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True Day of All Things 2000

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This speech was given on June 2, 2000 at the New Yorker Hotel. The translation was by Mrs. Hee Hun Standard, and this us from unofficial notes taken by Dr. Tyler Hendricks.

We have to think about true love. When we have true love, we can follow the path of True Parents. We can liberate God in that way. The only thing that will remain will be God, based upon true love. It can come from true lineage. That way we can establish a family, tribe, society, nation and world and bring unity of physical world and spirit world. That is God's goal for the providence of restoration.

What is today? [Cham man mul eui nal.] What shall I talk about? You? God? All things? Love? If all creation, people and God had been perfect, then we would have loved everyone and everything. So beyond time and space, past, present or future, whether day or night, we should continuously live for the sake of the providence of restoration. If we can have all those, then we can possess everything in the world. If we have everything, then we can melt everyone's heart.

Shall I talk about good first, then bad? Or bad first, then good? People are using the translation system by radio. Should we use those radios? You western members need to be serious not to use this crutch. If you do not know Korean, then when you go to spirit world you will have some problems there. Here we should speak in Korean. We should feel sympathy for those who cannot speak Korean. Shall I talk about something good first, or the other way around? You make the choice? Why? Why is it such a good day? You want everything to be good, right?

Which of your fingers is the longest? [Holds up his middle finger.] You have two hands and you want to match those fingers with each other. When men and women are together, who is taller? Centered on love, they are the same. In terms of physical height they may be different, but in terms of love their height is the same. Which finger is this? The third, counting from either end of the hand. When they come together, they touch each other (all fingertips on one hand touching). These are father, mother and children. Which is the easier finger to touch the thumb? We can see the four-position foundation.

When you look at the fingers, everything is good. Whether good or bad words, everything is good. Whether you are complimented or chastised, everything is good for you.

The middle finger is the center. The middle finger is like the number three and eight. The DMZ is on the 38th parallel. When we can eliminate that 38th parallel, we can bring the liberation. When the fetus is in the womb, the baby clenches its fist tightly, so the fingernails do not scratch its body.

The 4 seasons and 12 months come from the four position foundation. We should keep a protocol in our life based on the number 24. This can represent God. Basically, when we move our body, our eyes are also moving. The universe turns around because of God. In our faith, the center is the nose. Do you eat with your nose, or breathe with it? When

you breathe you take in invisible air, and eat visible elements with your mouth. If you do not eat physical food, you will die. Which is the more important, between breathing and eating? Communists say we live to eat. But is air or food more important? Actually, air is more crucial to the sustenance of life. People can forego food for 40 days, but without air you will die in minutes. So our life depends not upon visible food but invisible air. For the spirit we need invisible things, but for the body we need something visible.

What is most important to God? Not food, power, intellect, but God absolutely needs love. Do you agree with that? [Yes!] How do you know love is the most important thing to God? Those who do not love do not know the meaning of love. Those who know it prefer to eat love, not food. Have you ever eaten love?

Why were men and women born? What is the purpose of their birth? For the sake of love. Through what can you eat love? What is the container for the eating of love? Is it the sexual organ? So, saeng shik gi can be interpreted "container that can hold love and life." When you become a man and woman, although you cannot see love, you understand what love is like. Rev. Kwak, Dr. Yang, do you know what love tastes like? [Understand!] Once you taste it, even if husband and wife fight, they will smile and fall asleep and enjoy. Some might say, how can the founder of a religion say something like that? What I am teaching you is a different taste from others. You love me, that is why you are all following me. Do you like me? [Yes, applause.]

When a husband and wife are together, do they like each other or me better? [You!] People like me better because I taught what love is like. When people experience love from parents, they can appreciate them very much. For example, when the baby is in the mother's womb, will the baby be waiting for the father to come back, or want to be with the mother more? When the baby is on the mother's bosom, the baby will be happy. The son should be nursed and usually the son will

be nursed at the left breast. In that case, the son would like his father to come and suck the left breast to be in unity with him. Do we have that kind of family in America?

Let me ask if there is a daddy. I need to nurse the baby. Then the daddy would show how the baby should be nursed. That way, the mom and dad are holding the baby together and in the meantime the baby is being nursed. Such a family will be happy or unhappy? What am I talking about today? It is the True Day of All Things. Should I finish my speech or continue?

Today is the True Day of All Things. We should say that we understood truthfulness. Korean language is amazing. I learned this from mother. Cham arasumnida - Mother, thank you. Cham, truly, arasumnida, I understood. If we understood truthfulness, then we understand love truly. All of you come to learn what true love is. Is free sex true love? My voice is kind of hoarse. I'm also tired. I'm 80 years old. As a man of 80, do you think I would like to give you a long or short speech? I have given a speech for 10 hours 45 minutes straight. If you understand the meaning of shimjung arasumnida, that is the most important thing for us to understand. But sometimes, Koreans will say, "Oh, I'm so happy to see you that I feel as if I'm dying!" They use that kind of expression. Korean language is unique and unusual in a special way. God must be dwelling in those people. Amen or no men?

Rev. Kwak and your wife, you should be able to kiss in front of God, True Parents, children, anyone. In the future, can you live naked? When you make love, are you naked or clothed? When you make love, do you wear a lot of clothes, or are you naked? When you have your first night, are you naked, or with many clothes? Don't laugh! Between husband and wife, we should be liberated. By being united, centering upon the sexual organ, we can be liberated. You American women, you have to understand this better than other people. When you expose your breasts, are you ashamed? Should those breasts be crying or dancing? Before your husband, they should be dancing. Look at the breasts and hips. Both should be dancing. Then we can be liberated. That is the natural law; I'm not talking about something special.

Those who are blessed, please raise your hands. Okay, great. So you should live like that. Do you understand? You women, when you walk a lot, you will call "appa," which sounds similar to "appoyo" which means I'm in pain. So she will ask her husband for a massage because her legs are tired. Even if she's smelly from perspiration and her feet, will he still give a massage? If he truly loves her, he will do whatever his wife wants him to do. From now on, you need to be able even to clean each other's nostrils. If I ask American women to kiss smelly feet, can you do it? American women like red; Oriental women like white. Western women who like red, do you want to like red or white? When seven colors are combined, they become white. Is there color in white? Is there a color in true love? What is the color? It is white.

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When the wife has an itch on her back, then her husband will scratch her back. What do women like most? It is the very thing of men. Nothing strange, women were born for that. When God loves men and women, what He loves the most in them is that very part. That's how He can visit men and women. That is the way you should live. When I go to the Pantanal, I see many kinds of birds. Some sleep late. The male works very hard to feed the female. After working hard, the male dozes. In that case, should he be kicked out or loved more? We should be prepared to receive the hopeful, brand new day. We should live for each other.

Water is always flat. Water can take any shape. It can be flexible, making any shape. 70% of the human body consists of water. We should be flexible, like water. We should flow like water. Love has no particular shape. When we are flexible, we can have a happy family. Please say, cham arasunnida. What did you know? Is it God, or true love? Which? Is it better to know God well or true love well? Which? Let's say there are many masterpieces. You may not know who the artist is. If you like those masterpieces so much, would the artist like to give them to you? If there is someone who loves the world so much, would God like to give the world to that person, or not? The same applies to God. If you appreciate the creation more than God, He would like to give it to you. It is okay not to know God, but you have to know true love. We have to know true love. We have to create seeds of true love.

That way we can bring forth sons and daughters. If we love the most, we can inherit everything. How much would God like love? If God loves the five senses, then would God like to love 100%, or just partially? Certainly He would like to love with everything that He has. Let's say He doesn't have eyes. Then basically 20% of His five senses are gone. Even if He is missing one organ, would He like to love with all His heart, or only 80%? Even if He lost everything, He would invest everything when He loves. Suppose that someone lost all five senses. Nevertheless, if he invested everything into love, then God would create the five organs again so that the person could fully invest himself.

God lost everything. He has been alone for a long time. We need to love our enemy. God created all things in the world. But due to the fall, He lost the most important thing. Would God give up because of that, or invest even more? Dr. Seuk, answer that question. You have been living in Russia for so long you can't pronounce Korean? You need to invest even more. We should bear fruit. What kind of being is Satan? He is the enemy of love. Of what love? God created everything for love, but Satan stole everything and ruined everything. After the fall, everything turned into darkness. So when that happened, would God think, "Okay, now you are the enemy." Would He think that way? Or that you became the enemy of love so I am going to love you more so that everything can be restored. That is how He would think. Would Satan like this attitude or not? If God hates His enemies, then everything will be lost. God thinks, rather, "It is all ruined, but still I can love. The time will come for me to fully love everything and everyone." Satan might have thought that God would not have

a chance to love any more. But God did not think that way. He is waiting for the right time to love. Even though, due to the fall everything is lost and all things have been taken for granted and taken advantage of, because God's love has never changed, God has been waiting to



Father making a point in his Holy Day speech

wash away the darkness and bring the original masters back to this world.

Everything was stolen by Satan. All women were taken by Satan. He has been violating women. Men did all kinds of things to cause grievance and suffering to women. There have been many men like that. What should women do about that? Should they think all men are enemies, to be cut off? If so, can women go to heaven? If they think men are thieves to be despised and ignored? Can they go to heaven then? If so, then like at the time of Moses, no one would go to heav-

en.

Instead of thinking like that, women should think, "I will meet the worst man in the world and love him." Then she will go to heaven. It will be based on the condition she made. For instance, having married a divorced man. Without that love, you cannot go to heaven. Do you all want to be number one in heaven? It seems as if everyone does. How about True Mother, you have to raise you hands too. You want to be number one in the Kingdom of Heaven, right? Then you will receive the first award, the number one award. Will God grant that to you, or not? If everyone receives the number one award, then basically they are in the same position. If a woman is in that position, will men be happy?

To grab God's attention, love the worst person in the world, the worst woman for men, and vice versa. Would you like the "last" person? If our partner is the last in love, we should be willing to be the number one in love. When we love the worst person in the world, based upon that condition, God will welcome us to His kingdom. Who is going to love all creation the most? Have you ever loved the creation? When I went to the Pantanal, I loved nature and all things. I wanted to love the entire creation, whether insects or larger animals. In South America there are all kinds of animals. It is the Kingdom of Heaven for animals because they can hide so easily, in dirty water. People cannot find them. But God created them with love, so they should live in a clean environment. I asked them why they live in the dirty environment, and they said because they are afraid of humans who want to kill them. So we should liberate those animals. I would like to do that.

I want to purify the Amazon River, all the dirty rivers and waters, so that all living things can be liberated. All human beings should be mobilized for that task. That is why I tell you to go to the ocean.

Would you perish or not? Will you follow what I am doing, or let them live in the dirty water? If that is the case, you Americans should be willing to drink the dirty water. After a flood, the water gets dirty and impure. All kinds of things are mixed up. When you drink it, you may die. But you should be willing to live for the sake of all creation, even if you have to drink the polluted water. If you love them more than your own life, God will love you even more.

We should want to purify the entire environment, and be number one at that. If you want to, please raise your hands. Look at your palms. [Father leads us in waving our hands around, quickly, in and out.] If I say this, will all things welcome me and say, mansei? Mr. Yoo, he is swift, he moved around very fast. Let us love the ocean. Love does not just like pure water. If the Unification Church loves only pure water, something is wrong with that. We should love both pure and dirty, then purify the dirty and preserve the pure. Eternally we should love everything. We should make everything better if it is not good.

All Unification Church members, especially Unification Church women, some people have flat feet. Those people would not be accepted by the army, because if they are standing they will slid or slip. I asked you to catch 120 fish, and you said you couldn't but you should be able to accept anything. Those who do not like water, raise your hands. Those who like water, raise your hands. [Everyone.] You know what is right [because all people raised their hands correctly]. How much do you like it? Do you like pure water or dirty water? We should like everything, 360 degrees. The question is our direction. We should follow the right direction.

I do not take you to good places always. I give you a hard time in the Pantanal, and people do not like it. I did a lot of research in the Hudson River. I wanted to find out what kind of fish I can catch here. I want to be the prince of the ocean industry. When I go to the ocean at 4 a.m., it requires that I get up at 3 a.m., because I need to do some exercise and pray, even 1.5 hours before departure I arise. Some people would think that one gets sick if one lives that kind of life. I'm doing that because I want everyone to know that we should teach all things how to live. We need to love everything, every creation, on behalf of Adam and Eve. Whether it is dirty water or not, it doesn't matter. We should be able to embrace it.

How much do you love water? Do you love water? If you do not, then you should be determined to do so 100%. Our eyes need water. Even our nose needs humidity. The same with our ears, one cannot hear. All our senses are related to water in the form of humidity. 3/4 of our body is water. Even oil is based on water. Water is pronounced "mool" in Korean. When you are thirsty or hungry, which one do you like more, food or water? Many times you will say, "I'm dying of thirst." Without water, we cannot survive. Without humidity, our flesh will dry up. Our internal organs have a lot of water. We are born from water. The question is whether we can provide ourselves pure water, as God originally intended.

We should produce water with which we can attend God. Water should be purified through a water purifier. We

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went fishing yesterday, about 200 people. Actually the Hudson River water is very dirty. If you drink that water, what will happen? Before all the soil gets into the water it should be sterilized. But the river water is used when we go to the bathroom. Before reaching the river, the water and soil was purified, that's why living things can live in it. It has oxygen in it. We can never think we are living alone. To do so is very sinful.

Who is a good person? It is the one who loves everyone, even though some are hostile, from an enemy nation. Then God will love those people. Air is taken by everyone, good or bad. That's how people survive. The question is how much we can purify ourselves. If there is no process to purify water, then people will not like it. But once we are purified, people will like us, like the purified water. Religion is the institution that sterilizes all impurities in human beings. When we go to the Kingdom of Heaven, first we have to purify ourselves, make everything clean and clear, because we come from a fallen lineage. We have to purify lineage first. To purify the dirty lineage first, then we can purify ourselves. Did you go through that purification process? Did you finish it, or are you in process, or are you just beginning? You have to complete it before going to spirit world. True love can purify anything, any impurities. If you go through the door of true love, all humankind can be purified.

Does anyone here have true love? [No one raises their hand.] There is not even one here. If a flood comes, there will be impurities in the water. Germs will spread. Are you purified 20%? We need a sterilization process. If we have that system, we can go back to the original status. As of now, did God create that purification system? God created it. Would He have placed it higher than Mt. Everest or Paektu Mountain? You should become the kind of people who search for that purification system, no matter how high it is. Would God know about that? Would Satan know about it? Satan cannot use that purification system, because he is self-centered. Only those who are pure-hearted can use the system.

Let's say we purified ourselves 99.9%. Still we are not perfectly purified and need to go through the system. I love Rev. Kwak. He's not really handsome, but still, I mean it. Sometimes, some of the leaders do not give a full or clear report, when I ask certain things, even if they know something they do not tell me clearly. You should be able to capture my heart. Some American members, although they say they love me very much, when I say some bad things, they write them down in their notebooks, but do not write or share the good things I say. We should take responsibility for our own words. The more difficult things they may be, the more willing we must be to resolve them quickly.

Our hearts should be unchanging, no matter what kind of difficulties we are going through. We should always be trying to go through the purification system. Are you going to become a machine that purifies something? We should like the purification system. Then we can purify things. Cham arasumnida. The world is symbolized as water, impure water. We need to purify it, into pure water. Because of the impurity, the 38th parallel came into being. I have been going through a path of tribulation, making it straight, removing the obstacles. I did it all by myself.

When you think of it, I am a pitiful person. Why would God give me such hardship? Sometimes, God gives us a flood, and we wonder why we have a flood. If we have a small amount of rain, it would be better, we think, but through a flood, everything can be wiped out and

need to save parents. In order to save parents, we need to save children. In order to save children, we need to save the creation. True Father and True Mother must raise up true children, they can be the cornerstone to save the world. Are



Hyo Jin Nim performing at the Holy Day evening entertainment

you going to be a water purifier and sterilizing equipment, or water itself. Am I water? Am I a purifier? What about you? You can be compared to water with so many impurities in it. Many people who just joined the church want to meet me, but you should be prepared to meet me.

Even today, a person wanted to see me, but I did not accept that. Until people are prepared, I cannot accept it. We need to prepare the right environment to attend the person we have been waiting for.

Love makes people go through the purifier. Those who do it are considered good. Are you going to do as I have asked you? It is your destiny to follow me, because you and I are connected as father and children. That is an unavoidable relationship. I know that sometimes people might think I am thinking only of how many hills to cross. How many hills are you willing to cross? Are you ready to die? Be ready to die 10,000 times, to have absolute faith, love and obedience. My words are guiding you in that direction, so you should be willing to follow that way, through the worst.

Many politicians and American leaders agree with me now. Unless they are willing to change themselves, they will fail. They may be high externally, in terms of position, but later they have to take a test again. Mr. Yoo, you did not get training from me. Do you understand the difficulties of those who fundraised in the past? We should never be indebted to those people. We should be able to go through what they went through. We should not be indebted. I give you a hard time as

Americans because I want to save America, and a hard time to Japanese because I want to save Japan. Korea also has gone through so many difficulties, not just to save themselves. Now you should say, cham arasumnida, which means I truly understood. Let's come to the conclusion.

Think about it. One woman, Eve, was loved by God so much and taken by Satan. Now God has to bring her back. There is no other way to restore this world without doing that. Rev. Kwak, tell me if there is some other way. We did not know, but we need to know cham arasumnida. When people do not follow us, we should love them more than anyone else so that they can follow us. We should have supreme love, higher than anyone else's. We can be healed by taking medicine. On behalf of True Mother, women should have the heart to love and embrace anyone. But Satan violated all women through seven generations, in front of God. All loyal people were violated. When that happened, how could God love all these people?

To understand the meaning of love, you should follow me. We need to go through many stages, not just formation, growth and perfection. When you establish the tradition of loving the enemy, you need to be able to love the daughter of the enemy. When Satan violated Eve, he mistreated everyone. It is hard to love them, but still we should love them so that we can restore them. If we love the enemy, there is no barrier before us. In order to do that, you need to follow my direction. Satan surrendered. We need to subjugate Satan and have him surrender voluntarily, at least up to three generations. Then evil things will be washed away.

Mr. Yoo, are you willing to live with an older lady, a grandma. [If you ask me to, I will.] It should not just be based on my direction. Of course it will be difficult. Tamar had a relationship with her father-in-law. It was a difficult course for her. Do you understand? How many times did God try to marry? Adam's time, Jesus' time, and the age of the Lord of the Second Advent and also the fourth Adam's age. God brought together all His enemies and embraced them all. Once we love, there is nothing impure. Satan was not impure from the beginning. He was the being living close to God. So we should not have the concept of enemy, but restore them to the original place. So many people have been sacrificed throughout human history.

From now, you understand indeed. I went to visit an Indian reservation recently. There were 62 men and only 2 women there. Continuing that way, the tribe will be extinguished. Think about it. If someone from the Unification Church goes there and multiplies that tribe ... We need to think that way. What would you think if your wife or daughter were to go there, Rev. Yang?

Within 10 to 20 years, China will be in trouble, because they prefer boys and the girls are killed. They will have the problem of no women to marry. Then Korean women should be sent all over the world to bring equalization. When men and women reach the age of 60 or 70, then their desire to have a relationship will diminish. Rev. Kwak, how about you? You don't feel the same as before, right? So you should be willing to have the desire to become true father and true mother for those enemy people and enemy



things can start again. In order for America to conquer the world, Americans should be serving the most, especially the countries with most difficulties. That is the way Americans can be purified.

The one who makes water pure is the messiah. In order to save the world, we



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The Victorious Completion of True Parents' World Speaking Tour 2000 and the 38th True Day of All Things

by Rev. Eric Holt—NYC

On June 2, 2000, approximately 1,200 Unificationists from all over the world gathered in New York to celebrate the victorious completion of True Parents' world speaking tour 2000, and the 38th True Day of All Things. National Messiahs and church leaders from around the world participated in the 7:00 a.m. Pledge in the New Yorker Hotel's Grand Ballroom.

After breakfast, everyone assembled again for the Holy Day Address. A large, ornate, colorful offering table decorated the ballroom. The emcee, church president Rev. Michael Jenkins introduced Patsy Casino who sang powerfully before Father's speech.

In his sermon, Father said that a husband and a wife should liberate each other through their free, faithful, joyful and exclusive conjugal love for each other. What is a good person? A good person loves even the worst person. He loves his enemies and his heart is unchanging no matter what the difficulties. Using the analogy of dirty and pure water to refer to the fallen and ideal state of human beings, Father said that the Messiah is the one who makes water pure. The Messiah

urges people to endure difficulties and to practice true love as a way of going through the purifier. [see page 2 for text of speech] After his speech, Father received a special award plaque from a prominent US leader.

The evening entertainment took place in the Manhattan Center's Grand Ballroom. The stage featured a high-tech video projection backdrop, whereby the audience could see alternately a magnified image of each performer, as well as artistic backdrop themes.

Co-emcees, UC Vice President Rev. Phillip Schanker and Patsy Casino delighted everyone with their dynamic presence. David Eaton conducted the New York City Symphony Orchestra as soprano Fang Tao Jiang sang "Exultate, Jubilate". Ms. Jiang was followed by the brilliant who played Mozart's Violin Concerto Number 4. Next, Dal Soon Shin presented colorful songs in the Korean "Pansori" tradition.

The spirit changed as Japan Does

Jazz, a Japanese jazz quintet, played a medley of holy songs, jazz style. It's amazing what a saxophone does to a holy song! Next, we enjoyed a video presentation highlighting True Parents' world speaking tour. This was followed by well-known recording artist, Melba Moore and the Memorial Baptist Church Praise Dancers whose performance brought the audience to their feet.

A particularly moving multimedia presentation followed, focussing on the recent visit by 120 eminent clergy to Korea. Two spirit-filled East Coast clergy leaders offered their encouragement, support and appreciation. Towards the end of the program, we were treated to a surprise when Hyo Jin Nim came to the stage and rendered some heart-felt and passionate songs. The finale featured a special tribute for True Parents' 80th birthday, with the song "A Glorious New Day", (lyrics by Kwon Jin Nim and music by Seong Ja Kim).

Under the benevolent eye of Continental Director Dr. Chang Shik Yang and thanks to the hard work and sacrifice of countless brothers and sisters the 38th True Day of All Things was indeed a memorable experience. ❖



True Parents receiving an award at the True Day of All Things celebration

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nations. That's what God wants us to do. For that, there is nothing we should allow to block it. Don't think of saving yourself, for your tribe or nation. You should be able to say, cham arasumnida, we understand clearly.

Unification Church women should become royal families by sacrificing themselves. Do you understand what I am saying? This is very important. If you have to go to the enemy's family, and even be the wife of an enemy, we should be willing to accept it. We should be willing to give our daughter to our enemy and become related by lineage.

Okay is like kitchen. Thieves try to break in to the kitchen. Say ojee instead,

which is like "a gate into the kingdom." Now, are you willing to follow any directions I give, even marrying an enemy? If you don't understand what I'm saying and my heart behind it, you'd better pray, because you are not able to liberate me and bring me to Sabbath rest. I am responsible to save everyone, including enemies. The way to save them is to love them, even giving our own children and own wife. Don't think of taking revenge on enemies. From now, understand this very clearly. So, we have sent missionaries to 185 nations. People there should be able to become royalty by saving the people of that nation. If you do that, you don't need to say okay, but you can say, ojee.

In America, people say okay a lot, but that is not right and we have to

change our mentality from now. To bring oneness to the world, we should be willing to do anything. To save others, we live for the sake of others. If we live for the sake of others, on behalf of my parents or spouse, then we can become royal families of God, because we can be under God directly. For this we need to puri-

fy all the impure water. For this, we need to live for others. If we live that way, then everyone will attend us. Heavenly fortune will follow us. We should not have partisanship. A partisan will cause problems. Anyone with that idea will perish. We bring the base of peace through that, and bring liberation to God and True Parents and all humankind.

We need to understand the meaning of the fall. Through the fall we lost everything, the parents, family, heaven and earth. We need to be victorious; we need the indemnity condition. That way we can restore, we can be the liberator and bring the unification of Korea. This is the time to resolve everything, in heaven and on earth. The nations should be unit-

ed, with unification brought to the world. We need to start a unification movement throughout the world. Today you need to be determined to do this. Bring liberation to all things; it can be done only by true love: love for God, humankind and all things. If we do that, then we can march forward. Are you going to take the leap? We need to take an elevator, to go up. We need to lay the foundation for the family and nation. We need to take a leap.

In the jungle, Tarzan can climb trees and freely swing everywhere. He lives with animals and communicates with them. We should be that Tarzan. Be the king of Tarzans as you march forward, and be able to say Amen for a thousand years and ten thousand years. ❖



REUNIFICATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA

Improving the Prospects for Unification

by Hwa-Sul Kim & Dong-Gyu Kim

TTrue Parents' speaking tour has left little doubt that the issue of Korean unification is central to the providential agenda. In fact, the benevolent influence of True Parents has been reaching across the border from the South, and elsewhere, for most of the past decade. The following report comes from two Korean second-generation reporters.

The KumGangSan International Group is located on the 11th floor of the Press Center Building next to Seoul's City Hall. We went there to meet the managing director, Song Lak Cho. According to his explanation, "All the business ventures with North Korea that the KumGangSan International Group is taking on had their origins in the 1991 meeting between True Parents and Kim Il Sung. What we are doing are things Premier Kim asked of True Father, or that they had promised each other. So, North Korea is actively supportive, and trusts our work."

Pyeonghwa (Peace) Motors Automotive Factory

The most prominent of all the projects that the KumGangSan International Group is presently undertaking is the Pyeonghwa (Peace) Motors Factory. The establishment of Pyeonghwa Motors has a very special meaning, because it is the first cooperative business between North and South in the arena of North Korea's key industries. Cooperative businesses have only been on the level of primary industry so far, but Pyeonghwa Motors is in the manufacturing industry, and totally different from what has been undertaken so far.

Pyeonghwa Motors made an agreement with the North Korea authorities to build an automobile factory in the Hangku-dong area of the city of Nampo. The company also received approval from the South Korean government as a South-North cooperative venture. On February 3 of this year, South and North Korean business associates participated in the groundbreaking ceremony at the construction site.

Some people are concerned about the technological aspects of the project. Regarding this, the managing director said, "It is true that, presently, the North Koreans have less manufacturing, production technology and experience, but all the member companies of the Unification Foundation have become our supporters...and we are

The building has three floors, representing the three stages of formation, growth and completion...and two pillars in front of the building that represent True Parents. This means that, in North Korea, where God has not been able to enter freely, there will now be a holy temple where He can dwell. This church hall will be used for Uni-

Korean government to build and manage hotels in the Pyongyang and KumGangSan areas. It is remarkable that, as a single foreign investor, the KumGangSan Group is running a hotel in Pyongyang. The Potong River Hotel, built in 1974, is being managed by Japanese staff who are trained in the Western style of hotel management.

After about an hour of talking, we moved to see photographs and exhibits. As I looked at these materials related to the ventures in the North, I felt that North Korea is not as foreign as I used to suppose. There is an inevitable bond with the North Koreans. In the same way we attend True Parents, they serve Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, with even deeper sincerity and heart. It humbled me. It is especially humbling when I think that the present cooperation is based upon a promise made between Premier Kim Il Sung and True Parents.

At the same time, I could feel a sense of hope. It is the hope for North Korea, which is untouched by outside influences, and it is True Parents' homeland.

The projects the KumGangSan International Group is working on seem like the story of a far-distant reality to those of us of the younger generation. However,

when we think about the fact that our generation will likely be the central age group after reunification, we young people should be interested and try to participate. The current era requires that we do.

Through this interview, therefore, we could not only gain information about the KumGangSan International Group projects in North Korea, but also feel the possibility of reunification and hope for our brothers and sisters of the North.

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True Parents and Sang Kwon Park discuss the projects being undertaken in the North

planning to work together with those companies. Our partners are Tongil Heavy Industries in Korea, Mekong Auto Corporation in Vietnam and Fiat in Italy (which already has a very good relationship with Mekong Auto). We have already made a contract with Fiat to supply prototypes."

Pyeonghwa Tongil Kyohae

The construction of the Pyeonghwa (Peace) Unification Church Hall (Temple) is an important project being undertaken in North Korea this year. Mr. Cho emphasized the providential importance of the project, saying, "So far things have only been possible through social and cultural approaches, but amazingly, there will now be a church." It will be built near the Potong River in the central part of Pyongyang. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in 1997.

fication Church members of the world to gather together, to pray and to hold services when they come on pilgrimages.

Jeongju World Peace Park

The World Peace Park project was approved by North Korea in 1994. It is located in Father's hometown of Jeongju, and it will expand from there. Mr. Cho said, "It is actually a miracle that the house where Father was born is still standing. When we went there the first time, part of the wall had collapsed, and we had to repair it." He emphasized the importance of preserving the house. Presently, the Jeongju City government is maintaining Father's house.

Potong River Hotel

The KumGangSan International Group has been authorized by the North

True Mother's World Tour

May 8	Asuncion	Paraguay	May 20	London	England
May 9	Ciudad del Este	Paraguay	May 21	Edinburgh	Scotland
May 10	Montevideo	Uruguay	May 22	Birmingham	England
May 11	Punta del Este	Uruguay	May 23	The Hague	Netherlands
May 12	Buenos Aires	Argentina	May 24	Copenhagen	Denmark
May 13	Cordoba	Argentina	May 25	Interlaken	Switzerland
May 14	Santa Fe	Argentina	May 26	Tirana	Albania
May 15	Corrientes	Argentina	May 27	Bucharest	Romania
May 16	Campo Grande	Brazil	May 28	Moscow	Russia
May 17	Brasilia	Brazil	May 29	St. Petersburg	Russia
May 18	Sao Paulo	Brazil	May 30	Kishinev	Moldova
May 19	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	May 31	Toronto	Canada

True Mother Speaks in Seattle

by Walter Lowe—Seattle, WA

T rue Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, delivered the message, "The Path for America and Humanity in the Last Days," in Seattle to the citizens of the Pacific Northwest Region in an April 13th banquet to honor the 80th Birthday of True Father, The Rev. Sun Myung Moon. The address was a fitting treat to cap off a festive atmosphere shared by an overflow crowd crammed into the Ballroom on the top floor of the Washington State Convention Center. Resplendent in a regal red dress, Mother expressed the True Parents' insight into God's perspective on the suffering course of restoration and the current role of America in the current stage of historical restoration. While the audience of local dignitaries and blessed members was often moved near to tears by the depth of understanding of the agony of God's heart, Mother's speech was also frequently interrupted by applause of appreciation for the historical sacrifice which has laid the foundation for the work of the True Parents in this pivotal time in providential history.

Explanation by Dr. Hendricks

In his special remarks introducing True Mother, Dr. Tyler Hendricks drew a parallel between this time and the old testament time of King David when all of Israel was brought together to form a single nation under God. At that time King David gave a gift to the people and the Ark of the Covenant represented the Word of God under the auspices of the spiritual True Parents with the culmination of the entrance into Jerusalem.

This was further mentioned for our time in the Book of Revelation with the image of the bridegroom coming into the holy city to meet his bride. Dr. Hendricks noted that now in the 2000 Jubilee Year of celebration of the life and sacrifice of Jesus as the Messiah, True Parents want to give a similar gift of "bread and water" to make one nation under God just as David did. In order to do this, they must liberate the power of true love in every family. This is symbolized by the True Love Ring. This ring is being given to the women for dedication of women as the center connection in this liberation of true love. Thus, Dr. Hendricks concluded, the wife becomes the bridge between God, husband, and children. This empowers them to build God's Kingdom on

the earth.

Quality Audience

Special guests in attendance included: Minister Milford Nation of Islam; Master Sanh Nguen Cao Dai Temple; Rev. Jorgen Beokstain Church Universal and Triumphant; Mr. Gilbert Wardian Bishop, Church Universal and Triumphant; Rev.



Korean War veterans honor True Parents

Phuoc Toan Phuoc Hue Buddhist Temple; Ven. Minh Chieu Vietnam Buddhist Temple; Ms. Alice M. Woldt The Church Council of Greater Seattle; Rev and Mrs. York Pastor, Evening Star COGIC; Pastor Manaway Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church; Deacon Charles Caldwell Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church; Pastor Melba Thomas; Pastor Ray Wells God's Anointed Temple; Pastor Sanders Star Bethel Baptist Church; Marissa Roy For Pastor Morrisette, House of Holiness Pentecostal Church; Minister Samuel Jones Harvest Time COGIC; Mr. Bert Caoli Filipino Community Center; Mr. Wai C. Eng Chinese Community Development; Jae N. Yu Korean Student Association; Mohamed Dini Rbukar Somali Community Center; Hailegedrges Asfaw Ethiopian Community Leader; Chong McCarthy Korean American Business Owner; Anne Lise Church Consul, Republic of Seychelles; Mr. Don Cohen Korean War Veterans Association, Pres. Oregon Chapter; Mr. Don Barton Korean War Vet-

erans Association, VP Oregon Chapter; Mr. Joon Sung Lee Senior Vice President, The Federation of Korean American Associations; and Chief and Mrs. John and Janet Webster Tribal chief.

Second Generation

Congratulatory letters, presented on stage by second generation children of blessed members, were sent by Paul H. Shin Senator, Washington State Senate; Paul Shell Mayor, City of Seattle; Ron Sims Executive, King County, Washington; Dirk Kempthorne Governor, Idaho; Marc Racicot Governor, Montana; Walter Hicel Former Governor, Alaska; Lyman F. Hoffman Senator, Alaska State Legislature; Alan Austerman Representative, Alaska State

Legislature; Pete Kott Representative, Alaska State Legislature; Jerry Ward Senator, Alaska State Legislature; John C. Bohlingey Senator, Montana State Senate; Gary Wilken Senator, Alaska State Legislature; Jack Johnson City Council, Billings Montana; Edward E. Jordan Bishop, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; and R. L. Larsen Bish-



Blessed Clergy honor True Parents



Second Generation presenting letters and proclamations

op, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Entertainment

The banquet program began with musical and dance entertainment provided by Korean Performing Arts Groups Northwest, directed by Che Kyun Cho; Youth for Christ Sheback Choir, directed by Pamela Bowman; The Sun Hak International Children's Choir, directed by Nancy Kubo; Korean Drumming by Sun Hee Davies; and the Seattle SeaChordsmen (a fantastic 40-man "barber shop" choir). Prior to the keynote address Paulette Wiesinger presented "Love Changes Everything" as a musical offering.

Recognition by Local Dignitaries

At the conclusion of True Mother's speech, several local organizations made special presentations to show appreciation for the world wide providence of work inspired by Rev. and Mrs. Moon. On behalf of the Blessed Clergy in the NW Region, Rev. York presented a beautiful trophy. Don Cohen, representing the Korean War Veterans Oregon Chapter presented a plaque in appreciation of the efforts to establish a Memorial for the Korean War veterans. Two books were also presented, one by Annelise Church, the Consul of the Republic of Seychelles, and one presented by Rev. David Malloch representing Washington State Senator Paul Shin.

Recognition From True Parents

Two local organizations received recognition and financial grants in appreciation of their work on behalf of others less fortunate and more needy:

The first organization was Simon of Cyrene Society, Prison Ministry, represented by Ms. Rosaleen Wilcox, Executive Director. Founded in 1979 by Father Richard Stohr, a Roman Catholic priest as a ministry to the families and loved ones of prison inmates, Father Stohr named the program The Simon of Cyrene after the man pressed into duty to carry the cross of Jesus when he was a prisoner on his way to execution. The society operates Mathew House in the Seattle area. This house provides housing to families as they visit loved ones in prison. They also provide emergency food, clothing, day care, educational seminars and transportation to over 200 family members each month. Father Stohr was a true visionary in his caring and understanding of the need for support services for families of those incarcerated. It is a fact that 70% of inmates visited by family and loved ones, remain infraction free for two years or longer and are six times less likely to reoffend.

Also honored was the Brotherhood Christian Academy, represented by Rev. Ivory Crittendon Founder and Rev. E. Roy Wells, Principal. Founded seven years ago by Pastor Crittendon, the Christian Brotherhood Academy is tailored to address the problems of "at risk children." Today the school has a facility accommodating 200 children in the Hill-Top neighborhood of Taco-

True Mother in St. Petersburg

by Gunnard Z. Johnston
—Vilnius, Lithuania

The situation at St. Petersburg, beneath the surface, was actually swirling with dangerous currents. We have been involved in several legal battles in the city for the past few years, mostly charges from an organized anti-Unificationist group — the usual suspects — that has found local people to file these frivolous attacks. The usual fear-mongering and prods toward religious hysteria are designed, of course, to prevent the free expression of Unification spiritual activities — even the giving of a public speech — not only in St. Petersburg, but throughout Russia and beyond. Same old same old.

In reality, we have had good success in defeating these legal accusations on almost all occasions these past years. Recently, however, after we had won yet another case on the local St. Petersburg jurisdictional level, the prosecutor then appealed to the higher court in Moscow, a court where he knew he would find a more sympathetic judge. Since the new government of Vladimir Putin took office only a month ago, the Russian Orthodox Church is again demanding the extermination of all “sects”, and apparently Putin, a man raised in the KGB of Soviet times, feels it serves him best to allow the Orthodox leaders to have their way. So, the whole speaking engagement in St. Petersburg was actually under a cloud of uncertainty as to whether we would be able to hold it at all because we, in fact, had lost the case in the Moscow appeals court on the same day as Mother’s speech.

This is very similar to several years ago when the Ukraine government suddenly prevented Father from speaking in Kiev. They even surrounded the hotel with a few hundred military soldiers to keep all guests from coming in. They made it a virtual prison for Father, to which he said, “This is war”, and met privately instead with several dozens of members in his personal hotel room all through the night. Of course, two years after that debacle created by the Ukrainian authorities, one very highly placed government official actually took the lead toward breaking open the realm of the Blessing campaign very early in 1997, by personally conducting several million Blessings himself throughout the country. So, maybe this por-

tends equally well for Russia now. In any case, Monday night was a little tense, as we didn’t know if Russian soldiers would suddenly come rushing in to stop the speech or not.

As it turned out, Mother arrived radiating as usual, giving out the glow of love and life that only True Mother can. After four months of non-stop traveling to over sixty cities, and all the road-weariness that she must feel, Mother still elevated the atmosphere of the entire room as she ascended to the elegant ballroom of this immaculate five-star hotel on Nevesky Prospekt, St. Petersburg’s main thoroughfare. Following her custom, Mother appeared upon the conclusion of the latest — and wonderfully inspiring — video of True Parents’ lives.

The room was packed full with over five hundred assorted dignitaries, friends, and members, from those in their late teens to others in their seventies. Because the program was taking place under the threat of government interference, the call was put out to only those closest to our movement. So, unfortunately, the event was not as well-publicized as it otherwise would have been, and therefore did not have the largest number of people who might have come. Nevertheless, the more carefully chosen invitees did make for a more familiar atmosphere, as if reuniting with family not seen in some time.

Mother’s delivery was in the best English I have ever heard, as she was able to pause and look to the audience much more frequently to emphasize the main points, and also to draw reaction from the audience, making the experience more intimate than ever.

Before the speech, there were some Americans present who questioned how the Russian audience would respond to the content of Mother’s talk, specifically, the part which says that Russia should take a subordinate role to the United States in building God’s Kingdom on the earth. The room never reflect-

ed even a hint of unease with the contents of the speech, as it was simultaneously translated from Mother’s English to Russian, via personal headsets. My experience with Russians, dating back to 1991, tells me that although it may be a bit of a disappointment in one regard, most Russians know that they are presently not up to world leadership the way America is. Mother’s words of warning to America, however — that the United States MUST solve its present moral crisis — also clearly demonstrates the sober reality of world leadership, whoever occupies it: it is the most difficult position to be in.

Several times during Mother’s explanation of Father’s difficulties during his persecutions over the years, and even of God’s pain at being forgotten, disbelieved, and declared “dead”, Mother

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had to pause as her voice started to waver and her eyes began to fill under the heartbreak she felt. Each time quickly recovering, however, Mother kept her steady pace to finish her speech in about thirty minutes. Hearts were full and deeply moved throughout the room. Even the hotel owner/ chief executive, who had stopped by to witness the event, stayed until the end. Clearly, God’s words of new hope and life touched hundreds in the

room, and many more in heaven.

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Then, the time of cake-cutting, congratulations, and entertainment began. Mother left the room briefly to change some of her clothes, then re-appeared to meet with Father and everyone on the internet connection. Because the phone lines over here are mostly analog — not digital — the modem speed could not be quick enough to produce smooth-flowing video, but the audio was perfect! And, I have to say, I think

the “kids” over here did a really stellar job in the “battle of the entertainers”, between St. Petersburg and Jersey City! (Next time, you had better get ready, because these kids surely are!)

After the program completed, I was looking for my 8-year old son, who was watching in another room reserved for children, when Dr. Seuk’s assistant informed me that another national messiah and I were invited to join Mother for dinner! I never expected such an honor. When we arrived at Mother’s room, dinner was already under way. After a full bow, Dr. Seuk introduced us to Mother. Outside of Dr. and Mrs. Seuk, Rev. Shin Jae Park, Mr. Jeff Talakson, the local leader of St. Petersburg, and Rev. Peter Kim, who travels with Mother, we were the only ones to dine with True Mother. It was quite humbling. After speaking in Korean with Dr. and Mrs. Seuk and Rev. Park, Mother asked us how we thought of her English! We all agreed that it was better than ever, easily understandable.

Next, Mother wanted to know how we thought the Russians would feel about the speech. We also felt in agreement that Russians actually do look up to America in many ways, even though there is a natural rivalry. Mother reiterated that America had some things to be ashamed of, morally and spiritually, and that there was still a lot of work to be done.

Finally, Mother asked us all to sing! Starting with Dr. Seuk, then Dr. and Mrs. Seuk, and so forth, one by one. After those of us at the table got through, Mother wanted to hear from the members, so about forty other helping staff and local members came in to meet intimately with True Mother and sing her a song! Soon, it all came too quickly to a close, and Mother retired with a warm smile and wave. It was now about ten o’clock — the speech program had begun at seven — and there would be six AM Hoon Dok Hae in the morning. After that, Mother would be off to Moldova, speak there, then fly today to Canada. So, Mother’s schedule has been about as full as it gets. I don’t know of any other person — business, religious, or political — who has traveled to more than sixty cities on six continents in four months. But our Mother has, giving a true mother’s love and warm embrace all along the way. May God bless and keep True Mother always. ❖

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ma, Washington. It is the vision of the Christian Brotherhood Academy to give the inner-city child hope for tomorrow by introducing them to Jesus Christ today. They believe that if we train our children with the best knowledge now, they will have a lifetime of understanding. It is truly an inspiration to visit this school and meet the bright-faced children and the dedicated teachers and staff. Congratulations are certainly due to Pastor Crittendon, Principal Wells and all the teachers, staff and students.

Pure Love Ring Recipients

To conclude the program and to sig-



True Mother singing at the post-speech celebration

nify the depth of love that the True Parents wish to multiply throughout the world, True Mother selected #2 in the

drawing for those chosen to receive the rings of Pure Love representing the heart of mothers, wives, sisters, and

daughters as the center for the commitment we all have to establish and maintain God’s original standard of love.

The program was sponsored by The Cosmic True Parents Federation Family Federation for World Peace and Unification with special thanks to Rev. Won Seog Kang, Seattle Regional Director, Rev. Gerhard Wiesinger, Pastor, Seattle Family Church, Rev. Michael Downey, Assoc. Pastor Seattle Family Church, Rev. Tim Comey, Pastor, Idaho Family Church, Rev. Michael Yakawich, Itinerant Pastor, Seattle Region and Pastor, Montana Family Church, Rev. Bonnie Coolidge, Chairwoman, WFWP Northwest Region, and Mr. Matthew Morrison, ACC Regional Director. ❖

Rev. Michael Jenkins New HSA President

Rev. Michael Jenkins has been appointed the new president of HSA-UWC. Dr. Tyler Hendricks, the past president, is now president of the Unification Theological Seminary.

Rev. Jenkins was born in Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1974 he joined the Unification Church One World Crusade evangelical tour which traveled to every major city across

the United States. In 1975 he entered the first class of the Unification Theological Seminary, graduating in 1977 with a degree in Religious Education. He then served as Pastor and Church Leader in Austin, Texas, Baltimore, Maryland, Detroit, Michigan and eventually became the regional Church director in Chicago, IL.

During the past 17 years he has lived in Chicago with his wife Reiko (originally from Japan) and his five children. During this time he was appointed as the regional director of

the American Constitution Committee, the President of the Midwest region of the Family Federation for World Peace and the Co-Chairman of the True Family Values Ministries.

In 1989, along with his wife, Rev. Jenkins began Sun Machining Corporation. SunCorp is a manufacturing corporation which produces metal parts for industry. Over the past 3 years, Rev. Jenkins has served as the Master of Ceremonies while traveling with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon throughout America on her last three evangelical tours.

After serving for the past 2 years as the HSA Vice-President for evangelical outreach, on April 16, 2000, Rev. Moon appointed Rev. Jenkins to become the President of HSA-UWC USA. Rev. Jenkins plans to continue traveling all across the United States working with religious leaders from all faiths for the common goal of building the Kingdom of God on Earth. Most of all, Rev. Jenkins has an unswerving commitment and heart of love for his God, his church and his nation. ❖

America Needs True Love

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Greetings to all families and friends in the Name of The Lord. On April 20th upon the completion of the North American portion of True

Mother's victorious World Speaking tour, True Father announced the beginning of a new 40 year dispensation centering on the Fourth Adam. He also stated that we have entered the age of settlement—an age of prosperity and happiness.

The question I would like to ask our families at this time is this. Are you feeling prosperous and happy? I sincerely hope so.

The blessed couples and their second and third generations are the great people of God who continue to walk the path of a chosen religious people. As chosen people we should also be confident that the time has come to claim our inheritance. As Israel was about to pass into Canaan the land of settlement the Lord spoke unto Joshua and said, "...now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all

this people, to the land which I am giving them, to the sons of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you..." (Joshua 1:2-4)

Do you feel the authority to claim your inheritance? I would like to state that I have personally experienced this authority myself and it is real. I see more and more blessed families standing up to claim what God has given them. And now I see our larger Christian family of all denominations crossing the Jordan side by side with us. Together we will claim back what was taken from God and build a Kingdom of True love.

Together we will claim our families back from the bitterness of divorce.

Together, we will claim our communities back from darkness. Together we now have the power to claim back our true brotherhood as black, white, Hispanic, Asian and Indian brothers and sisters. Are you ready to stake your claim? How can we claim our rightful

on that day. It gave much greater meaning to the sacrifice she and her husband made for America and Korea.

In one city we could see that Mother was at the point of total exhaustion and was not sleeping much. We begged Mother to rest but she came out to have dinner with the members. She put sunglasses on to hide her fatigue and requested that there be no pictures. Ever so slowly she sipped on the soup that was served and I can never forget how she just put herself out at the table—just to love the members. Slowly she revived and soon she was laughing and smiling as

experience. I found that True Parents never forget a blessed family that demonstrates true love. Later that day, on the way to the airport Mother suddenly expressed her love for this couple and their testimony—she sent a gift back for them and told Bishop Kim to thank them and encourage them. Her love is real.

The source of this love is True Father. Day after day I see Father patiently guiding us and encouraging us to embrace Christianity and all religions as well as all American leaders of every persuasion. If I could only convey the heart with which Father chose gold watches for the 120 key Christian ministers. Never before have I seen such a tender and sensitive love as expressed by Father for the Christian leaders.

In choosing the gift watch, he spent a long time carefully listening to the Christian Bernhard representative telling the various qualities of each watch. How they were made, the depth they could withstand under the water, the source of the diamonds on their dial, the quality of the gold, and most importantly how they could be passed from generation to generation. Father wanted to hear even the smallest detail—so that he could make the best possible choice for the Lord's precious Bride—The Bride of Christ.

This is the love that flows from the wellspring of eternal life but to tap into it we ourselves must resonate with it. How ?? By giving love. Give love in all and every situation. If you become consistent with this you will find that love will grow in your heart. Soon you will find that God's blessing seems to be multiplying around you. Prosperity will be your inheritance. Prosperity of the spirit. Prosperity of health and prosperity in material and financial blessing.

If we give, we will become the image and likeness of God himself. Your absolute authority to claim your inheritance will solidify to the degree that you become a constant source of love for all and everything around you. If you do, great prosperity and happiness will be yours forever. And the Lord said unto Joshua, "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou may do according to all the law, ... that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:7) ❖



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My experiences over the last few years have taught me that True Parents have found the key to prosperity and happiness. What is it? Living, loving and giving for the sake of others. If we apply this principle then our right of inheritance can be transferred and we will be prosperous and happy.

In the last three years I traveled to 52 cities with True Mother. No matter how tired she was or what the circumstances were, she was always loving and giving. I have countless memories of Mother pushing herself to give love to others. In every city—city after city. Whenever the children were around she would always open a box of chocolates and share with each child. In San Francisco True Mother heard that one of our dedicated sisters who works with ministers lost her husband in the Korean War. She simply smiled at her and held her hand. About 15 minutes later as we were leaving suddenly Won Ju appeared and said True Mother wants you to have her necklace. It was a beautiful and precious necklace. Behind it was infinite love. This particular sister will never forget the love she received

many who had never been with her before gave their testimonies.

In Los Angeles Mother heard about the suffering of one of our missionaries who is fighting a life and death battle with disease. A few minutes later, Mother came out of her room and called Sheri Reuter. She said, "Sheri could you please see that our sister gets this gift from me."

In Chicago, John and Noriko Ogden wept as they told the story of how they were disappointed by one minister for 3 years by one minister. Year after year the minister would say that he would bring his people to True Mother's speech. Each year the bus was empty. This year John wanted to give up, but somehow they tried one more time. This time the minister brought two buses of his congregation!!

John was weeping because he realized that True Parents never gave up on America. When he understood this he could not stop the tears as he felt how deep True Parents love was for America. With real sincerity he expressed gratitude to True Father and True Mother for not giving up on America. True Mother was very moved by this real

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Why Unification Theological Seminary?

To my beloved readers, I apologize for my absence from these pages over the past issues. I have a new mission and with it has come a readjustment of priorities. Capping it off, I'm not present down the hall from the Unification News office, and am therefore not reminded of the deadline on a daily basis. And our editor, Mr. Lewis, is not one to pursue a delinquent contributor.

In any case, I am now serving now as the President of the Unification Theological Seminary, having received this appointment on April 23 of this year and taken office formally on May 3. Since then I have delved into the why's and wherefore's of the Seminary. After all, I must answer to myself, what am I doing here? What is Father's purpose for this institution? How can UTS serve God in the new millennium?

In this pursuit, I have researched the Founder's speeches given from the school's early days. It has been a fascinating exploration. There is continuity and change in his vision and expectations. It seems to me that the school has gone through a path of development, together with our church in America, and may be situated in the same position it was in at its inception twenty-five years ago. I was at the school at that time, and sadly was able to catch but a small part of this vision. I pray to God that I may be able to take in hand a greater portion of it, and with me, the school and larger Christianity may understand this dispensation of God.

Part of the reason western people such as I have difficulty grasping True Father is the fact that his vision is so huge. We have been conditioned to disbelieve in Santa Claus and Superman. We shot holes through "Father Knows Best." The phrase "freedom, justice, and the American way" became an object of satire. We can cast great visions for the economy or environment, but when it comes to personal virtue, heroism, or righteous nations, we roll our eyes.

But True Father believes in heroes, in the idea of one man saving the world. For him, it is not Hollywood hype. In fact, it is why we are placed on this earth. With this understanding, please set aside your skepticism, even if it is heavier than mine. I dedicate this article to the UTS alumni. If you check carefully, there is a method to Father's madness. It is a profound method that we, that ANYONE, can employ today. Most of the citations are from a speech given January 2, 1977. They all refer to the early days of the Seminary, back when the library was in a basketball court.

Educate Teachers

"You will have to be the teachers and counselors to the ministers of the established churches and their theologians and scholars. Also, you have to teach and train the politicians who don't know how to prevent the flood of communism. Also, you have to educate the conventional educators, scholars and teachers and professors by your own

effort." This is a big statement, seemingly overreaching. How did True Father intend for the seminary graduates to accomplish this?

Father hired professors from all branches of Christianity. Father asked them, "compare your belief, your church, your denomination, your religion, with our Unification Theology, Unification Thought and Divine Principle, and write something." He asked them to bring others from their own denominations to do the same. Then he created conferences in which the professors could share their findings.

True Father's hopes for the outcome were high. "By the way of intensive studies and scholastic work, the conclusion will be clear: Unification Theology and Unification thought is far better than their own. So, a comparative study of their thought with the Unification view will clarify all these things and our professors will become experts on the Unification system and movement."

His expectations were fueled by observation that these professors were aware of their own church's decline, and would be desperate for a way to solve their dilemma. "Because they are thinkers, they know what the decline of Christianity is. Even their own religion, their own denomination, is sinking. So, they are thinking, where do we find a remedy, a recipe to rescue us? But they know, very soon, that the radical, constructive forces of Unification Theology and Unification Thought are what they must study." As a result, "the entirety of the contemporary Protestant churches will become sympathetic and will be coming to us."

Their affection and respect would accrue to the Seminary graduates, whom they would invite to teach at their institutions. "They'll think they would like to have you, by the 1980s. Other institutes, seminaries, schools or universities will like to have their staff and faculty from among the Unification Theological Seminary graduates. So, all the large cathedrals and denominational churches will welcome you; they will like to have UTS graduates."

Thereby, an active relationship between the Seminary and all branches of Christianity would ensue. "Very soon this place will be connected to the worldwide scholarly community, so these people will want to come closer

to us. They will be naturally concerned about you, they will like to have you in their own big churches, denominations and seminaries."

Curriculum Design

This, True Father explained, was why the curriculum of UTS was quite conventional. Nonetheless, even within our conventional course work, our students were thinking along Unification lines, and bringing new vitality to standard teachings. Therefore they

... For the sake of the relationship between scholars and students, they must respond to you."

True Father expected our scholarship to be impeccable, not just *pro forma*. In fact, by dint of our Divine Principle perspective, we would be able to offer objective analysis and constructive criticism that would be recognized as pushing forward the academic discussion. Again, they would welcome our findings as being for their benefit. "If you are objective and see

the good points, the bad points, the middle points and you have a synthesizing force, you will later be invited to hold lectures about their denomination and how to develop it and give it vitality. You will become the teachers, because you know more

than they do. They only have their own denomination. You have the Unification theology and comparative studies; you are knowledgeable Seminary graduates. So, you will be invited as their lecturers."

It is crucial to recognize Father's emphasis upon responsible study and appreciation of the other's viewpoint. We were to "see the good points, the bad points, the middle points." We were to acknowledge the truth of the teachings of all denominations, as well as the weaknesses, and work with them to build on the strengths and overcome the weak points. This defined the mission of UTS as an "interfaith seminary."

"From this year 1977, a mission of UTS is given by our True Parents. An interfaith team of professors should be formed here at the Seminary, with your help. ... Our spirit, Rev. Moon's spirit of unification is to be interfaith oriented, not discriminating against other people. This will be the real meaning of the interfaith theological seminary."

Beyond The Bastions

The final result was to have been the revival of Christianity in America. "Then you will challenge the Lutheran professor, why don't we give a revival to the Lutheran denomination? We'll help you! Your denomination, Methodism, is sinking down, your Baptist Church is in trouble, we will give you the solution, let us do that. ... They don't necessarily have to be big shots; we can even use them as lecturers or instructors from the Lutheran denomination, those who are very smart. Then, we have an association with them, and send them back to their own denomination with us. We give something to them. Instead of denying their denomination, let them stay as they are. We give more good things to them, to develop their denomination."

Father put forth the vision outlined above on the day after God's Day of 1977, at the Seminary. All citations are from that speech. He elaborated upon the vision on May 2, 1978. He emphasized the continuity of our curriculum

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were attractive to the other churches. "Actually, from the practical point of view, all the other, outside seminarians have a similar education, but they don't know how to revitalize their churches. They know how you Unificationists are doing under the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, so they are thinking that if they hire you and they get help from you, their church will grow, while others cannot do this kind of thing. So, your value is great."

By this continual exchange, the Unification Theological Seminary was to have become the hub of a network of thriving churches. "Father is planning for this place to become the world head office. From here, he will set up the system vertically and horizontally we will cover the whole area and bring unity and academic accomplishment in every religious realm. This is our Father's plan."

He called students to focus as teams of ten or four on one particular church or another, and narrow their focus even to one influential leader within that tradition. We were to have intensively studied that person's work, not just for the intellectual knowledge, but *in order to develop a personal relationship with the individual*. "These people have been writing books all their life. You have a library here. Study them; this is wonderful, you will have an individual correspondence. Make connections on a continuous basis. ... Raise questions. They will answer back, because, if anybody says to them, 'you are wonderful scholars, you wrote wonderful things I have been reading as a student,' or whatever, they will be listening to you.

Graduate Returns to Lead UTS

by Jonah Bruno—Barrytown, NY

This is how the Freeman, the Barrytown area local newspaper, reported on the changes at UTS. Reprinted with permission.

The Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) has its first American-born president. Tyler Hendricks, one of the college's first graduates, is now back to take the reigns and steer the religious graduate school into the 21st Century.

Hendricks, who for the past five years has served as president of the Unification Church of America, was a member of the Barrytown college's second graduating class in 1978. From 1982 to 1994, he was a church history professor and a member of the school's adjunct teaching staff.

He said he has a lot of plans for the college, which has a student population of about 150 seeking master's degrees in religious education and divinity. He said a lot of the students are from outside the United States, from Africa and East Asia. The college has a faculty of eight full-time professors and 10 adjuncts.



Dr. Tyler O. Hendricks, new president of UTS

Hendricks said he wants to open the college's doors to the community, by offering martial arts classes,

a small-group ministry that is more personal than larger church environments, and by making church services more guest-friendly and celebratory. An open house is planned for June 11.

"I think we live in a very exciting time, in general, with religious and spiritual life in America," said Hendricks. "Old forms are fading and new forms are emerging."

To keep in touch with the times, the Unification Church plans on offering scholarships to non-Unificationist students, a practice it has never entered into before, Hendricks said. In the past, he said, the church had opened the doors of the school to non-Unificationist students, but the program was not successful. He said faculty members are considering what went wrong then, and attempting to design the program to get the best outcome possible.

"Everyone is excited about this prospect," he said.

Hendricks said he thinks religion suffered in the 1960s and 1970s, but is now beginning to make

a comeback. He also said religion should have different focuses depending on the times. Sometimes, he said, churches should focus on absolutes, but other times they must allow for development.

"I think we're in the developmental side of the picture now," he said. "Not just us, but I think, religion in the culture."

He said churches need to band together and focus on their similarities instead of their differences. He said different denominations need to recognize that they are facing many of the same problems, such as a breakdown of the family, youth at risk, promiscuous sex and violent crime.

Hendricks, 51, said he, his Korean-born wife Hye Young Lee—whom he married at Madison Square Garden in 1982, along with 2,074 other Unificationist couples—and their five children will soon be relocating from Westchester County to somewhere in Red Hook.

He said he is looking forward to moving to Dutchess County after having worked in and around New York City for the last 11 years, out of the church's Manhattan headquarters. ❖

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with traditional curricula in order to bridge the gap between our church and other churches. UTS was to be a school in which a rabbi, priest, Orthodox layman, Baptist minister, Reformed minister and so forth would work collegially. This was a model for the future of religion. If we could do it, anyone could do it—anyone, that is, who thought

beyond their own walls. Father created a working model. He did it, and we did it.

"That is why we have a curriculum similar to the other seminaries. [It is the] same thing, there is nothing different. If we have different curriculum, they would shake their head. They don't want to be there. Because it is the same, the professors keep coming. Later we can expand the curriculum, of course. There is nothing different. The reason we have inter-religious concerns in our

seminary is to end the denominationalism in Christianity and the religious fighting among the different religions. By showing our peacefully working together here as an example, automatically they will say, 'Oh, look at the Unification Theological Seminary, even though they are of different denominations, they are working together, that is an example.' They will learn, and automatically they will stop fighting among the denominations."

Even then, Father envisioned this unification to extend beyond Christianity into Islam. In discussing this, Father touched upon an even more radical idea: that Seminary graduates would become authentic

members of other faiths. He dealt with the conflict of conscience a member would feel in devoting themselves to another tradition, but assures his forgiveness knowing that you are called to that special mission and that even God would accept it for the sake of the eventual unity of religions.

"So you will not only go to the Unification Church, you will go to Islam, because you are equipped with all this while you are here. [This is] interfaith. You may think, 'how in the world can I as a [Unificationist] scholar go to Islam,' but Father will forgive you. Father will pray to God, 'this guy has a special mission, I send him.' If you did that by your own self, your conscience would bother you, so you come to Father and Heavenly Father must accept it."

Our presence within other faiths would stimulate their appreciation of their own faith, their ability to come to terms with the limitations of their faith, and their willingness on that basis to congregate with people of other faiths.

"Think of it. Free people from [being Unificationist] graduates to go to the Buddhist temple, think of it. The whole denomination of Buddhism will become united. You will stimulate Buddhist monks and theologians to study more their own theology, because they have a weak point. ... Then when ever graduation comes, all peculiar gowns or rituals [will be] coming in with Buddhists with their shaved heads and Muslims with their own costumes and Greek Orthodox with big crowns, Baptists will come with beards, just think of it. An assembly of all the different kind of costumes, different denominations, different religions will appear."

In this assembly (an interesting premonition of the gatherings that took place in 1985, 1990 and on), a virtu-

al new religious community would come into being, including "Baptists with beards," a probable reference to our then-church history professor, Warren Lewis. There would be an awakening as the religious practitioners recognized their community and the reality of the peace they would experience together under the "umbrella of Unification." "The world religions will draw the conclusion that the ideal religion must be like Unification religion. That means they are automatically under the umbrella of Unification." Thus, the goal of Unification would be taught without converting anyone to the Unification Church *per se*, and maintaining complete respect for others' traditions and values.

A few weeks after the May 2 speech, in his commencement address, True Father stated the conclusion that "You are not graduates from a denominational seminary with a denominational theology." He connected this vision for the world's religions to the mission of Christianity and America: "I want all of you to be holders of the banner of spiritual revolution in order to reform the corruption in Christendom. Awaken the American public to reassume their heavenly responsibility, be good examples for others, and fulfill your mission as righteous men who will save a free world from destruction, who will realize 'One World Under God.'"

For those who are considering undertaking studies at UTS, or returning to complete your M.R.E. or move onto an M.Div., direct inquiries to Ms. Tessa Hodson, Admission Office, Unification Theological Seminary, 30 Seminary Drive, Barrytown, New York, 12507. We do distance learning. Phone 845-752-3015, or e-mail admisuts@valstar.net. ❖

Heaven's Whispers

I prayed and cried to You, waiting for an Answer...but silence was Your response.
My heart burned like undying fire,
And my tears refused to stop.
I pleaded for direction and guidance,
But I couldn't hear You.
My life became meaningless, and most of all,
You didn't mean a thing.
Now that You have given me the answer
To my question, my spirit is higher than the stars.
I am closer to You than ever before.
How could I have doubted Your presence?
Your heart must have been aching,
And You spoke only in whispers.
I repent to You now, God, for betraying
You as so many of Your beloved children
Do every moment.
All I needed to know was if You existed
In my life, but I simply couldn't hear Your whispers.
I simply didn't understand Your suffering heart.
Can You ever forgive me?
The blessings You have bestowed upon me
Are more precious than Life itself.
Now, I know You are here with me every
Moment in my heart, and I shall never
Leave You again.
I will always hear Your whispers forever more.

Joletta Vlasic

TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

First Missionaries to the West

While revivals and witnessing were going full force in Korea, the time came to take the Divine Principle to America. Here, we are given a glimpse of this great endeavor as it looked from the small nation of Korea. This is the first of two parts.

Way back in 1951 Father had sat on a big flat rock overlooking the city of Pusan and the mountains and ocean surrounding it. He was a lonely man with a crushing responsibility to finish the work of Jesus and save the world from the evil influence of Satan.

As he sat for thousands of hours in meditation and prayer, he faced America and Europe in the West. Looking out over the harbor, he thought of the day when he could go to the United States to tell the white and black skinned people with the round eyes all about God's new words.

"Who will be the first missionary?" he wondered. "How will he get the Americans to listen to a Korean? Should he witness the same way we do in Korea?" He felt impatient. "I wish I could send someone right away," he said out loud, pounding his fist into his other palm. But as he looked up to heaven, he knew God's answer before He even gave it. "You must focus on Korea first."

Yes, of course, he knew that. And anyway, the only person he could have sent at that point was Won Pil Kim, but he couldn't part with him yet.

"I must find more members quickly, quickly," he shouted to the hills. As the months and years went by, always, his prayers included America and the world.

Years later, Father was working in Seoul, and the membership was growing. One day toward the end of 1958, he was talking to Young Oon Kim. "How are you doing on your English translation of the Divine Principle?" he asked.

"It's slower than I had hoped," she replied, "but I have more than three-quarters done. Of course, it still needs polishing up, but I feel it will be finished soon."

"That's good," said Father. He seemed to be thinking of something.

"You know," ventured Miss Kim, a bit timidly, "I keep thinking about America day and night. Sometimes, I feel

like volunteering to go there to work. I can't get it off my mind."

Father sat in quietness. She had studied theology in Canada, so her English was pretty good and she had experience with western people. One man, Sang Ik Choi, had already been sent to Japan. Other men had their eyes set on America. Could a woman stand up to the difficulties of witnessing all alone and living all alone in a strange land? Still, she did seem to be the best qualified.

A few days later, Father invited Miss Kim to his room. "Alright," he said, "you shall be the first missionary to the West."

And so it was that, in January of 1959, a few members went to Kimpo Airport to wave good-bye to one lone woman. She was flying off to a great far-off land. She had chosen Oregon as the first state to approach, and as they said good-bye, they wondered what this Oregon was like.

"Be sure to write," said Father as she turned toward the plane. "Write every three days, and tell me everything about Oregon, and all about your daily activities, and everything."

"Alright," said Miss Kim with a bow and a smile, "well, at least I'll write once a week."

"Go in peace."

"Stay in peace."

And she disappeared into the plane. Father's heart beat with excitement, joy and tears all rolled into one. He had had a dream, and now it was coming true.

Eight months later, Miss Kim was followed by a Korean man, who had decided to attend a university in the States. Father told him he should be a missionary while being a student. He was David S.C. Kim, and he also went to Oregon.

In Korea, the two missionaries were gone but not forgotten. In a way, it seemed as if the clouds had swallowed them up, never to return. But always,

Father thought of them and prayed for them.

To the members he said, "Our missionaries will go through many hardships. They will be very lonely. They will be rejected. They will get discouraged. It is important that we pray for them every single day."

The Korean members went about

Vernon Pearson, who is now studying," he wrote. The Truth of God was finding its mark.

Then, in Autumn of 1961, almost two years after she had left Korea, another letter from Miss Kim informed them, "I and my five members have moved to San Francisco, California. We're renting two apartments in a house and all living together, and we are calling ourselves the 'Unified Family.'" It looks like this will be a very good place to witness. There are more people here, and they seem to be more open minded."

Father always looked happy when he read these letters. Sometimes, Miss Kim would write to him, "I look forward to the day when you can come to the States." But Father didn't answer. Heavenly Father would let him know when it was time.

A couple years later, another Korean went to

America. He had a respected job with the Korean government and was being sent by the government to work in Washington D.C.

"While you are there," said Father to Colonel Bo Hi Pak (now Dr. Pak), "you can also be a missionary. You'll be the third missionary to the Western world."

Of course, Col. Pak had to take care of his diplomatic job while in D.C., but he used every free moment to witness to people about Divine Principle.

After awhile, he wrote about the "Fellowship House" he had opened at 1907 "S" Street in D.C. "I found a Korean who wants to join," he said. "He is planning to open a series of Karate centers and witness through them. I think this will be a great way to attract attention."

In the spring of 1963, he explained some of his activities. "From the beginning of this year until March, Heavenly Father drove me into the thirsty masses..." he wrote. "Some churches were scheduled to study Asia and the Far East. I caught this chance and . . . [became] a speaker on Korea, along with Jhoon Rhee as a demonstrator of Karate. I stressed the movement of the New Truth in Korea, and the unification movement of Korean churches.... I spoke of the bloody struggle of our members in Korea and the heart of the Father, which you taught us. The audience became very quiet. Some wept. They were moved so deeply.... As a result, other churches sent invitations for me to speak.... Brother Rhee and I were a team. He captured the hearts of the audience with his fascinating art of Karate. Then I attacked with testimony about Heavenly Father.... In this manner, the way was opened for me to speak on the Divine Principles.... I have already received more than ten letters of invitation to speak at churches."

He went on to say, "On the 4th of March, a large church asked me to give the sermon on Sunday. In the local newspaper the next day, my sermon was chosen as the sermon of the week. Is this not the work of the Father?" ♦



David S.C. Kim with the early Portland, OR church

their revivals, witnessing campaigns, street preaching, and 40-day conditions, but they always remembered to pray for their missionaries in the West. Sometimes, they tried to imagine what it was like to work in the United States.

"I wonder what it's like to live in a land where everyone is speaking another language," said one.

"I can't imagine," answered another. "It must be really strange. Of course, they both speak English, but still, it must be hard."

"I wonder if they are able to get kimchee," asked one concerned soul. "It would be hard to work and stay healthy without kimchee."

"Ney" they answered in unison. And they shuddered to think of it.

Letters from America were always an exciting event among the Koreans, and they read them aloud.

"I am living with a family in Eugene, Oregon," wrote Miss Kim, "and I baby-sit for them and help clean their house while taking classes at the University of Oregon."

"Miss Kim cleaning house for others?" gasped the astounded Koreans. "What kind of country is it to let a college professor baby-sit and clean house?"

"But don't worry about me," continued Miss Kim. "It's a good way to get room and board. A foreigner is not allowed to get a job here. I just have to get used to eggs and bacon for breakfast and meat and potatoes for dinner, that's all."

Later, good news arrived through another letter. "I found two young women who want to become members," she wrote. She knew Father wanted to know all the details, so she even told their names. "Eileen Welch (Lemmers) and Doris Walder (Orme). And Doris led me to four friends who are now also studying the Principles—Pauline Phillips (Verheyen), George Norton, Galen and Patty Pumphrey."

Later, there were letters from Mr. Kim, as well. "I have found a person, John Schmidli, who studied the Principles with me, and he brought a friend,



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DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

GOD'S GOAL FOR HUMAN HISTORY

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The goal of human history is the establishment of God's original ideal, which is the world based on the three blessings of individual maturity, multiplication through true marital love, and creative dominion over the universe. If our era is the Last Days, therefore, we should be able to see signs that these three promises are being realized.

Let's examine our era with this idea in mind.

The first blessing involves the attainment of spiritual maturity, or "perfection". A spiritually mature person is one who enjoys fully his freedom of thought and action, who embodies and expressed God's love to others and who has a heart of love for God's creation. Such a person, of course, was Jesus. He lived the life that is lived in the Kingdom of Heaven and was the model for us all.

As we know, because of the Fall, humanity could not realize this quality of life. One day, however, we are meant to achieve it. Indeed, the period of the Last Days is the final stage in God's progressive effort to restore each person to this state.

Spiritual Advancement

At the present time many people are thirsting deeply for greater spiritual advancement. This inclination is evident in the recent worldwide interest in new faiths as well as in movements toward universal love, liberty, equality, and human rights and dignity.

In addition, we may point to the modern development of man's spiritual sensibilities. According to Divine Principle each person is created to become one in heart with God and to be able to communicate fully with Him. However, because of the Fall, our first ancestors and all their descendants fell into a state where they were insensitive to the presence of God. For this reason, the Heavenly Father is felt by many to be remote, if not even incommunicado.

As the Bible indicates, however, communication with God and the spirit world will be restored in the Last Days:

"...in the last day...I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; yea, and on my man-servants and my maid-servants in those days I will pour out my spirit". (Acts 2:17-18)

Recent increases in spiritual experiences and psychic phenomena worldwide reflect the phenomena mentioned in Acts. Such events as the well publicized experience of Bishop James Pike with his deceased son, the publication of such books as Dr. Raymond Moody's *Life After Life*, and the emerging awareness of the reality of extrasensory phenomenon suggest a coming breakthrough in communication with the spirit world.

This emerging restoration of our heart and spirit indicate that humanity is in the initial stages of restoring the first blessing.

Ideal Family

God's second blessing to man—the blessing of multiplication—involved the ability of Adam and Eve to become godly parents and on this foundation to create an ideal family, and then a true society and world centered on that family.

In other words, this second joy is the ability to create a true family and,

growing out of this, to foster the realization of one global family throughout the world.

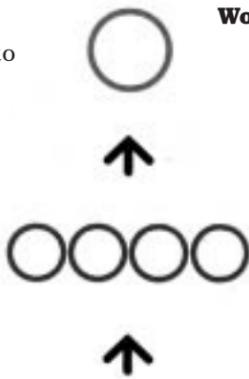
However, as we know, Adam and Eve fell, resulting in a tragic corruption of their parental role. All of humankind inherited their distorted character, thus realizing a world under an evil sovereignty.

As a result, the process of restoration became necessary. God has had to work through religion and through different aspects of civilization to guide man toward the establishment of His original ideal—a unified global culture based on familial love.

If we take a glance at history we can see how God has struggled to realize this original goal. Historically, many different cultures have come into existence. Through time, however, as Arnold Toynbee has pointed out, higher cultures have emerged centered on rising new religions. Through a process of absorption of the varied and numerous lower cultures by the higher and more universal ones, a consolidation of cultures has taken place.

As a result, there are only four major cultures remaining: Judeo-Christian, Moslem, Far Eastern (based on Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism) and Hindu. This convergent flow of history shows the trend toward man's establishing one world culture—and that God's second blessing is being restored.

It was not without reason then that such scholars as the D'Arcy and McLuhan, as well as Toynbee himself, anticipated the present-day emergence of a universal society.



Through time, there has been a merging of cultural spheres

World Unity

In addition to these long-term developments, short-range trends also point toward a coming world unity. Since World War II, the human community has to an unprecedented extent become aware of the need for international cooperation and world government. This awareness has given rise to the United Nations and

other international commissions and organizations, all concerned with international cooperation.

Everything from food reserves to the use of ocean resources, from atomic power and ecology to trade are now matters of international concern and action. The establishment of such organ-

izations as the International Red Cross, the World Health Organization, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank all reflect the increasing convergence of life on planet Earth.

Also, because of the tremendous advance in transportation and communications, the world has "shrunk" to such an extent that we can travel to almost any part of the world in a few hours. Travel to other countries has increased tremendously, bringing about unprecedented intention and understanding among different peoples. We find ourselves living in a world community where the races, nationalities, customs, cultures, and products of the world intermingle and harmonize as never before.

In the view of Divine Principle, all of those hopes and trends will reach fruition when the final gifts of history arrive, the Lord of the Second Coming and the new universal ideology that he brings. It is through the new Lord that the one world lost at the beginning of history, will finally be restored.

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Visa Application: Students should apply for a training D-4 visa at the Korean Embassy or Consul in their countries. The tourist C-3 visa is improper. However, visa procedures vary slightly from one consulate or embassy to another. Before you apply for your visa, check with the office where you plan to apply in order to determine exactly what supporting documentation is required. *Free Airport Pick-Up Service* (Aug. 17-19, 2000) - Time 10:00 to 16:00 This service is available to new students and especially to those entering Korea during the prescribed schedule. Once you get your visa, you should fax the relevant details of your flight schedule to 82-417-559-1339 at least 3 days prior your arrival to Korea.

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American Clergy Leadership Conference in Korea

by Rev. Levy Daugherty—NYC

The American Clergy Leadership Conference was born May 22, 2000. Its first project was sending 120 ministers to Seoul, Korea, where they were joined by 30 participants from Japan. True Parents initiated this conference on the providence of re-unification of South and North Korea.

Each day had a different theme. The first day's Theme was "Day of new vision and love." The first-day welcoming speech was given by Dr. Chang Shik Yang, Continental Director of North America, and a statement of purpose was presented by Rev. Michael Jenkins, president of FFWPU North America. Responses from the minister's side were by Rev. T. L. Barrett from Chicago, and Rev. Dr. Preston Robert Washington from New York. Rev. Sun Jo Hwag, president of FFWPUI gave a warm welcome to the American ministers.

Dr. Yang said, "In history, God has raised righteous prophets from humble origins to lead His providence and to reconcile a stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears to His purpose. In the same manner, God called Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a farmer's son from the unknown land of Korea, and sent him to awaken America to its providential destiny."

The program included reading of Father's words by the ministers, visiting the "Little Angels School" and cultural performances. The ministers attended Old Chung Pa Dong in Seoul for prayer and reconciliation. They were so inspired they continued their activities even on the streets of Seoul. The same night, there was a revival meeting and sermon given by Pastor Jessie Edwards.

The DMZ

Day two: Day of unification and love. One might ask how could 120 ministers—primarily Black Americans who are descendants of slaves in America—be a part of the unification of South and North Korea. For a slave, there are two sacred words: Freedom, and Family. These ministers went to Korea in the spirit of Joseph with no animosity towards their brothers. Both black and white ministers from the States—former slave owners and slaves—in the spirit of love and unity went to the DMZ on the first day of the confer-



The ministers arriving at Chung Pyung and, inset, being greeted by Daemonim

ence. Some of these ministers were Korean war veterans. At the freedom bridge, they all joined together in tears, sang songs, prayed, and gave speeches of love, reconciliation and freedom.

Dr. Hycel Taylor gave a searing and emotional speech there [see page 16] "By what authority" [reprinted in this issue]. He said "I tell you by what authority. For those of us who are African American, it is the authority that same Jesus

who was the Lord of Nat Turner. That same Jesus who was the Lord of Harriet Tubman ... the same Allah who was with Elijah Muhammad and Malcolm X. The same Jesus that inspired Rev. Sun Myung Moon to launch the movement for world peace." Then the clergy released 150 doves symbolizing peace and freedom.

Chung Pyung

Day three: Day of repentance, prayer and renewal. The day began in Chung Pyung lake. Upon arrival, Mrs. Richardson gave them instructions and explanations of the temple and buildings constructed there in the property. The first building they went to was the newly built temple. Many of participants, the moment they entered the prayer building, fell on their knees in tears, prayers and repentance. One minister reported that he had never felt the presence

of God so strongly. Some went to all the way to the top of the mountain where another prayer meeting took place.

Daemonim spoke to them followed by healing

and an-su. That was a very exiting, hallelujah, thank you Jesus, and Praise the Lord ceremony. Mrs. Erikawa introduced the sisterhood ceremony, uniting Japan and the USA—the mother and elder son nations.

Following this was the signing-of-the-flag ceremony, all the ministers put their signature on the Family Federation Flag. Our True Father gave each ministers a solid gold watch with 30 diamonds in the middle of it. Accord-

At the DMZ



Dr. Yang and, below, Levy Daugherty, addressing the ministers



The ministers at the Little An

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Prayer at the Rock of Tears



Awards presented by Little Angels

ing to Father, the gold represents eternity and truth, the diamonds represent the beginning of Jesus' ministry at the age of thirty. The time on the watch signifies that now is the time for the ministers to begin their own messianic missions representing Jesus Christ for the salvation of America by putting family federation flags in 144,000 churches. This is making a declaration through the churches and families, now is the time to start God's kingdom on Earth. ❖



ngels School hosted by Dr. Pak, right.



Celebration cake at CPL

DMZ Declaration for Peace

'By What Authority'

by Dr. Hycel B. Taylor

This speech Given at the DMZ May 25, 2000

Let me be brief in my declaration, which I present in pure and profound humility. If you take time to read the history of the DMZ, which is included in the binder given to each of us, you will see that the narrative of it is long, comprehensive, complex and complicated. This torturous and tormenting chasm is the consequence of a tremendous human tragedy too sacred to play with its sanctity, too intense to treat insensitively, too solemn to trivialize with trite sermonizing and too serious to be dealt with in simplicity.

The question we must ask is, "By what authority do we as ministers from foreign shores and distant lands, particularly those of us who are African-American, offer a declaration of peace before this dreadful Demilitarized Zone—this damnable divide that has Satanically separated the Korean nation and its families for centuries?" What, indeed, would be the purpose and import of such a declaration of peace on the part of us who are so far removed from the immediacy of their suffering?

If it can be no more than an empty gesture and an in-genuine ceremonial exercise, then let us immediately subject ourselves to silence and re-board our buses and go back home.

By what authority, we must ask ourselves, especially as black men and women in this solemn assembly of religious leaders, dare we send a declaration of peace upon the wings of the wind, asking them to tear down this wretched wall and open a door for yellow men and women, brothers and sisters, who have suffered the agony of estrangement and alienation from each other, appealing to them to sit down at the table of forgiveness and peace?

We must ask the question, by what authority do we as intercessors of any race or nation, i.e., all who are gathered here at this momentous moment, invoke the powerful and unprecedented intervention of the Divine...the infinite, invisible, indivisible, eternal...the life-giving Spirit of Allah, God, Jehovah...the Creator of the universe...the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, to break through the hard shell of history and liberate this people from the shackles of divisiveness and self-destruction; i.e., to do what no one to this date has succeeded in doing.

If it is merely to satisfy our pious and passive device to have done something that seems saintly and sacrificial, but has no real political, personal or social consequences to a people

who yearn to be free, our words will be as a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.

By what authority?...we must ask ourselves.

I'll tell you by what authority. It is by the authority of the God of Moses, who found himself secluded and secure in retreat, and who was in conscious conflict with himself in a Midian desert, where he was struggling with his call

and all this people. As I was with Moses, I'll be with you." Go down, you black Moses, and tell the children of Korea to rise above their past. "Heal your wounds and get over your pain, because you are fully able to march around this wall and unite your nation once again.

I'll tell you by what authority. It's by the authority of the God of Joseph, who was sold by his brothers into slavery, but who found himself positioned to

the authority of Jesus, the Anointed One...the only-begotten Son of God...Emmanuel...my elder brother, who commanded us to take authority. The same Jesus who declared, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, to bind up the broken-hearted, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to declare that a new eon is breaking in upon us." The same Jesus

who spoke to the winds and declared, "Peace...be still."

I'll tell you by what authority. For those of us who are African-American, it's the authority of that same Jesus who was the Lord of Nat Turner. That same Jesus who was the Lord of Harriet Tubman. That same Jesus who was the Lord of Denmark Vessey, Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglas, W.E.B. Dubois, Marcus Garvey, Phyllis Wheatley. The same Allah who was the Allah of Elijah Muhammad and Malcolm X. The same Jesus who was the Lord of Medgar Evers, Jimmy Lee Jackson and Martin Luther King, Jr.

The same Jesus who has inspired the Rev. Sun Myung



to go back to Egypt to set the captives free. He was on the backside of the mountain, and saw a burning bush that was not consumed...and where he heard a voice saying, "Take your shoes off, because the ground on which you stand is Holy Ground."

We must understand that God is saying, "This DMZ is still my ground. This ground is sacred ground. I created this ground, and whenever I want it, I can take it. Yes, Korea has been burning with the fire of bitterness, hostility and unreconciled relationships, but it is not consumed. Take your shoes off. You are standing on Holy Ground."

If you ask me, "What is the instrument of your authority?" I'll ask you to take the rod of truth in your hand and part the Red Sea. And if the God of Moses could part the Red Sea, that same God has the power to open a pathway of peace through the DMZ.

If they ask you, "By whose authority do you tread upon this ground, and who has sent you?" Just tell them, "I Am That I Am sent me." Go down, black ministers of America. You who are the sons and daughters of slaves and slave masters...who have "been there and done that." Tell the contemporary pharaohs of Communism to let God's Korean children go.

I can tell you by what authority. It's by the authority of the God of Joshua, to whom God said, "Moses My servant is dead; now, therefore, be of good courage and go over this Jordan. You

save his people.

I'll tell you by what authority. It's by the authority of the God of David, who took a small rock and a sling shot...and swung it around and around and let it go, and killed the giant, Goliath.

I'll tell you by what authority. It's by the authority of the God of Jeremiah, who wept for his people.

I'll tell you by what authority. It's by the authority of the God of Isaiah, who was in the temple on the Lord's Day, and saw God high and lifted-up, and his train filled the temple, and said, "Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live in the midst of men of unclean lips"...and he heard a voice saying, "Who shall we send, and who will go for us?" And he said, "Here am I; send me."

I'll tell you by what authority. It's by the authority of the God of Amos, who declared, "Let justice roll down like water, and righteousness as an ever-flowing stream."

I'll tell you by what authority. It's by the authority of the God of Jonah, whom God sent to Ninevah to tell the people to repent.

I'll tell you by what authority. It's by the authority of the God of the Apostle Paul, who said, "Put on the whole armor of God; because we wrestle, not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities of power, the rulers of darkness in this world and wickedness in high places."

I'll tell you by what authority. It's by

Moon to launch a movement for world peace.

We, therefore, on this 25th day of May, in the year 2000 (for those of us who are Christian), declare in the name of Jesus...not in our own names...in the name of Jesus...not in our denomination's name...in the name of Jesus...not in our doctrine's name...in the name of Jesus...not in our religion's name...in His name we declare that this damnable, demeaning, demoralizing, dehumanizing, family-destroying, nation-dividing and demonic wall be torn down, ripped up, razed to the ground...and the children of Korea beat their swords into plowshares and study war no more.

But, while for others we are declaring that the wall must fall, do not pass us by. We declare the tearing down of the prisons that are incarcerating black children and black people in America. Tear down the walls built of alcohol, drugs, guns, joblessness, hopelessness, doubt and despair. Tear down the walls of racism and sexism everywhere in America and around the world.

In the name of Jesus we declare, "Peace...be still." "My peace," he declared, "I give you. Not as the world gives, give I unto you...My peace." We declare peace and the end of the DMZ...because, "In Christ there is no East or West; in him no North or South." "For when the Son sets you free, you are free indeed." This is our declaration of peace. ❖

38 Years of Speaking God's Word

reviewed by Bob Selle—Washington, DC

Bo Hi Pak has been arguably the most prominent bridge between the Korean and Western branches of the Unification movement, beloved by tens of thousands of American and European members due to his warmth, vigor, passion for True Parents, and love for America – not to mention that he was Reverend Sun Myung Moon's right-hand man and chief translator for decades until his appointment as national adviser to the Japanese Unification movement and National Messiah to Cameroon.

Now the public speeches, sermons, and internal guidance of this extraordinary disciple of True Parents are available in a two-volume set for the edification and inspiration of Unificationists and non-Unificationists alike.

The first volume compiles Dr. Pak's speeches before the general public, while the second focuses on the inspirational messages of the man who proudly embraces the sobriquet "Mr. Bubbling Enthusiasm." The word *enthusiasm*, he says, comes from the Greek *en-theos*, which means *God enters*, an apt description of his life, for once he found True Parents, God filled every nook of his being – as He continues to do.

The world-class evangelist, CEO, man of God, and father of six started out, seemingly in a whole different eon, as a farmer. In a 1966 talk at the Utah Street center in Arlington, Virginia, he told the early American members that he came from a small village in the Korean countryside and wanted nothing more in life than to become the best hog and chicken farmer possible. "I loved hogs as much as I loved anything," he recalls. "Really, they were like my babies. I hugged them and kissed them." (volume 2, page 39)

He dared to employ new, scientific techniques for raising farm animals, and he planted new crops, too. But one day, to young Bo Hi's horror and anguish, his hogs, one by one, began to sicken and die, until at last all were gone.

Farmer In The Army

The boy had so many hopes and dreams for those beloved animals – and for his career as a farmer. But he took the tragic death of his swine as a message from God to quit farming. So he went into soldiering instead.

Twenty-five days after he entered the Korean Military Academy in 1950 as a 20-year-old, single cadet, however, the North Korean communist army launched a lightning invasion of the South that again turned young Pak's life upside down. In battle after battle, which claimed the lives of most of his 330 fellow cadets, soldier Pak emerged

unscathed. But in one, in May 1952, his brush with death – in a blood-bath riverside ambush – was so close he cried out to God he would dedicate his life to Him if he were spared.

From that point on, the young man who had had little spiritual training (his mother, he says, was something of a Buddhist and his father a Confucian scholar) was an avid Christian, praying and poring over the Bible and worshipping constantly at church. But for the next five years, no matter what he did he still was consumed by a deep spiritual hunger and

anxieties that conventional religion was unable to answer. Finally, in 1957, he was introduced to a "simple seminary" group of American Christians, praying and poring over the Bible and worshipping constantly at church. But for the next five years, no matter what he did he still was consumed by a deep spiritual hunger and anxieties that conventional religion was unable to answer. Finally, in 1957, he was introduced to a "simple seminary" group of American Christians, praying and poring over the Bible and worshipping constantly at church. But for the next five years, no matter what he did he still was consumed by a deep spiritual hunger and

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Finding a Diamond in the Clay

Dr. Pak told the clergymen of his experience this way: "In my military uniform, beautifully dressed up, I went to the church. I was looking for some kind of big church with a big sign. I was let into a very humble door. If you saw such a humble door in your own church, you would be freaked out, too. The door was so low, you had to stoop down.

"It was wintertime, February, and so cold. No stove. No chairs. The young

people were sitting and singing a hymn and I didn't know that hymn, since it was a particular Unification Church hymn. But you know what I saw? They were singing out of their souls. It was coming straight from their hearts. It was kind of like the Japanese style, just kneeling down on the floor and singing out. Then one man delivered the sermon. I didn't not know who that was. Certainly, everything was strange to me.

"Then after the service was over, one very humble-looking man stood up and spoke to us sitting there. He was not a proper jack-pot, second-hand. He stood up and spoke to us. But I was inspired. Still I did not know who that was.

After the service, the lady who had lectured to me came to me and said, "Major Pak, could you kindly meet our leader, Reverend Moon?" That was Reverend Moon. He had been sitting several feet away from me, on the floor just like all the rest of us, worshipping all together. After the service, he was giving extra instruction. This was the beginning of my life with Reverend Moon."

And so started the spiritual "career" documented by the speeches and sermons tucked between the covers of this two-volume treasure. The material is an important contribution to the history of the Unification movement, for Dr. Pak's speeches were presented at key meetings of True Parents-founded organizations like CAUSA, the World Media Association, the International Security Council, the Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy, the Association for the Unity of Latin America, the CAUSA International Military Association, and the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance.

In the book, there are also addresses before the American Leadership Conference, the Summit Council for World Peace, the Artists Association International, the Federation for World Peace, the International Commission for the Peaceful Reunification of Korea, the Federation of Island Nations for World Peace, the Family Federation for World Peace, and the Women's Federation for World Peace.

Dr. Pak also spoke at events relating to media outlets like The News World, Noticias del Mundo, the New York City Tribune, The Washington Times, and Tiempos del Mundo, and performing arts groups like the Little Angels dancing and singing troupe and



the Kirov Academy of Ballet.

Man of Character and Heart

Throughout both volumes, Dr. Pak's character, spirit, and emotion spring forth – even in the most formal of speeches. The man's many facets are movingly illustrated by everything from his indomitable and eloquent deportment at Congressman Donald Fraser's hearings in 1978 to his impassioned castigation of communism to his humble praise of True Parents to his glowing tributes to his adopted land.

In his 1961 "My Tribute to America" (volume 1, page 53), Dr. Pak says: "America is a country of beauty of land, cities, mountains, and rivers. It is a country of beauty of its people, beauty of its hearts, beauty of its noble friendships. Above all, America is a country of beauty of faith and love. This is the beauty I admire, cherish, and respect most of all."

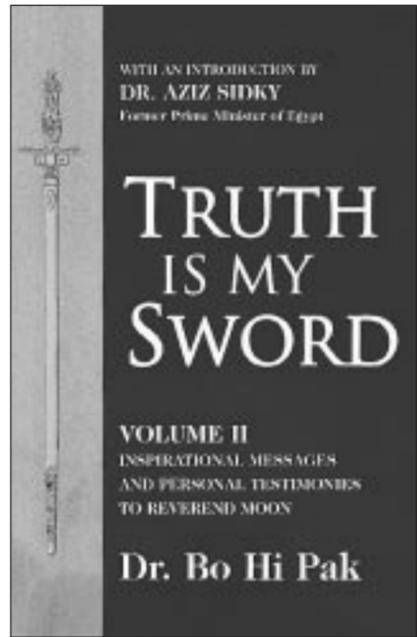
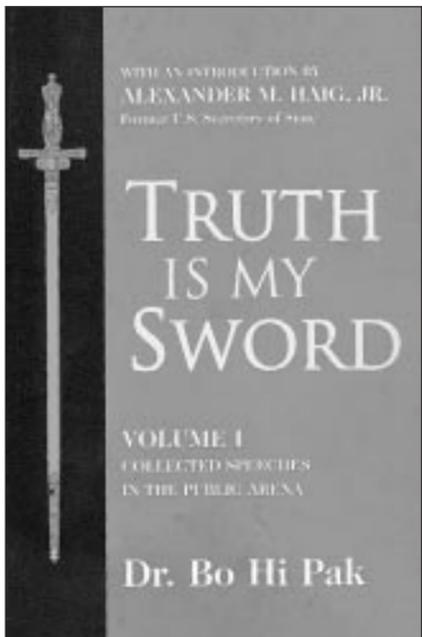
At a CAUSA International Military Association conference held February 7-9, 1986, in Washington, D.C., he declared: "We cannot coexist with cancer. Communism today in our world is worse than cancer. Reverend Moon believes that with the power of God and faith in God, godless communism can be defeated." (volume 1, page 283)

In Dr. Pak's speeches and sermons, we are also repeatedly inspired by flashes of insight, as in his September 4, 1977, Belvedere talk, in which he says, echoing Winston Churchill, that democracy is "the clumsiest system under the sun" but that it's precisely what God needs for the success of the mission of the Second Coming of Christ. "Democracy guarantees freedom of religion and thought," Dr. Pak says. "That is what Jesus needed 2,000 years ago, but there was no system." (volume 2,

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Truth Is My Sword
Dr. Bo Hi Pak
 2 volumes. Collected public speeches, inspirational messages, and personal testimonies to Rev. Moon, 1961-1999.
HSA Publications.
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by Mary Jane Yasuko Tashiro

T rue Father's words directly from God, laced with melodies and harmony, could be combined to win peoples' hearts. The challenge was in composing expressive quality music to stir their minds and hearts bringing a new dimension of understanding of life and God. With this in mind, the title of these 2 vocal books became, *Shim Jung, New Era of Heart*.

My first love was the piano. My constant wish was to make the piano "sing" emulating the voice. Because I loved melody, it was natural for me to compose songs. Soon after completing 9 songs, the tediousness of writing every part by hand, made me realize I must learn a completely new field (computer engraving) to cut down my work in half. Through the FINALE software, I could play and see the music on the monitor immediately but most importantly, I could hear all the parts by punching the PLAY button. With this electronic marvel, I could now publish and offer something of value to Father on his 80th birthday. My mind raced ahead to what this would entail for me to complete it. It would mean writing either the solo part and/or 4-5 voices, the flute obligatos, and the 1st and 2nd piano accompaniments. The final copy must be accurate, meaning no mistakes, so future choirs could sing these songs as we performed them.

The memories of how each song was born is beginning to fade but those I remember I will share. When I first heard the Divine Principle, (Jan. 7, 1986) I knew that it was the Truth from God. After the 2 day workshop was over in Los Angeles, I was invited to come to New York. On the plane, the words of a song I had written before I joined the church suddenly were inadequate. I needed to express my longing for this God I never really knew. The revised words evolved into a more expressively beautiful song. I remember feeling so moved when a professional Christian vocalist wanted to study this song with her teacher and



sing it at her church in Monrovia, California. This song was titled, *Child of God*.

I felt the depth of God's agony and sorrow when I heard the story of the "fall". Because I had suffered a tragedy in my personal life with the loss of my son, I could understand God's heart. The song, *Father's Heart* was an expression of this. I was constantly searching in the thesaurus for complimentary words to express the emotions to make this song work. Singing the song was a way to experiment with different words. During this time, I would be so exhausted from trying so many times and failing that I would finally give up and fall asleep. To my surprise I would wake up the following morning with just the right words. This was 1987; however, 13 years later (2000) I would be thinking about this song again. I was pasting up the 40th page of my first volume when I realized that this song would have more impact if I wrote a different melodic line for the 3rd verse. I had the whole chorus of women and men singing tenderly the word, "Father" to lead into, "No-one can make me forget, How you suffered years to bring me life." A final prayerful ending of "Precious life to me" was the perfect ending for the 40th page for Vol. I.

As I worked to teach music to the True Children, I noticed that Father and Mother loved to sing and wanted their children to sing at the various birthdays. This was my chance to write about Father's message, "Nothing Is Impossible" for the children to sing. It was tested by the children of the 777 and 1800 couples. They were in their teens and all of them could read notes! I wanted to include some 7 and 8 year olds to sing the simple melody and wrote an obligato line for the older girls. *Nothing Is Impossible*, and *Love So Pure*, with Naeran Verheyen singing the soprano solo, were performed for Children's Day at Manhattan Center on Oct. 26, 1992. It was a challenge to deal with so many singers but the end result was so moving that one of the Blessed Children who saw the performance via

Original Songs

satellite from California called New York and was in tears because she couldn't be part of the chorus.

It is still vivid in my mind the day I completed *Wake Up, America!* True Parents were returning after Mother's tour of Korea and Japan. Because her next stint was to tour America, one of the 36 couples said the choir should sing the above song. It was still so fresh that I had not perfected it so I hesitated. A big deterring factor was we only had 3 days to prepare it but I knew we must try to rise up to the occasion and do it. Father spoke at Belvedere 6 a.m. service before the celebration at East Garden when we were planning to sing this song. In His speech He suddenly spoke the words, "Wake Up, America!". The choir members looked at each other and then at me. This gave all of us the needed injection to perform this new song with more confidence. Fortunately we had another song prepared that was more seasoned. This song, *Royal Family of God* which had a 2nd piano part, was played by my niece, Yun Shim Kim who was my first piano student when I came here. I can credit her for helping me make the piano sound like a mini orchestra. Without her, it would not have occurred to me to write a 2nd piano part. Also because we had a talented flute player in Keiha Kobayashi, I decided to write a flute obligato. After the celebration was over, In Jin-nim stopped me in the lobby and commented to me that Father seemed to like the songs. That was the "cap" to top off the day.

During Mother's tour of America in 1993, all the older True Children were helping Mother give her speech. I was inspired to write *Come Ye Chosen Ones*, thinking of the Christians who would be attending. Steve Lascari had such a quality voice, untrained but so willing to try his best that I decided to feature him as the baritone soloist. Although inexperienced, he practiced so hard that at performance time, he was able to be "one" with the words and music giving the song a strong beginning. Lovely, talented and professional Miyuki Harley followed him as the soprano soloist and as usual did a tremendous

job. This combination of "give and take" between the soloists and choir gave the song the needed cumulative effect to be interesting and convincing.

Father stressed more and more that this was the time for women to get out there and work hard for the Providence. A song originally called, *March for Love*, was to "send the alarm" for women to act. We sang this song for one of the Women's Federation meetings and also for True Parents at East Garden. As I looked at the song to include it in this collection of songs, I decided to redo it and give it a young people's spirit for this particular time. It now has a strong march rhythm with a bright flute obligato and quick 8th and 16th notes for the 2nd piano part. Its new title is *March Forward on to Victory*, a rousing but simple song for everyone to sing.

In 1994, everyone was urging me to go to the Blessing in Korea in 1995. In thinking of preparing for this precious time, I thought of all the 2nd generation young people that Father would be matching so I composed *Holy Blessing*. I wished for the girl singer to sing, "Who is the one chosen for my life?" and the boy singer to sing the same words on the 2nd verse but there was no boy singer to be found. The girls told me that since the boys' voices were changing, all they could muster was a tiny squeak so I should forget about using them. Kiyomi Kobayashi, whose voice already had "star" quality, sang both verses. At our trial performance one Sunday, the members expressed how they were so touched by this song. I didn't know the impact of this song until then.

It was time for me to take a break. I treated two friends and myself to a Broadway musical. This was indeed a "change of pace" for me as a musician to hear professionals perform and to hear such glorious music sung on stage. After the performance I found I was bursting with enthusiasm to compose a song similar to the flavor of the songs in *Les Miserable*. I had to use this energy immediately before it disappeared. Soon the theme came and the song, *Blessed Families* became the crown-

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And in the same homily, he likens the Unification Church to the U.S. Army's Ranger training program at Fort Benning, Georgia, which requires each soldier to push himself through the most extreme difficulties in order to acquire discipline. He goes on to say that "This whole world is like God's Ranger program. It shall remain so forever. Even after the Kingdom of God is established, and Satan is demolished, ... still there is emotional upheaval. Ups and downs, sorrows and setbacks, and heroism. Sacrifice shall remain." (volume 2, page 287)

In all of these pages, Dr. Pak teaches practical spirituality - not pedantically but by the force of his personal experience and by citing the example

of True Parents. In his "13 Commandments," for example, written in 1993, he goes from "I live my life with eternal gratitude" (Commandment #1) and "I am eternally indebted to our True Parents, because it is they who taught me about God, granted me resurrection, and gave me eternal life" (Commandment #2) all the way up to "I hate no one. I resent no one. I betray or criticize no one. I hold a grudge against no one. These are deadly poisons that will poison no one but myself" (Commandment #12) and "I will never give up or give in. I will never retreat. I will never hesitate. I will never slumber. I will never fear." (Commandment #13).

The essence of the man's character, which all of these speeches and sermons embody, is summed up in a talk in which Dr. Pak explains that one day he begged forgiveness from Reverend Moon for having been such a "poor" translator for so many years - embel-

lishing Reverend Moon's words here, leaving words out there. He asked his spiritual leader if this would cause him to go to hell.

"You know what Reverend Moon said? He said nothing. He just smiled from ear to ear. So still this man, Bo Hi Pak, doesn't know where he is going: Heaven or Hell. But that doesn't worry me a bit. Why? Because I have learned another secret from Reverend Moon. That is, you can go anywhere and turn the place into Heaven. Even if you go to Hell, you have the power to turn it from Hell into Heaven!"

Ultimately, we see emerging from these talks the portrait of a man who is an embodiment of the Principled way of life and of a true follower of the Lord of the Second Advent. Dr. Pak could almost be talking about himself (though he would never indulge in such self-elevation) when he says, in a sermon at the Utah Street Center in Arlington, Virginia, on September 5, 1966: "We

need modern heroes. There is a vast area where those gathered in this room can work. In a sense we are already committed to the road, whether you like it or not, to becoming heroes, both men and women. Not for the glory. Not for the praise. But for the glory of God and True Parents."

On a personal note, I really enjoyed this book. The HSA-UWC Publications Department should commend for publishing this sort of inspirational and historical work. Indeed, I felt Dr. Pak's speeches are so uplifting they can be used as Hoon Dok Hae material.

Now that Father Time is beginning to catch up with our elder-generation leaders, I hope others will take the time to prepare their memoirs. It would be quite a thrill to read chronicles by such church luminaries as David Kim, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, and others. ❖

for the New Providence

ing achievement of the year. This song and *Holy Blessing* were performed at Manhattan Center for True Parents birthday on Feb. 5, 1995. I didn't know what Father's response was until much later. The message given to a Korean lady to give to me from Father was somehow mixed and confusing to me. Because she was distracted by someone talking to her during



Steve Lascari and Miyuko Harley singing the new songs

the performance, her translation of Father's message was not quite correct. Much later, I understood the great responsibility of Father's message to me. It was that I should write for all ages, not only young people but old people and children too.

On August 21, 1995, what a total surprise it was to me when Peter Kim called me to tell me that Father had just blessed me to a Buddhist monk. Jeung Jin-nim and I had just finished attending a violin music camp in Canada when I received the call. All I could think about on the way home in the car (8 hours) was about the future blessing. I remembered Jeung Jin-nim saying to me to do what my heart desires. When my new husband, Monk Bang Yook, arrived in New York on Dec. 15, I found that he really loved music and was quite a good singer even though he was never trained. At least we had this in common so we could unite more quickly. I thought we would have time to be together to get accustomed to our couple life but soon Father had some of us women pick a number by lottery at East Garden and I was to depart for Jardim in a matter of days. Of course my husband had to accept my going. It was a very trying time for him but I couldn't dwell on this too long. There must be a reason why I would be going.

I finally got a taste of trying to keep up with the frenetic pace of Father. We were in so many South American cities in such a short time it was a bit of a blur but the impact definitely was there that Father had already accomplished a lot. We sisters felt like princesses being treated like royalty. I felt a bit guilty because I should have been home cooking and serving my husband instead of being served. Hours and hours of fishing and no fish to be caught was a totally new experience for me as a musician who is most used to spending hours and hours in front of the piano. In one aspect, it was the same. I must have patience. It was a nice quiet time for me to start thinking about many things. Through all this, one Korean sister, who had directed Heung Boo and Nol Boo, said I must write a song about Jardim. I remembered a melody that I had written before I left but was anticipating rewriting the words. This was the perfect setting and time to think about doing this. The song, *Jardim, Garden of Eden* speaks of the scenery, the trees, the birds, the waterfalls as well as Father's vision for this to be the new Garden of Eden. When each of us

were given time to give our testimony, I opted to teach the brothers and sisters at Jardim this song. The brothers surprised us by doing a pantomime of catching a "dorado fish" as they were singing the bass pattern. I must say they were so convincing that we were all laughing. Later we found that the tall handsome Japanese brother who did all the translations, was a professional pantomimist. The girls that were present also had beautiful singing voices so it was easy for me to work with them and get a good result. I

was told by Rev. Kim that the singing was going to be used as background music for the waterfalls. It was such a refreshing change for me to be in another land, free of my usual duties and enjoying the clean air, water and delicious food and especially sitting at the same table with Father and Mother like we were all part of this big family of God. However, I was feeling so ashamed at not being able to catch a fish. It took 7 days before I got a decent catch or a size of fish that I could say I caught a fish. A sister sitting next to me reported to Father and Mother. They smiled because I don't think they were expecting too much of me in the fishing department.

Back home, I found my husband anxious to go back to his home town, Chejudo, to do some unfinished business or maybe because he was having a hard time adjusting to America. With his absence I was able to concentrate on music composing again. One day, Betty Lancaster who also went on the Jardim trip, showed me a poem she had written. It was called *New Family Tree*. I was so inspired with the words that I told her I was going to write music to it. After many painstaking hours of trying to put music to so many words, I gave up. I tried again the following year after they asked for members to write songs for some kind of competition but I was still not satisfied with it. It had to go on the shelf.

As the end of the book approached, I discovered that if I had one more song, the last song of Vol. II could be *Sun Myung Moon* and it could take the prestigious position as Op. 40. I knew it was totally impossible to take time out to compose another song. All my ener-

gy was already taken up doing the computer work. Suddenly it occurred to me that *New Family Tree* was still waiting to be perfected. Now I had a reason to be determined to make it better. My new strategy was to not let the words interfere with the flow of the music. If need be I would delete words, repeat words, even add words to make it work. The foundation was already laid so to move

things around and change the melody here and there was easy and fun and soon the music started to flow. During this frenetic time, I suddenly found myself using 4ths and 5ths at the end to emphasize the repetition of the words, "We'll tell a new story, Your praises we'll sing". It was so dramatic, I decided to use it for the introduction. I called Sam Wada, a former New Hope singer and director of a choir in Boston, and played the midi from the computer so he could hear it via the telephone. His reaction

was, "I never heard anything like this! Please send me the music express mail". He soon had his whole choir excited and ready to work on this song. Most importantly, *Sun Myung Moon* became Op. 40 and finished on the 40th page. Spirit World is reminding me they are helping me on this project. To have Father's name as the title of this song was one way to get the attention of all Christians to accept True Father as the only living Son of God. My Korean husband knew so well the rejection Father experienced in his homeland. I needed to raise Father's name to be received with joy and honor through glorious music!

Marching Forward on to Victory can be great in a song but marching to Man-

hattan 4 times by train to try to get the cover and printing done had its snags. Jonathan Gullery did a smashing job of preparing the cover of 4 colors. Surprisingly, the cover was done quickly but the inside 40 pages came to a "stand-still" because the machine broke down. After it was finally fixed, the end result was poor. So back to Tarrytown I went with my originals. Because I noticed the uneven results of the copy I submitted to the Manhattan printer, I wanted a better original for the Tarrytown printer. This was time for me to purchase a better printer and reprint the 80 pages for the 2 books. Just as I was ready to take the newly re-pasted originals to be printed, I realized I missed one important detail. I had the choir's picture on the back cover but I didn't have my niece's picture in the book because she was sitting next to me playing the 2nd piano part instead of standing with the choir. I quickly made a call to my grandson, Jason, in California. He said he had a scanner and could make a title page with Yun Shim and I encircled in a heart. He and his Father eventually discussed the best way and a week later I got the result express mail.

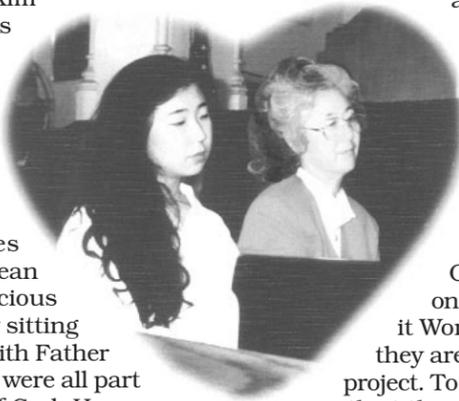
During these months in working on completing this project, I felt such an outpouring of love from some special people through my dreams. They were my son wanting to help me with my household tasks during this busy and eventful time, Father giving me surprising support that I was not expecting as well as a distinguished composer who at first I didn't recognize until I checked at the library. What a wonderful finale to this effort! My dedication page for Vol. I reads,

The spirit of love pervaded even after the last note was sung. Who is the originator of all things beautiful and inspires in everyone creativity?

It is indeed God manifesting Himself through our beloved True Parents.

In this year, 2000, I wish to dedicate these songs to them And hope that many choirs and soloists will sing them.

These 2 vocal volumes, *Shim Jung, New Era of Heart*, and cassette, *Musical Testimony* of the choir performances of several songs are available at the HSA Bookstore at 43rd St. and the One Cosmos (Accord) bookstore in the WMC. You may E-mail: mjtmusic@juno.com. ❖





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This issue of PEARL is devoted to the topic of FAMILY and HOME. We hope you will find something valuable here that can help you in the challenging task of raising a family and creating a happy home environment.

Mother-Daughter Bookclub

by Cathi Close

I had never heard of a mother-daughter book-club until a friend invited my daughter and myself to join one she had started.

It sounded like a good idea and once we began attending we found that we enjoyed it immensely and always looked forward to going.

It wasn't until we'd been meeting for a number of months that I learned the idea originated from a book by Shireen Dodson called The Mother-Daughter Book Club: How Ten Busy Mothers and Daughters Came Together to Talk, Laugh and Learn Through Their Love of Reading.

And that is exactly what we did.

We read some books we loved and some we hated. We talked, laughed, learned, agreed, disagreed and at times got completely off the topic! But that's part of the magic of the club itself. The books we read together became a bridge that not only took us to new places but helped to dissolve boundaries and sometimes rigid roles we get stuck in as parents or children. The girls feel that the moms are accepting them as equals. Their opinions count. The moms appreciate feeling relaxed with their daughters and simply enjoy the animated conversations (and the books!).

I also had the opportunity to hear the author, Shireen Dodson, speak at a local bookstore promoting her book and the idea of this kind of club. I was very inspired to hear that their original group of ten girls and moms has been meeting regularly for over three years and they averaged a 99% attendance rate! That says a lot, knowing how busy people are these days. One mother and her daughter ended up having to move a three hour drive away yet they still continued to attend the monthly meetings!

What is it that's so special about moms and daughters getting together to discuss books? In Shireen Dodson's



words, "When we share the experience of reading with our children, books create a garden, a special sunlit corner where our relationship can grow alongside but apart from the crowded landscape of everyday life."

She goes on to explain how a mother-daughter book-club can help to 1) encourage reading, 2) develop critical thinking skills, 3) create a friendly forum for discussing important issue, 4) offer a chance to make friends outside of school, 5) strengthen the mother/daughter relationship and 6) give a wholesome feeling of belonging. (In these days when there is so much un-wholesome belonging out there, this becomes a much needed breath of fresh air!)

Last year our family moved and my daughter and I really miss the club and are thinking about starting one up where we now live. If we do, we will attempt to follow more of the guidelines the book offers (which were all learned through the author's actual experience). The group we were with was more loosely structured so we didn't always know who would show up. I think we were unable to create the cohesiveness that Shireen's group had because her approach was to ask people to make a commitment before joining. Her book addresses many of these practical topics as the foundation for creating a club that will thrive.

Once the organizing part is accomplished, then the fun begins! There are so, so many good books out there and it's wonderful to share and enjoy them together.

An Unexpected Family Evening

by David Perry

I think we all struggle with the question; How do we teach our kids the Principle? We try teaching them the basics at home, we send them to Sunday school hoping they'll pick up more there and we put them in camps and seminars with the desire that they gain a deeper understanding.

But we still wonder; Does the Principle mean anything to them???

I had a recent experience that gave me hope and it came about through an unexpected family evening.

I met some Mormon missionaries about ten years ago and in addition to explaining their beliefs, they shared about the weekly family evening which is a tradition in their church. The missionaries even gave me a nice manual about how to organize these family evenings.

My kids were too young at the time but a few years later we tried it and we liked it. We would sing a few songs, I would give a short talk on a point of Principle, then a snack followed by a game or two and we would finish with a prayer.

Of course the kids wanted my talk to quickly finish so they could get to the really important parts, the snack and the game. So I wondered; Are they picking anything up from what I say?

As the kids got older I would ask them to prepare something on one point of Principle and work with them to develop their presentation. They enjoyed this as they could ask questions at the end and try to catch brothers or sisters who hadn't paid attention.

Not wanting these family evening to become a routine

that kids felt forced to do, we would have them regularly for a few months, stop for a while and re-start a few months later. But sometimes life gets busy and months went by without a family evening. From time to time we would sit up together and watch a video and call that a family evening, but we had kind of left the lectures on the sidelines.

Then one recent Wednesday evening our second child, Blandine—11 years old, suddenly asked if we could do a family evening that same evening. I was a bit surprised and thought it best to wait so it could be better prepared.

Blandine accepted this and announced that she would give the talk and that she already knew what she would talk about.

Knowing Blandine I thought we might have a talk on "Barbie in the Providence", but she said she would show me her lecture once she had it prepared. The next day she showed me what she wanted to talk about and it was a wonderful little talk about Good Character and Good Heart. I didn't change one word, although I did suggest changes to her diagrams which used four position foundations to explain her ideas.

On Friday evening when she gave her talk the whole family was amazed at her short, simple but deep talk. She explained how someone with good character and good heart thinks of others and creates a good atmosphere and therefore has many friends. And those friends will want to be like the person with good character and good heart. While someone with bad character and bad heart doesn't think of others, creates a bad atmosphere and has no or few friends.

Blandine explained that she got the idea for her talk from watching her friends at school. So there is hope that our kids are assimilating Principle and relating it to their daily life. Now, if we adults can only do the same...

Eleven Years

by Michael T. Powers

(An open Letter to my wife on our anniversary — June 11)

Dear Kristi:

As I look back on our eleven years of marriage, I am overwhelmed with thoughts and feelings. Deep feelings. Feelings that wash over me in warm waves. Feelings that leave tiny hills on my skin. Feelings of gratitude...

Gratitude for sticking with me and for being so eternally patient as you waited for me to grow up. For all the nights you cried yourself to sleep hoping and praying that someday I might

put your needs first instead of my selfish wants. For all the times you felt unprotected by me emotionally as we dealt with things early in our marriage. For carrying the financial burden for seven years as I tried to figure out what to do with my life. For the times I have given of myself to other people and then come home and offered you the "leftovers." For going before our Heavenly Father in prayer, and lifting me up, even when my hurtful words have made deep cuts that took many months to heal...

For all that you do and all you have done to keep our marriage working. I am amazed at your unselfishness. Amazed that you have stuck it out with me, and for that I am thankful.



Family Humor:

Eight year old Susie came home from school and informed her mother that today in class they had learned how to make babies.

The mother, rather shaken by the development, called the teacher to complain. After listening to the mother complain for a few minutes, the teacher responded, "Did you ask her to explain how it is done?"

"No," said the mother. "Then ask her, and then call me back," replied the teacher.

"So how DO you make babies?" asked the mother to her daughter.

Susie responded, "You drop the 'y' and add 'ies'."

Thankful...

Thankful for the incredible example you are of Godly love. Love that is based on a decision and not your feelings. Love that has looked for the best in me all these years. Love that is unconditional. Love that has seen past the immaturity. Love that has molded and shaped me into a better person. Love that has sifted through the stress of my working a third shift job and running a video production business. Oh to have half of your boundless capacity for real love. I stand in awe at your ability to love people...

Awe...

I don't know of a better word to describe how I feel about you. I stand in awe as I watch you raise our two boys. My mouth drops open as I watch you go through your "daily" life as a mother. The energy that is exerted. The compassion and firmness in discipline. The grind you go through every day and night pouring your heart and soul into these two little gifts from God. The bubbly feeling I get inside when I hear someone talk about our boys in a positive manner. I know they are special because of what you have invested in them. You stumble into bed each night, knowing that you are going to be up at least a few times in the night with Connor, and yet each morning you dig down into your reserves, and pour your energy once again into nurturing and caring for our little ones. Our children are wonderful! I don't care who hears it, and what they think about a

"The family is the only institution in the world where the Kingdom of God can actually begin." —Elton Trueblood

Father bragging about his children. Our children are wonderful because of the hours you have invested in their lives, and the example you set for them everyday. My children will know how special their Mother is. They will instinctively know it, but just in case they don't, I will make it a point to tell them often. They will look back on their childhood with warm feelings and memories...

Memories...

The little flashes of life that come to me as I go about my daily routine.

A song might trigger it. Perhaps a fragrant scent. Sometimes a word or phrase. I go from the mundane task I am doing and am transported to another time. The feeling of contentment and satisfaction that comes over me as I relive these moments... Spending time in the hospital as you brought our children into this world. The image of you holding Caleb and Connor for the first time. The heavenly sound of your singing. Running my fingers through your hair. Seeing Caleb talk with his many little hand gestures. Watching him make everything in his life into an "Oscar winning production." Listening to Connor say, "Ohhhhhhhhh" Feeling the softness of the back of his hair. The smell of baby lotion. Connor pulling himself along the floor without using his back legs to crawl. His lips when he is sleeping. The music in your laugh, and the love in your liquid eyes...

All of these things pass through my mind on any given day, and I stop and thank the Lord for the life He has given me. I owe so much to you, Kristi, and I love the life we have made with each other. But I am even more excited about the future...

The future...

Flashes of life. They aren't just for memories you know. They are also for the future. While the memories create such a tremendous contentment in my life, the future excites me...

I look forward to:

Walking away from the third shift job and being able to hold you in my arms as we lay in bed and fall asleep listening to the crickets. Waking up in the morning instead of heading off to bed. Operating Video Imagery as my only job and working a forty-hour week! Moving from Janesville and looking up at the millions of stars from the deck of our house in the country. Having our kids grow up surrounded by woods and fields and Caleb coming home with a frog in each pocket. Long walks enjoying the sounds of the birds, the smell of wildflowers, and taking in God's incredible creation with our eyes. Holding our daughter "Kelsey" for the first time and crying tears of joy. Watching our last child head off to Kindergarten knowing full well that a portion of our

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." —Henry Ward Beecher

"We should live according to the truth and we should love others. Without the fundamental way of living for the sake of others, we cannot prosper. The person who lives the truth will become the subject, with more power for life. Also, the subject must have the power of love. The responsible leader and central figure must be the embodiment of truth, life and love. All these things can be summed up in one simple phrase: Live for the sake of others. When you practice this way of life, you create harmony."

—Sun Myung Moon (7/1/84)

lives will never be the same. Loving you more every day and becoming closer as we intertwine our hopes, thoughts, and feelings. Growing old, but not caring, as long as you are by my side every step of the way as we build our dreams into reality...

Reality...

My reality right now is a dream for me. I can deal with the long workweeks, the stress, and sometimes the exhaustion. They pale in comparison to what the Lord has blessed me with. I will still dream, but I am content. Everyday problems come, but they soon melt away with the coo of my infant, the hug of my three-year-old, and the tender kiss of my bride...

Bring on what troubles you

have world. My Kristi is by my side...

Happy Anniversary, my love!

—Michael T. Powers <Thunder27@aol.com>

FAMILY MEALTIME

PRAYERS:

Do you have the experience when trying to make a tradition of saying grace before meals that no one ever wants to be the one to pray? Adults or children alike! Well, sometimes people feel put on the spot and tongue-tied in that situation. One idea is to write out some simple prayers appropriate for mealtimes on index cards, cover them with laminate paper and let everyone have a choice of reading one of the prayers or creating their own. (Smaller children who can't yet read are probably the ones most likely to be spontaneous with their prayers. The older and more mature we get, the more self-conscious we seem to become!)

The Five Contemplations: (Buddist prayer)

"This food is the gift of the whole universe—the earth, the sky, and much hard work. May we live in a way that is worthy of this food. May we transform our unskilled states of mind, especially that of greed. May we eat only foods that nourish us and prevent illness. May we accept this food for the realization of the way of understanding and love."

Table Blessing

by Maryleona Frost

"God, we thank you for this food, For rest and home and all things good; For wind and rain and sun above, But most of all for those we love."

Grace

by Edith Rutter Leatham

"Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you, God,
for everything!"

A Family Prayer:

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank Thee for this place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day; for the hope with which we expect tomorrow; for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of the world.

God bless our home, and help us
To love each other true;
To make our home the kind of place
Where everything we do
Is filled with love and kindness
A dwelling place for Thee,
And help us, God, each moment
To live most helpfully.
—Anonymous

"A child's definition of house and home: 'When you are outside, it looks like a house but when you are inside, it feels like a home.' —Anonymous

The Challenge of Guiding Youth

by Cathi Close

Over the past few years I have been interested and involved in abstinence education for two reasons. One is that we have teenagers at home now, the other is because I have experienced seeing a good friend's twenty-four year old daughter die of AIDS. This friend also had two teenage boys and so together we tried to find the way to prevent this kind of tragedy for our own and other's children, a way to teach them the values we realized were critical to their lives. To put it honestly, it isn't easy. Something happens in our culture when children enter the teen years and what it too often leads to is this—you lose them. It's a gradual and can be a deceptive process overall because many of the factors do not appear to be anything but "normal". But normal according to who's standard? For instance, dating in our culture is normal. But does it work to promote healthy marriages? If not, then what does?

As a result of the research I have done, I came across two very interesting books. They are *Dating vs. Courtship* by Paul Jehle and *Old Fashioned Courtship and How It Works Today* by Jeff and Marge Barth. These books address the topic of courtship as an alternative to the popular practice of dating. They also touch on many lifestyle and parenting issues. Both are written by fundamentalist Christians who homeschool their children. Of course, this puts them in a unique, controlled environment which many of us might not

share, either in terms of beliefs or in lifestyle. However, I discovered much wisdom throughout the pages of these books and even some very radical ideas which I found to be quite thought provoking. The first of these will come as a shock to many of us and yet ... through my own personal experience I came to realize that this author

One night a father overheard his son pray: "Dear God, make me the kind of man my Daddy is." Later that evening the father prayed: "Dear God, help me to be the kind of man my son wants me to be." —Anonymous

was describing much of what we were struggling with in our own family.

Jeff and Marge Barth begin their book discussing ways to prepare your children for parental involved courtship long before they reach a marriageable age. They give the expected and common sense guidance of being involved with our children, teaching them to evaluate life and to learn discernment. However, as the children grow older the Barths warn to be wary of some traditions and philosophies. Two that they cautioned against were *youth groups* and *friends* superseding the importance and value of parental guidance.

Now what exactly do they mean by this? We are all certainly well aware of the dangerous influences of media, substance abuse, etc. But *friends* and *youth groups*? For the most part these are seen as very positive influences (as long as the friends are *good* kids, of course.)

We all need friends, there's no denying that. But to what degree do we place the value of friendship over our families and our own parent's guidance? For most young people friends come first and friends pretty much mean everything in life. This is the reason why peer influence is as powerful as it is. Whether there are good reasons for this or bad, the fact remains that this is the way it is for most teens.

Jeff Barth describes how at about age ten he became immersed in the "best friend philosophy" which he defines as being expected to have a best friend outside of one's own home. He goes on to say that it didn't take long before these friends began to win his heart and he was much more willing to do what they wanted him to do rather than his parents. About the same time, numerous activities such as sports, camping, clubs, etc. came along and made further appeals to his time. He says, "By the time I was 14 or 15, my father had pretty well lost me." He goes on to caution

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"A happy family is but an earlier heaven." —John Bowring

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parents to "wisely consider those things that can steal your child's heart from you; you may never get them back."

This author is, as I mentioned, a committed Christian, but even so he also warns against a similar situation which can take place in the context of Christian youth groups. He describes the tradition that has developed in our society which is that the early teen years mark the age when we send our youth off to a youth group to find guidance and are expected to believe that "so-called trained leaders can better help our young people evaluate life." (This pattern repeats itself in the secular world as well.) His advice is for parents to "try to order family life so that a closeness can be built with your children, and avoid as much as possible those situations that can erode this closeness."

This kind of advice may sound extreme or even paranoid to our average American view of life. But there's something to it. I know this from experience.

When our children were young, we took them to Sunday school classes at a well-organized Methodist church nearby. They loved it and especially looked forward to going to the church camp every summer. However, as they entered

"It is better to give children a rule to break than to give them no rules at all." —Tipper Gore in Time

"Raising kids is part joy and part guerrilla warfare.—Ed Asner

the teen years and began going to evening youth group, I began to feel somewhat uncomfortable when we, as parents, began to be subtly pushed away.

It's not that we expected to participate in all of their activities. But it was the way the youth group was promoted as being exclusively for the kids and inferring that parents were a nuisance. For instance, every fall there would be a kick off meeting to which the parents were invited. The flyer specified that parents were invited "this and *only* this time so don't worry kids!". When I questioned the intention behind these words, I was told that our kids "can't be themselves" around us. Similar experiences took place at Young Life as well as at another youth group my husband's oldest son attended at a local Episcopalian church. There was always the token "parents night" when we were invited to

observe the group in action but we were jokingly instructed not to come again!

Paul Jehle writes that too often the youth group activities tend to "replace the father and mother's job of building family heritage activities, and provides fun activities that sneak Jesus in when they aren't looking." In an effort not to offend them we "draw them in with as many activities that look and sound like what they are interested in." He goes on to propose. ... "Instead, why not minister as families and churches, which join the generations, rather than always separating them with artificial boundaries given to us by tradition and secular psychology?" I find this to be quite profound advice and something all families and church's ought to pay serious attention to. (When you think about it, this is exactly what scout troops do, make it a priority, even a requirement, to involve the families in everything they do.)

As far as the church groups went, I made an effort to get to know some of the youth leaders (whom I thought were exceptional people), and at the same time I tried to get an idea of just what they were teaching the kids. How much were they emphasizing (if at all) purity and commitment to family and the values I felt were important? The answer I usually received was that "We teach the gospel". I suppose the rest is left up to the individual to figure out. (?) This concerned me, especially after reading Joshua Harris's book, *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* in which he described the dating spirit as just as hot within Christian youth circles as anywhere else. The only difference was that moral boundaries were vaguely technical among the Christian teens. Not much reassurance there!

What I came to realize was that, in the interest of giving teens what we hope will be wholesome fun, teaching straightforward "rights and wrongs" has been minimized or eliminated altogether. There's nothing *wrong* with having fun and to this day we still encourage our kids to participate in these youth groups. However, there are good reasons to be cautious, as the Barths warn. My husband's oldest son became so isolated from the family during his teenage years that we barely ever saw him any more. We consoled ourselves that at least he was hanging out with a good bunch of kids and was interested in Christianity. However, as he got older we saw more and more contradictions in his lifestyle and values until he finally just dismissed the religion and God altogether as well as the youth leaders who had invested so much in him over the years. This experience made us sadder but wiser.

As we had three other children approaching the teen years during this time, I found myself frantically trying to keep informed as to where they were and who they were with, what parties they were going to, how supervised they would be, etc. etc. More and more I felt like I was bailing water out of a boat full of holes. I didn't know who to trust or what to let them do anymore. I would come across notes and letters sometimes that would shock me with the vulgarity kids accept as commonplace these days. Overnights with their friends was becoming like a religion to them! We discovered they were sneaking out at night just for adventure which included smoking cigarettes..... Oh, the joys of raising teenagers!!!

As I attempted to educate our children according to what I believed was important for them to know... alas, I discovered, they didn't want to listen to me! (But you can be sure they listened to their friends and cared what *they* thought.) What a dilemma this was. There was no one teaching them

what they needed to hear and yet they didn't want to receive it from me either.

For those parents who manage to maintain a close and confidential relationship with their kids from childhood and *throughout* the teen years... you are truly fortunate (and I'm sure it didn't happen by accident either.). But for so many others of us, it often feels like a losing battle. This is not to imply that friendships or religious youth activities are to be avoided but that parents need to observe carefully whether these alliances are strengthening or weakening the family value system.

Last summer our family made a major move across the country. I determined that things were going to change and they did. We took some of our children out of public school to homeschool them and we were able to enroll one teen into a very small charter school which is a distance away. It's been alot of driving to get him back and forth but it's been well worth it. I no longer have to spend my time trying to track him down or nag him to come straight home from school (because *I'm* the one picking him up!). This may seem like a minor point but it is often the minor things adding up which can make or break our parenting efforts. The most positive change we've noticed since we moved is that all of our children are now mostly at *home!* And this, I feel is where

they *should* be. They are becoming better friends with each other, participating in things we're doing around the house, pursuing hobbies, *talking* to us more, or just simply reading! There's nothing that gives me

"Let parents bequeath to their children, not riches, but the spirit of reverence." —Plato

greater joy than to have our teens get excited about going to the library or working in our garden.

Their social life is not non-existent but the emphasis has changed significantly. Sure, the transition wasn't easy and for the most part our kids had to go through withdrawal from their accustomed life-style. But somehow that experience in itself has given them a new opportunity to look at things differently, learn some needed lessons and develop a more serious attitude toward their futures (combined with the guidance we've tried to insert here and there).

My husband and I have knocked ourselves out to provide positive activities for our kids so that they will feel challenged and stimulated; martial arts, music, dance, etc. But our focus is primarily to guide them toward becoming young adults not just to keep them busy or having fun. Sure, every-

one needs to have fun but as Paul Jehle questions in his book, "Instead of focusing on self-centered 'fun and games youth group meetings', why not begin to move out in ministry?"

We have put an emphasis on education and volunteering. We go out of our way to get our family involved in helping others, either through organized projects or initiating our own. We've still got a long way to go and so much that we hope to teach our kids but at least we feel we are on a better track now.

Whatever hopes and aspirations we have for our children as they enter the years approaching adulthood, there is one thing we can be sure of—that the human heart and relationships are the meeting place of God and man. It can also be a battle ground. To protect and nurture the sacredness of life and love is an ongoing effort and our greatest task as parents. To instill in our younger generation these values is a heavenly mandate. May God help and guide us in this endeavor.

Dating vs. Courtship can be ordered through: The Plymouth Rock Foundation, Fisk Mill on Water Street, Marlborough, NH 03455 or call (800) 210-1620. *Old-Fashioned Courtship and How It Works Today* can be ordered through Parable Publishing House, RD2, Box 2002, Middlebury, Vermont 05753.

RESOURCES:

Focus on the Family Publications:

These days it seems that there are so many undesirable media elements influencing our youth that it is encouraging to know that there are some excellent magazines published by Focus on the Family for kids *and* teens. They seek to promote solid and wholesome Christian values while at the same time are upbeat and fun to read!

Check out *Brio* for girls ages 12 and up and *Breakaway* for see **PEARL** on next page



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Second Generation Strategy for Uniting with True Parents Vision

On the foundation of a long tradition and hard working followers of True Parents, and True Parents themselves, the second generation convened to plan a strategy for continuing True Parents' work. Many second generation members met at Camp Sunrise on 4/29/00, Saturday morning to listen to speakers, brainstorm ideas and make a determination to unite with True Parents' foundation.

On that morning, a warm day of spring, the participants in the one day workshop, all of whom are active members in the "second generation new cultural program" gathered to learn and voice their opinions on what second generation members can do for God, True Parents and the world. With Hyun Jin Nim as leader of the Second generation, all

of the participants knew that the time for action had come. The heart and determination is there with the participants, but the strategy was all that was left to hammer out.

An energy of extreme intensity could be felt at the meeting which drove the participants to actively involve themselves in the meeting. As the "second generation new cultural program" continues to grow and attract more second generation members, the time to "actionize" has come. The internal meaning of this meeting was to prepare the participants of the "second generation new cultural program" for witnessing at rallies during the spring and summer of 2000.

The topics which were presented to the participants were "The purpose of the original UC performing arts and it's activities", "The effect of music on culture and how the second generation can change the culture and world", "The importance of witnessing", and "The spring and summer of 2000's second generation witnessing activities and the future of the second generation new cultural program".

After lunch and socializing, the par-

ticipants gathered in groups to brainstorm on how the second generation new cultural program can fulfill its goals. The two topics discussed were what would be motivating to people at the spring and summer witnessing campaigns and what the participants think would be a good way to achieve the goal of fulfilling True Parent's vision. Some of the brainstorming ideas were:

The brainstorming ideas for this spring and summer's witnessing were: Rallies along the Hudson river and in parks of populated metropolitan areas with free concerts (Promotions and planning of rallies by local UC churches would be helpful), handing out fliers throughout the areas (locations where the concerts and witnessing activities would be held), having skits depicting facts of the Divine Principle (or Bible) and teachings of True Parents, mini-lectures at the rallies and invitations to one, seven, twenty one and forty day lectures.

The brainstorming for the second generation new cultural programs future activities: Recording and airing a weekly radio program. Creating a fully interactive web-site with the bands of the second generation new cultural program's downloadable MP3s, CDs, videos,



mission statement, creating films, influencing fashion with new clothes, a TV talk show, publishing a newspaper and/or magazine, comic books based on God/TP/UC ideology, promoting "pro family" ideology, creating an email list-serve and chat room for the members of this program.

Upon concluding the brainstorming portion of the meeting, the bands of the "second generation new cultural program" performed for the audience and each other. The music was a mix of original and cover songs that the bands intend to play at the rallies, "the bands have really got a "new presence" since their first concert" said one of the audience members. The new presence that I believe that person was talking about is their willingness to unite with God and True Parents and sacrifice their lives for all of God's children in the world. The par-

ticipants and organizers of the second generation new cultural program want to thank God and True Parents for their sacrifice, vision, and unending love and Hyun Jin Nim for his great leadership.

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boys (ages 12 and up.) Also offered is *Clubhouse* for ages 8-12.

Another publication created for the benefit of parents seeking to guide youth in a positive moral direction is *Plugged in*. This magazine reviews popular films, music and television shows. Sometimes it can be quite shocking to confront what is actually being promoted through the entertainment industry but, as parents, we should be aware of what our children may be exposed to. On a positive note the magazine tries to keep a balance by promoting wholesome music and entertainment.

For more information on these and the many resources offered by Focus on the Family, call

1-800-232-6459 or check out their website at www.family.org.

On Line:

The National Parenting Center at www.tnpc.com is a website which introduces itself as "The Internet's finest parent-friendly support site" and is "dedicated to providing parents a comprehensive and responsible guidance from the world's most renowned child-rearing authorities."

There are literally *hundreds* of discussion lists offered covering practically every conceivable aspect of parenting and family life. They include: Pregnancy, Fertility, Adoption, Nursing, Education, Coping with Loss, Special Needs, Relationships, Religious Upbringings as well as specific age related topics from Infants to Teens.

This site is guaranteed to keep you busy and interested to the point where you may even neglect your kids! :)

Even though a person with lots of property and fortune sings songs of happiness, these external belongings cannot be the cause of his or her happiness. Even though they may come along with happiness, they cannot be happiness itself. Then what decides happiness? There should be loving parents, a couple, and children. Nobody can deny this. In proportion to any part missing among those, there will be a proportionate sadness and dissatisfaction in one's heart. —Sun Myung Moon

Ideal love is accomplished in a family, but God hasn't had true sons and daughters, true brothers and sisters, and true husbands and

wives, and He couldn't become the true parent. Accomplishing all of that is God's will. Love dwells in such a place. People will come to such a place, abandoning everything which belongs to the world. —Sun Myung Moon

Without love a father and a mother cannot become one. Why do we like "love"? It is because we are created not to survive without it. The stronger the power of parental love over the power of individual love, the more ideal your situation will be. It is the rope of love with which you can bind your father and mother completely in oneness. The rope made out of metal rusts as times passes, but the rope made out of love is eternal. And money or food cannot bind parents and children; only love can bind them. —Sun Myung Moon ♦

UB NEWS



by Chris Corcoran—Bridgeport, CT

International Festival

More than a thousand people immersed themselves in the tastes, sights and sounds of the world as the campus celebrated its 24th International Festival on Saturday, April 15. "We were sold out, more than sold out," exclaimed Edina Oestricher, Director of Student Activities and co-coordinator of the event, who with Dawn Valenti, Director for International Affairs did an excellent job of overseeing the 26 food booths and 14 performances.

But the highest accolades must go to the many students who worked tirelessly amidst their studies and jobs in order to bring such a quality event to our campus — and the UB community thanks you!

"It was truly an amazing event," said President Salonen, who munched his way from booth to booth, talking with students and enjoying the swirl of cultures. "I'll do everything in my power to make next year's Festival even better," he said.

The first-place winners of the performance competition went to two groups — the Japanese students for their dramatic and artistically exquisite Kabuki play, and the Indian students for their magical folk-dance. Third place went to the Nepalese students.

Industrial Design Awards

Industrial Design student Adrian Teschemaker won the first place prize of \$3,000 for his aluminum mat cutter design and fellow student Anna Zimnoch won second place of \$2,000 for her aluminum desk organizer. The contest was held by the Aluminum Extruders Council. This brings the total year's winnings for the ID students

to \$37,800.

Congratulations to Prof. Jim Lesko and the entire faculty and students that made ID such a winning program!

Eight students from the UB Interior Design Department traveled to Boston in April to compete in an interior design team competition. Sixty students from eight major New England design schools competed. One team led by UB's Aida Delic came out on top and four of the final teams selected had UB students as members. Other award winners from UB were: I Ching Chiu, Byoung Geon Kim, and Stoyan Stoyanov.

UN Conference

More than 120 students interested in world affairs attended a conference at the United Nations on the Challenges of Peace and Development in Africa, hosted by Prof. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General at the UN and Special Adviser on Africa. The event was organized by Prof. Stoyan Ganey of the New England Center for Regional and International Studies and the UB Business



Prof. I. Gambari, Under Secretary-General at the UN, addressing the BU students, below.

School.

Gambari gave a speech on the topic and a panel answered questions and engaged in dialogue. Included in the panel were Prof. Gambari; a representative from the Permanent Mission of Tanzania; UB President Neil Salonen; Mrs. Diane Richardson, head of the UB Graduate Business School; and UB students Isatou Gallow and Alejandro Gonzales.

Gambari touched upon the problems facing Africa today, specifically wars in Angola and the Republic of the Congo, and the role the UN can play in mediating these conflicts. Reference was also made to AIDS as a source of unremitting anguish for the continent and how the UN has for the first time included HIV on the agenda of the Security Council.

The UN has identified the main tasks which need to be undertaken by the Africans if lasting peace and prosperity is to be achieved. They include the willingness to rely upon political rather than military responses to conflicts; taking good governance more seriously; and adopting more sound economic policies.

Annual School Law Conference

The legal line between church and state has been more blurred in recent years according to Martha McCarthy, the riveting keynote speaker at this year's third Annual School Law conference at UB on April 6. McCarthy, a professor at Indiana University who specializes in education law and policy, spoke before a crowd of about 180 Connecticut educators and high school administrators and delivered an informative and lively message to an audience seeking legal guidance on issues from hate speech to special education.

In recent years, the courts have been more lenient in allowing student led prayers in public schools, McCarthy noted. However, while many parents wish to see the Ten Commandments adorning classroom walls, others see this type of religious display in violation of the Establishment Clause in the First Amendment, which established the separation of church and state. McCarthy believes the legal pendulum will wind up somewhere in the middle between strict separation of church and state—which dominated the 60s and 70s—and allowing students free rein to pray at any

and all school occasions.

Many conference attendees were there to learn about the legal fine points of such issues as mandating community service for students, conducting student searches, student use of the Internet and the potential impact of a proposed high-stakes exit test for seniors.

Luncheon speaker Mark Stapleton, chief of legal and governmental affairs for the state Department of Education, gave a sweeping overview of the legal issues facing the state. He said that



Mark Stapleton, Chief of Legal and Governmental Affairs for the Connecticut Department of Education, a speaker at the law conference

mandatory exit exams for high school graduates was on the horizon for Connecticut public schools and he discussed the legal implications of the state takeover of the Hartford School District.

While the secondary school system has gotten more creative in recent years with the opening of magnet and charter schools, they raise a host of legal issues, notably in the area of racial quotas. Hazing, bullying, sexual harassment and sexual discrimination are also the hot-button legal issue facing school administrators today, he said. ♦



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This month we'll take a look at the future of America and other nations. We'll trace some major trends toward unity or division. Finally, we'll compare the ideas of secular futurists with those of Unificationist thinkers. This is the final article in a series of four with a 'national' theme.

The world stands at a crossroads. Technological, economic, and ideological forces are moving forward in thousands of currents. Some are roaring torrents, others quiet infusions, altering every aspect of our surroundings. They're so numerous no mortal could comprehend them all, much less direct them with any assurance.

That doesn't mean we should stop trying. Regarding technology and culture, anyone who gains some degree of mastery finds nearly limitless potential.

There are precedents. In the 19th century, America built mighty railroads. The Industrial Age got rolling, and several men became the world's first billionaires.

Others worried that, by making travel so easy, trains would ruin society. In the event, physical separation has brought about the emotional distancing of millions of families.

Politically, elections make a big difference. As Burke pointed out, the bad guys win if the good folks become couch potatoes. Even so, anyone who invests much hope in a political party—much less, in some individual politician—is certain to be disappointed.

In politics, it is said that America has a "stupid party" and an "evil party," and this description seems truer by the month. If the reader isn't sure which is which, this author refers you to certain headline photos taken before dawn on the day before Easter, in a humble residence in Miami. This is how the Federal "village" cares for its children . . . (Read John 3:19)

That horrifying, lawless raid was a snapshot of humanism's conceit reaching fruition. On a larger scale, it's a perfect distillation of government itself. Without a SWAT team waiting in the background, laws and edicts become nothing more than requests.

Ultimately, politics will improve when the populace does.

The Status Quo

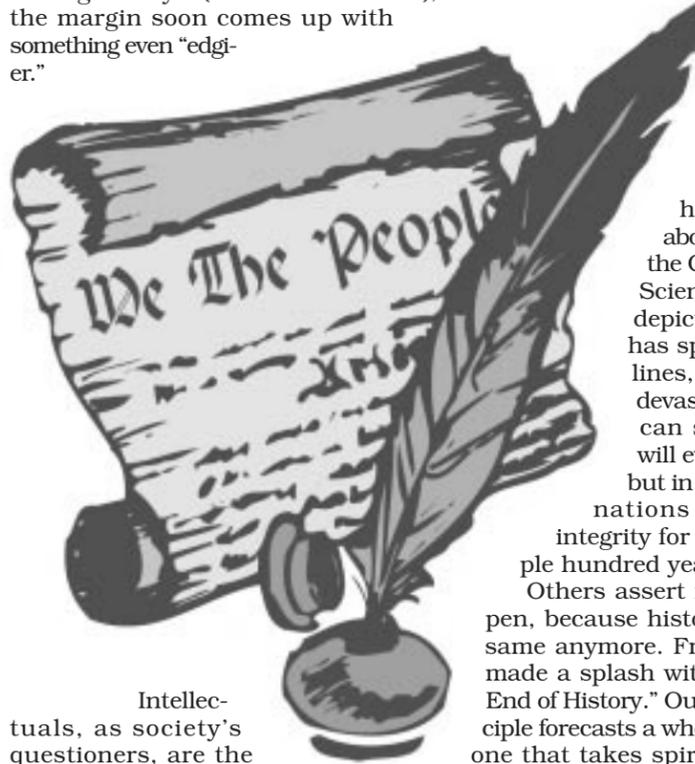
Revolutions occur not when a people are in the depths of misery, but in the midst of change, when their expectations have been raised. Those who perceive themselves as "on the outs" will agitate for a larger share of the pie.

Modern society has upped the ante. People focus on external rewards; a never-ending quest to "keep up with the Joneses." But when they do, that raises the social average! America's poor are wealthier than the Pharaohs of old—yet they won't rest until they too have a DVD player. Goodies and social perks now stand in for a more basic sort of human dignity.

THE FATE OF NATIONS

An old definition of "conservative" and "liberal" refers to acceptance of the status quo. Scholar Lawrence Chickering describes two major social factions, "core" and "marginal" people. These are primarily self-selected groups, having as much to do with attitude as ideology.

Core people, confident and satisfied, aren't easily ruffled; but marginal people react strongly, always seeking to be different. When the core accepts a marginal style (music or whatever), the margin soon comes up with something even "edgier."



Intellectuals, as society's questioners, are the natural leaders of the marginal faction. From the anarchists of the early 1900s to the hippies of the 60s, marginal people have expected The Revolution to occur at any moment. In reality, The System has tremendous momentum.

Whatever their ideals, millions expect dramatic change.

Division

In many parts of the world, ethnic divisions remain severe enough to spark war and national breakups. At the extreme, one commentator thinks that Mecca will be nuked within twenty years, claiming that "Muslims have gotten too good at pissing people off."

Americana maven Ben Wattenberg's tomes, published every ten years, are relentlessly optimistic. The world beats a path to our door, for political, educational, and economic reasons. Also, "bad news" gets exaggerated. In fact, he points out, our society is steadily improving.

However, Wattenberg's analysis is

statistical. A foreign student may love this nation, or use it to advance his own prospects. A dip in crime might last, or a whole new crop of sociopaths may soon come of age.

Joel Garreau wrote *The Nine Nations of North America* twenty years ago, and it's proved remarkably prescient. The regional mindsets he describes are as prominent as ever. From the rustic

South, to the industrial Great Lakes, to the sunny West Coast, America's regions have many distinguishing characteristics.

Americans haven't worried about a breakup since the Civil War, yet many Science Fiction stories depict an America that has split along regional lines, often following a devastating war. No one can say whether this will ever really happen, but in history, only a few nations have kept their integrity for more than a couple hundred years.

Others assert it will never happen, because history *itself* isn't the same anymore. Francis Fukuyama made a splash with his thesis "The End of History." Our own Divine Principle forecasts a wholly unified future, one that takes spiritual factors into account.

America accepts more immigrants each year than every other nation combined. Is this, and its follow-on, multiculturalism, good or bad? Even the Sierra Club, very liberal and about 90% white, has debated limiting immigration.

Will the world's population grow unchecked? Is doomsayer Paul Erlich right after all—after being wrong a dozen times? Or will increasing prosperity defuse the Population Bomb, as it seems to be doing in most nations? There are no simple answers.

Unity

How will the world's nations approach the Ideal? Should humanity "vote with its feet" on whether to live in fundamentalist Afghanistan, easygoing California, school-marm-ish Singapore, or Sweden's cradle-to-grave socialism? Certainly all peoples should be able to vote, period. When compared to an emerging, genuine Heavenly culture (based in any nation), all of these may find themselves outvoted!

With a growing world culture, the very issue of national sovereignty will decline in importance. However, as Paul Harvey says, "the world is not one place." Every day Harvey recounts bizarre and terrible happenings in less advanced nations. Wounds must be cleansed before they can be stitched together.

America remains the closest Earthly approxi-

mation of an ideal society. In the past fifty years we've strayed far from our traditions, and millions understand that we must return.

Will gradual movement be enough, or (to quote Jefferson) will "the tree of Liberty" have to be "watered with the blood of patriots?"

The Ideal

Beyond all this comes the genuine Heavenly Ideal. There are many visions of Heaven, perhaps as many as there are people to imagine it. Of course the traditional religions have had their say, as have the philosophers.

The cultures of East and West produced numerous religions and heresies; also several varieties of freedom, and many of slavery. Our perceptions of the Ideal are influenced by our cultures, even within the Unificationist community. We all foresee an Earth that interacts freely with the Saints and Angels—but what sort of influence would they have?

There is a spiritual version of the split between the forces of freedom and order. (Discussed last month in "National Freedom.") Western belief, as explained by C.S. Lewis and others, emphasizes freedom and conscience. He looked to a Heaven on Earth where people have spotless character, and *don't want to sin*.

Asians, as exemplified by our own Chungpyung lecturers, foresee a Heaven on Earth with strict, Principle-based rules. Where a pervasive spirit world (followed up by human law) deals swift and severe penalties to all sinners. Theirs is a Heaven where people *had better not sin*.

Each side, this author suspects, would feel rather uncomfortable living in the other's version.

True Father says that America, as the Elder Son nation, should blend East and West to establish a true Heavenly culture. Somehow, each culture and vision must be harmonized. Then every dweller in Heaven will rejoice.

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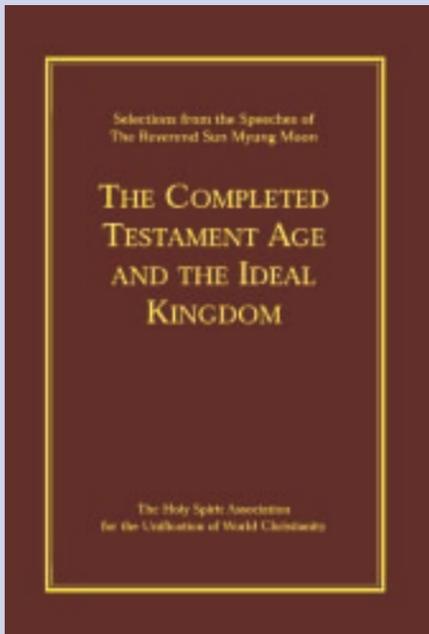
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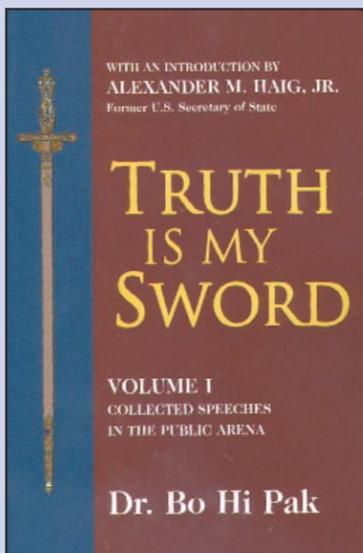
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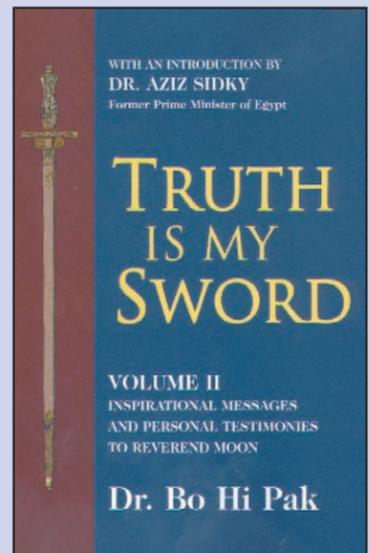
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