was the Cain group of Christians.

Kim Seung Do's group

As you may have heard, some very important revelations came to the leader of one of the spiritual groups prepared from among the Abel-type Christians to pave the way for the Lord of the Second Coming. That devout and sacrificial leader, Kim Seung Do, was praying desperately one night, and Jesus revealed to her the answers to some of her most pressing questions: one, that the fruit Adam and Eve ate that caused them to fall was an illicit love relationship; second, that Jesus did not come to die, but was murdered against the will of God; and third, that Jesus will not come back to Israel but to the poor and miserable nation of Korea, and not on the clouds but as a human being.

When Kim Seung Do heard this, she was convinced it was true, but when she tried to tell others, the Christian ministers said, "Where in the Bible are such things written? This is heresy! You must be possessed." She was severely persecuted.

When I joined the Unification Church, I was one of the five professors and 14 students expelled from Ewha University. During our "trial," one of the deans summoned me and asked, "Aren't you one of the ones who danced naked in the Unification Church?" I had no idea why the dean was asking such a question, because of course I had never heard or witnessed such a thing. Later I found out why they believed this rumor.

Because Kim Seung Do's group prayed so deeply, devoutly, and un-

selfishly, many people in that group received that they were being restored to the position of Adam and Eve before the fall. Therefore they felt totally purified, with no sin. They said, "We are like Adam and Eve, who were naked and unashamed!" So one time out of great joy they took off all their clothes and danced naked. This event spread all over Korea and, despite its very remote relationship to the Unification Church, it became one cause for the persecution of our church from other Christians.

United States. America needed assistance to adequately govern Korea, so they used those educated Korean Christians who had learned English abroad. Thus, because the Cain-type Christian groups were becoming influential through their activities in the government, Korea was driven more and more towards the Cain position. Actually, God had wanted the new Korean government to be based on the unity between Father and the Abel Christians; then the Korean government would truly

There's a huge gap between where True Mother came from and where I came from; therefore, I must humble myself and keep serving her to the end.

Christianity after the war

Because the Cain group—the Christians who compromised with Japan—did not go to jail and did not lose their property, they could afford to send their children to Japan or the United States to study. They were well educated, and most of them survived. After the war ended, a military government was established by the

represent Abel's position. But, since the Abel Christians failed to unite with Father, this never came to pass.

Today, out of 40 million Korean people, about 10 million are Christians, and Christianity is still spreading. I believe the reason other Christians continue to persecute the Unification Church is because most of them are the descendents of the Cain-type Christians. Most of them are not of-



At the start of the three-year mobilization in Korea in 1971. Back row: Mrs. Chung Hwan Kwak and Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu. Front row: Mrs. Won Pil Kim and Mrs. Hwa Young Kim Eu.

fering themselves purely for the sake of God and His will, but in a sense, are using God and their faith for their own selfish benefit. Unification theology has a lot of points that contradict this way. That's why they are afraid to accept the Principle. So even though there are a lot of revivals going on in Korean Christianity, there's not much truly God-centered faith among Christians there. Their degree of purity and devotion for the sake of God's will is nothing compared with the devotion of the members of the Unification Church, a church which to other Christians looks externally very miserable and small.

At this occasion I'd like to confess that I do not come from a glorious, Abel-type background. My grandfather was a well-respected Presbyterian elder, and in the secular sense he was good Christian. He owned a lot of land and was very wealthy. At first he was strongly against the Japanese occupation, and he donated a lot to the resistance groups. But when the persecution increased, he finally gave in to the Japanese. He said, "We can't just lose everything. We have to protect our family's future." So his four children got a very good education, and they all went to college. One became a prosecutor, one became a judge, and one became a medical doctor. Other people looked up to our family, saying, "What a blessed family they are, and what brilliant children!" But actually, from the viewpoint of God, my family fell to Cain's territory, as opposed to those who kept a really genuine, pure heart and truly loved God to the end.

Humility and service

So, coming from that family, I had an opportunity to receive a college education, and I gained a lot of knowledge. But when I met True Mother for the first time—Mother was only 18 years old—I totally surrendered to her. She didn't have any college education or secular experience, but her level of wisdom and love and the elevated atmosphere of purity surrounding her cannot be compared with anything you can learn from this world.

Mother's mother was in the group that descended from Kim Seung Do. The members of this spiritual group had dedicated their entire lives to God, but most of them were killed. That suffering prepared the way for



True Mother as a new bride at age 18.

one woman to become the true mother of the universe. All these sacrifices were made so God could find a true daughter. Therefore, Mother's wisdom and knowledge come directly from God. Even when she says simple things, they reflect the total image and wisdom of God. There's a huge gap between where she came from and where I came from; therefore, I must humble myself and keep serving her to the end. This is a truly great opportunity and privilege that we have—to be able to serve True Mother.

I'm sure all of us here are aiming for self-perfection and have a great

desire to be totally restored. When I reflect on my 32 years of life in the Unification Church, there are three things I'm always reminding myself to do in order to keep going to the end. First, always repent; secondly, have appreciation and gratitude no matter what the difficulty or hardship; and thirdly, keep serving God and brothers and sisters and all mankind. Father often gives me responsibility that I feel I cannot bear. Father's expectation is totally beyond my imagined capacity. So I must continually humble myself and desperately pray that I can truly respond to Father's expectation.

I'm concerned, because many of you are starting your families and having children, and, especially in the United States, some blessed couples tend to be too dominated by such practical considerations as: "How can I make enough to feed my family? How can I send my children to good schools?" Many blessed couples who have two or three children are trying to seek better ways to support their families. But seen from God's viewpoint and God's heart, the front line, where you have to really struggle to serve God's providence, is Abel's territory. Father's heart always directly goes directly to that Abel territory. If you try to avoid the front-line mission, looking for the easy way centering on your family alone and neglecting God's providence, you will naturally fall deeper and deeper into Cain's territory.

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So, no matter how difficult it may be, if we can keep pushing ourselves toward making front-line effort, that's where the infinite blessing of God is, the place where God can directly visit us.

Total obedience

As I watched the response of the blessed wives who were mobilized, I was very moved. Most Koreans today are still far from wealthy. If a person has three meals a day, he's doing pretty well; living conditions are still that severe. But when Father mobilized all the wives, no one complained or rebelled this time; they completely obeyed Father's request. Seeing this, I realized how much and how often we disbelieved what Father said in the past. We had the desire to trust in Father, but it was always so difficult to believe in his predictions when we were persecuted so much. We were treated even worse than lepers by society. In such circumstances, just to believe that the future world would

be as Father said was so difficult. As Rev. Won Pil Kim has said, those who have been following Father for 10 years have been giving Father headaches for 10 years, and those who have been following Father for 30 years have given him headaches for 30 years. So the longer we have followed Father, actually, the more problems we have made for him!

Even though for 30 years we have not really been trusting enough in Father's words, by now we have constantly witnessed that whatever Father predicted has come true, so we all need to repent. I believe we have finally reached the point where we have to take what Father says seriously, because he never gives any instruction without a serious purpose behind it. Each blessed wife realized that this may be her last chance to indemnify her past disbelief or lack

of faith in Father. So this time, everyone totally united, totally obeyed Father. Nobody brought up any practical difficulties or questions as to why they couldn't immediately follow.

Twenty-five years ago, Father told me, "You will go to the United States." I always felt, "How can that ever happen when I can't speak any English?" Father would share his vision of the future and I used to think, "Oh, that will happen after I go to the spirit world." I didn't really believe what Father was saying, and not too many other leaders really believed what Father said in those days. But now that that vision has become more real, we really have to repent.

"Living saints"

The blessed wives' older children will stay with their fathers because they have to go to school, but the younger ones will go with their mothers. I said to Father, "If a mother has two or three small children, she cannot do much work, practically speaking." But

Father said, "It's not so important what they actually do, but the fact that they are going. That condition in itself is the important thing." When the people of Korea see that these families are totally mobilized and that the wives don't plan to go back to their husbands for one year and seven months, I believe they will be moved. They will say, "Only Rev. Moon can unify the entire nation and the entire Korean peninsula, North and South. No other group of people would ever do such a thing for the sake of their country."

The wives were asked to go to either their hometown or their husband's hometown. If neither was desirable, they could go to any town where they had worked and achieved good results. So, on June 1, all the wives went first to the district center nearest the town where they would be working. On average, there were 30 wives in each district. Most were from the 6,000 Couple Blessing, and each mother had, on average, two small children. So about 30 mothers and 60 babies converged at each main center. It was kind of hectic, but everyone gathered seriously, without too much chatting among themselves. The only noise you heard was the sound of many children crying and playing.

Then each district leader encouraged the wives. "Don't stay in the center too long. Just go to your hometown quickly and I'll visit you later and give you instructions." They all quickly prepared and headed for their destinations with total obedience. One of the mothers reported to me her impression of this scene. She was so moved by the loyalty and faith and dedication of all the wives that she was in tears, feeling as if she were seeing "a group of living saints."

Of course, many members have been feeling the desperate, intense situation of Korea, both practically and in terms of God's providence, so everyone is feeling much more compelled to completely follow Father's instructions now.

Only one focal point

Everyone in North Korea calls Kim Il Sung "Aboji." Even though he is a false father, 20 million North Koreans are united around him, yet in South Korea, as you can see every day in the news, the people are totally divided.



Father with Mrs. Won Pok Choi.

Among the 40 million South Koreans, there are 40 million different opinions. For the South to win over the North in the elections, against whatever competition they may have, South Koreans have to unite, whether they like it or not. There is only one focal point that they can unite around, and that is Rev. Moon. Only centered on

movement, and the academic world. Because of our strong groundwork in these three areas, when the wives go out they won't suffer as much as in the past, because now we have, for example, 7 million VOC members. Many parents and relatives of members are already members themselves. They already know Rev. Moon is a

come under the control of the archangel; therefore, Eve has to go first to the front line to restore the dominion over the archangel. That is why, in the Last Days, women have to be mobilized first on the front line of restoration.

Seven thousand members are going to Korea soon to be part of a national campaign for promoting God-centered unification. This is actually Korea's destiny. Only after the South Koreans achieve total unification among themselves can they win against North Korea. Therefore, the blessed wives took Father's call as their moment of destiny. Without any complaint, without any questioning, they headed directly toward their chosen destination, to work and prepare for the 7,000 members to join them and help restore the Korean peninsula.

So now you need to prepare for Father's direction, whatever that may be. Can you do that? Thank you very much. □

I believe we have finally reached the point where we have to take what Father says seriously, because he never gives any instruction without a serious purpose behind it.

Rev. Moon does Korea have a chance to unite.

Father has said that the foundation of the world is based upon the restoration of three archangels. In the last 40 years, he restored the foundation of these three archangels—the church, the Victory Over Communism (VOC)

great man. Therefore, even if their daughters bring two or three children back home with them, they will want to help feed and take care of them. So this mobilization won't be as difficult as previous ones.

Why were the blessed wives mobilized? At the fall, Eve was the first to

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REPENTANCE HAS BEEN GREATLY MISUNDERSTOOD in our church and throughout history. Just as the purpose of life is joy, the purpose of repentance is joy—joy and freedom.

If you are already feeling freedom and joy in your spirit, then you don't need repentance for yourself. Of course, you can always then repent for others.

Why is it so hard to repent? Because you can't think of what to repent for, isn't it true? Spiritually, you cannot see clearly; you are blind to your own sin. When someone is involved in sin, he is involved in a give-and-take relationship with that sin. The Principle teaches that any give and take produces a kind of energy, or feeling, and a certain result, or "new creation." Because some result comes from sin, you are probably comfortable, and you feel that nothing is wrong. Everything feels normal. To use an analogy: As long as you are inhaling and exhaling, your body does not detect that anything is wrong. But you may be very gradually inhaling a poisonous gas and not realize it until it is too late.

All give and take inherently has a direction. It is possible over a period of time to make subtle changes in the direction of your give and take that go unnoticed. Gradually you are turned away from God without realizing it. Physically, it is like eating sugar for a long time; your body slowly becomes more and more unhealthy. It's like the old story of the frog and the boiling water. If you put a frog in a pan of boiling water, he will jump right out. But if you put him in a pan of cold water and very slowly heat it up, he won't notice the change, and you can cook him.

Both sin and bad habits create feelings and results that can be very "satisfying." Otherwise, why would people continue them and thereby slowly commit spiritual or physical suicide? Look at the people who smoke cigarettes.

Judgment is a form of love

In order to repent for a sin, you must first recognize that you have committed a sin. This can happen in one of several ways. Each of these ways we could call "judgment." But the word "judgment" has taken on such a fearful connotation that most people will immediately

Recognition of sin comes when you see another person behaving in a more loving way than you are.

It is always your portion of responsibility to decide which advice comes from heaven and which does not.

put up their spiritual barriers against any form of "judgment," especially if it is coming from God, True Parents, or Abel. Actually, judgment is a form of love. Think how a parent feels about his child when he sees the child doing something wrong. He wants to help the child, so first he has to correct him with words of truth. As the child gets older, he is more able to learn on his own by example and by self-realization.

So let's use the words "recognition" and "advice" instead of "judgment," because these words have a better connotation.

"Recognition" (that is, "judgment") of sin comes when you see another person behaving in a more loving way than you are. You spiritually feel love coming from him, or you "recognize" that he is loving others more than you do. These levels of recognition reveal to you that you have to grow more, that you have to change your own heart.

One thing about recognition, however, is that you can only recognize love at a slightly higher level than your own. Many people cannot even begin to recognize Father's love or understand his motivation because it is simply too far above the horizon of their own level of love. The reason we can only perceive love at a slightly higher level than our own is found in the principle of growth. Growth takes place step by step, and only through give and take centered on heart. As much as you may want a self-centered person to understand your unselfish motivation, it is impossible. Little children cannot understand sharing. "I want it" is their level of maturity.

Many leaders get frustrated at members who cannot understand their heart. But some members may simply not be capable of it yet. Both members and leaders often fail to grasp each other's level. You wouldn't try to teach calculus to a two-year-old. The spiritual laws of growth of the heart are just as absolute and real as the laws of growth of the intellect.

So the first and best way to be able to repent is to constantly be around people with a deeper heart than yours and who do more loving actions than you do. But associating with people of a substantially higher level is not as productive as being with those just ahead of you in development or with someone who is so far ahead of you that he can understand exactly where you are and help raise you up. By having give and take with such people, you



will constantly be “recognizing” where you need to change. This is constant self-judgment. This is a loving judgment and an easy way to grow quickly.

Discerning the truth

The next kind of judgment we can call “advice.” In other words, this is the truth. Truth can be found in the Principle, in Father’s words, and in many other written forms. Truth can also come in the form of spoken words—hence the term “advice.” Advice can come when you are ready and seeking it; it can also come when you are not ready and don’t want to hear it. Advice can come from a person who really loves you; this makes it easier to receive. Advice can also come from a person who seems hostile to you, and this makes it very difficult to receive. In fact, however, God just might be using that hostile person to get across some “heavenly advice.”

It is always your portion of responsibility to decide which advice comes from heaven and which does not. Sometimes the advice you receive from someone who loves you is too humanistic and too accommodating to your fallen nature. Prayer is your best avenue for discerning the truth you need to hear based on your level of growth and heart.

When you pray, you can always repent even for something you didn’t do. Then it’s almost guaranteed that Satan cannot claim that prayer. This repentance can be applied to your ancestors or to other spirits like yourself who did commit such sins. If the thought comes into your mind that you committed a sin, even if you didn’t, you can repent as if you actually did. There must have been some base for you to receive that thought—perhaps from some ancestor or some spirit working with you. Maybe the only base you had to receive an evil

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thought was that you were walking down a certain street where some spirit who needs liberation is trapped. You can help him or her by repenting. Through your repentance, that spirit can gain freedom and joy.

To be effective, repentance needs some specific object, such as a positive action or thought. Merely saying, “I’m sorry I’m such a sinner,” is not effective. The words “I’m sorry I have such a small heart” or “I’m sorry I hurt you” or “I repent for my sins” are all practically worthless when measured in terms of the two purposes of repentance—joy and freedom. By repeating these statements in prayer, you are, in fact, emphasizing Satan’s accusation and condemnation. How are they helping you feel closer to God’s love? Can you feel any joy from repeating these sentences over and over again?

If a child does something wrong, what does the parent want? He wants the child first to clearly understand what he did wrong and secondly, to sincerely apologize and thus change. That’s all. Finished! Done and forgotten! Gone! Your parents don’t want to remember all the times you wet your pants and then keep reminding you about it over and over again. Sin should be swept away and then forgotten. That is the objective of repentance.

All will be forgotten

One of the great fears some members have concerning repentance is the “incredible” amount of indemnity they will have to pay once they repent for their sins. This thinking is really Satan’s trap. Actually, it is just the opposite—think of all the more indemnity you’ll have to pay if you don’t repent and just keep on sinning.

This is because of Satan’s own belief system about punishment. Satan doesn’t have even a fundamental comprehension of parental love. His understanding originally was only that of a master and servant: If the servant does something wrong, the master punishes him, and the greater the wrong, the greater the punishment. But God’s heart toward His children is not like that at all.

Once a person sincerely repents, God’s heart is instantly and automatically moved to embrace him. Think of how your own heart responds when someone sincerely asks your forgiveness. Try to keep in mind the parable of the prodigal son. God is not counting up your sins.

Your responsibility is, in one sense, never going to get any greater than it already is. Every person has to grow to perfection—it’s just a matter of who gets there first. The first one who gets there takes responsibility for the whole restoration. He is the Messiah. The next one there just helps him. At every level it is an entirely voluntary effort, always depend-

ing on your level of heart. Those of you who know me know that I never ask you to do anything you are not willing to do. It's the same with God.

Once you have repented, then you can experience God's love. That is the whole purpose of life. You can have give and take with God again, and He can gently guide you to grow step by step. No matter where you are coming from, a relationship of give and take with God is worth everything. Even a newborn baby can experience the love of his parents. No matter how big a sinner you are, you can still experience God directly. Look at all the prisoners and winos that were saved by Jesus with one experience. Their sins were much bigger than yours.

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the memory he himself has of his sins and the pain he has caused others. God will forget your sins, just as parents forget the sins of their children. But you will remember your mistakes and the pain and suffering you caused others. This is the only hell there is. The "lake of fire" just means that you'll drown in the truth. For some, it will seem eternal, but it won't be. All will be forgotten in the love of God.

The ways you've hurt God and True Parents in the past cannot be changed. They understand your mistakes even better than you do. But even more, they understand you and your motivation and your ancestors and their motivation. You all must eventually come to forgive yourselves as God as done. Everyone must come to have God's viewpoint. His perspective is the only real and true point of view. □

THE FINAL THREE YEARS OF SUFFERING

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Tokyo

HOW MUCH DOES HEAVENLY FATHER LOVE you? How much do True Father and True Mother love you? You cannot even begin to understand. Your mind cannot grasp the higher levels of love. You have been under Satan's dominion since the fall of Adam and Eve. Not only have you followed after Satan's type of love, but your mind has not even been able to conceive of a higher love, one beyond the angelic love. Lucifer never understood true parent/child love. He only understood God's love for a servant.

True parental love is always concerned not only for the well-being of the child but also for his or her perfection and eternal position in heaven.

After my death and Father's going to Danbury, the total amount of indemnity paid by all of us in the Unification movement was phenomenal. It was even greater than at the time of Jesus' crucifixion 2,000 years ago. Enough conditions were laid for the resurrection of all the Christians and spirit men in Paradise with Jesus. In other words, another Pentecost could take place. Father spoke about all these things.

Why have you suffered?

But in fact, our members did not experience great spiritual assistance; it was just the opposite. The last three years have been perhaps the most difficult of all for many of our mem-

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bers. Satan really attacked our movement. The love in our church seemed to dry up. It was like a desert. Many members couldn't feel anything for anyone else. Many of you even stopped praying. We were all in solitary confinement. Many, many blessed couples were alienated from each other or struggled with each other.

Why? Here is the answer! Because of God's love and True Parents' love for you, you have suffered for these three years. Does that make any sense at all? Can your rational mind figure it out? Let me try to explain. The indemnity conditions were paid in order to bring the Pentecost and allow every one of you to receive the assistance of millions of spirits to help you in your mission. Once that happens, miracles will begin to take place. Things you pray for will start to happen overnight. Everything will become easy compared to before. But because everything will be so easy, you will no longer be able to experience the suffering heart of God these 6,000 years. You will no longer be able to experience the suffering heart of Jesus during his life on earth and for the last 2,000 years. You will no longer be able to experience the suffering heart of our Parents. You won't have to work for years and years and still get no result. You won't experience betrayal after investing all your heart into someone. Inspiration will come easily. Cain/Abel relationships will stop being so difficult and start being more ideal. The holy spiritual world can be with you all the time if simple and correct conditions are

made. The Kingdom of Heaven will come to you very rapidly and then spread out to everyone until it covers the whole earth.

But what about you? True Parents love you. They want to be close in heart to you for all eternity. The content of your heart is the key. What position will you take in the spirit world? Can you be proud of how much you helped Father while he was on the earth? Will you feel you failed him and thus contributed to the death of Heung Jin Nim? Think about how Jesus' disciples must have felt for the last 2,000 years in the spirit world, knowing they failed him. Would that be your feeling? How close would you be able to approach Heavenly Father and True Parents if you had that feeling?

Heavenly Father and True Parents want you to be the closest of all to them eternally. But in heart, you won't be able to compare to the generations that will come later. Think about your own blessed children. Aren't they going to be much deeper in heart than you are? Then what about your grandchildren? Isn't each generation going to go deeper and deeper within the love of God? With that level as a standard, you could not actually be the closest to God and True Parents.

A special place for you

But you will have a special relationship to the suffering heart of God. In the future, the suffering heart of God will be wiped away. Your greatness in history—your badge of honor—meriting a position next to God and True

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Parents, will be that you suffered with them through this restoration. Thus you will have a special place in their hearts. You will have a unique relationship with them forever.

This is the position Father wants you to inherit. But would you in your heart be able to take that position, knowing that I had to die to bring the victory and knowing that if you had been more successful I would not have had to die? Think about Jesus' disciples. He loves them the most. He wants them to be the closest to him in the spirit world. But they failed him. They can't hold their heads up before him. They feel uncomfortable being around him. It would be the same for you.

Knowing all this, Father asked God to hold off the Pentecost for three more years. Our members who could endure three more years of loneliness, three more years of no result, three more years of Satan's attack, and still hold on to Father would then have that special eternal connection of heart. Your understanding of Heavenly Father's heart, Jesus' heart, and True Parents' hearts will be greater and deeper than anyone else's. That secures your position in the spirit world. You successfully went through your own Danbury course. We stand together as victors. You are now prepared to inherit the incredible victory that will come with the assistance of the spirit world.

Please share this with your brothers and sisters. They need to know why they have suffered so much for the last three years.

Congratulations. □

Heung Jin



At an East Garden celebration several years ago, Hyung Jin Nim holds onto big brother Heung Jin Nim's hand.

A JOYOUS STEP TOWARD GOD'S LIBERATION

"Sin and Salvation Workshop" Ivory Coast, May 10-19, 1987

by Kevin Winter

This article is excerpted from a letter by Kevin Winter describing his impressions of the workshop.

BEFORE TELLING YOU ABOUT THE 10-DAY "Sin and Salvation" workshop we held for members in Dabou, Ivory Coast, from May 10-19, I would like to mention that the intense spiritual atmosphere there, even on the first day of internal guidance, was much higher than anything I'd experienced in a long time; I started out with many tears of repentance.

The Ivorian members had already won a wonderful victory of unity with the missionaries there. I believe they could now truly look beyond the missionaries' personal shortcomings and respect the missionaries as the representatives of True Parents.

The tragic results of *not* achieving such unity were shown dramatically in another African country, where the members' blatant rejection of one of the missionaries and his eventual expulsion from that country gave Satan the condition to attack scores of brothers and sisters. According to Heung Jin Nim's own testimony, the entire country and Africa as a whole could soon suffer devastating external "peripheral" events as a result of the failures in the internal "central" events. Thus, in his manifestation the day after the family members of that country repented deeply, Heung Jin Nim seemed to explode with joy, saying that God had succeeded in snatching a nearly total victory out of Satan's hands.

After learning of those events, I couldn't help feeling, as a former missionary to Chad and later to the Ivory Coast and Senegal, how blind I had been to my own responsibility and how little I had understood the significance of my position. All the destruction and suffering in Chad's endless war, the long and painful struggle to raise members in the Ivory Coast and Senegal, as well as God's frustration and sorrow, could possibly have been eased if only

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I'd been more serious about my responsibility, if only I'd tried harder....

Our foundation for the Messiah

Perhaps another personal realization comes close to describing God's purpose behind this "Sin and Salvation" workshop.

The workshop ended just before the third anniversary of the Day of Victory of Love (May 20). For me, that day back in 1984 represented a day of sorrow, as Father prepared to enter Danbury. I'd heard that Father had gathered the True Family to pray for the three days preceding his incarceration, but I could only guess what the True Family prayed about. This workshop finally taught me a little of what the True Family must have gone through.

Just think of it: If the expulsion of just one missionary could make a condition for Satan to attack a country and create so much grief for Heavenly Father, how much more terrible and serious it must have been for the United States, the fruit of 2,000 years of preparation for the Messiah, to reject and imprison the Lord himself? Father called it his crucifixion. What condition could God show Satan to keep him from claiming everything? How could we, who were responsible for laying the foundation to receive the Messiah, ever face God again?

True Father said that from that time on, we should no longer expect him to take responsibility for our mistakes but should pledge to take responsibility ourselves. From this, I can imagine that through the True Family's three days of prayer, Father was desperately trying to console God's wounded heart and was pleading with Heavenly Father to forgive us for our faithlessness and irresponsibility that led to his imprisonment. After three days, God must have answered, "I will forgive them, for your sake. But this will be the last time."

The "Cain/Abel" workshops that had been held in the Ivory Coast, which were developed by our Japanese missionary Mr. Tsukasa Akai-shi, helped our brothers and sisters there to understand the providential position of the

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missionaries. Without repentance and restoration on a Cain/Abel level, neither a country nor an individual has sufficient foundation to receive the Messiah. When the Messiah comes, he hopes we have made our foundation to receive him so he can build on that heartistic level, teaching us about God's heart and how to take responsibility for other people and for history. But if we have not established our personal Cain/Abel foundation when we meet the Messiah, we often can't understand those higher teachings, and we may even disagree with them and rebel.

A hard look at the problems

In America, for example, how many times has Father condemned pragmatism and secular humanism, and how many times have we said, "Okay," but in our hearts felt, "So what's so bad about pragmatism? What's so bad about humanism?" In fact, we should be repenting in tears for having propagated those ideas to the detriment of God's providence. But this is extremely difficult when you have been brought up and educated in a culture that emphasizes pragmatism and secular humanism.

Similarly, in Africa, there are other fundamental problems within the culture and traditional thinking that must be solved before God can be free to "come live here."

During the "Sin and Salvation" workshop we took a hard look at these problems from God's viewpoint and tried to help our brothers and sisters find a way to repent in tears on behalf of their ancestors, for the continent as a whole, and for those fallen traditions that ran contrary to God's work of salvation.

The workshop triggered an intense spiritual battle in the hearts of the 102 brothers and sisters participating.

Yes, they could agree that God couldn't easily live here as long as a lot of Africans continued to nurture deep resentment and hatred against whites for the history of the slave trade and colonization. But how could they forget the teachings they had learned in school that America and Europe prospered through the blood, sweat, and tears of black slaves and from the wealth of resources they'd practically robbed from the African continent?

Yes, they could agree that sorcery, black magic, and the worship of spirits were forms of idolatry. But it's difficult to repent for something that's been part of one's culture for thousands of years. How challenging it is to admit that by carrying certain charms and participating in certain rites, many Africans had in essence been transferring their devotion from one god to another, trying to find the one that would give them the most of what they wanted.

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a major cause of the murderous jealousy and rivalry that plagues African society. But so many members actually came from families in which their father had many wives. All had ancestors who had been polygamists. One brother had been married to two wives before joining the church, and others had lived impure lives encouraged by their acceptance of polygamy.

Voices from evil ancestors

The spirit world made its presence felt very clearly in the members' struggle with these difficult issues.

A member whose grandfather had been killed by white colonists confessed that he felt he could never forgive whites for that. Several times in the workshop he really struggled—even with simple prayer conditions. But by the end of the workshop he was crying in repentance and had a deep experience when the Holy Spirit came.



Mr. Akaishi teaching the members.

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After Mr. Akaishi explained colonization from the providential viewpoint, four members wrote in their impressions that they heard voices tell them, "You must boycott this lesson!" and "Don't listen; he is lying!" They said that since they actually agreed with what Mr. Akaishi was saying, they understood that the voices were from evil ancestors and spirits.

The satanic spirit world caused strange things to happen even outside the lecture hall. Stray dogs came and started howling in unison at important moments in the lesson. The mother of a member who was cooking for the workshop saw a pot filled with boiling oil seem to tip itself over; its contents started to pour out on her feet. She jumped back just in time, but then she became paralyzed with fear and had



The workshop participants came from 18 different African countries.

to be yanked to safety as the oil set part of the cooking hut on fire.

On the last night of the workshop, a Zairian sister dreamed that two groups of people came to talk to her. The first group of people were very joyful and thanked her for listening to all the internal guidance lectures. The second group was very angry and threatened her, "Don't ever come to a workshop in Dabou again!!"

Good spiritual phenomena

Of course there were also spiritual phenomena that encouraged the members throughout the workshop. Several brothers reported that they felt an invisible hand waking them when they became sleepy in the lectures. A sister saw her grandmother appear from the spirit world, crying and telling her she was her only hope. Another sister was sobbing in repentance when suddenly she became hysterical because a voice started shouting in her ear, "You're not repenting strongly enough!!"

One brother had a dream that True Father came and took him to see his ancestors. They went together up to large tomb. Father opened it and inside was a myriad of people, all struggling to reach out to touch the brother. But Father ordered them to stop, saying they were not worthy to touch their descendant.

During a particularly difficult phase of the workshop, an elder brother heard a voice during his prayer say that there were several people in the room who didn't accept what Mr. Akaishi was saying and that their faithlessness was preventing God's spirit from manifesting itself in a stronger way.

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But everyone was fighting hard to break through. Mr. Akaishi had been preparing the lectures for months, and in Zaire, Heung Jin Nim had told him, "You must speak, Akaishi!" Mr. Akaishi's teaching style is not loud and forceful, but he has the particular talent of being able to plow through the most dry and intellectual sections without losing momentum. His talks were powerful simply by their content, which was clearly inspired by heaven.

Rock-solid reasoning

Some of the things he said provoked a sudden gasp or yelp from those in the audience, who were stunned by what they heard. A few people actually started trembling violently during his lectures. Two brothers separately told Mr. Akaishi in private that if he had given these lectures just two years ago, he might have been kicked out! But nobody could resist the rock-solid reasoning and countless clear examples he used to back each point; even more importantly, the members felt in their hearts that it was actually God speaking.

For example, about racial resentment: In the illegal drug trade, he explained, the person who sells the drugs, if caught, always gets a stiffer punishment than the person who buys them. But concerning the slave trade, it is mainly the side that did the buying that is condemned by Africans, whereas the slave dealers, the Africans themselves, are not. In addition, it is not all the buyers who are despised. More Africans were taken into slavery by Arabs than by Europeans and Americans, but you almost never hear about African resentment against Arabs for what they did.

There was always slavery within African society—right up to the end of the Second World War. But among Africans, if one man's grandfather had been a slave of another man's grandfather, the two grandsons might still be close friends—if the grandson of the slaveowner were not a great deal richer than the grandson of the slave. If he were, jealousy could easily push the poorer man to blame his poverty on the richer man's ancestor, and he could probably claim compensation, even if that were not the reason for his poverty.

Mr. Akaishi pointed out that if Africa were as prosperous today as America and Europe, there would probably be little or no resentment for the past slave trade and colonization. "In the event Africa were much stronger or richer than they," he asked, "can you be sure Africa wouldn't herself establish colonies?" No one could say so with certainty.

His conclusion, then, was that racial resentment in Africa is largely the product of jealousy, and through numerous historical examples he demonstrated that Africa is underdeveloped today not just because of slavery and colonization, but because it has been so difficult for God to work there.

It would have been impossible for the brothers and sisters to deeply repent for Africa's situation if they continued to believe that God had abandoned Africa. But by the end of the workshop, it was clear to everyone: "Africa had too often abandoned God!"

Religion in Africa

Mr. Akaishi explained that God had sent Christianity to Africa with Jesus' own apostles. The Book of Acts tells of how a high civil servant from Ethiopia's royal court was converted. Alexandria in pre-Arab Egypt became one of



This cooking facility caught on fire during one of the lectures.



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the five main centers of Christianity, but in the fourth century, the early African Church rebelled against the authority of the church in Rome, despite Saint Augustine's reconciliation efforts. If it hadn't rebelled, Christianity might have been Africa's primary religion today, instead of sorcery and animism. Islam even used force to convert Africans in parts of the continent, and like African Christianity, African Islam today is somehow mixed with conflicting traditional African sorcery. Finally, centuries of Christian missionary activity on the continent (which resulted in many missionaries being killed) seems to have had little effect in most modern African countries and in fact has often been blamed for "disrupting African authenticity."

Many Africans still practice polygamy, sorcery, and fetishism today. It sometimes happens that wives will compete for the favor of one husband and teach their children to hate their half-brothers. They often fight over the inheritance, and sometimes even poison each other. (One member admitted that, when visiting home, he would eat only out of his father's dish to be sure he wouldn't be poisoned.)

To support God's side of the spiritual war going on in the lecture room, missionaries and team leaders did an all-night 21-minute prayer chain throughout the workshop, and missionaries took turns in a 12-minute prayer chain during each lecture. There were also several 21-minute prayers by the entire assembly.

On the third day of internal guidance, I was doing the final link in the overnight prayer chain, and I was finding it rather difficult to push out my early-morning grogginess to clear a channel for God. I was rambling on about the members' understanding that Satan had chained them and their ancestors into slavery through fetishism and polygamy. I prayed that, through repentance, they could be liberated.

Then I realized that it was God who needed liberation too! That suddenly became the theme of my prayers, and the more I prayed about it, the more sense it made to me.

Later that morning the missionaries were discussing the workshop, and Kathy Rigney, the national leader, started sharing about an experience she had had in prayer that morning. She had also been praying for the brothers and sisters to be able to understand God's suffering heart, and she said in her prayer that, if they could repent, it would mean their liberation. Suddenly she heard God say, "More important than that, it would be my liberation!" And she burst into tears as she felt how much that meant to Heavenly Father.

I was amazed to hear Kathy's experience. Kathy knows and loves each one of the members with such a parental heart that I'm sure she could feel to her bones what those expressions "liberation of Africa" and "liberation of God" meant.

Time to pray and reflect

It was originally planned that late in the third day of internal guidance there would be a two-hour prayer condition. We were anticipating some sort of manifestation of God's spirit. But the sword of truth had cut so deeply into the hearts of the members that many looked stunned or exhausted. They had understood the lectures, but they needed more time to contemplate what they had heard. So team discussions were organized, followed by a short prayer. Then there were impressions to write and an early bedtime, so we could get ready for the fourth and last day of internal guidance.

Even so, some people had very deep experiences during that evening's prayer, and Camara Bakary, the workshop coordinator, began to cry intensely, as he had when God had spoken through him before in Zaire. Later that night he told me that he had felt a high spirit coming into him, electrifying his whole body, but that whoever it was seemed to change his mind and leave. He said he thought it might have been Heung Jin Nim.

On the last day, Mr. Akaishi simply provided more Principle background to the topics already discussed, summed up the lessons given, and drew some final conclusions. Kathy asked a few brothers and sisters if they would offer public testimony at the next meeting in order to lead into the two-hour prayer.

At that prayer meeting, I sat in the front row just to the right of the podium. As I prayed for those who were speaking, I felt like my head was in a vise. My breathing became labored, and I felt the strain as the members tried to break through in their testimonies.

Of the four members who came up, I felt that only one could truly offer tears of repen-

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tance for more than his own personal sins. He must have struggled for 15 endless minutes trying to reach that point. All the while, I was praying desperately in my heart for him to break through.

Suddenly he burst into tears and threw himself to the floor, crying with all his heart, "Heavenly Father, I am the fruit of 6,000 years of sin!!!"

Immediately, tears started pouring from my eyes, and in my heart, I "felt" the words: "This is what I've been waiting for!"

We all joined in prayer, and then Kathy asked each member to come forward and declare his determination before Heavenly Father and True Parents to fight desperately to crush out every trace of polygamy and fetishism in Africa.

The gesture turned out to be much more than symbolic. The brothers and sisters shouted out their determination with all of their hearts as if they were picking up and casting off Satan's heavy chains that had been holding them and their ancestors for thousands of years. They were deadly serious. Several members trembled as they spoke. Many wept as they went back and sat down. It was an experience that must have touched God's heart deeply.



Mr. Akaishi is lifted high up on the members' shoulders.

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I couldn't sleep that night. I was too excited about what might possibly happen the next morning. I could sense deep inside that now conditions were set such that Heavenly Father could share His love with the members in a very special way.

Sparks of God's energy

May 20, the Day of Victory of Love, started with a 7 am pledge service. Kathy described her impression later that it was as if sparks

were exploding in the air as the pledge was recited.

All heaven seemed to be reciting the pledge through the members; the words appeared to burst out of their mouths. Then as Kathy prayed, Bakary began to cry intensely again, making us wonder if Someone were about to visit.

After a rich and tearful unison prayer, we had breakfast, then gathered around 9 am for a sermon by Mr. Akaishi.

The spiritual atmosphere was still setting off sparks of God's energy. Mr. Akaishi's sermon was powerful! I remember him saying: "If you still can't feel how terrible and sinful polygamy and fetishism are, you must be really dead!" He said he never wanted to speak that directly, but he had hoped each member would search deeply and find the truth within himself. Then he exhorted everyone to pray and repent with all their hearts.

Right after the sermon, we started singing "My Promise." Around the room, many people started crying in deep repentance. Some brothers and sisters started to shake violently and go into trances. Most of the missionaries were suddenly needed to carry or help people out of the room to console them and help them handle the spiritual experiences they were having.

Then the tidal wave hit! Bakary suddenly rushed up, grabbed the microphone, and pleaded, "Would the missionary brothers and sisters please come to the front of the room? Brothers and sisters, let us bow to the True Parents' representatives!"

As soon as Bakary spoke, the entire room was awash in tears. Kathy described it "as if something just broke. The Holy Spirit just filled everybody at that moment." Everyone was crying intensely.

The missionaries didn't quite know what to do when Bakary called them forward. Most, including Kathy, were busy trying to help people who had gone into trances. Kathy made her way to the front of the room to tell the members, who had already started bowing, to bow to True Parents' picture at the front of the room.

At the same moment, an elder church member sitting in front spiritually saw True Father come forward and stand in front of his picture. The member said he thought Kathy was telling everybody to bow to Father, and not just to his picture.

Songs of gratitude

The prayers went on and on with no signs of letting up. Kathy asked Bakary, who had quieted down, to lead a song to end the prayer. After three renditions of "Our Forefathers," many people were still praying and crying. Finally, Gregory Novalis intervened to try to calm the members' hearts. It was



The final "Mansei!" of the workshop.

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quite a sight to see Gregory, amid the ongoing sobs and prayers in this electrified atmosphere, calmly write the title "Let Us Love One Another" on the blackboard and then launch into a sermon! By the time he finished, things had calmed down quite a bit.

Then Kathy came forward with an announcement that set all our hearts skipping. She had found out from Bakary that in the instant before he had grabbed the microphone, God had spoken clearly to Bakary, saying, "You've been waiting for me to speak to you, but this time I didn't have to—Akaishi said everything I wanted to say!"

Kathy then said it was important at that moment to express gratitude to Heavenly Father for sending the Holy Spirit to help in repentance. She called on the brothers and sisters to offer up joyful songs and celebration throughout the rest of the day; and they did that with all of their hearts.

The temperature must have gone up to 150 degrees, as over 100 people danced around the lecture hall, singing again and again the Zairian song, "God Has Chosen You." They carried Mr. Akaishi around on their shoulders and held the other missionaries' hands high in the air.

Songs were offered from every continent represented (there were too many countries), and the applause and cheers were deafening when the Ivorian brother Edouard and his Zairian wife Kimbembé came up to sing. They are the symbol of unity between Zaire and the Ivory Coast.

Kathy topped off the entire celebration with three powerful but very lady-like manseis which all the members said were "magnifique."

At that point, new national indemnity conditions were made. Then everyone returned home. All of us were new people, and I knew that a significant advance had been made here in the Ivory Coast toward God's liberation. □

FORGIVENESS

by Mrs. Nora Spurgin

*Guidance given on Easter Sunday,
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LET'S THINK FOR A MINUTE ABOUT the importance and value of this day—Easter Sunday. The two anniversaries that Easter now commemorates for us—Jesus' resurrection and Father's receiving his mission from Jesus—are both signs of God's incredible love and forgiveness. Without God's forgiveness, there would be no Messiah. Without Jesus' forgiveness there would have been no rebirth. And without Father's forgiveness, there would be no Blessing.

To bring the Blessing to mankind was the ultimate goal of God. With

the Blessing we can finally be brought back into God's territory, free of original sin. But without the forgiveness of God, Jesus, and our Father, it wouldn't be possible to be freed from original sin and thus able to become one with God's heart.

The capacity to love

Forgiveness is absolutely essential to our spiritual lives. Sometimes we fail to appreciate and understand the depth of forgiveness. I think none of us can ever truly know the depth of God's heart of forgiveness or the

heart of forgiveness of Jesus or our True Parents. When you are around True Father, you feel the embrace of his big heart. Sometimes he scolds us, and you may think of him as coming to judge us, but there are other times when you can't help but feel the tremendous warmth of his heart, and you realize that Father's ultimate purpose is not judgment. His ultimate purpose is to show us God's heart of love. And he really has it!

One time I said to my husband, "I trust True Father more than I trust you. I trust True Father's love, be-

cause I know that he really loves me in a way that is beyond all human capacity." If True Father asks me to go out on a mission, I know he really understands my family situation and my children and my husband and what it will mean for them. He is not asking me just because he needs another person; but out of a depth of understanding.

There is a tremendous depth and breadth of God's love in our True Parents' heart. To me, a primary focus of our life is to learn to understand that kind of love and ultimately to become loving and forgiving people ourselves. We aren't here to judge other people, but to actually develop the capacity to forgive others. That is one of the main messages that Jesus taught us.

I don't think we realize how much the fall has affected our lives. Though we've heard many lectures about the fall, we don't really understand how much it has blocked our relationship with God, because we're not aware of what it would be like to have a relationship with God without ever having fallen.

We don't know what it is like to approach God without a shameful heart, without a repentant heart, without a feeling that there is something wrong with us, that we have sinned somehow. We don't know what it is like to come to God completely free, because none of us were born in that position. Mankind lost the true child's position, so God has had to love us not as His *own* child, but as Satan's child. God loves us as someone *else's* child. Think about this. When you are parents, you can understand the difference between loving your own child and loving someone else's child.

My experience as a mother

I had that experience when I was a new mother with a three-month-old daughter. I loved that child with all my heart. At that time, a group of wives went out as IWs. I was not asked to go, because I was already pregnant again, but my spiritual mother went, so I took care of her 18-month-old son. I was going through all the emotions of being a new mother and expressing all my love to my daughter, but here was this little boy who had been entrusted to me. Every time I wanted

to express my love to my daughter, this little boy was looking at me, especially when I was nursing. I wanted so much to just enjoy the experience of nursing my daughter, but I could never enjoy it completely because I would look at the eyes of this little boy standing there watching. His mother had just recently stopped breastfeeding him.

I went through so many deep experiences in that time, taking care of these two children. I tried my best to love the boy. It didn't come easy. I would say to God, "I must make him

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my Abel child. I must love him more than my own child." But I couldn't do it at first. I just couldn't reach out completely to him. I have to say, though, that by the time his mother came back, I felt that I had experienced a point where I had loved him as my own child.

Many years after that, I went to visit my spiritual mother one day. Just then her son came home from school. As he came running in, I felt a mother's heart toward him. I felt, "This is *my* child coming home from school," because I had invested so much love into that child's life. When I look at that boy, who is now 15 or 16 years old, I still feel, "I gave that child something. There is a part of my heart in him."

But, ultimately, you have a very different feeling toward a child that is not your own. You have to stretch yourself to love that child. So can you imagine how God has had to stretch Himself to love us because we were not His? Satan claimed us. Satan took us away and we *responded* to him. Mankind actually responded to Satan; therefore, we are Satan's children. God had to find a way to win us back—through love. He had to stretch His heart to love us in spite of the fact that we were not His children anymore. We were contaminated—but

God still had to reach out to us. There was no other way.

God had to win our hearts. Does that take forgiveness? Yes, I think it does. I think the only way God could win our hearts back to Himself was through forgiveness. Therefore, He had to send a son, Jesus, who in himself had a heart of forgiveness and reflected God's own heart.

When we look at Jesus' life, we see a person who had the capacity to forgive. He was in a true child's position toward his Heavenly Father, completely one with God's heart. He did not come to God with shame or fear, but was completely free and open with God. The complete love he and God had for each other exemplifies what we are supposed to attain and what we ultimately *can* attain with the Blessing.

The prodigal son

I'd like to read the story of the prodigal son. This was Jesus' way of showing God's heart of forgiveness toward us.

There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that falls to me." And he divided his living between them.

Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer wor-



The Spurgin family. Front row, left to right: Hugh, Nora, and High (8). Back row, left to right: Andrea (15), Christopher (14), and Ameri (10).

thy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to make merry.

Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Lo, these many years have I served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

(Luke 15:11-32)

Jesus, as our elder brother, could

have felt similar to this elder brother when he thought of God's love for mankind, especially when he gave his life for us. But we have no record that he felt this way. Rather, we have a record of his ultimate forgiveness when he died on the cross and said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Jesus' attitude was always one of forgiveness toward us for whom he gave his life.

God's point of view

In the story of the prodigal son, the elder brother was worried about fairness: "Not fair! I stayed here and worked all these years, and my brother went out and had fun. It's not fair." But the father wasn't concerned at all about what was fair. The son who erred still got half of his inheritance and, in fact, was received by his father with great joy and merry-making. His father's desire was to rejoice over the return of his son whom he still loved, even though he had sinned. This is pure love. This was Jesus' way of showing God's true parental love.

We can only look at forgiveness from God's point of view. Man by himself cannot forgive. It's only from God's point of view that we can see the beauty of forgiveness. God's grace is a gift; it can never be bought. The shame that we feel before our Father God is shame that is generated from Satan. It doesn't come from God.

Let's look at the attributes of forgiveness. First, what are the attributes of a forgiver? A forgiver has to be bigger than his own personal feelings. He must be able to step out of his own feelings and look at things from a higher point of view, from God's point of view. A forgiver has to be able to love not as a child loves, but as a parent loves. A forgiver has to go beyond fairness and justice. A forgiver has to let go of his own hurts and resentment and reach a point of pure love. Ultimately, a forgiver has to be able to love.

What are the attributes of the forgiven person? The forgiven person doesn't deserve the love; therefore, he has to approach the forgiver with repentance. The forgiven person has to come with a heart of receptiveness. No matter how much someone forgives you, you can't truly receive it without an open heart, can you? You can't receive forgiveness unless you let that person love you. We have to let go of our own shame, our own

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guilt, and let ourselves be loved by that unconditional love. We have to accept the child's position and receive and accept the parental position of the forgiver. And we have to unite in that love with the forgiver. Only as we become one in heart with the forgiver do we truly receive the forgiveness.

Again, we know God only from the position of being Satan's child. We always come to God with some fear, with some shame, with some guilt. We don't really know what it is like to come to God completely open and free. We don't know that position because we weren't born in it. But because of Jesus and ultimately now because of Father, we can have the position of being a free child and come to God without any barriers. We are free of those barriers. We can come to God as a child who never sinned, because of the gift of the

Blessing. That is what Father brought and is offering to us.

Satan's child no longer

Rev. Kwak once gave us this guidance: "After the Blessing, we are in a different position before God; we are in God's territory, so we are now God's children. If we make mistakes, and even if there are many things wrong with us, we are still coming to God from the position of being His child. We are Satan's child no longer." That makes a huge difference in our lives. I wish we could all deeply understand this. We don't appreciate the value of the Blessing enough, and we don't understand how precious it is to be able to come to God as His child. When we know God's love completely, we have no fear or shame. We may feel guilt because of doing something wrong, but God doesn't accuse us. He still loves us.

Rev. Kwak has emphasized that after the Blessing, if we make a mistake (of course not the ultimate mistake of falling), we can run to God's bosom as a child runs to his mother's bosom, and there is no Satan there. Isn't that beautiful? There is no Satan there to accuse us, because we are in the position of being God's child.

As a mother, I think the relationship between a mother and child is very beautiful. A child who really trusts his mother can run to her with anything and still receive forgiveness. There is no feeling of fear. When my youngest son was being potty trained, I had a hard time with him because he kept having "accidents." But I discovered that his "accidents" were deliberate. He would have one when he wanted my attention. Of course I would have to clean everything up, and then he would look at me with this big grin and say, "Do you like it, Mom?" Isn't that something? Wow. I guess he knew I loved him so much that he could get my attention this way and still have the nerve to look at me and say, "Do you like it, Mom?"

A child soon learns whether his parents will accept him and love him even if he does something wrong, even if he does it deliberately. He won't be at all afraid if he knows that his mother's love is there.

I wish we could all feel like that toward God—that we could deeply

appreciate the gift that's there for us. God is there with an open heart ready to welcome us to His bosom, but how many times do we freely run there?

A child will often hide when he feels guilty, when he has done something wrong. Sometimes I sense that my children don't want to relate to me; then I know that they did something wrong. They don't want me to look at them. If you are a parent, you will discover that if your child has done something he shouldn't do he will sometimes sit under the table or hide behind a chair. He doesn't want you to see him because he represents something wrong. Isn't that what we often do with God? We run away and hide and stop relating. Instead of running to His bosom like an innocent little child, we stay away from God, and our situation gets worse and worse. We feel guilty and upset and angry, and bad things start happening within our hearts.

Think of yourself as a child in God's arms, receiving that forgiveness—that's your resurrection.

But remember that our Father has come to bring the Blessing, to open the door so that we can be a true child of God. We are not Satan's child any longer; we are God's child. We are in that position and can receive His love and come to His bosom without accusation. That is true forgiveness.

Only we can free ourselves

Rev. Kwak says that Judgment Day is really the day of the Holy Wine Ceremony, the day that we are changed. Our position before God is changed. That is the judgment. After this, we are no longer judged by God, because, as he said, we are now in God's territory. Up to that point, we are judged in Satan's court, but after that day we are in God's court, and God is not a judgmental God.

What does this mean—being judged in God's court? If we truly

understand God's love, we realize there is no judgment there. We judge ourselves, but God Himself is such a loving God that He doesn't have that kind of judgment for His children. Yes, for Satan's children, but for His own children, there is not even judgment there; there is only love.

After the Blessing, God doesn't feel pain over our former sin any more, because that's gone now. God's pain stems from our lack of understanding that we are actually free of the barriers that used to separate us from Him. The fact that we don't understand God's forgiveness—*this* is God's pain. God is like a parent who really loves his child but the child doesn't believe it.

If we continue to relate as if we were Satan's child, then God is limited in His ability to love us, because of our own limitations in receiving His love. There is no way God can free us if we choose to continue carrying a heavy load of guilt with us throughout life. We are the only ones who can free ourselves by our acceptance of God's forgiveness. If we always approach God expecting to be chastised, don't you think that makes God sad? What if a little child always approached his parent as if he were afraid he would get hit? How would that make the parent feel? If we always come to God like that, God can't freely reach out to us.

On Easter morning we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the anniversary of our True Father's receiving the mission to bring the Blessing to us. We can only feel *tremendous* gratitude that our Father accepted that mission and lived the life that was required in order to fulfill that mission. Just think of what that entailed! But Father went this course of suffering in order to bring us the supremely precious position of the Blessing.

So, let's rejoice, not just over Jesus' resurrection, but the resurrection of ourselves. We can celebrate Jesus' resurrection, and our own resurrection, because of our True Parents. Our own hearts have been resurrected by our True Parents, and as a result, we can be one with God's heart. There is no barrier on God's part. The barrier only lies within us, in our capacity to receive that love.

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THE WORLDWIDE VISION OF WONHWA-DO

by Amy Schuckers



WHEN DR. JOON HO SEUK shared his worldwide vision for Wonhwa-do in 1979 with his first students, no one believed him. He told them that soon there would be demonstration teams of black belts traveling all over the world promoting the spirit of Wonhwa ("harmony") and the ideals of Unificationism. He shared with them how Wonhwa-do would spread, and that instructors would be sent out to start schools in Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

It would have been hard to believe him then, for at that time there was just a handful of students studying this newly created martial art in Belvedere and Barrytown. There was only one black belt, Dr. Seuk, and everyone else had white (beginner) belts. How would it be possible to accomplish all that he planned?

It is important to note that the power, inspiration, and continuing support for Wonhwa-do comes from True Father. Dr. Seuk is above all else a student of Father's words and life. His earnest desire was to express the power of Unification Thought through a new martial art that would systematize and integrate the best aspects of existing styles into a unified system. In this way, all martial arts could be harmonized and could fulfill their original purpose.

Through the study of Wonhwa-do, sons and daughters of loyalty and filial piety can be nurtured. Students learn to persevere through any hardship or difficulty and determine to fight against injustice with an indomitable spirit. Father himself has always stressed the importance of studying Wonhwa-do to the seminar-ians at the Unification Theological Seminary. All East Garden security guards are encouraged to train so they will be equipped to protect the True Family.

Today, we see a phenomenal growth that has taken place since Dr. Seuk began speaking about Wonhwa-do eight years ago, and the plans that he now shares with his students include even more ambitious undertakings for the future.

UNITED STATES

Wonhwa-do first made national news with the Unificationism and Martial Arts Tour that was held on key campuses across the country just after Dr. Seuk came to CARP in 1983. He toured with a black-belt demonstration team and went to Boston University, U.C. Berkeley, University of Houston, University of Wisconsin at Madison, Ohio State University, University of Chapel Hill in North Carolina, and U.C.L.A.

The national campaign was a huge success and the attitude of students towards CARP on college campuses

completely changed. On the foundation of his position as founder and grandmaster of Wonhwa-do, Dr. Seuk spoke strongly about "Godism" and the need for a new morality and spiritual awakening in the country. He testified to Father as the founder of this new philosophy that offers a comprehensive way to solve the world's problems.

Wonhwa-do is now being taught on campuses across the country. There are two commercial dojangs that are operating in Berkeley, California, and Houston, Texas. The impact that a commercial dojang can have on the



community is tremendous. Michael Kellett operates the Berkeley, California, dojang and has enrolled professors, teachers, lawyers, and medical doctors in his classes. He also draws high-quality students from the U.C. Berkeley campus, and as a result of his activity he was recently asked to teach physical education in an elementary school in the area.

Wonhwa-do is also being taught as a part of home church outreach activities in the United States. Wherever a black belt goes, he or she can have an automatic inroad to the community, since parents are always looking for activities for their children that will not only challenge them physically but will enable them to grow in character and spirit. Thus we find that at churches, YMCAs, and community centers around the country, parents and their children are studying Wonhwa-do and through this are being inspired by Unification Thought.

Two major tournaments are held annually in the United States: the East Coast Inter-Collegiate Tourna-

Left: Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, founder and grandmaster of Wonhwa-do.

Below: Kenji Nakagawa and Masahiro Furuhashi free-sparring at the Fourth Annual Wonhwa-do Tournament in New York City.

Right: Honorary Wonhwa-do president Hyo Jin Nim presents a trophy to Robin Baum at the Second Annual Wonhwa-do Tournament.



ment and the National Wonhwa-do Tournament. The second annual National Tournament, held in 1985, was especially historic because Hyo Jin Moon, himself an accomplished martial artist, was made honorary president of the International Wonhwa-do Association. Hyo Jin Nim also presided over the first International Wonhwa-do Tournament that was held in New York during the Han Ma Dang Games of the Third CARP Convention of World Students in 1986.

Hyo Jin Nim shared deeply about his hope for those students studying Wonhwa-do. He said: "I sincerely hope that you have a bigger sense of responsibility now, because you have that kind of strength, determination, endurance, and patience which you have learned through Wonhwa-do. That means you have to give more to people who are weak and people who are struggling. It means you have to embrace them with your strength and lay that kind of foundation for others to follow. That is a heavenly warrior and a heavenly soldier."

ASIA

In 1984, Gerry Servito (UTS '82) went to the Philippines as the first international Wonhwa-do pioneer and CARP national leader. His hope was to be able to use Wonhwa-do as one important vehicle to strengthen the spirit of Filipino youth and to contribute to the betterment of the Philippine nation and its neighbors.

He found ready supporters for such a vision in the faculty of the universities, and with their assistance there

are now over 500 Wonhwa-do students in the Philippines. One university professor recently proclaimed Wonhwa-do to be the "best" martial art in the Philippines, and two universities have made it a required course for their students. The government has also expressed interest in Wonhwa-do since there is a deep concern in the country to promote values among young people.

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At this time there are 26 instructors who teach in 14 cities. A quarterly called "The Martial Heart," which focuses on value-oriented education in the martial arts, is beginning publication.

Wonhwa-do has also become an invaluable educational tool for raising up leaders and members in our movement in the Philippines. Through studying Wonhwa-do, they can clearly understand the concept of vertical relationships in theory and in practice.



The "Chung Hyo" spirit of loyalty and filial piety is strongly stressed, and it has helped members develop proper Cain/Abel relationships. Members are now caring for each other more deeply as true brothers and sisters, and so, through the internal strength of Wonhwa-do, our movement in the Philippines is developing very quickly.

Dr. Seuk sent black belt Steven Kearney (UTS '84) to the Philippines in 1986 to assist Gerry Servito in the training of black belts. By that time there were so many students in the Philippines who wanted to study Wonhwa-do that there were not enough instructors to go around. Intensive trainings were conducted, and by early 1987 enough new black belts had been trained to allow Dr. Seuk to send Steve to Thailand, which had for a long time requested an instructor.

Thailand has a very strong Buddhist tradition, so trying to introduce the concept of God has been very difficult for our church members. The early reports that are now coming back are that through Wonhwa-do many



John Umlauf teaching children in his home church area in New York City.

young people are able to make a connection to the principles and traditions of our movement. Advanced trainings for members have already been held, and soon a new generation of black belts will be ready to serve in other countries in Asia and Africa.

WHAT IS WONHWA-DO?

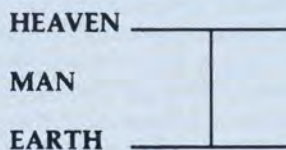
WONHWA-DO IS A NEW CONCEPT IN martial arts. It is an art of unarmed combat for self-defense centering on Unification Thought (the Principle of Harmony) and has as its goal the unification of all martial arts.

Wonhwa-do literally means the "art of harmony" or the "way of harmony." It is not merely physical training in defensive techniques but, more importantly, a way to build character and promote spiritual growth.

In Wonhwa-do, the best techniques of "hard" and "soft" martial arts are unified and integrated with the concept of the Principle of Harmony. Existing techniques have been analyzed and improved, and new techniques have been devised to form a comprehensive self-defense system.

Each of the forms, or "hyungs," of Wonhwa-do are created around one of the themes from Unification Thought. For example, the first form is Sawi Gidae Eui Hyung (사위기대의 형) or Form of the Four Position Foundation. Another form is called Samdange Eui Hyung (삼단계의 형) or Form of the Three Stages. Each

"hyung" has a diagram around which the movements of the hyung are performed. Chang Jo Eui Hyung (창조의 형), Form of Creation, has this diagram:



The diagram symbolizes heaven, man, and earth. In this scheme of creation, the Principle of Harmony is the absolute center, while man is its relative center; he is the intermediary through which heaven and earth are connected.

However, for man to merit this position of cosmic authority, he must first strive for personal perfection. Thus the student first shouts, "Jah Ah Joo Gwan" which means "Dominion over Self" and then "Chun Joo Joo Gwan" or "Dominion over the Universe." This means that before one can have dominion over the universe, one must first have dominion over oneself. □

EUROPE

German campuses have traditionally been very difficult places for CARP members to work. The main reason is that there are no established clubs or organizations on campuses as there are in the United States. But when Tadao Kawahara brought Wonhwa-do to Germany in 1985, an opportunity presented itself. Even though the universities allow no campus organizations, all large cities have sports clubs that attract many young people. The answer was to create a Wonhwa-do Martial Arts sports club! The results have been truly inspiring.

Now many university students are connected to CARP and our movement through the bridge that Wonhwa-do has created. At the recent German Wonhwa-do Tournament, over 70 people took part. More than half of the participants and all the top winners were non-members!

Germany has also been the site of several special training sessions for European members, conducted by international instructor Kensaku Takahashi. Students who were trained at these sessions are now teaching in England, Ireland, Italy, and other European countries.

OTHER REGIONS

Dr. Seuk is always receiving requests from the foreign missionaries to send black belts to teach in their countries. He usually has many more requests than there are black belts to send.

This year a black belt from the Philippines will be going to Africa to begin teaching Wonhwa-do in Kenya. In addition, other students who were trained in the Philippines and in Thailand are now teaching in Mauritius, Malaysia, and Hong Kong.

In 1986 Getulio Santos returned to his native country of Brazil and began

teaching at the Brazilian Unification Theological Seminary. He built a dojang at the school and is teaching the seminary students. Kensaku Takahashi conducted a special training in Brazil in June to develop Wonhwa-do in that country.

At the last promotion test at Belvedere, Dr. Seuk spoke about how Won-

hwa-do will soon be taught in Eastern European countries. Teams of black belts will travel around these communist countries and revive the spirit of the young people. And after that? We will have a Unificationism and Martial Arts Demonstration at Red Square in Moscow—where else? □

A True Measure of Loyalty

by Gerry Servito—Philippines national CARP leader

IN OUR WONHWA-DO SEMINARS IN the Philippines, there are two key aspects to Wonhwa-do education:

• SUNG SANG ASPECT

Morning Service: This is based on Rev. Yo Han Lee's book *Faith and Life*. This provides guidance on the defense and maintenance of a personal spiritual life. This is how we establish Wonhwa ("harmony") with our leaders and members, within the Principle of Restoration.

Principle of Harmony Lectures: There are seven of these, given each day during the morning lecture period. They are based upon Unification Thought views of God, Creation, Original Human Nature, Ethics, Education, Art, and History.

• HYUNG SANG ASPECT

Self-defense Training: This involves all the basics, forms, one-step sparring, free-sparring, and other techniques of Wonhwa-do physical training.

By devoting attention to both these aspects of Wonhwa-do, we are finding it possible to broaden the students' concept of the Do, or "way." Thus, they realize that as they progress in belt ranking, they must also improve their ability to achieve Wonhwa ("harmony") with the heart of God, their Abels, their peers, and their followers. Thus, the scope of the "Way of Harmony" is something more than mere physical self-defense; it is broadened into a more traditional understanding of the "Do" as a pathway for personal development.

As a result of these experiences, I am finally coming to understand True Father's reason for encouraging the study of martial arts. I can understand the heart of my grandmaster Dr. Seuk more, and I can appreciate the true mission of the Wonhwa-do



Participants of a seven-day Wonhwa-do seminar in the Philippines. Gerry Servito is seated center front.

Association—that is, to help our family members achieve the fighting spirit they need to "charge bravely forward."

Our daily life is really a "war," at least spiritually, and True Father is clearly a "warrior." In order to fulfill the Children's Pledge, we have to inherit that indomitable spirit against evil ourselves. This concept is very helpful since Rev. Kwak has encouraged us to be a patriotic movement to save the nation of the Philippines. Here, we are confronted with a substantial enemy—rural and urban communism. When we remember our "enemy," we are able to keep our focus. But when we lose sight of this adversary, we tend to lose fighting power and get trapped in less important inter-personal problems.

So when it feels too hot to practice, we recall the Philippine military who train in full battle gear, and we recall the misled patriots who have fled into the mountains to train with the "NPA"

(the communist "New Peoples' Army"). Then we can revive our determination to offer this unique indemnity condition. And in any case, we are able to defend ourselves physically against the assault of leftist students.

Indemnity is inescapable. Here in the Philippines, we have a choice to pay now and avert a communist takeover, or pay later on, after the communists have taken power. And so we push ourselves forward with the spirit of Wonhwa-do, which is, in the final analysis, a manifestation of our Father's heart and will. We hope that as we succeed in establishing Wonhwa in ourselves and in our movement, we will create the foundation for God to protect and preserve this nation and its role in Southeast Asia.

There is a final point I must mention, and that is a realization I have had about the goal of Wonhwa-do. It may seem obvious, but it has taken me years of following the "Do" to catch it, and it bears sharing.

In Wonhwa-do, three words are constantly spoken: Chun ("loyalty"), Hyo ("filial piety"), and Wonhwa ("harmony"). We say them so often in practice that we might eventually overlook the reason we say them, especially since it is the techniques we practice that draw most of our effort and attention. But now I feel the essence of Wonhwa-do is contained in these three simple words.

I believe the goal of Wonhwa-do training is to cultivate the kind of personality and heart summed up in the holy song "Tan Shim Ga"—that is, a heart loyal unto death, and beyond it. This is achieving the ultimate harmony—harmony of one's heart with the heart of God and His leaders. That song apparently originated in ancient Korea, when a certain general was to go into a deadly engagement on behalf of his king. Everyone knew his chances of survival were bleak, yet the general never wavered in his loyalty, and he sang this song for his king before departing on his mission. I think this is what God wants to teach us through Wonhwa-do. As the holy song "Pledge" goes: "Nothing can change a loyal heart."

When I received my new mission to serve in the Philippines, I asked my grandmaster what my attitude to my new Abels should be. I needed to know, since I didn't want to ever forfeit the special teacher/student relationship I had with him. Dr. Seuk told me to just be a loyal man, whatever I did, whomever I would work under.

Looking back on those words more than two years later, I can understand what Father's hope for the Wonhwa-do mission really is: It is to produce the kind of loyal and filial sons and daughters who can take on the cares of the parents as their own and never be blinded to deviate from such oneness under any circumstances. That is what Wonhwa-do instruction must most deeply aim at. The techniques are the Hyung Sang medium of instruction towards something much deeper and fulfilling, which is, in fact, the substantial realization of the love between parents and children. Thus, the darkness of one's belt should ideally be an indication of the depth of one's virtue. As one student said, "I like to see my belt as a measure of how much I have been loyal and filial; how much I have cared and loved." □

"Wonhwa-do has brought me back to life"

by Ann Marlita Montejo
Philippine CARP member (brown belt)

WONHWA-DO HAS DONE MANY THINGS for my life: It has made me more aware of myself, and it has made me closer to God's and True Parents' heart. I have been able to open my own heart to the virtues of loyalty, filial piety, and parenthood and to strengthen my will and redirect my hopes and desires toward goodness.

In short, Wonhwa-do has brought me back to life. In fact, it *is* my life, and it always will be. I feel revived and refreshed, like a newly-recharged battery! It seems the blood of Wonhwa-do is flowing within my veins. The main reason I am indebted to Wonhwa-do is that through it, I was able to substantialize the Principle. Primarily, I came to value my Abels.

Before, I could not really love my Abels or appreciate their meaning to my life. I couldn't humble myself to them, especially when I saw their fallen natures. However, when I stand before my Wonhwa-do teachers, I feel a deep humility. Somehow I can obey them. This is because Wonhwa-do emphasizes loyalty and filial piety so much. I can follow my teachers because they are the ones who are leading me to become the realization of God's ideal. One thing for sure: Wonhwa-do made me a better individual with a greater sense of responsibility for those above me and

those beneath me. It is my desire to walk through this course successfully.

Everyone wants to be great. Wonhwa-do helps me strive to achieve excellence. It is not only the act of doing something with excellence that has been valuable; it is the attitude of humility I receive after having done my best. But even more than this, I love Wonhwa-do because it makes me feel needed. If I can truly achieve the purpose and objectives of Wonhwa-do, then people will need me. If I can fulfill people's desires, I can give joy to them. What more joyful and noble thing can I do than to give joy to God and my brothers and sisters?

I hope to inherit not only the desires of my teachers, nor their ideals alone, but more importantly, the heart of my teachers. I want to bring life to other people with this new understanding and to be a person God can trust and rely on. I want to become God's "sidekick" and True Parents' "sidekick"! As Father has said, "If you can't be the moon, then at least you can be a lighthouse that serves as a guiding beacon of light to guide the ships during the night."

Wonhwa-do is truly deep and personal for me. Ever since I walked this path, life has been difficult, but there's always meaning in it, and this makes it so very valuable and precious. □



Public demonstration at a shopping mall in Manila, the Philippines.



SECOND ANNUAL STRIDERS INTERNATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD CLINIC

June 12-14, 1987

Washington DC

by Jonathan Slevin

THERE ARE THOSE POLICY EXPERTS who maintain that the world in no way lacks resources. Ease tensions and reduce barriers, they say, then there will be plenty for everyone. The problem is how to match existing resources to people in need.

Striders International is an example in microcosm of the sort of problem-solving which would vindicate such utopian thinkers. This program creates bridges. The Striders connects motivated high school athletes who need scholarships with universities in search of student-athletes. Twice yearly, Striders International sends a booklet containing information on every high school senior in its program to over 1,300 colleges.

There are other bridges: Track-and-field involves more events than any one coach can teach proficiently, yet high school and small college coaches face just such a demand. The Striders Track and Field Clinic, held annually, makes available the expertise of coaches who are renowned as the nation's best teachers. "Here the coaches have an opportunity to exchange

ideas," explained Joshua Coker, secretary-treasurer of the Striders, "and they can compare themselves with their peers so they can improve themselves and pass on their insights to their athletes."

In this year's Second Annual International Track and Field Clinic, held June 12-14 and hosted by Georgetown University in Washington DC, over 100 coaches came from the eastern half of the United States as well as from Greece, the Philippines, Haiti, and Zambia. They were instructed by 14 clinicians who came from all over the country.

"Dignity that shows"

Even in a sport known for its cultural and racial diversity, the Striders program has always stood out for being thoroughly interracial, and for its female—and white—coach, Glenda Moody. Striders International is an offshoot of the original DC Striders, which was one of the first social programs the Unification Church helped to fund. It has continued to receive significant support from the Interna-

tional Cultural Foundation (ICF) and has long been known to be something special, something apart. Hubert Gates, track coach at Spingarn High School in Washington DC, explained, "Throughout the years, the Striders have given young blacks dignity—dignity that shows when they walk down a street with their heads held high, knowing they are something to someone."

Since its inception as the DC Striders in 1967, over 3,000 young men and women, many from economically deprived areas, have entered college on scholarships that the Striders helped obtain. This represents almost \$30 million in direct services to these youth, their families, and their future. Eighty-five percent of these scholarship recipients successfully completed their college education.

Through the years, 23 members of the Striders have competed on United States Olympic teams. In the 1984 Olympics, the Striders had two Olympic gold medal winners. Most recently, in July 1987, a member of the Striders won a gold medal in the national

junior track competition in Cuba. This is the first time an American track-and-field team has competed in Cuba since Fidel Castro came to power in 1959.

The Striders will be represented on the U.S. national team for the Pan American Games in August 1987 by Lee McRae, who will be competing in the 100-meter dash and the 400-meter relay, and by head coach Tom Tellez and assistant coach Bob Teel, who are both members of the Striders Advisory Board.

The Striders has a very active Advisory Board of coaches who teach in both college and high school. Nearly all of the 13 coaches of the college division have been coaches of the U.S. Olympic track-and-field team.

Because Striders International is non-political, interracial, intercultural, and international in its program and philosophical approach to athletics, official representatives of several nations have asked the Striders to serve as an intermediary between them and various United States athletic organizations. The Striders have facilitated such things as arranging for the pre-eminent coach of one Asian nation to teach at a U.S. university for a year and arranging for U.S. coaches to travel to other nations for the purpose of instructing their track-and-field coaches.

A track club is born

How did Striders International come into being? In 1967, a 22-year-old former collegiate track-and-field athlete encountered a couple of kids running down a back street in Washing-

THE STRIDERS INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION AND BANQUET

ON JUNE 12, THE FIRST EVENING OF THIS year's Striders International Track and Field Clinic, a gala reception and banquet were held at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, across the river from Georgetown University. Over 240 national and international coaches, athletic leaders, Olympic gold medalists, international diplomats, U.S. statesmen, District of Columbia officials, congressmen, and friends of Striders International came together to honor the Olympic coaches. Mr. Neil Salonen, a member of the Striders Board of Directors, was master of ceremonies for the impressive gathering.

Monsignor William O'Donnell of Bethesda, Maryland, offered the invocation. A Washington DC councilman then presented Striders Executive Director Glenda Moody with a proclamation/resolution on behalf of the DC City Council, and expressed deep appreciation and gratitude for the "services...and...pride that you've brought to our city."

The keynote speaker, a senator from Indiana who is a middle-distance runner himself, gave the keynote speech of the evening, praising the Striders for their great "self-discipline and dedication to excellence."

The senator then presented the Jesse Owens Award, given every year to a person who is deemed to have

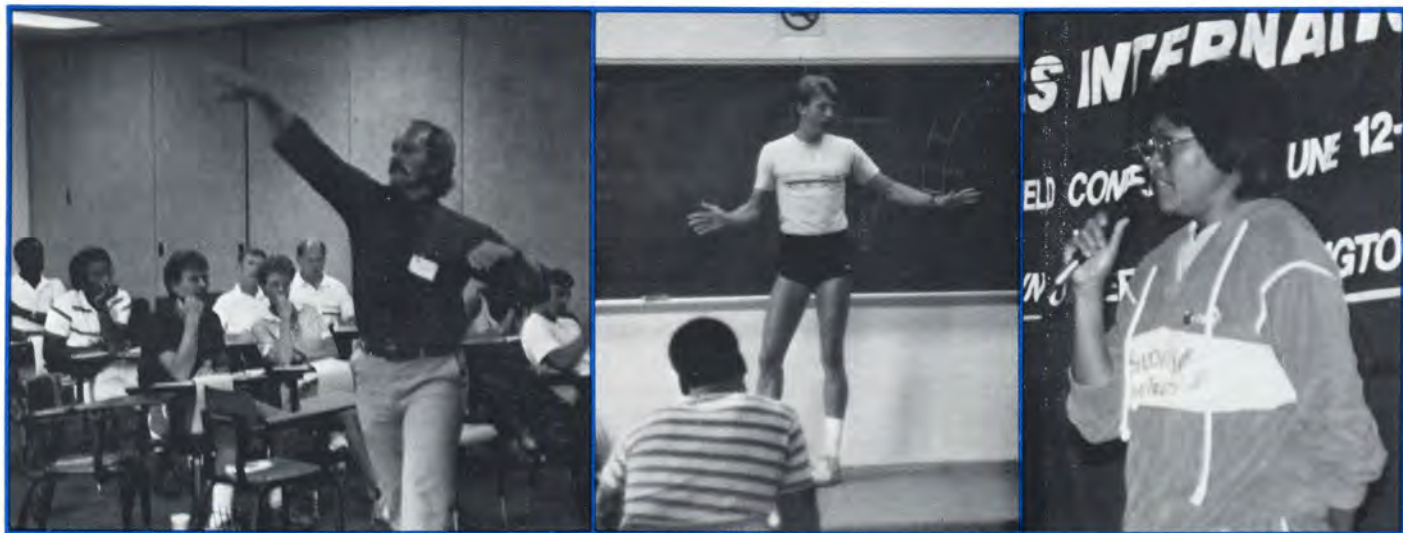
contributed the most to athletics. Jesse Owens, an outstanding Olympic gold-medalist in the 1930s, was the honorary chairman of the Striders for nine years before his death in 1980. The senator quoted from Jesse Owens' words:

"I have been approached by many organizations, but I have lent my name to only a very few. I am especially impressed with the Striders' commitment to education, which is something that will be available throughout these youngsters' lives. The Striders program is unique in its purpose and its results."

The senator then presented the award to Coach Sam Bell, who has been the head track-and-field coach of the University of Indiana for 18 years and is currently head of the Advisory Board of the Striders.

Farley Jones read a brief welcome on behalf of Rev. Kwak, chairman of ICF, and thanked the International Cultural Foundation for the major grant that had made the conference possible. The evening concluded with a presentation of roses to Glenda, who tearfully received everyone's gratitude for her many years of hard work by saying, "You all bring something unique and beautiful from each of your cultures." □

—Mel Haft



During the clinic, the participants received detailed instruction on track-and-field techniques from some of the nation's best coaches.

"THE TRIUMPHANT ATHLETE SYMBOLIZES the quest in all of us to achieve personal wholeness and harmony," said Farley Jones, former president of Striders' International, at last year's Track and Field Clinic. "Each of us is meant in some way to be a meaningful part of a larger group, to work with others in achieving worthy goals, and in this context to display our individual gifts. Through sports we find both release from individual isolation and communion with our fellow man."

It is this communion with our fellow man, this sense of team spirit and the desire to reach toward ever-higher goals, that has motivated the founder of Striders International, Ms. Glenda Moody.

Glenda's outstanding achievement is what she herself calls her "kids," and the faith in themselves, in other people, and in God that she has helped them develop. Through her own deep-rooted sense of values, she has taught these young people respect, dedication, trust, determination, self-discipline, friendship, understanding, foresight, and love. Such commitment makes Glenda an outstanding role model for young people. She has fought for and dedicated her life to the education of minority youth.

Why have Striders kids done so well, and what are some specifics about Glenda's way of working with them?

First, *praying* before track meets is a usual standard, with each praying together in his or her own way. Most of them believe that religion has the power to affect their performances and help them go beyond their own limitations. Sometimes people laugh at them for praying, but Striders kids are winners. The presence of God is clearly with them.

"We need hundreds of Glenda Moodys in this country who are willing to work with these youngsters on the level that she is doing."

Stan Huntsman, Head Coach
U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team
1988 Olympics

Unity and support among the team members are fostered. Athletes in the same events share rooms in order to encourage, serve, and be responsible for each other. It's not just *his* or *her* event; a sense of team responsibility and support is nurtured.

Glenda helps each athlete develop a *vision* for fulfilling his or her potential, not only for track-and-field events, but also for more long-term educational goals. Once they have that vision, Glenda can really push and get tough with them and they don't mind it. They know she sees something more in them than they see and that

she has the capability to get them there.

Glenda can *love* these kids even more than they love themselves. Unconditional love takes discipline, and her goal is to be a prime example of the Principle—valuing, loving, and serving others no matter what it takes.

She *gets into their culture*. Stepping into their shoes may mean giving someone a swift kick in the pants, for example, if she sees a kid looking at a beautiful woman and not keeping his mind on the business at hand. Sometimes Glenda feels other coaches may be thinking, "This white lady might not be alive come tomorrow, the way she's talking to that black kid." That's because they don't really understand the bond of heart underlying the discipline.

Glenda is always *available* to answer calls from her kids whenever there is a problem about anything. She tries to instill in the coaches who work with her that same spirit of really caring.

Glenda has successfully used her communicative skills to strongly bring across the message that "individuals are created not only for themselves, but primarily for others," and to bring God's love and vision into the lives of young people. Both Glenda and the kids face life with God at their sides, and the world is a better place, a healthier place, because of them. □

—Mel Haft

ton DC. When she saw one of them later at a track meet, she told him his form was terrible. He retorted that if she thought she knew so much, why not help him train for the upcoming DC Recreation Games.

Thus a track club was born. Within a year, word of Glenda Moody's efforts had grown. Something about the high school athletes she was training (after school and on weekends, with no money and without compensation) began attracting the attention of college coaches. It was not their performances alone, but the motivation and zeal of these kids that was remarkable. Glenda began spending countless hours on the telephone with college and high school coaches,

placing the Striders' kids in colleges—with scholarships—where they could continue to mature.

The Striders program harnesses the positive energy of athletic competition into a determination to succeed with other goals in life. Sometimes young people who come to the Striders have encountered serious obstacles in their lives. A young person conditioned to underachieve may have lost hope of gaining a college education. In the Striders program, youth develop a new self-confidence by setting training goals, achieving them, and even surpassing them.

The person who learns to say, "I can do it! I'm a winner!" in athletic competition is also learning how to

accomplish other goals. When young people compete on the athletic field as members of The Striders International Track Club, they become part of a peer group that values academic discipline as well. It is then a short step to transfer motivation for athletic excellence into a desire for academic success. □

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LOOKING DEEPER

Questions and Answers on Our Life of Faith

We invite our readers to send in any questions you may have on the Principle, Father's words, or our tradition. Relevant questions will be answered by our church elders and printed in this column. The following questions were answered by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak.

Q: If attacked by negative spirits—for example, in a dream—isn't the name of True Parents very powerful if said three times? What can we do to stop having give and take with negative spirits in our daily lives?

A: Because each person's spiritual situation and conditions are different, it is difficult to give one answer to this question. However, we must recognize that even Satan can use True Parents' name. Most important is that you maintain a strong Principle base and absolutely keep a pure mind. Then Satan can attack no more than three times.

Q: If it is true that people have a certain lifespan that is relatively fixed from the time of birth, under what circumstances is this time shortened or lengthened?

A: Your lifespan depends on how well you exercise your responsibility to make conditions that will allow your body to receive good spirit elements, and on how well you observe the physical laws of health and safety. Spirit elements are generated through the interaction of vitality elements (from good actions of the physical body) and life elements (from good vertical relation

ships, especially with God).

Your Blessing also greatly affects your destiny, because after you are blessed, Heavenly Father counts you not singly but as a pair; then your relationship with your spouse becomes vital. No matter what type of person you are, or what your individual potential is, if you make a harmonious relationship with your spouse, it can only help your destiny.

Q: If masculinity and femininity are two co-existing principles within God, such that one cannot exist without the other, why didn't God create female angels?

A: We actually don't know whether God has created female angels or not. From the Principle, we can imagine that there are or will be female angels. Although Father has not yet fully explained the angelic world, we know there should be subject and object in the spiritual world as in the rest of God's creation. After human beings are finally perfected as lords of creation and masters of the angelic world, the subject and object relationship in the angelic world may come or be seen to exist.

KOREAN TEXT STUDY

Witnessing

51. When your conscience bothers you and yet you don't do any work, you will become ill.
52. Those who joined the Unification Church and never witnessed will become mute in the spiritual world.
53. God sends you out for witnessing so that you may pay indemnity. He does this out of His grace. If you have good ancestors, Satan cannot block your way. If Satan blocks your way, he will have to pay indemnity for you. Thus, even Satan helps you.
54. When you win over three people who oppose you, the rest of your witnessing will become easy.
55. When one goes up to a high place, he has to come down again. If he cannot come down on his own, then he can come down to a humble position through his spiritual children.

Taken from both the Korean and English volumes of The Way of God's Will.

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Letter from the Publisher

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what is being revealed from the boundless world of spirit.

Along with a strong foundation in the Principle, a spiritual medium must maintain a pure, unselfish, public motivation and purpose. Without this attitude, evil spirits can easily become involved. We must understand that the reason godly spirits desire to work with a person on earth is to further True Parents' dispensational activities. If the medium maintains this pure motivation and a selfless, public mind, whatever he receives will help toward the fulfillment of True Parents' will. But if his motivation wavers, then the direction of the spiritual messages may quickly become evil, without the medium necessarily recognizing a change. If the medium's mind becomes confused or loses a clear sense of public purpose, even if he has a strong foundation of knowledge of the Principle, his reception may be inaccurate or unclear.

Mediums who lose a pure and public attitude, even though they may have started with a good motivation, bring distorted messages. It doesn't even matter how high the level of spirit world that a medium connects to in the beginning; he must make constant effort to keep his attitude pure—otherwise he can go off the track.

Sometimes the medium and his audience may become very excited by what is being received, and they will want to enthusiastically take action to follow the direction they feel is being given. This can be good, but I want to emphasize that our *first* priority under any circumstances should be to follow Father's direction. Why? Because no matter how high the spirit is who is giving the direction, it can never be greater than True Parents' direction. Secondly, the desire of the good spirit world is always to

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assist and support the True Parents. They don't want us to follow spiritual guidance that is different from Father's direction. If we understand their heart, then we could never interpret something that Heung Jin Nim or Jesus says as going against Father's will. We know their primary purpose is to support True Parents completely.

It is a good practice to report to your central figure what any spiritual medium receives from Heung Jin Nim or Jesus, before taking any action based on it. We should always do

our best to make sure there is no distortion due to any impurity or self-centeredness on the part of the medium.

Again, I personally am deeply thankful for all that Heung Jin Nim and Jesus are doing to help the American movement, our foreign missionaries, our ecumenical work, and our projects and organizations all over the world. I can think about the work of Heung Jin Nim and Jesus only with many tears of gratitude. They always emphasize True Parents' love, dedication, and their earnest desire that we create harmony among ourselves centered on true love.

As our leaders and members continue to respond to the guidance from Heung Jin Nim and Jesus, our movement will progress even more. We can gain great confidence from realizing how close the good spirit world is and how incredible our True Parents' understanding and guidance is. This can help us to truly be strong, bold, and unafraid to absolutely follow True Parents' direction.

On behalf of all our members, I want to extend my deepest, heartfelt gratitude to Heung Jin Nim and Jesus for their sacrifice and hard work for Heavenly Father, True Parents, and our movement.



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The Significance of Home Church

As Father has announced that 1987 is the year of a new beginning and new dedication to home church, Today's World will present this column each month, featuring excerpts from the book Home Church or Father's speeches on this topic.

I gave you each 360 homes in order to distribute God's love to you. As you distribute more love to the people, you in turn will become bigger and bigger. If you do not distribute love, however, you will stay as gaunt as you are. If a tree wants to live and be healthy, it must grow many branches. If a tree grows no branches, it will simply wither away and die. However, I have never met one sensible person who asked me why I assigned him only 360 homes to distribute love to instead of three times as many.

*Where God Resides and His Course
3/19/78, Belvedere*

I am very serious inside when I consider how you did the last 40-day condition. How are you going to make it through this one? I decided to pray for you for 40 days and make sure you got started very well; then I could leave to visit other countries. But if you slump down like this, how can I be free to go? I must make sure that you understand this condition properly.

Tomorrow, begin everything fresh, not like yesterday or today. Now that you know how important this is, you can make a new start tomorrow. I actually blame the leaders, because they were responsible for explaining the purpose of this condition to you. If a leader didn't understand, then he should have asked me once more to explain it to him. Now do you know for sure? If you don't, ask those who do to explain it to you.

When I made plans for home church I made sure with heaven first that it was the right plan. I got assurance not just once but many times, and God said to go ahead with it. You must know that I always check things in advance. There may be some disadvantages or shortcomings, but they don't matter. We must be united and go ahead full speed. If you aren't serious, then it will be impossible for you to follow me in the spirit world. I am going so fast that you will never catch up with me otherwise.

If restoration were not a difficult task, then Jesus would never have died on the cross. There is no excuse or compromise in restoration. God and the spirit world have chased me also. God did not prevent me from going to the communist prison camp or stop people from opposing us. God could have prevented those things but He would not. The path of indemnity is utterly serious. Even if you miss some meals or don't get much sleep, you must keep going to your houses and witnessing to the people....

I have explained everything to you in detail, so now if you still don't follow, it is no longer my responsibility. What can I do if you refuse to listen? It is only after you do your five percent that you can be connected with me. If I had not done my five percent I would not have any connection with God.

*The Start of the 40-Day Witnessing Condition
7/4/78, London*

Do you think I am doing home church as a hobby, or simply because I like it? Without doing this dispensation, there is no Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Ten thousand people could create a huge network. If we created such a network of home church, we could save New York....

I have been preaching this for three years. Do you know what an incredible age of dispensation this is? Although you don't understand completely, you can demonstrate one great virtue—obedience. The Kingdom of Heaven hinges upon your ability to fulfill home church. Whether or not we can demolish and clean up the satanic world depends on home church. It is the one way we can win.

I know this is the most difficult dispensation we have ever faced. If ever I plant a tree, I'm going to plant the tree that is the most difficult to grow. That should be our experience.

*State Leaders' Conference
3/27/79*

The cherubim with their fiery swords represent an impenetrable curtain that no one can pass unless he embodies the love of God that can break down that wall. The cosmic spring of the providence of God is here. We shall see the spring of heaven come to this world, and when we penetrate the barrier we will liberate ourselves from the fallen world and enter God's realm. You have learned the secret weapon for penetrating that barrier. I came to this world to teach this to whomever is willing to learn.

The hill I crossed over was no ordinary hill. Crossing over that hill was the most severe kind of test, but by doing so I laid the highway. Your hill, even though it is of the same kind, is much smaller.... God's hill was incredibly big. God crossed over the biggest hill to reach out to meet me, and I crossed over my hill to search for you. Your hill is a microcosm.

Eventually, those hills will be flattened and no more will remain to be crossed. The way to cross over that hill is home church. The springtime of home church is the springtime of the cosmic dispensation of God. The time for home church is at hand. The people who are anticipating the spring are like the birds who know even in the cold weather when spring will come. These people will respond to home church. These are the people who will be awakened and who will rejoice together in the song of spring.

*Spring Season of the Providence
4/1/79, Belvedere*

Now you know why home church is important to you, to God, and to all humanity. You know this is the last war that you or anyone will have to fight. You need to have a renewed outlook and determination in the 1980s. I feel I should establish the standard and tradition in America, and with that prototype the whole world can benefit.

*Abel's Path From the Providential Point of View
12/30/79, Belvedere*

A WORD OF THANKS

by Angelika Selle



Angelika Selle at her desk.

A CHANGE OF EDITORSHIP

IN JULY OF THIS YEAR, THE STAFF of *Today's World* said good-bye to Angelika Selle, who has been our loyal and hard-working editor for almost exactly four years. She brought to the magazine a parent's heart and a determination to maintain a high standard through all sorts of difficulties and unexpected circumstances. In "A Word of Thanks" Angelika shares her heart about her experiences of these last four years. We will miss her very much, but we will try to carry on her example of journalistic excellence in conveying True Parents' love and truth to all the worldwide members.

We welcome our new editor, Victoria Clevenger, a 13-year member who recently came to

New York from her mission in Seattle, Washington, as assistant to Rev. Joong Hyun Pak. She was formerly the editor of the *New Hope News* as well as editor of a church newsletter for the Northwest region. Blessed in 1982, and the mother of three children, she is known for the warmth and love she gives to those around her and her deep faith in True Parents and the Principle. Her heartfelt desire to share the best of what our movement has to offer will be a great asset to the magazine. We are very happy Victoria is coming to work with us, and we hope *Today's World* can, under her guidance and nurture, continue to be a valued source of inspiration for our members everywhere.

LOOKING BACK AT MY FOUR YEARS of putting together *Today's World* magazine, I can't express deeply enough all that I've learned and gained from working here. Each issue has its own story to tell. For those of our readers who have never looked into how a magazine is produced, I can say that it takes the effort, skill, cooperation, and investment of heart of many people to make this magazine what it is. As the editor of *Today's World*, I always felt more than anything else that it was not *my* magazine, but *God's* magazine, through which He wants to reach out to brothers and sisters all over the world.

When I was asked by Rev. Kwak in the spring of 1983 to take over the editorship from Joy Pople, the first pioneer, I sincerely felt I was not adequate to do the job, not only linguistically (my native language is German) but also heartistically and spiritually, since it would involve editing Father's words, which are so crucial to all of our spiritual lives. I sensed that a

tremendous spiritual responsibility would be placed upon my shoulders. Yet I did have four years of experience in putting together a church magazine in Germany—"die Neue Hoffnung." So after deep prayers, a three-day fast, and much encouragement from Joy Pople, George Glass, and Rev. Kwak, I declared myself willing to take on this mission.

God had been preparing me

I realized that God had already been preparing me for this international project, by having sent me to America in 1974 with the IOWC and one year later to Japan and Korea with the first global team. It was in the Orient that I received deeper insight into the spiritual origins of our movement, Father's tradition, and the suffering of our early members, by seeing and understanding the cultural settings in which all of this took place. I have still very precious memories of my time in Korea and Japan, and I feel closely connected with our move-

ment there.

When I returned to Germany, I was a center leader for a number of years, and I learned many lessons about the hopes and struggles of brothers and sisters as well as my own strengths and weaknesses as a leader. Later, as *Today's World* editor, those experiences were always vividly present in my mind when I was choosing or searching for internal guidance material that would really touch the hearts of members. For instance, I learned that it is very important for Westerners how words of advice are given in addition to the content. I learned that the word "must" definitely turns off quite a number of people, even though they might agree with the message itself. I also recalled the deep desire of my center members to learn as much as they could about the True Family—what Father and Mother are doing and what the True Children feel and think about.

I might add here that ever since I joined the church, it has been my

personal interest and desire to dig into the deepest roots of our movement, to gain as much internal guidance and wisdom from elders as I could, and to find out as much as possible about our True Parents and the True Family in order to share it with others.

As the editor of *Today's World*, I always felt more than anything else that it was not *my* magazine, but *God's* magazine.

One time while in Korea I remember speaking to a Mr. Chung, who at that time had been following Father for more than 20 years. His house was and maybe still is located near the old Chung Pa Dong headquarters church. He told me that in the early days, because Father would spend day and night pouring out his heart and soul to the members, Mr. Chung developed such a deep and close relationship with Father that even when he was not with him, he could feel exactly what Father was feeling.

Sometimes he would get a terrible stomachache or a headache. At other times he would feel in his heart the great agony of carrying the burden of world restoration alone. One of his most memorable experiences with Father was when they traveled together into the spirit world and Father explained to him about the things that happened there. Mr. Chung must have been in his sixties when I met him, and I will never forget the deep peace that emanated from him, especially from his eyes. I could see eternity in him.

A precious opportunity

Amazingly, Heavenly Father allowed me to have experiences such as this, and suddenly, when I came to *Today's World*, I was given the incredible opportunity to have access to many precious testimonies about the early days of our movement. Most importantly, I was in a position to learn about and follow very closely the activities of True Parents and the True Family and pass on that invaluable information to brothers and sisters.

Joy Pople, who had already laid a great deal of groundwork for the magazine, worked with me for about two months, and then I was on my own. There was a staff of three altogether including myself, a mere skeleton crew to take care of all aspects of the magazine—from editorial

work, typesetting, and layout to handling subscriptions. In those days we worked literally day and night to get the magazine out, driven by the heart of a parent to pass out spiritual food to all of True Parents' children as fast as possible. My husband, who works at the *New York City Tribune*, helped a great deal with the copyediting, and even my mother-in-law did some proofreading.

We tried to refine our editing and proofreading skills so we could present the content of the articles with greater sensitivity and accuracy. Special effort also went into perfecting the layout and artwork in order to present the True Parents and the activities of our movement in the best way possible. I remember the numerous discussions I had with our designer, Jean-Francois Moulinet, as to how to position the photos of our

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Angelika hands over her position to the new Today's World editor, Victoria Clevenger.

True Parents from a spiritual and artistic point of view.

With very few exceptions, the *Today's World* staff was "one heart and one soul," as we say in Germany, and I am sure that God and the spirit world were always attracted to us based on our harmony and sense of the providential significance of this magazine. I'd like to thank all the brothers and sisters who helped make this magazine what it is today and what it can be in the future.

My gratitude to Rev. Kwak

My deep gratitude and appreciation go especially to the publisher, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, who provided the internal leadership and gave me constant guidance throughout my four years. I would like to let our readers know that *Today's World* is one



Some of those who have made the *Today's World* possible. Left to right: Laura Reinig, Jean-Michel Brejard, Gary Caron, Angelika Selle, Toyozo Narihata.

of Rev. Kwak's foremost priorities, and despite his extremely busy schedule, he always plans enough time to discuss past issues of the magazine, give suggestions on what to cover, choose the front-cover photo, and offer his insights about current providential situations that are most important for members to understand. These insights appear monthly in his "Letter from the Publisher." Whenever he has to make a decision about the content of an article or speech, his criteria are always: What is Father's thinking on this subject? What is appropriate according to heavenly tradition?

Whenever Rev. Kwak would speak to me in his office about these things, I always felt I was just catching the tip of the iceberg as far as his knowledge about True Parents and our tradition was concerned. During those moments, I sincerely wished I could speak Korean so I could go into more depth with him! Rev. Kwak always succeeded in stimulating my original mind. In one of my first encounters with him, I asked him to explain the purpose of *Today's World*. He outlined three purposes: to educate our members, to preserve the historical record, and to present the truth of the Principle and the heavenly way.

Rev. Kwak is very meticulous about the way in which the True Family is presented in the magazine, especially

through the photos. He always encouraged me to check, double-check, and even triple-check important facts and the spelling of names. I feel indeed privileged to have had first-hand training from him. I want to take this opportunity to also testify about my central figure's total loyalty to True

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Parents, his sincerity of heart, and his commitment towards setting the highest standard of faith without compromise.

True Parents' love

My years of work at *Today's World* were a real blessing for me because I could receive education directly from our True Parents by being able to attend leaders' conferences, birthdays

at East Garden, holidays, and other special occasions where the True Family was present. During these four years I witnessed some of the most tragic events in our church history as well as some of the most tremendous victories for the True Family—Heung Jin Nim's fatal accident and profoundly moving Seung Hwa, the hard months of Father's imprisonment, his liberation and welcome on August 20, 1985, and the beautiful Holy Weddings of four of the True Children. My desire was to capture in picture and print as much of the spirit and the details of what happened as possible, for the sake of my brothers and sisters around the world who haven't had the chance to see the True Family. I always wished my container was much bigger.

You might think that seeing and being with the True Parents and the True Family so frequently can bring a person to a higher spiritual level. My answer is yes and no. I believe that yes, because I could "inhale" True Parents' true love directly and learn so much from them, I have grown substantially. However, all the spiritual food and blessings that come from being around True Parents fade away quickly unless you make your own effort to develop a strong prayer life and put the Principle into action—by doing witnessing, home church, ministers' work—the things Father asks us to do.

During my first year of editorship, I made a condition of witnessing to at least three people a day together with my husband. I believe it was through this condition that my relationship with True Parents became so substantial. Clearly one's closeness to or distance from them is always determined by one's own level of faith, heart, and action.

Experiences I'll never forget

Seeing the tremendous scope of Father's work was a constant testimony to the universal mind of the Messiah. Whenever he met with a specific group of people, such as the foreign missionaries or the members of Ocean Church or CARP, he spoke as if the whole restoration providence depended on the success of that particular project—which it does, of course. Father would sometimes out-



Father speaking to Ocean Challenge members at Morning Garden, Gloucester, on July 2.

line in detail his vision for a project, thinking not only 10 or 50 years ahead, but even 1,000 years from now. Father also relates everything to the past, by explaining how present events fit into the overall scheme of God's restoration work. Rather than giving specific advice about how a particular mission should be executed, Father instead always showed leaders a larger perspective on what they were doing to contribute to God's providence.

I had one experience at East Garden that I will never forget. True Father was speaking in English in a very low voice, almost whispering. Even though I wasn't able to understand a lot of his words, he was saying, in essence: "Please, please, fulfill now! I have done everything I can to lay and fulfill all the conditions necessary, but now it's really your turn, and I cannot do it for you.... Please take God and me seriously.... Heavenly Father is still suffering so much. He has been waiting so long! Who can I really trust? Who really understands my burden?" Father was sharing his innermost heart, and I couldn't withhold my tears.

True Mother's internal and external beauty always struck me, and whenever I saw her, I tried to "drink

in" everything. I observed every detail—the way she walked, how she dressed, how she so totally supported Father, and the way she related with the True Children. I found that whatever she does she is calm, radiating harmony and eternal peace. I felt her

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heart constantly reaching out to members. I have studied many great women in history, but I can say that there is simply no comparison between her and any other woman! If we sisters could only be like her!

There is so much more to say. Having been called to another mission, I will try my best to reflect the True

Parents' heart and tradition and to implement what I have learned here from them. I wish good fortune and above all the continuing guiding hand of Heavenly Father to my successor, Victoria Clevenger. I am sure Victoria and her staff will bring even greater depth to *Today's World* in the years to come.

My deepest thanks and appreciation go to Rev. Kwak for his excellent training, and my constant love and gratitude go to our Father and Mother, who are the originators of this magazine.

May I close with a thought that often occurred to me while writing about events for *Today's World*. Even though this magazine chronicles our movement's growth and many of True Parents' activities, we can never report on all the providential history that is going on. We cannot even begin to record all the tears, sweat, and blood that you, my dear brothers and sisters, are shedding every day out in the field for the sake of God. It's one thing to record history, but the most important thing is to *make* history. And you are making it right now, together with our True Parents! God bless you all. □

CONTRIBUTE TO HISTORY!

YOUR LIFE IN THE FIRST DAYS

Too often the very real difficulties and hurts in our lives obscure the fact that **we are now living in the First Days of the ideal world.** The experience of actually going from hell to heaven comes only once in eternity. Therefore, what each of us as members is going through and learning is extremely precious. We at *Today's World* feel that *everyone* has experiences, insights, and realizations to share that can help illuminate and assist this monumental transition from the fallen world to the Kingdom of Heaven.

To anyone who submits a sincere and thoughtful piece about an aspect or aspects of his or her spiritual life, **we will give a partial subscription to *Today's World*** (on publication of your contribution). Some possible topics and questions that could be addressed are given below, but you are in no way limited to these.

We are primarily looking for content—so please don't worry if your English isn't good. You may write about as many different topics as you desire and as often as you desire. Your contributions can be brief but should be as clear and specific as possible.

TOPICS

1. Personal experiences with Heavenly Father, True Parents, and the True Children.
2. Experiences that have assisted your outreach work with ministers, home church, or witnessing.
3. Experiences, realizations, insights regarding:
 - Prayer
 - Repentance
 - Perseverance
 - Nourishing and stimulating your original nature
 - Overcoming fallen nature
 - Creating unity
 - Spiritually raising members, your spouse, spiritual and physical children
 - Restoring Cain/Abel relationships
 - Building heaven externally and internally
 - Strengthening your motivation and power to do God's will
 - Maturing and resurrecting yourself and others
 - Building faith
 - Developing trust
 - Developing the ability to truly love
 - Building confidence that you are the child of God and True Parents
 - Lessons learned from mistakes
 - Milestones or significant points in your spiritual life

QUESTIONS

1. If you had the opportunity to say anything to True Parents or to ask them a question, what would it be?

2. Why are you following True Parents?
3. What has helped you to
 - develop a relationship with Heavenly Father
 - develop a relationship with True Parents
 - deeply and sincerely repent
 - separate from Satan
 - overcome selfishness
 - overcome resentment
 - overcome fear
 - develop your prayer life
 - break through and/or truly create unity in your relationships with Heavenly Father, True Parents, central figures, your brothers and sisters, or your spouse
 - be able to reliably take responsibility for yourself and God's providence
4. How are you trying to inherit Father's standard, tradition, and victory?
5. How do you experience or recognize true love?
6. How do you try to maintain/attain purity and freshness?
7. What enables you to feel you are being resurrected? How can you see you are different now than before?
8. Who/what has helped you grow the most? How and why?
9. What is some of the best advice you have ever given or received?
10. Observing your daily life and your internal heart, what do you find you are most serious about?
11. Who, in addition to True Parents, are real heroes, standards, or models for you, and why?
12. What does it mean to you to
 - center on God and True Parents
 - live a life of indemnity
 - be faithful
 - be a truly loving person

Contributions may be edited for clarity. The length of the subscription given will depend on how much of your work is published in *Today's World*. With your contribution, please include your name, address, telephone number, spiritual and physical ages, and major missions you have had. Please specify if you do *not* wish your name to be used.

Thank you very much for the time and effort you invest to share what you have gained—and thank you for all the years you have dedicated toward becoming a mature person and making a home for Heavenly Father and all His children. □

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*Rev. Sun Myung Moon
July 1, 1987*