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The Three Secrets of Victory

Taken from Rev. Hwang's sermon at the 6:00 a.m. Sunday service in the Headquarters Church on November 21, 1999

GOOD morning everyone. In 1976, after passing through military service and while studying theology in university, I attended a workshop in Chung Pyung. One day, it was drizzling, and we were supposed to stay in a cottage on the opposite side of the workshop center. In the evening we had to put up the electric wires. No one had tried to climb up the telephone poles. I decided to do it, and I started to attach the wire to the pole. Suddenly, I received an electric shock and my hand became stuck to the wire. It was very thin wire, but as my hand stuck to it, it felt like a thick wooden stick. My body trembled with the shock, and though I tried to take my hand off the wire, I could not. The fear of death fell suddenly upon me, and I thought "I'm going to die!" It was so terrifying that I screamed silently. Rev. Yo Han Lee and some other workshop participants were down below, and they were soon in a panic seeing my body stuck to the wire. Losing my will, I thought, "I'm dying," and memories flitted through my mind.

The first memory was of one university friend who had persecuted our church during the time I served in the army, and who had died. When he died I felt sorry because he was so young. I was reminded of him now it was my turn to die. The next scene image was of my mother. At once I became sorrowful, thinking that I couldn't be more dutiful to my mother. Then finally, I thought of God, and as He came to my mind, I tried to shout, "Please Heavenly Father, help me!" As I began to shout, "Heavenly Father!" my hand was suddenly released from the wire. I felt a unique inspiration and conviction in God. I can never forget that moment that proved God's existence to me. No matter how I tried to get my hand off the wire, I could not. However when I said "Heavenly Father!" it just happened. I was caught on the wire for about one and a half minutes with the electricity running through my body. Generally the body jumps back when shocked by a high voltage. However when shocked by a lower voltage, the body sticks to the electric wire until the internal moisture completely dries out. To this day, my memories of that inspiring experience of God remain vivid.

I don't think I am the only one to have been

inspired by God in such a manner. I believe all of you have had such experiences in your life of faith. However when time passes we often lose such grace and inspiration. The complete memory starts to fade from our mind. Look at the faith of John the Baptist in the Bible. When he was still living as a prophet in the after meeting Jesus, he had deep inspirations about God. However he ended his life very miserably. During the last days of his life, while in prison, he sent a messenger to Jesus. He wanted to verify Jesus' identity once more. However Jesus did not give a clear answer but replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see." Then Jesus asked to his disciples, "What did you go out into the desert to see?"

Like John the Baptist, we have experienced many things in our lives of faith. If in the final moment, Father asks, "What did you want to receive when you joined the way of God's will?", how would you want

to respond? When John first understood God's will, it was very painful moment because he was choosing to go a difficult path. Alone in the , he finally met Jesus and could see the truth under that tribulation. He could feel God's revelation under that trial. He could confess that he had come to make straight the way for the Lord. He judged himself as not fit to even carry the Lord's sandals. However, as the number of his fol-

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Rev. Hwang toured the regions of Korea in December in his capacity as Korean church president. Below, the leaders meeting in Choongchung Province



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*Many Koreans
are preparing
for international
blessing with
spouses from
other Asian
countries*



*Photo: Korean-
Thai couples
take a group
photo after a
preliminary
ceremony in
Seoul, Dec. 5*

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THE VALUE OF BLESSED FAMILIES

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Father's words to leaders on True Parents' return to the USA from South America on December 18, 1999; Rev. Peter Kim interpreting.

YOU must experience self-realization based on how significant and precious blessed families are. You are not ordinary people on the street. Blessed couples have emerged as the completion of God's history of restoration, a history in which God put so many saints and sages through the restoration course. Blessed couples have come and they must take responsibility for the restoration course. So you must absolutely live up to the standard of my teachings. You must understand the value of blessed couples because the husband and wife of a blessed couple are the fruit of six thousand years of God's history of restoration. Think of how much suffering God has gone through to establish such couples. Now there is no heavenly nation because God had to begin with one family and build from that foundation. Without having a blessed family, you cannot enter the Kingdom of God on earth. That is why you pray in your own name. In your name you give your official report to God. You bring God to your own family level.

Originally in the Garden, Adam and Eve should have perfected themselves and invited God to their family level and lived with Him and given Him reports of what they were doing. Now is the time for you to reach that level by the grace of True Parents. In your prayer you should therefore invite God to your family level and give a report. Then God can deal with all the blessed couples in the world on an equal basis, receiving all their reports. This is possible only through True Parents. We are in a great transition period. My sweat, tears and effort have restored the failures in the history of restoration. I succeeded in taking every step and as a result you have the blessing of being called blessed families. Centering on this, you have to offer absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. All the blessed families of the world, no matter how far distant, are interconnected by an invisible rope of absolute faith, love and obedience. As long as you maintain that absolute faith, love and obedience, Satan cannot cut the rope.

Adam and Eve were to have built such a relationship originally. If you have this absolute faith, love and obedience in our daily life, as they were to have done, reporting to and centering everything on True Parents, then True Parents will become the center of your marriage. Then you will remain intact as a blessed couple. This is the meaning of the era of the fourth Adam. In order to do that, we have to secure the true blood lineage. Parents and children should have the same blood lineage. This is why I have given mottoes about the elimination of the satanic blood lineage these past few years. There is only one thing we must absolutely keep intact:

the true blood lineage. To be true siblings, we have to have the same parents. This blood lineage centering on true love from True Parents unites us around the world as one family. To maintain this, you must deny yourselves in absolute self-negation. On that foundation, the vertical relationship can stand. Then the rope connecting all blessed couples around the world can remain without being cut by Satan.

Being the president of a university is nothing in relation to keeping one's true blood lineage. Only by keeping the lineage can we have the luxury of having a blessed family. The blessed family is the unit by which we develop our true love relationship with God and True Parents. Even Jesus went

to the cross because of the fall of man, and True Parents' course also has been one of agony and suffering because of the fallen lineage. But True Parents have won every fight on the way, and so we have blessed families all over the world. Therefore, you have to have absolute confidence in your blessed family life. Blessed families are the most precious thing for God, Jesus and True Parents to see. The value of the blessed family is greater than the value of anything you can imagine in the universe. Nothing can compare with it, from the beginning of the creation to the very end of history. Nothing can replace it. I have established God's true lineage through the blessed families. On that basis, the entire universe has no choice but to accept and cooperate. Judaism or any Christian church can claim a certain role in God's providence, but they are secondary and tertiary in their purposes, compared to the establishment of blessed families.

You have to realize the value of the blessed family in your daily life. It is more valuable than anything in the universe because it is where God establishes the true blood lineage. On your own, you would never be able to reach this position.

That is why True Father alone took the responsibility to establish the international educational headquarters in Jardim and invited all the blessed families to go through education there. I provided this education in order to make the foundation to unify north and south, east and west, and Catholicism and Protestantism. It is to rectify all imbalances and create unification. The educated blessed couples should emerge with a new understanding that in our life of faith we have to go through stages, not just make a quantum leap. You have to start as individuals and go through every stage by giving ourselves for the sake of others. In that way you can inherit True Parents' tradition, love, life and lineage. On that basis you can go anywhere in the world, be at home and offer yourselves in the place of True Parents. This is why you have to fulfill the responsibility to make the Total Living Offering. By so doing, you go through the process of self-negation. Then as True Parents go over the worldwide hill, you are engrafted to

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us, even as a small branch. Thus you will go over into the era of the fourth Adam. Then you inherit what I have achieved, and you should do whatever I do from now.

You will have to go down to the zero point through love, at which point you do not have any self-centeredness. We will form tribes centering on the blessed families. The seven-year course from 1997-2003 is equivalent to 1945-1952, during which I could have restored the world by giving the blessing to all the Christian couples and other religions' couples too. It was postponed then, but now it is actually taking place.

In 1945, I was in the position of the manifestation of the perfection of the elder son restored from the satanic world. Because of the failure of Christianity, everything was lost. This 40-year postponement took place, and from 1997, that seven-year course began again. Then at the end of the third year of this course, I inaugurated the realm of the fourth Adam so that there would be no satanic interference. Also, I proclaimed elder sonship, parentship and kingship, based on my having paid the indemnity to bring these key positions back to God.

From this point, centering on True Parents, our responsibility is to restore elder sonship on our own, parentship on the world level, and kingship on the cosmic level. Centering on England as the Eve nation at the end of World War II, the father nation and elder son nation worked hard and realized the victory. This should have borne fruit through the acceptance of True Parents. So True Father took responsibility and restored all the conditions and we are here. Now in the last stage, in the era of the fourth Adam, with the physical world and spirit world united together, True Father is in the position to establish kingship.

The three nations have become one, Korea, Japan and America. Due to this, I have restored the foundation that was lost after World War II by the declaration of the unity of the father, mother and elder son nations. Because of that foundation, and its declaration to the world, we have a substantial foundation for blessed families to go back to their hometowns and start building the substantial Kingdom of God on earth, centering on their own families.

After World War II, the three allied and three axis nations plus Korea, seven nations in all, should have been the foundation to build the Kingdom of God on earth. Centering on Korea, the two sets of three nations should have united. But that was lost and is now restored. On this victory, I could declare the era of the fourth Adam, so we can build the Kingdom of God on earth now. This seven-year course beginning 1997 is the one during which we have to liberate and bless whatever remnants of satanic lineage there are, so there is no trace of Satan.

The elder sonship, parentship and kingship should be substantiated by and belong to blessed families. Establishing them is our privilege. Representing the blessed families, we need a blessed nation that can substantiate the realm of the



PHOTOS: KEN OWENS/NFP

True Parents host a Christmas Day party for second generation members at Belvedere Estate, and (below) carry out the work of True Santa

father, mother and elder son on the national level.

I will give detailed instructions on how to build your tribe now. Only those blessed couples who go through Jardim and make the Living Offering will go out to the three nations, Korea, Japan and America. They will relocate in those countries. They should have restored 180 families of their own tribe. When True Father starts to build tribes in these nations, then 7 times 180 families (1,260) will belong to each blessed

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참부모님의 섭리론적 책임완수

THE COSMOS IS MY HOMETOWN AND FATHERLAND

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WHERE is your hometown and fatherland in this world? Everyone has a different hometown and fatherland because we have different nationalities. To resolve this, let us examine the meaning of the cosmos. There can be many different hometowns, but there is only one cosmos.

In Chinese characters, which are mystically formed, *cheon* represents heaven, *joo* means house and *cheon joo* means heavenly house, or cosmos. *Cheon* consists of two people, but the second character means house. So this means a house in which two people can dwell freely, with no restrictions. *Cheon joo* means two people living in the heavenly house in total freedom.

In English, we cannot separate the syllables "cos" and "mos," but in Chinese characters we can do this. If you look into the structure of Chinese characters, you see this deep meaning. When we say *chun-ji-in*, it means heaven and earth and the individual. Everything is included there. When we study our own body, we find both spiritual and physical elements. *Chun-ji-in* includes it all. In your face, everything is in pairs. Your face is like your home. Subject-object relationships are there. Your eyes represent heaven or God.

Oriental thought usually has a broader meaning or perspective than western thought. Orientals have a tendency to set priorities for their work. They prioritize in a *yin-yang* way, this, then that, coming in, going out. Oriental culture is more round, inclusive and embracing. Western is straight and narrow. So Westerners can go out but not come back. So Westerners need Orientals in order to return. To grasp the entire universe you need this *chun joo*, this house. So you should hang on to Orientals.

If I keep talking on the meaning of Chinese characters, there will be no end. Just make sure you Westerners are united with Orientals in order to form a sphere, a rounded personality. Front and rear, upper and lower: when you establish all these points, you can secure your position in the center. A globe needs a center, uniting what is above and below, right and left, front and rear. You cannot just deal with the front; you need to know the rear. You need to know past and future, east and west, eastern and western cultures. These relationships should exist, not just one side or the other.

THREE PLANES CREATE A SPHERE

Make sure you position yourself in the center. Above and below represent parent and child, right and left are husband and wife, and front and rear are brother and sister. With proper relationships in these directions, we can form a spherical shape with our life. Every segment of the sphere converges to the center. Nothing is present in the center; it is the zero point. Yet from that zero point, everything is connected on the

circumference, at the same distance. The center point is the number seven. That's where you should be positioned. That is why there is the expression that seven is a lucky number. That is where God dwells. Yet God is invisible. It is the invisible center, where God stays.

When we join spirit world, God will guide us, yet God is invisible. We cannot see above, but we can see below. Therefore the visible below and invisible above should become one. That is perfection. If you just have one of them, it is incomplete. The visible body and invisible mind should be one, then you are complete. If either is missing, you are incomplete. You cannot live just with right and not left. They should come together to establish a different direction. When you move, there is front and rear. The air in front of us is pushed and that air behind us is following. This relationship should have a balance, equality. Above and below are heaven and earth; right and left represent humanity, and front and rear are past and future. These three elements should be combined together. In this sphere are three different circular movements, centering on the three directions. When the three circular movements unite, a seed is produced.

You may be handsome but you still need your parents! A man needs a woman and also brothers and sisters. In your parents, you should be able to find everything, and all directions, because they represent everything. They already grew up as brother and sister and husband and wife, and now they are parents. So everything is within them. So whoever denies his parents is a total failure and has no value in life. Such a person does not have this formula or pattern. In the same way that Adam and Eve grew up from childhood toward becoming husband and wife and parents, we all go through the same process. The three planes of circular movement come together and eventually become one. They mingle together and form the center and the outcome is the seed of your family. So in your family you find your parents, husband and wife and children. Your family can make this circular movement. This is the model for the ideal family existence.

When God is with the movement of the sphere, the seed can be formed. The dimensions become one. The seed is protected by three layers, with plus and minus inside. In other words, our family should become like God. In the Principle this is the four-position foundation and triple objective purpose, and this is the origin of the universe. This Principle exists in everything. Can a woman become a seed? To provide a seed, she needs to go through three stages, child, wife and parent. Then she can provide the seed of life. That way she can exist for eternity, like a wheel spinning in the universe.

A soccer ball is round, like a sphere. For it to be so there is air pressure pushing with equal power in every direction from the inside. Otherwise it will not be round. There is a centrifugal force pushing out in each direction at an equal amount.

If you stand in the center and give out, there is natural harmony.

What makes that possible? The power of love. True love power is giving power. If you apply that in your life, you will find a balance. It is not receiving power but giving and supporting power. So if you stand in the center and give out, there is natural harmony. At that point you are in total negation of yourself and you are just giving. At this zero point, everything is welcomed. This giving power is internal power. You deny yourself and keep giving. So receiving power will follow the giving power and the eternal movement will begin.

The entire cosmos exists as a sphere, with God at the center exercising giving, true love power. Heavenly fortune is being applied in every corner, making sure everything grows and prospers. In this universe, there is always the giving power—true love power—and because of this, a receiving power follows and fills the vacuum, creating eternal movement. The center is thus established. Love is flowing constantly, as do water and air.

GIVE OUT UNTIL YOU REACH THE ZERO POINT

Today's topic is "The Cosmos is My Hometown and Fatherland." In this home, the cosmos, all beings are included. God is in the center of the sphere and God is giving His power to support everything. Once everything receives, it has to give back, like a reflective light. Like God, they should be willing to give more than they receive. This leads to the expansion of everything and of the cosmos.

A good man is one who gives more than he receives, and one who gives less than he receives is called evil. Parents are the example of goodness because they want their children to have greater value than they. Between husband and wife, each expects the other to become greater than they are. The elder brother expects the younger brother to become greater. Those who give more than they receive are the origin. Even in one's conversation, if you feel happy by hearing something, then you feel like talking more and more. If you are intoxicated looking at someone, you keep looking and looking. In relationship of husband and wife, you may just kiss or hug at the beginning, but you get hotter and hotter and finally say, "Even if we die, let's just stay this way." Once you understand the principle here, you need no more explanation.

The top unification members are the ones who give more than they receive. Those who practice what they read in *hoon dok hae* are the number one members. Is this right or wrong? [Right!] Those who receive, and just consume, not returning

anything, move backwards in life. It looks as if they are walking forward but they are moving backwards. You are in relationship to everything in the universe, so you should give back everything that you receive. Then you can be in balance with the universe.

The conclusion is to become a person who can give more than he receives. In the cosmos as my hometown, what position am I talking about? If you position yourself on the border, you cannot reach everything because some things are close and others are far away. The position you call your hometown and fatherland, in which every position and angle will welcome you and do *mansei*, is what position? It's like a soccer ball being filled with air, that you cannot see but you know is there. The entire sphere is totally vacant; you don't see anything. Even at the center, nothing is visible. However, there is a secret. Just like God, you don't see anything in the external world, but once you reach the core of the internal world, you can reach out to the external world and the internal world as well. Without experiencing this absolute zero point, you cannot know about or experience God's love.

While you are denying yourself and your country, keep going for God and you will reach the core of the cosmos and find God. It is not easy to deny and negate yourself. That is the point of marking the eight stages. As when God created the universe, there was nothing and He created it from nothing. So we have to go to the zero point and achieving nothingness. Then we meet God and and like God who created all things, we will receive this substantial world. This means that we should be able to digest everything created by God.

Where do you want to build your hometown and fatherland? When you say, hometown, you may refer to the entire earth, but fatherland refers to where God dwells. It is on the earth. Where on earth? You may have to be more specific then. Your hometown is this entire world. The definition of hometown is where your parents live, where you were born and where your brothers and sisters live.

THE HOLY TRINITY OF LOVE, LIFE AND LINEAGE

Would you like to train a tiger and sit and ride on its back? If you train it with love from its infancy, the tiger will become your horse. It will rather eat its own parent than you because you are the master of love. He will even want to die in your arms. In Jardim I did an experiment. I told Rev. Kim to have the dogs and cats eat and sleep together. Now they are very friendly with each other. There is nothing surpassing love. If a little child loves the cat most, the cat will go to the little child. The cat will follow love, even from little children. There is nothing in the natural world that does not return the equal amount of love they have received. Only human beings violate this.

The cosmos is my hometown and fatherland. You may have come from all over the world, but centered on true love there is only one hometown and one fatherland. Everything goes to the true love place, the center. This planet earth can become our hometown and fatherland. The fatherland is where God and I dwell.

God's position is to love the children of the enemy more than His own children. He carries out restoration by giving more to the enemy's children, yet falling water may take thousands of years to eliminate ink from paper.

Is it "blessed couples" or "plus couples"? From now you can call blessed couples, "plus couples." In ten days, we will step into the new millennium, at which time this name change will take place. "Plus" indicates that we want to give more and not be indebted. Plus couples always want to add more, to make a plus. There will be plus parents and plus children. Then what is the name of our race? The Unification race, because all five races are to be found.

We do not have a hometown on earth yet. We need the trinity of love, life and lineage. These are like the primary colors: love, life and lineage. To have love we need the same lineage. Above love are God and our ancestors. Based on them we establish the center point of above, below, right, left and front and rear. So we can find love, lineage and family. Love is connected with life. They all have to be connected. Then we can become perfect. You need all three of that trinity together, or none of them can exist. (Pointing to a sister in the front row.) Even if she seems to have life, she should have love and lineage connected or there will be no life. Love is there to create eternal history, connecting past, present and future. God's lineage can be tens of millions of generations. That is why this love, life and lineage always travel together at perpendicular angles. So in history you can point everywhere and anywhere and get the same thing. Centering on this we can automatically return to our hometown and fatherland.

The conclusion in the eyes of God's ideal of creation is that we are to become true human beings who possess the true life, love and lineage. Whoever possesses these are the true children of God, will resemble God and will belong with God in the eternal Kingdom of God on earth. We marry in order to protect and keep this heavenly tradition. Above and below, and east and west, we have to create the same quality of family. Be the woman who wants to create a pure lineage with her husband. Take a meal not of leftovers but that is newly prepared. Do not mix your lineage and love with junk.

LOVING THE CHILDREN OF THE ENEMY

The mother is most intimately involved in raising the baby. This is also true for the animal kingdom. In that sense, who's love is stronger? The mother's love is stronger because the children are part of the blood and flesh of the mother. They received it from their mother. From a mother's point of view, the baby is her second self. Just as Adam and Eve were born from God and were part of God, so God had to love them; He had no choice. Before the fall, they could touch God, talk to God and receive love from God directly. But after the fall they lost this. So we have to know the importance of keeping the right lineage.

God's position is to love the children of the enemy more than His own children. He carries out restoration by giving more to the enemy's children, yet falling water may take thousands of years to eliminate ink from paper. To create a new life you have to give more than you did at the outset. (Father draws a womb with a fetus.) The fetus asks, where is my original world? Where can I belong? It knows that it is in a fallen mother's body. The seed came from a fallen father, fallen seed from fallen love, life and lineage. The fetus goes

through agony. God will hear it. Will God pity the fallen mother's body? We're talking about the entire human race, not just one woman.

When a baby is born, from the world of the mother's womb, the water world, into this world of earth, he will absorb all things to mature in this world that is the extension of the mother's womb. Just as the fetus receives nutrition from the mother's womb, so we receive nutrition from the planet earth. The earth is our second mother. So we must love the land. God loves the land and so must we. God created it for us. We travel from the world of water to the world of land, and eventually to the world of spirit. This final stage is the era of the sun. The mouth represents the era of water and the nose the era of land. You drink water with your mouth and inhale air with your nostrils. Your eyes deal with light from the sun. So everything flows, water, air and sunlight. So your eyes can figure out if everything is balanced—hence measurement comes from your eyes. In this physical world, we pass through three stages, the era of water, land and light, the world of the sun. We have night and day on earth, but the spirit world is always bright, there is no night. We have the eras of water, of air, of love. Love never stops, like sunlight. Love should flow constantly, day and night, pole to pole. That is the spirit world.

THE PATH FROM ONE LEVEL TO ANOTHER

We have to know ourselves. To cleanse ourselves we need tons of blood and sweat. We have to work it out. Unless we completely cleanse ourselves in order to be qualified to join True Father in the spirit world, we will have to go through the eight stages in spirit world, which is much harder than doing it here. The secret is to live for the sake of others. God has been working for thousands of years. Without true love there is no way we can find true lineage. To practice true love we have to give our life for the sake of others. How can we go beyond this satanic realm? It is our eternal desire. We have to realize the life course we are destined to travel. We go through eight stages, up to the grandparents' stage and then the king-queen stage, at each stage working constantly to purify our lineage.

(To a sister in the front:) You were not born for your own sake but for a man. In Jesus' life, there was no period of husband and wife, parents or beyond. He desired these things, but did not have them. So Father had to fulfill all this. I had to choose True Mother to fulfill the position of all women in the world. We call God "Father" and we call True Parents "Father" also. We have to distinguish between them as follows: Heavenly Father is invisible. They have an above and below relationship. True Father is our visible Father. God is in the superior position in relation to each polarity.

The blessing means that True Parents have bequeathed their victory to us; it all comes to us as an inheritance. We can follow their model on each of the eight stages, interconnecting with True Parents' course on the stage we're on. This inheritance comes to us through the blessing. The blessed couple represents plus and minus connecting to God. We are the effect; God is the cause. Just follow that one line through

So we have to come through these stages, and the short cut is the vertical line, life for the sake of others. Once this entire world is full of this true love, Satan will be chased out and we can bring the era of the fourth Adam concept into daily life.

eight stages and join True Parents at the top. We don't need to go off at a tangent. We all want to become the center of ourselves, our families, our tribes and so forth, up to the top level with True Parents as king and queen. The beginning and end should be the same. If the beginning is on the individual level, then the eighth level should be on the same axis. To make them of equal quality we have to live a life of giving. To advance from one level to another, we have to totally negate ourselves on that first level, leaving nothing behind. When the entire family invests itself fully and there is nothing left, you go to the tribal level. The same principle continues on and on.

On each level there is indemnity. Whatever we achieve has to be re-invested on the next level, individual for family, family for tribe, and so on. We have to create a broader foundation on each level, or nothing is indemnified. We are now going through the world-wide scale indemnity period. Up to this point, the history of restoration was "turning backward" because it was restoration, through the completion of the third Adam period. But from now it is the era of the fourth Adam, and the world is spinning in the correct direction. Before now, Satan was always waiting and invading between parents and children, brothers and sisters, husband and wife. There have been hundreds of religions and nations and finally the True Parents came and taught the law of indemnity and the era of the fourth Adam

began and there is to be no more indemnity. So we have to come through these stages, and the shortcut is the vertical line, life for the sake of others. Once this entire world is full of this true love, Satan will be chased out and we can bring the era of the fourth Adam concept into daily life. Once the true lineage is in us and we are living the true love life, Satan cannot enter anymore. But in reality we are in the bottom of hell. But I paid enough indemnity for all these stages, so there is no concept of hell anymore.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD THROUGH MARRIAGE

God Himself practiced absolute faith, love and obedience when He created the universe, reaching the zero point Himself because He gave everything. But since He gave everything, everything is returning to God, even a greater amount. The output is greater than the input in the world of original love. When we say absolute faith, what is it referring to? God. Whoever lives more for the sake of others will become the center because everyone will like that person and support

that person. This principle applies on every level, to the tribe, nation and world and cosmos and even to God. This is how God remains as God. This is why God is the eternal Father of humanity. We can unify the world and cosmos by living for others and giving more and forgetting. Look at my life. The entire world opposed me and Satan opposed me. But we kept growing. God's strategy is to be hit first and then take what belongs to Him.

Most of you did not choose your partner. Father chose for you. But was it voluntary or forced? [Voluntary.] Are you becoming one as husband and wife? [Yes.] Suppose all Americans and Germans married each other. Don't you think the two countries would become one? Then making a unified world would be no problem. International marriage will lead to the Kingdom of God on earth right there. By following

God's mandate, all should marry and become good husbands and wives. I have brought together heaven and earth. I have married people on earth with men who lived thousands of years ago. They live together at night in many cases. Who gave that direction? God could not do it; True Parents did. It is the human responsibility to get rid of the false parent. The Kingdom of God on earth is something that couples who love each other absolutely can enter. If you form a family and love each other completely, you will enter the kingdom.

Jardim educational headquarters is like the registration booth for the Heavenly

Kingdom. It serves to register blessed couples in the original world, the world in which the original parents and children live together. People will go to different locations from now on. That way we will find our original hometown. We will have God, True Parents, true children and true couples. That is our original homeland, where God, parents, children and all live together happily.

Be ready to offer everything to God. The Living Offering is conditionally representing everything you have. We should be able to offer every penny to God. Wealthy people, in particular, exploited poor people so much. To indemnify this false accumulation of wealth, you are requested to fulfill this condition of offering. In addition to that, as blessed couples you should restore 180 families. Now it will become seven generations of 180 families, which comes to 1,260 families. My restoration through indemnity in the 40-year wilderness course is done, to the point at which I can mobilize the seven nations again. But if the Christians neglect to receive

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THE FULFILLMENT OF TRUE PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY
IN VIEW OF THE PROVIDENCE

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

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WHAT kind of God is God? He is the True Father God, the True Children God, and hence the True Love God. He is the Father of True Love. Whose Father is He? He is the Father of humankind.

We have come to know, because of True Parents, the relation-

ship between human history and humanity, and between humanity and God. What kind of parent is He? He is a God of character, of intellect, emotion and will, who is seeking truth, beauty and goodness. Because of that, God can make a connection with humanity. Centering on love, that relationship between God and humanity leads us to have intellect, emotion and will, seeking truth, beauty and goodness. We know the God of personality. Because of this, it is possible for us to share everything with God and for there to be no distance between us.

When husband and wife make love, it is like the phenomena of thunder and lightning. When husband and wife come together, it is like east and west coming together, like different sets of clouds. They all come together and create this explosion. God cannot be dozing when this happens. Parental, conjugal and children's love come together and create this love. Bright light and sound are produced. Then all things surrounding them welcome it and want to resemble that couple.

God's love can be explained as having three levels, parental, husband and wife and brother and sister, and they are all join together and make a big, round sound, and strong light. The entire universe will react in awe because the light is so bright and the sound so loud. What, then, will God say? Will He tell us to make that love spark every day or fight every day? God may not ask us to make it every hour, but at least every day. Then God will join us and He and the universe will laugh with joy. God will smile and dance. (Father does a joyful dance and the members applaud.)

Farmers work in the fields so hard and wait for the rain, and it starts to rain. Then they go inside and take a nap. Do they need a mattress, or just lie on the wooden floor? Usually they don't mind and lie on the wooden floor. They are a little bit wet, so they don't go into the bed, but lie on the heated floor or tatami. Nature makes him stop working and

he lies down. Then he gets hot from the floor so he takes off his clothes and is naked, but just lays his jacket over his lower parts. During that happy and contented nap, his loving wife approaches him. Or it could be vice-versa. Will he kick her away? What if she pulls off the jacket so that he is completely

naked. Will he kick her away and curse her, or will the two become one and the love spark ignite?

When, because of their hard love work, they have no more energy and cannot even move one muscle, will God not smile and stay with them? He will be very happy. God will help them close their eyes and will lie down and sleep with them. When there is strong lovemaking between husband and wife, don't you need to rest afterwards? Maybe you need an hour's nap. That is like the blue sky after the thunder and lightning.

True Parents' responsibility is to teach human beings the relationship between nature's spark and human beings' spark, and the completion of

human beings' responsibility in the providence. What is the mainstream? Life, love or lineage? Love is the mainstream, the origin. The mainstream is absolute, unchanging, eternal and unique love. Only that can make a being of true dignity. Now you understand my title and my sermon is over.

A train has a locomotive in front then as many as a thousand passenger cars. When the locomotive starts moving, the front might reach the station but the rear end has not yet reached there. The connection between the cars is love. We are connected even though our lives may be on a different time or speed, so eventually we will go to the same place. To move all the cars instantly together, each needs its own engine. You know the way and direction. You understand God and the family and how to reach God's ideal.

You yourselves have not been able to go through the eight stages successfully, but we can piggyback on the True Parents. To that end we are embracing the spirit world and physical world, east, west, north and south. This is the era of liberation: not just on the family level do we get a photo, but also on the national and world levels.

To fulfill the eight stages you need absolute faith, love and obedience. Then you can go over the eight stages. The



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40-day workshop indemnifies four thousand years of restoration. You study the word of God there, through which you go through the eight stages. You learn what Father has done. You realize Father did these things to save you. You have to deny the entire satanic world. Seven generations and 180 families should come under you and then you can register in the Kingdom of God on earth. You will then have nothing to do with Satan. Heavenly fortune will be with you. This is what we call the era of the fourth Adam. All the thousands of years of history are indemnified and there is no concept of indemnity: this is the meaning of the era of the fourth Adam.

Even if you are an American, as long as you fulfilled the 40-days and Total Living Offering, you can go anywhere and you should consider it your own nation because we are one family and there is no real separation. We are connected by the one internal content that we share. That is the way all these blessed couples can embrace the planet earth. We have to purify the lineage of all human beings by leading them through rebirth and resurrection to eternal life. That is why this 40-day education period is so critical. There you learn Father's tradition, even if I am not with you. You study my words and complete your responsibility and establish a good enough foundation to build your own hometown and initiate the Kingdom of God on earth. At Jesus' time they needed 120 families to form a tribe, but we need 180. Seven generations times 180 families is 1,260 families, required to form a tribe. This process began in 1997 and will take seven years, until 2003. Even in spirit world this is taking place.

Once we reach that goal, there will be no racial bias or national boundary. Everything will be equal and that is the real Kingdom of God on earth. Even in the spirit world, enemies are being matched, murderers and saints. In Adam's family, Cain and Abel were brothers. Criminals and saints came to be so by different paths, but they are at the same level now and there are no boundaries. The children of saints and of criminals can be matched. National boundaries create the concept of enemy nations. So I matched people between such countries. That is a shortcut to reaching the Kingdom of God on earth. As long as those people in the Cain position serve Abel and their own parents and elder brother, everything will work out well. They will have the same value.

Adam made a mistake, so as true Adam I am straightening it out this way. Then, when I ask God to receive this, He will do so. I will pull Lucifer behind me and take him to God. I will accuse him before God and say I've straightened him out. I must stand as perfected Adam who restored the one who caused the problem, and ask God now what should I do with him? God will say, do as you like. What else can God say? Even if God doesn't want to forgive him, because of God's grace, He will. There is a battle between God and Satan. Who can separate them and bring a cease-fire? God has true pride and Satan has false pride. This new, perfected Adam comes with him, showing that he straightened the troublemaker out, then God has to accept it and proclaim that he can go to the

Kingdom. And everyone will shout out Aaaaamen! *Man man-sei!* (Applause.)

True Parents have completed this responsibility in view of God's providence. (Applause.) This is the elimination of hell and the opening of the gates of the Kingdom! (Applause.) This is logical. It is the culmination of all the logic and theories of this world because no matter what they are, the sought-after conclusion is this one. Do you think this teaching is good enough and true enough for all the heads of different fields, economy, politics and business, to learn something that they do not know? [Yes.] (Father writes on the board:) *Palship nyun shigan chunchae chae chulbal wansung haebang eui kigan io'd-dah* (This eighty years has been the period of total completion, new beginning and complete liberation.) Amen! This will end at the end of 1999 and the year 2000 is the new beginning. Liberation has been achieved. Eighty also represents eight thousand years. In this eighty years of my life, eight thousand years of human history have been indemnified and restored.



"This eighty years has been the period of total completion, new beginning and complete liberation. Amen! This will end at the end of 1999 and the year 2000 is the new beginning. Liberation has been achieved."

Who are in the position of the Kingdom's ambassadors? Blessed families. So where will you go? The enemies have surrendered. They are defeated; you just have to harvest them. The competition among blessed couples over who brings back more will determine your position in the Kingdom.

After World War II, seven nations were to have united and worked together, including Korea. America should give full support to the father nation, and then the other nations will follow suit. America is responsible to unite the Christian denominations and thereby clean up its society, so that the

younger brother nations will follow and allow the Kingdom of God on earth to unfold.

(Indicating one Japanese sister:) This woman is a branch of True Mother. She should offer her milk, love, flesh and bone to America. That way you can raise your elder son. You may not speak English, but by working three times harder than American members, you can qualify to be here in America. By restoring three sons, you can stay here. A mother has responsibility to feed her son even if she is dying of starvation. A true mother will make sure the baby survives even if she dies. That is the number one mother. So go and meet the Christian people. Find three spiritual children, like restoring Adam's, Noah's and Abraham's families. You Japanese missionaries cannot shed tears missing your hometown, but should be proud to be building the ideal kingdom and serving True Parents here. They are the parents of parents and king of kings. Until we prepare a foundation to receive True Parents in that position, along with God, we cannot die. Japanese missionaries, please stand up. Will you take the mother's responsibility? [Yes!] God and I have been shedding tears to receive you, so you should not shed tears missing your hometown and



*Adapted from a report by Bruce Suchar
Chicago, USA*

THE Sunday before the banquet, all of our members attended Christian Churches. Rev. Kim himself even preached in a very influential Baptist Church. During his sermon, one Japanese sister saw Jesus standing beside Rev. Kim, who had the congregation fully enveloped with the Holy Spirit.

We continued to receive proclamations and letters of greeting and we continued to confirm tables and individuals to fill our banquet hall of 1200 seats. So many details, and so much incredible hard work and sacrifice from our brothers and sisters. We received a beautiful letter of greeting from the City of Chicago who also provided a police escort for our True Parents to and from the Hotel.

On the day of the banquet, October 20, True Parents arrived at 10:00 a.m., and were joined by Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim. They immediately met

with our members until 11:00 and the banquet began promptly at 11:30. One thing that struck me was how healthy and wonderful they both looked.

The room was packed—over 1200 guests filled every seat in the banquet hall. Some of the most powerful choirs in Chicago sang. Then six of the leading clergymen and clergywomen in Chicago, representing Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, and the Church of God in Christ traditions gave beautiful testimonies to the life and work of our True Parents. The amazing thing is that each of them gave testimony, looking directly at our True Parents and referring to them as True Parents.

North America continental director Rev. Chang Shik Yang mentioned that he had never experienced an event quite like this one, and church president Tyler Hendricks said, “I have never in my life heard these kind of accolades poured upon our True Parents from anyone, whether from within our movement or not.” One after another, each religious leader shared his or her heart of appreciation for the life and works of our Father and Mother. As they passed in front of the podium, the Catholic Priest and the Lutheran Minister hugged each other, which brought big smiles to True Parents’ faces. Rev. Constance Banza related a profound spiritual experience: when she opened her eyes after her prayer, all she could see in the room were True Parents. She had her speech completely prepared. She was going to testify about her blessing at RFK Stadium in November 1997, and her participation at Madison Square Garden the following June. When she got to the stage she felt two words ringing in her ears, “True Parents.” She started proclaiming before everyone, “Father and Mother Moon, you are the True Parents,

you are the fulfillment of God’s dream for a man and a woman to stand as the model parents for the world families. You are the True Parents.”

Dr. Hycel B. Taylor, who had been inspired by Michael Breen’s book on Father’s early life, then gave Father a spirit-filled introduction while referring to him as the True Parent.

True Father delivered his speech,



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“Everyone Wants True Love” in Korean, while Rev. Peter Kim gave simultaneous translation. At the conclusion of the speech True Parents received gifts and flowers from participants and then one of our United States Congressmen presented True Parents with a beautiful crystal bowl mounted on a plaque as he read the birthday greetings from President and Mrs. Clinton.

Still, the program was not over. We were now to hear from Pastor T.L. Barrett. Pastor Barrett’s church had been the first in America to host True Mother during her speaking tour and his Life Center Church of God in Christ was also the first Christian Church in the world to fly the FFWPU flag. Now Pastor Barrett took the stage and exhorted the pastors, ministers, clergymen and congregants present to prepare to fill Seoul’s Olympic Stadium for the Blessing in February. Pastor Barrett gave an impassioned plea that left our True Parents smiling. He committed himself to go to Korea and asked every pastor in attendance to bring at least one couple from their church to be blessed



I commend your efforts to uphold and nurture the critical role of the family in America. The city of Chicago wants to extend a special welcome and birthday greetings to the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.
Excerpt from the proclamation from the city of Chicago

We then presented our True Family Values Awards to Rev. A. Dunlap from Mt. Olive Church in Chicago, Father Lawrence Fares from St. Ronald's Catholic Church in Detroit and Mother Tynetta of the Nation of Islam.

True Father was looking at his watch. His flight was due to depart at

3:30 p.m. However, we still had a cake to cut. So we once again welcomed True Parents to the stage and they were joined by each speaker and honoree. True parents joyfully cut the beautiful cake and then flowers and a copy of True Parents' newest collection of speeches were given to each program

participant. Afterwards, the book was given to each of the 1200 guests. The program was then beautifully closed by our Japanese choir singing one of True Parents' favorite Korean songs. Finally, the Baptist minister who was so moved by our choir at the banquet last month gave a moving and emotional

Pastor Barrett rallies the assembled multitude

closing prayer.

True Parents then left immediately for the airport. At exactly 3:30 they were comfortably seated in their airplane and at the behest of Rev. Kim, True Father was signing one banquet program after another. At the last minute we presented True Mother with just one more plaque—from Rev. Banza, honoring her for her support of Rev. Banza's annual Jericho Walk to break down the walls of racism and injustice in America.

As the plane taxied down the runway, still accompanied by the Chicago police escort jeep, the assembled leaders waved good-bye and our True Parents turned north and headed for Alaska. All we could think of was the love that our True Parents had talked about in their speech and the love that was given to us during their presence in Chicago.

It is a fitting conclusion to reflect on the experience as one minister greeted True Parents by saying, "Father and Mother, thank you for the love." ♦

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Rev. Michael Jenkins: "The religious leaders paid for their tickets and the banquet was paid for by the guests. No honoraria were given. Our receipts exceeded our expenses and the surplus was given as an offering. All the religious leaders affirmed that Father and Mother are the True Parents. They did it from the heart."

STEWARDSHIP OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

Preserving the Pantanal: Second World Conference

THE Second World Conference on the Preservation and Sustainable Development of the Pantanal was held in Washington, DC, from October 17-22, 1999. The conference inspired the presence of politicians (both US and Brazilian) and environmental protection experts. Representatives from various concerned legislatures joined conservationists and wetland experts to once again address the issue of protecting the unique, and now threatened, Pantanal wetlands in South America. Pictured here speaking is the Hon. Paulo Jose Araujo Correa, State Representative for Mato Grosso do Sul—the Brazilian province into which the Pantanal extends—and Chairman of the Committee on the Environment.



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Women's Federation Becoming a Global Bridge

*From a WFWP report
New York, USA*

NGO status is not just a badge of honor to be displayed proudly. It signifies a reciprocal, working relationship with the United Nations, in line with UN goals and strategies. Women from the Women's Federation for World Peace have been active in down-to-earth social work projects, such as serving in orphanages, throughout the world, notably in countries where the Family Federation has yet to take root. Such global volunteerism, coupled with an ongoing program of conferences and events, makes the WFWP deserved of opportunities to work closely with the host organization (the UN) for the healing of the global heart.

ON November 22, 1999, over two hundred men and women from forty nations gathered at the United Nations' Headquarters to help usher in the International Year for the Culture of Peace. This one-day event was hosted by the NGO Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and organized by WFWP International.

The day started with introductions to the United Nations' International Year for the Culture of Peace (IYCP) UNESCO's role and current activities promoting understanding of this issue and hope to foster commitment to this global era of peace and reconciliation.

The first plenary session began with opening remarks by Mrs. Motoko Sugiyama, welcome remarks by Ms. Dorota Gyriecz, Chief, Gender Analysis Section, UN Division for the Advancement of Women, and a reading of the message of the outgoing Director-General of UNESCO given at the launching of the IYCP on September 14th, in Paris, France, by the New York Office of UNESCO's acting director, Mr. Alfatih Hamad. Mr. Andre Radolf, the Regional Communications Advisor to UNESCO-New York, outlined UNESCO's plan of action and in particular their Manifesto 2000.

Dr. Hanifa Mezoui, Chief of the NGO Section of the UN's Department of Economic and Social Affairs also brought a brief message of welcome from the secre-



Dr. Hanifa Mezoui, Chief of the NGO Section of the UN's Department of Economic and Social Affairs, listens to Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak's speech

tary-general's office and gave remarks on "How ECOSOC NGOs Affect the UN Process to Help Build Culture of Peace."

Following this was a forum of eight speakers dealing with four key elements of a culture of peace: The Role of Women in Developing a Culture of Peace, The Role of Family in Developing a Culture of Peace, The Role of the UN and Politics in Developing a Culture of Peace, and The Role of Religion and Spirituality in Developing a Culture of Peace (on which Rev. Kwak spoke).

The evening session began at 5:15 p.m. with a reception in the West Terrace and quickly moved onto a Bridge of Peace Ceremony and the Celebration Banquet in the Main Dining Room. The

evening's keynote address was given by Ms. Maureen Reagan, political analyst and former US Representative to the Commission on the Status of Women, and long time WFWP member. Ms. Reagan reiterated some of the steps and stages that progress has been made in the area of women's issues as they relate to the United Nations.

Before everyone shared the evening meal together almost everyone present crossed WFWP's "Bridge of Peace" to affirm their common commitment to the building of peace, one relationship at a time and setting the stage for meaningful sharing of the evening meal and entertainment. Holding the Bridge of Peace Ceremony at the United Nations was, for WFWP International, symbolic of bridging differences at the global level—the fruit of many similar ceremonies performed worldwide making sisters of previously "enemy" nations, groups or cultural segments.

"Reconciliation is an essential part of peace building. Without it, history cannot be resolved," said Ms. Sheri Rueter, developer of the Interracial Sisterhood Project in Los Angeles, California. "But with a foundation of respect, forgiveness and repentance, the new bonds forged between women are potent well springs of new possibility."

All this happened before the group of 185 got to enjoy some remarkable talent from Japan and America during entertainment performed by the New York City Symphony, and led by Mr. David Eaton.

By the end of the entertainment and celebrations, everyone stood to sing together, "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

The sincerity of this moment shared by people from all over the world—seasoned ambassadors, delegates, UN staffers, academics, NGOs and first-timers, reflected the unity of spirit and desire for a culture of peace that can be shared by all. It was a taste. And we all hope and pray for this seed to sprout and grow in the new millennium.



Camelia Sadat, daughter of the late Egyptian Prime Minister, shared the podium with Rev. Kwak

FROM THE ADDRESS OF REV. CHUNG HWAN KWAK

THE dream of peace already exists universally. It is in the heart of every person. It is part of our nature. And not just in a general way. It is part of each person's own personal nature. This fact should be deeply reassuring for all dreamers and idealists like those of us gathered here in this room.

It is reassuring for two reasons. One, its universality strongly suggests that it is not a narrow project for which we must constantly battle for attention. Whenever we seek to advance a culture of peace we can be guaranteed support and cooperation. It is not a subject which interests just a select few.

Secondly, it is reassuring for theological reasons. Regardless of one's view on human nature, no one argues that human beings create themselves. We were created by someone, or some thing. The vast majority of people in the world believe that we are part of a divine plan involving a creator or benign creative force. But without going into details, if there exists in a species some trait which is universal and without exception (in this case all humans desire peace) then that very trait must also exist in the original creator. It cannot come from nowhere. Thus if I may be permitted to speak in plain English, the most reassuring thing for we dreamers, is that by such logic, God too wants a culture of peace. For me this means we are in good company, and it means that realizing such a culture may be more possible than our day to day struggles might have us believe.

It is fascinating that events have led to the fact that the year 2,000 is declared the International Year for the Culture of Peace. Speaking from a religious point of view, the corollary for that very same concept is what the Abrahamic traditions call "the Kingdom of God." Other great religious traditions likewise have the identical dream and ideal, just

under different terms. Sikh's for example in the Guru Granth Sahib, read of the time in which "All mankind shall live in peace together, under a shield of administrative benevolence." The Tao Te Ching speaks of a time when "Without law or compulsion, men would dwell in harmony," and so forth. There is no religion which is an exception to this very fact and expectation.

In Unificationism, my own faith, we speak of *shimjung* culture, or the culture of heart. *Shimjung* means the natural impulse of the original heart to give love, and give to others unconditionally. The full realization of *shimjung* naturally gives rise to a culture of peace. *Shimjung* acquires its fullness through the four great loves born in every family, the children's love for parents, siblings' (and friends') love, conjugal and sexual love of the couple, and parents' love for children. All human relationships mirror these unique family loves. That is why they are sufficient to spawn, in proper form, all necessary institutions and social structures for a culture of peace. Of course, human affairs will continue to be earthly, challenging, and at times mundane, but as an extension of *shimjung*, the heart's natural impulse to give love it will be characterized by peace. True love is the only absolute

value which has the potential to become universal.

Rev. Kwak then concluded by making the case for the place of religious leaders in the deliberative process of the United Nations—but that they must first earn that privilege.

But religious themselves have a steep and demanding requisite in their own court before such a thing can be considered. The traditional emphasis on individual salvation which fuels obsession with denominational rivalry and exclusivism must yield to an approach to salvation which has as its object not just the individual, but humankind as a whole; the world as a whole. When religious leaders determine to bring the resources of their traditions and denominations to a common table, caring for all human beings, regardless of race, creed, or national origin, then such religious leaders will have earned the right to expect parity among the UN's current leadership. Such enlightened leaders would indeed become indispensable to the cause of peace. ♦

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Rev. Kwak's official title may have changed, but he's still out there in the mission field. In December, he was in the Marshall Islands, meeting informally with Speaker of the House Kessai Note, who soon after became President. Among those present with Rev. Kwak are the Korean and Japanese National Messiahs to the Marshall Islands (Rev. Wan Soo Choi, right & Rev. Kenichi Ito, center), and IRF Director Dr. Thomas Walsh (left).



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Visionary Convocation Draws High-level Interest

Tripartite gathering looks to the future of Asia, and beyond



of each of the concurrent conferences. Over lunch, Senator Rene AV Saguisag, notable human rights legal counsel, expressed his views on how to construct a society or community of nations based on moral values, free of corruption. As legal counsel for the Unification Church, Sen. Saguisag has become a close friend of our community through his principal role in clearing unjustified charges filed against the Unification Church by the Philippines Department of Justice. At another luncheon, Ambassador Pacifico Castro, former Secretary of Foreign Affairs, expressed his belief that the Unification movement held the key to bringing world peace because of its thrust in unifying major religions which have been historically at odds with each other.

The deliberations of the ICWP conference were lively and exciting. Notable among the main committee speakers was the Secretary of Science and Technology, Secretary Filemon Uriarte, Jr. Under the chairmanship of Dr. Kyung-June Lee, President of Sun Moon University, the Asia University Federation conference, composed of 60 Asian university presidents and administrators, had many round-table discussions on issues of vital concern for Asian universities in this new global era, such as, the setting up of an Asian accreditation body, and the organizing of common curricula, cross-cultural studies, centers of excellence, centers for promotion of foreign languages, and exchange programs between faculty and students.

The Unification Thought Institute Symposium, headed by Dr. Sung Bae Jin, addressed crucial issues related to

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HELD at the historic Manila Hotel, which General Douglas MacArthur used as his Asia Pacific Command Headquarters during World War II, the Asian Convention on World Peace consisted of three concurrent conferences: the 26th International Conference on World Peace (ICWP), with the theme "Projections for an Asian Community", the first Asia University Federation (AUF) Annual Conference on "University Networking for Asian Community", and the 11th International Symposium on Unification Thought on "A New Vision for the Coming Millennium and Unification Thought."

Over four hundred participants from 22 countries, including Korea, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Thailand, Singapore, Nepal, India, Cambodia, Malaysia, Viet Nam, the United States and Germany, convened in Manila from November 22 to 26. Among the participants from overseas were 19 university presidents and 6 university vice presidents, plus members of the diplomatic community. The Filipino delegation consisted of 317 eminent scholars and dignitaries, which included: the Vice President of the Philippines, Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports, Secretary of Science and Technology, UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Director, Senators, Congressmen, 14 NGO leaders, 51 uni-

versity presidents, 24 university vice presidents, 65 deans and 51 professors plus many leaders from the Unification movement.

True Father gave his deep sincerity and attention for this convention. He sent Dr. Bo Hi Pak as his special emissary. Because of True Parents' love and depth of concern, this convention became a historical landmark and a remarkable success.

The first event was the welcome dinner on November 22, hosted by Hon. Andrew B. Gonzalez, Secretary of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports for the Philippines, and the Organizing Committee. In his congratulatory remarks, Victor Ordonez, Regional Director of UNESCO in Asia and the Pacific, commended PWPA and Unification community for promoting similar goals for peace as the United Nations.

The Opening Plenary Session the following morning saw three keynote speakers outline the goals and themes



Minister Andrew Gonzalez welcomes participants at dinner the first evening

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the revival of family morals and the establishment of the Christian ideal of the Kingdom of God on earth.

The highlight of the convention was the Gala Dinner attended by more than 350 distinguished guests, including members of the diplomatic corps and government officials. The banquet was graced by the presence of H.E. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines, who gave an insightful speech about the relationship of Philippines to the Asian Community. She mentioned that she was no stranger to our organization as her father, former President Macapagal, had attended our conferences in the past, and respected our global activities. Dr. Kyung-June Lee, President of Sun Moon University, presented a donation to the Vice President for her street children rehabilitation programs in Manila.

Former chairman of *The Washington Times* Dr. Bo Hi Pak gave a powerful lecture about the Family Federation and True Parents. Using slides, he confidently lectured about our work in the fields of media, business, and anti-communism, concluding with the blessing as our main program and activity.

A very beautiful and entertaining cultural show followed, presenting the Filipino tradition of fiesta, featuring the National Bayanihan Dance Troupe and renowned soprano singers.

After the following morning's Committee Sessions, the Closing Plenary Session summarized the conclusions of the entire convention. Reports were rendered from each of the different committees, followed by a very lively discussion. It was proposed that delib-

erations of the convention be published and made available on the Internet. Ambassador Castro urged that the results of the convention be book-bound and communicated to the UN through Secretary General of UNESCO Victor Ordonez as the "Manila Declaration of Peace and Unification," so that the UN could take note that such a



The Vice President of the Philippines, H.E. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, is introduced to Dr. Pak by Rev. Dr. Byung Wooh Kim

conference for world peace took place. Hansung University president Dr. Rhee Seong Kang, observed, "I never imagined that the Unification Church in the Philippines was working at this level on a national scale, and is welcomed by the government and VIPs. I am truly amazed to see this kind of international convention."

The Asian Convention for World Peace has left an indelible imprint on the providence in Asia. Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has once again become close to our movement and is presently willing to cooperate with us in mutual projects. Previously,

she had stood at some distance from our movement when we were facing unjustified legal charges from the Department of Justice. The Vice President has great popularity in the Philippines, being very close to the ordinary people as well as the elite. It is our hope that she will remain connected with our movement so that we can work together for the ideal of world peace.

Ambassador Pacifico Castro, who was introduced to us through the activities of Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace, has agreed to become the President of IIFWP in the Philippines. He is former Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and has a sterling career in the diplomatic and government circles.

The testimony of Dr. Bo Hi Pak about True Parents made a tremendously positive impact on the 400 convention delegates and guests. Some of the administrators of university campuses are not merely supporting, but already openly promoting our student and professors' activities.

Moreover, as a result of the convention, many universities

are willing to open their campuses for our activities.

The convention also revived many of our old PWPA friends who became inactive because of our period of persecution in 1996-98 and the temporary suspension of PWPA activities.

Media coverage of the convention was extensive, with articles about the convention published in major national daily newspapers in the country. This was a wonderful boost for our cause. More than 13 articles were published in the daily broadsheets.

The convention has thus helped give an entirely new image to our community, one that can command respect and acceptance. Until now, the Family Federation had been viewed as a group that is perpetually mobilizing participation for the blessing. Now, the public can also see us as an organization that is gathering intellectuals and motivating them to contribute toward the goal of world peace.

The convention greatly assisted us in creating a foundation to welcome True Parents to the Philippines and in our efforts for restoring the country. ♦

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Senior Filipino journalists producing a documentary about our movement hold an interview with Rev. Hwang in his Seoul offices in the late Autumn

Reconciliation and Beyond in Northern Ireland

Rev. Michael D. Teague
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FROM September 17-27, 1999, the Religious Youth Service (RYS) conducted a service project in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The theme for this service project was "Reconciliation and Beyond" and involved planting a peace garden at the Columbanus Community of Reconciliation in Belfast. Additionally, this ten-day event involved us in various leadership development and relationship-building activities. The RYS coordinators designed these events to enrich our understanding of Northern Ireland as well as our understanding of those religious organizations working for peace in this region. This writer was blessed to take part in what was a life-changing experience.

Within this overall project existed several smaller projects, such as creating a winding path that symbolized the life and ministry of Saint Columbanus (a sixth century Irish monk), planting trees, designing a prayer and meditation area, and erecting a gazebo. Finally, we created a stone foundation for a rep-

lica of a plow, symbolic of the Shalom, the Hebrew concept of peace, near the driveway of the center.

This constituted the work phase of our experience. As part of the educational aspect, we spent an evening at the Corymeela Community, a Christian peace community. We took part in the painting of a peace mural. We also had an opportunity to take a tour of the Parliament, which included meeting with one of its elected officials. Perhaps the most significant of the educational experiences we enjoyed was our tour of Belfast, in which we saw this country's beautiful landscape and witnessed its political divisions.

More than work and education, we had significant opportunities to reflect spiritually concerning our experience. Each morning at 7:00 a.m. we participated in a meditation period. The purpose of this period was to center us and to experience God. The power of this meditation period lay in our experience of different faith traditions. One morning, we witnessed the calm solemnity of the Hindu faith. On another morning, we learned how to perform the Islamic

prayer, the Salat. On another morning, one of the participants led us through a guided meditation. I was privileged to have an opportunity to lead one of the meditations. I decided to engage the participants in a meditation, which engaged mind and body. To this end, I led them through a series of martial arts exercises, the Eight Silk Weaving Exercises, which are meant to enhance a person's health.

This project, which consisted of work, education and reflection, concluded with a banquet on Sunday, September 26. Each person who spoke provided his or her insights involving the significance of the trip. This was a moving time for all of us. We each received certificates of participation from RYS and spent the remainder of the evening signing the back of each other's certificates with farewell thoughts and wishes.

The Belfast project was the most spiritually powerful experience of my life. I returned from this trip empowered in my relationship with the Lord. I came back to New Jersey having found another calling for my life, that of global, interfaith work related to world

Photos: left, the symbol of peace at the entrance to the garden; second from left, the President of the Republic of Ireland, Mary McAleese, visits the peace garden on an unofficial visit to her native Northern Ireland and chats with the Columbanus community members. Getting hands dirty for the good cause are, center, Betty from Ireland; right, Rev. Michael Teague from the USA, and far right, Erica from Hungary.





peace. I arrived having experienced what I believe to be an essential aspect of the kingdom of God on earth: people of all faiths, races and genders living in love, working for peace.

I believe that RYS has produced a powerful model for racial, ethnic, religious and cultural reconciliation that can and must be replicated throughout the world. The concept, as I understand it, is quite simple. It involves bring-

ing a group of diverse people together for a specific amount of time to live, work and fellowship together around a specific task. The end of this task is to model peace. Moreover, in modeling peace, those who participate in RYS-related projects create peace, if only for a moment. How much different could places like Bosnia, Rwanda, East Timor and the Middle East be if groups in conflict could participate in RYS projects?

Even if the RYS did not sponsor such activities, the RYS concept itself could produce lasting change.

For many years I have considered myself a person of faith. Almost eighteen years ago, I embraced the Christian faith. Since then I have endeavored to follow Christ. I believe that have done so, albeit imperfectly. During this time, I have embraced the Christian concept of original sin, with its accompanying pessimistic view of human nature. At best, if both good and evil co-exist within the human being, this doctrine suggests he or she is predisposed toward that which is evil. Since my trip to Belfast, I have re-evaluated my position. Still, I believe that both good and evil exist within us. At the same time, I believe that there are ways of motivating people to express and live out the good within us rather than the evil within us. I am convinced that RYS is one of those ways. I wish to thank Marshall D' Souza, the lead organizer of the Belfast Project, his support staff as well as the team leaders for their labor of love. ♦

Rev. Michael Teague lives in New Jersey and is the minister of a Christian church. He met the RYS through members who visited his church.

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IRFF Chapters Work Together for an Old Friend

*Johann Hinterleitner
National Messiah to Estonia*

SINCE Estonia's independence after almost fifty years under the Soviet Union, the leaders of the country have tried hard to renew relationships with Scandinavian countries, which have been some of its closest friends for many centuries.

This offers an opportunity for Unificationists to cooperate in a substantial way on a regional level. Many Estonians are experiencing great difficulties in coping with the new conditions of a free market economy. The social environment at present gives little support to families.

Our first project was done in May 1998 in co-operation with a school for children from very difficult backgrounds. IRFF Sweden participated

in this first relief action. The second project was carried out in cooperation with another school with many children from poor families. On each occasion, the school's staff selected approximately seventy children, and IRFF Norway prepared boxes filled with clothes, shoes and other useful items for each child. The children then received these gifts from our Norwegian IRFF volunteers.

The most recent project took place in this December. This time the Social Department of a local city government was our partner. They received more than one hundred boxes of clothing, vitamins, etc., for distribution among the most needy in their com-

munity.

Each time the gifts were greatly appreciated by the Estonian organizers and by the children who received them.

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Invisible Mission, Invisible Sacrifice

Even though we may hold the belief that God is present in all the major faiths, it is still the case that some cultures are more welcoming than others toward those of overtly different religious persuasions. In regions where it is illegal for someone of any faith other than the state religion to proselytize, even the presence of a Family Federation member holding an official missionary position could be misunderstood as an effort to convert local people. For that reason, we are not mentioning our brother's name or mission country.

I went to the Chung Pyung 40-day workshop for National Messiahship together with another brother from the city where I was city leader. I had had many experiences over the years and a spiritual vision when I joined that led me to think that my ultimate destiny was Nigeria. However the brother from my city confided to me before going to Korea that he would find it very hard to accept a Muslim country if one came up, and at that point in my heart I had a fleeting sense that I would have to be “sacrificing” Africa in some way. At the lottery in Chung Pyung I got my country in the Middle East and this brother got Nigeria. So really I could feel the hand of God at work. There were other experiences that convinced me that the country I received was one that figured in my destiny: one professor from the seminary had been visiting the city where I lived just before the 40 days in Korea, and when he heard about the National Messiah providence he advised me that, with all due respect for Muslims, living in a strict Muslim country would not be easy! In addition, my father worked all his life in the oil business but had constantly refused work in that part of the world. My grandfather, however, had served in the Middle East during the First World War, and in fact the only photo I have of him is on a camel in the desert.

Despite my country being extraordinarily difficult to enter, because of my education and work background I was able to find employment there quite quickly. My wife was five months pregnant with our third child but the job was single status. Yet we both felt it was important that I go since the other national messiahs at that time could

not enter.

I was going from quite an active church life to a place where I would be working and living together with people with whom it could be very risky even just talking about religion in general. Risky in the sense that if you were heard by a colleague saying something that could be construed critical of Islam or intended to convert Muslims to another faith, you could be deported that same day—if you were lucky—as happened to some I knew while I was there. If you were unlucky you would

I will be going back to my country again very soon, a place that is magical for me in many ways—not least because, like other national messiahs, I feel the trust Heavenly Father and True Parents have that we will represent them

face interrogation from the religious police before being deported. Among western expatriates in general there could be a lot of tension and a lot of back stabbing, since getting someone in trouble made your job more secure.

Attitudes of westerners towards my country were generally somewhat disparaging due to the strict way that Islam is interpreted and enforced there. Indeed, at the dinner table one day a colleague came out with the extraordinary statement that surely being in the Moonies could not be worse than being here! I was stunned and struggled not to react too overtly—but it was a clear sign that the spirit world was active around me.

My first 40 days were ones of adjustment to this new kind of life in a place that is sometimes called the largest open prison in the world—this is because on arrival your passport is taken away and permission to travel abroad outside contractual holidays is restricted. My work brought me into direct contact with many young people every day,

and while this was very enlightening in helping me to understand their society, it was enormously stressful since they always wanted to get involved in religious, political or moral discussions that were not allowed within the work environment. Part of this is genuine curiosity about the west and Christianity, and part is simple youthful exuberance in the baiting of a westerner to get him into trouble.

At the end of the 40 days I had a dream that led me to be very worried about my wife, and arriving at work I was so distracted that I walked into a wall and cut open my forehead. While I was getting my head patched up, a message came that that my wife had been rushed into a hospital with life-threatening high blood pressure and had had an emergency caesarian two months prematurely and was quite ill. I asked for permission to return to my home country for a few days to help out, but the company was reluctant to give me permission. They had had the experience quite often in the past of people who had realized early on that here was not the place they wanted to be, and had simply not returned from a contrived emergency leave. Eventually I got permission and flew home for a few days. I will never forget the amazement of my colleagues when I returned as promised. Perhaps this was one of the reasons why, among all the expatriates who started around the time I went, I was the only one to get a name plaque with my name in both English and Arabic. I felt this was a small recognition from spirit world of a 40 days foundation successfully laid. In a lonely environment like mine, small events like this can be very moving and inspire confidence that we are indeed working with unseen helpers.

So, instead of the weekly battle to prepare the Sunday sermon, prepare lectures and counsel members, my life was centered around desperately trying to have a good attitude toward my colleagues, respond with some positive words whenever their country was criticized, and serving as best I could—for example, even though I was a company designated driver, I tried not to hoard the car, as many of those designated a car did, but, rather, made myself avail-

able for trips at inconvenient times to the supermarket, or for longer trips through the desert to the local towns.

Working in such a country can take its toll on the whole family. Because wives are generally unwilling to move there because of the restrictions placed on them there. (In public, even western women should be covered from the neck down in a black robe—though some American women in particular tended to feel secure enough to flout this in some areas. The native women must also have their face veiled.) Fiancées or girlfriends will not get an entry visa. Women cannot drive. Moreover, if a woman is in the company of a male who is not her close relative, without the presence of her husband, it can be very awkward if the religious police should do a spot check. Indeed, my wife joined me for a short period and she stayed in my room in the house I shared with three other men. I realized only afterwards that if the religious police had seen her entering or leaving the house she would have been open to immorality charges and I would have been deported. So, many western men are divorced and those with fiancées or girlfriends at some point find themselves facing the dilemma of continuing to have well-paid work and lose the relationship, or return home without job prospects and perhaps keep the relationship going. Of the twenty or so westerners where I was, only three of us had intact families.

At the time of the Blessing in 1997 I did a seven-day fast and confided in one other colleague that I was doing it. He was doubtful I would survive it but each morning he would ask ever more concerned how it was going!! This was a man who used expletives every third word. At the end of the fast his reaction was obvious amazement (mixed with swear words). I never thought I would be grateful to hear expletives expressed towards something I was doing for the church!! Another colleague in the house had a cynical opinion about everything. I was a little worried about his reaction to seeing the Blessing on TV as problems seemed to come to anyone who said something bad about myself or the Unification Church (the one who compared our church to my country, for example, was sent home after 40 days when it transpired that he had so upset some of his colleagues that his safety could not be guaranteed). However,

miraculously, as soon as the Blessing report came on TV he went quiet, and while I was praying he would not say anything too bad, he stayed silent for three minutes and after the report carried on with the conversation we were having before the TV report! I liked this man a lot and was happy that he had been protected from possible heavenly retribution!

Alcohol is banned in my country and the customs and police road patrols are unforgiving. So, at this point I should mention the dedication of the only blessed couple in the country, who were there for work and lived in another province, who volunteered to bring some holy wine into the country among their baby possessions. Not an inconsiderable risk given that there are dogs specially trained to smell the smallest



amount of alcohol. I transported the seed wine through two police road blocks and eventually made holy juice.

To give some significance to the distribution, I tried to gear the conversation on each occasion to talk about family life and ideals in some way. Given that it is a very male dominated society it is very unusual for a man to offer another a drink in a work environment and inviting men back to your room can create all kinds of problems, so the seemingly simple task of giving out some holy grape juice was fraught with difficulties. However, a colleague whom I had been avoiding contact with due to his volatile nature, saw the bottle of the grape juice and actually asked if he could have some. Afterwards, he said it was really good!

Some of the more zealous younger citizens are very keen on witnessing to you so you need to be adept at having a basic dialogue but not let things go too far: at some point you may be confronted with a demand for an explanation as to why you cannot simply convert to Islam, the true religion. Once

when I was the only Westerner traveling internally on my country's airline, an immensely tall sheikh, a Sean Connery look-alike, started to give a sermon in English about the benefits of Islam. I was getting really worried because I felt at some point he might address me directly. As I was praying how to handle this, someone else interrupted and said that the Koran should be recited and spoken of only in Arabic and not in English. The speaker duly obliged and continued in Arabic, somewhat defusing the situation—then amazingly, the person next to him became spiritually possessed so he had to sit down to take care of the man who was probably a relative!

I gave out the holy wine by carrying the seed bottle with me even up until I left the country the last time. However, at the airport I had forgotten that

I had it in my coat pocket and when I was heading towards the security check I heard a voice telling me to get rid of the bottle quickly. After disposing of the bottle, going through the security check I was asked to remove my coat and it was thoroughly checked.

I will be going back to my country again very soon, a place that is magical for me in many ways—not least because, like other national messiahs, I feel the

trust Heavenly Father and True Parents have that we will represent them, even if only in some small and seemingly unseen way as is my case. Much of my church life has been pioneer work, so while I have great hope that even my country can welcome True Parents substantially, I also understand that this may yet be some time distant. To be honest I have mixed emotions because I am almost completely cut off from other members, and also my family until they join me in the months ahead. My opportunities to attend True Parents directly at holy days, in Jardim, or for True Parents' birthday, for example, are almost non-existent.

I had visited countries under communist rule and knew some of our members in those countries. My present mission has opened up an appreciation of that aspect of our Church history, as I feel I can understand a little more of what some of our underground missionaries went through for much, much longer periods.◆

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Catching a Nation at a Pivotal Moment



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THE Pure Love Tour in the Gambia, which involved about twenty-five young Gambians, combined the message of Free Teens (an organization founded by Unificationist Richard Panzer in the United States, dedicated to educating teenagers on the value of sexual purity) and the Pure Love Pledge of the Pure Love Alliance. The students of New Hope Academy's Jr. and Sr. High School (a school near Washington, DC, founded and run by church members) raised \$600 that paid for 100 T-shirts bearing the words "PURE LOVE in the Gambia 1999," as well as all the materials from Free Teens for flip charts and the character development and leadership training course.

During this 21-day program from July 19 to August 8, they gave presentations to over 41 schools, areas and villages to more than 10,000. Encouraging young people to focus on the development of character and purity, they emphasized becoming responsible and mature individuals before engaging in sexual relationships in marriage. The tour participants created very entertaining dramas that had villagers holding onto their sides with laughter. The grand finale was when all the single people aged eleven years and above stood and read the Pure Love Pledge. Then we passed out candy as an acknowledgment of their commitment and in congratulations to them.

Altogether 3,992 young people pledged purity until marriage.

Many had been practicing the delivery of the presentation in English and three local languages for three months prior to the summer program. Since we lived together during the program, they continued to practice day and night. They were, and still are, very enthusiastic in their resolve to share with others, especially other young people. They still talk

to people everywhere they go; in the bush-taxis, in the markets, on the street, at the beach. Occasionally, they encounter opposition (some think that AIDS is a falsehood created and perpetuated by the Americans to control population growth in Africa) but are undeterred. Seven hundred youth gave their names and contact numbers to help start pure love clubs in their areas or schools. One young man of eighteen excitedly called us to tell us he had already started a club after hearing our presentation. He had twelve young people come to a meeting and he wanted to know what to do next. I am so proud of all of these young people because they have truly taken ownership of this project, so that it is growing now as a totally Gambian youth project.

GamTV, the only TV channel in the Gambia, is presently preparing a large hall and inviting youth from all around to view the taping of our presentation to be shown on TV. Also three half-hour radio shows have already aired in Wolof, English, and Mandinka.

There are

several factors that make this time the window of opportunity to talk about purity to the Gambian young people. One very strong influence is the Islamic background of 90 percent of the people. The elders are hesitant to support, for example, the use of condoms, since the Koran emphasizes purity before marriage. Another factor is that the Gambia is a fairly small country, with a population of 1.2 million. It is known for its peace-loving people made up of seven tribes who themselves are like huge extended families, so news gets around very fast. AIDS is just coming to the forefront in the national consciousness. The young people are looking for something to belong to, since many are living away from their families in order to attend school. The combination of the Islamic background and this displacement, plus the rapid rise in education, make this generation of young people a pivotal point of change for better or worse—for national development or self-centered individualism. For me, it has been a reminder of the idealism and energy of the sixties. ♦

Randy and Beverly Berndt are the Abelnation national messiah couple to the Gambia. They were blessed in the 1800 Couples Blessing in 1975.

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The 26th University Graduates Mobile Witnessing team members train to become the church leaders of the future. The banner reads, "Providential leaders for the new millennium".

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family. This will be your tribe and that place will be your own eternal home town. In that providence, there is no concept of difference of race or nationality. When you establish that much of a foundation, the 1,260 families will honor you as the parent or even king of that tribe.

Before the whites arrived in the Americas, God was the owner. The arrival of the whites led to the deaths of many of the native people. Is it possible to build such a kingdom on that foundation? Remember, Korea, Japan and America once were enemy nations, even during World War II. Now, I am connecting these three enemy nations. I was in the position to do this after World War II, but everything was lost at that time. I was in the wilderness, and I finally fulfilled these new blessings and we are part of it and should feel eternally grateful. The world is full of family problems and youth problems. They have no option but to turn to Principle teachings.

In particular those blessed couples who went through the 40 days and have made the Living Offering should be prepared to move. I have said this many times; every time I went to Jardim. I asked you to pack and be ready to go at anytime. Leave your assets behind and let them belong to God. If you take them with you, you will carry the label of an invader and exploiter. But if you leave the wealth behind,

you will be able to eliminate that label because your descendants will be able to discover the sacrifices that you made.

This is the era of total liberation, absolute equality, and brotherhood and sisterhood. Those who are willing to practice this, raise both your hands. True Parents have our own responsibility to carry out so I have sent the True Children to UTS, so they can qualify. Over the past 40 years, I planted seeds in various areas. They are like the tears of True Parents, so we cannot sell them without True Parents' permission. I have invested in every area of human life, including the ocean, machinery, sales, culture, media and art. This is the preparation. Many people tried to get rid of them, but I said no.

In America and elsewhere, whatever I have established is my seed, so we should not take it lightly. For example, East Garden, the hotel in Uruguay, and the palace at Chung Pyung Lake were all established. You built everything based upon my inspiration, so these are like my seeds. This refers to every one of the institutions. Historically, True Parents offered all these foundations to God. So please understand how I want to deal with these projects and properties. In the future, people will find out I laid these foundations for the sake of the blessed couples.◆

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True Parents in South America

True Parents were in South America for more than half of December. On their arrival in Brazil on December 1, they went to Forte Olimpo and prayed at the Original Holy Ground. They then spent a day in Jardim taking photographs with the families attending the Ideal Family Educa-

tion. True Parents then went immediately to Punta del Este in Uruguay. Mrs. Joo (wife of Dong Moon Joo) explained that after spending a week or so in the North (Alaska), True Parents had traveled to the South so as to shift the providential axis of the earth, and to establish the conditions to advance the providence to the next stage.

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this blessing, then others such as Muslims will step forward and receive it. Thousands of Japanese volunteers have come here—wives and mothers—so Americans could receive the blessing, but if Americans still resist, the sisters will go elsewhere. The original blessing was lost due to failure of the mother figure in the Garden of Eden, so I have sent the mother figure to the entire world. As a result there is no one in the world that did not hear about the Unification Church blessing. All those married and single people in spirit world were matched and blessed.

My plan now is for all the blessed couples to go out to the world to give the blessing. Then the cosmos will become the heavenly kingdom. You don't know where you will go. But shouldn't you go? [Yes.] We have no sovereignty yet. Once a blessed couples' nation is established, its resources will go to God's dispensation, not the secular world.

Everything is part of the cosmos, so the cosmos is our hometown. Remember the value of the lineage, the blood lineage. As a blessed couple, how can you keep your lineage pure and intact? That's the key. Those couples who do so will be the couples and families who will be connected directly to the True Family's lineage through the blessing. So make sure you train yourself to be able to handle all five races in your family. In the spirit world the same organization is taking place. The time will come for you to put aside your house

and cars. Before that time comes, why not voluntarily offer them so they can be used for God's dispensation? If you offer your wealth, you will be recognized in spirit world. If you hesitate and watch and see what others do, it will be too late. Soon there will be the longest line in human history, of people lined up to offer everything and change their lineage. It will be a new world. From next year, after my 80th birthday, we will begin that providence.

Centering on the year 2000, the three years prior and three years after, altogether seven years, the world will go through a great transition. That is why the Unification Church has been rising so rapidly over the past three years. I made the various proclamations that have allowed this to happen. Right now, the blessed couples are receiving family level education at Jardim, but someday the entire tribe and also the nation will go through that. That is why I am holding these hoon dok hae conferences. Then national level registration can take place.

We have learned that we do this by living for the sake of others. Everything is finished. A beautiful world will emerge in that place of true love, the so-called Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in the spirit world. It will be a world of freedom. There will be no barriers. We can go everywhere throughout that world. We are building that Kingdom of God.◆

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lowers increased and his foundation expanded, he could not see the Lord any more but only himself. Finally he walked his own path.

What about us? We have passed the pioneering age in the course of faith. You can recall how our life of faith was in the sixties and seventies. During that period even small things were big and inspiring. But now many things have changed, both within ourselves and in our environment. The persecution has disappeared. Ironically it was while being persecuted that we felt full of inspiration, tears, sharing, and so forth. Yet, when the persecution disappeared, the inspiration and excitement faded away too. Furthermore, we may come to question Father just as John questioned Jesus. Before we find ourselves in such a dangerous situation, we must return to the way we were, having the same feelings and inspiration that we had in the beginning. If we do not have any exciting inspiration in our current life of faith, we should check ourselves very seriously. If you do not see the Messiah in your life but see only yourselves, then you should return to the past. This means that you should drive yourselves to the front line, the pioneering stage. This will be the only way to properly revive your faith.

According to God's providence, in the beginning, people had to communicate with God through an offering. Next it was possible to do so in the name of the Messiah and then the True Parents. Now we have come to pray in our own names. We talked about the failure of the first Adam, referred to Jesus' age as that of the second Adam, and learned about the age of the third Adam. Now we are living in the age of the fourth Adam. That's a tremendous development in God's providence, isn't it? Who would have ever imagined that this moment would come in our age!

Sometimes we do not feel and are not inspired by this amazing providential transition. How can we then feel inspired about these changes? It is a matter of recognizing this time as providential. Unless we have a correct understanding of the providence, we cannot appreciate this time, nor feel such inspiration. We believe that the

Principle describes the original world of God's creation as one in which there would have been no need for a Messiah. We have lectured that there would be no Messiah, no church and no separation condition in that world. We have also explained there would be direct communication between God and man. Providentially we are moving towards that world. For 2000 years in the first period of history, making offerings was the means by which Heaven could be

why we do not feel so? We do not feel any pleasure from this great providential change because our faith has weakened and even died. After finishing the proclamation ceremony, True Father said, "These are tremendous changes, incredible changes, aren't they?" For True Parents, such excitement and inspiration are always vivid. However we do not feel the same. It seems as though we are very far from that consciousness. I am saying that we may be standing in a critical position where, like John the Baptist, we find ourselves defeated, and questioning True Parents.

Then how can we remain as champions to the last moment? Father gave us three steps by which to do this. First, Father said "Live for the sake of others. Live such a life at all times, past, present and future, and your life will be exciting, and you will always feel like you are experiencing the wilderness." We have heard such words many time and we understand them well. However, what is important is whether or not we feel this way in our everyday lives. Understanding something and feeling it are different things. Knowledge and wisdom also have different meanings. No feeling comes without practice. Truth has no life without practice. Instead, it remains only as knowledge. Truth can only be proved through practice. "Live for the sake of others." What a precious truth!

Father says that when we live such an unselfish way of life, we will experience the "wilderness" [in terms of the intensity of our heart—editor] no matter how comfortable, high or stable our situation. I now hold the position of president. If I were only interested in keeping this position, I would have definitely become a dead figure spiritually, no matter

how I was able to deal with the highest levels of society. I would not experience the wilderness. But if I always keep the philosophy of unselfish life and practice it no matter whom I meet or where I go, my life will always be in the "wilderness." If we lose this, we will leave the wilderness. We will not see True Parents in the center of our life. If we are blind, we cannot see the light. If we die, we cannot perceive the truth. We can see only darkness.

Second, Father emphasizes the life of a victor. How can we enjoy the life



Rev. & Mrs. Hwang preside over the blessing ceremony for the first seven generations of ancestors, at Cheonseong Wanglim Palace on December 12



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connected to the people. For the next 2000 years, in the New Testament era, people could receive salvation only through the name of Jesus. For almost 40 years after the coming of the Lord of the Second Advent, we have prayed in the name of True Parents. Now we have begun to pray in our own names. Such a change has happened only three times in history.

When we think about this great turning point in history, we come to understand what an inspiring age we are living in. Then I would like to ask you

of a victor? How can we manage today as eternal victors? The answer is that we should look not at today, but at the future. How can we live our lives wisely? They must be led not in order to win today, but for victory in the future. The victory of today might be sweet, but the wise man harnesses his strength to connect it to the victory of the future. If we are attached to our current life, it is easy to become arrogant. It is easy to become self-centered. Is the position of president eternal? Such positions all are temporal and part of a process. The ultimate and eternal can be found in the future. When we concern ourselves less with today and more with the future, we return to our original self. We are always humble, willing to exist in humble circumstances. And we can remain in the wilderness.

Third, Father emphasizes another secret of victory. It is sacrifice. Of course this is connected with the idea of living for the sake of others. Sacrifice is the hidden key to victory. It means attending and serving. A life of attendance is Abel's life. Abel's life is destined to win Cain's obedient heart. Abel can be the ultimate victor through this path.

We can see for ourselves whether the truth is active in our lives, according to Father's teaching on becoming an ultimate victor. We can examine whether we are now in the wilderness or in the palace, whether we are asking questions about ultimate matters of faith



Rev. Hwang speaks to members in Japan during his December 18-20 visit there

and our core nature, or whether we are merely asking skeptical questions.

Let us again remember John the Baptist who was destined to be the most revered in history and to attend the Messiah on this earth. We know well how he failed in his mission. At this time, no one can claim that he would not repeat the same mistake. Someone may already have repeated the path of John. I myself could be like him.

Let us warn ourselves in the last period of God's providence. It is the season of the harvest of victory and the season of judgement of one's life of faith. We should ask ourselves, "Am I in the right place? For whom have I sought, myself or True Parents? Am I dealing with the core reality, breaking through my self-centeredness and

arrogance?" I urge you to drive yourself into the "wilderness" of heart as much as possible and to sacrifice for the sake of others so as to draw yourself into that wilderness. When you are suffering I ask that you not look only at today but to the future. Surely, you are a blessed person if your course today contains sorrow and pain. When you have difficulties, you can overcome them by looking toward eternity. We should look to our future, then we can go over the peak of reality.

We have many things to do. Please do not hesitate to bring in your harvest during the campaign. Let us regard this period as if we are in the last corner of our life. Let us play our last card for victory. Please do not ignore someone even if you have only one. In the last season we should go through thick and thin for one person's sake. This is the secret to becoming the eternal victor. The ultimate goal of our life is to find one person. For what are you living an unselfish life? For what are you sacrificing? Why do you have to live centered on the future? Everything you have done will be achieved through finding one life. The ultimate accomplishment of a victorious life will be fulfilled through finding life, which means bearing spiritual children—conceiving and giving birth to a new spiritual life.

Thank you. May God bless all of you in True Parents' name.◆

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Meeting the Prime Minister

Oceania Continental Director and National Messiah to the Solomon Islands Rev. Yong Cheol Song converses with the Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, the Hon. Bartholomew Ulfa'alu, at his private residence. Rev. Song received a personal invitation from the Prime Minister to introduce our movement, and True Parents' global work and accomplishments, and spent a fruitful and cordial hour with the head of government.



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Of Historical Interest

World Mission Headquarters Past and Present

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THE 1920s were prosperous years for New York. Strong financial stability led to a building boom that resulted in the much of the Art Deco architecture that can be seen in the city today. Exemplifying the style is the New Yorker Hotel, which opened its doors seventy years ago on January 2, 1930. This architectural trend continued with the Empire State Building, which opened the following year, and the Radio Music Hall, which opened in 1932.

The New Yorker was a marvel of its day. It cost \$22.5 million (then) to build, and, with 2,500 rooms, was one of the largest hotels in the world. In addition to the ballrooms, there were ten private dining salons and five restaurants employing 35 master cooks. The barber shop was one of the largest in the world, with 42 chairs and 20 manicurists. All this with "made to order weather"—central air and heating. The building was labeled "a city within a city." There were 92 telephone operators and 150 laundry staff washing thousands of pieces daily. This was supported by America's largest private power plant, which the New Yorker had installed in its sub basements.

The end of the 1920s brought the stock market crash and the beginning of the depression. Although this era was one of hardship for many, still the New Yorkers and the country as a whole tried to maintain an optimistic view and sought to be entertained to forget their troubles. Talking pictures had just arrived and with them the Golden Age of Hollywood. Right along with that came the Swing Era and the big bands.

It was these that set the stage for the hey day of the New Yorker Hotel. The most famous bands of the day played at the New Yorker, including Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman. Such an environ-

ment not only drew in business travelers and tourists, but the elite of society, political figures and business leaders.

For more than two decades, the New Yorker was owned independently. In 1953, the hotel was purchased by the Hilton Corporation, making it their second largest. But the 1950s and 1960s did not turn out to be as prosperous as the preceding decades. With modern transportation and communications, business trips to New York for the garment trade—the famed "garment district" still thrives—which were the core of the New Yorker's trade, were reduced or shortened. The neighborhood began to decline as well, making it a less desirable destination. This took its toll on the New Yorker. Hilton sold the building in 1956. Although Hilton repurchased it the following decade, they were never able to make a success of it, and an attempt to turn it into a medical school and hospital also came to nought.

In 1976, the



Photos: left, Eighth Avenue in February 1938—the entrance to the New Yorker is on the left, behind where the bus has stopped; bottom, aerial view of the New Yorker Hotel, also in 1938; Facing page bottom, the hotel's new pop-art logo reflects the Art Deco architectural period of which the hotel is an example top: the Dowon Building has fourteen floors above ground (three below) plus a roof level dining room. The Unification symbol at the top of the building is a relatively recent addition.

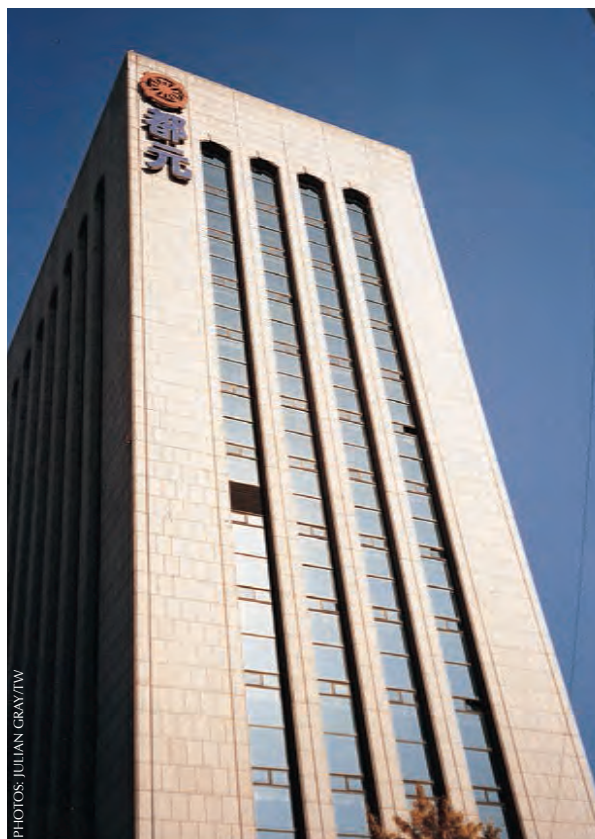
Unification Church bought the by then empty building during a period of rapid expansion, and Father established it as the movement's World Mission Center, a global headquarters for the outreach to the world that has involved hundreds of missionaries from the mid-seventies. The church carried out basic restoration, and fully renovated the ballrooms. These were used for many church-related functions, most notably holy day services (at

which Father would speak) and for educational and ecumenical conferences. During the church's rapid expansion in the late seventies and eighties, the building also housed a good number of the New York church members, for whom basic amenities were maintained. It was also used for workshops and training programs, and many organizations, ventures or campaigns launched by Father or church members established their headquarters there (for example, *Today's World* magazine's offices were there for most of the 1980s and 1990s).

As those who had made the New Yorker their home grew older and had families, they tended to move out,



Dowon Building: The FFWPU international office (world mission office) is located in the Dowon ("City Origin") Building, in Seoul. Designed by architect Duk Mun Aum, who had known Father as a student, and built by Ilsung Construction Co., the building was opened by True Parents on February 5, 1988. It is also the headquarters of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, the HSA-UWC Foundation and the Pure Love Movement for Youth in Korea, and a True Family Cultural Center.



leaving more and more of the building vacant. Eventually, after offers to purchase the hotel from the church had been made (but rejected), a proposal was made to the church to reopen the building as a hotel.

On June 1, 1994, the New Yorker Hotel Management Company, Inc. officially opened the building with 178 rooms. Since that time, rooms have been added continuously. By mid-1999 more than a thousand rooms were available—an expansion matched by increasing demand—making it one of the ten largest hotels in New York City. Mr. Peter Hyo-Yul Kim is currently President of the New Yorker Hotel Management Company, and other Family Federation members are employed in a variety of positions including management, security, engineering and maintenance.

Meanwhile, renovation of the building has been ongoing. The lobby, in particular, has been completely re-done, with a new carpet (imported from England), wood paneling and new main entrance doors. An as-required exterior renovation of the building's limestone facade and renewal of the adjacent sidewalks are scheduled to begin in the new year. The work is going a long way toward restoring some of the hotel's landmark Art Deco style, increasing its overall attractiveness in a city where stiff competition rages among the mid-priced establish-

ments.

Maintaining and developing the hotel has been a challenge for the new company, which has also worked to upgrade the hotel's technical aspects. This has included the installation of a sophisticated hotel computer system (giving the New Yorker the administrative potential of a top flight hotel), a new heating plant and the modernization of the electrical systems. In addition, the hotel has been working increasingly closely with the adjacent Manhattan Center, a renowned New York opera house and concert venue, with mutual cooperation for large events especially.

In an article that appeared in *The New York Times* some months ago, it was reported that New York still generates considerable demand for mid-priced hotels from tourists, equal numbers of which arrive from Europe, South America and Asia. In the hope of gleaning a larger chunk of the more lucrative business-rate reservations, however, from January 2000, the New Yorker joins the Ramada Hotel franchise

chain, linking with its global reservation system. To its iconic name it will add the suffix, "a Ramada Inn and Plaza." The opening of the Javits Conference center, within walking distance of the New Yorker, is already bringing more corporate business to the hotel.

With the neighborhood improving steadily over the years, visitors are nowadays increasingly drawn to that part of the city.

The New Yorker Hotel receives commendations from agencies watching hotels to assess the services they provide—and how well they provide them.

The New Yorker Hotel, from which many aspects of the Unification movement were run in years past, is forging out a bright new future for the 21st century, regaining its prestige as an icon of the great city in which it was once the largest hostelry. In terms of its character and heart, at least, it looks as though it may well soon become so again. ♦



THE NEED TO EDUCATE FOR CHARACTER (PART 2)

FAMILY BREAKDOWN AND ITS SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES

Presented by Jack Corley, International Education Foundation

THE contemporary crisis in American education has been caused, at least in part, because educators abandoned the age-old mission of moral instruction. The movement for character education is thus essential to solving the basic crisis in education itself. The various dimensions of education merit attention in order to understand the context in which moral and ethical education plays a part.

The Priority of Character Education

The present age has given human beings power and affluence unprecedented in history. The enormous forces of technology are at humanity's fingertips. The question of how one uses it depends upon one's moral maturity. This is well expressed by Arnold Toynbee, the British historian, who in his work *Civilization on Trial* warned of the need for modern technological civilizations to give greater emphasis to the moral and spiritual dimensions of life:

The greater our material power, the greater our need for spiritual insight and virtue to use our power for good and not for evil. ... We have never been adequate spiritually for handling our material power; and today the morality gap is ... greater than it has ever been in any previous age.

This leads us to reflect on the very nature of a human being. A human being has two dimensions: mind and body. People have always been challenged to manage these two dimensions of their nature in a moral way. Education can help or hinder this.

These two dimensions of the human person lead people to seek two corresponding sets of values. The mind, centering on the conscience, is the source of aspirations for moral or spiritual values such as truth and meaning, beauty, goodness, virtue and true love. Finding or realizing these brings about an inner satisfaction. At the same time, people have material desires and needs. People want a comfortable life, a long life and good health.

Complete human fulfillment requires a healthy balance of both these kinds of satisfaction. Two concurrent aspects of civilization have emerged as a result of the pursuit of these dual sets of values. People's pursuit of fulfillment in the moral and spiritual area has resulted in the development of religion and philosophy. There is a human need to find answers to such basic questions as the meaning of life and the way of goodness. This need has

been addressed by the various religions and philosophies that have developed throughout the ages.

At the same time, through the development of science and technology, people have tried to improve their material situation. These endeavors have sought to understand the physical laws of nature and the properties of matter and energy, with the aim of developing technologies to harness nature for human benefit. They have immensely improved our standard of living.

Between these two dimensions of education, moral and ethical education has priority. The philosopher Heraclitus put it simply: "Character is destiny." This is true not only for the individual. Because of the social nature of human life, character shapes the destiny of all humanity. Raising people of good individual character is the greatest hope for peace in the family, peace in society and peace in the world. Hence, the mission of moral and ethical education is great indeed.

Goals of Education

With this in mind, let us consider how moral and ethical education and the conventional components of education might relate in a balanced way. We will examine this question by considering education's fundamental purposes.

Educational theory has two aspects. On the one hand, what is known as the philosophy of education deals broadly with education's purposes, ideals and goals. On the other hand, the science of education involves curriculum, methods and administration. Often in dealing with problems in education, the focus of concern has been with the practical side—improving the curriculum, developing new methodologies, and so on. It is easy to ignore the more essential if more abstract questions of educational philosophy. However, these must be examined if the whole of education is to be brought into balance.

What are the purposes and ideals of education? Here we want to consider education in the broadest sense, in both its formal and informal manifestations, within and outside of educational institutions. Undoubtedly, the purpose of education is to produce decent, competent human beings. Enlarging upon this, human competency includes three areas:

- 1) The development of mature character.
- 2) The establishment of ethical and loving relationships and family.
- 3) Mastery and good citizenship.

Educating for Mature Character

Let us begin with the first of these goals: mature character. What is meant by "character"? Character has been defined as the inner disposition conducive to right conduct. It is a person's collection of attitudes and habits which enable and facilitate moral action. It is the foundation for all activity in the world; every task and every achievement bears the imprint of one's character. Moreover, as we shall see, one result of attaining good character is that individuals are able to love others well and become more productive citizens. Good character is thus the foundation for all human endeavors.

At the core of good character is a well-cultivated heart, which is a moral heart. Heart is the core of human nature, the deepest motivation for all moral striving. In particular, heart is the source of the fundamental impulse for relatedness. It is what motivates a person to yearn for the joy of loving and being loved, the satisfaction of valuing and being valued. Love and relatedness describe a human need no less strong than that of food or shelter. Indeed, people have forsaken both for the sake of love.

A mature person is one who is capable of loving others, fulfilling the motivation of the moral heart. The heart's impulse to seek joy through love can only be realized through the way of morality, developing maturity of character. After all, genuine love involves giving and living for the sake of others.

Education for Ethical and Loving Relationships

The second great goal of education is to develop the capacity for ethical and loving relationships. Ethics is about the way to properly relate with others, especially in the family. Building upon the first goal—mature character with the capacity for true love—a person learns to observe the standards and proper rules for good relationships. The loving and harmonious family is both the goal and the central context for ethical practice and ethical training.

Beyond the family, the scope of ethical relationships extends to relating with friends, schoolmates and co-workers, and beyond to the community, nation and world. The family is the foundation of ethics, and the school is its first extension into the world. In school, the child begins to apply the ethical principles learned in the family to the first larger world he or she encounters.

Viewed this way, all relationships in society are extensions of family relationships. A person who is well-trained in relating with family members at home is equipped to relate well with co-workers on the job and with fellow citizens of the nation. Thus, business ethics, medical ethics and the like are extensions of family ethics. They are guidelines for the harmonious flow of love in social relationships.

Instruction in the rules and norms of behavior is key to education in ethics. Good character develops only through a course of continual self-discipline and striving to adhere to standards of good behavior. Ethical training provides us with such standards, by which we regulate our lives and relate with others. This component of education is concerned with rules, training to be obedient to rules, and understanding the reasons behind rules. The Golden Rule, for example—"Do to others as you would have them do to you"—is a typical rule for an ethical life.

In the family, ethical conduct includes fulfilling one's proper role according to one's position, whether as an elder brother, a son, a daughter, a wife, a father, etc. It means accepting the responsibility inherent in one's role. In this regard, rules governing sexuality are of central importance. The standards of chastity before marriage and fidelity within marriage guard the integrity of the family itself.

Moral and ethical education should strike a balance between love and rules. It may seem that acting from a loving heart and acting in obedience to rules are quite opposite. After all, since the nature of love is to be concerned with the welfare of others, actions arising from a loving heart are compassionate and forgiving. On the other hand, ethical rules are by nature demanding, fair, strict, and uncompromising.

Nevertheless, these two seemingly opposite components of moral and ethical education are complementary and pursue the same purpose—to foster goodness. The love that nurtures and cultivates the heart instills the motivation and desire to be good. Ethical rules define the way of good conduct and guide the course of training to be good. Thus, love and concern for others can powerfully motivate a person to follow rules of good conduct. Being strict with oneself about standards makes one a reliable person, better able to relate with honesty and fairness.

Cultivation of heart and education in ethical standards should be in balance. If moral education emphasizes rules and is lacking in love, it becomes excessively harsh and formal. People raised in this way may be disciplined and reliable but lacking in compassion and sensitivity. They may become self-righteous and end up harming others. They may have difficulty expressing or receiving love. Education that is strong on love but weak on standards, however, can raise young

people who are undisciplined, spoiled and irresponsible. Even though they might be well-endowed with compassion for others, they will not have the strength of character to enter into faithful and dependable relationships in which sacrifice, perseverance and loyalty are required.

These two components of education together constitute moral and ethical education, or character education. Moral and ethical education is truly the basis of education, the foundation upon which all education rests.

Education for Mastery and Good Citizenship

Let us turn now to the more conventional components of education, which involve the acquisition of knowledge and skills. Knowledge acquisition can include academic and theoretical knowledge as well as technical and practical knowledge. There is education for the development of vocational skills, artistic talent, physical prowess, and business competence. These components of education taken all together constitute "education for mastery."

As people develop their knowledge, skills, and technical expertise, they have the potential to be of enormous benefit to the world around them—if only they have upright character and right relationships with family and co-workers. On the foundation of good character and guided by a loving heart, people can place their desire for personal success in the larger context of how they can benefit others. Their work and creativity can thus have value to the larger society. They would never allow their ambition to permit them to destroy the environment, to exploit others, or to misuse public funds. In this way, they can participate in building a prosperous world—a world enjoying widespread prosperity and where human beings live in harmony with nature.

Mastery and morality necessarily intertwine. Whether one labors with one's hands or with one's head, whether one works with people or things, whether one creates or brings to market others' creations, a well-developed capacity to love and a strong conscience make for a more ennobling contribution to the human community. Mastery alone often does not bring success to an endeavor. Attitudes of the heart, abilities in forming good relationships, and the moral and humane treatment of others often count for more in determining successful outcomes than one's level of technical expertise.

Similarly, mastery of the natural world must be accompanied by ethical concern for conserving and preserving the natural environment. The natural world can also be seen as an extension of one's own body. Therefore, just as a person of good character restrains his or her physical desires, so people need to restrain their greed in order not to abuse the environment.

All three of these basic components of education—cultivation of heart, instruction in ethical standards, and education for mastery—are involved in realizing the third of the three goals of education: making productive citizens. This goal of education is realized when all three components are in balance.

Thus, a well-educated individual is one who has cultivated a loving heart, is trained in ethical precepts, and has mastered skills for productive work. A prosperous society is one whose citizens are well-matured in heart and character, are happy in their families and social lives, and have the skills to produce an abundance of useful products and services.

Conclusion

The real purpose of education should be to give young people the values and abilities by which to find lasting happiness. The roots of happiness begin with a mature character and loving bonds of family. The happiness which derives from the pursuit of wealth comes best on that foundation.

In conclusion, it is helpful to reflect on a letter from a headmaster of a school in the United States who had survived one of Hitler's concentration camps. From that experience, he had realized that without setting the proper priorities, even the most educated people can become criminals. Every time a new faculty member joined this headmaster's staff, he sent a letter reminding the teacher that the atrocities he witnessed were engineered and committed by the highly educated:

My eyes saw what no man should witness: gas chambers built by learned engineers, children poisoned by learned physicians, infants killed by trained nurses, women and babies shot and burned by high school and college graduates. So, I am suspicious of education. ...

My request is: Help your students become human. Your efforts must never produce learned monsters, skilled psychopaths, educated Eichmanns. Reading, writing, arithmetic are important only if they serve to make our children more human.

Indeed, society is served best by a truly balanced approach to education. Such an education trains youth not just to be future technicians, journalists, scientists, artists and so on. More importantly, it teaches them to become true human beings. ♦

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Aewon voluntary service organization members share Christmas warmth and gifts with handicapped children

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