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Father Meets Heads of State During 17-Nation Tour

Part I

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GOOD afternoon, brothers and sisters. It is nice to be back where I can speak the language. I was struggling a lot while in South America. I have so many things to share with you today. I hope I can be as accurate as Father expects. For the record, I will tell you the general schedule Father's recent trip. This trip started on June 18; today is July 8. Therefore, the trip was exactly 21 days.

On this trip, Father and Mother visited and spoke in thirteen countries. Father and Mother journeyed to seventeen

nations, including the countries in which Father spoke in May—Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil. In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim will visit another six nations in the Caribbean and Central America. That will make a total of 23 nations for this speaking tour. We have missionaries in 25 nations in that particular region of the world—South America, Central America and the Caribbean. I counted, roughly, how many VIPs and dignitaries came to hear Father at each banquet. In total, Father spoke to anywhere from 4,500 to 5,000 dignitaries in the thirteen nations.

The day Father left New York was the day he had arrived here from Kodiak. He arrived here around 8 a.m. At 10 a.m. we had a birthday celebration, which some of you might have attended. That evening about 6:30 p.m. we took off for South America. The same thing will happen this time. Tomorrow morning Father is scheduled to leave East Garden at 6 a.m., so you can see how much time you have with Father. He will go to Kodiak where about 140 leaders from Japan and Korea are waiting for him. Father will meet with them for three days. Probably right after the meeting or even during the meeting, he will start the

matching. All of the photos are waiting for him.

I did not have enough time to prepare my report for today but I had a pocket diary, so I kept writing whatever was happening and whatever I remembered each day. Based on this record, I would like to share with you, briefly, as much detail as I can about each day.

Lima, Peru

Visit to the seat of the Incas

We left New York on June 18. We flew in a charter plane, an eight-passenger "Hawker," which made two fuel stops, one in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and another in Cali, Colombia. We arrived in Lima, Peru, at about 5:30 a.m. The banquet was supposed to be that very day, the eighteenth, but it turned out that the eighteenth of June was a Peruvian national holiday, so the banquet was held on the nineteenth. Due to this change of schedule, the missionary suggested that Father take a look at the ruins of the Incan civilization.

We chartered a local plane, because the plane we took from America was unable, due to American aviation regulations, to fly to Cuzco, the capital city of the Incan civilization. The city of Cuzco is at a high altitude, something like 2,400 meters. The local pilot said he knew that location inside out, so we could go there.

The Inca civilization which established Cuzco in the twelfth century ended in 1535, when the Spanish conquered them. There still are a lot of remnants of buildings and other structures in Cuzco, a big city, which is said to have had a population of about 50,000. Though it was the capital city, a bigger attraction is a village community called "Machu Picchu," located

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June 18	Lima, Peru
June 20	La Paz, Bolivia
June 21	Quito, Ecuador*
June 23	Santiago, Chile
June 25	Bogotá, Colombia
June 27	Panamá City, Panama
June 29	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic*
June 30	Port-au-Prince, Haiti
July 3	Guatemala City, Guatemala*
July 4	Managua, Nicaragua*
July 5	San José, Costa Rica
July 6	San Salvador, El Salvador*
July 7	Mexico City, Mexico ■■

*signifies that Father met with the president of this nation during this speaking tour.

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The True Family and I

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

MAY 16, 1995

ASUNCION, PARAGUAY

This is the English translation of the speech Father gave throughout his seventeen-nation speaking tour in South America. Meetings with heads of state were arranged in many countries. Banquets, attended by top dignitaries, were also held in each nation, at which time this speech was presented (with the appropriate modifications).

LADIES and gentlemen, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you this evening for having made it possible for me to meet such distinguished personalities in this welcoming banquet. I am Reverend Moon, about whom you already know through many rumors and stories, no doubt. I have stirred up a number of problems in the world. At the same time, I have realized a number of events and accomplishments of worldwide consequence. I must add that these things are the result of the historical reality of having served

God until today.

This evening in this brief encounter and in the midst of a jubilant atmosphere, I would like to speak to you for a time on the subject "The True Family and I," because the world's problems stem from the family. Let us ask what we mean by a "True Family."

Is the world good or evil?

Today, if we ask whether the world in which we live is good or evil, we must answer that it is evil. Why then is it evil? Because whether we consider world history, Paraguayan history or the history of any other country, there has constantly been conflict. Conflict or struggle implies that the parties involved will not develop, but will necessarily decline. To say that the world is evil implies that Paraguay is evil, that Paraguayans are evil, and that we ourselves are evil. If we study ourselves, we cannot deny that within ourselves there is a struggle between our mind and our body.

For that reason, the origin or the cause of struggle remains a problem which must be solved. If an individual does not possess a foundation for peace within himself, then no matter how peaceful his family, nation or world might be, he will not be happy because the individual is the true battlefield. As you know, World War I, World War II and the Cold War have already ended. In the midst of any other future conflicts, it will be possible to have a truce. However, the struggle between our mind and body has existed from antiquity. It has continued throughout the course of history and, of course, continues today. We do not know how much longer it will continue in the future.

When we think of this and, furthermore, consider that God exists, it is a major problem that God permitted the historical struggle between mind and body to continue until now. If we concur that a human being committed a sin, we can understand that it is a human being who must indemnify it. God cannot take that responsibility upon Himself nor can He interfere in it.

The origin of struggle

Where then does the struggle between mind and body originate? We inherit life from our parents and from the parents of their parents. If we continue going back in this manner, we eventually arrive at the first generation that



Father greets everyone at the banquet in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on May 23, 1995. Mother and Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak stand behind Father.

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is, the first human ancestors. The origin of the struggle between mind and body results from a problem in the conjugal love of Adam and Eve. The origin of our life is the love of our parents. If this struggle had begun before we were even born, we would have to conclude the problem related to the circumstances in which our first parents entered into a love relationship with each other.

The love of Adam and Eve did not become a love of true happiness. Instead, it was conflict-ridden love. Because we have the roots of our life in such love, we must conclude that the conflicts in the inner self of the human being originate there. The Bible teaches us that because Adam and Eve sinned, they were expelled from the Garden of Eden. Once they had been driven out of the Garden, they began to multiply children. God could not follow behind them and bless them in marriage, because He had driven them from the Garden. Thus we must ask under whose guidance they married. We must concur that, because of having fallen into sin, they married at the hands of Satan.

The fall consists of Eve being tempted by Satan and her later temptation of Adam. Therefore, when our ancestors, Adam and Eve, established a relationship of conjugal love, that relationship was not a happy one. Instead, it was conflict-ridden. Today, humanity, because of its roots in that relationship, cannot separate itself from the origin of that struggle between mind and body. This reality is very clear and logical. The fall began with immoral love. Due to a love relationship which God did not desire, Adam and Eve became united with Satan. They became, not the ancestors of goodness, but the ancestors of evil instead; thus acquiring the roots of evil love, evil life, and evil blood lineage.

If this is true, what began with one fallen family grew to encompass tribes, nations and a world where the five billion people which make up present humanity are descendants of Satan, incapable of denying that we inherited the lineage of evil parents. No one knew Satan's blood was present within our body or that this was so displeasing to God. This is the essential problem.

How to eliminate Satan's roots

How are we going to eliminate those roots within us? Satan dug his roots into our physical body, our flesh.

God cannot avoid working to separate good from evil and thus reverse this situation. God is public-minded and continues on the path of living for the whole, going toward the goal of love and peace. On the other hand, Satan is selfish and individualistic. Satan is always trying to destroy the good side through hate, evil and war. His intent is to prevent the earth from returning to God's side eternally.

God cannot severely punish humanity for having gone with Satan. God's strategy to regain humanity on His side is to allow that evil to attack Him. He can then, later, claim indemnity for damage and abuse. Satan's strategy is to strike first, but in the end he loses everything. Satan has come throughout history, wishing to ruin God's plan with hate, evil and war; while, on the contrary, God has been working to recreate love and peace.

In the last days, humanity will return to God's side and evil will lose support and respect. For that reason, Satan introduced atheistic materialism, humanism and communism to stop that from happening. That was the essence of the Cold War. After the Second World War, with the victory of the Christian world, there began an era of transition toward a world of peace.

The present era is the era of the realm of individualism, the era of free sex, the era of children denying parents, the era of parents denying children, the era of denying the couple. Through homosexuality, an attempt is being made to completely destroy the family ideal which the Messiah, at his second coming, intends to establish in order to change this hell into the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. The Messiah, as the True Father, desires the unification of mind and body, the unification of husband and wife, and the unification of children.

What came first—matter or spirit?

Problems must still be solved on a worldwide level. They include: (1) What came first, matter or spirit? (2) Is the materialist theory or the idealist theory correct? (3) What comes first, reality or concept? (4) Is evolution or creationism correct?

Let us attempt to answer this by way of an example. When we observe the animal kingdom, we discover that the first thing formed in a newborn animal is the eyes. The eyes are pure matter. Would those eyes know prior to birth that the sun existed?

Being purely matter, the eyes do not know, but something or someone before matter knew that the eyes were created to see sunlight. Someone knew. Being purely matter, the eyes did not know that the atmosphere existed, but the eyes were formed with eyelashes to assure that dust in the air does not damage the eye. The eyes, being purely matter, did not know that steam and other heat radiations could dry the eyes and damage them, but someone knew and, for that reason, we blink so that our eyes can be lubricated and not dry up.

The conclusion we can derive from this is that, through the simple example of the eye, we can solve the great debate of whether thought precedes existence, whether spirit precedes matter and whether concept precedes reality. We can answer the debate of spirit versus matter, of creationism versus evolution.

Given this, we cannot deny that everything was created by God. Therefore, we must return to the original world of creation, knowing the kind of self, the kind of family, the kind of world God desires.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen, it would have been logical and normal for their minds and bodies to be one, just as God is one. Due to the fall, there emerged another positive in the body, opposed to the positive of the conscience, which relates to God. The repulsion between these two positives resulted in a history of struggle. We must be conscious of this.

The body became the base of operation for hell, and the conscience became the base of operation for heaven. The human being did not know that he contained, within himself, the division of two worlds. From this perspective, we should ask ourselves if our body leads our mind or our mind leads our body. In reality, throughout history, the body has been completely

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free to lead the mind. If the conscience were strengthened, we would automatically return to God. Already, the world would have been with God for some time. The fact that the physical body leads the conscience shows us that the problem stems from the moment of the fall.

The force of false love, which tied the first ancestors to Satan, was stronger than the force of the conscience. God, who knows the situation of human beings very well, cannot abandon fallen humanity. Instead, He must establish a strategy to weaken the body-centered force which dominates our conscience.

The historical system for salvation is religion

The historical system for salvation which was created and driven by God is religion. Yes, religion. God established several religions. According to their different circumstances and antecedents, the world cultural spheres were formed. Until now, religious people did not know that the purpose of religion is to prevent the body from continuing to lead the mind. If there had not been a fall, religion would not have been necessary.

Something bad happened and religion became necessary to correct it. What does God intend to do through religion? He intends to discipline the body. You probably think that by believing in religion you will be saved, that by believing in Christianity you will go to heaven, or that by believing in Buddhism you will go to paradise. But it is those who are united with God's love who will enter heaven. To enter heaven, Adam's family should have been a family whose center was the love of God, a family which had a blood relationship with God. Until now, no one knew that the place where such families dwell is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Therefore, to strengthen the power of the conscience, we must dominate the body. We must liberate our conscience, so that it can lead our body with the will. We can then return to the bosom of God's love as original beings, free from sin.

If we ask what religion should do, the answer is that it should motivate our body to do everything it hates to do. What does the body hate most? To fast! To serve! To sacrifice! Furthermore, religion asks us to be an offering. The offering is destined to shed blood and must be capable of sacrificing its life. Therefore, the Bible tells us that he who is willing to lose his life shall gain it, and he who wishes to save his life shall lose it. What this paradox teaches us is that if we live according to the flesh we are going to hell. If we win over the flesh and liberate our conscience, we go to heaven. If we completely subjugate this body and our conscience stands in a totally subjective position, the conscience will have unlimited desire and infinite hope.

In the course of history, there have been numerous religions and numerous religious leaders. Yet those who believed in those religions and in those leaders were not able to get total control over the body and could not deny themselves completely. They could not liberate the conscience and place it in a position to relate with God on the original basis. We sinful people did not become true olive trees. Instead, we became wild olive trees with our roots in a false love. The human being should have had his roots in God's true love, yet we established roots in Satan's love. How are we going to solve the problem

of being wild olive trees, instead of true ones? This remains as an inevitable and extremely crucial task, which we must fulfill.

If you study yourselves, you will notice that the conscience knows everything about you. The conscience is closer to you than your own parents. It desires to possess eternal love and be embraced eternally in God's bosom. When we marry, we separate from our earthly parents. Yet the conscience exists with us prior to our birth on earth. It loves us and its mission is to transform us into eternal sons and daughters of God. The conscience does not need a teacher. Have you ever heard of a Minister of Education in some country announcing a plan to educate the conscience? If the conscience had gone the original way, we would have clearly known the course to follow in life. It would have taught us and guided us to return to God's bosom. Because your conscience knows everything about your life, when you go to the spiritual world you will discover that there is a computer which fully registered everything you did on earth. Until today, we did not know that the mission of the conscience was to convert us into unblemished, true sons and daughters of God.

We will all go to the spiritual world someday

Is there anyone here who is convinced that he or she will never die? We will all go to the spiritual world someday. When you enter the spirit world, they will immediately know you by your name. They will know about your entire life. They will also know about your ancestors, because the spiritual world transcends time and space.

We should not bring anything with us into that world which would stain our conscience. For that reason, know that the conscience is above all other teachers.

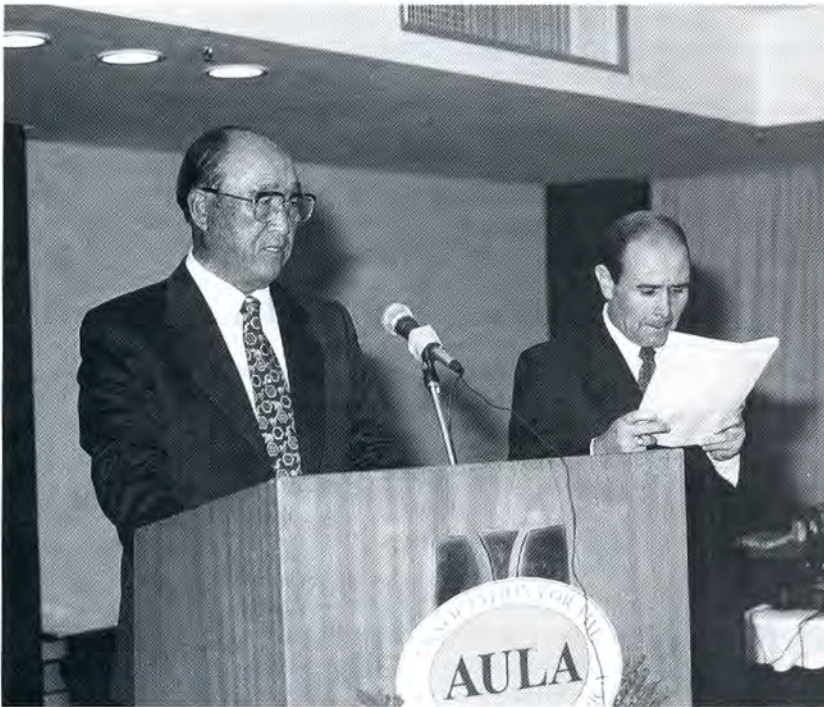
Today we have gathered distinguished personalities here. There are professors among them. There has never been a professor who possessed a teaching which is superior to that of the conscience, honestly. It fulfills the same role that a compass fulfills for a ship.

This evening, [Father inserts the names of dignitaries attending the banquet] are among those who have gathered here. To them, I would like to ask, "When you married, did anyone want to have an inferior spouse?" The answer is "No." If I asked you whether you wanted a spouse ten times better than you or one hundred times better than you, no doubt you would reply that if it were possible, you would prefer he or she be 1,000, 10,000 or one million times better. The conscience's ambition demands the maximum amount of love. It wishes to possess the Absolute Being. The same was true for our ancestors. The same will be true for our descendants.

If we asked God, He would respond in the same way. Is it not true that it is impossible for all of our desires to be fulfilled? A senator from Uruguay will want to be president. Later, he will want to be someone in Latin America. Ultimately, he will want to achieve the highest position in the world. That is the measure of ambition of the conscience. From the beginning of history until the present, the general thinking of people is that the conscience's ambition cannot be completely satisfied. But Reverend Moon, the person who is standing here, arrived at

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Father delivers his speech, "True Family and I," in São Paulo, Brazil, on June 7, 1995. Alejandro de Souza (right) follows in the text, as he prepares to translate Father's words.

the conclusion that it is possible to satisfy it.

How big is the conscience? How can the conscience be measured? Do you think that the day will come when the conscience will possess God? Do you think that if something exists that is bigger than God, the conscience will have the ambition of possessing it?

What is the conscience's ambition seeking? If something existed which had the maximum value in the cosmos, the conscience would desire to possess that as well. How big would God's conscience be? If we compared the human conscience with God's conscience, which would be bigger? If God's conscience is bigger than a human being's, what would He do with it? The conclusion is that what God wants to possess is also the immense ambition of the human being: true love.

What does God need most?

What do you think? We know that God is absolute, but does He not feel lonely or do you think that He feels happy? Ladies and gentlemen, even if a person becomes the president of the nation, but lives alone, without a spouse, that person will feel unfortunate. If we do not have an object of love, we are unfortunate.

Does God need someone or not? How do you feel about this? Even if God is God, He feels very lonely. The human being feels empty when he or she lacks money, knowledge or authority; but God does not need money, knowledge or power.

The question is what does God need most? We call God the "King of Love" or the "Owner of Love." If God is the King

of Love, this means that He needs a queen. This is an absolute principle. Who then can be the absolute object of God's love? A true human being!

Ladies and gentlemen, you need money. You need knowledge. You need power. But if you do not have a spouse, all of that will be useless. A husband needs a wife and children. A wife needs a husband and children. The place where those objects of love are found is in the family.

I serve God, the Subject of love, in the position of an object of love who completely satisfies the ambition of God's conscience. The family where man and women unite as objects of God's love and where children live happily should be the initial foundation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, centered on the true love of God.

Thus, just as the human being wants his or her object of love to be infinitely more valuable than he or she, God also wants the human being. His object of love, to have infinite value. A person of that value is a true human being. Yet we did not know that Adam and Eve were meant to be that kind of man and woman.

Until now, no one knew that we were created with such value. If we were given such a high aspiration in our conscience, it is because God is Subject and He wanted man to be in the position of object.

He did not want him simply to be a part of Him, but a completely different personality. God allowed us, as human beings, to have the action of conscience at such an elevated level simply because He hoped that man would be 1,000 or 10,000 times more valuable than He Himself. You must understand this very well.

If, at the beginning of creation, a family could have been realized in which God and man could have united in a relationship of true love, we would not have to worry, today, about hell or heaven because we would have automatically entered the Kingdom of God. The problem here is that God's true love and true man's love did not begin at a common point, united as a subjective and objective love. God's love and man's love began in two different directions with two different goals. Therefore, it has been impossible to realize the ideal world for which God and man long. God's ideal of beginning in a common point was completely frustrated.

False parents arose centered on Satan's love. By being their descendants, we inherited that false love, false life and false lineage, and are thus destined for hell. We have nothing to do with the Kingdom of Heaven.

We did not know we were supposed to conquer God's love through our conscience by being people whose spirit dominated our body through willpower. Have you heard the expression "love-sick"? If someone is "love-sick," when we can solve the cause of his sickness, all of his problems will be solved. The human being is a sinner, but there remains within him a part of Adam's original nature. This is what causes man to miss God's love, like someone who is love-sick.

What does the conscience do to win the true love of God?

As infinite as is the ambition of our conscience, we should know that God can create everything we desire. God created us with the value of true love objects. Because this value was lost, it must be restored. This restoration is the purpose of human life and history.

Even if a person has money, knowledge or power, and loses the love of her life, none of those things have any meaning.

The conscience begins from love

If you unburden and liberate your mind completely, your conscience will automatically connect with the true love of God. If we compare the conscience's size to love's size, we will see that the size of love is greater. We can know this due to the fact that the conscience begins from love.

The Kingdom of Heaven is the place where we go to live in unity with God, true love and with a free conscience. It is the place we go after having lived centered on love and after preparing ourselves to be the lineage of God's love. Without winning this love, we can never enter the Kingdom of God. We will have to wait thousands of years until that day comes. Due to the fall, there will not be a connection with the Kingdom of Heaven, so long as humankind is not illuminated by God's true thought and sustained by God's true love.

The person who lives in unity, with a true conscience and true love, will automatically enter the Kingdom of Heaven. No matter how much a person believes in Jesus, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven if he is not linked to the love of God. The fact that our mind and body are struggling prevents us from entering the Kingdom. The person who inherited Satan's lineage cannot enter the kingdom. The religions which have the mission of opening the way are struggling among themselves and will have a sad ending in the last days.

God cannot be found where there is conflict. Religion is a movement to subjugate the body and liberate the conscience. It is not a key to open the doors to salvation. We have to know that the key which opens that door will not be received if we fail to inherit the love, the life and the true lineage of God.

By believing in religion, we will not receive salvation. In reality, religion exists to discipline the body. When our conscience is liberated, its ambition can be raised to God. How does this seem to you? Think first about what you are doing. Will you try to find out more about this?

Who will know what someone is doing first? Who will know first? The conscience or God? The conscience will know first. Humans are distinct from God because they occupy the object position. In the same sense, husband and wife are different. The characteristics of each are clearly different. If we were to conclude that God could know everything prior to its happening, we could say that we are a part of God, as if we were a single body. In such a case, we could not be God's objects of love.

We must return to God

An ideal cannot be perfected when it is alone. After Adam and Eve sinned, God asked, "Adam, where are you?" Adam hid himself behind a fig tree and answered, "I am here." God understood and said, "You hid yourself because you have sinned." Man comes from God's love and returns to God. We must return to God.

Ladies and gentlemen, when sons and daughters age, when parents reach the age of one hundred and their children reach

the age of eighty, the relationship of father and son also becomes a relationship of friends. Friends!

We cannot compare the physical strength of a woman with that of a man. She can never defeat him; but, through love, wife and husband are attracted to one another and follow each other. If Adam and Eve had been the objects of God's love, would that have been pleasing to Him or not? God created the universe before Adam and Eve would have perfected themselves as His objects of love. God had the ambitious hope that, in the future, they would be His ideal object. If, after having perfected themselves as the object of God's love, they had asked God to create something greater than what He had already created, do you think He could have done so?

As infinite as is the ambition of our conscience, we should know that God can create everything we desire. God created us with the value of true love objects. Because this value was lost, it must be restored. This restoration is the purpose of human life and history. God established religions and promised that someday each of the founders of those religions would return.

Christianity has taught that Jesus will return. In Buddhism, they speak of the return of Buddha. Confucianism alludes to a new Confucius. Likewise, in Islam, believers await the return of Mohammed. What would be the reason that God established the different religions? We need to understand that the Will of God is accomplished centered on His beloved children, children who are like God's flesh and blood. With that type of son and daughter, God wants to form families, tribes, races and nations.

What kind of person is the Messiah?

We need to understand what kind of person is the Messiah. In his second coming, the Lord is the person who perfects the ideal for which all religions have longed, coming to the earth for the first time in the eternal love of God. He will become a True Father and, centered on that lost true love, he will work to establish an ideal family on earth, on the foundation of true life and true lineage.

That is the purpose of the providence of salvation. Due to the fall, God lost the True Mother, as well as the children of



True Parents pause for a moment to take photos, during their meeting with Ecuadorian President Sixto Duran.

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*We will begin the world culture of heart.
From earth to heaven, we will be liberated to fulfill
the world of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.*

Adam's family. This means that God could not have true children. There was no family connected to the blood lineage which was to come from God's love.

Because of fallen parents, blood ties originated from a false love and a false life. Due to this, the struggle between mind and body also began. Adam and Eve became enemies to each other. There was a fight to the death between Adam's sons.

The providence of salvation is the providence of restoration which God has been leading to restore his lost sons and daughters, restore the absolute unity of mind and body, restore the absolute unity of husband and wife, and restore the absolute unity of parents and children in the true love of God. This true family, which is qualified to live eternally with God, should be connected to Christianity, which is in the position of the bride to the Lord. By establishing such a blood relationship with God, we can realize united families, tribes, races and united nations which would thus conform to the united world, the culmination of the providence of salvation.

How to receive God's blessing

Distinguished leaders of this nation of Paraguay, is it not true that Paraguay would like to receive God's blessing? To do so, you must become a people whose mind and body are united in God's true love. You must also unite as absolute husbands and wives. When the number of families in Paraguay which can unite as absolute children of God grows, then God will come to live in this nation. If this happens, then automatically this nation will become the central nation of the world.

The human being has this kind of nature. If his beloved lives in the countryside, in poverty, he wants to live there with her. In the same way, if there is a place where God's beloved sons and daughters dwell, that place will be the Kingdom of Heaven, even if poor. If rich, it will be the Kingdom of Heaven as well.

The mission of the Unification Church

Today, the founder of the Unification Church is here speaking to you. If you ask me, "What is the mission of the Unification Church?" I will say that it is a place where God's true love is present. It is the place where we want our mind and body to unite in true love. It is the place where we want to form ideal marriages with absolute unity between husband and wife. By means of an ideology which can make all people into inseparable brothers and sisters, we are carrying out the mission which God has given us.

With the love of the True God and the love of the True Parents, we are cleansing everything that was dirtied by false love, false life and false lineage. Our marriage has achieved the True Parents' position. The large international marriage ceremonies which we conduct are the ceremony to sow the seed of true love, true life, and true lineage, which results from the unity of God's love and man's love.

The blessing is a ceremony to restore families formed in false marriage which, due to the fall, received the seed of false love, false life, and false lineage. Having families participate in these

marriage ceremonies from around the world, we want to connect them to God's great blessing. It is my fervent desire that all Paraguayan people receive that great blessing and become families and a people which can establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

The purpose of the Unification Church is to succeed through this means to establish relationships of brotherhood which transcend nations. Through this means, we want to realize the ideal of one great universal family, centered on God, and thus proclaim the ideal of True Parents, true spouses, and true brothers and sisters. In this way, we will begin the world culture of heart. From earth to heaven, we will be liberated to fulfill the world of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Since the end of the Second World War and during the past fifty years, Reverend Moon has been persecuted and criticized by the entire world. The time has come that you should know that such persecution was not because he committed any crime. Instead, it was to save you. Unlike in the past, people now think that I am the most admirable man.

By the hand of Reverend Moon, communism collapsed. It was Reverend Moon who awakened Mikhail Gorbachev and Kim Il Sung. To save the United States, which is going toward collapse, I established a foundation which leads Americans to feel that Reverend Moon is the hope. Behind the difficult political circumstances of North and South Korea, Reverend Moon is also involved. The same is also true for the Middle East.

You need to know that, after forty years, the Republican Party triumphed in the United States; it was due to the influence of Reverend Moon. Perhaps you are unaware of these facts; but you should know that if Paraguay precedes the United States in receiving and absolutely embracing Reverend Moon, Paraguay will become the first nation in the world.

Everything which Reverend Moon has said has been fulfilled. The entire world did everything it could to put an end to me, yet I did not die and I am firmly standing on top of the world. If I can speak to you out loud today, it is because God loves me. You need to know that if I survived, it is because God absolutely protected me. For that reason, I believe that you should seriously study about the Unification Church.

We have met together today and this is a day of deep significance. I have shared a very important message with you and I have placed my trust in you. I kindly ask that you not forget this. I also ask that, to follow the proper path, you make a re-determination, based on this new awakening, to bring God's blessing to your families and your nation. In that way, ideal families will begin to appear on this earth.

As you probably know, Reverend Moon and his spouse are known throughout the world as the True Parents. If it is true that, as True Parents, we are connected to God in true love, true life, and true lineage, I would like you to remember that beginning from a true family and you, a realm of liberation, liberty, unification and happiness will begin. It will allow the hope of peace to sprout upon the earth. Thank you very much. ■■

Father Meets Heads of State ...

ed about fifty miles northwest of Cuzco. Some of you might have seen pictures of it. The community was built in a narrow saddle between two sharp peaks, where nobody could see it from the bottom and thus escaped detection by the Spaniards.

The community was built approximately 600 years ago. The entire city was about five square miles. Within that boundary, they built a temple and a citadel that were surrounded by terraced gardens linked by more than 3,000 steps. The amazing thing is they used granite. I do not think they had advanced tools, but they accurately cut, finished the stones and put them together to build the walls for their temples, offering tables and altars—all of which are still intact. No mortar was used to connect the stones. However, it was so accurately built that no water could infiltrate. It is just amazing. You have to see it; I cannot explain adequately enough.

The Incas worshiped Inti, the sun god. About 1,500 women priests lived there. When the Spanish army invaded Cuzco, Machu Picchu closed also. The inhabitants quietly abandoned the community and disappeared. No one knows where they went or what happened after that, but that particular fortress was abandoned about 400 years ago. In 1911, one American archaeologist discovered the ruins. Of course, it was covered by grass, debris and trees. It was such a hidden place, no one could see it from the bottom of the mountain. Somehow this archaeologist excavated it, over a period of four years.

In the center of the temple, Father and Mother led all of us in prayer, blessing all the ancestral spirits from that particular community at the time of the Incan civilization. Father said, "You may come down now and work through your descendants."

Now about 500 visitors come every day from all over the world to see it. It is very difficult for ordinary people to get there. We had a charter plane, so it was easier. Usually people would have to spend about three days to go there, see it and come back, because a plane only comes into the city of Cuzco in the morning. In the afternoon no plane is allowed to take off, so visitors have to stay overnight at least one or two days.

It was good that Father visited there. In the center of the temple, Father and Mother led all of us in prayer. We made a circle and Father had a deep prayer there. In his prayer he blessed all the ancestral spirits from that particular community at the time of the Incan civilization.

Father said, "You may come down now and work through your descendants, because I visited here and this place is now blessed. Someday Unification Church members will visit here and remember what I prayed." It was a very historical moment. Father said that the people who built the Inca civilization, as well as the Mayan civilization, must have originally come from Asia. We could see many similar customs and ways of doing things, according to their drawings. The people living there are descendants of the Incas. The women wear their hair in long ponytails and carry things on their head, so Father said their ancestors are Asian.

Two former presidents attend the banquet

That night was the banquet. President Alberto Fujimori's schedule did not permit time to receive Father and Mother. However, we had two former presidents, President Fernando Belaunde Terry and

President Francisco Morales Bermudez, at the banquet. They came with their wives. One is 82 years old and the other is 78, but they came and were so inspired. We distributed the text of Father's speech in Spanish at the banquet. We had inserted a questionnaire asking, among other things, "Are you interested in Unification Church doctrine? Are you interested in the Unification Church blessing?" These two former presidents said they would



Father delivers his speech at the banquet in Peru.

come to the blessing. Since they are old, I wonder if they can fly all the way to Korea, but they were so inspired. I realized that when people get old, they become childlike. They were acting, speaking and looking genuinely childlike. It was beautiful to watch. They were so happy to see Father. One former prime minister also came to the banquet.

Out of 400 VIPs who came to hear Father's speech at the banquet, 138 signed up for the blessing. Now the work is in the hands of our members in Peru. They have to educate them properly, and prepare them to receive the blessing in August. This is the kind of substantial result Father had in one evening.

Father's heart goes out to the members

Usually the banquet is over sometime from 10:30 to 11:00 p.m. It is common practice in South America for people to come late. If they are invited for a 7 p.m. banquet, they show up at 8:00 or 8:30 p.m. They feel it is okay. That is why usually our banquet got delayed. Father's speech is about one hour and fifteen minutes, so with the dinner, Father's speech, several songs and a few remarks here and there—someone has to introduce Father

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and Mother—usually we would finish around 11:00 or 11:30 p.m. Afterward, Father would go to his suite and talk to our members.

In the beginning I thought, Father, you are pushing yourself too much, because everyone is exhausted after the banquet. But then Father comes up to his suite, immediately changes into more comfortable clothes, and calls all the members to speak to them. There are not very many members in South America, Central America and the Caribbean countries. In Brazil we may have 1,000 or 2,000 people, but in other countries there are usually fifty to 150 members—sometimes just thirty. Father calls them to his suite and talks to them until 2 or 3 a.m. without stopping.

One of the reasons I could see for doing this was because most of the members who come to see Father in his suite are new. Usually when Father asks who had not seen him before to raise their hands, two-thirds, sometimes even three-fourths, of the people in the room raise their hands. Sometimes we saw people who had never done a *kyung beh*. They did not know how to do it, so they learned how from Father. This kind of fresh, really soul-searching members have been waiting and waiting to see Father, so Father's heart went out to them. Father did not stop speaking, though he was exhausted, until two or three in the morning. Usually the next morning we woke up at five or six, got on the plane and, boom, went to the next country. You can

see what kind of schedule Father was keeping.

Difficulties with air traffic control

The next day, June 20, we took off in the morning for Bolivia. Actually, it was a very painful day for us. Somehow, somewhere, Satan was playing a trick to stop Father from doing this tour. The day Father visited Cuzco, when we were ready to leave the airplane we had chartered locally was not allowed to take off from the Cuzco airport. It was about two or three o'clock in the afternoon. When we asked why, they said the control tower in Lima had told them not to allow any plane to take off after 2:30 p.m. There was no reason and no such occurrence in the

past. We were struggling a lot. Finally, we called some people who could help solve this situation, so they finally gave us the okay for Father's plane to take off.

The next day, as we were leaving for Bolivia, the same thing happened. The capital of Bolivia is La Paz, which is at a much higher elevation than Cuzco. It is between 10,650 and 13,250 feet above sea level. Our airplane could not go, as before, so we had to charter another local plane to fly us there. These pilots know where to go and what to do; this is their home turf. When we took off from Lima, it was early, about 6:30 a.m. The pilot said we did not have clearance yet to leave Peruvian air, but before we reached the border of Bolivia we would have to



Father, Mother and Peter Hyo Yul Kim (right) look down from Machu Picchu.

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Father and Mother pause for a moment in front of the ruins of Machu Picchu, capital of the Incan civilization.



Father and Mother—accompanied by Won Ju McDevitt (left), Peter Hyo Yul Kim (center) and Hyung Tae Kim (right)—walk through Machu Picchu.

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Father and Mother chat with Mrs. Josefina Villalobos de Duran Ballen, Ecuador's first lady, at the banquet on the evening of Father's meeting with President Duran. Father had spent ten minutes explaining true love to Mrs. Duran and the first daughter, prior to the banquet.

refuel in a small Peruvian town. The pilot figured we would have clearance from Lima before we were scheduled to leave that town. So we took off with that understanding. When we arrived in the small city to refuel, permission had not been granted.

La Paz, Bolivia

Father speaks with every ounce of energy

Father had an appointment with the president of Bolivia, Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, at 11 o'clock. Because of the more than one hour delay at the border, Father finally arrived at the La Paz airport about thirty minutes late. The president had a previous engagement, so he could not receive Father and Mother.

In any case, Father arrived in La Paz, Bolivia, which is the highest capital city in the world. I immediately started feeling a little dizzy, so did Mother and everyone else—except Father. We were worried about Father speaking at the banquet, because of the rarefied atmosphere. Visitors, not accustomed to that air quality and level of oxygen, sometimes collapse. People are sometimes taken to the hospital from the airport. In Father's case, he had to speak. You know when Father speaks he does not speak quietly, he gives every ounce of energy he has, so I was worried. Father did it, without showing any fatigue—without showing any difference. Father gave his spirit and truth to the people, so the people were truly inspired there.

About 340 VIPs came, including some former presidents and their wives. When

Father speaks, he naturally speaks Korean. We have an Argentinian brother, Alejandro de Souza, translate. Father's speaking is like shooting bullets, non-stop. Even as a Korean, sometimes I could not follow, because he was speaking so fast. He controls the speed of the speech. Sometimes he goes a little slow, to make sure that the translator and the audience follow what he is saying. That is why it sometimes it took one hour and seven minutes, and sometimes one hour and twelve minutes to deliver the speech. Father sometimes added unwritten sentences here and there.

In places where the people were spiritually ready, where the national leader and the members were totally united and had prepared and prayed and fasted—all those spiritual conditions set up properly—Father's words were immediately received by the audience and virtually no one left during the speech. About 300 people would sit attentively, some of them using pens and underlining in the text. In one city, a professor was writing down on the printed speech the sentences Father added. People were so enthusiastic and so serious. In a few places where there was some disunity among the members, or between the members and the leader, I could see some people in the audience stand up and leave. Some things happened like that. During this tour I felt that Father's speech was very spiritual.

Villa Montes

In Bolivia, according to the missionaries, there is one particular area on the border between Paraguay, Argentina and

Bolivia, which is called Villa Montes. This particular area, they say, is the best for fishing. There is a river there, the Pilcomayo, which is about 100 feet wide there. During the correct season, which is about three months each year, there are so many fish—*dourado*, the famous golden South American fish, and some other beautiful, delicious fish—that some people came and built a small dam so that the fish could run through one small channel. They caught two eight-ton truckloads of fish. They did not have to use a fishing pole at all. They just had to pick up the fish and throw them on the truck. During that time, people do not use hooks at all. Even ordinary people come with a spear or knife and stab the fish to catch them. We saw a photo of the truck with the fish. In half a day, they caught two eight-ton truckloads of *dourado*—those beautiful, delicious fish.

Father did not have enough time to go there, but we saw a picture of the area. There was a small motel-type building. On the other side of the river is a hot spring. This piece of land is about fifty hectares. Another parcel about two kilometers away was about 2,500 hectares, altogether about 6,000 acres. Anyway, Father said, "Okay, I trust your word. Now go ahead, negotiate with the owner and buy it." Before we arrived in New York, I got word that we had negotiated with the owners and bought the entire 6,000 acres. I am sure Father is anxious to visit and see it with his own eyes. Father wants to build a training center there and bring former heads of state, prime ministers and even incumbent presidents from various countries there for 14 or 21 days and train them. If they get tired of listening to lectures, Father will take them out to stand in the middle of the river. They will have to catch fish or the fish will just knock them down.

Quito, Ecuador

The best place to grow roses

On the 21st of June, we went to the third country, Ecuador. The capital city of Ecuador is Quito. Even though it is on the equator, which is where the name "Ecuador" came from, it was cool, because the city is at a pretty high altitude. All year round it is spring. It is a beautiful city. The flowers and trees looked so fresh we did not want to leave that city.

We were told that is the best place to grow roses, because the temperature year around is about 16-20 degrees Centigrade. Father said that around 18 degrees Centigrade is the best temperature for roses. They also have enough rain. Along with

Bolivia and Costa Rica, the nation of Ecuador is one of the best places for rose farming, particularly the city of Quito. Many people are doing it; they ship them to America. In fact, seated right next to me at my banquet table was a heavy-set husband and his wife. During the meal I started talking to him and told him what we are doing and what Father is doing. Eventually, I asked him what he does. He said, "Well, I have a rose plantation." I asked, "How big is it?" He said, "Nine hectares (25 or 26 acres)." He said, "By the way, I used to sell my roses to one of your companies." I said, "I do not know any flower company we have in America." He said, "You mean you do not know Eden Floral?" The quality of roses produced there is better than that of the roses from Colombia, he told me.

The president meets with Father

In Ecuador, President Sixto Duran Ballen invited Father and Mother to his presidential palace. Father and Mother went there and spent about forty minutes. Father really educated him, and he was very inspired. Unfortunately, I could not accompany Father and Mother for that particular meeting with the president, so I do not know exactly what kind of atmosphere there was. Later on, I was told

President Duran gave his word to Father at the palace that he would do his best to protect our community in Ecuador. That does not mean that they opposed our activities in Ecuador previously, but he gave his word anyway. Father was so powerful spiritually that President Duran

punched my heart." She wanted to leave without attending the banquet, because, as we came down, the program was not really well organized. We were showing a video and it was delayed, so we had to wait outside the banquet hall another ten minutes. I think the first lady felt insulted.

It does not matter if he or she is president or first lady or a prime minister. When Father meets someone, he considers that person's soul and life need help to be restored right there, to be reborn.

could not even speak. He was totally intoxicated, spiritually. Because he was inspired, the president sent his wife and his daughter to the banquet.

The first family meets True Parents

Mrs. Josefina Villalobos de Duran Ballen, the first lady, and their daughter came to the hotel about ten minutes before the actual banquet started. They came up to Father's floor where there was a waiting lounge, so Father and Mother came out to meet them. We told Father that he had about ten minutes until the banquet. Father looked at his watch and sat down with the first lady and her daughter. He shook hands and

said, even without a greeting, "Well, we have ten minutes. If you can give me ten minutes, I will explain what true love is to you." I am telling you this because it demonstrates Father's heart. It does not matter if he or she is president or first lady or a prime minister. When Father meets someone, he considers that person's soul and life need help to be restored right there, to be reborn. Therefore, Father sat down with the first lady and her daughter and started pouring out the principle of creation, fall, Adam and Eve, Jesus Christ, up to the Lord of the Second Advent, in ten minutes. I do not think the first lady really understood what Father was saying. She was overwhelmed by the spiritual power flowing out of Father.

Father cordially brought them down to the banquet. In the elevator she told Father's interpreter, Alejandro, "I could not quite follow Reverend Moon's speech, but something big came and

There was one particular matriarch-type woman leader, a non-Unificationist, who is the chairwoman of the Women's Federation for World Peace in Ecuador. She is a very aggressive woman. She practically scolded the first lady, saying, "You came all the way here and Reverend Moon gave you that spiritual power. Now if you leave you are disgracing Reverend Moon's event. How could you do that?" So the first lady stayed. She came into the banquet room with her daughter and they sat at the head table until the end. In fact, they were very inspired. Afterward, they took copies of Father's speech and said they would study it more deeply, to find out exactly what kind of truth it contains. Spiritual power was everywhere.

The banquet in Quito was so beautiful and the entire room was very spiritual. Many of the waiters and hotel workers were standing around, because they had to wait until Father finished to serve dessert. Later on, many of them came and asked to have a copy of the speech. They took many copies and said they would study it.

Father pours out his heart

After the banquet, from midnight, Father called all the Ecuadorian members and spoke to them until two a.m. In other places he did the same thing, but in Ecuador Father absolutely poured out his heart. Father sees a great future in that country, because of the climate and the location—geographically and strategically. This country's location is very important, so Father wanted to raise our members in Ecuador. Though they are still young members, Father really poured out his heart. They were totally inspired.

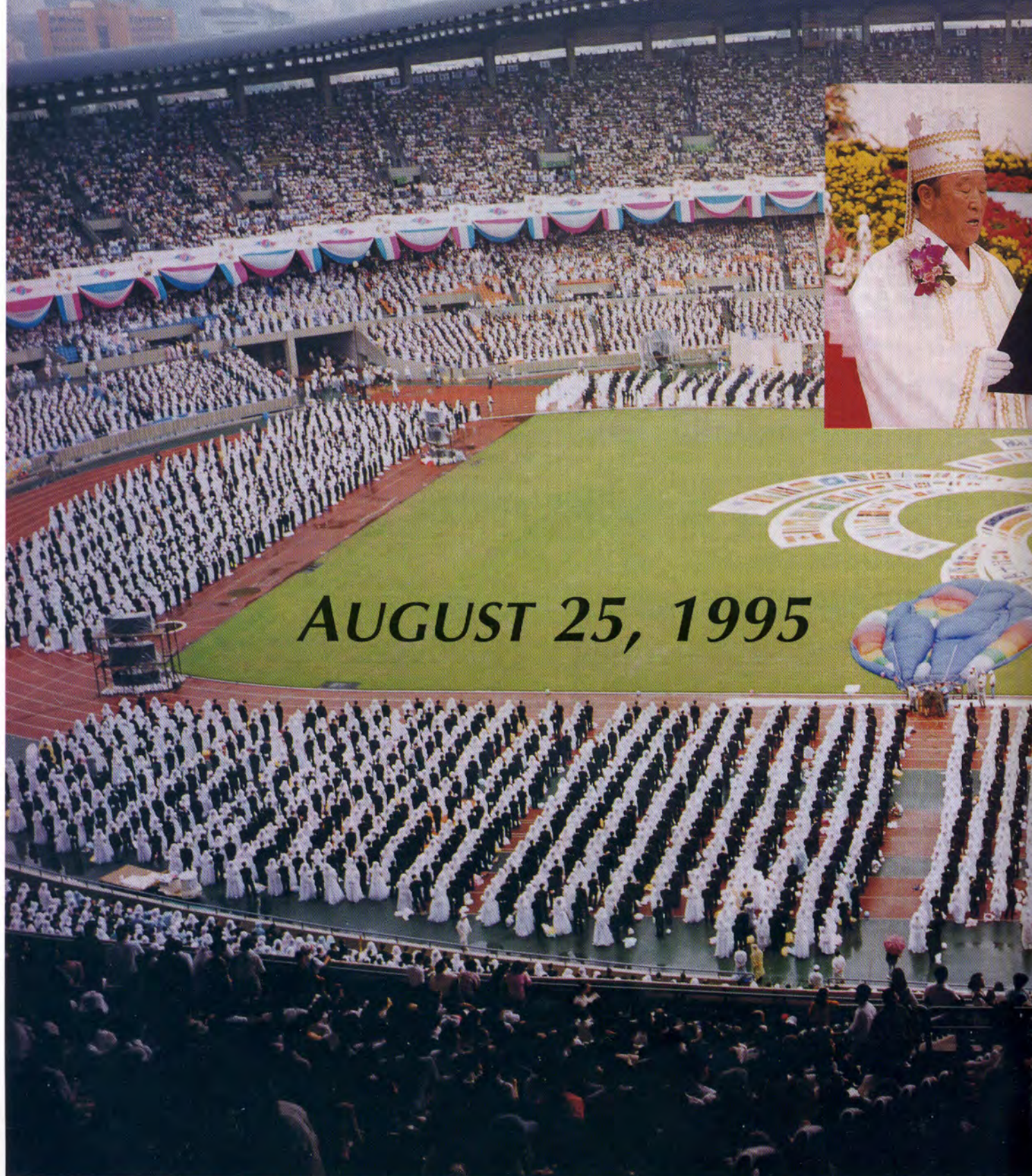
Ecuador is very beautiful. Although Quito is right on the equator, when we opened the hotel window we could see a big steep mountain covered with snow. It was beautiful. In Quito, Father was driven by a chauffeur for a limousine company. This chauffeur was very in-

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Father and Mother join hands under the globe, while visiting the starting point of north, south, east and west in Ecuador.

INTERNATIONAL HOLY WED



AUGUST 25, 1995

The International Holy Wedding Ceremony held in the Olympic Stadium in Seoul, Korea, on August 25, 1995, officiated at the 360,000 Couples' Blessing throughout the world. **Top center insert:** True Parents deliver the

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SEOUL, KOREA

95, from which 453 direct and indirect satellite broadcasts were transmitted. In this manner, True Parents blessing proclamation. (Photos: Ken Owens/NFP)

Wedding Ceremony Address

Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

August 25, 1995

Seoul Olympic Stadium

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The light of God's glory and grace is shining brilliantly on the entire world, and songs of joy and gratitude are spreading over the earth. A symphony of nature praising the creation of true families is filling heaven and earth with hope.

BRIDES and bridegrooms from all over the world, parents, friends and honored guests from every nation: Congratulations! Brides and bridegrooms, and all those from 160 nations, participating in this Holy Blessing Ceremony through direct or indirect satellite relay!

This place is the very ground where the blessing will take place as the central event of the Second World Culture and Sports Festival—a festival that is consecrated for the establishment of a world of shimjung culture, the ideal world centered on God and True Parents. The light of God's glory and grace is shining brilliantly on the entire world, and songs of joy and gratitude are spread-

ing over the earth. A symphony of nature praising the creation of true families is filling heaven and earth with hope.

Receive God's blessing

Brides and bridegrooms, champions of today's blessing ceremony! You are now gathered for the holy ceremony of solemnity inheriting true love, true life and true lineage from True Parents, the glorious ritual through which you will receive God's blessing to become an eternal married couple of true love. The basis of God's creation is the ideal of true family, wherein human beings should reach perfection through true love, then become true husbands and wives, and finally true parents. Love can be learned through our on-going life experience. We perfect our character through experiencing first the heart of a child that develops through receiving our parents' love during childhood; second, the heart of a brother and sister that

develops through love shared between siblings; third, the heart of a spouse that develops through the love shared between a husband and wife; and, finally, the heart of a parent that is learned through the experience of raising children. These four great realms of heart can be achieved only on the foundation of a family. The family, where God's love, happiness and ideal are to be consummated, is the most fundamental unit of human life.

However, unfortunately the first ancestors failed to become true man and woman, true husband and wife and true parents centered on God's love. They fell centered on Satan's false love which has no relation to God's blessing, created a false couple and

Wedding Vows

DO you, as mature men and women who are to consummate the ideal of the creation of God, pledge to become an eternal husband and wife?

Do you pledge that you shall become a true husband and wife, and raise your children to live up to the will of God, and educate them to become responsible leaders in front of the Unification family, all humankind and God Almighty?

Do you pledge that, centering upon True Parents, you shall inherit the tradition of the Unification family, and pass this proud tradition down to the future generations of the Unification family and to all humankind?

Do you pledge that, centering upon the ideal of creation, you will inherit the will of God and the True Parents, establishing God's traditions of the four great realms of heart and the three great kingships and loving the people of the world as God and True Parents do, and ultimately consummate the ideal family which is the building block of the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven? ■■

Proclamation of the Holy Wedding

REVEREND AND MRS. SUN MYUNG MOON

HEREBY proclaim on this 25th day of August, 1995, before God, True Parents, the world and cosmos that the holy wedding of these brides and bridegrooms participating in the 360,000 Couples' International Holy Wedding officiated by True Parents here in Seoul, Korea, and in 160 nations around the world by means of direct and indirect satellite transmissions, is now accomplished. ■■

man and woman, but creates the basis to determine all humankind's peace and happiness. Today is, therefore, a day of joy being celebrated all over the world. It is a historic day when 720,000 men and women from 160 nations of the world attend God as their common Parent, and begin their lives anew as true families centered on God's true love. Today is the remarkable day that proves it is possible to realize a truly peaceful world. It is the hope and dream of all human beings who desire to see a peaceful world that they make a solemn new start based on the ideal of "The world is one home, humankind is one family" centered on one Parent, transcending racial, cultural and religious barriers.

Realize the ideal of true man and woman

Men and women who are to receive the blessing! Our ideal of true love remains eternal, not only on earth, but also in heaven. You must realize the ideal of true man and woman based on true love, bear virtuous children and raise them to become model world citizens, building the eternal Kingdom of Heaven. The holy blessing that you are about to receive includes the providential and historic privilege of becoming the messiah to your tribe in the future. I truly

hope you will establish a good family and clan, and finally become the embodiment of True Parents who bring peace to Satan's evil world. Your life of true love centered on the ideals of the blessing will offer new hope, and a new standard, to the fallen human society of broken families and inverted value systems.

I conclude this ceremony address by expressing my prayer that you will cherish the ideal of today's blessing, and care for your ideal family, inheriting the most sublime and greatest blessing to pass on to your descendants. Thank you. ■■

became false parents bearing false children. All humankind is descended from these false ancestors.

It is God's providence of salvation that must restore this situation back to the original ideal of the creation. God will accomplish the providence of restoration by seeking and installing the True Parents of humankind. The entire history of God's providence had been one of unfathomable sorrow until the time when the grace of the blessing could be bestowed on earth. True Parents' course through which they shed blood to become the True Parents of humankind has also been filled with sacrifice beyond imagination.

True Parents have now appeared as the true man and woman and the true couple who have fulfilled the four great realms of heart. Human beings should receive the blessing of God through the True Parents by severing their relationship with Satan, should be reborn as true man and woman, and realize true families.



Hope of all hopes

The blessing centered on True Parents is, therefore, humankind's "hope of all hopes." Today's blessing ceremony is not merely the wedding rites of one particular religion: it goes far beyond that. It is the holy ritual through which fallen human beings sever their relationship to Satan and are born again as pure-hearted men and women under the grace of God and True Parents. It is the glorious ceremony of inheriting God's blessing of true love and making a new beginning as true families.

The ideal world of peace can never be realized without the perfection of the ideal family. Marriage does not mean a mere coming together of

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spired, too. He said, "May I have two copies of your speech? I want to make many copies and distribute this to my relatives." Everywhere he went, even in the car, Father inspired people. They got a copy of the speech and wanted to witness to people.

True Parents visit equator

While in Quito, Father had a rare opportunity, like the time Father visited the Incan civilization ruins. Somehow the time fell into play in such a way that Father could visit one particular location in Quito, before he went to Chile. The next day was an all day trip, traveling from one nation to another. Before we took off from Ecuador, Father stopped by the location of a very significant monument, situated at latitude 0°0'0". Of course, it is on the equator line, but not at just anyplace. That particular spot was studied by French scholars for many decades. They finally designated one particular spot as latitude 0°0'0", the beginning of east, west, north and south. Therefore, at that point they built a monument. Around the monument they built a circle walkway, so the monument is shaped somewhat like our Unification symbol. I brought a small miniature of it. [Mr. Kim displays the miniature monument.] It was a very significant moment for Father and Mother to visit there. They took pictures in every direction and prayed. It was truly amazing, because it was as though a brand new Planet Earth was born there in front of True Parents. Father and Mother



Father and Mother visit with a talking parrot in the Amazon jungle, while sightseeing in Colombia. Accompanying them are Alejandro de Souza (far left), Antonio Betancourt (center) and Peter Hyo Yul Kim (right).

spent about an hour there.

On the east side of this monument you can see two mountains, maybe 800 or 900 feet high, connected together. One is called "Father Mountain" and the other is called "Mother Mountain." Of course, Mother Mountain was more smooth and round, Father Mountain looked more rugged and sharp. The entire scene was beautiful, very meaningful.

Un Jin Nim qualifies for 1996 Olympics

There is another coincidence. Un Jin Nim's horse is named "Ecuador." I was told that Un Jin Nim qualified for the

1996 Olympics. She is in Sweden now for the selection competition. The countries come there and compete to decide which country and which individuals can participate in the Olympics. The equestrian competition is not for everyone. They have preliminary competitions to select the qualified nations and riders. Unfortunately, the country of Korea does not have enough qualified riders for the next Olympics, so Korea gave up. Therefore, Un Jin Nim had to go to Sweden to compete as an individual, representing Korea. In the grand prix (jumping), there are two different competitions, team and individual. Your nation can be a champion nation, but at the same time someone from another country can be an individual champion. It depends on the score. Your score in the Olympics counts for both individual competition and your national team. Un Jin Nim had the freedom to qualify for the individual rider competition, so she did it. Out of 300 riders, she came in second, so she was more than eminently qualified.

Santiago, Chile

Every movement was a prayer

The day we went to the equator, we took off for Chile, traveling all day long. We arrived in Santiago, the capital city. Here I realized that Father must have—I did not count and was not with Father 24 hours a day, so I do not know exactly—read his speech in Korean more than 100 times. Each time he goes to another



True Parents, and the members traveling with them, pause for a moment at the airport to take a picture with the Colombian church leaders and some of the members in Colombia.

country to deliver the speech to a new audience, he constantly practices. Sometimes during mealtime, he had me, Won Ju McDevitt or someone else read his speech—not because he does not know the words or the content, or because he does not have enough spirit to give to the people. That was the way Father was praying. He was putting his heart into it, and setting spiritual conditions by doing that. Even in Santiago, he was reading his speech.

I learned many things from that. Father has told us, if you want to give a one-hour Divine Principle lecture, you have to pray for three hours. That same attitude was being practiced by Father, right in front of us, during this speaking tour. I can testify to that. Until the last moment, the moment he takes the podium and starts giving the speech, he constantly prays. The prayer does not have to be with closed eyes. Every movement was a prayer toward the delivery of the speech.

In Santiago, Chile, over 300 people came to Father's speech. The room was full. Chile has a cardinal. It is the number three country among Catholic nations. They have a Catholic institute which provides their basic belief system and teachings. The cardinal's power is very strong. Yet one of the cardinal's nephews came to the banquet. Military generals and many important VIPs came and were inspired. At the head table was one particular scientist who is well-known as a most respected scholar and scientist, not just in Chile, but all over South America. He was sitting next to Father's podium. During the speech he constantly looked at Father. Someone who was sitting at a front table later told me this professor was in tears while Father was delivering the speech. This scholar was so pure.

Father teaches about spirit world

After the speech, around 12:30 a.m., about fifty members came to Father's suite. Father spoke until about 3 a.m. Father's talk to our members varies. Depending on their spiritual level and on the mixture of old and new members, and home members, Father decides what to teach. Usually Father teaches: the meaning of the fall; because of the fall, what kind of consequences we are facing; what we have to do to pay indemnity properly; how to be reborn; true love; the elder son's birthright; kingship and royal familyship. Father teaches all those things, because there is a more than plentiful store in Father's tank.

However, in Santiago, Father taught them about the spirit world. At one point, he said, "Your life in the spirit world is

like floating in the air with a balloon." If the balloon has light air, like helium, this balloon will float well. However, if the balloon has heavy air, then the balloon will slowly sink. In other words, your spirit should have a very joyful, positive, God-centered attitude, a true love attitude, then your life will be like a light balloon floating freely as you wish. However, if you have complaints, or scars in your heart, your balloon will sink, and keep sinking. That was a very remarkable teaching from Father. Father said, "Do not ever complain about your leader or, of course, True Parents or God. The more you complain, the heavier the burden you will get. Be careful."

Bogota, Colombia

The next day, June 24, we left Santiago, Chile, for Bogota, Colombia. Bogota is at a pretty high altitude, too. It may be that in South America, particularly in the tropical zone, people build their capital cities at high altitude because it is hot and humid. Then, even though there is a hot sun and nice weather, it is still cool. That is the way I figure it.

Bogota is 8,660 feet above sea level. In 1992, when Mother did her forty-nation speaking tour, Mother spoke in Bogota. I remember that I checked the stage and podium at the last moment. The podium was a little bit shaky, so I put some telephone directories beside it so that it would be more stable. Time

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was short, so I did as much as I could, and took my seat. Later on, Mother almost collapsed during the speech, because of the altitude. As a result, she leaned against the podium. Thank God the podium did not fall, but it was pushed all the way to the edge. I was scared. I remembered that incident vividly this time.

Father arrived in Bogota on June 24. Colombia is a very meaningful country to Korea, because Colombia sent 1,200 soldiers to Korea to help South Korea during the Korean War in 1950; they are still very proud of that. Korea showed their appreciation to this nation and built a tower, a pagoda, to commemorate the 212 Colombian soldiers who died there. Also, they said this country of

Colombia is the best location for growing roses, as well as some other crops. One thing I realized was that the country is pretty big. I thought it was a small country. Aside from Argentina and Brazil, this is probably one of the bigger countries in South America. There are many good people there.

Colombians show their gratitude to Father

The banquet and speech in Bogota was very successful in many different ways, because it was not just Father alone delivering the speech. In return people in that country showed their gratitude and appreciation to Father by presenting something and coming out and giving congratulatory remarks and things like that. Of course, Father's speech was very powerful. Virtually the entire Cabinet and all of the nation's military generals came to the speech. I realized Colombian people love to wear a suit and tie. They dressed up really nicely and came; it was beautiful to see. About 400 people came.

There is a committee called the Simon Bolivar committee which does many good things throughout the entire South American continent. In 1983 when Father visited Cartagena he made a \$100,000 donation to the Simon Bolivar foundation or committee, because at that time they needed money to renovate the memorial building there. Father donated the money because he knew what Simon Bolivar

wanted to do with the South American people, and the kind of spirit he had, so Father cherishes that kind of spirit, and he gave this money. After the speech, representatives of the committee came with a plaque, showing their appreciation and gratitude to Father. Because of Father's help they could renovate their memorial building and now they are doing much better. When they heard that Father came, the representatives wanted to express their appreciation to Father and in front of the entire audience of 400 people they presented this plaque, and spoke beautiful words.

There was one particular scholar who is supposed to be like an Einstein here in the Western world, a very well-respected scholar, Dr. Gabriel Betancourt Mejia,

former minister of education. He came out and spoke about twelve minutes, with beautiful words praising Father's work and Father's courage even to give this kind of message from God throughout the world. It was beautiful; later on, Father told the missionary, Waldir Cipriani, to make a booklet out of it and use it to prove what kind of work Father is doing for the sake of the world. This kind of prominent, well-respected scholar recognized and praised Father's work right there. It was beautiful to watch.

On top of that, Father gave a plaque to the joint chiefs of staff of the army

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and air force, showing appreciation that Colombia had sent 1,200 soldiers to Korea to support South Korea to win the battle during the Korean War. The day of the banquet was the anniversary of the day the Korean War broke, so it was a very meaningful day, the 25th of June. Father prepared a special plaque with beautiful words and gave it to the joint chiefs of staff. The entire audience was so pleased, because it was beautiful give and take, not just spiritual food.

PWPA professor presents original poem

There was one professor who happened to be a very well-known poet in Colombia. He has been very active with our PWPA work the last several years. He wrote a beautiful, very long poem. Actually he forced us to give him the podium. I thought, usually a poem consists of about twelve or fifteen lines, and then ends; but his poem was more than fifty lines.

The beautiful thing is he wrote this poem praising our Japanese sisters who are working as missionaries there. Though he is not a full time member, he recognized how beautiful the spirit of our Japanese missionaries are, and how sacrificial is their life there, so he could not resist writing a poem, which he felt he had to come out and read. It was very emotional. I did not know what he was talking about, but later on I heard from someone that he was praising our Japanese ladies. You can picture that beautiful banquet, right? Father speaking and people coming out and giving credit to Father.

Sightseeing in the Amazon jungle

The next day, June 26, it somehow fell into place that we were right there where

the Amazon jungle is in Colombia. That day also was the day for travel to Panama, which was only one hour away. Father again had a golden opportunity, this time to taste what the Amazon jungle is really like. I was excited, because our missionary in Ecuador had reported many things about the jungle to Father. He said the jungle is so fantastic. If you go there, the boas are very thick and about thirty feet long. The poisonous spiders are big, poisonous butterflies are also big, and there are thousands of different birds. So when Father said to go there, I was excited.

We went there, because Father had a providential reason. Father visited and prayed at the Incan civilization ruins to connect that civilization—probably one of the oldest civilizations to Father's dispensation through the spirit world. When Father visited the equator in Quito, it had spiritual significance and a providential reason also. In the Amazon jungle, too, I am sure that so many thousands of Indians suffered and died there without knowing the meaning of life and all those things.

Father was not going to the Amazon jungle to see what was there. Father really wanted to visit there and set a condition for the sake of those people who are still living there in poverty and ignorance. We did not see any naked people there, except small children, but people are still living a very primitive life. We saw people travelling in canoes

and catching fish on the river bank.

Frankly, I was a little bit disappointed because I did not see any boas constrictors or alligators. I saw some beautiful birds and we also saw the biggest lotus eaters' leaves. There was one small pond along one of the branches of the Amazon River. The diameter of the leaves were about three or four feet. BIG. Birds come, sit there and play. The leaf is like a big carpet.

We also saw two talking parrots. We were afraid at first, then Father went there, somehow moved his hand and a parrot came and sat on Father's hand. We took many pictures. We really wanted to take that bird with us, but the tour guide said we would get in trouble, so we did not. It is a beautiful place.

In one area of the jungle we also saw a tree that was about 150 feet high, really tall. The interesting thing about this tree was that about ten feet from the ground the roots are shaped like a huge fan—webbed like a duck's feet, but really thick. The circumference was about fifty feet, a big tree. We walked around it, and took some pictures there. Because they meet, many different roots come out with this kind of fan shape. I heard that the Queen of Spain came there and stayed.

We could see the Indian children and adults living a very poor, primitive life in the mud. According to the local guide, if Indian children survive until the age of four, they have built up their immune system against all kinds of diseases, parasites and water contamination. They can then survive up to thirty, forty, fifty or whatever age they live. So age four is the cutoff line as to whether that child can make it or not. [The report on the rest of Father's tour is in the October issue of Today's World.] ■■



Father and Mother pause for a moment to take pictures with the members in Colombia.

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38 Receive Masters' Degrees

Sarah M. Witt

ON Sunday, June 25, 1995, the Unification Theological Seminary held its nineteenth Annual Commencement Exercises at 11 a.m. in scenic Barrytown, New York. Ten men received the Master of Divinity degree, 25 men and two women received the degree of Master of Religious Education—totaling 38 graduates who received degrees.

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Founded by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, the Seminary admitted the first class of fifty students in the Fall of 1975. This Fall, UTS will celebrate its twentieth anniversary.

Commencement ceremony

The commencement ceremony was officiated by Mr. W. Farley Jones, chairman of the UTS Board of Trustees and a 1977 graduate. Dr. Richard Arthur, assistant professor of New Testament, offered the invocation.

After the degrees were given out by the seminary president, Dr. Theodore Shimmyo, the president gave congratulatory remarks. [See the text included in this issue.] This was followed by the graduate responses of Mr. Jerry Chesnut and Mr. Jin Hwa Chung. The UTS choir performed its rendition of "Spirit, Now Live in Me." The graduation ceremony concluded with the reading of the "Founder's Address" [see the text included in this issue] and a benediction by President Shimmyo. Father was not able to attend due to a twelve-nation speaking tour in Latin America.

Founder's Address

Father's message was simple, but quite profound. The graduates were urged to "...strengthen the power of your conscience to possess the true love of God."

Father declared that possessing the true love of God was not a selfish act, but an unselfish and sacrificial one.

"The reason is that the true love of God is, by nature, unselfish and sacrificial. When God created the world, He ...completely invested and sacrificed himself out of true love, hoping that Adam and Eve, His objects of true love, would also assume the same sacrificial nature of true love to build His joyful kingdom. Unfortunately, this hope of God was completely shattered by the fall of the human ancestors who acted selfishly."

Father stated that the fall of man caused a fierce battle within the individual between the conscience and the physical body. He went on to say that "this battle within the individual is even fiercer than major wars in human history, because those historical wars usually ended within a few years, but the individual war between the conscience and the physical body seems to be unending, not only within the entire life of a person, but also for generation after generation."

Finally, Father called the graduates of the heavenly academy, called the Unification Theological Seminary, to join in the final battle during the next five years,

until the year 2000 A.D., a very critical period in human history. "But before winning this battle, equip yourselves with the unbreakable power of the conscience to possess the true love of God."

Dr. Shimmyo's speech

In Dr. Shimmyo's speech, titled "Bear the Cross," he exhorted the graduates to go out to the sinful world where "egotism, war, immorality, free sex, homosexuality, and crime are rampant."

"Given this situation of the world, why don't we courageously go out there to bear the cross on behalf of God and humanity. This seems to be the most important mission of UTS graduates who are privileged to have been trained here as heavenly soldiers for two years or more.

"To bear the cross means to accept all the problems in the world as if they were your own and solve them out of your genuine love toward your fellow humans whose problems you are dealing with. To do that means to liberate not only humanity, but also God from all pain and suffering, because the liberation of humanity means the fulfillment of God's own dream.

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The 1995 Graduating Class of the Unification Theological Seminary

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come evil.

"The point I am making here comes from the teaching of Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, who tirelessly and sacrificially spent fifty years after World War II to bear the cross for God and humanity. Because of their absolute commitment out of love, the way of complete salvation has been victoriously opened."

He then went on to say that we have to inherit the best tradition of Father and Mother and work even harder than before, until every corner of the world is covered by the love of God. The ceremony ended with the recessional and was followed by photo sessions.

Graduate Response

In his Divinity Graduate Response, Jerry Chesnut, challenged us all with his questions: "Ladies and gentlemen, the question that is burning in the hearts of each graduate here today, is how much love and goodness can I squeeze out of myself before I die? How much can I overcome that terrifying tendency that I have to ignore the hidden and sometimes unbearable sorrow that lies behind God and each person that has lived for a time on this earth?"

Another annual commencement at UTS came to an end with inspiring messages, a gourmet graduation banquet, fine entertainment, as well as 38 more trained seminarians to go out to the world and help Father and Mother build a substantial Kingdom of God on earth, to bring joy to our Heavenly Father and all humanity.



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1995 UTS Graduates

Master of Religious Education

Beat Bauer	B.A., Kantonsschule St. Gallen	Switzerland
Ki-Yong Choi	M.Th., Methodist Theological Seminary	South Korea
Jin Hwa Chung	B.A., Sung Hwa Theological Seminary	South Korea
Hideaki Fujiwara	B.S., Nihon University	Japan
Paul Greene	B.S., State University of New York at Albany	USA
Edward Heinz	B.A., State University of New York at Albany	USA
Yukinobu Horimoto	B.A., Doane College	USA
Yoshitaka Hoshino	B.A., Mosei University	Japan
Takuya Ishii	B.S., Hokkaido Institute of Technology	Japan
Noritaka Izumi	B.A., Shimane University	Japan
Young Sik Jung	B.A., Sung Hwa Theological Seminary	South Korea
Byung Woo Kim (<i>cum laude</i>)	B.A., Yeungnam University	South Korea
Jin Choon Kim (<i>cum laude</i>)	Ph.D., University of Minnesota, USA	South Korea
Jin-Goon Kim (<i>cum laude</i>)	B.A., Harvard University, USA	South Korea
James W. Kovic	B.S., State University of New York at Albany	USA
Ki Yeal Lee	B.A., Chungnam National University	South Korea
Atsuko Narita	B.A., Niigata University	Japan
Jun Orikasa	B.S., Yokohama National University	Japan
Jun Hwan Park	B.S., University of California of Irvine, USA	South Korea
Milton Tooru Sakurai	B.A., Braz Cubas University, Brazil	Japan
Chika Takakura	B.A., Seinan Gakuin University	Japan
Celso C. Talaba	LI.B., University of the Philippines	Philippines
Yoshitaka Tokuda (<i>cum laude</i>)	B.A., Kyushu University	Japan
Andrew J. Tribe (<i>magna cum laude</i>)	ACMA, Chartered Inst. of Management Accountants	UK
Yoshiaki Tsubota	B.A., Aoyama Gakuin University	Japan
Kevin R. Vallee	B.A., State University of New York at Albany, USA	Canada
Wonho D. Woo	B.A., Cornell University, USA	South Korea
Stephen P. Wright (<i>magna cum laude</i>)	B.S., Cornell University	USA

Master of Divinity

Anthony C.V. Adamson (<i>magna cum laude</i>)	B.S., State University of New York at Albany, USA	UK
	Thesis: <i>The Evolution of Russian Messianism</i>	
Dirk Anthonis (<i>cum laude</i>)	B.A., University of Gent	Belgium
	Thesis: <i>Six Habits of Healthy Families</i>	
Jerry Chesnut (<i>cum laude</i>)	B.S., State University of New York at Albany	USA
	Thesis: <i>Life of Jesus</i>	
Jeong Phyo Hong	B.S., Chosun University	South Korea
	Thesis: <i>Han Thought: From Tangun to True Parents</i>	
Katsumi Kambashi	B.S., State University of New York at Albany, USA	Japan
	Thesis: <i>Life of Heart</i>	
Michael H. Kiely (<i>cum laude</i>)	M.A., New York University	USA
	Thesis: <i>Issues of Unification Education</i>	
Raymond H. Presky	B.A., State University of New York at Albany	UK
	Thesis: <i>The Messianic Self-Understanding of Reverend Sun Myung Moon</i>	
Josef Schinwald (<i>cum laude</i>)	B.S., State University of New York at Albany	Austria
	Thesis: <i>Lost Paradise, Zen and the Four Great Realms of Heart</i>	
Ken Sudo (<i>cum laude</i>)	B.S., Osaka University	Japan
	Thesis: <i>Explaining the Completed Testament Providence</i>	
Shunsuke Uotani (<i>magna cum laude</i>)	B.S., Tokyo Institute of Technology	Japan
	Thesis: <i>Tension and Synthesis: Christianity and the Japanese mind in Kanzo Uchimura</i>	

Strengthen the Power of Your Conscience

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

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UNIFICATION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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DISTINGUISHED guests, parents, graduates, alumni, board, administration, faculty, staff, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the nineteenth annual graduation exercises of the Unification Theological Seminary.

Today we are here to honor 38 graduates of the class of 1995.

The message which I, as the founder of the seminary, want to convey to you who are graduating today is: strengthen the power of your conscience to possess the true love of God. To possess the true love of God is not a selfish act at all, but rather a very unselfish one. The reason is that the true love of God is, by nature, unselfish and sacrificial. When God created the world, He in His act of creation completely invested and sacrificed Himself out of true love, hoping that Adam and Eve, His objects of true love, would also assume the same sacrificial nature of true love to build His joyful kingdom. Unfortunately, this hope of God was completely shattered by the fall, God continued to tirelessly and sacrificially pour out His heart of love toward fallen humanity, hoping that some day the whole of humanity would come back to Him to restore the true love relationship.

The battle between the conscience and the body

In order to inherit and possess this true love of God, you have to strengthen the power of your conscience, overcoming your physical desire. Unfortunately, after the fall of man, a fierce battle started within the individual, between the conscience and the physical body. This battle within the individual seems to be fiercer than major wars in human history such as World War I and World War II. Whereas those historical wars usually ended within a few years, the individual war between the conscience and the physical body seems to be unending, not only within the entire life of a person, but also for generation after generation. The fall of man allowed the physical body to become the instrument of Satan's selfish desire. As a result, the physical body has always sought to fulfill its selfish desire entirely against the direction of the conscience, which is the dwelling place of God. Therefore, whatever little conscience the individual has as a result of the fall has always been completely dominated by the physical body. Thus, coming from these individuals, there have always been families, tribes, nations and the world under the domination of Satan.

Today I really want to encourage you to strengthen your conscience, fiercely challenging your physical desire. You know that you still have a conscience, even after the fall in the Gar-

den of Eden. You know that some force within your mind is still urging you to live for the sake of others, practicing true love. That force is your conscience. Just develop and strengthen it.

Remember the situation of God

This may not be an easy task, at least in the beginning, but remember the situation of God. Throughout history, God has always been investing and sacrificing Himself for the sake of the salvation of miserable humanity. So, if you adamantly challenge your physical desire in order to develop your conscience, then God will definitely be with you to offer you his help.

As the one called by God to bear God's burden in this age, I discovered the reality of God's tearful historical journey to invest and sacrifice Himself for the sake of the salvation of miserable humanity. This is the reason why I was strongly determined to completely liberate the conscience from the physical body in order to be completely one with God. In the course of history, there have been numerous religions and religious leaders who have taught that the body must be denied and sacrificed for the purpose of the conscience gaining control over the body. But no religion, nor any religious leader, has been able to gain total control over the body because no one has discovered the reality of God's tearful historical journey of salvation. For the first time in human history, the Divine Principle, which is the teaching of the Unification Church, has completely revealed God's heart of true love. As a result of this revelation, perfection is now a reality.

Develop your conscience

Be bold and courageous in developing your conscience. Sacrifice yourself and live for the sake of others. If you carefully study yourself, you will notice that your conscience knows everything that you have to do. In that regard, the conscience within yourself is the greatest teacher of all. You have studied at the seminary with your teachers here, but the conscience as God's dwelling place is greater than all of them. It is even greater than your own parents, once you develop and strengthen it.

When you have gained total control over the body, thus totally liberating the conscience within yourself, the ambition of the conscience will be completely satisfied. That is because the conscience reaches the highest possible position in the entire cosmos—the domain of God's true love. If you reach that domain, you will inherit and possess not only the true

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love of God, but also His true life and true lineage, thus being able to multiply God-centered children, families, tribes, nations and world to build the Kingdom of God on earth.

The domain of God's true love

The domain of God's true love is where the four great realms of heart are established—parents' love toward children, conjugal love, sibling love and children's love toward parents. It is also where the three great kingships are established—the past kingship of victorious grandparents, the present kingship of victorious parents, and the future kingship of victorious children—victorious in all four realms of heart.

What we should be reminded of here is that in order for the four great realms of heart and the three great kingships to be established, we need to embody the unselfish and sacrificial nature of God's true love as the most essential element. If you embody it to establish within your family the four great realms of heart and the three great kingships, then your family will be a basic unit of the Kingdom of God. If you additionally love plants, animals and the earth, you will be completely one with God such that you will not feel Him as a separate entity any more.

Dearest graduates of this year, I really want all of you to

become men and women of the greatest conscience in order to build the Kingdom of God where true love shall be practiced in this way and where, according to the Bible, there shall not be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore. The forty-year wilderness course after World War II was concluded with the victorious establishment of true elder-sonship, parentship and kingship. During this forty-year period, unspeakable indemnity and sacrifice were made to launch a new era.

The next five years until the year 2000 A.D. will be a very critical period in human history. If we work hard out of true love, based on the victorious conclusion of the forty-year wilderness course, then with the power of God we will be able to radically change this world of selfish individualism, free sex, homosexuality and other intolerable crimes, transforming it into the Kingdom of God by the turn of the century.

You, as graduates of the heavenly academy called the Unification Theological Seminary, are all expected to join this final battle to defeat the force of Satan's selfish desire on the cosmic level. Before winning this battle, equip yourselves with the unbreakable power of the conscience to possess the true love of God. Thank you. ■■

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Bear the Cross

Theodore Tadaaki Shimmyo
June 25, 1995
Unification Theological Seminary
Barrytown, New York

DEAR graduates of 1995, congratulations on your graduation! My final message to you who are graduating today is: As UTS graduates, bear the cross on behalf of God and humanity.

All of you know from the teaching of the Divine Principle that throughout human history God has been suffering because of the miserably fallen condition of the world. The fall of man, which happened at the dawn of human history, completely shattered God's dream of living with human beings as His beloved sons and daughters. Even the omnipotent God, who since the fall has been pouring out His heart of unconditional love for the sake of the salvation of human beings, has not been able to complete the salvific process due to their continuous

rebellion and faithlessness. This has caused Him unspeakable pain and suffering. Regarding human beings themselves, they, too, have been experiencing much agony and pain which they inflicted on themselves as well as on God. Look at this miserable world where egotism, war, immorality, free sex, homosexuality, and crime are rampant. It seems that there has been no real way out of this misery once the whole of humanity came under the domination of Satan after the fall.

Given this situation of the world, why don't we courageously go out there to bear the cross on behalf of God and humanity? This seems to be the most important mission of UTS graduates who are privileged to have been trained here as heavenly soldiers for two years or

more. Here, you have studied not only the Divine Principle but also other subjects such as theology, church history and the Bible. You have also lived a communal life as comrades and reflected on your faith and commitment. Now is the time to go out and bear the cross in the battlefield. To bear the cross means to accept all problems in the world as if they were your own and to solve them out of your genuine love toward your fellow humans with whose problems you are dealing. To do that means to liberate not only humanity but also God from all pain and suffering, because the liberation of humanity means the fulfillment of God's own dream.

Some of you might wonder how you can bear the cross for others when in many cases you are busy dealing with

your own problems. Let me say that if you are absolutely willing to serve others in spite of your own problems, God will be so impressed with you that He will give you His powerful help to miraculously overcome not only your own problems but also the problems of others. If you are absolutely committed to bearing the cross out of love, God will definitely be with you. For to bear the cross in that way makes you resemble God, who is always willing to bear the cross as the Parent of humanity.

God's problem is that He has not been able to find people who fully resemble Him in this regard. Of course, Jesus bore the cross for the spiritual salvation of humanity 2,000 years ago, and many sages and saints before and after him also bore the cross for the sake of others. This assuredly advanced God's providence of salvation immensely, but there has not been a full breakthrough so far. Evil is still flourishing in the world. Who will stop evil fully? I believe it is UTS graduates who should do this job. UTS

graduates should boldly go to serve and bear the cross in order to testify to the power of God to overcome evil.

The point I am making has come from the teaching of Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, who tirelessly and sacrificially spent fifty years after World War II to bear the cross for God and humanity. Because of their absolute commitment out of love, the way of complete salvation has been victoriously opened. A new era of tremendous hope has come.

Now, I have a question. Because of the complete victory of Reverend and Mrs. Moon, shall we just think that God's will will be done without our doing anything for the sake of God and humanity? Therefore, shall we just remain lazy, seeking our own happiness and enjoyment in our lives, after hearing the good news? Absolutely not! We have to inherit the best tradition of Reverend and Mrs. Moon and work even harder than before until every corner of the world is covered by the love of God. We have to go beyond our level of satisfaction, always challeng-

ing ourselves. We might even have to leave Reverend and Mrs. Moon behind to courageously go out to the battlefield on their behalf to build God's kingdom out there. That would be the best way to make God rejoice. That way, God will be with you.

Here at the seminary, haven't we been trained that way? Haven't we learned about God's suffering heart? Haven't we studied the tearful course of Reverend and Mrs. Moon to serve God and the world?

Today is the day of your graduation from the seminary. Therefore, I really want all of you to renew your understanding of the significance of bearing the cross. May God bless you in your work after graduation. Thank you very much. ■■

Dr. Theodore Shimmyo is president of the Unification Theological Seminary. He and his wife participated in the 1800 Couples' Blessing in 1975.

The Promise of Wisdom

Josef Schinwald

THE most fascinating question for me has always been who am I? At first glance, from a worldly viewpoint,

the permanent presence of such a question in one's mind might bring one sooner or later to the office of a psychiatrist.

Unificationism asserts, however, the vital importance of this deeply religious question since fallen humankind lost their vertical resemblance with God (their conscience) due to the fall. From a Unification theological viewpoint, the question of who I really am is most profound; it is precisely through the principle of resemblance that we come to know the whole universe through self-knowledge; in fact, we encounter God face to face through answering the question "Who am I?" It is through my training at the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) that I came to realize this precious inner wisdom more fully.

I wanted to attend the seminary because I had profound spiritual experiences on which I wanted to learn to reflect deeply. I fervently desired to transform my life into a permanent spiritual experience. Moreover, I wanted to become a wise father, someone who would be able to give answers to questions. I also wished to get to know True Parents myself instead of secondhand, hearing others talking about them, and above all I yearned to follow my heart's ambition



Mr. W. Farley Jones (left), chairman of the UTS Board of Trustees, Dr. Jennifer Tanabe (center), dean of students at UTS, and Dr. Theodore Shimmyo (right), president of UTS, enjoy a moment together during the graduation ceremony.

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to accomplish a great mission for God in my lifetime.

Vision of the future

After I graduated from high school in 1980, I traveled for over half a year to Central and South America. I returned to Austria with the intention of going back to Latin America as a medical doctor to dedicate my life to the poor. After one year of study, this vision for my future life became more obscured by daily frustrations with studying bones and muscles, so I decided to take off for two weeks. I hitchhiked to Spain and went on a beautiful mountain for a five day fast. On the way I read from Lao Tse's *Tao Te Ching*, the Hindu Upanishads and from the Bible.

Upon my return I had a spiritual experience of myself as an encapsulation of the entire universe, the stars, the sun, the moon, the ocean, the earth; everything in the whole cosmos was reflecting my true nature. From that moment on I knew that my true self is much more than I could have ever imagined. I decided to quit medical studies to study the world's great religions and spirituality in general.

Since I did not want to continue right away with studies in comparative religions I traveled a little more, finally staying one year in India. My life there was not easy as I really struggled over questions of what is liberation, salvation, the Kingdom of God and Nirvana. The more I searched for my true self, the more I

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The promise of inner wisdom

It was only after I received the blessing in 1989 that God was able to recover my conscience more fully when He lifted me up to His bosom. At that time, I saw, spiritually, my inner eye through which I could see God and God could see me opened up. I saw the living reality of the Principle of Creation, that to which the words in the Divine Principle book are but a "fingerprints." I asked God, how can I stay in His realm of heart. He answered with a vision of the book, *God's Will and the World*, where I could read



Josef Schinwald (center) pauses for a moment to take a photo with his friends in front of the main building on campus. Left to right: Sung Am Moon, Jerry Chesnut, Joseph, Edward Heinz and Robert Kittel.

about Father's formula course.

I wanted to attend the seminary because UTS symbolized for me the promise of inner wisdom, the mirror in which I would be able to reflect upon my ineffable mystical experiences. Moreover, the seminary was exactly what I was looking for after I had quit my medical studies.

Did the seminary fulfill my expectations? Yes, because I learned here to become responsible to ask the right questions, do my own research and find my own answers. I never really wanted to rely on anything else, but my own mind. After all, it is a perfect mirror of God's mind. Because of the fall, people are

usually not aware of the goldmine they carry between their ears. We are like cars with blown up motors. The seminary provided the great opportunity for me to responsibly restore, step by step, the original functions of my mind as the mirror-mind of

God and one's wisdom as the mirror-wisdom of God.

Approval from Rev. Won Pil Kim

Reverend Won Pil Kim was the church leader of Europe in 1990, before I left Austria to study at UTS. When he heard of my desire to study at UTS from the Austrian national leader, he invited me to Frankfurt, Germany where he interviewed me for four hours.

If you are a Unificationist in Europe, you cannot just decide on your own to attend the seminary. Even my national leader was surprised that I had such a desire. That is why he had to consult with the European leader.

I followed Rev. Kim's direction not to

attend the seminary right away and went to Leipzig (in the former East Germany) where I did missionary work for a couple of months. After I had found three spiritual children, Reverend Won Pil Kim thought I was ready to study at UTS and he gave his approval.

Reasons for attending fulfilled

After my graduation in June 1995, and Father's direction in East Garden the two weeks later, I can now state that the four reasons I wanted to attend the seminary were all completely satisfied. As a divinity student I had to write a thesis which gave me the great opportunity to reflect on my spiritual experiences of the past.

Working on my thesis, "Lost Paradise, Zen and the Four Great Realms of Heart," not only was of great benefit for my own spiritual development, but also now serves as a textbook for future classes on spirituality and world religions at UTS. I intend to rewrite my thesis into a proper book.

After having studied at UTS, I feel much more equipped with inner wisdom to guide my children. Furthermore, I have had the opportunity to attend True Parents many times on holy days in the Manhattan Center and on Sundays in Belvedere, sometimes even in East Garden. Finally, I received—along with my fellow graduates—a mission directly from Father.

New mission country

My mission country is Honduras. It has mountains and rivers just like Austria. I heard that its five million people are very amiable. When Mother asked us missionaries to Latin America who, among us, speaks Spanish, I answered "un poco" (a little).

I am actually pretty fluent. I began

intense study of Spanish right after our encounter with True Parents in East Garden. I recently received the *Divine Principle* in Spanish. I will try to bring great glory to the seminary by teaching its content to a lot of people down there.

Moreover, since I remembered reading the scriptures of the Mayas—the Popol Vuh—sixteen years ago when I first visited Central America, I dug it out from our seminary library. When I opened it, somewhere in the middle I discovered that the ancient Quiche Mayas had a fall story, authentically related to that of the book of Genesis in the Bible.

I wonder now if anyone ever tried to find spiritual children in Central America

by teaching the Divine Principle on the basis of the Popol Vuh. When I first thought about that idea, the ancient history of Maya culture awakened in my mind and I felt the phenomena of returning resurrection right there in Barrytown. I am pretty sure that some of the noble spirits of this ancient civilization are already accompanying me, from the time I received my mission country.

According to Father's direction, our primary purpose is to turn around three important aspects of public life in our mission country: media, politics and education. Since the fundamental problem in some of our mission countries is a lack of modern facilities for communi-

cation, I need to set up an office in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras. I will need financial support to do so.

Honduras is considered a very poor country. God wanted me as Austrian missionary to serve this country for the next five to seven years, maybe even longer. According to Father, God's dispensation will move toward Europe, as soon as the South American providence is accomplished. ■■

Josef Schinwald and his wife, Heather, are part of the 8000 Couples' Blessing. They have three boys. Please feel free to contact Josef through the seminary if you wish to help him in his new mission country.

Divinity Graduate Response

Jerry Chesnut

As you look at our graduates, you can see that we come from many different cultures. Each culture has its own wisdom tradition; its famous quotations to guide human lives.

There is one quotation that surely exists in some form in every culture. I will paraphrase it as follows: "Wisdom comes from the mouths of little children." Not a very comforting or appropriate thought for a 46-year-old, middle-aged divinity student, like myself, at the threshold of his future—who knows very well that if he reads every book of famous quotations ever published, that he will not find a quotation that associates wisdom with being middle-aged or with being a divinity student. We all know where theologians and ministers end up in the after-life, if we're to believe men like Dante and Swedenborg. Well, with all that in mind, I wondered what I could say on this occasion to bring hope to myself and my fellow graduates.

My five-year-old son is a brave young man. I say that because he has to sleep next to me every night, enduring sharp, bony knees and elbows with which my wife could split diamonds. This morning, my son snuggled up to me in bed and asked, "Are you graduating today, daddy?" "Yes, I am." Staring into my eyes, he said, "So now what are you going to do?"

Fellow graduates, now what are we going to do? The most optimum scenario gives me about thirty more productive years of life. Some of you may have forty

or fifty more years. My son's question has become a very serious one for me. What can I manifest in thirty years?

Thirty years; that is 10,950 days. If I save just \$10 a day for thirty years, that is \$109,500. If I invest it from the beginning at 10%, that is a good chunk of money in thirty years. With that kind of money and a lot of dedication, I might be able to save the physical and spiritual lives of many people in a nation with a monthly wage of, say, \$50. I could still have enough left over to educate and train my son to become a highly-skilled holy man or, hey, the holy president of a nation. Think of how many people I would be helping then! What if my son, the president, influences three other presidents? What if I live my life every moment as though it were not merely three-dimensional, but four-dimensional? In other words, what if I stand every moment with one foot in this world and one in the next, building eternal treasure in the hereafter through the relationships I build on earth with God, True Parents and human beings; and eternal treasure on earth through the son that I raise and the people I save whose descendants will multiply forever and ever.

Remember God's promise to Abraham. Remember Jesus' unmarried life of only 33 years, and how many millions of people he continues to influence 2,000 years later. Nobody even knows what he looked like. You, however, are being videotaped right at this moment, standing in a Com-

pleted Testament era with God and True Parents.

Ladies and gentlemen, the question which is burning in the hearts of each graduate here today, is how much love and goodness can I squeeze out of myself before I die? How much can I overcome that terrifying tendency that I have to ignore the hidden and sometimes unbearable sorrow that lies behind God and each person that has lived for a time on this earth?

Many of the graduates here this morning, including myself, are worrying about how they are going to pay off their debts, or fix their teeth, or sell off all their furniture, or protect their family from the dangers of a missionary's life, but you can be sure that every graduate here is mostly worrying about how to accomplish the very noble purposes that love dictates and that God and the founders of this seminary have planted in our hearts.

We have eternity to look forward to, but only a few years left to set its foundations. Good luck, graduates. I look forward to reading your e-mail letters soon, from all over the world, in broken English. Perhaps, someday, you will be smiling in Africa as you read my broken French or in Korea as you read my broken Korean; but, please, let's try to keep in touch. It is not by accident that we have been here together. May God bless each one of you, and I will see you out there. ■■

**We have met together today and this is
a day of deep significance. I have
shared a very important message with
you and I have placed my trust in you.
I kindly ask that you not forget this.
I also ask that, to follow the proper
path, you make a re-determination,
based on this new awakening, to bring
God's blessing to your families and
your nation. In that way, ideal families
will begin to appear on this earth.**

Reverend Sun Myung Moon
May 16, 1995