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They will be very supportive, very involved, and very powerful. This event marked the beginning of the fulfillment of a dream I've had since the day I joined our family. When I was in the Unification Theological Seminary, I had dreams with Father about twice a week. In the last dream before graduating, Father held my hand and read the Quran (same as "Koran"). I asked, "Father, how do you know the Quran?" He replied, "Well, I learned it in school." In that dream he assigned my mission and he read the Quran to confirm it!!

I don't know how long I'll be doing this, but I feel very hopeful for the future.

I had many powerful spiritual experiences when I went to Syria to meet him. Just before I left for Syria, I suddenly got very sick. Although I couldn't even sit upright on the plane, I insisted upon flying to, Syria, even if I died. When the plane arrived, I found that the Grand Mufti had the same illness as I! When he heard about this, he laughed, put his hand on my stomach, and instantly I was healed for some time.

While I was there, I had a very powerful dream about him. In the dream, his son and his interpreter took me to the basement of his mosque-and there I saw a big beautiful fountain made of pure gold, with pure sparkling water gushing out of it. I stood there in amazement and said, "My God, this is so beautiful!" I reached for my camera to take a picture, but a voice in my heart said, "Don't take a picture-this is just for you to know." I woke up, prayed, and received that the gold fountain was the Grand Mufti, and the water was the teaching he was giving to his followers.

One participant, in a dream, was told by a holy spirit he would take him to the highest heaven, and together they flew and landed on the moon. It was too bright for him to see, so the spirit took him back to the earth and landed near the Grand Mufti. The participant said, "It is the Grand Mufti who sent me to New York to meet the Moon."

It was a great joy to see the Grand Mufti's followers, on a moment's notice, drop everything they were doing and attend this conference. Many of them are doctors, lawyers, engineers, government employees, and business peoplesome lost thousands of dollars by leaving their jobs for 40 days, but because of the link they have with the Grand Mufti, they instantly obeyed his direction. That is an amazing commitment to the Grand Mufti, and ultimately to God. Also, it was remarkable to see them praying five times a day. They woke up at 4 a.m. and prayed for hours, almost missing breakfast which started at 6:30 a.m. Then they followed the schedule of the day which finished about 9 p.m. Some of them didn't go to bed until midnight. It was a challenge to keep up with such a schedule. I don't know many of us who wake up that early and pray five times a day. They did this every day and I think they will do it for the rest of their lives.

Their prayers are more advanced, in a way. They pray a traditional Muslim's prayer in which they recite

the Quran. Also, they have their own Zekir, which is an advanced form of prayer, though which they reach out to God in an attempt to empty themselves.

Once while I was meditating with them, I saw a vision of Sheik Basheer, the spiritual leader of the participants, in a deep conversation with Prophet Mohammed. He was asking Prophet Mohammed questions concerning the Principle. When I told Sheik Basheer what I had seen he laughed and said, "Now you know my secret." We were told that this man had seen Prophet Mohammed over 17 times. This is considered a great privilege for Muslims.

Most of the participants joined the Grand Mufti's group because of their own spiritual experiences with God.

Father's desire was that they listen to three cycles of Divine Principle. The first cycle presented the content of a two-day workshop, the second cycle was equivalent to a seven-day workshop, and the third cycle included the content of a 21-day workshop. After Dr. Frank Kaufmann finished the first cycle, the participants carried him on their shoulders and sang joyful songs! Fritz, our missionary in Yemen, taught the second cycle in Arabic. They were amazed by the power of the Principle to motivate a German person to learn the difficult Arabic language. Robert Kittel taught the third cycle. They were deeply moved and shocked at his comprehensive knowledge of the Quran, their holy book.

Although very strong in their faith, they took a very humble position in studying the Principle. They were tolerant, understanding and forgiving, even though there were times when they had different views. However, the differences were not big enough to separate us. They were very attentive and moved when we talked about Father's life.

True Parents invited them to East Garden where they recited poems congratulating Father as the "Conqueror of Satan." True Father responded by a moving speech in which he referred to himself and the Mufti as the two wheels of a vehicle which will carry the whole world to God. We were inspired by this image and created a blown-glass gift for the Mufti.

They were impressed by the stories and testimonies of our elders. Through Mr. Sudo's experiences with Father, they found a lot of commonality between Father and the Grand Mufti, and found more common ground when Mrs. Eu shared. Lady Dr. Kim cried when she saw them and shared that 35 years ago she had a dream realizing the Muslims were our brothers; they wept, too. Kevin McCarthy guided them through the sad events of Father's trial. Dr. Thomas Walsh brightened their spirits by sharing about Father's vision through the International Religious Foundation's projects.

They were very moved by Father's accomplishments worldwide. They were amazed by The Washington Times, The World and I, Insight magazine, New Future Productions, the Manhattan Recording Studio, the International Television Center, and fish businesses. All of them agreed that no one else was doing what Father is doing. Their leader said that Rev. Moon is fulfilling what the Prophet Mohammed had asked Muslims to fulfill, even though Father is not from a Muslim background. Especially they were impressed when we visited New Hope Farms Equestrian Center. There is a saying of the Prophet, which they take literally, that Muslims have to teach their children how to ride horses. They saw Father doing it, not only talking about it. Also, Prophet Mohammed encouraged Muslims to teach their children how to swim and shoot, and they found a place for swimming and shooting at New Hope Farms. When they went to the Seminary, their leader was so moved by the vision and greatness of God, who inspired Father to do these kinds of thing. The whole group offered a full bow in gratitude to God.

One of the biggest similarities with our family members is their devotion to God and also their strong bond with their leader, the Grand Mufti. It is like our bond with Father, and they came to understand Cain-Abel relationship much better through the lectures. Also, they are inspired that Unificationists respect Islam as a religion, and see it as part of the providential course. Established Christians don't look at Islam in that way. So they found us to be their true brothers, in a way.

Islam expects a second coming, but there are many opinions about where, how, and who. However, the understanding of the Grand Mufti's group is close to the Principle -- that Christ, the Messiah, will come. According to a saying from Prophet Mohammed, when the Messiah comes, he and the Mahadi (the Mahadi is basically the central figure of Islamic religion whose mission is to testify to the Messiah) will meet in Damascus!

In the farewell banquet, one participant summed up the whole experience of the conference by saying, "Dear brothers and sisters ... The day Father Moon and the Grand Mufti met, Satan became homeless, hopeless, and completely distressed! The day we entered the New Yorker, I entered with one spiritual father. I am leaving tomorrow with two spiritual fathers; both compose the strong foundation of True Parental faith. Father Moon, I feel your presence with us right now, so please allow me to a result of people's ignorance of the Will of God, and not living the Word in their daily life by loving each other. What is your vision for how these people may thank you deeply. In fact, because of you, Father Moon, I became a better Muslim during these 40 days. May Allah bless you, Mother Moon and your family, the Unificationists, and all of us. Amen, Amen, Amen."