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Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I am very happy to have you here tonight and I thank you very much for coming. I have been looking forward to this opportunity to speak to you. I wish that all of you receive an abundance of God's blessings.

As you can see, I am an oriental man. My topics relate to God's revelation, new revelation. Perhaps you will hear some new terms and for many of you it is the first time that you hear of these things from an oriental. I understand many people among Americans receive revelations or have spiritual communication with the spirit world. These facts that you receive through revelations or spiritual communication cannot last eternally. You must have truth to support these facts. The important thing is to summarize these facts through the truth. We must have a systematic explanation for these facts because spiritual revelations are timely and truth lasts eternally. I have had many experiences of spiritual communication and spiritual revelations but I was most concerned with how to systemize all these facts into one systematic truth. Here I would like to emphasize the importance of truth again.

Tonight I am going to speak on the topic: One God, One World Religion.

When you look around you at this world - at the chaos of this world - I believe most of you must wonder, "...where to go ? What is this world heading towards ?" At this time I think even the free world, the democratic world has come to an end. In the communist world too we can see division: they have big trouble ahead of them. In these circumstances how happy we'd be if we could have Almighty God with us to solve all these chaotic problems! If all people understood the existence of God everyone would want to follow in His direction. However, I don't think there are too many people who really

understand the existence of God. Even among Christians, among Christian ministers and Christian leaders I say there are many who do not understand the existence of God. It is ignorance of God's existence which leads many nations to follow the path which brings about corruption and eventual destruction of their society. Therefore the most important thing is to understand whether or not God exists. Though God exist He cannot fulfill His ideal if He exists or works all alone. If God exists His most needed one must be man. When God and man have a relationship with each other that relationship acquires great significance. Therefore the most important thing is to know of the existence of God fully. If we consider God to be an author then this world may be regarded as his 'work.' All people understand this world is a world of existence - it exists. For any thing or being to exist it must have energy or force. Without energy or force nothing can exist. But before energy or force can come about action is necessary. Without action no energy or force can exist. Further, action cannot occur just simply by itself, isolated, without an object. In other words a subject and object relationship is necessary in order to produce or result in action. So we may conclude there must first be a subject-object relationship and then they can have action - a give and take action. On that basis everything can begin. However, when subject and object exist they don't involve in a give and take action without any purpose. They involve in this action only when they can multiply or increase some mutual advantage by so doing. Thus we see whenever a subject and object have give and take they seek to derive some benefit from it. Without this they wouldn't engage in such interaction. It means when either one incurs a loss they wouldn't desire this give and take action - wouldn't have it. You people have come here tonight. I believe there is none among you who came here to lose anything. On the contrary you came here looking for something which will benefit you and if you find you have lost something by coming here you won't come again. Consider Baltimore. There are many people walking the streets

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in the busy section. We wouldn't find anyone there who have left their homes to lose anything. They have all come to seek something which will benefit them. Thus whenever man loses something he will not continue that action or that work. For instance, two men work jointly in business only when they receive some mutual gain by operating that business. If I raise and lower my arm thus, without any object to relate to, you might say I am insane. But if during my action I raise my arm, my hand to hold something, you wouldn't call me an insane man. Now let's say there is a world renowned man in your country: if he stays in his quarters all by himself and without any reason smiles or laughs he would probably be regarded as a crazy man. But if he held something in his hand and in relation to that thing smiles or laughs he would be quite normal.

Now let's think about God Almighty. If God speaks or laughs without having any object to hear or see or talk with or have any relationship with, He should be an insane God! But if God has something in His objective position - as His object - and laughs or exalts in relation to that then God is a normal God. We can confirm all things have such a relationship whenever they have a joint interest or receive mutual benefit. Quite often when we conduct experiments in a physical laboratory we come across certain elements that never interact, never have any chemical reaction among themselves. However, when two such elements find another type of substance - a third object - can be formed by having give and take action they tend to interact.

It is the same with man and woman. If a man and woman lose something by uniting they wouldn't desire to be united. If they have better results by uniting they will unite. If they can multiply their value infinitely they will unite or stay united eternally. Consequently everything exists on the foundation of energy or force. Energy or force is produced by action. Action comes from the interaction of subject and object. These, subject and object, unite and become one only when they can multiply positive results

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or mutual gains. This colossal, massive universe is thus created from some small unit or thing - by continued subject-object relationships and continued give and take action a principle stands out: if subject and object lose (instead of gain) by give and take action such a great work of creation could not have come about if give and take took place. Such creation cannot be. Wherever they run into conflicting natures they are unable to interact. But whenever they find they can develop a higher standard, or into a higher position they are able to have this give and take action.

Dialectic materialism is now influencing this world very much. The dialectic studied from the above-quoted viewpoint leads to the conclusion that there is no being which does not have a purpose intended to lift it to a higher position or higher premise. Man is a resultant being, a being of effect. There must be a cause to him. In every man we find rational conscience. This conscience always leads to goodness, good things. No one can deny this action of conscience. It is this which watches, so to speak, and prompts us to do good deeds and works. Even at night - if you wake up and feel like doing evil your conscience will stop you. From where then does the action of conscience come? I said before no action can come into effect without there first being a relationship between subject and object. I also stated no action can take place when there is mutual loss. I said too that action takes place because subject and object reap greater advantage than previously existed, by that action. Therefore conscience too must have a subject. Conscience must have subject-object relationship with something. Since man is not subject there must be someone who stands in the subject position to conscience. In the action of conscience there is no 'evolution.' It is the same, stays the same - in the past, present, and future. So long as the subjective being does not change the action of conscience cannot change. Who then could be subject to conscience? We cannot deny the existence of this subject - call it God or any other

word. That the subject being exists we must admit. Let's call him God.

Now let's think of God's existence in another illustration: every result depends upon the cause of it. If we regard our physical body we see it as a body of mystery. I believe over hundreds of thousands of medical doctors have studied the structure of the physical body of man. Having studied a small portion of the body they received their advanced degrees and doctorates. They did not create anything, didn't build that body or make it, they just discovered some facts. Then they explained those discoveries.

If we trace our forefathers over the generations we will ultimately arrive at one man, the first man. Let us consider this first man. He was made, born, and he existed here on this earth. Do you think that man had knowledge or foreknowledge, of the heavenly bodies, or of light with which to see, before he existed? Man is a being of matter. Yet when man started existing he had eyes to see all heavenly bodies and there was light with which he could see these bodies. We also know our eyes blink frequently. Eyes blink because someone knew there is radiant heat on earth and that heat causes water to evaporate. Hence, to prevent drying, to keep themselves moist, eyes blink. Does man blink without this knowledge or foreknowledge? If you keep your eyes from blinking for thirty minutes you will be in trouble! Then again, why do we have eyelashes? Do you think eyelashes came to be without someone's foreknowledge of dust in the air? Someone knew of the presence of dust in the air - to prevent dust from getting into the eyes eyelashes exist. Besides this, we have eyebrows. If we lacked these sweat and rain would get into the eyes. To prevent this from happening eyebrows exist. All these which exist - did they know that man would stand and walk and live in an upright position? The eyes, for instance, are set inside the head but they also protrude a little. Let's look at our nose: how about if it were upside down? Also the creases along the face. Again, the upper part of the nose is narrower than the lower part - this is to prevent water from dripping into the mouth. There is no one who

doesn't have this crease along the face extending below the sides of the mouth. Is there anyone on whose face these lines, these creases extend into the mouth? These lines stretch outward. The mouth too protrudes, slightly.

Did all these come into existence at random - without any cause? We have hair in our nostrils, and hair in our ears. Because our face, ears, etc. face forward (frontal) we understand man was made to live with people in front of him. When we shake our hands we see they were made to function in front of us. There are many who say such a being, man, came to exist without any cause to him. Is there - can there ever be - such a being which exists without a cause or plan? How do we express by tongue-- while speaking - what we think in our mind? These are all mysteries. So physical man can be regarded as a "...palace of mystery."

These things cannot exist without any reason or cause. Thus we can understand all parts and members of our body came to exist as a result of vast knowledge - foreknowledge - with which no scholars, no scientists, no doctors can compete. Can we then deny the existence of someone who had this foreknowledge before man existed? If so please raise your hand.

So before man existed we must admit there was someone who knew all these things and who prepared a great plan to make such a man. When he created him he must have had a plan for that man, a certain purpose. He made man as he did so that man may fulfill that purpose. Whenever you wash your face and look at yourself in the mirror you should think of the one who made you this way. We should thank him for making us this way

Let us now conclude that God really exists - not isolated but in company with something. God can exist then. Now I am going to speak on that basis - that God can exist. I do believe God is almighty. However, He cannot be joyful if He lives isolated or alone. If we confine President Nixon to a room and leave him there alone,

will he feel joy and happiness ? The same is true for you. Because man feels this way his cause - God - must feel the same. Therefore God too needs to have an object. What thing or being would be the most fitting object for God ? Would He have a diamond as His object ? That cannot be ! Maybe plants , which have life ? They are closer to God than the diamond. Would plants then be the most fitting object to God ? Well, if God finds something better than plants, something superior to them, very likely He would prefer to relate to that. What about animals ? Even if we ask this question to children in kindergarten they would most probably answer, "...it must be man !"

Among men, there are many kinds of people - some uncorrupted, some criminals , some good people. Who among these would God want to have in His object position ? God will have as His object the highest, the best man. There are many high ranking officials and people who have high positions - would God select these people then ? For God to select His object certain conditions must be met. We see examples of this in our own lives : in our selection of friends and colleagues. Also, in choosing their spouses people desire the best man or best woman in the world. This nature is innate in man. To be able to stand before God - who is Absolute - man must be Absolute. When God created man He must have had a purpose to create him. Besides, man created by God must have a purpose too. These two purposes must meet, must correspond. They must find a point of convergence where both God and man can find greater mutual advantage. Since God is the highest being He would naturally want the highest man as object. Again, if God made man to be the highest object to Him man had to have been created with the desire to reach that highest position. Consequently every and each man on earth has this desire to become the highest being in the world. All men and women desire this. Not only does man desire to attain this highest of goals - the status of the highest being - but he also wants to control the whole world as he pleases. This

is man's nature. All of you have, I think, the same desire, the same feeling. Besides this you want to be respected by others. Such a being of such tendency is not a thing of today - from the very beginning man was made with this nature.

In order to reach that high position man must have the intention which arouses in him the desire to attain that goal - he must have the mind to do it. What then would be the final goal for him? If you know there is a God how joyful it would be to live with Him! Perhaps you may feel happy in possessing God. But if you knew that God had one great treasure in His bosom - one love, the highest love - then everyone would want to possess that love of God. So even if you possess God it would mean nothing if you could not have His love because our ideal to be happy cannot be realized without love. The highest position for God and the highest position for man must meet at love - must converge at the point of God's love. What then would you like to be before God? In what position would you be where you could have God's full love?

We'll look at this: we don't want to serve God as our lord. We want to have Him as our father - as "my" father! That is the final goal for man. However humble you may be - if you discover the way to reach the state where you can stand as the son of God or the daughter of God, how happy you would be! If you see the way to attain this goal and are confident to get there all people of the world will use that path. Look at the elections here in the USA. Every four years you elect your President. Many people strain and compete to win that position because it is so desirable. How much more to find the way to become the son or daughter of God! If you definitely learn to reach that position you won't need the man who knows the way. But if I teach you you will come with me.

When man was created he was endowed with the capacity to be able to reach that goal. Thus every man has the desire to grow to the highest. Since everyone has this desire all should be entitled to reach that state. If man becomes the son or daughter

of God he will be entitled to all that God made - this is a natural law. Since God made the whole universe man can have dominion over it if he became children of God. It is natural that all men want to have dominion over the whole world.

But the personality of the children of God is not what you think. I am talking about man who did not fall - did not separate from God. If two people loved each other they wouldn't stand still. They would move and act together. When you hold your loving baby in your arms you would move around and dance for delight. You couldn't feel joy by standing still. To 'move' implies subject and object are one. It means the object becomes the second "I." From that point of oneness and unity hope grows. Then God is almighty and man becomes the son and daughter of God.

A father-son relationship is an up-and-down relationship, or high and low. The son comes after the father. In the oriental tradition the son should respect his father because he was given birth - his life - by his father. Consequently the son should respect his father and in that sense we may say father-son relationship is a high-low relationship, an up-and-down relationship. Man is not satisfied to remain in the 'son' position. He longs to progress to his father's position. Such is man's desire. God knows this. Besides, to remain in a high-low position is not the ideal relationship. Knowing this God wanted that man be in the father's position. This means God wanted to live together in oneness with man. Where then would God dwell? If man reached that state as son to his father in a father-son relationship then his father - God - would want to live within man. So God wanted to become the internal God to man whom He made as the external God. Thus from fallen man's position the first unfallen, perfected man meant the position where he could have an internal-external relationship with God similar to mind and body - mind being internal and body being external. God desired to be as mind and He created the first man as His body.

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What then lies within your mind - how great is your mind ? Is it small or large ? Our mind is so vast we can hold God in it. In I Corinthians 3:16 it is stated: "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you ?" Even fallen man then could become the Temple of God by gaining salvation. How much more so unfallen , perfected man would have been ! Many Christians have the idea that the creator God and the created man cannot become one. They believe God is the holy one and we the are sinners. But such thinking came about as a result of man's fall. If man had not fallen his body would have been as holy as God. Originally man was given the value to stand as Absolute object to God. Suppose man had realized that father-son, internal-external relationship. Would he be content to stay that way ? If man found something better in himself he would want to realize that. Now he had an evil relationship as well as possessed the love of God - even from this stance we God as the creator and man as the created. Even at this stage man wants to have the greatest of God, the creative ability of God. He wants to experience God's joy which He felt after he created. God too wanted to grant the greatest to man.

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In Genesis 1:27 we read: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." What kind of a being is God ? For Him to exist God must have a subject-object relationship within Himself. Everything is made from a cause , resembling the cause. Since God is creator of the entire universe all things resemble His nature. Thus seeds come in two parts and are covered with a skin. This is so because God has such a nature. Seeds have two parts with an embryo or jell at the core, Since God projected His nature into the creation His subjective nature emerged as the substantial being - man; and his objective nature resulted in the substantial being - woman. Why did God divide this being into man and woman? Because He wanted them to reach the stage of perfection as individuals.

When they attain this, man and woman - as subject and object - have give and take action between them. When he reaches the stage of perfection as an individual man receives God' love as a son and woman as daughter. Then they - man and woman - unite as husband and wife. That is the origin of family. When husband and wife are united into one they resemble God's form. This united body can then stand in the object position to God. Thus God as subject and the untied husband and wife as object have give and take action between them. In this manner the married couple inherits the creative ability of God and God's creation. It is from this that they can create children as God created man and woman. Such a relationship leads to man's inheriting the creatorship of God and through the resulting love man and woman are able to bear children. Not only God can create man and woman - man and woman can create too: their children. When God created man He created man as an eternal being. Likewise man and woman can create being who live eternally. Besides this, man has love. The joy he feels from loving his children is the same as the great experience of God's joy when He created man.

God's love can be divided into three aspects: parental love, the love of husband and wife or conjugal love, and children's love. By bearing children man can experience these loves in his life on earth. This is the fundamental principle for man to attain happiness. When we run into a man who has no parents we feel sorrowful for him. We call the man who lives alone a poor man. The couple which does not have children is unhappy. So are their parents. It is man's nature to have parents, husband or wife, and children. If a man and woman establish this foundation through the family God must dwell in that family. Here God and man can be united into one and this family can be the base for God to establish and realize His ideal world.

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Is there anyone here who can claim, "I have attained all these qualifications?"

I don't think there's anyone here. I am speaking of these things very briefly and in a short period of time. I have explored these facts in the spirit world and finally received these answers.

Man lost his position, his qualifications by the fall. We must understand and realize how pitiful is fallen man. Man who is God's creation must have in him an absolute direction - direct and purposeful - because God is absolute. But when we see fallen man we see him divided in mind and body, fighting within himself. Is there anyone who can say he has a united mind and body - that his physical body follows the directives and orders of his mind, his conscience, perfectly? There is no such man. So man's life is a continued battle and dissension between conscience which takes to goodness and physical which takes to evil. Such results have come about. What caused man to come to such a state? We will discuss this the night after tomorrow.

In fallen man two opposites are battling each other. If two such people unite to form a family not only two but four different directions will emerge. If ten people live together twenty directions will come about. This unhappy world of disunity was brought about in such manner. If God left such man alone, doing nothing, we can hardly admit the existence of God. But God has been working to restore fallen man to his original state. Man became defective. Therefore a repair shop is necessary for him. What could this be, which would correct and repair man's defects? It is religion. All religions teach us to return to God. There is no great religion which does not center on God. Due to the fall man lost his relationship with God. So without restoring this relationship with God man cannot return to his original position. God gave man many different religions - according to his tradition, culture, and varied circumstances. Through these religions God has been guiding man to His

goal which is also man's goal. Man has the knowledge and ability to compare and discern the superior from the inferior. When the first tailor made his first suit he never imagined that one day all people would wear such suits. Man wears the suit because he finds it convenient. If he discovers better clothing he will change accordingly. Man seeks to receive the good, the better. The underdeveloped countries chase after developed nations for this reason. It is the same with religions.

Religion started from the primitive state and subsequently grew to higher and higher religions. Today we have four great religions. This means God has prepared four great repair shops on earth. The existence of religion should prevent us from denying the existence of God. In the latter part of the 20th century I know that the ideologies which deny the existence of God are spreading round the world. This is a strange phenomenon. But it is so because the adherents haven't found any better ideology by which they could be convinced in any way. Therefore they turn to atheistic ideology. If they are taught something better, something superior, they would follow that. The mission of all people of religion is to discover the ideology which can surpass atheistic teachings. All founders and workers of religion must search this out and present it to all people. That is their mission. But they stick to their religions to keep their own positions and prestige. When God looks around He finds He is unable to continue to work through the inadequately prepared religions. Therefore He has aimed at mobilizing people to this end - to do away with such religion and to reawaken all people of religion. Many young people today do not respect ministers or priests. In these circumstances they cannot fulfill their missions. Religious leaders should be able to lead even scientists.

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The reason God set up such religions is that He may restore the ultimate world of His ideal. But the four great religions today are battling each other. When I est-

abished this new teaching, this new movement most leaders objected to and persecuted our movement. Before persecuting or objecting they should study the contents . Among the four religions of today we must select the one which is highest, closest to God. When we talk of four sacred men we mean four people only. The four religions are Christianity , Buddhism, Islam, and Confucianism or Far Eastern religions. Their founders we call sacred. Some have wanted to include Socrates in this list but Socrates was a man of knowledge. We cannot control life with knowledge. Life comes only from God and the teachings of these founders of religions have led man to life - only they can be regarded as sacred men. Because Jesus, Buddha, Mohammed, and Confucious were all founders of religions whose ideologies were all based on God - their goal being to save the whole world - sacred men cannot be confined nationally, by national boundaries. They came to the world, not to any country. Most of them were persecuted by their own nation and their own people. Typical of this was the example of Jesus Christ. Confucious experienced the same things. Mohammed was persecuted by his countrymen. Buddha too deserted his palace and country and went into the mountains to find his way. Which among these is the special religion, the special one ?

Before becoming one with God we must attain the position of His son. In order to realize this it is necessary for us to go through the servant's position because the fall brought man under the domination of God's servant. Beyond this is the state of adopted son. Then we can attain the position of son. The final position is that of parent . Thus there are many kinds of religions - some for men on the servant's level; some for men in the adopted children's position; some for those in the position of son. Confucious taught of the concrete conscience of heaven in the moral life. Buddha taught of the spiritual world, mostly of its laws; but he didn't realize that God was a God of personality. The Muslims have the Old Testament as their source

but in teaching their faith they hold their book in one hand and a sword in the other. People who didn't accept the holy book were destroyed by the sword. That is not God's method. God does not want people to use violence while saving man. What about Jesus ? By what standards and from what standpoint can you select the highest man ?

As I said before the conditions necessary to become the highest man are three : to have a father-son relationship with God; to become one with God in an internal and external relationship with Him; finally, to bear children of God through a God-centered husband and wife relationship. This man has to raise a God-centered family and teach the way to establish such a family centered on God. Jesus aimed to fulfill these three conditions. Every religion teaches us to bear hardships, to overcome our physical body in order to return to God. By so doing God wanted to make body and mind one. Though superficially the words of all religions are the same there are many internal differences in connotations, especially in the words of Jesus.

Let us discuss Jesus' sayings. Jesus called himself the only begotten son of God. He claimed to be the first man to receive God's love in his time. He claimed to be the only begotten son of God. Next he said he was one with God. In John 14:20 it is stated: "...I am in my Father and you in me and I in you." He wanted to take a bride. He came to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth. To establish a nation we need a tribe. To establish a tribe it is necessary to have family. Without family it is not possible to establish God's nation. Therefore Jesus wanted to and longed to start with a God-centered family. Jesus came as a man and man was not created to live alone, singly. His desire was to realize his family by restoring a bride. On that base he intended to restore God's nation, the ideal world. But he could not

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establish such a family because the Hebrews did not receive him. When he was crucified he said, "...I am the bridegroom and you are the bride." These two thousand years after his crucifixion Christianity has been preparing and waiting for his return. Many people have said the lord will come again in the last days. Many believe Messiah will return on the clouds - from the sky. In Matthew 18:18 Jesus says, "...whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and what you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." When he left this earth he gave the key to the kingdom of heaven to Peter, who was on earth. Because the kingdom of heaven was lost on earth it must be found on earth. If the lord returns on the clouds from the sky he will be unable to establish that ideal world on earth. Besides, the lord who is to come as a bridegroom should be received not by man but by a woman - a real bride. Jesus declared he could find one man among a thousand but not a woman among the thousand. The Messiah then comes to take a bride - woman. In the Book of Revelations we note the wedding of the Lamb. That is the occasion when the Messiah who comes as a bridegroom finds his bride, and gets married with the blessing of God. This is God's ideal. Originally God intended to have the first man and woman married with His blessing and thus establish a God-centered family from this couple. But the fall prevented that from being realized. Therefore God's will of restoration is salvation - to restore man to the original family-to-be before the fall. This should have been established on earth. Consequently the Messiah comes to restore this God-centered family on earth.

Fallen man has had fallen parents - false parents i.e. they haven't had unfallen or perfected parents. In the Book of Genesis we lost our true parents. God intended to restore this in the Book of Revelation because God said, "...I am the Alpha and the Omega...the beginning and the end...the first and the last..." This is why - to fulfill His will from start to finish - God longed to restore that original family.

Thus far we have had religions corresponding to status of servant, adopted children, and son but we haven't had the religion for parents. In the future when we do have such a religion we can attain salvation and perfection by receiving parents' love and attending them. From these true parents new culture, a new way of life, a new world will be established. In this way all people will be reborn as children of God. When we establish this ideal family God can come down among us. God then comes not as the ideal God but as the living God in our lives. When we usher in the true parents and establish the true family the ideal world will grow from this - the ideal world of happiness, the ideal world of unity, the ideal world of peace will spring for mankind. Then we can all become children of God. Anyone, everyone can become sons and daughters of God. We can become one with God and inherit His creatorship. We can multiply children of goodness and experience the limitless happiness and joy of God's ideal. On this foundation a world religion will be established.

Our movement, our church has emerged to prepare for this.

It is time to end. I'll continue my talk Sunday afternoon and night. Thank you very much.

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