

“My Life for World Peace”

Vienna, Austria, 3. September 2012

Originally there would have been a lecture about The Last Days on September 3rd. But because of True Father’s Ascension we decided to talk about His life.

The program was as follows:

First, we explained that True Father had ascended to the Spirit World. Then we played a 4-minutes video with the song “Amazing Grace” as a time to pay respect to True Father and to reflect.

Afterwards I gave a 20-minutes lecture about the country of Korea and True Father’s early days as well as His visits to Austria (he visited Austria twice).

Afterwards we showed a video with pictures of True Parents with texts read from the Autobiography in German.

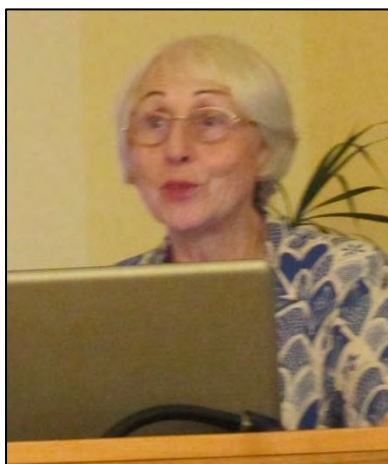
Finally Johannes Stampf read some passages from the Autobiography. At the end some questions were asked and comments were made by members. Although we all were saddened by True Father’s ascension, we tried to create a hopeful, optimistic spirit.



Dominique Haider with her guest - 2nd gen Daiela Thery with her guest - Johannes Stampf reading from the Autobiography - Elisabeth Cook teaching about Korea and TF’s Life

“Role Models for the 21st Century?”

Vienna, Austria, 23. and 30. August 2012



This was the title of a lecture about Jesus’ life and mission, which Mrs. Ulrike Schütz gave on two consecutive Thursdays. Mrs. Schütz spoke about the purpose of Jesus’ life, how much God wanted to establish His ideal in Jesus’ lifetime. One week later, in the second part of her lecture, she emphasized the maturity in heart which qualifies a person to become one with God. Also, she explained clearly the barriers which prevented people from recognizing and accepting the Messiah.

“Why did man separate from God?” Lecture/ Discussion evening

Vienna, Austria, 9. and 16. August 2012

This was the first part of a lecture series about *The Fall of Man*. Johannes Stampf gave the lecture. What happened in the Garden of Eden, what was the situation there? These were the questions at the beginning of the lecture. God’s intention was to create love, so He needed a partner who could multiply. The origin of every new generation also had to be love. That’s why God created man. It was painful for the Angel to watch the creation of man, who had a spiritual and a physical body. Many myths of the past indicate the different steps which led to the Fall, for example the Fall of the angels prior to the Fall of man can be found in Greek mythology as well as in the Koran. The angel’s jealousy and envy led to the thinking: “I’ve been deprived of something, I didn’t get enough!” It means the direction of the relationships changed from altruistic (thinking of the whole) to egoistic (thinking of myself), which has dominated humans’ lives ever since. Peace is only possible if man overcomes this self-centered thinking and puts God in the center again.

One week later, on August 16th, Mrs. Elisabeth Cook gave a short summary of the lecture and then put up the following questions for discussion:

1. How can we overcome self-centeredness in our daily life?
2. How to recognize evil influences in life
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The guests enjoyed the discussion and actively took part in it.



Discussions after the meeting



discussion group