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# "Family and Law in Islam"

*Rev. Kwak's address read to the Council for the World's Religions (see article on page 23) conference on "Family and Law in Islam" held in Istanbul, Turkey on May 17-21, 1989*

**E**steemed guests, venerable spiritual leaders, honored scholars, pioneers in the path of interfaith harmony. I am delighted to welcome you to this fourth international conference on Islamic unity. I am convinced that there is no more important task for the cause of world peace than the realization of harmony and cooperation among religious believers. Religious and ideological harmony is at the core of world peace, because religions and ideologies guide a person's internal dimension, the orientation of heart and mind. The power to move people's minds to overcome anger and resentment, to be tolerant of each other's faults and to strive for impartiality and compassion has to come through religion. God is the source of all the ideals that make for peace. And God has revealed these ideals to humankind through religion. When a person truly finds God in the core of the self, all hatred and prejudice perish.

Religious leaders are the true internal leaders of the world. You hold the key to real peace. If the religious leaders of any two warring nations came together and declared that their religions forbade their fighting with one another, could war continue for long? But sadly, few religions have the courage and authority to challenge politicians who inflame religious prejudice for selfish ends. We see some religious leaders using God's name for their narrow goals, sowing mistrust of others. Some religious leaders follow the lead of politicians as though religion were merely a support for popular nationalistic causes. Hence, religion itself becomes debased and loses its spiritual power. It ceases to be a way to reach the ideals of transcendent reality and becomes merely an expression of ethnicity.

## Conditions for Peace

Peace cannot be dictated by external conditions. It must spring from the internal attitudes of people's minds. Internally, the peoples of the world are still far apart. We are beset by prejudices and fears of all kinds: racism, nationalism, religious sectarianism, cultural bias, economic jealousy and so on. The barriers that our self-centered minds erect against one another may become even higher and more threatening as external circumstances thrust us physically closer together. This situation is potentially very dangerous.

You have come here to discuss a truly pressing issue, Family and Law in Islam. Why is this so crucial? This is because Islam is one of the most powerful and widespread religions in the world. It is one of the great world's religions that has instructions for interfaith harmony imbedded in its revealed scriptures. It penetrates deeply into the lives of individuals and families in Islam as well as into the societies in which it is practiced. The family is the pillar of all that is good. Through the family, love is practiced, human beings are educated in goodness and the love of God and society is perpetuated. Islam defines all family roles in the context of religious responsibility and the love of God. If there is strife and division regarding this most important area of life, the consequences are grave. In all the world around us, the family is threatened. Let the people of God become one at least in this one indispensable area of life. For this reason, every moment you spend here is precious. May God bless your work here.

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**True Parents, Young Jin Nim, and Jeung Jin Nim at a joint birthday celebration on June 14, 1989.**  
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# “Day of All Things and Ownership”

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**T**hrough history, religious understanding has expanded and developed until now there are four major religious groups. Powerful countries also exist, such as the United States, Russia, China, and Japan, which should harmonize with the four great religious blocks. The question facing mankind now is: What guidance and direction will enable these large countries and major religious groups to interact harmoniously? God has helped guide history to this point, and if God exists, this question will be just as

much a problem to Him as to the rest of mankind.

History has now come to this point. Leaders in those large countries are working very hard to discover how to relate with each other and which direction to take. Some group has to rise up to provide guidance. How do we recognize them? Such a group would be stirring up a lot of controversy; it would be so big and influential that people could not dismiss it without notice. Large countries, like the Soviet Union and America, and other religious groups may feel threatened and afraid and say, “Oh, that group has become too influential, too powerful. We should not let them grow further.” At best,



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*A joyous greeting from our True Parents.*

however, they should feel, "If there is a group with such influence, we simply cannot ignore or continue opposing them. We should pay great attention and be seriously concerned because this group might be of positive influence to history."

What is that group that is religious and so good and so influential that people might be afraid? [The Unification Church!] The Unification Church is a strange and unique group. This is one group that professors around the world seem to like, and may even fall in love with. Not only that, other religious leaders, especially those who have been seriously seeking God's will, instantly come to like the Unification Church. Many politicians and statesman also fall in love with the Unification Church, knowing that this is one church that is different from the past and seems to have solutions.

More and more, if a country or a big organization has a serious problem that they have not been able to solve, they do not consult their own consulting firm or group, but may instead come to Rev. Moon, to the Unification Church, and say, "We have this problem. What shall we do?" They know that we will provide them with some very useful advice.

## NEW HISTORICAL TREND

A couple of days ago, a major political leader came to me and said, "Rev. Moon, you have made a much-needed ideological revolution in the United States." The leaders of some countries are recognizing that wherever I reach, good is being done. Our members are working continuously to be effective and bring constructive results.

Religious leaders have been denouncing me, but as time goes on, they see that actually I can provide a solution. "Without him, all of our religious groups must decline, so before that happens, we must come and learn from him." This is the trend now.

For example, in Japan, the chairman of the largest religious group—with four million members—is getting very old. He is about to die, but he gathered all of his congregation and said, "Mr. Kuboki, who used to be our member, went to the Unification Church. We denounced that, but now we see it was very necessary. So please embrace Mr. Kuboki. Do not treat him as an enemy but as a friend." Why did he leave that request? Usually when people are opposed and persecuted, they retaliate or they at least express some complaints, but we did not. The more they persecuted us, the more I tried to embrace them and do good for them, pray for them. Finally they saw that, after all, the Unification Church is not a bad entity and Rev. Moon is not a bad person, but an incredibly good person. So they turned around.

It is an iron law that if someone opposes another in every way he can, but still does not overcome him, then he will be overcome by the person who is persecuted. If you embrace and embrace, eventually the other will surrender to you.

## VICTORIOUS DANBURY TESTIMONY

One lawyer visited Danbury after I left. He asked the prisoners, "What did Rev. Moon do during his stay in Danbury?" They told him that while I was there people thought more about good actions and attitudes. Everyone respected me. But when I left, immediately the atmosphere changed. There was fighting everywhere.

Many prisoners complained to me about our government. But I said, "Complaining is not the religious way or the way of a real man." Sometimes at lunchtime, the prisoners would



come to talk to me, one by one, and share about their life, asking me to keep it secret. They wanted to confess the painful things in their minds and hearts, and knew I would not use it against them. I always kept a constant attitude, an unchanging heart. Now, when those who were in jail with me get out and meet someone who is against us, they say, "I lived with Rev. Moon more than one year. He is a righteous man. I haven't found his kind of noble thinking and acting in any other person in the United States." They testify for me more than you do. They call Mr. Kamiyama: "I want to meet Rev. Moon; I miss him so much."

So even the Danbury people know about what I did in prison better than you. Shouldn't you do better than they in understanding me? We should do more for the sake of America than the Danbury people. Bill Shepherd said that all the inmates there had been waiting for Rev. Moon to find out whether I was really bad. If I was, Bill was determined to persecute me. It's so easy within prison to hurt another person, and even kill him. But Bill found out the American government was wrong; he changed his mind completely and became my disciple.

Many of the men I found in prison were courageous, intelligent people. I felt that if the American government would entrust all the correction facilities to me, through education I could make a formidable group out of these people. It is not money which can solve problems, only proper education.

Here in this country and in the world, many whites don't like blacks, and many blacks don't like whites. The Spanish people don't necessarily like blacks nor whites and vice versa. But what about the Unification Church? Is there anybody we don't like? When you join the Unification Church, all of your sense of skin color fades away. Thus the problem of racial prejudice is completely solved. Isn't that true? If you can overcome any obstacle, then unification is no problem. It's revolutionary that all people—white, black, yellow—who did not like me many years ago, are now coming to like me. This is not a simple happening. I could have retaliated against the people who persecuted me, but I didn't simply because it is not me; our teaching is quite different.

## UNIFICATION OF RACES AND RELIGIONS

For many years, America, Germany, and Japan have been opposing me, but gradually they are changing. Nobody did anything to make that happen except that I constantly and steadfastly loved them. Now they say, "Maybe we need Rev. Moon. We definitely want Rev. Moon to help us." Though



these countries are always changing, I have been consistently pursuing the path of eternal goodness, so gradually they are coming to understand and like me.

In the media world, people are also understanding more about me than ever before. Scholars are following me and what I stand for. Now if I want to see any important person, he will come. If I say, "I would like to meet you," that person says, "Yes, I would like to meet you, too." The situation and environment have changed that much.

Look at all of you here. You have many different backgrounds: Jewish, Catholic, Presbyterian, Muslim, and so forth, yet you all say, "Yeeees, I like Rev. Moon." People might say, "Oh, the Unification Church must be the place where people who change their religion all go." Will you change again, or will you never change from this point on? What can enable you to say you will never change from this point on?

Father and children are related by blood lineage. It takes a complete change of blood lineage before we can say, "I am your son and you are my father." You have to go through a lot before you can seriously and sincerely say that. Can you confidently say you have that kind of deepest relationship with me through your blood lineage? I don't know, so how can you know it? I am the teacher; I who am in the father's place don't know that. How can you know? How can we be sure about this serious point? Making the sound "yes" is easy but actually doing it not so easy.

This is the 27th Day of All Things. All things are now coming to me because I have the route to God. All things will find the way to restore their ownership to God. Now God can begin to own things as He should. All things know that they are automatically connected to me—how much greater they are than you!

If white people, black people, all the rest of the people of different countries like Rev. Moon, then what about all the



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things of these countries? If things happened to have a higher intelligence than human beings, and all men are loving and following Rev. Moon, then all things would push to be the first to follow him—even before man.

## RESTORING GOD'S OWNERSHIP

Now all things are silently demonstrating, asking to return to the original owner. All things have protested to God: "Why did You create us and make us suffer as the slaves of unrighteous owners?" Historically so many people exploited all things, using them to do evil, which they did not want to do. All things will continue to protest to God until this situation is rectified. Only one person in this tremendous universe understands what has been going on between all things and mankind. Now all things are hailing me, thankful that I understood their situation and included the Day of All Things as equal in importance to God's Day, Parents' Day, and Children's Day. All things will say thank you to Unification Church members for understanding them and treating them correctly.

Other people make money and build up a bank account; they focus on the future of their children, retirement, and so on, but I am always spending for the sake of the world. I never have any penny in my pocket for me—all is dedicated to God's ownership, all money and property. So obviously all things and money like and follow me, although I am not trying to make money. Though I don't want to be rich, all things want to be mine because I help them fulfill their purpose. Money knows its purpose and power is for saving humanity, for serving God. Money follows me better than the Unification Church members do!

All things want to belong to God. From the fallen world all things are going back to God. You have to know that. It is no use to talk to a cloud or stream and say, "Don't move in that direction. I want you to flow in the other direction." Both move according to natural law. So also we cannot say, "Money, flow in my direction," because the money will flow where it is supposed to, to where it will be spent with more effectiveness for the sake of others. Money prefers to be spent in that way, not in a selfish way. Money, like water, knows where to flow.

All things that are being foolishly used will return back to God so He can use them to save mankind and even Himself. The desire of all things is to be released from the archangel's hand and be returned through Eve's hand to Adam, to Parents, and God. If Adam and Eve had matured to embody true love, then all things would come to be owned by them. To be restored, things must go the reverse way. Until now America (the archangel nation) has been leading the financial world. Now Japan is assuming greater leadership and after that, Korea will rise up.

Why is America the archangelic country? I selected it because after World War II, America was about to be washed away down the drain. That is why I am doing so much to

help this country to accomplish its mission and connect with Japan and Korea properly. Forty years ago, I selected Japan to be the Eve country. To bless many America men with Japanese women is opposite to Satan's taking Eve in the beginning. Satan sees this and chokes, almost dying.

All things will eventually return to God's ownership and be owned by those whom God loves. All things want to go the way that fulfills their eternal purpose.

## FOUNDATION OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

Satan took ownership of this world, but our mission now is to cultivate new ownership for God. Upon God's ownership can come ownership for the church, the family, and each individual. God is the rightful owner of the universe, but He lost everything. We have to claim everything back for God.

Until now, we needed to be ashamed of owning something when we were not eligible or qualified to own anything. Do you own something? Do you have something in your possession? What do you have? You have a father and mother and brothers and sisters and your country. But your world and your heaven you do not have yet. We only start owning on the foundation representing heaven and earth—not until then.

Why do you use money? For saving humanity, for serving God? Those who need money, raise your hands. One thing I know: No Unification Church member will go without food. No matter where you go you will never starve because you know how to fundraise.

You have learned how to overcome limitations of time and money. With this power you can do even more than I have. Go out and stir up good controversy. You can become God's famous true child, winning His pride forever. How wonderful your future time can be!

Compare the Korean political situation with that of the United States. Which is more serious? In this time the most serious problems financially and politically are in Korea. Korea is going the way to make the formula to solve the world's problems. Only by following me is there a solution—to make God's world with love.

I have disregarded my own country in order to work to save America. Korea cannot save all the world, but America is a world leader, so I worked to save America first. Then am I the only person who has to do this work? What about you? You have a much more advantageous position to work for America than I. You have the same language, culture, and lifestyle. In the future you have to go to Korea and teach true ownership. Of course from there everything will spread out to all four corners of the world. The Korean language will be spoken everywhere. In the ideal world, there will be a unified culture and a common language.

Having so many different languages is a result of the fall—a way Satan has divided and confused us. Only religious power centering on God's love can end the confusion and unite everyone. Compared with how difficult it was for me to



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*The second generation intently receives Father's words.*

world see that my dealing with technology is the most righteous. I am now in the process of providing the highest level of technology to advancing countries.

The Chinese people saw how I was treated here in America and how I never became angry or revengeful. Instead I kept on loving and acting for the sake of America. They know who I am. That is why the Chinese are now saying, "America we cannot trust, but Rev. Moon we can trust." China is bound to modernize, no question about it. If China did it by herself without my help, perhaps it would take 50 years to achieve a certain level. With my help they can achieve this level within 20 years, saving 30 great, valuable years.

learn English, it should be no problem for you to learn Korean. I am nearly 70 years old and a grandpa, but still I learned English. Why? In order to help my Western world children better connect spiritually with my words. But I actually don't feel good speaking English because I cannot express what I feel. Now I have proclaimed that after 1990 I will not use an interpreter. I dislike interpreters.

Sometimes I think I must be a bad leader because you only half follow. This life is difficult—nobody likes a severe situation. I'm sorry. But think about me. Who has really helped me? I learned how to fulfill every responsibility, no matter how difficult. Being willing to endure a severe situation is good. Many times I met with members till midnight, and then after that is my study time. Last night I slept two and a half hours. How could I stand this lifestyle for more than 40 years? With spiritual power—not flesh power!

## RESOURCES FOR THE WORLD

I have proclaimed the equalization of technology. Until now, the so-called advanced nations have been exploiting the advancing countries by selling them technology for high prices. But I have said, "I will not charge anything. I will give the technology to everybody else, free." All the people in the

During all these years no one understood why our members worked so hard, visiting every town, city, state, and remote countryside, working in every corner of America. I have been spending to help save humanity. God expected me to make an effective foundation so that the United States can fulfill its historical destiny—to serve the world.

All things knew that the members who were fundraising should go to middle and lower income people who are relatively more free of Satan than are the rich. Sure enough, all of our members experienced that without exception when they went to low income people, they gave. So all things have been realizing that when this trend goes up from low income to middle income, now upper income people will start giving, and surely the Last Days are very near. Our fundraising was part of the preparation for the future. Now one Unification Church member can be more effective in helping to save America than ten people who have not had such experience.

Raise your hands. Who should be the owner of those hands? They should be True Parents' hands, and God's hands, returning back to God. With God in the center, on the right is the Parents' place and on the left is the children's place, connecting horizontally and vertically with love. My hand connects with my Parents' hands, which connect with God's hand, and then again to Parents' hands and my hand.



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Think of your hand, "This is not my hand; it is my Parents' hand, God's hand." Until now, how much was your hand used for evil purposes? How about your mouth? How bad has your ownership of your body been? In the future, only a real man after restoration deserves ownership. We lost God, True Parents, True Family, True Children. Now we must restore ownership and go the most loving and valuable way.

The Bible says that your family can be your fearful enemy. But from now I am sending you out as tribal messiahs to embrace your tribe and take true ownership. From these a new nation can grow. Centering on Korea, all nations will come to follow the way of God and True Parents. Even now we see totalitarian nations heading toward a more democratic way.

In the Soviet Union's hierarchical system, if one high level person united with me, immediately all 270 million people could be educated with the Principle. With its single party system, it is possible to change the Soviet Union in one night. But America is different; everybody goes his individualistic way, so how difficult it is to make one nation.

### SAFEGUARD YOUR PURITY

The younger second generation really should take precautions and do not even think about sex. In the Garden of Eden, did Adam and Eve kiss each other? While they were growing, they certainly noticed their physical differences because they were naked. But that was all. They didn't know why. They just wondered, but that was the extent of it. When they kissed, that was a serious action.

We don't understand enough how serious the man and woman relationship is. The place of sex is meant to be holy,

but Satan invaded it. The husband's sexual organ is owned by his wife, and the wife's is owned by her husband. God is clever and wise. If something is not yours, you oughtn't misuse it.

Clearly woman was born for man and man for woman. Both are looking all around for the other. The first time one sees the other naked, all kinds of feelings are stirred up. You cannot sleep or stay in one place. In love, neither man nor woman can control himself or herself. You must be so careful not to be too close to anyone except your spouse. You cannot undo a mistake of this kind. This is a very serious point.

Now do we know more about ownership? Everything should be owned by Parents and God through the help of the spirit world, which is the angelic world. We must return everything to God; even we dedicate ourselves to God. My day is not my day at all—it belongs to God. Just as I have been living all my life for God, so should you live your days for Him. I have always been finding out how to forget that I am tired and go on forever, if necessary, until the mission is fulfilled. Even if everybody else drops away on the left and right, still I know that somebody is going this way without giving up.

At last ownership will be restored to True Parents and God. Without restoring ownership you cannot get into heaven. This is the Divine Principle. "Divine" means it cannot change. No matter how difficult our life is, we have to return to the original ideal. This is the desire of God, True Parents, and all the saints. If you are working to follow True Parents' purpose and way, then you will reach heaven—no problem. For example, if you want to study, what is your purpose? It should be for God, humanity, and for our tradition centering

on True Parents. I spend long hours talking. Why do I talk so long? For God and humanity.

Do you want to liberate all things still owned by unrighteous people and return them to God? If so, please pledge yourselves to be the instruments to do that. You have to memorize this point. No more thinking: "I don't like that; I don't want to do that." You must stop pursuing things which have no value and instead go in a noble direction. Everything, including your blood lineage, must change ownership. Otherwise you cannot be an original ancestor of the ideal way. Those who pledge to do this, raise your hands. □



*Yeon Jin Nim, Jeung Jin Nim, Shin Jeung Nim and several blessed children enchant the audience with Korean songs.*



# True Family's Natural Inheritance

by Jin Hun Moon

Belvedere May 29, 1988

**B**efore beginning, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Heavenly Father for letting me stand in this position to share with you what I have experienced for the last two years since the Blessing of 1986. Last night a lot of things went through my mind. As I stand here now I don't know where to begin because the amount of blessing poured upon me has been so much and so deep.

First, I have to confess to you what my state of being was before I was Blessed. I was a senior attending Columbia University. I was having an extremely difficult time not only because the schoolwork was hard for me, but also because I wasn't really able to deal with the things that caused me to struggle. From the beginning of 1986 until the Blessing on April 11, I felt hopeless in many ways. Attending the university had a lot to do with it. I wasn't able to open my heart and understand God's Will for me there. I had so many desires as a blessed child and son of one of the leaders of this church to do Heavenly Father's Will and to achieve His expectation of me. But I felt so many shortcomings and difficulties in accomplishing my heart's desire that I became very depressed. Many times I stayed in my room for hours, sometimes not even going to class. I had a room in the New Yorker and sometimes I would stay there for 24 hours. Once, for two days straight, I couldn't even eat anything and I simply didn't know what to do.

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**To the True Children,  
nothing in this world can give them  
happiness except True Parents.**

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Then Father called from Korea and asked for all the blessed children 20 years and older to go to Korea right away. In the middle of the night, one of my friends came and told me Father wanted me to come to Korea right away. I said, "You're kidding!" I had heard rumors that Father had some plans for our engagement and Blessing. There was also some talk that Father wanted blessed children to get involved in some kind of student activities in Korea. I had many mixed feelings. I wanted to go to Parents with an open mind, to receive whatever Parents would give us.

## Blessing in Korea

The next morning I was on a plane to Korea for 10 hours. When I arrived I got on a bus where the bus driver told me, "Oh, all of you are engaged to other blessed children." We have known each other all of our lives, and all of us are friends. He pointed at some people, but didn't say anything to me. I thought, "How about me? Who was I engaged to?" It was so unexpected. I was hoping Father had called us to do

some CARP activities on Korean college campuses. That thirty minute bus ride was the most intense period of my life. I was thinking about so many things. That day was Parents Day, 1986. When we arrived in Hannam-dong, Father's residence, Father had just finished his Parents' Day morning celebration, and we were eagerly waiting outside. At the time, most of the blessed children had gone back to their houses to change their clothes to meet True Parents. I was waiting outside. Suddenly, right after the end of the speech, Father asked for all the blessed children. I came in and sat to one side. Rev. Kwak was there and took my arm. He brought me upstairs to the second floor and started to change my clothes without telling me anything. What was I supposed to think? Father had a *hanbok* ready for me to wear, and I was just standing there shocked. Whichever way they pulled, I went. Then I went downstairs. I cannot forget the moment when Father asked me to come forward. For the first time I saw Un Jin Nim. She was wearing a red and pink *hanbok* —it was a picture of her I will not forget. She was very nervous, maybe more than I was. We were both shaking when Father asked us to come together and hold hands. We exchanged rings and watches; that was the beginning.

So shocking, right? At least you had a chance to listen to Father's speech before your engagement. But out of nowhere, I was expected to stand and receive Father's Blessing. I was unprepared in many ways to receive that Blessing. I still feel I am unworthy to stand on this platform where Father has given so many great morning services.

## True family's suffering

For the next two years until today, this unprepared, unworthy person had the opportunity to experience and witness the greatness of the True Family. I think this is an appropriate opportunity for me to share with you some of these experiences. The True Family's only desire in this life is to please True Parents. Whether they go to school, or ride horses, or play music, the only thing they have in their mind is to reach Father and Mother's expectation and take the burden from their shoulders. That is such a beautiful sight to see. Sometimes we have our own ambitions or things to do, and sacrifice what Father and Mother want us to fulfill in favor of our own goals. But to the True Children, nothing in this world can give them happiness except True Parents. That is a very important point to understand. They have God-given talents, and if they set out to fulfill their own desires, how much they could accomplish! But they sacrifice everything to help True Parents.

Before I came to America, I was really doing well in Korea academically. But when I came here, it was difficult for me to adapt to the American way of life. Many times I felt so much hatred. Whenever I tried to share myself with someone, the thing I got back was some derogatory comment. I hated what America had to offer and became more and more isolated. I





*Jin Hun Nim speaking at Belvedere.*

As a new member of True Family, I have to help you to understand, support and be absolutely united with the True Children.

### **A foundation of sacrificial love**

So many years of my life were spent outside of the True Family. I would like to share with you something about my physical parents. I am standing on this platform not because I have anything to offer, but because I owe this position to my own parents. They went through much suffering, like all the older members, and like all of you are going through. Many times as a child I resented having practically had no time with my own parents. Oftentimes I wondered where I belonged. I was here and there, moving around all the time. Over a span of five years, I had moved thirty or forty times. My father was doing pioneering in many different places. Sometimes we weren't able to pay our rent and got evicted. We had a large family of nine members. There was a time when we were allowed to have one room in a big two-story building. We occupied the second floor, with seven kids running around, breaking things and creating havoc. We got kicked out in about 20 days. Also, I made friends in school. Then all of a sudden I had to leave that school and say goodbye. I resented that feeling and felt left out. I began to create a lot of walls. As a child, you should be bright and happy and make friends, but I was often isolated and aloof, unable to make friends with anybody. That increased the feelings of pain and resentment in me. When I grew up, I began to realize had my parents not gone through that suffering course, I might not be in this position.

I remember one time I was sleeping next to my father and

wasn't able to truly reach out to the American people and lovingly bring them toward Father and Mother.

I am giving this testimony of mine because I want to compare my life to what True Family has gone through. The True Children could justifiably resent a lot of things. They could resent the special persecution they received in the late 70's because they are sons and daughters of True Parents. Think about how much persecution and prejudice they experienced in school everyday. Did they hate or resent all these people? No, they loved them—not because they wanted to have friends—but only because True Parents still loved the American people after going through the most difficult, suffering course. I've seen True Parents loving America, leaving True Children in the care of others when they have to travel. Even when True Parents are home, they spend hours and hours with the leaders and members. Some of you might feel, "We should be strong-minded people to bring America back to God. So True Children *should* also go through that course and be strong about it." Yes, they are strong. But please try to understand their heart. True Children see through the perspective of true love. They have so much love, and their longing for love is so great, it must be a thousand-times more difficult for such loving children to go through that suffering. Their love for True Parents is as great as True Parents love for Heavenly Father. It is their natural inheritance. Just as the True Parents love Heavenly Father, the True Children go through the same ordeal to love and embrace all this sinful world and restore it back to God. More than any members in the Unification Church, they are on the front line doing what they are supposed to do, and believe me, when their full potential is reached they can lead you through any difficulty or hardship.

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### **Just as the True Parents love Heavenly Father, the True Children go through the same ordeal to love and bring this sinful world back to God.**

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in the middle of the night I woke up from a deep sleep to hear my father calling out, "Abôji, Abôji!" I was young then and I didn't understand, but now I realize how much my parents loved True Parents, and growing up in that kind of environment I can understand that there are things in life that go beyond parents' concern for their own children. My parents sacrificed their own children to do their responsibility to unite with Father. So please understand. Whenever you are concerned about your own children, or you have difficulties and worry about your financial situation, please understand that we have a greater responsibility to fulfill what God and True Parents want us to do in this world.

So if your family situation is blocking the way to fulfilling your responsibility, please don't hesitate. If you see your own children suffering without good clothes or without the best to eat, before thinking about *their* suffering, please think about how much suffering the True Family and all mankind is enduring at this moment. Throughout his whole life, Father sacrificed everything, including his own family, in order to fulfill Heavenly Father's Will. How great it is to see your own children looking at you as they grow up and getting inspired to do something greater in life.



## Blessed families' fundamental purpose

Blessed families may have some problems, but don't be swayed from your fundamental goal to accomplish your responsibility. When you really love and understand Father's heart and his suffering course, how can you be content? How can you worry only about your family? You should help the world, even if your children are having difficulties. I'm sure this whole universe will take care of them in the future. Look at me. I am here only because my parents loved True Parents. Even at the cost of sacrificing their own children they cried

Family, you can be swept away. Therefore, we must have a humble attitude and deny ourselves.

Satan is watching and asking, "Where do you stand?" Every day we have to ask ourselves, "Where do I stand?" because we know Heavenly Father and Satan are watching us. Are you united 100% with the True Family? Ask yourself that. I ask myself that every day and I need to repent every day. It is really difficult, because it means we have to deny ourselves 100%.

Sometimes in my relationship with Un Jin Nim I feel, "Please love me. I am your husband, so you have to love me."



out every night thinking about the True Family and trying to accomplish their own responsibility. In the end it is not a sacrifice, but the greatest blessing you can have. Father blesses you not because you individually have certain characteristics, or because you are great, but because Father wants your children to be good. Father wants to give them the blessing and glory merited by the sacrifice of True Parents and you. Since the True Family sacrifices so much for us, the blessed children and all Unification Church members should pave the way for True Family. Until now they have suffered too much. So you should go out and bring the victorious foundation upon which the True Family can stand.

We cannot separate True Children from True Parents. Father has, at the cost of sacrificing his own children, been out there on the front line every day and night of his forty-year course just to save us. Did we ever think about what he went through just to give us all these blessings? Whatever True Children do or have, you cannot separate that from True Parents. If we have any doubt or criticism, we should go out and pay back all our debts, all the blessings that True Parents have given to us. That's the only way.

I have to confess that I myself oftentimes have had difficulties living in the True Family, for it is like living in the eye of a hurricane. You are right in the center. If you make one little mistake, if your heart is not completely united with the True

Is that right? I have to earn her love myself. What does that mean? It means that I give my life for some higher purpose, for the True Family. Please ask yourself every minute of the day, "Am I really giving my life and thinking about my relationship with Heavenly Father and the True Family?" Ask your original mind. It's as simple as that. It is like a two-way

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**Father loves the most unworthy person and ungrateful person eternally. Why? Because everyone is a son and daughter of God.**

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street. Sometimes we are so inspired to do well and accomplish something. Then we get a tremendous boost and want to accomplish even more. But sometimes we are discouraged. "Oh, I made this goal, this pledge, or this determination. But oftentimes I can't reach it." As for myself, I get discouraged easily. I am sure many of you feel the same way.

When he went to prison six times, I'm sure Father was often in the position of life and death. But without hesitation, he loved Heavenly Father and mankind and was willing to



dedicate everything he had without asking anything in return. He was willing to walk the most difficult path; he humbly and gratefully accepted that responsibility.

### **Gratefully walk the most difficult path**

That's why I am standing here this morning. As a new member of the True Family, I would like to dedicate this morning to a new beginning. I want you to do the same. If any of you have difficulties or struggles, please toss them aside. Go out and give life. Give everything you have without asking anything in return. Think about the True Family and the suffering they had to endure, then willingly and gratefully bow down. Whatever situation Father puts you in, whatever area of responsibility you have, go out and be victorious. Bring the result that Father so eagerly wants us to accomplish. Father must have so much expectation for us, but if we start thinking selfishly and individualistically, we'll get discouraged easily. If we engraft ourselves 100% to his will then automatically we can go out there.

Hyo Jin Nim many times said that he was standing here on this platform not because he personally had anything to say but because he wanted to take responsibility and ease the burden of True Parents. Father is almost seventy years old. Have you thought what that means? Most of us are in our late twenties or thirties, but Father is almost a seventy-year-old man trying every day to give his best. Many times I get so tired, then I see True Parents. How do they do that? How does Father stay up so late? How can he do such incredible things? I don't know. Please think deeply about Father standing out on the front line, risking his life. He is giving himself totally in life and death situations, in the battle between Heavenly Father and Satan. Can we sit quietly or stand idle? Can we hold onto our own resentment or complaints? Can we have our own excuses for not fulfilling our responsibility?

So, no matter how unworthy I am, I am here to actually begin my new life. This is a big event for me. Honestly speaking, I tried to find an easy way out many times. Father expects me to study hard, and do certain things, but often I have an excuse or something else on my mind. Maybe I reached to 99%, but I was not able to reach that 100% mark, that is, giving my life and being absolutely determined. My own personal shortcomings and personal worries would bring me down. But now I would like to dedicate myself to give my utmost from this moment on to fulfill what Father and Mother expect me and everyone of us here to do. I want you all, once again, to determine and pledge yourself to start again. If you have any difficulties, begin again and march forward without any hesitation. Even if True Parents are not here, think about them and be responsible. Please, I beg you, no matter how difficult it is, we have to do it. We have no excuse.

### **Love your enemy**

If I start thinking about how much I have received from True Parents I can not express it in words and I cannot sit idle. Even if you've had a difficult past, and see many difficulties in the future, are you willing to go or will you take the easy way out?

Father finds goodness in the most hateful and unloving person. He loves the most unworthy person and ungrateful person eternally. Why? Because everyone is a son and daughter of God, and he feels that to love Heavenly Father means to love all of you. America especially has given so much persecution to Father, and yet what does he do? He gives love

back to America. If we understand that heart, then instead of building walls and returning hate when we receive hate, we are willing to go one extra step to love. We forget about our pain and resentment, making things a lot easier. It's easier said than done, but Heavenly Father has been doing it for 6,000 years. Think about how many millions and billions of people betray God every day. Think about how Heavenly Father has to give love to the enemy. True Parents, without question, are the same.

It would be so much easier if we could take just one more step. Even among ourselves, if we have some bad feelings against someone, instead of breeding hatred or resentment, go beyond your suffering heart and give love just as True Parents do. The funny thing is, we think that once we start doing that, we might feel drained. But a person with true love knows that the love is endless. If we give more, more will come back, so we want to keep giving. That is true love. We may feel if we give a certain amount to someone, he should give it back, but that is not true love. The same is true

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with your mission; whether you do newspaper work or fundraising or whatever, give that extra effort to love that person. Actually it takes effort to hate somebody, too, so make an effort to love a person instead.

As for me, I dislike school because it is filled with so many liberal tendencies. I don't like those things and don't want to listen to them. But I have to love those people and bring them back to God. How can I do that? Heavenly Father and True Parents are giving everything to bring this whole world back. We have only a small responsibility. When you see a tiny roadblock and you become discouraged, go beyond it and love that person. Love the most unlovable thing. One time Father said he went to see beggars and tried to make friends with them to understand their hearts. He used to wear baggy clothes and just talk to them. You should be like that, always giving extra effort to love because Heavenly Father and True Family are doing so.

Every day millions of people are dying without hearing about Divine Principle or knowing about True Parents. We should go out and give our utmost without any excuse. Until we reach our goal, we will humbly follow Father's will. Even if Father doesn't acknowledge us, we will still fulfill our responsibility. Absolutely. Personally, I have to pledge myself before you, too, given this opportunity. Now you know me, and I pledge this moment. So please watch me, too. I'll go to that place and however difficult that road is, I will march forward without hesitation. Please, watch the True Children with your own eyes to get inspired. Then pledge to do more than they. Strictly speaking, we should set the foundation so they can stand on it. Do we have that foundation yet? Ask your heart to really give back to True Children and True Family. Truly I ask you to give your utmost. Let us march forward together. □



# Each Word is a Precious Gem

by Col. San Kil Han

*On June 5, 1989, Father held a Leader's Conference at the World Mission Center in New York City. During the course of the conference, he told leaders that he would no longer come and speak to them as he has been doing for so many years here in America. When he left, our elder brother Col. Han shared his own testimony about a time years ago in Korea when Father said a similar thing to the early members. We present now his moving testimony to the preciousness of our time spent with Father.*

**W**hile Father is upstairs, I wanted to share a few thoughts with you from my experience of listening to Father for many years.

Father has given us all he can think of that is worthwhile and that he knows will be helpful to us. He even commented a few hours ago that he spoke a long time in order to give everything and not miss anything. He has done that almost all of his life. Otherwise I don't think Father could have passed along as much to us as he has.

When we first join the Unification Church, most members are fascinated by Father's deep knowledge and God-centered spiritual wisdom. We wonder how in the world he found out what he knows. But it takes a long time of hearing Father speak to completely grasp the meaning of his words. Though our ability to understand increases as we mature, still the more we hear Father's words, the more we may experience our inadequacies and limitations to fully understand him.

In Korea in the 1950s and 60s, Father spoke very intensely for many hours. We can never forget that intensity: it was like the whole spirit world was pressing down upon us in an atmosphere that was pitch dark. Father had to work very intensely to penetrate this desolate situation. Often he would start speaking around 7, 8, or 9 o'clock in the evening and continue through midnight. There was a curfew in Korea at midnight (because of the communists) at which time no one was allowed to go out into the street. Anyone remaining in the church at midnight had to stay there until 4:00 a.m., when the curfew ended. So Father often stayed until 4 or 5 a.m. For as long as I can remember, every single day during the several years after I joined the church Father's main focus and activity was speaking to us in that

extremely intense way. Though I didn't retain enough of what he said, that experience served as a real foundation to understand his words.

Most of Father's words at that time were not recorded, since we had no recording system. The extent of retention by old members is also limited. This is the greatest loss to mankind, and we can only hope that the loss can be eased by the many words that have since been recorded.

## Conceptual understanding

The way Father spoke in Korea is quite different from the way he speaks in America. Of course there are common points, but in America, Father speaks so concretely. However, in Korea he spoke much more conceptually. Conceptual talk is really the basic foundation for

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***The only way to learn from Father's words is by loving him, not conceptually, but completely sacrificially.***

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concrete understanding, so it's very important. Therefore American members may not have that profound foundation that we need to fully understand Father's concrete way of talking. Without it we are apt to take Father's talking very shallowly. We listen to Father, but how much do we really understand? How seriously do we take his words?

After listening to Father for many years, I have become aware of what is most important, what is second most important, and so forth. It took me a long time before I confidently felt able to classify like this. So for a young member to evaluate the relative importance of Father's words is almost impossible.

Therefore we have many different kinds of responses and feelings listening

to Father's words. Sometimes we may be like a hungry person devouring them, and become so full we stumble around. Yet our understanding may remain limited. We want to grow, but we aren't sure how. Sometimes our growth is irregular, just as boys don't grow steadily to manhood but in spurts. I think everyone would agree that without Father's words, we could not grow to become mature human beings; instead we would remain stunted for millennia to come. Although we are so grateful for Father's words, we don't always know what to do with them; we wonder how to actually make use of the words.

Each time we meet Father, he gives us more words. We are very inspired and so determined, but after a while we fall back to our previous position. We may lose the sense of where Father is leading us, sometimes even thinking Father is talking to us as a con-

dition, and not with the intention that we directly apply his words to ourselves.

I have come to realize that receiving Father's words sometimes becomes a burden on us, for knowing truth is a burden. When we did not know the truth, we were without responsibility. Our spirit knows that hearing truth means taking responsibility, so sometimes we don't want to learn if we can help it!

## Father gave us everything

When we notice our detachment, we must remind ourselves that Father is extremely serious about giving us an understanding of God, history, everything—the type of education we can never



get in any school, library or encyclopedia. It is that unique. These are the words that God hid from Satan, lest they be taken by Satan—taken for granted, misused, or misinterpreted. Other faiths and Christian denominations know quite a bit, but always misinterpret some of the truth. Not knowing the whole, they cannot correctly understand all of the parts.

Several years ago in Belvedere, I clearly remember Father saying, "I gave you everything; there is no more to give

stand the value and meaning of Father's words, we will not fully gain the benefit of what he says.

Now Father is saying again, "I gave you the most precious thing I could." Whether or not we understand the full

spective and attitude, Father's words will only be intellectual knowledge that is superior to what we have learned so far. However, in reality, Father's words are substantial spiritual nourishment. Just as we cannot live without food, our

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***Father's words are not only intellectual knowledge that is superior to what we have learned so far, but are also substantial spiritual nourishment.***

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***Col Han speaks to the leaders.***

you." Members nodded and felt they understood; but the next day they wanted something else. Then Father said, "You have heard enough; you should make use of what you have already learned." I knew that Father really gave everything and there was not much more he could give us, even though he would continue to speak every Sunday. Yet somehow, it was not strong enough to motivate us. Still we American members were waiting for something new, something more exciting to come, completely unaware that each word Father has spoken to us is itself a gem. No matter how often Father speaks to us, unless we ourselves really strive to under-

stand the value and meaning of Father's words, in time they will be realized—we don't need to worry about that. But if we more completely understood Father, we would motivate ourselves much better. The strongest motivating power comes not from waiting for Father to say something more or different, but from deeply grasping the substance of Father's words.

Just as a teacher cannot predetermine all of the students to utilize what they are taught, Father cannot determine how well we understand. Father has suffered and prayed so much that he knows which words are necessary to certain types of people. This is why Father speaks with such vast breadth, hoping that

we can all catch what we need from his words.

However, only we can enable ourselves to learn from Father. The only way to learn from Father's words is by loving him, not conceptually, but completely and sacrificially. If we were hungry and Father appeared, would we choose to see Father even though we might starve to death; or would we jump to eat and postpone meeting with Father until later?

We must know seriously that Father is everything to us in order to transcend the influences of our environment and grasp the full enlightenment Father offers us. Without having the proper per-

spirit cannot sustain itself for very long without Father's words.

When we read the Bible or Father's words with calm, quiet concentration, then their meaning may dawn on us and make an impact. Suddenly we begin to understand, even though we may have heard the same words 10 or 20 times before. Therefore we need to study Father's words with great seriousness and spiritual effort, meditating and praying that we can understand them. For other studies, we may quickly read and understand. But to digest Father's words, we have to really open ourselves up.

The best way to learn from Father is to love Father. We must really love Father, completely trusting him as a child trusts his parent, knowing that he can teach us all we need to lead us to a good eternal life. The proof is that he has given us Blessings and spouses from which there will be millions of offspring. All of us will go to the same spirit world—not different spirit worlds as has happened throughout man's history.

### **Learn by loving Father**

How much do we love Father? This is the question each individual should ask himself. How much do we believe in Father? Science has advanced quickly because of our ability to maintain objectivity. We want proof before we open ourselves up to accepting others' words. This is a virtue of America, but it is also a block to our enlightenment. Americans have been taught to be cautious, especially intellectually. We respect intelligence and reason over emotion because emotion can very easily mislead. But intelligence alone can never enable us to realize the true meaning of human life. Only highly developed emotion and intelligence together can make us complete. Over and over, we try to listen to Father intellectually, but not so much emotionally. Therefore, our abili-



ty to understand progresses very slowly. No matter how many words Father is giving, they just do not take root in us. What Father has sowed in us must start blooming. Then we can begin to really understand Father's heart, and along with that, the meaning of his words.

## Early days in Korea

For 10 or 20 years Father came to Beldere every Sunday for sermons or conferences. We thought this would continue on and on until we got old and Father got old, though Father said, "Don't think that I am going to speak to you like this forever and ever. One day you won't see me, and you will need me to speak like this, but I won't be available for that." Now the time has come; Father said today, "This may be just about the end of it." And you still do not understand what that means.

Thirty years ago, when Father spoke in Korea 10, 12 hours all throughout the night and all throughout 10 years, he told us, "Very soon I may not be doing this; I cannot do this all the time." Sure enough, after True Parents' wedding in 1960, we could no longer listen to Father throughout the night.

It was so desperate spiritually at that time. Father said there was not even one sparkle of light. And that's exactly how I felt—as if there was no light whatsoever. Don't think the way Father spoke then was the way he speaks now: confidently, relaxed, scolding, serious, but organized. No. Father spoke out of his guts and from the desolate blackness of the spirit world. Father was desperately reaching out to us, spitting out the words. He was planting the seeds over and over again in the barren sand. Nobody knew what kind of fruit would grow, not even Father. Of course he was hoping it would bear fruit, but not even Father was sure.

Understanding his words was so strenuous then. Listening all night was very tiring. We received a lot of what he said, but we were dozing off a lot, too. Yet the members who were there eight or nine years learned a great deal. These are the Korean leaders. They understand far more deeply than they can express.

Our early church was so poor. We had nothing to eat. Rice was our staple, but we often ran out of rice, and there was nothing to make kimch out of. Then around the time Father stopped speaking all night he said, "God will bless us with material." Indeed our movement

did start to become materially blessed. At that time, as now, Father used the money for public projects and never wasted even one penny. Even Father's pants are jersey pants that don't wrinkle so much. Except at formal times, Father never dresses in as good quality of clothes as he has bought for me. One of his relatives nicknamed Father "Stingy" because he does not spend any money on himself, nor does he waste any money. Yet, Father spends so generously for public events.

I want you to understand that Father spoke to the Korean members quite differently. It was pitch-dark then, but this present time is bright. We can more easily recognize the value of each other and of Father's words because the world is lighter. Still we don't know how to receive the fullest value of Father's words. How many of us truly feel that we would not exchange anything—a million dollars—for Father's words? How many of us feel Father's words are really that precious? Or are we still waiting for Father to give us more words to enlighten us?

## It's time to be serious

We must stop waiting. The cause of our not understanding Father's words comes first from our improper attitude, and second, from our lack of seriousness. If we had been truly serious, then we

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***If we seriously understand, love, and become one with our True Parents, we will automatically have the right attitudes and views toward all members.***

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would have a much better understanding now. Father has been so serious. All throughout this time we have felt "I have Father so I have nothing to worry about." In a way, this is good. In other ways, this is very bad, because it means that Father is the only person on earth who is truly worried about mankind. He desperately needs at least a second person to worry about mankind with him.

My conclusion is we must learn to utilize Father's words. Father gave us ten incredible points today. We should regain our excitement about knowing the truth. Understanding is conceptual and is necessary before we can take concrete action. We have to clearly under-

stand the Principle and all that Father has expounded on the Principle before we can start acting effectively.

But that is not enough. For us to motivate ourselves, we must really love Father. In order to love Father, we have to be willing to give up everything else. We have to completely give up our old style of life, cutting off any longing for the old days of boyfriends or girlfriends. Unless we feel, "I can give up my life and the lives of my beloved ones, but I cannot give up Father," I don't think we can be completely one with Father. We talk often of becoming "one with Father," but what does that mean? It means to love him so deeply that we often have the heartistic experience of bursting into tears because we miss Father. We should want to console him that much.

The way Father has been living is so completely for the Will of God that we could not imitate it for one day. What's the use if what I am saying is impossible? It may seem impossible, but the only hope we have is to become completely one with Father. Set a goal: "Yes, I want to be like Father." Determine to overcome and never return to your old way of life; then take Father's way of life as your way of life once and for all. Only by doing this, can we gain the full meaning from Father's words, and motivate ourselves toward the goal Father

has been pursuing all of his life.

From this point on, we are pretty much on our own. No central figure has to tell us to do this or don't do that. God is looking

down on us and knows everything that is happening. Whenever we speak to God, He listens 100 percent even though He may not answer. You may think, "Who me? I'm so sinful. I'm not even a leader." Not true. God and Father pay a great deal of attention for they take Unification Church members so seriously.

## Learn from Father's attitude

When Father had about two thousand Korean members, he heard each of them confess their life. Father remembers every one of them: name, birthdate, birthplace, all particular highlights and personal information—his memory is just incredible! Years later when he meets



one of those people, Father remembers more vividly than that individual does. Once someone asked Father, "How could you remember all of that?" Father answered: "That's how serious I was. When you're dead serious, you don't forget. When you're not serious, you forget." That's how serious Father is, and he takes each member very seriously. The member may leave for some reason. Maybe he feels he is not worthy, that he can never be the son of God and True Parents—but that is his portion of

And we are supposed to be like him—that's the big challenge. Father has been teaching us to reach that goal. Are we like that? The only way to achieve that goal is to love him more than anything else. That's why Jesus said, "Whoever does not love me more than anything else in the world, is not worthy of me." How many people in the Christian world understand? How many Unification Church members understand these words in more than just a conceptual way? While interpreting

anyone else. This dispensational work didn't happen with Father being just a willing participant. Please realize how much Father initiated to accomplish this dispensation and how much was God's prompting. I don't pretend to know everything, but I can tell you that Father originated a large part of it himself, then dedicated it to God. That's what we have to do from this point on.

Let us not wait for anything more from Father. Father has done enough for us. Now we should originate his words in our lives. Think about the parable of the master giving money: one did business with the money and it multiplied, while the other just buried it. We have been given so much "gold"—i.e., Father's words. How much fruit we are going to bear is up to us. If we bury the words as treasure in a secret place and do nothing with them, then we will not have any results 10 years from now.

In the last few months, Father has reorganized his whole thought and given it to us again. We know it's precious, but we have yet to realize exactly how precious. It takes many years of experience of listening to Father to understand how valuable his words are. This is my conclusion. I think God helped me to understand this, not for my own sake, but to give to you, so that we and the world can benefit.

We have the words of God as our tremendous tangible assets. We have to respect each other, stimulate each other, and always pray together so we can work toward our common goal. If we seriously understand, love, and become one with our True Parents, we will automatically have the right attitudes and views toward Cain and Abel, and all members, old and young. Please be diligent about taking Father's words seriously and motivating ourselves.

So when we shout "Mansei" for Father, don't do it ritualistically. Do it out of your own feeling and confidence. If you don't feel that power welling up in you, watch and learn how others gained that power through understanding Father's words. The only way to do that is by loving Father.

I wanted to share with you about taking Father's words seriously. Let us not disappoint Father. Whether they be small or large, let us bring good results. Don't underestimate yourselves. Be audacious and bold representing True Parents! God will never punish you for that. Thank you. □



responsibility. God can't do anything about that; Father can't do anything about it, though he tries.

So we really must develop a completely different attitude—a more serious attitude when Father speaks to us or, if those days are gone, while reading Father's words. Father literally gave us everything. At a later time, we will discover one by one how valuable each word is. Let us really love Father. We don't have to say, "I love you Father." Like God, Father knows when he is loved.

When I walk into Father's dining room, all he has to do is cast one glimpse at me and he can tell all about me better than I can. The conclusion: Father is not an ordinary person. I'd be a hypocrite if I said, "Looking at Father I could immediately tell that he was much greater than me." Absolutely not! Only through millions of experiences in my 30 years of being beside him, during which I had no choice but to observe him, my clear conclusion simply is: Father is like God.

for Father I have always thought that there was a tremendous gap between what Father is trying to instill in us and the way we receive it because we aren't one in heart with Father.

How many times has Father tried to pull us up to our proper position? I'm talking about the historical position each of us is to have as inheritors, sons and daughters, of the True Parents. We could lose that 10 times a day if it were not for Father. Through his indemnity, our position has been maintained. Do we know that? Only vaguely.

### Completely indebted

This is really sad. Now I am sharing with you clearly. God chose us and brought us here, but we consistently failed. If it weren't for Father, we could never stay where we are. We are completely indebted to Father. That in itself is reason enough for us to love him very much.

True Parents are definitely more precious and have done more for us than



# Hananim is Our Common Root

by David Hose

*A report on the ceremony to install Father as the Chairman of the Korean Root-Finding Association (also referred to as the Korean Family -Clan Chairmen's Association)*

**T**he Korean Root-Finding Association is a national organization made up of the leadership of literally all (about 275) of the Korean traditional family, or clan, names. Literally embracing the entire Korean population, the KRFA was organized to stand for traditional Korean values, culture, and the unity of the Korean people. Guided by a deep inspiration, the President of the KRFA, Dr. Sohn Seok Woo, made contact with our True Father and asked him to become the Chairman of this significant organization. In personal conversation, Dr. Sohn gave testimony that he was guided in spirit that if the Korean clans came together in unity, then a great figure would be sent to lead them. His conviction has been that Father is that figure.

The morning of Friday, June 23rd, dawned clear and hot here in Seoul. At the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, activity had been going on since the previous day to prepare for the ceremony and program installing our True Father as the Chairman of the KRFA. While the public installation was to take place at 12 noon, a very significant and smaller private ceremony, the Il Shim Shik (One Heart Ceremony), took place at 10 a.m. in True Parents' quarters on the Center's third floor. This ceremony was participated in by our True Parents, 12 elder blessed leaders from the Korean Unification Church, and 12 leaders chosen from among the KRFA leadership. The participants, all dressed in white gowns, were guided by the Master of Ceremony, Rev. Kwak, in offering three full Korean bows to True Parents. This was followed by the presentation of two beautiful traditional Korean crowns. From a restorational perspective, the ceremony signified the unity, in one heart, of the Cain and Abel brothers centered on their common root from Hananim and True Adam and Eve. This quiet but rich internal event was certainly the core of the later, more

public installation in the main performance hall at noon.

Well before noon, the main hall of the Performing Arts Center was crowded with KRFA representatives and much of the leadership of the Korean Unification Church. Panning across the auditorium, one could see a whole cross-section of Korean society: prosperous looking urban couples dressed in Western clothing, as well as traditionally clad old gentlemen with Korean straw hats and long chin whiskers. There was a distinct sense



*Dr. Sohn Seok Woo*

of historical Korea in the hall.

On the stage to the left of the podium sat various representatives of the KRFA including President Sohn; just to the right of the podium sat Father and Mother, joined by Hyo Jin Nim, Hoon Sook Nim, Dr. Bo Hi Pak, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, President Young Whi Kim and several other Unification leaders from Korea, Japan and America.

President Sohn started the ceremony with an introductory welcome and speech about the KRFA, and the privi-

lege of having Father as its new Chairman. Father was introduced and gave a speech which really put the vertical historical perspective on the day's events and the KRFA.

After Father's speech, interrupted a number of times by warm applause, Father and Mother were each presented incredibly ornate and beautiful Korean traditional crowns. Given along with floral bouquets, the crowns were particularly noteworthy and gave one the feeling that an important moment of recognition was taking place.

Congratulatory speeches followed. Dr. Ahn Ho Sang, modern Korea's first national Minister of Education, led the addresses. He was followed by Dr. Pak, Dr. Osami Kuboki and Dr. Mose Durst. These last three speeches were especially important for helping the KRFA membership, generally not Unificationist, get a better grasp of Father and his worldwide activities.

After the closing of the public ceremony, the performance hall quickly emptied of the 1800 person capacity crowd, as everyone scurried toward cars and buses for the short trip to the Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel, for a luncheon banquet provided and hosted by the "new Chairman." Another special moment took place during the lunch, when Father announced the creation of a new scholarship fund for the sons and daughters of the KRFA membership.

In making his presentation, Father stressed the importance of the future and the young people as the nation's future leaders.

After lunch, the scene switched back to the Little Angels Performance Center for a congratulatory dance program by the Little Angels. This was the capper for a memorable day. There is little doubt that the KRFA membership will soon find their new Chairman to be a man who will take the organization deeper, wider and higher than its own founding goals. □



# INAUGURAL ADDRESS

BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON  
JUNE 23, 1989 SEOUL, KOREA

**R**espected President Seok Woo Sohn, eminent guests, and head and leaders of each clan representing the Korean people!

Today I thank you for your single-minded effort in preparing this meaningful ceremony to install me as the Chairman of the Korean Root-Finding Association.

As you might already know, I am founder of the Unification Church, the International Science Conference, the Assembly of World's Religions and the World Media Conference. While guiding the global Unification movement, I have been made chairman or honorary president of many important organizations. However, seen providentially, the significance of this ceremony is very remarkable.

Deeply hoping that this movement can bring the opportunity for finding and better attending God who is the Root of all beings and of life itself, I happily accepted this chairmanship.

From time immemorial, Koreans have put emphasis on clans, and have regarded ancestors and the root of their clan as most precious. Some say that such a tradition came from the fact that Korean history was the history of an agrarian society based on a collective, sedentary life-style with villages whose members had the same family names. Others feel the origin of such a tradition was the Confucianist teaching whose core was the familial ethic. But the ultimate origin is in a deeper place.

From early times, Koreans have respected Heaven and treated filial piety as the most fundamental virtue. This was Heaven's plan for specially raising this people. God has been raising this people to worship ancestors and to be filially pious to their parents in order to make them the people in the world who best attend Him, the Root and Parent of all humankind. Therefore, centering on matchless respect for Heaven, loyalty, filial piety and etiquette, Koreans have been taking care of their clans and lineages.

All of you as representatives of clans and lineages have been working to preserve our precious tradition by teaching it to our next generation. But, the Korean society is going through the process of rapid industrialization and urbanization, causing the communitarian spirit to disappear and the position of the family, challenged from many sides, is also changing. Recently we are faced with a crisis in which our

traditional culture and good customs are totally shaken. Such an unhappy situation is worsened with the conflict between generations and the confrontation between labor and management.

In such a situation, the Root-Finding Association should develop not only into a movement for finding and attending the ancestors of each of us, but into a movement which confirms that all of us are descendants from the same root. Genealogies on the lineage-level should be unified into a genealogy of an entire people.

Clan-level root consciousness should be sublimated for a higher root consciousness as a centripetal force of all humanity. Originally we

were not created in a relationship where one cannot survive without eliminating another. We are a community receiving resin from the same root. Our movement should not be restricted to the people-level. We should call everybody's attention to the fact that the root of various races is ultimately one, and should educate humankind to harmonize through one root and to live as a community on board the same boat called Earth.

With the development of science and technology, humankind has come to need international cooperation now more than at any time in the past. Global communication and joint projects for resource mobilization are urgently needed. The global environment and atmosphere should be preserved for the survival of our descendants. We in contemporary society cannot predict the future of the world and are uneasy







*Father and Mother receive honorary crowns during the installation ceremony.*





*True Parents join in a ceremony-closing mansei cheer.*



*Father delivers his Chairman's address to the general audience at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center's main concert hall.*



with ideological confrontation between east and west, mass-production of modern weapons, international terrorism and crimes, prevalence of decadent trends, and so on.

All leaders should open their minds, cooperate internationally, harmonize for the purpose of the whole and solve urgent world problems. Now, more ever, we should understand all humanity as one organic community, demolish barriers between races, harmonize and unify cultures.

That being so, with what can we eliminate barriers between races and realize the ideal world? How can we fundamentally remove the obstacles to peace?

How varied are opinions even at the lineage meeting, and how difficult it is to make harmony and unity even in one family! If only the clue for a solution could be found somewhere. Where is the starting point for harmony of different cultures and traditions toward one world family without wars, and toward a world of happiness? The fundamental answer can be found only when humankind realizes that God, who is the root of all beings, is also the beginning and root of each of them and then follow the heavenly laws.

The purpose for me to have communicated with God and wandered in search of the heavenly laws, and gone through a course of spiritual discipline and practice throughout my 70-year life, was to provide the solution for this fundamental problem. Just as a man lives with his mind (not with his body), the end of humankind can come anytime if the fundamental problem in our relationship with God is not solved.

Respected leaders of clans and lineages! The origin of this universe is not simply material or based on spontaneous genesis. There is God the Creator who is the primary cause of the universe. He is the absolute, eternal, unchanging goodness.

All beings and phenomena in the universe are created according to God's basic design—the purpose of creation. The purpose of creation is to feel joy. Joy, however, can not be felt by oneself. In order for a certain subject to feel joy, its object is needed. The best kind of joy is felt when subject and object have give and take of love reciprocally.

Humans are God's sons and daughters whom He created in order to feel joy eternally through loving them infinitely. They are the closest objects to God. In this way, God created a son and a daughter as ancestors of humankind. They are called Adam and Eve in the Bible.

God, who is absolute, cannot make another strand of true love except this first son and daughter who are His objects of True Love. No matter what they are called, humankind, the objects of God's True Love, originated from one ancestral couple.

What kind of world would have been realized if our ancestors, Adam and Eve, had completed God's love, had give and take of true love with each other and multiplied good descendants? They were supposed to build an ideal family to attend God as their vertical, incorporate Parent, coupled in love, and then become horizontal parents. If, originating from that true family, a prosperous clan (that is, Adam clan) had been formed and developed into a people, nation, and finally a world population, that world would have been happily filled with God's love and goodness.

Such a world is none other than the Kingdom of Heaven: through this kingdom God's purpose of creation would

have definitely been realized on earth. All humanity was to live in the earthly Kingdom of Heaven and then later go to the spiritual Kingdom of Heaven. In this way, God's purpose of creation was to realize a great family centering on God, making all of humankind one family.

The good family laws of Adam centering on God would have immediately become a tradition handed down from generation to generation. There would have been a unified world where there was only one language coming from one root, one culture and one heavenly sovereignty. Can we imagine evil, injustice, ideological conflict or wars in such a world?

But, what is today's reality like? We ended up with a world which is the opposite of God's Ideal. In an individual, mind and body are in conflict with each other. And in families, lineages, clans, societies, and nations which such individuals form, contradiction, disunity and struggles continue.

This world is a perpetuation of the misery derived from immorality, decadence, inequity, violence, wars and massacres, confusion of values, conflicts between cultures and traditions resulting in ideological confrontations.

I don't have enough time for a detailed explanation. However, in order to restore this world to its original state, Heaven has brought saints to light the heavenly way and educated mankind through various religions. It is not easy to practice goodness in an evil world. That is why so many righteous people have been sacrificed and why the true way should be that of self-sacrifice and unconditional offering.

By trying to find our "real root" through the root-finding movement, we reach our ancestors' predecessors who were the ancestors of humankind. The way to find the root of goodness is to overcome evil and injustice of a million different kinds. But we cannot find the true root without knowing God and the Heart that faced our human ancestors.

Seen externally, a tree changes its appearance and color. But, after eliminating all the changing elements one by one, we see that there remains seeds and life which are fundamental to the root.

Similarly, the true root-finding movement which will return humankind to its origin by following the direction of restoration, has to digest and solve all elements of evil. We should be engrafted to God's Life and True Love to become purified sons and daughters of God.

It is not accidental that Korea is proud of its time-honored wonderful genealogical records and has become a center for genealogical research. To be modernized, become rich, and live well externally should not be the only goal for Koreans.

Through this people and this land God intends to realize a new heaven and new earth of true love and to make a foundation for happiness for mankind.

It is a miraculous blessing I have brought to this people. Based on a revelation from God, I have shed light for the first time throughout human history on God's Heart and the Purpose of Creation. The Unification Movement of True Love which I am guiding, centered on a religious ideology I created, has already been confirmed as a movement that can save the life of the world beyond East and West, cultural spheres, nations and peoples.

Giving rise to spiritual and moral revolutions, it is being

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# Hastening Peace in the Middle East

## Interview with Dr. Frank Kaufmann

conducted by Mary Trifault

*Frank Kaufmann is the director of the Council for the World's Religions, which recently hosted a very significant conference on Islam in Turkey. Here we present an interview about this conference and one of its leading participants, Mufti Kaftaru, who recently came to the United States and met with True Parents.*

**Q:** Could you give a brief summary about the history, goals, and activities of CWR?

**A:** I have spoken extensively on this question in a previous interview (see TW issues, April and May, 1988). For the sake of those who may not have access to those back issues, I will offer a brief summary: The CWR is a natural development in the fulfillment of Father's vision for the unification of the world's religions. Father has always invested in projects and avenues leading to the fulfillment of that goal. In Korea, he founded the supra-denominational movement for the unity of Christianity. In the United States, clear evidence of Father's unwavering commitment to that goal can be seen in the manner in which he fashioned the Unification Theological Seminary. The founding faculty had only one Unificationist among professors of all other religions. On this interreligious foundation the seminary soon became the scene for a flourishing program of interfaith dialogue, which eventually became established as the New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA). As the interreligious activities grew beyond mere research, Father created a foundation to embrace and represent another aspect of his vision, the International Religious Foundation. Our elder brother, the International Cultural Foundation, had already been established as a foundation which addressed the matters of external knowledge: science, arts, culture, and so on. Now the International Religious Foundation would stand as the organization which addressed matters of the heart: religion and God. In 1984, in Seoul, at the fourth conference on "God, the Contemporary Discussion", Father founded the Council for the World Religions. This branch of IRF would serve

to bring together the religious leaders of the world, and to provide for them a forum through which they could unite and speak to the world as the spiritual shepherds of human endeavor.

Following Father's proclamation of the Council's existence, the first steps towards implementing the ideal were taken. This consisted of organizing an interreligious board of advisors, representing the major religions of the world. The most important qualification for membership on this first advisory board was that the person be a confessing

*World peace cannot be achieved without establishing peaceful relations between sects and denominations within each of the world's religions.*

member of the faith they were chosen to represent. This group then worked hand-in-hand to establish the spirit upon which the council would pursue its goals and ideals. No step is taken without the unanimous consent of all the representatives of the religions present. The concern for religious harmony led the group, under Father's guidance, to pursue the ideal on three fronts concurrently: *intrareligious* conferences, large *interreligious* conferences, and regional interreligious conferences. Intrareligious conferences address the problems arising from the fact that all religions are divided within. World peace cannot be achieved without establishing peaceful relations between sects and denominations within each of the world's religions. No religion can effectively testify to the power of its teachings if there is hatred and resentment among its members.

The second effort of the CWR con-

cerns the encounter between believers across religions per se. In this area there are two types. The first are large interfaith conferences in which we endeavor to have as many religions as possible present themselves to each other. At these conferences one experiences the infinite variety of God's love and self-revelation to humanity. The second type of interfaith conference is oriented toward geographical areas in which there are two or more different religions living in close proximity, and who have somehow become embroiled (or are perceived to be embroiled) in the social and political conflict that characterizes that area. Examples of this latter kind would include the Middle East, and the Punjab (in northern India).

**Q:** Can you tell us about your most recent conference in Turkey?

**A:** This fourth CWR conference on Islam is an example of the intrareligious program of the CWR. The theme was "Family and Law in Islam." This is an important issue for Muslims because the Prophet Muhammad gave very specific and thorough instructions for family and social life. Today, in the modern world, there are many circumstances in which it is virtually impossible for Muslims to uphold their God-given responsibilities. The Muslim response to this quandary is varied. Some say liberalize and accommodate. Others say become more conservative and close out modernity. The options are complex and indicative of one's broader understanding of Islam itself. Such a conference is designed for Muslims to resolve their differences on these burning issues, or at least learn to love and respect their brothers and sisters who hold differing positions. But it is a long hard road to



harmony. Father's unconditional love gives them a good environment to work out their differences. To this extent the unity of Islam is coming about under Father's auspices. Not that Father gathers Muslims together to tell them that Islam is wrong and that they should convert. Rather, he is so united with God's heart, that God's pain over a divided religion affects Father severely and he is driven to sacrifice his own resources to alleviate this suffering. Participants perceive the Unification presence only as quiet, unconditional giving, which is Father's trademark.

This particular conference took place in Istanbul, Turkey, which reflects the final aspect of our conferences which I would like to mention here. We try to hold our conferences at sites that are religiously significant to the participants. In this way their gathering is not only for the sake of conversation and intellectual exchange, but also for the sake of making a pilgrimage. Time is given during every conference to visit holy places, and it is through this that important differences can melt away and yield to the realization of harmony.

**Q:** Were there special points about this conference in particular?

**A:** This conference had an outstanding group of participants, people of great sincerity, and several of high public visibility and religious influence. They were level-headed and spoke well to each other. There were times of great intensity and differences of opinion, but even in the most heated and emotional of times, the moderator was adamant to guarantee that every voice had fair opportunity for expression. The fact that many of the participants were first time guests also marks the conference as successful. Many of them are heads of major Muslim organizations, and offered to cooperate with the CWR at the institutional level. This shows that the Council has now achieved the dignity and stature which attracts people who are willing to go beyond offering personal opinions and affirmation, to the level of offering the cooperation of their institution. This involves trust at a much higher level. Without this level of cooperation, the CWR could not effectively perform the vast and highly-entangled task of bringing about interreligious harmony and

cooperation.

**Q:** We often encounter negative portrayals of Islam. How can someone with a Judeo-Christian, Buddhist, or other non-Muslim background begin to understand the religion of Islam?



*Dinner at East Garden, from left to right: translator, Father, Mufti Kaftaru and Mother.*

**A:** Unificationists, above all, must always retain a clear recollection of how the media can effect public opinion about religious phenomena. The negative treatment of Islam has been largely the result of contemporary geopolitics in which Islamic nations have had relations of enmity with the United States.

On the internal level, the Unificationist should look to his or her own sacred literature, the *Divine Principle*. It is clear-

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ly written there that Father teaches that God founded the world's great religions as His means of guiding his children out of darkness, towards Himself. As a path to God, Islam must be respected. Father instructs us to serve other Christian churches because they have protected His Will throughout Satan-dominated history. God is grateful to Christianity for that, and we serve out of the same gratitude. It should be no different for any of the other world's true religions. We should also serve Islam, Hinduism,

Buddhism, Judaism and so on. These religions have protected God's children in all the different cultural spheres throughout history. There exists a similar parallel to our own movement on the external level as well. What is the

best way to overcome negative portrayals of the Unification Church? I would say talk to a Unificationist. Ask one to explain the meaning of his or her religion in his or her own life. The same with the Muslims. In order to understand their religion, talk to them. If you do not know any Muslims, the next best thing is to read what they themselves have to say about their religion. The Islamic Teaching Institute puts out a simple, clear and informative brochure on the essentials of Islam. I think members should write and request it.\*

**Q:** I would like to know something about the background of Mufti Kaftaru who attended this recent conference. Did you see some parallels between his course and Father's course?

**A:** I do believe there are parallels, and at the end of the meeting between Father and the Grand Mufti, Father said something which confirmed my observation. The Grand Mufti endured a course of persecution and suffering because of his devotion to the unity of Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. He does

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not speak about much of his suffering, just as Father does not speak of his deepest suffering. The Mufti also received his call from God in 1945, and much of his life and work for God parallels Father's. Father is fulfilling those goals to which this man has dedicated his life. There are two ways to respond to such a discovery. One could resent the person who fulfilled the mission to which you were called, and for which you have endured unspeakable suffering. The other would be to rejoice in seeing your ideals flourish. Mufti Kaftaru had the latter response. He is a man of profound humility and spirituality.

He met us for the first time at this recent conference, but he seemed to be led, as if by magic, to understand Father's position. The CWR film, which was produced by Ron Pacquette, first led him to see the breadth of Father's vision in the religious world. During the question and answer period on the Unification Movement, which occurred the following morning, Mufti Kaftaru spoke with increasing openness about Father's mission to the world, and because he had already established himself as the spiritual leader of the conference, his proclamations commanded serious attention. At the end of that session Mufti Kaftaru openly requested the opportunity to meet Father. By God's blessing arrangements were made and Father was very receptive, agreeing to have dinner with the Grand Mufti.

**Q:** What kind of position does Mufti Kaftaru have?

**A:** Each Muslim nation has a Grand Mufti. The position is that of the highest religious authority in the land. A Grand Mufti's relationship to the nation's political leader depends on how Islam is interpreted in that particular nation. A Mufti can dominate the political scene, work in cooperation with the political leader, or even possibly be at odds with the political leader. But in a Muslim nation, political leaders are very dependent on the cooperation of the religious leaders. It is necessary in order for them to secure the support of the people.

**Q:** Could you tell us how the meeting was?

**A:** Father set the meeting for dinner. Mr. Peter Kim was extremely helpful in the preparations, and acted as Father's translator during the time of the audience. Mr. Kim functioned as a mediator for both parties so that by his effort,

both the True Parents and Mufti Kaftaru knew what to expect. East Garden sent down a car and brought us to the door of the new conference center there. Our arrival was radioed ahead of time, so that a reception line was ready when we got there. Because the Mufti walks slowly with a cane, there must have been some added suspense among those who waited, wondering why the car was there but the guest was so long in actually getting into the building. I walked in slightly ahead, prepared to assist with the introduction. As I entered, I saw that the reception line was set very formally and with great dignity, but as soon as Mufti Kaftaru peeked around the corner and saw Father, he burst out into a happy greeting, and the two men embraced as if it were the reunion of old friends. Father then introduced him to Mother and others on the line. Father meets with many people of great stature, but he is most joyful when he meets with a man of God.

We immediately went into the drawing room. There were a few brief ex-

Following Mufti Kaftaru's lovely remarks, Father spoke for approximately 45 minutes. His remarks were succinct, clear, and ingenious. I have listened to perhaps hundreds of hours of Father's sermons, but I have never been so overwhelmed by the clarity and magnitude of Father's vision as I was that night. Father went over the line of what a narrow-minded Muslim could possibly accept. He seemed to be saying, You say you are willing to cooperate with me, but this is what I believe about myself and my mission, now what do you think? He even gave specific advice on what is needed if there is to be hope of peace in the Middle East. At the end of this homily Father asked, just in the same way that he speaks to our members, "Can you do that? . . . Do you promise?" Mr. Kim seemed a bit nervous to translate, and others there laughed nervously. Father insisted, and when the Mufti heard the request translated into his own tongue (Arabic), he put his hand on his heart and said, "It's my duty." At this point Father stood up,



*Returning from Friday prayers at the Blue Mosque in Istanbul.*

changes in preparation for the moment when each one could present himself more fully. Mufti Kaftaru was the first to speak at length. He spoke with humility, yet at the same time revealed himself to be a man of global significance and influence. There were moments when I was nervous, thinking that he might try just to tell Father how great he is. As it turned out, he only made this long presentation so that the significance of his willingness to cooperate with Father could be properly understood.

came across the room with hand outstretched and embraced him. They exchanged gifts and soon went in to dinner, where the evening lingered with an abundance of intimacy and joyousness. Father had the leaders present give reports of his international activities, and gave Mufti Kaftaru and his translator several beautiful gifts. One could feel God's warm embrace present. At the end of the meal, Father said, "When you're persecuted alone, life is most desolate and you feel you lose strength. But when you find another who has



# True Love is Our Only Ideology

*Excerpts unofficial notes of Father speaking at his meeting with the Grand Mufti of Syria:*

There are five points needed to restore the world both internally and externally. They are:

- 1) Ideology
- 2) Science and technology
- 3) A centrist political avenue which is capable of uniting both the East Bloc and the "Free" World.
- 4) Finance
- 5) Media ( which exists for the sake of the world and not for any partisan interests.)

There are two types of knowledge. Internal knowledge, which is *knowing* God; not merely believing in God, but *knowing* God, and external knowledge which relates to the true nature of the universe.

I have been working simultaneously in each of these fields towards the goal of ultimately establishing a global information exchange system. I will establish the conditions whereby anyone can obtain information they need at the soonest possible moment. My life has been one of persecution in each of these five fields. Japanese masters of technology opposed me, as did American politicians and German scientists. Wherever there was dominance in any of these five areas was where there was the most opposition, but now things have changed. The only reason why I stayed in the United States as long as I did, was due to my responsibility to become a formidable power in social, financial and media spheres. People who do not understand the will of God automatically assume that I am some kind of dictator.

I am pursuing the equalization of

technology throughout the world. Japan, the United States, and the Soviet Union should openly share their technology with the third world without reservation, but they have been unwilling to do so. Therefore I had to gain a substantial foundation in these areas myself, and complete the task of sharing.

If I had to pursue my achievements in these five areas as a man, even as a great man, the entire enterprise would have been hopeless. Each and every thing, even down to the smallest detail had to be done by the one, absolute, all powerful God. The key point in every endeavor is knowing God truly. No matter how famous I am, if it were not connected with God and God's will, it would all amount to nothing. Once people truly understand God, everything will be easy. The strongest point of Unificationism is that it teaches God clearly. Whoever studies Unification Thought and understands it, is not under the Unification Church, but under God's will and direction. The life of faith in our church is not based on blind belief, but on logical and scientific correspondence to experimentation and verification.

God is the vertical center. All Unification members believe that God is the vertical center. My job as the horizontal center is to receive instructions and revelations from God and to distribute them to all of humanity. I must unify the vertical truth of the heart which takes place in religions, to horizontal truth which exists in the fields of philosophy and ideology. God and humanity must be united by heart and become one. Then we can see unification. Unificationism is God's vertical ideology. Unification teaching is called "headwing." It is not left wing or right

wing. This is the only way to unite vertical and horizontal.

In order to unite the vertical and horizontal, we need True Love. True Love is the only ideology which we will ever advocate. This will be our message forever. Once human beings know what True Love is, all will have the answer. Because of the power of True Love ideology, the Unification Church could lay this strong foundation in a short time period. If someone were to ask me: "Which would you prefer, being head of the Unification Church or True Love," my answer would certainly be True Love. Even if someone offered me America, or the entire world, my answer would be without hesitation, True Love. Ultimately, everyone on earth must abandon whatever they like most and pursue True Love. That is the final and fundamental answer for building the Kingdom of Heaven. Even if you asked God, "Would You prefer the universe or True Love?" God would simply answer, "True Love." True Love ideology is eternal. It is the only ideology which can unite God and this world together.

In October 1988, I matched 6515 couples in Korea. This is a demonstration of True Love power. Japan and Korea were enemies for centuries, but through the power of true love they married willingly. There was not even any opposition from the respective governments, because they knew that only I am capable of doing this without difficulty. When we feel the value of true love, we can feel the value of family life extending to the nation and the world. You see, I am giving you a tip on how you can solve the problems of the Middle East! □

been persecuted for the same reasons, you find a lifelong friend, and your persecution becomes a source of strength."

As they left, Mufti Kaftaru insisted that Father not come out in the rain. Father insisted on coming out, showing him his sandals, like a boy with new shoes, explaining that they were waterproof, and splashed out through the puddles and stood in the rain waving

good-bye into the window where the Mufti sat.

I think important developments in God's providence are involved here. Mufti Kaftaru is a vital figure in the Muslim world, and because of his position as a peacemaker, in a geopolitically significant nation (Syria) not particularly known for making peace, he has also become important beyond the world of

Islam. He works with the governments of both superpowers, as well as with top religious leaders from non-Islamic religions. During their conversation, Father said, "I believe this to be a historical meeting. If we cooperate, we can hasten the coming of peace in the Middle East." □



# For the Sake of Humanity

## A Soviet Journalist Interviews True Mother

*In November, 1988, a World Media Association Fact-Finding tour delegation met with Novosti's Deputy Chief of the North American Department and negotiated for a delegation of Soviet journalists to attend the 10th*



*World Media Conference in Washington, DC, March 1989. Among the Soviet delegation was Vladimir Iordansky, editor of Za Rubezhom (Abroad) from Moscow. His weekly magazine has a circulation of 900,000 to a readership of Soviet intellectuals and elite.*

*Following the Opening Session of the Conference, at which Father delivered the Founder's Address, Iordansky approached Executive Director Larry Moffitt, inquiring if he could interview Father for his magazine. When Larry forwarded the request to Father, he said that Mother would answer written questions about her husband, his work and their family. Mr. Iordansky added biographical background and commentary for his Soviet readers, which, along with the translated interview, was recently published in Za Rubezhom no. 24, 1989, pg. 16, of the Religion and Society section. We reprint it here, as translated into English by Andrew Kessler.*

**Mr. Vladimir Iordansky and Dr. Bo Hi Pak at the Tenth World Media Conference**

In this era of perestroika, phenomena and people are coming into our social field of vision which before we tried not to see or rejected. Often we were repaid in kind.

The Reverend Sun Myung Moon is a complex and contradictory figure. A native of Korea, he currently lives in the United States. He is a great religious leader and a most wealthy industrialist. In his brief biography it is told that in 1936, on Easter morning, Jesus Christ appeared to him and prompted him to religious work. After dramatic, vivid experiences, Sun Myung Moon founded and headed a new Christian movement, whose organizational name became the Unification Church.

Religious revelations occur quite frequently in a certain social and cultural medium. In 19th century Russia, among the old-ritists, there was a small sect whose religious teachers proclaimed themselves to be the earthly incarnation of the spirit of Christ. In the character of Reverend Moon what is most striking is the combination of deep religiosity and business enterprise. At present he stands at the head of an enormous fortune which is used to propagate his ideals. He finances numerous interna-

### "Responsibility Before Future Generations of the Human Family"

tional cultural and scientific associations. He stands behind a flourishing newspaper-magazine conglomerate with publications not only in the United States, but in South Korea, Cyprus, and Argentina as well.

Nevertheless, in the United States, Sun Myung Moon has been treated with a well-known guardedness, both as a religious leader and as a businessman. At one time from religious circles in the United States, there seemed to come a steady stream of defamation of him and his followers. Likewise, on accusation of violating taxlaws he was sentenced to prison.

For many years Sun Myung Moon did not hide his animosity towards communism, towards the Soviet Union. He was the founder of the famous Anti-Communist League, a product of the "cold war." He explained his position, apparently sincerely, in that commu-

nism is atheistic by its very nature. But both perestroika in the Soviet Union and the important transformations in China compelled him to reconsider his previous views. Addressing an international conference of journalists in Washington, DC in April in the presence of Soviet and

Chinese delegations he said: "The communist world is rapidly changing. I approve of the new policy of glasnost and perestroika in the Soviet Union and the reforms carried out in China. The media in both countries are playing the leading role in these changes."

Reverend Moon doesn't give interviews. But his wife and comrade-in-arms, Hak Ja Han Moon, amiably agreed to answer several of my questions. We publish her answers with minor abbreviations. I think they shed light on what is one of the most unique and influential of the new religious movements, not only in the United States, and on the approach of its spiritual leader to an entire host of important problems for all of humanity.

**Q:** The Unification Church is active in many countries of the world, and numbers hundreds of thousands of



followers. Their concerns and dreams apparently find expression in the teachings of Reverend Moon. What goals does he advance?

**A:** When my husband approaches God in prayer, he doesn't ask God for help, but asks what His Will is. And he pledges to fulfill it. According to my observation, when my husband sets out to work in this spirit, God helps him even without his asking.

I want to emphasize that racism, religious intolerance, the desecration of nature, and other misfortunes of our world are the result of serious problems in the human heart. That's where we should approach the solution of world problems. The hatred in the heart of man must be replaced with love.

It is well known that my husband was a long-time opponent of communism. This is no secret. But I want to emphasize that he didn't hold this position out of malice. He held it because Marxism doesn't recognize the existence of God. But my husband always believed in the grandeur of the Soviet Union. Today the West is falling into decline because of its callousness in relation to God, and its abuse of human freedom. When the nation of the Soviet Union carries out the reform of its system, and religious freedoms will be firmly restored, prosperity will undoubtedly come.

With God's help the future of the Soviet Union will be bright. You should strongly believe in your country. My husband asked me to say to you, may

century, mankind has achieved astonishing technical and scientific successes. The USSR created the Sputnik, and was proud to call Yuri Gagarin its son. Just think also about the surprising break-

see the absolute necessity of a more cautious approach to the peaceful development of nuclear energy.

I attended the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games. Two of our children were on the



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throughs accomplished in recent years in medicine, such as the polio vaccines of Salk and Sabin.

I believe that God is working through science as well, so that we could understand the importance of having the greatest concern about the

South Korean Olympic equestrian teams. What really moved me about this event was the growing awareness of the importance of international cooperation. It is becoming more and more clear that no nation is an isolated island.

As international cooperation grows, it becomes possible in the sphere of ecology to accomplish worldwide agreement of the steps we must take for the defense of the conditions of life on our planet. The USSR is correct in opening up international cooperation in this vitally important area. All world leaders are obligated to recognize their responsibility before the future generation of the human family.

In this regard it might interest you to know that for the past seventeen years my husband has sponsored the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences. Every year we gather scientists from all over the world, including many Nobel laureates. These conferences research the moral aspect of science and technology. The conference proceedings have been published, and many of the papers dealt with how to better defend our environment.

**Q:** There are many people in the world

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God bless you and your families, may God bless the people of the Soviet Union.

**Q:** In the present day there is a growing concern throughout the world with ecological problems. In the opinion of the Soviet Union, international cooperation is essential to save the world from ecological catastrophe. What is your opinion, the opinion of Reverend Moon concerning these problems?

**A:** Originally, nature itself maintained its own balance, but when human beings are included in the equation, they destroy the balance of nature. In this

environment. Today we understand that many household items such as aerosol sprays can cause lasting damage to nature if they are not used with the necessary caution. We also understand that we are going to have to cope with the consequences of the fact that we continue to produce an enormous quantity of wastes that are unrecyclable and which are not biodegradable. The consequences of poor management in agriculture such as the destruction of huge rain forests, are becoming more and more obvious. And what's more, from such catastrophes such as "Three Mile Island" in the United States and Chernobyl, we



in need of compassion and help. In the Soviet Union today there are emerging numerous charitable organizations and movements. An enormous work is being conducted in giving support to those who are being treated for alcoholism and drug addiction. Could you tell us what you are doing in this area? In your opinion, is cooperation between Soviet charitable organizations and the Unification Church possible, and if so in what ways?

**A:** We would very much want to study the possibilities of joint work with the Soviet Union on projects in these areas. My husband's thought always transcends the limits of nations, religions, and political beliefs. There are three key problems we need to address. These are the problems of hunger, disease, and illiteracy.

For us it would be very valuable to study the ways in which we could work together with the Soviet agencies which deal with these problems. We would be more than happy to cooperate in an approach to these problems, be it inside or outside the Soviet Union.

Let me give you an example of how we are approaching some of the problems which you mentioned. Above all, problems such as alcoholism and drug addiction, as well as immorality and family breakdown, stem from spiritual confusion and lack of self-control. If medicine and psychology are capable of only partially curing these problems, then we believe the churches must play an important role.

On an international scale, one of the most severe problems which our world faces is the scientific-technological gap between nations. Some of the most developed nations in the world are not sharing their scientific-technological knowledge with the countries of the so-called "third world." This is an incorrect position. It is our duty to work together towards the creation of an international sphere of cooperation and co-prosperity. As long as the gap between poor and rich countries is maintained, the soil for conflict and war remains.

We have a permanent team of doctors and nurses who work on projects of medical assistance. In addition we have assisted in the construction of schools and or-

phanages in the "third world." We are also helping the victims of natural disasters, and in particular, we assisted in the collection of aid for the victims of the tragic Armenian earthquake.

However, there are needy in the United States as well. In 1984 my husband acquired 250 ten-ton trucks and assigned five to be used in each of the 50 states. They are used mainly to deliver food products to the needy.

The businesses founded by members of the Unification Church are helping to hasten technical progress in the developing countries. Perhaps you know that we have businesses in Africa, China, and other regions. In keeping with our policy, we don't take out the profits from those countries where our enterprises are functioning, but rather we re-invest them.

**Q:** In conclusion, could you describe to us how Reverend Moon's working day is structured? And perhaps a few words about your family?

**A:** My husband's activity has attracted wide interest, but also onslaughts of hysteria in certain circles. The reason has been the distorted presentation about my husband in the media. Often when people meet Reverend Moon they expect to see a monster, and are amazed to see what a loving and attentive person he is. Surely you were also surprised, having met him personally.

My husband is, all in one person, a fisherman and a businessman, a newspaper publisher and a thinker, as well as many other things. But above all he is a religious leader. If you would spend even a day with him, you would immediately become convinced of this yourself.

When my husband was in prison for thirteen months in the United States, the other prisoners expected that he would try to get an easy life, but they discovered a completely different person. Every day he woke up and prayed from three to five o'clock in the morning. One day the prison chaplain came to him and said, "Reverend Moon, you are a minister and every Sunday you are welcome to use the chapel. Which time would suit you: seven, nine, or even eleven o'clock a.m.? My husband asked, "Is the chapel open at three o'clock?" The chaplain replied, "No problem. I'll call you at three o'clock in the afternoon." My husband said, "No, I want to use it at three o'clock in the morning, if it is possible." The chaplain thought perhaps there was some sort of misunderstanding, but my husband made it clear that he meant the morning. He joked, "I doubt that in America there are many people who pray at three in the morning, so therefore it will be easier for me to get a direct line to God."

ally my husband gets up very early, beginning his day with long prayer. After that, he plans his day and greets the children. Breakfast starts exactly at 7:30. It's also a working session. In the United States alone, my husband created more than three hundred organizations and businesses. You see, that's enough to occupy him for a long time. The morning meetings continue into the afternoon. At lunch the working sessions don't stop.

After midday my husband usually visits one of the organizations founded by him. There he chats with its members, and answers their questions. He returns home for dinner. At dinner the meetings continue, finishing up about one o'clock in the morning. My husband is almost 70 years old. He leads a very disciplined way of life. If you're by his side for a few days you discover that he is constantly loading himself down with



*Interview article as its appeared in Za Rubenzhom.*



work.

We have twelve children: six daughters and six sons. Already more than half of our children have their own families. Our oldest child, a daughter, is 28, and our youngest, also a girl, will soon be seven. It's not simple to be the mother of so many children. And now there are grandchildren. Seven of them already!

We believe that the family is the only institution created by God Himself.

Sometimes we speak of it as a school of love, a place where we learn to relate to all human beings. We also believe that the family is the building block of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

The interview is over. Entirely new, often foreign and unusual notions.... But our time is a time of tolerance, a time of respect for another person, moreover of religious views—this is a deeply personal question of his conscience. Such toler-

ance, personal and social, opens up possibilities today for cooperation in concrete and practical affairs. This is important. Surely conceptions of new thought propose the joint action of all the forces of humanity which strive to rid the world of its old ashes of hunger, economic backwardness, epidemics, and from the newer dangers which loom over it—ecological, military, nuclear. □

# The Fruit of Sacrifice

by Matthew Morrison

*A testimony about the Soviet Journalists' recent visit to the United States.*

**I** served as staff taking care of the participants during the World Media Conference this year. It was a very deep and special experience to see Father and Mother relating to media people from around the world. Father remarked that it was significant to see media people, who are rarely religious or notably heartistic, become melted together with one heart by the end of the conference—really like a family. I could see that numerous people have grown to deeply appreciate Father's work.

reception for them, during which time pictures were taken of Father and Mother with the Soviet group and then with the Chinese group. Neither nation, however, was quite ready to have their picture taken with the other! But they were honored and happy to pose with Father and Mother.

Father really stood as a parent to this conference. Some of the speakers were very harsh in their comments about the Soviet Union and communism. But when Father got up to speak, he em-

braced them like a parent. He said to the Chinese delegation: "I'm so grateful to have you as our guests, and I hope that I can go to your country soon and walk with you on the Great Wall, now that all the other walls between us are crumbling." I sensed Father felt tremendous love toward the people of China and he viewed these journalists as representatives of that vast and providential nation. I was amazed to see how much love he expressed to people who were once his adversaries.

where they met with a number of local community leaders and stayed in different homes of private citizens. In the evening they visited several Indian tribes and got on an old-fashioned American train that took them over the Cascades. They arrived in Seattle, all wearing ten gallon cowboy hats from Montana. They were certainly an unusual sight.

The first day we visited the former governor of Washington State, Dixy Lee Ray. They had a wonderful afternoon of food and sharing with this remarkable woman, a top nuclear physicist, who had been the head of the Atomic Energy Commission and then governor. They were astounded that a woman who was a scientist could be so successful in politics. They pointed out that this would not happen in the Soviet Union.

On the second day, we visited numerous sites around the Seattle area, including our movement's crab processing factory and fish plant. They were extremely interested to see how we made crab meat out of cod fish. One Russian requested a joint venture with our fishing fleet in the Bering Straits off Alaska. Astounded that from a spiritual insight so many diverse projects were going on, they remarked, "How could Rev. Moon be a minister and have such a practical vision as well?"

One from Moscow had been stationed in India and had seen several spiritual healings. He was very interested in religion, and asked for a Russian-language Bible and for a Divine Principle book. From his own experiences he was convinced that there really must be



*Matthew and Beth Morrison with the leader of the Soviet delegation, Yuri Romantsov, receiving a gift for Father and Mother.*

An important aspect of this conference was the participation of 12 delegates from the Soviet Union and six representatives from the Peoples Republic of China. At one point we had a special

## Touring america

After the media conference, Larry Moffitt and John Robbins flew with the 12 Soviet journalists to Missoula, Montana,



a God and was very curious to understand how we saw the nature of God.

Two of the Soviets had been stationed in Havana, Cuba and one of them was a TV journalist from Beirut, who spoke fluent Arabic. (He had a very lengthy discussion with Jahan Shahi of our International Middle East Alliance and was fascinated to hear Rev.

think it was more that they felt God's love in the beauty and harmony that had been created.

Our blessed children had finger-painted placemats depicting Russian and American families together. My children handed each Russian visitor a gift from the blessed children that they could take back to their own families.



*Singing "God Bless America" at the home of Matthew Morrison. Left to right John Robbins, Vitaly Kobyshev, Amy Morrison, Yevgeny Bugaenko, Claire Brossman and Janet Arnold.*

Moon's ideas about unity in the Middle East.)

### An enchanting evening

The second evening we invited other blessed couples to have dinner with the visitors at my home. After dinner, we all gathered and started singing songs. What began as a very simple evening became like an evening program. It was so stunning to me that we were singing family songs and dancing with communist leaders from the Soviet Union. Each nationality took turns singing: There was a Lithuanian song, then a Georgian song, an Armenian song, an American song, a French song, and so on. We did the Virginia Reel, and then they stood up and sang "America the Beautiful" with us. They even wanted us to sing several holy songs. Finally we joined hands, sang "Tong-il," and concluded with a prayer. It was a very remarkable evening. There was a tremendous spirit of true heartistic unity. The leader of their delegation mentioned to me that he felt this evening was a high point of their trip. Several remarked that they could feel something "very human." I

They were very moved, and in turn, gave my children little toys. They seemed to always have something in their pockets to give out to everyone they met—some little trinket or toy. They also gave us a Russian doll teapot-warmer to give to Father and Mother.

I sensed how much the Soviet Union is desperate for the truth and ripe for spiritual harvest. I could imagine our True Parents going to Moscow and speaking to the people. The people know that Father is special. They've heard as much about him in the Soviet Union as we have in America. In the Soviet Union, when they say someone is the foremost anti-communist, I believe then everyone knows he must be a good man.

I was with the Soviets when they said they had to have a World Media Conference in Moscow. They asked Larry, "If we invite Rev. Moon, do you think he would come?" Larry answered, "I'm sure he'd be very pleased." One of them laughed and said, "That would cause such a sensation!" I think God could use this in an amazing way to bring the truth to the Soviet Union.

### Embraced by True Parents

What was remarkable was how powerful our brothers and sisters are. These men were traveling together, but they had never really known each other before. They were very moved by the warmth and heart of our international family. We had people from Germany, Iran, Japan, Korea, and America. They found it hard to believe that we were all friends and all part of the same movement.

In their individual conversations with us it was very clear that they were checking us out. They wanted to know all about Rev. Moon: What are his real goals and what motivated us to join the church? At one point they remarked they could tell that Rev. Moon was not a politician because they view politicians as people who never tell the truth and are always scheming. Whereas they felt sincerity from Father and our members.

Wherever we went, on radio shows and at newspaper interviews, they were very proud to say, "We're being sponsored by Rev. Moon." It definitely stimulated a lot of interesting comment because everyone knew of our strong stand against communism. It proved to the people of Seattle that we're not dogmatic anti-communists, but are desperate to serve and reach the people of the Soviet Union in any way possible, though of course we still disagree with the atheistic principles of communism.

After they left, I had a deep prayer and cried about the incredible depth of Father's commitment. He had almost been killed several times by communists, but now he was embracing the same people who had been his torturers. I thought about our own members who risked their lives to witness to those behind the Iron Curtain. This is really the fruit of their incredible loneliness and sacrifice. The world is changing so quickly because of Father's sacrifice. I have so much hope for the future. I can see that people can respond to the Principle and the heart of True Parents in places we never imagined.

I think this is just the beginning. They invited all of us to come to the Soviet Union, and they are planning to return to Seattle next year for the Goodwill Games. It's so exciting that both Russia and China are competing to host the World Media Conference. What was once an impossible dream is finally becoming a reality. □



# The Joy of Loving Harlem

By Ayako Heller

A sermon given at the Harlem Church Sunday Service on May 7, 1989

**T**oday's topic is "The Joy of Loving Harlem." According to the Divine Principle, joy does not exist alone. Joy can be created only through the subject seeing its internal character and external form reflected in its object. I am talking about joy in Harlem, so I should be able to see my ideal and my internal character reflected in Harlem.

Yet seeing the reality of Harlem, I am sure many people wonder, "Where does she find such a thing in the environment of Harlem?" There are many types of joy, however. The joy I would like to share today is as the Bible describes: the joy which will last forever and which gives you peace and the fruits of righteousness, the joy which is your treasure eternally.

Father said many times that black people in America are, relatively speaking, more on God's side than the white people because they have been supporting Father's activities ever since he came to America. Who came to support our church's events? It was the minorities. He spoke of this many times and he himself recommended that white brothers and sisters reach out to the black community, because the people are blessed people.

People in Harlem are very religious. I see that in my neighborhood, in spite of the many problems and difficulties. God dwells in the heart of man. So by looking at the hearts of people, we can feel the heart of God. Most people in Harlem have a lot of scars and pain, a lot of family and financial problems, problems with drugs and crime. Yet people are still friendly and you can feel their suffering hearts. We know that the main aspect of God's restorative heart is suffering.

## God's suffering heart

When I meet people in Harlem, I feel God's parental, suffering heart taking responsibility for and wanting to experience the pain of human beings. I find that kind of

God in Harlem. My neighborhood is not the type of place where you feel a creation God—a beautiful nature scene with green fields and a river. It is not like that. When I see Harlem, I find the God who sheds tears for the suffering of His children. I think sometimes, Who can embrace the people here? The answer is that only we can, because we are also the suffering people of God. We suffer not for our own problems, but because of God's problems and for others. So I do feel that it is only the Unification Church members who can reach the suffering hearts of Harlem, for we know something of the suffering of Heavenly Father.

The environment of Harlem is very distressed. Many people feel fearful, especially sisters and mothers who have children. Many want to come, but the environment for raising children is too adverse. Yet I am a sister and the mother of four children and I am raising my

children with my husband in Harlem. I would like to share some of my testimony that can make me say it is a joy to love Harlem.

I came to Harlem in August of 1982, 40 days after my husband got an apartment. He got the apartment very miraculously, because he was not making much money at that time. Rent in the area where we got the apartment was around \$400.00 for two bedrooms. My husband picked that home church area and apartment only because of Father's words. Father said that white brothers and sisters should go into the black neighborhoods to serve the black community.

## Loving the environment

I came to join my husband and we didn't have anything, except for that apartment. It was filthy—really dirty. He had prepared it the month before I went there in order for us to start our

family and do home church. He took me there with so much honor, like a prince taking a princess. He was so happy driving, but when we got there and I saw the apartment, I just wanted to get out of there!

The floors of the kitchen and living room were filled with chewing gum—it was everywhere. When I saw that, I just didn't want to live there. The very next day I went downtown and met one of my previous leaders from CARP and expressed my desire to go back to CARP. I knew I would not do it, but that was my feeling.

Since we had no resources, we knew we had to start something. The first thing we started on was the restoration of our apartment. I started scraping up the chewing gum, scraping the walls, preparing it. I felt that all the walls, the ceiling, the floor, everything, were crying. I felt that more and more as I was cleaning and I became more and more prayerful and serious. I thought, "My apartment is crying out for true love, saying, 'I never

*Harlem Church member Juanita Jackson Pierre-Louis offers introductory words about Harlem.*

## Harlem's Kingdom of Heaven

Everyone has their idea of what they think the Kingdom of Heaven is or will be. But to a hard-working grassroots person in Harlem there isn't even time to think about something so seemingly far off. Never do they think of Harlem as the potential Kingdom of Heaven.

I've worked in Harlem since 1982. Before that, I worked in Boston for five years, and I must say that Harlem is different than any other place. The history of Blacks in America is a long and troubled one. Their struggle for the basic rights of American citizenship is well chronicled. Their fight to enjoy the safeguards of the American Constitution is yet to be won.

When I walk through the streets of Harlem, I can see how apathy and disrespect within a neighborhood can ravish its people and destroy the community structure. Yet, I'm amazed at Harlem's flexibility and its ability to keep accepting and reaching out no matter what pain it feels or has felt in the past as a community. Harlem has persevered, and I reverence that perseverance.



received true love.” I felt it was lonely and really complaining. The creation was groaning in travail because of the fall of man and longing for the coming of true man. So I said I was sorry to the wall, sorry to the ceiling, sorry to the floor because no one had come to love them. I promised that I would use this place for Heavenly Father. I said, “Don’t worry; I’m here.” I was crying and praying and painting—and I got more energy and we did it very quickly. Soon we had a new floor that was shining.

The next thing we started on was a *News World* and *Noticias Del Mundo* paper route in our home church area. We started it because we wanted to educate people there and reach out to them in some way. We wanted to first serve them. We were also preparing letters to introduce ourselves to each one of them: “Hello, this is Jorg and Ayako. We are members of the Unification Church and were married at Madison Square Garden.” We had three hundred and sixty families in our area and we started with the newspaper, because we could educate them through the paper and also see who could accept the ideal-

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*Also, deep inside, no matter how much I experienced loneliness and lack of result, one thing was clear in my heart: I was struggling on behalf of God, of Father, of history.*

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ogy of our newspaper.

We didn’t know that the newspaper would become such an important resource, not only for witnessing, but also financially. Right now, it is very important as a financial resource for us. We did not know such things in the beginning. Jorg, my husband, has been delivering the paper everyday for about seven years. That is something everyone notices. He is around; he does not speak so much, but he is doing it consistently every day, delivering the paper at six o’clock in the morning and collecting the money on Saturdays. That is something I respect him very much for.

### God provided for us

I do feel that God really looked after us and took care of us in so many ways. Almost all our furniture came from someone giving it to us or God giving it



*The Harlem Church congregation.*

to us directly through someone throwing it away. When my husband delivers the newspapers, he is the first one to go around the neighborhood in the mornings, so if someone threw something away in the night, he is the first one to see it. Almost all the furniture we have is fixed, sanded, repainted old furniture that we made new out of what someone

threw away. We felt those were good things to restore.

Furniture, a washing machine, a sewing machine, even a computer we paid almost nothing for compared to what we see in the stores. God provided in so many ways. Even

our clothes—people in my neighborhood are so poor but the interesting thing is, they wear good clothes. They spend more money on clothes than they do on food. They throw away good clothes many times. So when my husband would go around the neighborhood, he’d find things in dry-cleaning plastic bags, folded neatly and nicely, thrown away. He would bring them home. I would go through everything and think who I could give them to. Almost all of our clothes were provided in this way by God.

We had to find a way financially. If we want to love people, we need money. If I was going to do home church, I had to find a way to cut down my expenses for myself in order to spend money for others. Food and clothes are a realistic need in life, so God provided many things.

Sometimes I am afraid these days, because when I think seriously of what I need, it comes to me. So I want to have only God-centered thoughts, not have them be based on my personal desires. Whatever I want always materializes within a few weeks. God is really providing for and taking care of us so much.

We didn’t have any medical insurance at that time. When I found I was pregnant, I thought, “What can I do?” I was sure my husband would provide everything; he is that kind of person. But I did not want to have him take care of my expenses. So we thought about it and right then one of the home church ladies said, “Oh, there is some program for low-income women nearby—go and have an interview.” All four of my children were born in the Harlem Hospital. I am very grateful for that, because having children can cost a lot of money. God really helped me a lot through the home church people.

### Home church foundation

One week, we had people come to dinner every night. By Friday morning, I was out of money and someone was coming for dinner again that night. I thought, “Oh, what can I do? What can I make? I don’t have any money. This is for guests—not for me or for my husband.” I was thinking about it and, that morning, my husband picked up a plastic bag of clothes that had been thrown away. They were very nice clothes, dry-cleaned in the package. I was going through the clothes and thinking who to give them to and I checked the pockets and found thirty dollars!

So many times when I was out of



money, it would be in a pocket or people would just come and say, "Oh, I want to pay the newspaper money today." Twenty dollars, thirty dollars, ten dollars. It always happened on the day I really needed money for guests. I really felt that God wanted to take care of me and our family because we were doing God's Will. It really gave me joy, that God was wanting to take care of us, not only spiritually but physically too, through finances and material things.

There is another side. I cannot hide that I struggled many times. I often felt alone in Harlem, in the apartment with a few children. Another difficulty was not having result right away. I was living there, doing home church, but what was my result? There were always other projects going on—mobilization, witnessing, work with ministers—but I was always in Harlem. Sometimes that made me feel unhappy. Sometimes I got quick-tempered and angry—or became frustrated and wouldn't say anything. I didn't even want to go out or talk sometimes.

My husband would say, "Omma, I could never do what I am doing without you. I cannot complain. I could never find a woman who is willing to do

heart: I was struggling on behalf of God, of Father, of history. I never lost that feeling. I didn't go to meetings, didn't want to go door to door witnessing, did not want to see my neighbors—but always inside, I kept that faith.

Those kinds of feelings were gradually resolved by having spiritual children. People came to the Harlem Church and joined through our home church connection. We met one minister in the church nearby our house who later went to Ko-

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*My attitude is that the best education I can give to my children is a living example of True Parents' representatives in Harlem.*

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rea. Now, he and his family all go to the Bronx Center for Sunday service. That was wonderful and joyful. Also, the first person we met in our home church area, an 82 year old lady, signed membership. She said, "I agree with everything you say, I am with you." I am not sure she really understands all our teachings, but in her heart she agrees.

that raising my children centered on home church is totally different from simply raising my children in Harlem. Of course, I have to deal with the reality of the school situation and crime, but when I walk outside with my children, people always react positively. They look at my face and they always smile. When my husband and my children and I walk around together on a Sunday, people talk: "See that family walking together on Sundays?" Many families are not together in Harlem.

When we moved in, some people talked about us being brain-washed Moonies, and some said that we came there to make money. They used to give us looks and slam the door, but now, because of our

children, a person came to my program, saying, "I've seen your family over the years, and I heard bad news about your church, but I see that you have something beautiful and I decided to ask you to be my spiritual teacher. Please teach me what you learn in the Unification Church." So now she comes every Wednesday night to our Bible study.

Another lady came up to my husband and children when they were taking a walk and said, "Oh, I had a dream that I should talk to you. You and your family were all together and so precious and I thought the message was that there is something special about your family."

After I had my oldest daughter, I had a dream about seven schools. Each of the principals came up to me and said, "Will you please give your children to my school?" The message of the dream clearly was that my children will not have problems testifying to True Parents in school. They will do very well.

Because the environment was bad, I felt I had to protect my children. We are the only Unificationists in our neighborhood. Everyone else is of a different belief. Until they were three years old, I really kept them close to me and tried to teach them the basic traditions. I didn't send them to preschool. But when my oldest daughter turned four, I could see that she was very shy. She wouldn't go anywhere. Then at one point she asked to go to school, but I couldn't find a school I was confident in that was close enough and religious enough. All of a sudden, an ICC contact came up to me



*Home church events are occasions of joy.*

what you did." When he said that, it meant a lot. At those times when I really struggled, I didn't even give back any appreciation or good words to him; I just ignored him. But inside, I was very grateful and that was enough for me to go on and not run away from the reality.

Also, deep inside, no matter how much I experienced loneliness and lack of result, one thing was clear in my

She babysits for our children. And there are others. Having spiritual children gave me fulfillment and victory.

### **Family unity**

There is another joy: that is my physical children. I feel Jesus and Heung Jin Nim really helping from the spirit world. Raising children in Harlem is a headache for many brothers and sisters. I have lived here seven years and I now realize



and said, "We want to organize a pre-school program. Please, can you send your children to my school?" She said that Jesus had inspired her. I felt it was connected to the spirit world and True Parents. I really believe that Jesus is helping us to raise our children to be good.

### The school situation

This year my daughter, Young Ai, will be the kindergarten graduation speaker because she got the highest marks in English in all of the school. When I went

blessing. Spirit world was really helping. Why I am happy about these things is that people often think nothing good comes out of Harlem. My family has to challenge to be good not for our own sakes, but in order to testify to True Parents.

Because the school situation is so bad in Harlem, especially beyond elementary school, I came to the point where I had to be serious about educating my children about godly attitudes—why they are going to school, and why they should do well. So now when my

daughter says, "I'm going to school," I say, "For what?" She says, "For True Parents." And I say, "You have to do well because True Parents are good." I tell her those things every morning. Also we do Pledge and follow the other traditions of our church. It's sometimes not easy, but every morning, we sit down and have morning service, prayer, and three bows.

My internal attitude is that I want my children to experience

God's heart and develop the heart of God. So what is best for them, I believe, is to see their parents doing home church in Harlem. My attitude is that the best education I can give to my children is a living example of True Parents' representatives in Harlem.

### Testimony to True Parents

Two thousand years ago, people thought, "What good can come out of Nazareth?" Nobody believed Jesus was great because he came from such a bad place. So, here, in Harlem, if we can be victorious in our home church, it will be a testimony to True Parents. That way Father can be happy. When he looks at New York City, where does his heart go? I know for sure, his heart goes to the humble, difficult places, because his children are living in such humble, difficult places.

This is the last thing I want to share. I feel one of the good things about Harlem is that the environment can help us to be God-centered people. The environment can help husband and wife to

come together, because the situation is so bad you know your standard will affect the result. For example, my husband gives out newspapers every morning. The moment he goes out, I have to pray that God can protect him. When I see drug dealers and users, I pray that God can bless them so that they can get the strength to get out of drugs. Especially in my relationship with my husband, if I fight, if I cause a problem inside God's house, we can never bring results. That will only bring Satan's attack. So I became very serious about bringing unity, because that is where God dwells.

Where we live in Harlem is a particularly dangerous area. Satan really wants to discourage us so we will move out. I was looking at Father's words and they say if you start doing home church, crazy things will happen to you. That started happening in our area and now we are at a dividing point. My husband is organizing a rent strike in our whole building to push the drug dealers out. If you work against crack and drug dealers, your life is at stake. But my husband doesn't have any second thoughts about it. He prayed about it and started doing it. I am not that courageous; I only try to support him. I pray to God to protect us. It makes me serious to be a God-centered, loving person and to make good conditions, through prayer, through good communication. Everything I can think of I do. That helps both husband and wife to come together.

Father and Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. So I am the Kingdom of Heaven. This Kingdom can be established when my mind and body intersect at a ninety degree angle. When I go to home church, I am giving my Kingdom to people.

Today, I talked about the joy of following True Parents' direction and the joy of being free from Satan's accusation, and experiencing God's love and care, not only spiritually, but in our physical lives too. I also spoke of the joy of bringing witnessing result through spiritual children and the joy of knowing that Jesus and Heung Jin Nim are helping our physical children to grow up. Love, wherever you live, is the same. We are the Kingdom. We can dominate the environment: We have Holy Salt, Divine Principle, brothers and sisters. Beyond everything else, God is on our side and True Parents are on our side. □



The Heller family

to register the next child, my oldest boy Young Nam, the lady in the office was very happy because she knew Young Ai. They said, "Oh, we have another good one coming!"

The situation of public schools in Harlem is not that good because the children are often raised by apathetic parents, or parents who shout, scold, and spank all the time. Then the children don't listen and don't behave well. But I feel our children can have a good influence and help both the teachers and other students to be more serious.

Young Ai takes a ballet class in the Dance Theatre of Harlem. Last week, that teacher also talked to me. She wants to gather several very good children. She said, "Your child is extremely talented in ballet, so I want to put her into special, professional lessons and techniques. She should be eight years old, but because she is so good, I want to put her in it right away." So I answered yes.

Things are happening. It is not because of me or my daughter, but I feel it is because of home church and God's



# "A Precious Site"

## Interview with Jerry and Catherine Chestnut

Questions by Angelika Selle

**Q:** How and when did you receive your home church area?

**A:** In the summer of 1986 we were fortunate to inherit two home church areas in Brooklyn, New York, from Hiroshi and Kathleen Goto, who, together with Freiderun Abrahams, had been faithfully working there under Reverend Won Pil Kim's guidance.

**Q:** Can you explain how you first started developing your home church, and your vision for your area?

**A:** The way we began is a testimony to the hard work of our predecessors, Hiroshi and Kathleen Goto, who at the time they started home church in Brooklyn had two-year-old triplet boys. Very often, Kathleen and Hiroshi would bring their boys and Freiderun would bring her three children to do home church. What a precious sight this was

the Gotos had founded in a nearby church. The pastor had attended religious freedom rallies, CAUSA conferences and an ICC in Korea. Working in this camp enabled us to establish a reputation of being willing to help in the neighborhood and brought us closer to the families of the children who attended.

We aimed at meeting the people with whom the best relationships had been made and quickly became friends with them. We tried to determine which was our best family, our best three families, and our best twelve families. We always try to find ways to involve these 12 families with one another. Our vision is to develop our area in a course parallel with Father's work to unify the Fatherland and then to connect our tribe to that nation.

**Q:** What kind of people live in your area, and what was their initial response?

**A:** Our home church area has a wide variety of people. Almost every race, economic situation, cultural and religious background is represented. We are quite fortunate in this respect. Although the greatest percentage of our people are Afro-Americans and have a Christian heritage, there are other religions there such as Muslims and

Buddhists. Chinese, Europeans, Central and South Americans keep many of their homeland holiday traditions, bringing their culture and wonderful cuisine into our lives. Well-to-do folks, single mothers on welfare, students, and the unemployed all occupy homes next to each other. The elderly hang on to their memories and homes they know so well, telling nostalgic stories of days gone by when doors could be left

unlocked and children respected the elders in the neighborhood.

The initial reaction of the people varied according to their worldview, of course. We experienced little unfriendliness because we started after Father's victory in Danbury. Any resistance has

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been subtle and unspoken. Some of them were very curious about this couple who had stepped into the Gotos' shoes.

**Q:** Have you started any particular projects?

**A:** We have initiated several projects that help solve problems in the community. We recently held some meetings centering on health under David Fastigi's wealth of knowledge on the subject. Sharing with parents about protecting children from outside abuse and providing some counselling on parenting problems has been quite rewarding. The Principle can be practically applied in all directions. We have had countless birthday parties with cakes and gifts, mostly for the children of the area. We have taken them on trips to the New York Symphony as gifts, too. For many of them it was a first occasion. They loved it and we always took plenty of pictures at these times, so the memories could be relived.

**Q:** How did you get people involved?

**A:** We have always tried to invite people to attend Unification Church sponsored events. We are grateful to the Unification Theological Seminary for its beautiful open house held in May of each year. This day is so special to the families we bring up each year that when we drop them back home at the end of the day, completely exhausted,



*Families enjoy a ride to the country.*

in God's eyes! Obviously people's hearts were also moved by this heavenly parade up and down the streets for many remember them well.

The Gotos kept good records making it easy to continue their foundation. The home church roster system records enabled us to know the names and situations of many people in our new area.

We got immersed into our area as volunteers in a children's summer camp



filled with games, rides, food, entertainment and the love they received, they can't wait to go again next year!

There is also Ocean Day offered by Ocean Church in Gloucester, Massachusetts. What a unique and exciting event for home church contacts!

Of course, CAUSA and other conferences, Divine Principle workshops, and Sunday Service are all there for our guests. Each time a person attends and feels God's love, heart and caring, they are elevated and can bring this heavenly change to life in their homes. Because of the tradition of heart of our True Parents and brothers and sisters, we can really be a family. We offer something so precious—the true love philosophy. Home Church is a priceless gift from our True Parents.

One of our most precious experiences came when we gathered money and other resources for Liberia in West Africa. On one occasion, we organized a fundraising dinner. The proceeds helped our missionary brother of Liberia, Steve Buono, to build a grade school against incredible odds (see *Today's World*, Aug. 1988). We were so grateful to be able to help. Next, we began collecting clothes for the same area in Liberia. We helped a man in our home church take the clothing in an ICUSA truck to a New Jersey port to be sent to Liberia. We and quite a few people in our home church area feel very connected to the people there from helping in these projects.

We continue to try to work with the children and teens in the neighborhood, especially by taking them on outings in the summer. We have organized trips to lakes, Wonhwa-do classes, and even to

an apple orchard for a pick-your-own experience.

Trading and loaning videotapes, which includes a wholesome mix of movies, educational documentaries, Divine Principle and CAUSA tapes proved to be quite successful. We have a video "loaned-out and got-back" book. We also keep careful records of birthdays, gifts given, cakes, breads, and cookies baked.

Getting people involved in our projects depends on our sincerity to meet a

***Clean up the dirtiest places and situations, for your area is only as great as its dirtiest place or its worst problem.***

need. If we are sincere, then people naturally want to help.

**Q:** Did you have any particular difficulties in your area?

**A:** We try to hold God's ideal in our hearts and work toward this goal. We are learning what it takes to break down the barriers not just in people's hearts, but in our own as well. True Father reminds us that we are parents to our home church people. This takes big guts and big hearts. We do meet with some resistance, but the greatest resistance that we find is within ourselves. We find most problems arise whenever we allow ourselves to drift away from involvement with the district home church center or the traditions that keep us connected to God's heart and will.

**Q:** What did you learn from the time you spent under Reverend Won Pil Kim?

**A:** Reverend Won Pil Kim is a living extension of our True Parents and gives a great deal of love and respect to everyone. I learned from him that you must try to take total responsibility for the lives of the core group around you and then the core group will do the same for others. Of course, everything that Reverend Kim does is a reflection of what he saw Father doing for him and others.

Reverend Kim is a consistent man who strictly maintains a Principled order; yet, he is very broad-minded, embracing everyone. He knows that others are observing every move he makes, so he is never free to say or do a single thing centering on his own ideas. He is a prisoner in that sense. Similarly, we realize our home church people will also observe us very carefully as representatives of True Parents.

Reverend Kim always looks after the one who is struggling or suffering the most. If you obey Reverend Kim's advice for your difficulty, then he takes full responsibility for the outcome to be good. Should you decide to pursue your own solution, then you must take responsibility for the outcome. Still, Reverend Kim is always there to support you.

There is one pattern in his daily life that never changes, in spite of his taxing and varied schedule—he always prays with his wife in the early morning, long before five a.m.

**Q:** What has been your deepest experience since starting home church?

**A:** Our deepest experience in doing home church has not been one single



*Home church guests appreciate the entertainment at the UTS Open House.*





experience, but, rather the joy and the pain that one feels over a long period of time in making relationships and watching people change. This is especially true when we notice a positive change in their thinking about True Parents and subsequently their internal relationship with them. This produces a positive change in their relationships and lifestyle. Everyone is searching for solutions to their family problems. By openly sharing our knowledge and personal experiences, we become closer in heart and change occurs.

**Q:** Are there any experiences you would like to share?

**A:** An answer to this question could take volumes, even though we have only been doing home church for a short time.

One experience is a testimony to the preparation that Heavenly Father has made in advance of our coming to our home church areas. One couple in our area is interracial and international. The husband is white and from New York City. His college education and slender build are in contrast to his wife's pleasant, motherly plumpness and upbringing in the jungles of Liberia. There the family ties are deep, broad, strong and lasting. Her wisdom comes from her goodness and her hugs leave you feeling really welcomed and loved.

The Blessed Couples Club of Brooklyn visited their home one evening for a West African banquet and a testimony from each of them that made us laugh and cry. Our blessed couples listened with great interest and could share similar experiences of their own. This special couple's testimony is one of going through unthinkable hardships and misunderstandings conquered only be-

cause of their courage and determination to make sacrifices for the sake of love. They have cared for their family and friends in Liberia in a way that would put most Americans to shame.

After we got to know this couple, we found, to our amazement, that the homes they had built for the wife's mother are within five minutes walk of the home of our missionaries, Steve and Jo Buono. We didn't discover this until the wife met our missionary to Liberia at the fundraising dinner we held. Now the wife and Steve Buono are good friends and will hopefully cooperate for the betterment of the people of that village. It is a small world after all. We like to think that by following our True Parents' ideals, we're helping to make it even smaller.

**Q:** Do you have any advice for people starting home church?

**A:** Try in every way to connect your home church people to the foundation that our True Parents have established. Besides introducing them to the Divine Principle, you can educate them through books from Paragon House, publications from the International Security Council, the Washington Institute, CAUSA or other parts of our movement. There is also *Insight* magazine, *The World and I*, and our great daily newspapers. You can take them to any educational or cultural project that our movement sponsors. Introduce them to our economic foundation by taking them to one of our restaurants.

The second bit of advice would be to expect no more results than the amount of heart and effort you invest. Finally, as Father has said, clean up the dirtiest places and situations. Your area is only as great as its dirtiest place or its worst

## Letter to the Readers

After publication of Reverend Sudo's speech, "Inheriting Father's Victory" in the TW May 1989 issue, several clarifications to the tribal messiahship providence were made.

The *Today's World* staff and Reverend Sudo met about how to best communicate these important clarifications. We present several points briefly here to the best of our current understanding:

**1) Father asked us to go out into our tribal areas and witness. These areas are not specifically defined as 360 homes.**

**2) We have entered into the age of tribal messiahship. This is no longer the providence of home church. The level on which we go to our areas is different than when we did home church.**

**3) Previously, we went as Abel into our home church areas. Now we are entering at a different level: as parents. This is the age of messiahship/parentship.**

We are sorry for any inconveniences caused, and are grateful to offer now a better understanding to brothers and sisters around the world. In upcoming issues we hope to present more in-depth articles about the meaning and contents of tribal messiahship.

problem. Father's course in Danbury is the best textbook on how to clean up dirty places in your home church area.

**Q:** How do you find time for home church given both of your busy schedules?

**A:** We remember Father's advice when he said it is more valuable to accomplish home church when you are busy with other responsibilities, than it is if home church is your *only* responsibility. It really depends on our determination. We only wish this interview could be with someone who could speak on the foundation of greater victory in home church. □

*(Jerry's current mission is in the European Office and Catherine works in the Legal Affairs Department at National Headquarters.)*



*Jerry (right side) picnicking with two guests.*



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## INAUGURAL ADDRESS

spread like a prairie fire in 137 countries. I am not preaching the theory of true love here. I am talking to you on the foundation of globally practicing true love through the suffering way—risking my physical life because of global misunderstanding, extreme persecution and religious prejudice. I accomplished this motivated by God's True Love and Life Force.

Respected representatives of clans and lineages! This root-finding movement should become a true love movement based on God. In our lives we should inherit the teachings of saints, particularly Jesus—who is the embodiment of true love. All of us should become heroes who face each other through God who is our Root. We should extend our love relationships to overcome the conflicts of this age, demolish

barriers of age-long disharmony and realize a harmonious world. Especially, I understand that unification of South and North Korea should be accomplished on the foundation of homogeneity as one people through activating the Root-finding movement of true love.

Now is the time when everyone should humbly return to the root and through love become one with each other. We should not sacrifice the whole to benefit the individual. The global situation is such that we cannot hesitate any longer. We should, through the practice of love, materialize the blessing which God gave to our people. Let us all stand up and connect all peoples to our movement to realize, at any cost, the ideal of harmony of mankind through the True Root, the Lighthouse of True Love.

May God's Blessing be with you and your families! Thank you. □

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## "Family and Law in Islam"

You who are gathered here show by your very presence your conviction that our world cannot afford to abandon the precious spiritual truths that have been embodied and preserved in the world's religious traditions. But how can religion have the power to bring peace to the world? In his keynote address at the 1985 Assembly of the World's Religions, Rev. Moon called for a new movement to revitalize and strengthen the spirit of each religion. This will not be a movement from outside preaching to each religion that it must change its ways. Rather, I am convinced that each religion has within itself the resources to recover its original vitality and spirit. I believe that even now God is moving within each religion, stimulating men and women with sensitive souls and pure hearts to reawaken their faith.

The founders of each of the world's religions were people inspired and led by God. They had intense faith and zeal to uncover the truth. They endured trials and spiritual struggles along the way. They sought to relieve the suffering of humanity, disregarding their own lives. Therefore God trusted them and revealed to them His deepest heart. Each religion should recover the pure spirit of the founder, the spirit of single-hearted devotion to God and service to humanity.

If religious leaders can achieve this level, they will shine among the people of their age. They cannot be bought or swayed by social pressure. They will not compromise themselves and their religions by greed and selfish behavior. They will manifest the spirit of God in every deed. Likewise, if leadership and the reactions to the leadership of others is undertaken with this spirit, how can it fail to inspire? Those who are guided in this way will experience transcendence, bliss and the holy presence of God.

### Our Precious Brothers and Sisters

When we look upon the efforts of our brothers and sisters in other traditions suffering, sacrificing, and taking upon themselves the great burden of responsibility for the spiritual lives of the faithful, we cannot help but love them. If you are

a religious leader or a devotee yourself, how can you fail to recognize beauty in the lives of those who voluntarily take upon themselves such noble devotion and hardship, even if they have certain important differences? Today's situation requires men and women of vision to comprehend the entire world as one.

While each religion or denomination originated in a restricted cultural environment, the modern environment for all cultures and religious expressions extends to the entire globe. What do you think the founder of your religion would be teaching if he were born in this century? Would he not be dealing with the situation of modern man? The sufferings that afflict humanity today have their own distinct form. Their situations call for specific programs and policies. The ecumenical movement is one expression of what is needed in this age. Would the essence of your tradition deny or affirm it? No religion or denomination stands alone before God. All stand together before their common Divine source.

I would like to suggest that seeking ways to establish harmonious and mutually supportive relations between the various expressions of God's great goodness as embodied in the various expressions of Islam, is one indispensable purpose of the religion. God's purpose is for religious harmony and cooperation so that religions and denominations can lead the way as internal leaders for an emerging world civilization. The conference, dialogues and social service projects sponsored by the International Religious Foundation exist to foster this purpose. We hope that the ongoing activity will eventually lead to cooperation and coordination between the major world's religious bodies for the cause of world peace and harmony. When religious communities join together to fulfill their responsibility to humanity, they will lead the way to world peace.

With this in mind, I thank you deeply for your participation in this conference. I encourage you to contribute to the goals and spirit of the Council for the World's Religions and affiliated projects of the International Religious Foundation. We seek your ideas, your suggestions and your commitment to the realization of these goals. May God bless you. Thank you very much. □



All things will eventually  
return to God's ownership  
and be owned by those  
whom God loves.  
All things want to go the  
way that fulfills their  
eternal purpose.

*Rev. Sun Myung Moon*  
*June 4, 1989*