

True God's Day Celebrated in Korea

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center: True Father began his Midnight prayer to offer the New Year of 2003, Cheon Il Guk Year

Three. Father concluded the prayer at about ten minutes past midnight, whereupon Rev. Kwak led everyone in offering a thunderous round of applause of appreciation for True Parents' unstinting toil for Heavenly Father's Will.

Father then proceeded to write out the calligraphy for the 2003 Cheon Il Guk Year Three motto:

"Cham Sarang-euro Uri Gajeong-eun Cheon Il Guk-eui Hyoja, Chungshin, Seongin, Seongja-eui Cham Gajeong-eul wanseong hasoseo." ("Let our family perfect a true family of filial children, patriots, saints and holy sons

and daughters in Cheon Il Guk, through true love.")

Having established the motto, Father came down from the stage to address the seven thousand leaders and members present:

How will we go beyond the national boundaries. All the nations founded in the world are connected to Satan. None of them can be called God's nation. How will we achieve God's nation.

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Chicago: 1500 Clergy Receive True Parents

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

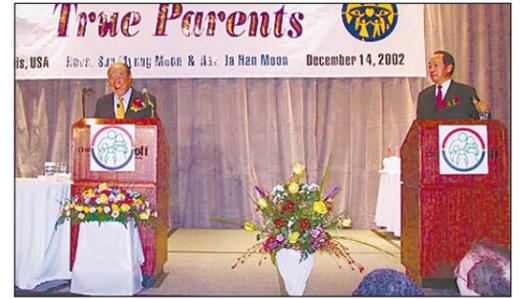
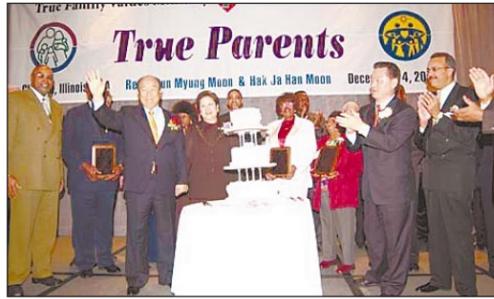
We sincerely thank our True Parents for coming to Chicago to address the 7th annual True Family Values

Awards Banquet held at a Marriott Hotel, Chicago, IL - December, 14, 2002. Two years ago it was at this same banquet that Father launched the 50-state We Will Stand Tour. At that time he was so inspired that the Clergy could receive his message and he felt supported and "received" by the Second Israel.

This was a most stunning and even explosive reception of our True Parents but on a much more significant level.

We sincerely thank and congratulate Bishop Ki Hoon Kim and the Chicago Family for the work and sacrifice to bring the Foundation of Substance with Christianity. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White welcomed Father and Mother and all who attended. Jesse has stood with Father Moon for 20 years.

Bishop Stallings, Rev. Edwards and Rev. Harold White all welcomed True Parents with an affirmation that shocked many. Each in their own way acknowledged that Father and Mother are the fulfillment of the Second Coming and



that Jesus had anointed and commissioned them.

152 Clergy had just finished an intensive three-day in-depth Divine Principle workshop at the Indian Lakes Resort in Chicago, similar to first gathering of

120 clergy in October in Ocean City and on the foundation of another victorious DP workshop in LA for 120 clergy earlier. These workshops ran from 6 am to 11 pm. The Divine Principle

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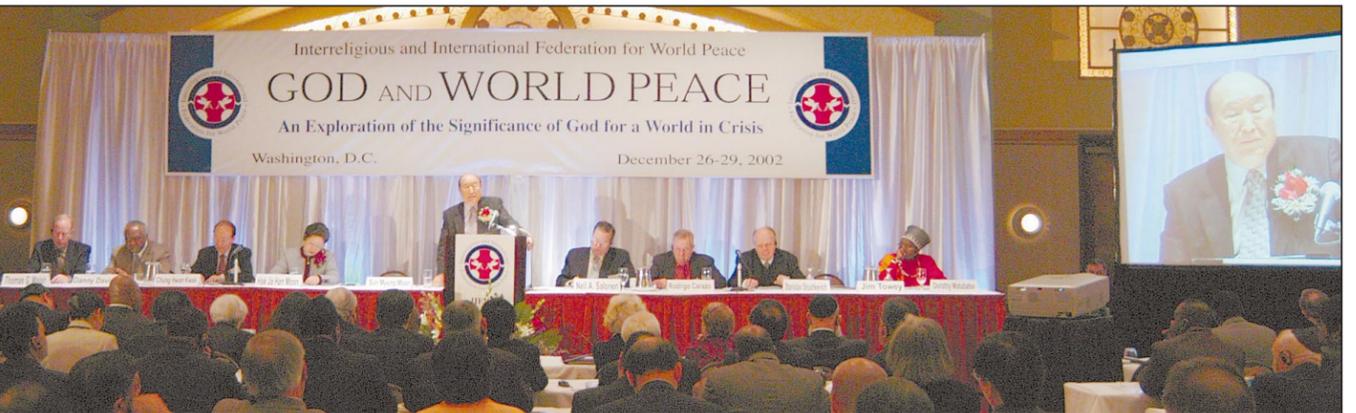
IIFWP Conference: An Exploration of the Significance of God for a World in Crises

by Nadine Andre

On December 26-29, 2002 the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace sponsored its concluding conference for the year called, "God and World Peace: An Exploration of the Significance of God for a World in Crises," in Washington D.C. The co-sponsors for the event were the United Press International Foundation and the Washington Times Foundation.

The Conference was attended by 319 participants representing 79 nations, although with the attendance of day guests there were 400 guests at the main events.

It has clearly been the consensus of many participants, the conference organizers and friends and partners of IIFWP, that the God and Peace Conference had a resonance, focus and



energy that was unique from other Conference experiences. Perhaps it was the placing of God as the center of all experience whether in business, education, science, religion and the arts or the culmination of a year which can be a time for reflection and a call to action for the new-year's plans. Per-

haps it was the Founder's three-hour address on the first day of the Opening Plenary that set the stage with the keen recognition that the transformation of our world begins with the transformation of ourselves, our families and our tribes. Perhaps it was all of the above and maybe even something

more mystical, the spirit of God who was happy to be brought into the center of the proceedings.

The majority of the participants arrived on Thursday, December 26th. Many came from the far corners of the earth, so while the Opening Banquet

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by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon

This speech was given at the IIFWP Convocation held December 27, 2002, at the Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, Virginia

I would like to thank you for participating in this profoundly significant conference, where we will explore fundamental issues regarding the realization of a world of peace, which is a common ideal shared by all humanity.

At this time when the need for peace and security is more acute and critical than ever before, we who are leaders in our various fields share a grave responsibility to resolve issues related to discord and war and to the evil and unhappiness derived from the world that holds God at a distance.

In accordance with Heaven's will, I have offered my life over the years to investigate the difficult issues facing humanity and offer a plan for implementing fundamental solutions. Today I would like to speak about a portion of this plan. The words I speak do not come from theological research or from any books. I speak rather of fundamental principles that I have learned through experience, as I overcame all manner of difficulties and communed directly with God and spirit world.

The path of following Heaven's will in a state of empathy with God is not one that many people can find through common sense. I would like to tell you, however, that one who opens his or her original mind and exercises keen insight can discover a new consciousness by which to perceive the spirit world and

the will of God, who lives and carries out His work in the world of reality.

This conference will not analyze the afflictions and despair of modern humanity nor the symptoms of crisis in the modern age, but rather will investigate the foundation for the ideal of peace. We can identify and treat the root of the disease. For this, we should know the original relationship between God and ourselves, a relationship that lies at the foundation of the universe, and enlighten ourselves as to the will of God who lives and carries out His providence in history.

God is the original entity of true love. True love has the attribute of unconditional giving and giving again, of investing and not remembering the investment and then investing again, and of living for the sake of others time and time again. The reason righteous people and evil people alike are allowed to breathe the same air within the atmosphere God created is that God, though He is all powerful, is the original entity of true love. This is also the reason that good people and sinners alike are able to carry on their lives by tilling the fields and enjoying the blessings of nature.

Exercising His almighty and absolute power, God at any time could carry out a summary judgment on sinful humanity, but He has embraced the world of sin with true love these long years, enduring the pain and waiting for us to repent. God, our Creator and Father, has been subjected to all manner of insults from those who refuse to believe in Him, who betray Him, and who go so far as to claim that He does not exist

or is dead. In spite of all this, He has endured with an unchanging heart. Since God knew that love is perfected only with a partner, He has been working to build a world of love through His love partner.

Respected leaders, have any of you ever heard God complain? Have you ever met a God who gave excuses? In the beginning, God established true love as the absolute standard, and He took the lead in demonstrating absolute obedience to that ideal as He created and carried out His providence. Just as the ocean takes in all manner of sewage and garbage and then cleanses itself, God as the original entity of absolute true love cleanses the human world that deviated from the principles of His creation and works to bring this world to complete goodness.

God is the absolute True Parent, absolute True Teacher, and absolute True Owner centering on true love. So God needed an object partner to whom He could give His true

God and a United

love. This was His motivation for creating. God's creation was a necessary act. The creative ideal of true love cannot be realized by a being existing alone. This ideal exists so that God can share with human beings the joy of His exalted and righteous will. When we understand the God of true love correctly, it is self-evident that this unhappy world of sin and strife was not His original plan.

God's Ideal of Creation

God carried out His creative act with the utmost sincerity, dedication and investment. He established the standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and then invested absolutely. All created beings are the object partner entities of love that God created by investing with ultimate sincerity.

Among these, God created human beings, the most precious of all beings, to have the closest relationship with Him, the relationship of child and parent. God is our incorporeal True Parent and we are His sons and daughters, or His substantial object partners.

In the world of true love, there is no difference in value between large and small or high and low. To be one in true love is to generously form a single harmonious entity with no bad feelings over the distinctions of upper and lower or among different strata. The unity that results between true subject and object partners will exist forever without interruption. So in true love, subject and object partners share a common value, common participation and common residence, and there is the right of inheritance between them. Thus human beings achieve completion within God's love and inherit His position as absolute parents, absolute teachers and absolute owners.

In this way, God's plan is to have His children, human beings, perfect the true love ideal and become one with Him, residing with Him and inheriting all that is His. True freedom and equality, true peace and unification, and true ideals and happiness can exist eternally only within true love. So true love is the fountainhead from which springs the power and life of all beings in creation, and it is the fountainhead of joy and happiness. True love is the absolute element that brings happiness, hope and peace.

Often, the relationship between God and humanity is viewed from the perspective of majesty and holiness, and it is concluded that God and humanity will exist in dramatically different dimensions for all time. Certainly, the Creator occupies a level that differs from His creation. And yet the original relationship that is most central and meaningful is the true love relationship between parent and child. True love makes unity possible in the relationship between internal character and external form and between male and female. Human beings were created to become one in heart with God, to share the same rank as God in true love, and to experience an inseparable parent-child bond with God that enables

us to relate with Him through our strongest emotions in daily life. God's ideal of creation entails His being perfected along with human beings, who would become His partners in love as His sons and daughters. This apotheosis is the accomplishment of the ideal of true love.

To summarize, God's purpose in creating the human ancestors Adam and Eve was for them to establish a family of goodness that would bring to ripeness the fruit of God's true love, true life and true lineage. With the family as their foundation, Adam and Eve were to nurture the heart of the children, heart of siblings, heart of husband and wife, and heart of parents. In the process, as discrete projections of God's dual characteristics of masculinity and femininity they were to master God's love step-by-step and bring it to safe settlement and perfection.

If the true love ideal centering on God had been created in this manner in Adam's family, it would have become the first family of the Kingdom of Heaven. Also, the Kingdom of Heaven family ideal, centering at its origin on Adam and Eve as True Parents, would have expanded in scope naturally into tribes, peoples, nations and the world. The tradition of the family of true love would have become the tradition of the world.

In this world, the united center would be the incarnate True Parents, who resemble and inherit all the attributes of the spiritual absolute True Parent, absolute True Teacher, and absolute True Owner, God. In the Kingdom of Heaven of true love, the vertical axis is created by the incarnate True Parents who are one with God. Centering on this axis, all instances of upper and lower, left and right, front and back, and internal and external occurring among created entities are in harmony. Thus, all creation dwells in freedom, peace, unification and happiness.

When we come to the end of our life on earth in the physical body, our spirit self transitions into the spirit world, which is the ultimate world. It is an extension of our life on earth and also a place where we are to perfect the Kingdom of Heaven ideal. If this had come to pass in the beginning, there would have been no need for God's salvation providence through religions or the advent of the Messiah.

Fall and Restoration

Unfortunately, as a result of the fall of Adam and Eve, God's intended Kingdom of Heaven ideal in Adam's family was not realized. This was because Adam and Eve became false parents when they indulged in false love centering on Satan. They formed a false husband-wife partnership and false family that had no relation to God's blessing, and bequeathed false life and false lineage to their descendants. They left God in grief, with the original lineage altered by the enemy, Satan.

In this way, they lost God and did not establish the temple in which they were to have lived in attendance to God. In fact, their bodies became the den of

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- 2 20th Day of the Victory of Love
- 3 14th Anniversary Tribal Messiahship
- 4 Shin Choon Nim's 12th birthday
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim's 40th birthday
- 7 Choong Mo Nim's Memorial Day
- 8 5th Anniversary Liberation Proclamation
- 10 Kook Jin Nim & Soon Ju Nim's Blessing
- 11 2nd Generation 72-Couple Blessing
- 12 14th Anniversary of 1275-Couple Blessing
- 13 2nd Anniversary God's Coronation
- 16 Hyung Jin Nim's 27th birthday
- 21 Shin Yul Nim's 10th Birthday
- 26 Jun Sook Nim's 35th birthday
- 27 2nd Anniversary 400 Million Blessing
- 28 Shin Gil Nim's 15th Birthday

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- 1 Hoon Sook Nim's 40th birthday
- 3 Yeon Jin Nim's 22nd birthday
- 5 Hyo Jin Nim & Yun Ah Nim's Blessing
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- 7 4th Anniversary 360 Million Blessing
- 8 28th Anniversary 1800 Blessing
- 13 3rd Anniversary 400 Million Blessing
- 16 1st Anniversary 400 Million Blessing
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- 21 Kwon Jin Nim's 28th birthday
- 22 Anniversary of Father Entering Heungnam
- 23 27th Day of Victory of Earth
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World of Peace

Satan's devils, and their spiritual desire to seek absolute value shut down, rendering them incapable of knowing about the spirit world, which is the ultimate world. Because the first human ancestors deformed themselves, all human beings as their descendants never knew that God is our True Father. We inherited Satan's selfish desires and lived unrighteous, self-centered lives parading our fallen nature. Not even knowing that human beings were created as brothers and sisters to attend one God, we lived in sin, strife and dispute. We do not know that to kill another is to kill oneself, and so we live in unhappiness.

The world inherits the tradition of Adam's family in which Cain killed his own brother Abel. The outcome for us descendants of false love is the unhappiness, sin and ruin seen in family breakdown, the moral degradation of youth, and diseases such as AIDS.

Look at the world. The acute crisis of the modern age is manifested in mind-body struggle, the confusion of values, criminality, drug abuse, the breakdown of the family that holds humanity's future in the balance, the destruction of the environment, conflict and hatred, terror and war, and even conflict between religions and civilizations. With each passing day, this crisis becomes more serious, more complex and more pervasive. We can no longer stand by and do nothing as the world careens forward on this course. There is no time left. Who can take responsibility for this world? Where is the leader who will present a fundamental plan to solve the world's problems?

At the same time that human beings lost God, we also lost true love, peace and happiness. Throughout history, we have tried to liberate ourselves from unhappiness and achieve peace on our own, excluding God from the process. Such efforts were fundamentally flawed. We cannot defuse the crisis through human effort alone. True peace and happiness have their origin in God's true love, true life and true lineage.

God is absolute and so His will for the creation is also absolute. This means that God is working to reverse what went wrong as a result of the fall and return back to the original state. So God's providence of salvation is a providence of restoration. Its purpose is to recover the original world that existed prior to the fall. In other words, God's purpose is to establish a restored Adam and Eve, or True Parents, centering on true love. It is to establish the original true world by having them receive the marriage blessing. Once that is accom-

plished, their true family will be the point of origin for true tribes, peoples, nations and the world.

Respected leaders, following God's call through indescribable hardship, I have established the foundation for peace to settle in various fields of life. More than 30 years ago, I founded the



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Unification Thought Institute and began to guide the field of philosophy. Since 1972, I have sponsored nearly 30 global meetings of the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, for the purpose of exploring absolute value and creating harmony and unity among the various fields of learning. I founded and have continuously supported a movement for peace transcending individual nations; this movement for peace includes the work of the Professors World Peace Academy, the Summit Council for World Peace, the International Federation for Victory Over Communism, CAUSA, the Federation for World Peace, the Federation of Island Nations for World Peace, the Federation of Peninsular Nations for

international conferences on the environment, the International Relief and Friendship Foundation, Service for Peace, the Religious Youth Service, the voluntary service organization Aewon, the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, and the Holy Blessing and true family movement. I have supported efforts to renew the United Nations for the sake of achieving God's desire for peace. These are some of the initiatives for national and worldwide salvation that I have instituted around the globe.

I have pursued these efforts continuously, without funding from any government or major corporation, even in the midst of unsympathetic public opinion and outright persecution. All I had,

as I worked to lay the foundation for the establishment of the ideal world, was my determination to fulfill the mission of humanity's True Parent that God entrusted to me, and to accomplish God's will.

In bringing about the ideal of peace implicit in God's true love, it is most important that the various religions achieve harmony with each other and provide a model for the world. Withstanding the cold-hearted attitudes and persecution by narrow-minded religious bodies in various countries, I have laid my greatest emphasis on creating a movement for unity and cooperation among religions, nations and NGOs. I have offered all manner of sacrifice as I did everything that I could to build one world in this area, including founding an interdenominational seminary, the New Ecumenical Research Association, the Council for the World's Religions, the Youth Seminar on World Religions, the Assembly of the World's Religions, publishing World Scripture: A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts, continuously supporting conferences for harmony among religions, and founding the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace.

Taking this a step further, I founded the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) as an overarching structure for unification and world peace that would go beyond the goal of harmony among the religions and embrace leaders in the fields of academia, politics, journalism, finance, and NGO's, where foundations have already been laid.

Since the founding of IIFWP in February 1999, we have appointed tens of thousands of leaders in a wide variety of fields from 189 countries as Ambassadors for Peace. Reflecting my philosophy of peace, these ambassadors are practicing true love by living for the sake of others, and are engaged in many important activities that help to break down barriers between nations, races and religions. Their practical activities range from AIDS prevention and service projects, to true family development, youth and leadership education, and environmental improvement.

Godism and Headwing Thought

My philosophy is Headwing Thought based on Godism. This thought places God, the standard of absolute value and our True Parent, True Teacher and True Owner, in the absolute center. When human beings live in accordance with the Three Great Subject Body God in our life in the spirit world and on earth as our True Parent, True Teacher and True Owner, and living as His object partners, this will be the Kingdom of Heaven and the place where true love is practiced.

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and Communist philosophies that deny God and the spirit world, as well as the secular humanism and moral relativism that ignore the importance of absolute value and the vertical standard. It is time to overcome the hypocritical faith in God's name that lacks true love, and abandon all selfish works that violate original human rights and result in injustice. The Headwing Thought that I propose transcends right and left wing, breaks down the walls between countries, races and religions, and brings about a broad and unified harmony centering on the absolute God. This task should be carried out with the help of both heaven and earth. We are in a great transition, and during this time the United Nations and the nations of the world must unite and cooperate with one another.

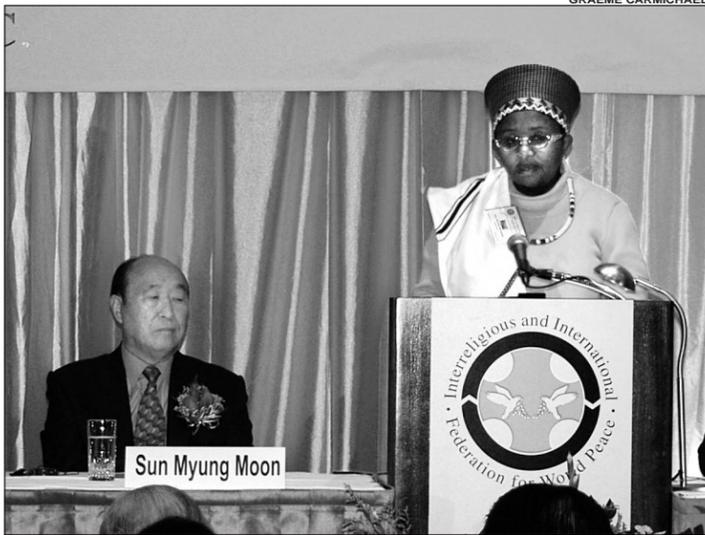
Modern society is a world lacking an ideology or system of absolute philosophy. There are no absolute values that apply with consistency to individuals, families, societies, nations, the world and the cosmos. This is the reason that thinking has become confused, human relationships disordered, and human society chaotic. Facing unreflective pluralism and modernization, and without a basic axis in their hearts and daily lives, people in the modern age suffer an ever-worsening confusion of values.

We face endless temptations to live in slavery to the physical appetites and drift through life aimlessly, but we must never turn away from a life based on values. Absolute value is our vertical axis. The center of absolute value is God's true love expressed in living for the sake of others.

Respected leaders, I will tell you right now that peace is not something that is realized first in the external world. It is realized first in each individual. It

requires first that there be individuals who have achieved harmonious unification within. As a result of the fall, conflict arose between mind and body. To control human beings, Satan uses the body as his stronghold. He has turned us away from our original nature and our spiritual nature and toward the satisfaction of selfish and individualistic needs. The only path to escape Satan's dominion lies within God's true love lineage.

If you live unselfishly for the sake of others and work for the sake of others, Satan will not be able to follow you. This is because Satan is essentially selfish. This is why fallen human beings can change their character and recover their spiritual nature through the practice of God's true love. Our faith cannot be in a conceptual God; we need



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a true faith that connects us to the living God.

Because God originally created us as the object partners of His true love, we are able to practice this true love naturally. Values such as truth, goodness and beauty appear in the practice of love. People whose minds and bodies have become one in God's true love are individual embodiments of truth, happiness and tranquillity, satisfaction and peace. Such subject bodies of character are prerequisite for a world of peace.

Second, no institutions or power, material or knowledge, or any other external factors will bring about the world of peace. Only the true

ful family. The basic unit is the family formed by a man and a woman who have the character to attend God, a man and woman who have each accomplished harmonious mind-body union and are joined by God in His Holy Blessing. These are the first blessed families in history, established through the True Parents. These are peaceful and happy families. True love joins their members in harmonious union. When these families multiply, they will bring about a world of peaceful tribes, peoples and nations. In God's original ideal, humankind is one family under one God and the cosmos is one family centering on true love.

The place of resolution for the problems of the family centering on True Parents is the foundation for the world

of peace and unification, and become the eternal owners of love and ideals. We can find the path to meet God, our absolute True Parent, True Teacher and True Owner, receive His inheritance, and then ourselves become true parents, true teachers and true owners, only in a life of true love and of living for the sake of others. On the path of true love, parties overcome conflict and division naturally, harmonizing and uniting the environment. This is not conquest through struggle; instead, it is a path of natural subjugation bringing eternal unification.

Third, the basic unit of the world of peace is not the nation; it is the peace-

of peace. In the ideal world of blessed families based on true love, there can be no barriers of nationality, race or religion.

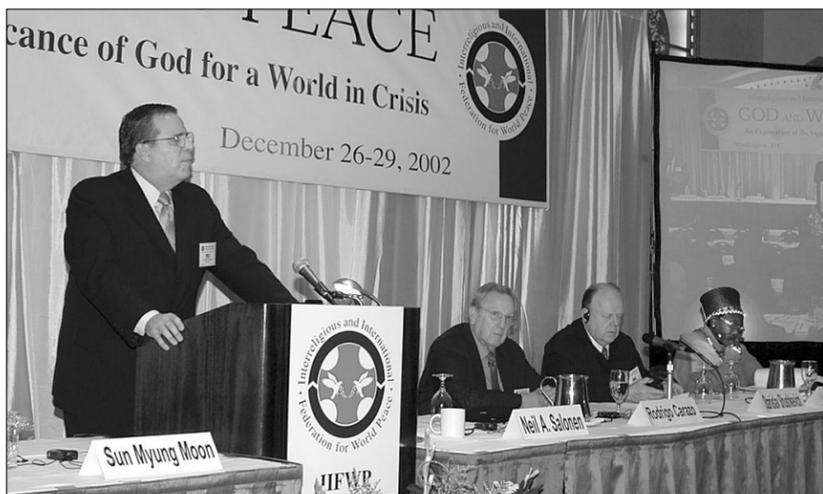
Respected leaders, humanity is to find God and escape from our ignorance concerning our spiritual True Parent. Living within the eternal and profound order of this universe that manifests His omniscience and omnipotence, we shall never again make the mistake of having ingratitude to our Creator for His magnificent accomplishments. Fallen humanity is to rid itself of the arrogance that says we are the owners of our own life. Instead, we will nurture an enlightened spirituality in the presence of the absolute nature of God's true love.

God is our True Parent. It is time to discover the living God, whose heart to invest greater true love is firm, absolute and eternal. We need to know the heart of God, who created humanity as the

object partner who would inherit His absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal true love, true life and true lineage completely. In this way, we will establish God-the absolute True Parent, True Teacher and True Owner-and the True Parents as the axis of absolute value for our individual, family, nation, world and cosmos. This will be the basis for our life as individuals, families, nations and the world. We will feel the desire to follow without change for eternity the path of tradition set by the Parents of Heaven and Earth, the path of living in true love for the sake of others. If we do that, then we can resolve all problems, whether of the family, society, race or religion.

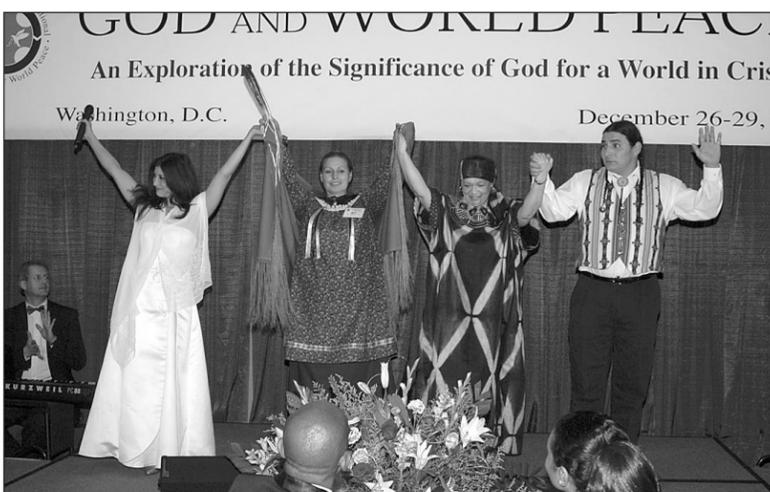
We will arrive in an age in which God and humankind live as one in the original ideal world, the world of heart. We will arrive in an age where we realize that living for the sake of others holds greater eternal value than living for ourselves. The blind age of self-centered life will pass away, as we build an other-centered world of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. For this purpose, let us attain correct knowledge about God and the spirit world; let us lead humanity on

the correct path by testifying to the world about God's true love, true life and true lineage; and let us build the universal family of Heaven and Earth in God's fatherland and homeland on earth. Let us complete the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven through the absolute love, unique love, unchanging love and eternal love that seeks to live for the sake of others, and offer Heavenly Kingship to God. ❖



love of living for the sake of others will accomplish it. True peace, unification and happiness cannot be found apart from a loving relationship of living for the sake of others. This is the basic principle of God's creation. Unconditional giving, investing and loving for the sake of an object partner are both the cause and purpose of God's creation.

God created us in His image, as beings whose purpose is to live for the sake of others. It is only by living for the sake of others that people can become central beings, become subject entities



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was to be kept minimal as to be sensitive to the participants and their long day of traveling, everyone had a lot of energy and seemed primed for the event. Dr. Thomas Walsh, Secretary General of IIFWP, the ever-gracious face of the organization, welcomed the participants, speakers and friends of IIFWP.

The opening invocation ceremony set the stage for an atmosphere of hope, reconciliation, and harmony and a knowing that a world of peace would begin as each participant looked upon their fellow participant as a brothers or sister. The opening invocation arranged by Rev. John Gehring and Rev. Carol Pobanz, included opening words, benedictions and prayers from representatives of the different religions including Native Americans.

Hon. Hamilton Green, former President of Guyana and current Mayor of Georgetown, and Imam Mohammad Ali Elahi from the House of Wisdom in Michigan gave the opening remarks. Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of IIFWP and currently appointed Chairman and President of United Press International, gave the Keynote Address. Rev. Kwak has a gift that enables him to set a mood at the onset of a conference that opens people's hearts and minds. While a conference often relies on speeches, talks, give and take between participants and so forth, it is many times the connection of the heart to the mind that makes the bridge for these experiences to become vital. Rev. Kwak opens the way for this to happen.

The evening concluded with a Performance that brought together music and sacred poems and chants in a collage that featured, "The Creation," a poem written at the turn of the century by African American poet, Mr. James Weldon Johnson and performed by Ms. Davetta Morgan. A slide show of sacred images provided a backdrop for Native American chanting and a song called, "True Love Will Find a Way," written by Mr. David Eaton and sung by the performer, Laleh. Although short and succinct, the IIFWP programs have successfully been incorporating entertainment that aims to illustrate and embody the cultural experiences that are themes embedded in the conference.

Day One

The Opening Plenary of the first day began at 9am and included a stellar and diverse line-up. The room was packed and unfortunately there were not enough headphones for translation because of the overwhelming turnout. Dr. Neil Salonen, President of the University of Bridgeport was the Moderator and explained the Founders vision in creating IIFWP, which is a relatively young organization established in 1999 to break down the barriers between nations and religions. He said that in a recent article in the journal of Foreign Affairs, it was seen that moral appeals seem to have little weight in today's environment and that hopefully this trend will change.

The first speaker, Hon. Stanislav Shushkevich, the former President of Belarus began by saying that the world was in crises. "The activity of dialogue

particularly interreligious dialogue can save the world . . . constructive and creative dialogue based on taking responsibility." He said that in 1991 he signed his name to the document that eventually dissolved the Soviet Union and how important the act of dialogue was and continues to be.

Hon. Rodrigo Carazo, former President of Costa Rica began by thanking the conference organizers and Founder for the courage to convene this type of conference. "The hallmark of the new millennium is the spiritual development in all fields, particularly the humanities and the arts. Peace, is made and not found. Peace is a way of life, world of love and world of God."

The next speaker, Hon. Dorothy Motubatse, Member of Parliament in South Africa was quite a presence on the panel and throughout the following days. Always wearing beautiful, colorful dresses from her native homeland, she thanked Rev. and Mrs. Moon as "True Parents" for their vision and example and for convening this conference to reflect on the year's activities and to plan for the future. She said, "Spirituality is important in any theory of development. The African Union contains 53 member states and is committed to creating peace on the continent. How did South Africa have a peaceful transition? The transitions that happened in South Africa could only have happened upon the foundation of the peaceful traditions left by the African clergy and tribal chiefs. Since 1912 this tradition could be traced. While the clergy honored God, the Chiefs were led by their ancestors and tribes."

Ms. Motubatse quoted scripture by saying, "God, you are the only truth, let all nations bow and kneel before you and be saved." She continued, "While there was a period that Christianity was used to oppress the nation, people did lose hope in Christ. This is when communism had arrived and began to take a stronghold. In 1994 with the collapse of Communism, people once again saw the centrality of spiritual belief. Building a nation is like building a house. The UN Millennium Goals and resolutions made during the World Summit of Sustainable Development that was held in Johannesburg this past September will not succeed if we do not include God."

Mr. Jim Tovey, Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives spoke next. He apologized for keeping his cellphone on as his wife was expecting a baby at any moment. He wanted to attend this very important conference nonetheless, and brought greetings from President Bush.

He said that the defining moment for him in his life was when he met Mother Theresa and her movement. For a while, he lived as a full time volunteer in a home that she sponsored in Washington D.C. for AIDS patients. Mr. Tovey, then posed the question as to why President Bush created his faith-based initiative and said, "It is this governments belief that every man, woman and child has a God given dignity and

this must be maintained." He remembered that when Mother Theresa was asked what was the worst disease, she did not answer by saying AIDS or leprosy but rather loneliness-feeling unwanted and unloved.

"President Bush wants to unleash compassion and faith-based organizations have the ability to do this. We cannot fear faith. Governments cannot love the way that people can." "Freedom of religion," he said, "was not meant to sanitize the public square of all religious influences. Faith-based organizations can bring about the renewal of America. When Mother Theresa was asked after 50 years of service in Calcutta was she successful, she answered, 'God does not call me to be successful, God calls me to be faithful.' This is what she saw as the motivation for her work."

Hon. Danny Davis, U.S. Congressman [D-Illinois], spoke next. He began

arrive in an age in which God and humankind live as one in the original ideal world, the world of the heart. We will arrive in an age where we realize that living for the sake of others holds greater eternal value than living for ourselves. The blind age of self-centered life will pass away, as we build an other-centered world of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values."

Rev. Dr. Moon spoke for over three hours, which set back the conference schedule for the day. This led to the cancellation of the afternoon's panel, however, what this did was afford the participants a greater time to meet, network, share and created a productive, evocative and inspirational foundation for the remainder of the conference.

Lunch Program

After the extended break, the program resumed. Mr. James Flynn, President of the American Family Coalition introduced the lunchtime speaker, the anticipated Senator Richard Lugar [R-Indiana], Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Lugar is a respected member of the Senate and is well informed on international issues. He began by saying that the United States rediscovered the world following September 11th. What was also illuminated by September 11th was the fact that many parts of the US government did not talk to one another

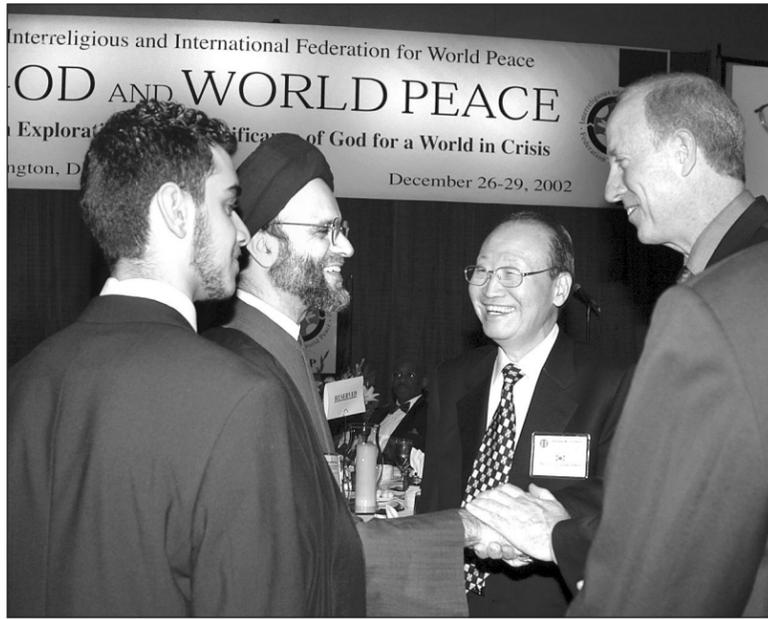
and that greater communication was key. He said, "Legislators today need the wisdom of Solomon. They must be sensitive to many voices, hearing them all loud and clear." He continued, "Human beings are all children of God and life is meant to be lived beyond toil and strife and dog eat dog, which has often been reflected in governments' policies towards each other and within nations' treatment of their own peoples."

The conference at this point resumed its schedule and featured Panel Sessions. Each Panel Session met two times during the course of the conference and consisted of speakers' presentations, respondents' remarks and a question and answer period.

A new addition to the Panel Sessions was the panel on Arts and Culture. IIFWP acknowledges the importance and influence of the arts and culture on civilizations and hopes to develop and include this as an ongoing part of the IIFWP repertoire.

During the evening program, there was a performance by the performer, M'zuri, from her award winning play about the life of Fannie Lou Hamer, an African American civil rights activist who played a pivotal role in the struggle for African Americans to win the vote. M'zuri wrote and produced this play that won the Delco Award for drama. When asked why she chose that topic, M'zuri said, "Actually, Fannie Lou Hamer chose me. I didn't choose

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by congratulating this gathering during the Holy Season. "It is a time to pause and reflect on the things that matter most, family is what endures. Finery, fortune, success will all go, but family and God are what endures." He said that the efforts to keep God out of public life are not possible because God is the foundation for all existence. God precedes religion and politics and includes love and justice. He affirmed the IIFWP Founder as the "Champion of Family Values," and acknowledged the potency of the World Peace Blessing Movement and exhorted all to be "True Parents," to our children. He spoke about the criticism of Rev. Moon in this way, "You are not criticized unless you are doing something. We must all turn stumbling blocks into stepping stones!"

This was the momentum that led-up to the Founders Speech. You can read the speech at the following link. Rev. Moon was very happy, robust and powerful that day and reminded everyone of his age, 84 in Western years, so he said that he would speak to the participants as his sons and daughters since no one there was older than him. He began by outlining his vision and why he has undertaken the work that has defined his life. While the text conveys his message, after every paragraph he would speak off the text so the presentation was heartfelt, potent and moved the crowd in a most profound and unusual way.

He concluded by saying, "We will

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her." M'zuri is committed to letting Fannie's story be known.

There was an evening bus tour of Washington DC made available for those who wanted to tour this beautiful city.

Day Two

The panel discussions continued however the 11:30am Session was marked by a special plenary given by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak on the Significance of Marriage, Family, and World Peace. The Moderator was Dr. Jameson Kurasha, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, University of Zimbabwe.

This session included a powerpoint presentation that Dr. Kwak has formulated and presented around the world at the International Leadership Seminars that he and Dr. Walsh have presided over in more than 100 nations. The Leadership Seminars are smaller regional events so it was a gift to gather this large audience at one time for this presentation.

The presentation focused on the family as the cornerstone for world peace and emphasized the relational dynamics within the family as related to parents and children, brothers and sisters, husband and wife and grandparents and grandchildren. He said that these relationships create a context for understanding the nature of God and

form the fundamentals for building a world of peace by practicing the ethic of "living for the sake of others."

At the final IIFWP briefing panel where future plans were laid out by the departmental directors, a Declaration called: GOD, The Universal Foundation of World Peace," was read aloud by the entire audience and signed by the participants as an affirmation



ducted by Rev. John Gehring and Rev. Carol Pobanz where all participants received a candle and lit their candle from a seed candle at the center of each table. Rev. Pobanz explained that these candles represented the light of world peace and Cheong Il Guk, the new nation, the unified nation of peace, that we all long for. It was a solemn, prayerful, beautiful moment and the room glowed with an effervescence that some believed was celestial presence.

Mrs. Jamie Baer an accomplished opera singer sang two selections but what was most unexpected was Rev. Kwak's soulful sharing. Not an ending speech or conclusive statement, but an act of heart that had him come to the edge of the stage, not by the podium as is usually done, but at the very foot of the stage where he shared his life story and what meeting Rev. Moon

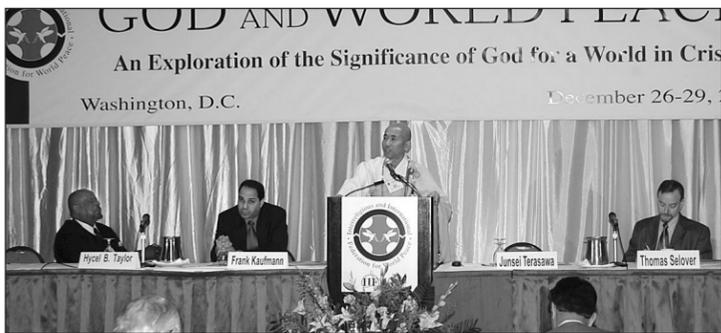
has meant for him.

He talked about meeting his wife and the love they have shared even when they spent five years apart when he was doing missionary work. He spoke about how proud he was of his 6 children and 23 grandchildren. It was a personal moment that was not planned and came out of his being moved

by the event and its conclusion.

Everyone felt his heart and the honesty and sincerity of this man in offering his life for peace. At the conclusion of his testimony, he sang a Korean song. This closing then unexpectedly turned into a "Family Night." Participants from each continent got up and sang a joyful song of praise and thanksgiving for the wisdom of Rev. Moon and his wife to convene such a year-end event and to each one of the participants who contributed to the success of the event.

The fanfare concluded after Bishop Stallings called up all the African Americans and whoever wanted to join in for a stirring rendition of, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." The audience sang verse after verse without wanting the evening to end. Many of the participants, myself included, walked around singing that song for days following the conference. For more information regarding this conference please visit www.iifwp.org and sign up for our online newsletter. ❖



and resolution of the work that had been done at the Conference.

The Closing Ceremony was a cathartic experience that was the culmination of two very full days. New Ambassadors for Peace were appointed including world renowned artist, T.F. Chen and his wife, (originally from Taiwan), who have established the New World Art Gallery in Soho, New York. A beautiful candle lighting ceremony was con-

God and World Peace: Art and Culture

by David Eaton

The God Conference that was held in Washington, DC from December 26-29 under the auspices of the International and Interreligious Federation for World included a panel discussion of the influence of art and culture in developing a culture of peace.

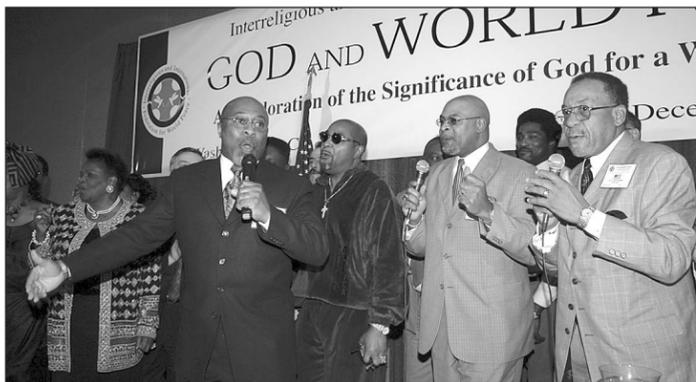
As expected, the panel on the arts and culture proved to be a very intense and passionate dialogue on the importance of the arts in contributing to the development of a culture of peace. Art, by its very nature, is an exercise in emotion and subjectivity, and opinions about art tend to be emotional and highly subjective as well.

Both panel discussions on the arts were very well attended (40-50 participants at each session) and represented a highly diverse cross-section of ethnic groups, cultures and philosophical perspectives. The seven panelists also reflected this diversity.

The topic of the opening session was the implications of artistic expression with a particular focus on the moral and ethical power of the arts. In my opening remarks I established the Divine Principle/Unification Thought corollary of the original mind's faculties of intellect, emotion with original truth, beauty and goodness. This became the premise on which to evaluate art in a comprehensive fashion, for it is not enough to assess art on the basis of aesthetics and/or the amount of truth it contains. Citing the ancient philosophers of China, Greece and early Christianity and their predilection for assessing art from an ethical perspective, it was very easy to

guide the discussions towards a focal point.

The panelists and participants seemed in one accord on the importance of making moral and ethical distinctions in art. Dr. Tsing Fang Chen, winner of the 2001 United Nations Global Tolerance award (the first artist to be awarded this honor), gave an impassioned presentation on the importance of "global convergence" and made a convincing argument that there is a divine energy (God) behind the efforts of bringing Eastern and Western cultures together. He concluded his presentation with



the exhortation that he believes that Rev. Moon's vision of one cosmos under God is a fulfillment of everyman's innermost hopes and dreams.

On the second day the focused shifted to the challenge of popular culture. Dr. Lloyd Eby, assistant editor to the World and I Magazine, alluded to the corrosive effects that artistic endeavors can have on society when a society fails to understand the importance of making distinctions between craft

and content. He mentioned how art that is laced with morally questionable and/or disturbing content can adversely effect those in a precognitive state and how this subsequently contributes to a state of moral relativism. Dr. Eby convincingly put forth the supposition that inundating young people with depraved and decadent content desensitizes the moral sensibilities of society. However, he remains a strong proponent of freedom of expression and he cautioned against any attempt to infringe on artistic liberties.

Actor Kene Holliday and actress/singer M'zuri echoed this view in their testimonies about their experiences in their respective fields. M'zuri expressed her gratitude to Rev. Moon for his work in bringing all races and cultures to the table in discussing these matters.

As I expected, the issue of censorship came into our discussion. Several of the participants held strong views that censorship is necessary in certain cases (child pornography, e.g.). I gave what I believe to be the Unificationist view of censorship and artistic freedom in the context of a moral and ethical society.

From the view of Divine Principle, God endowed human beings with the attributes of creativity and freedom as an expression of love, for without freedom, love cannot exist. Freedom however, must be used in a responsible

fashion. Subsequently, God also gave commandments and strictures as conveyed through the world's religions. These strictures were to be the guidelines by which humankind should conduct itself morally (in one's relationship to God) and ethically (in one's relationship to the society in which he/she lives). In this sense the only censorship that should come into play is self-censorship—a condition where each artist evaluates his/hers creative endeavors in relation to the divine law of love for God and humankind.

Kene Holliday concurred by stating that to counter the corrupting influences in society that it is important to be a stronger advocate for decency and righteousness. He called for artists (and audiences), who adhere to a high moral standard, to make their views known by being a louder voice in the abyss of moral relativity and situational ethics. He cited several examples of how writing network executives and sponsors caused them to rethink their views about particularly objectionable programming. He said the we can make a difference but that doing nothing only exacerbates the problem.

Most of those who attended the arts panel expressed their gratitude to the conference directors and Father for convening this conference and including a meaningful discussion of art and culture. There seemed to be a strong consensus that the arts play a significant role in the process for creating a moral and ethical society and that a greater advocacy for moral accountability on the part of those creating and producing art. ❖

True Family Values Ministry 7th Annual Awards Banquet in Chicago: 1500 Clergy Receive True Parents Historic Proclamation

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was taught in depth. The ministers were extremely hungry for the truth. Why?

Due to the testimony of the Saints (The Cloud of Witnesses) the clergy have been persecuted and ridiculed because they are standing with Rev. Sun Myung Moon who Jesus and the saints are affirming as the Messiah of the Completed Testament age.

Though they struggle with much of the content, most of the clergy are coming to a profound and rapid acceptance and understanding of the revelation of the Divine Principle. Rev. Schanker, Rev. McCarthy and I presented the lectures. Bishop Floyd Nelson, Rev. Daugherty and especially Bishop C. Phillip Johnson and Rev. Jesse Edwards provided the internal guidance to come to full understanding. Bishop Stallings was the lead mentor of the clergy helping them understand that they are to become like Jesus and become Messiahs who can pray in their own names.

Because of the John the Baptists standing strong in full affirmation of True Parents in their anointed role, they are giving profound Biblical foundations that open the door to understand that Father is the third Adam. That Father has done what Jesus asked us to do in Matt. 5:48, "Be ye therefore perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect." Bishop Stallings demonstrated that Father has achieved perfected love through the Blessing and the establishment of True Parents and True Family. In this capacity Savior, Messiah, King of Kings become natural titles. They go on to teach that we must also go on to fulfill and perfect ourselves as the "Fourth Adam" and that we also will then become Messiahs.

The 152 clergy who had just completed the DP sessions, (Father's speech was their last session after they heard the "Second Coming" lecture two hours earlier. They were seated at 16 tables that surrounded True Parents table. It was an incredible moment. They had just finished an "Upper Room" experience with the Principle and then I asked them to stand. They jumped to their feet with pride. It was as if a substantial Cloud of Witnesses surrounded True Parents. White Southern Baptists, Pentecostals, Black and Hispanic clergy (of course we know that the African American clergy are leading the way and are the majority) jumped to their feet with pride as clergy that have affirmed that they are one with True Parents and that they will go forth to fulfill their God given role as Prophets of the Blessing and Evangelists of the Gospel of building True Blessed Central Families. The video, "Blessing of Peace" was shown. Especially when Rev. Jesse Edwards says, the challenges that I've had to stay with ACLC and follow Father Moon



isn't with the controversy or the difficulty with my denomination. It's not the difficulty I've had with my family or my congregation. (Then Jesse got tears in his eyes.) The challenge is to be obedient to God." It led the audience to tears.

With this inspiration and foundation of substance Father was then given and incredible introduction by Archbishop G. Augustus Stallings, whose own wife chosen by Father and Mother and his family blessed. Bishop Stallings son was named Shin Young by True Father.

Bishop Stallings began, "Who is the Lord of the Second Advent. Look around you. Look at this room. Moslems and Christians and representatives of all races and religions are gathered here



in love. We have not just gathered here but we know and love each other. Father Moon brought us together over the last few years repeatedly and showed us how to love each other. In that love we have built a Family movement that is sweeping the globe. How is this possible? I want you to know that only the Lord of the Second Advent could do this. Then tears welled up in his eyes. He's here. I want to introduce you to the Lord of the Second Advent —True Father of all humanity, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon."

The audience were misty and tender hearted at that moment—many broke into silent tears. Father took the stage beaming with an energy very similar to what I saw in the 50 state tour. An energy based on the love of God and the internal comfort that his 33 year



course in America is finally being fulfilled in these representatives of Christianity.

Father said, "When I see you I feel hope!" Then he spoke to an audience that was filled mostly with Christian leaders but also included Moslems (NOI and Arab), Hindus, Bhudist, Chinese (Confucians) and many other major religions. He said,

"Jesus and the saints are all here in this room. God is here in this room. Why? Because the world right now is so ugly, racism, war, sexual perversion and immorality, betrayal and murder and hate are everywhere. But in this room people are striving to affirm the teaching of True Family Values. That's why God is here. God is happy with this gathering. Jesus and the saints are happy. Because all races and religions are here striving to love each other and unite with God's will. True Family Values. We should expand this however to be True Nation Values and True World Values."

Then Father began to speak to the 1,500 as if they all went to Divine Principle workshop. At some moments it seemed as if the final judgment of the Bible was unleashed. But the clergy remained steadfast.

Father continued: "2,000 years ago Israel rejected the Messiah Jesus Christ and because of that they have suffered incredibly in history. Due to the failure to receive Jesus this world never received the Kingdom of God. Because of that the world is ravaged with evil. Now is the time of the Second Coming. But this time the Second Israel is being tried. Will you receive the Lord of the Second Advent?"

The majority of the audience strongly affirmed yes. Especially the 150 plus clergy at the front of the ballroom. Bishop Stallings stood up and bowed, yes Father. We understand and we do believe and welcome you as the Lord of the Second Advent. At many moments throughout Father's free flowing address the audience was stunned, shocked, overwhelmed, flabbergasted and even



challenged to their heart. Father said strongly, "If you don't want to hear me, feel free, the door is right there." Yet the clergy stayed. They not only stayed but as Father went further and further they became 100 times stronger in their support and affirmation. Don't get me

wrong, it wasn't a simple "Amen".

Some pastors who love Father and Mother have been deeply struggling and groaning in travail. We must embrace them and love them. This is the victory. I saw scores of ministers at the banquet who stated, when they heard the Clouds of Witnesses, that they would never work with us again. However, they can feel Jesus spirit with True



Parents and the ACLC. They can't leave. They came back, both to the Diving Principle Seminar and to the Banquet. Many were convicted to the truth on the spot. Father then went on and concluded by reading his address God's Fatherland and the One World.

Rev. Leroy Elliot and his wife Katie presented True Parents a congratulatory gift along with Elder Hamilton and a white southern Baptist preacher who stands firm. Rev. Elliot is one of the most sought after evangelists in North America preaching at America's hottest pulpits like the

Potter's House. He stands strong. Why? Because he knows Jesus and Jesus revealed to him who Father Moon is. He is sure about it and won't back down.

Dr. Paul Swanson, Professor Emeritus of the Lutheran School of Theology has also remained steadfast with the



ACLC. He knows the spirit of Jesus and his extensive theological education allows him to evaluate the Principle from an in depth perspective. He is immovable in his support for True Parents.

Christianity made an historic stand on this day, December 14th, 2002. History will mark this day when the Lord gave the truth without hesitation and

the Congregation of the Lord, the Second Israel, said Amen. The Southern Baptist Pastor of ACLC from the south said, "I loved it. Father Moon preaches the straight truth without any cream. Just straight with no compromise. I believe everything he says. He is teaching us that we cannot coexist anymore with

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Cheong Pyeong Testimony

by Ken Bates:

Many beautiful experiences are unfolding for the American leaders at Cheong Pyeong. Here is a testimony from Mr. Ken Bates, V.P. of World CARP.

On the seventh day, during Ansu, I saw a large treasure chest before me. It was a big jewelry box made of fine mahogany, with drawers that pulled out of the front. I was told "this is your treasure store" of what I had accumulated during my life. The top drawer opened, and the inside was lit, and lined with beige velvet. There were several very large, polished jewels sparkling in the drawer. I picked one up to examine it, and realized that it represented a time that I fought with my wife. Others also were reminders of bad experiences; struggles with central figures, bad relations with other members,

etc. These were not just everyday bad experiences, but notable ones that I couldn't forget. Was this the treasure chest of my life? Why were these things the treasured and valued jewels in my

chest?

Suddenly, I knew that I treasured and protected these because I could often use them to justify my own fallen nature and actions. If I was short tempered with my wife, I could pull out one of these jewels and justify it. If I needed proof of how much I had endured, or was seeking explanation for an injustice against me, I could turn back to one of these. Because they were times when I felt abused or unjustly treated, they could be used as an excuse

my conscience when it demanded me to repent. Rather than repent, I could justify myself by bringing out my past hurts again. As I wept bitterly in realization that I had held onto these hurts and actually developed them to use in lieu of repentance, I started to understand what was needed. I needed to completely forget these hurts. Still, I clutched at them, knowing that these were my main support for my fallen nature, and not wanting to lose the justification I found in them.

But the only answer was in forgetting, forgiving those who had hurt me, and completely forget the incident. Rather than keep an inventory of these hurts and keep returning to them. I had to throw them away and declare that they have no value. Only then can I be free of my attachment to these false jewels.

The next day in Ansu I saw the same chest again. I was afraid to open it because I was afraid the false and evil jewels would still be my treasure. But when the same drawer opened, inside it were just pieces of broken glass. Again I wept. It always had been just broken bottles, but because of the value that I gave to these pieces of picked-over trash, I had seen them as jewels. How could I have been so mistaken? How could I have been so deluded as to see them as jewels? Only

because I gave them value.

Again, on the next day, the jewelry chest appeared for the third time. Now my tears flowed freely in just seeing it, before it even opened. A different drawer opened this time, and inside were a few small smooth stones. Just simply rocks. A voice asked "do you know what these are?" I answered "these are my good experiences with God, True Parents, and True Family." The drawer closed. A few moments later, the same drawer opened, with the same stones; again I was asked if I knew what they were. I answered "My wife and children". The drawer closed.

A third time, the drawer opened in the same way, and I was asked again. With tears, I replied "I don't know, I really don't know". The voice told me that "these are the actual stones that David used to slay Goliath; they represent the experiences with God, and the true values in your life. The reason they worked for David is because they were the only things he had in his bag. If you keep these experiences only in your heart, and none of the negative experiences, you can do absolutely anything." God told me over and over again "just totally forgive, and forget that these hurtful experiences ever happened. It's not that difficult; it just requires deciding that you're going to throw them away, no matter how beautiful and valuable they may look to your fallen nature. Only in this way can you practice true love." ❖



whenever I found myself separated from my own ideals. I had turned back to these troubled times so often and handled them so regularly that they had become polished and shiny. They were glittering, pretty ways to appease

just broken bottles, but because of the value that I gave to these pieces of picked-over trash, I had seen them as jewels. How could I have been so mistaken? How could I have been so deluded as to see them as jewels? Only

Divine Principle Clergy Seminar in Los Angeles

by BillieAnn Sabo

The National Level Clergy Workshop in Los Angeles began on Monday, December 9th at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel at LAX.

Thanks to the hard working of the West Block & some additional states, we had a total of 139 participants and staff.

We also had around 20 Los Angeles members support this workshop each day. The National HQ speakers were Rev. Michael Jenkins, Rev. Levy Daugherty, Rev. Phillip Schanker, Rev. Kevin McCarthy and AB Stallings. Also Dr. Chang Shik Yang arrived from Kona Hawaii late Tuesday night to give the



final lecture on Wednesday on Father's Life Course and the coming of the 2nd Advent. From Washington DC, also attending this workshop was Rev. C. Phillip Johnson and Rev. Torrey Bar-

rett. Rev. Johnson's son, Rev. William Jarvis Johnson lives in Los Angeles. Recently he and his wife received the holy wine blessing at Pasadena House with some simple DP education. From that, he decided to join the 3 day workshop.

This was a great workshop from the very beginning. Each lecture was at full capacity. We were kind of worried that our Los Angeles ministers might leave at night time and not return, but they found the lectures so inspiring, they stayed put at the hotel and didn't leave! One long time friend of our church pastor, Rev. Dr. Joseph "Papa" Lee was so ON FIRE, that he called some other pastors to come join. We closed out the workshop on Wednesday with lunch, and the room was still packed. The only small difficulty was there was so much material and not enough

time, too much information was given too fast to the pastors - faster than they could understand it! But they were INSPIRED! Some signed up to study Divine Principle more deeply starting in January. In Los Angeles, we held an ACLC Christmas Dinner last Tuesday night. 80% of our workshop pastors attended with their wives. I have never seen such a high spirit or heard such amazing testimonies to True Parents and our church. After dinner, we chose 7 pastors to give testimonies. Some cried while they spoke because they realized through the workshop that the 2nd Advent has happened. It was a truly amazing night.

The workshop was a wonderful, very organized event with great support. We want to give special recognition to our West Block Director and Los Angeles Regional Director, Rev. Baek Joong Ku. Having states join together in this type of seminar makes for a very high spirit and good results. Thank you very much. We gratefully offer this victory to God and True Parents ❖

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evil. That our families cannot have adultery and be called God's families. That the affirmation of the Second Coming means that we become Jesus ourselves and we have the authority to liquidate evil, starting with ourselves and then our marriages. He hits the root of the sin of man, adultery, and cuts it right to the bone, right at the root. Man I love it. This is what I prayed for my entire life. This is what we Christians have dreamed of. And imagine, Moslems also are standing with us feeling no distance and being overwhelmed by the love of God coming through Father and Mother Moon. It is just amazing. It is just amazing."

My beloved American family: We must become as strong as True Parents are.

We must believe now that the day of the Lord has been revealed. Ambassadors for Peace are rising up to save this nation and world. The Clergy are rising up to save this nation and world. We are going to transform America into a land without sin. Then we will inspire America to transform the world into a place in which all races, peoples, religions and cultures become one True Family.

Thank you Bishop Kim for your courage. Thank you Dr. Yang for your heart and wisdom to set the conditions necessary that this great test could be met by Christianity and the five great religions. Thank you to Mrs. Erikawa who led the missionaries to fulfill their course to save Christianity. Thank you to all clergy and regional directors and all families in the regions that sacrificed to support both the workshops for clergy and the True Family Values Banquet. ❖



Cheong Pyeong Workshop

As directed by True Parents, the Fifty-day Special Workshop for all leaders in Korea, Japan, America and the Six Continents is being held from 21 December 2002 to 8 February 2003 at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center as an important event for reflecting upon the closing second year and ushering in the new third year of the Cheon Il Guk and for all leaders worldwide to inherit the heart and tradition of True Parents and raise their ability and qualification as leader of the Cheon Il Guk.

On the afternoon of Saturday, December 21st, some 1,000 leaders from over the world gathered for the opening ceremony which began with holy songs, bows and the family pledge led by FFWPU Korea Witnessing Department Director Rev. Son Byung-ho and an invocation offered by National Messiah to Italy Rev. Song Geun-sik, followed by a opening address by IIFWP International Chairman Rev. Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan, ending with holy songs and unison prayer.

Rev. Dr. Kwak informed the assembly of True Parents' direction for the workshop to be held annually in order to establish the tradition of reflecting upon the past year and of making resolutions for starting the new year. He stressed that this workshop should be a time of rebirth for us as important figures before Heung-jin nim and Daemo nim, and leaders must research and study True Parents' Word. We are directed to study the Divine Principle, Unification Thought, Victory Over Communism (VOC) Theory and the Messages from the Spirit World. Only Head-Wing Thought can unify the spiritual



and physical worlds and we must prepare for this in the coming year of 2003. Leaders should not think of this workshop as ordinary, but set themselves the goal of establishing a certain mindset and standard of faith through it.

After a short break, FFWPU International President Rev. Dr. Hwang Sun-jo explained the meaning and process of the workshop which is taking place during the time of providential spring. True Parents had staged many events. It is now all up to us. We must hence-

forth take full responsibility as qualified owners of the Cheon Il Guk.

2001 as the inaugural year of the Cheon Il Guk was for establishing the nation; 2002 was for establishing the people through the various rallies for the completed settlement of the Cheon Il Guk; and 2003 has great significance for confirming the sovereignty of Cheon Il Guk.

President Hwang concluded by emphasizing the items to seriously bear in mind while preparing our hearts to

receive the new year of 2003 in the course of the workshop.

The proceedings in Korean were translated into Japanese and English and transmitted by FM radio to the worldwide leadership in attendance, who listened with rapt attention, concentrating on Father's Word while forgetting all fatigue.

The workshop daily schedule began at 5 a.m. with hoondokhae and concluded with the midnight prayer at the Jeong Shim Won (Prayer Hall). ❖



North American leaders gathered together and hold a meeting with Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins in Cheong Pyeong



Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins with Japanese Members in Cheong Pyeong

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New Hope Singers International Reunion

by David Pelton

The 25th anniversary of True Parents' dedication of the Washington, DC, Church provided an opportunity for a reunion long sought by alumni of the New Hope Singers International (NHSI).

The choir, approximately 50 members strong in 1977, not only performed at the church dedication, but had helped renovate it beforehand. They spent the following year living out of the church performing at Sunday services and the Kennedy Center, and doing home church and fundraising. They raised over \$400,000 to help pay for the purchase of the church during that time.

Given all of the special memories of that time and place, alumni responded enthusiastically to the opportunity to see deeply missed brothers and sisters and to sing together again for True Parents in Washington on such a special occasion.

Led locally by Carol McCarthy and Susan Osmond, with support from David Pelton, host families were found and a New Hope Singers International alumni reunion was held from December 6-8. About 20 alumni participated, along with several invited "Honorary New Hope Singers" from the Washington church community. Alumni came from the east and west coasts, Texas, North Carolina, Alabama, and from as far away as Vienna, Austria.

The two rehearsals (Friday at the church and Saturday at the Sheraton National Hotel following the Blessing) were deeply heartwarming. Some had not seen or even heard from each other for 26 years! Choir

members had spent years of their spiritual lives working, performing, traveling, and living together with the same group of brothers and sisters before moving on to other missions and family lives.

The idea of a reunion had brought out such a dormant flurry of enthusiastic internet correspondence, evidence of a deep yearning for renewing old friend-

es and children, photo albums, music of previous NHSI recordings, and even made pitches for their older teen children "to find a match" among alumni families!

Former conductors Randy Rimmel and Brian Saunders sent warm greetings, with Jeff Benson attending the reunion.

ing event. He didn't sleep much at all for two days, yet did an admirable job, which the alumni truly appreciated.

After meeting one final time to set up an informal NHSI alumni association, 130-plus names of all NHSI alumni were compiled from the collective memories of those present, who committed to contacting those who had not yet been contacted. Carol McCarthy was elected to be NHSI Alumni Association Coordinator, given the outstanding job she did in organizing the first reunion. Plans were made to expand the alumni e-mail and home address database, and to prepare to have a larger NHSI 30th anniversary reunion in 2003, possibly in late August (stay "tuned"—sorry).

It was decided to seek out and invite all alumni to participate, whether active in the church or not, if they wished to in a spirit of friendship and wanting to meet old friends again. You may contact Carol McCarthy at M or 703-730-8532.

After that, who knows? The possibilities are exciting.

Nearly an equal number of alumni wanted to come, but could not this time. They sent e-mail greetings from all over the world that were shared. Many alumni who attended have found it to be a great event of renewal and new inspiration in their lives. Many expressed in reflections that the opportunity the reunion provided to renew friendships of faith with those who know you better than anyone is a life-long treasure. Many felt they got a significant part of their life and passion back!

With renewed appreciation, all wish to thank True Parents for the incredible opportunity membership in such a truly unique performing arts group provided in their youths. Our hope is to find a way for alumni to make a contribution to the Providence through music again in the future.

A special thanks was given to Rev. In Hoi Lee, North America Region 1 Director, for his support of the NHSI reunion event. ❖



ships of faith. The gatherings, meals, socializing, and rehearsals could barely contain the joy all alumni felt at being together again. Some brought their spouses

It was a very happy and proud group that after only two rehearsals gathered at 4 a.m. to perform for True Parents' Hoon Dok Hae gathering on Sunday morning, December 8. Singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and a beautiful arrangement of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" moved True Parents, the performers, and all who attended. Under the excellent baton of conductor Susan Osmond, the choir received many compliments of how good it sounded "after so long"!

A special mention has to be made of Maryland church member Otmar Wiemann. He not only served as NHSI pianist, but was responsible for ensuring the technical sound and A/V equipment were set up properly for the entire Sunday morn-



Interreligious Friendship Games

The inauguration of the Interreligious Friendship Games (IFG) will take place near Seoul, Korea on May 21-25, 2003 as part of the World Culture and Sports Festival. Young athletes between the ages of 16-23, from all continents, will gather in the spirit of cooperation to compete as representatives of their religions.

The IFG is an annual sporting event designed to build and promote friendship and peace among people from different cultural and religious backgrounds using the powerful medium of sports competition. The world is suffering from numerous conflicts that are linked not only to nationalism also to religious and cultural differences. The worldwide appeal of sports can be a powerful and unique catalyst for cultural change. The IFG utilizes this potential and provides international athletes an opportunity to contribute to the develop-

ment of a culture of peace by creating a new legacy of cooperation, respect and reconciliation.

The 2003 Interreligious Friendship Games will include sporting events such as: Track, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Swimming, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Badminton and Table Tennis.

There is no charge for applying and no registration fee. For the accepted athletes the IFG will provide a grant, covering room, board and scheduled local travel during the program. International travel is not covered by the IFG.

For more information and applications please contact: Interreligious Friendship Games, c/o Interreligious International Federation for World Peace, 155 White Plains Road, Suite 204, Tarrytown NY 10591. E-mail: IFG@iifwp.org. Tel: (914) 631-1331 ext. 452. Fax: (914) 631-1308 ❖

Arts Festival to be Held at UTS

Both True Parents and Hyun Jin Nim are advocating a new Culture of Heart. Unification Thought asserts that an "appreciator feels joy by sensing his or her own sunsang and hyungsang through the work of art." This reveals that art has the ability to bring people back to their original mind. It can inspire others and facilitate emotions they haven't felt before. Viewers of the arts created by blessed children can receive the emotional side of our movement. This will be beneficial to them, as they may not be open to our intellectual teachings yet. Blessed children have the ability to transform others through their art.

The BC Arts Festival seeks to showcase the arts in our movement. It was created by Clair Hoover and Akina Toffey to develop a community of artists. It views the arts as an invaluable witnessing tool to be used for outreach. Furthermore, the BC Arts Fest regards the arts as a viable church mission and hopes to share these ideas with the second generation.

By creating the BC Arts Festival, we want to support the Second Generation in their artistic endeavors. In encouraging their pursuits, we will remind them that people are created in Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother's

own image. Blessed Children already have the spiritual background needed to produce inspiring, yet truthful, works of art. They only need to develop the hyungsang part—knowledge of physical materials. Moreover, the Arts Festival wants to provide Second Generation with a fresh view of art in our movement. We want to appreciate and encourage the talents of Blessed Children for the sake of the providence.

We want to create a community of second generation and an opportunity to establish a supporting network. By having an art show, various musical performances and a poetry reading, we want to provide inspiration for both the older and younger blessed children. Also, by having a small workshop, we want to provide guidance for second generation.

The Schedule will be (changes permitting): March 28th (Friday Night) Dinner, Registration, Orientation. March 29th (Saturday) Morning to afternoon: workshop (3 to 4 short lectures, breakout discussions, panel discussions) Evening: Art Show, Performances

March 30th (Sunday) Sunday Service, Conclusion at noon. Any questions or comments are welcome. The BC Arts Festival's email is bcartsfest@hotmail.com ❖

Washington Family Church Celebrates 25th Anniversary

by William Selig

In the dark and bitter chill of an early winter morning in Washington, DC, True Parents strode up to the old Mormon church at 1610 Columbia Road, NW, and cut the ribbon hung ceremoniously across the big double doors. The date was December 4, 1977.

In his dedication speech, entitled "Renewed Pride," Father said: "The Unification Church has a new tradition of acquiring something old and restoring it to a state better than its original condition. That is our faith and dedication. It is very symbolic that we have restored a former Mormon church into our heavenly temple, but we are not just talking about one church. We are going to follow this pattern to restore the nation, the world, and the cosmos.

"I walked into this building thinking, 'Father in Heaven, Your sons and daughters are in this congregation. They really poured out their heart, sweat, and energy for this building. That is valuable for You.' Furthermore, we restored this temple not for our own glory but for the celebration of this city, the nation's capital. We have a purpose and providence to be here. Even though this temple is smaller than the new one the Mormons built, Father, because of our purpose, I know You are dwelling with us here."

A quarter of a century has passed since that exciting day when True Parents prayed and danced at the dedication ceremony. Imagine what we would hear if those walls could talk: visits of True Parents, True Children, Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim, political and religious leaders; scraping and painting the building's walls, campaigns, Blessings, sermons, Holy Day celebrations, Sunday school, games, banquets, Seung Hwas, and so many, many Japanese missionaries ... precious events and memories devoted to building God's heavenly kingdom in our nation's capital.

To prepare to commemorate this historic year, an ad hoc committee was set up under the direction of Rev. In Hoi Lee, our Regional Director. Rev. Cleveland Sparrow and Antonio Betancourt agreed to be co-chairmen of the anniversary committee and presided over the open meetings held at the church. Subcommittees were set up on building restoration, the Won Jeon project, and special publications.

On Dec. 2, 2001, we kicked off the anniversary year with a ceremonial unveiling of new HSA and FFWPU banners hung in the sanctuary, made by Pier Angelo Beltrami and donated by the Summit Council.

Research into restoring the building quickly showed that a thorough job would require extensive work costing millions of dollars, which was far beyond the scope of our humble committee and the financial resources of the community at this time. So we polled the community for suggestions and set more modest goals for building improvements.

The first project was to retiling the foyer. Mrs. Grazyna Hagen and Rev. Randy Francis contracted with a company that had contributed to the Sheraton National restoration. Choosing long-lasting porcelain tiles, Grazyna designed a pattern in three colors that beautifully complement the foyer's marble, stained glass, and wood paneling.

Second, the interior of the building was repainted, thanks almost entirely to the inspiration of Mrs. Chris Mun-

sell. She and Jacob Brou worked hard over many long evenings and weekends, producing a much cleaner and brighter atmosphere. Plans are being made for refurbishing the sanctuary and the cultural hall.

Rev. Lee had the inspired idea to sell ads and space in the commemorative booklet to pay for the restoration projects. Mrs. Keiko Burton approached the business community, and Rev. Adrien Bayo dealt with the ministers. Thanks to them, the foyer's new tile was completely paid for.

The anniversary publication started out as a booklet, a simple but comprehensive history of the church building since 1977, but we realized that this would tell only a small part of the story. The "booklet" quickly grew into a 94-page book that goes back to the beginning of our movement's presence in the Washington area in the 1960s.

We created a timeline of True Parents' activities and projects in DC from contributions of photos, memorabilia, and personal testimonies from many brothers and sisters across the country.

The history section begins with the arrival of Dr. Bo Hi Pak in 1961 as a military attaché to the Korean Embassy and goes on to chronicle the purchase of Upshur house, national headquarters on Dupont Circle, and includes photos of all the major campaigns and activities held in Washington, for example, the Forgive, Love, and Unite prayer vigils and the Washington Monument rally in the mid-1970s.

Eight former pastors sent in testimonies: David Hose, Michael Leone, Thomas McDevitt, Michael Marshall, Nicholas Buscovich, Kevin McCarthy, Phillip Schanker, and Henri Schaufler. Other sections contain precious testimonies about the early days of the movement in Washington, the first restoration of the building, the New Hope Singers' contributions, community outreach, and many more tales of tears, perseverance, and inspiration.

One sister offered never-before-published photos of the 13 couples' blessing. These were first-generation photos, not copies of copies. A brother had a shoebox of Polaroids of True Parents speaking at the church across the street from Upshur in 1972. Shouldn't history have a record of Father's every movement on this earth?! (By the way, it was the Grace Lutheran Church on Varnum and 16th Street.)

The project director for the commemorative book was Bill Selig. Linda Howell and Randy Francis helped with research; Donna Selig edited and proofed the manuscript; and Anne Ulvestad did a fantastic job with the layout and design. Times Color Graphics printed

the publication. You can read it on-line as a PDF file or download it at familyfed.org (click "references"). To order your own full-color copy, contact Olga Manakounou at (202) 462-5700. The cost is \$25 plus \$3 for postage.

True Parents Come to Washington

The anniversary celebration would

True Parents in the ballroom of the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. True Parents and hundreds of members watched and smiled as Rev. Kevin McCarthy gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of our church in Washington, using many of the photos published in the book. True Parents were featured, and a historic video was shown of the dedication ceremony on December 4, 1977. How young we all looked!

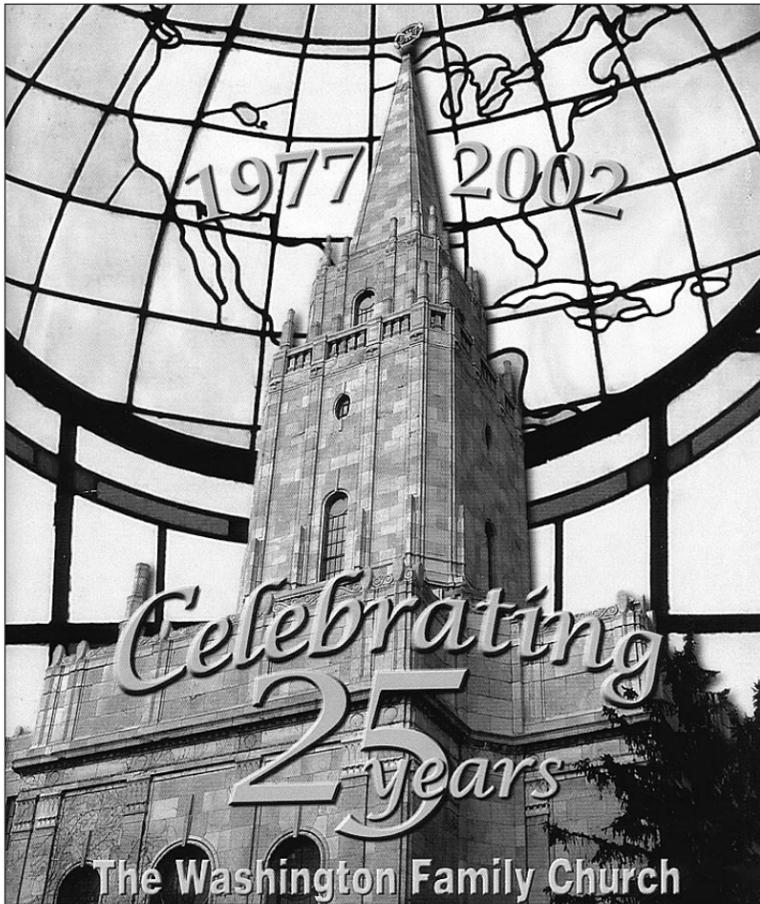
A wonderful and most appropriate aspect of the 25th anniversary was the reunion of the New Hope Singers International, who had contributed so much to the purchase and restoration of the church building and had even lived there in the basement for a year. They delighted the audience with "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth," bringing back many memories. Time has certainly not diminished their talent. (See David Pelton's article on the reunion.)

After a Hoon Dok Hae on the Resolution of Jesus and the Saints, Father spoke extemporaneously and then read "God's Ideal Nation," which was also given a few days later at the Ambassadors for Peace conference in Kona, Hawaii, Dec. 9-14, 2002.

We truly want to thank Rev. Lee for his leadership and genuine love for the city of Washington and our members. He provided leadership and drove this project to involve as many members as possible and to raise funds for the upkeep of the church building. We can never fully express our gratitude to the many members who laid the foundation back in the 1960s and 70s, primarily, Young Oon Kim and Bo Hi Pak. God bless you. God bless you. We now look forward to the year 2027 and the fiftieth anniversary! ❖

not have been complete without True Parents. Shortly after the September Blessing in New York, much to our surprise, Washington was selected as the site for the December 7th Blessing. To everyone's delight, Father agreed to speak to the local community on December 8. When the history books are written, we will assume that Heavenly Father was so happy that He decided to include December 7 and 8 as part of the festivities to commemorate the 25th anniversary!

On December 8, we gathered with



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Father is Bequeathing His Belongings

These are notes from a speech given at East Garden, NY, on December 19, 2002

Father is bequeathing his belongings at this time to be close to you. He is giving all that he touched and owned away. Make a museum with these items.

Hoon Dok Hae is the time to understand Father and understand Father's will. The age of Salvation has ended. Now is the time of the owners of Cheon Il Guk. The Savior, Messiah, Second Coming. On that foundation are the True Parents. True Parents are the complete and highest concept. Owner of Cheon Il Guk is the one who saves the 1st and 2nd Israel. Save the family, Community and society to save the whole world. Satan united one to make this land. I give you Cheon Il Guk. Because True Father survived. True Father wants to save you and save this country. If America doesn't fulfill its responsibility Look at Jesus time. What if Jesus had chop sticks. How would it be. How valuable it is. So many nations Father won't even spend one week.

Father spent 33 years in this country. America the Second Israel must attend Father. What about the Lasting Love conference. We must do the lasting love conference. True Parents are not feeding you. I can remind you that the third Israel will not perish. Through the blessing you go back to the original Adam.

Only the qualified blessed couple can stay with True Parents in the Spirit World. You must attend True Parents. The Christian ministers understand that Father is the Messiah and beyond to True Parents.

All these things that I give you. You should attend Father as the King. We must save this nation and offer this country to God. Muslim and Christianity are enemies. You are in a important position. If you don't fulfill then Russia and China will take over those ideas. Russia and China doesn't have a barrier to Father's idea. America is spreading dirty things throughout the world.

How will you save this country from Free sex, immorality and family breakdown. Only True Father's thought. Only True Parents way. I'm just looking at America. How will America overcome those with atomic bombs. From the viewpoint of the Principle of Creation America is wrong. America must serve other countries. If America doesn't serve then America will perish. If America doesn't go forward the right way, it will perish. The Sun rises and moves to the west. It creates a shadow. When the Sun is directly overhead, and you are 90 degrees there is no shadow that is cast. Even one second deviate the earth will not be in a right position. You must know clearly. Maybe you heard some news that Father is giving precious things. You must have registration. Have you done the living offering. When you marry is

another key registration. As a blessed central family. I'm wonder if there are Americans that are too proud. What you need is to forsake yourself and bring spring winter and fall. You must know what is True Parents teaching. Father never used American money. Father gives you all of these things. You should love Father and the things that he gives more than you love yourself or anything else.

Father came here only because Amer-

indemnity to be qualified to be a blessed couple. There is a different thing because of the fall. Father began asking you to learn Korean in 1980. How much effort did you give to learn Korean. Today fighting is going on in the Presidential election. Unification Church members must live with the Communist people. Enemy peoples are Cain and Abel. Because of that the Elder son. Christian ministers, Bishop Stallings, Bishop Johnson, if you follow Father, even you are persecuted, you will succeed and be praised even by your enemy. Some people think this is a dream.

Did Dr. Sang Hun Lee make this happen in the spirit world? No. Father gave direction to make it happen. Through Heung Jin Nim I'm doing. Stallings, what is your name. Stalin or Stallings? You should be God's side dictator. Stallings are you the boss of the Unification church? (Bishop Stallings: I repent Father). That is good. I like repentance. John the Baptist and Jesus said, repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. You cannot go your own way. Only God's teaching is one way.

You must deny yourself first. You must deny yourself completely. God treated me far worse than Satan. Then God would promise by putting Father in hell and then Father had to climb up out of hell. Father moved forward no matter what. Father moved forward to develop this heavenly providence. Do

ica and Christianity are the Elder son and Second Israel. Because Father came to save this country, now is the time to save the nation. This is the time to follow Father's idea. They must follow True Parents. When Father goes to the spirit world. Sooner or later he will go. Korea is the third Israel. You are going to set up heavenly law. What God is doing is what will set up heavenly law. Father feels that 50 years ago Father predicted email and internet. Some members at Ehwa Women's University said that Father is crazy. American ministers were

you understand. When you do to the spirit world you will find out all of these things. Father saved UN. America rejected the UN and Father stood up and embraced it. That saved the UN. America could not solve its own problem. Aids, drugs, homosexuality and free sex. Iraq is not the priority. How can America think about being righteous when it can't solve its own problems. This is a serious time. Father is now being received as the Messiah by Christianity. Father is looking at this country as an enemy but Father is treating this country totally as a Son. Father wants to save N. Korea. Father wants to sacrifice the Unification Church. Father invested everything to save this country. Because Korea is suffering because of America. True Parents could be the President of N. and S. Korea. Father is not interested in that.

That's why you use the word of God. This is a powerful word. You can use the truth as armament. Atomic bombs are not as powerful as the Word. .

Have confidence, you have power, brain and guts. The hand is like labor. Father is Savior, Messiah, Second Coming and True Parents. By 2004 in April. Father would be here 34 years. By then Father will save this country. If it doesn't respond Father will work with Russia and China. However, America is prepared.

Father gives you this hardship. This is indemnity. Father met up with President Bush and gave a hard time. Father gave Korean president hard time. I told them to receive the education of the Principle. If they reject we will see what happens to them.

Then there is no way to go. End of the time. This is such a serious time. Bishop Stallings, be careful. Father saved Bishop Milingo. Father knows the secrets of the Vatican. But he remains silent waiting for them to repent. Father knows the secrets of America.

What you need is absolute faith, love and obedience. This is the same level as God. You must come to that level.

(Father then bequeathed his inheritance)

You must keep these things in Heaven forever. In America there are so many precious things here. You must fulfill your responsibility. You must uplift your True Parents.

The way of the Principle must be done. Father now made the foundation of the earthly life. Inside, outside. The male is the subject position. Like at the UN and the Second Israel. We must embrace and then we will win.

America we made a foundation here with Christian ministers, now the Amb. For Peace are established. Now True

Parents situation is established. True parents now will overcome and find the foundation of your blessing.

Now you will become better than the saints and the son of God. You become the elder brother of Jesus and you must work for the Coronation of God's Kingship. True Parents gave everything. Cain dealt with Satan and

Abel embraces Cain and liberates. American brothers and sisters you must fulfill your mission.

Those are the ideas of what we must accomplish with the second Israel. That is what we did. That is the Rally for the Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Parents of Heaven and Earth and the Holy Burning ceremony. There are no more barriers that you need to worry about.

Now is time to go back to your hometown. You go back to your own country where you were born. Three nations, Father, Son and Grandson then through the UN we can connect to the whole world. That is the time we are in now.

Please today centering on these precious things. You will receive great love. That way you can liberate God and True Parents. This is such a precious thing. ❖



blind. Now the Christian ministers believe in True Parents. They see Father connected with the Bible and the Biblical quotes. Would they have found the Messiah just by the Bible.

Father has received more fortune from the things they receive from True Parents. These precious things that your husband and wife have you must take care so seriously. Each necktie and clothes have a number. One day you should take a picture with your Cheon Il Guk ID card. Here are 5 different races here. Whatever Father used. You should care about that one. I wonder if American brothers and sisters are serious to attend True Parents. Time has come that there is no shadow. Three different ages. This is registration meaning of the 21 day workshop at Cheong Pyeong Lake. There is the Church level blessing, then tribal blessing. You must pay

Coronation Ceremony For God's Kingship

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This is from a speech given on January 13, 2003 at Chungpyung Lake. Notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins, translation by Rev. John Hong.

Hana means one. Nim means respected. God is the respected one. It is beautiful. However how many nims should we have? Just one? No. Always we need a pair. That's why when you look at your face you see two eyes, two nostrils. What about the mouth it is just one? No it has two lips. Without the lips coming together the mouth will not work.

Did you know that God expected his children to be better than him. He wanted his children to become better than God. I see some Ambassadors For Peace, some of you are thinking, I'm powerful, I don't have to listen to these Unification church ideas. I have money, I have power. But what power do you have. What does every man need? Another handsome man? No!! Man needs woman.

God is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. Woman loves man, man loves woman - can money buy love? What is the shape of love? What is the central place of love. Is it the top of the head? What is the central place of love in the man? Man and woman need each other.

God needs his Nim. Who is God's Nim? Who is God's love being. Is it an ugly Nim? God is longing for one love being. Is God a man or woman? I want to know. Is God a man or woman? God is the harmony of both. God's attributes are the harmony of the dual characteristics of masculinity and femininity. To make a memorable kiss. You need a person to kiss. Which one is

more important? Man's love organ or woman's love organ. Woman's womb is deep inside. Woman has a place deep inside from which God's children are born. It's a very mysterious special place that brings forth God's children. How precious. When you come together with your spouse all your senses are mobilized.

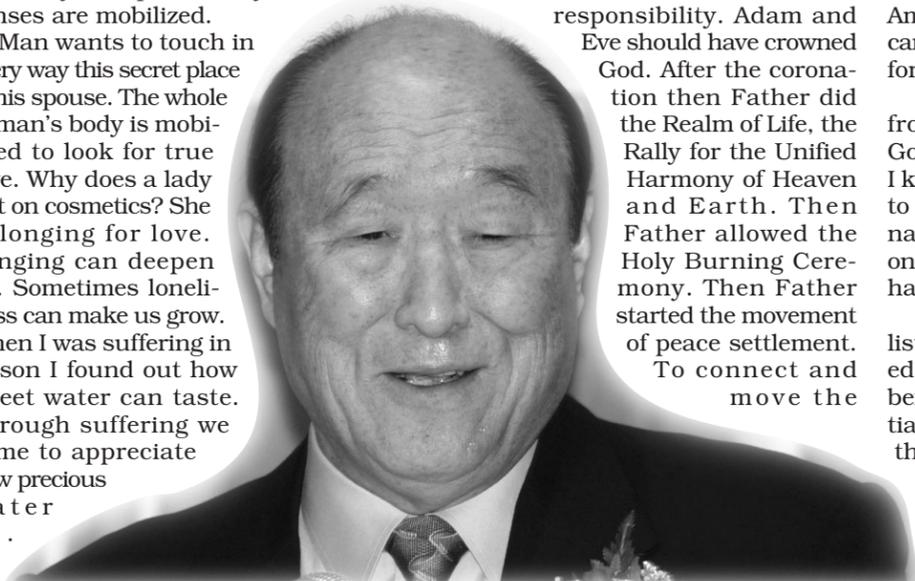
Man wants to touch in every way this secret place of his spouse. The whole of man's body is mobilized to look for true love. Why does a lady put on cosmetics? She is longing for love. Longing can deepen us. Sometimes loneliness can make us grow. When I was suffering in prison I found out how sweet water can taste. Through suffering we come to appreciate how precious water is.

Therefore what about God, he has been longing for all of human history for his love object to appear. His love object is man and woman. What is the savior. He is the central person that can connect with God. What about the woman. Why does she wear earrings and wear a earrings? Because she loves the mans love organ. Woman is attached to man. Then she wears a necklace to attract and find a man. Love is the guiding principle. In the third stage women put on a ring.

If you love organ doesn't work well can you buy another one? Love is the most precious thing. Therefore the most

precious thing to God is when his love partner man and woman fulfill the purpose of creation.

How much do you understand and believe in the fact that Father made the Coronation Ceremony for God's Kingship. True Parents did this. God couldn't do it. It was mans responsibility. Adam and Eve should have crowned God. After the coronation then Father did the Realm of Life, the Rally for the Unified Harmony of Heaven and Earth. Then Father allowed the Holy Burning Ceremony. Then Father started the movement of peace settlement. To connect and move the



heart of God we must prepare for God's settlement. Then when you explain and understand this process God is deeply moved. God is deeply moved by these accomplishments. That is why God sent a letter to True Parents.

Therefore God's way is always the way of sacrifice. That is why God is now sacrificing the Abel families of the Unification Church world wide to save Cain and develop Cheon Il Guk.

Where are the Ambassadors for Peace? Do you understand the meaning of the Unification of North and South Korea. Do you know that if you follow my direction that we have the power

to unify North and South Korea in 40 days. You have to know that.

Some Ambassadors for Peace are Buddhist, some are Christians. We have to work as one. The Unification of North and South Korea is not only the concern of Koreans. It concerns America. To accomplish Unification Korea needs Americas help. Through America Korea can be united. Thank you Ambassadors for Peace for coming today.

Father received more persecution from Satan than anyone in history. God persecuted me more than Satan. I know God's love. God couldn't explain to Father why he had to do the Coronation ceremony. I had to discover it on my own. Adam and Eve should have had the Coronation Ceremony.

Many world intelligence agencies are listening to me. They know I predicted the fall of communism many years before it occurred. After WWII if Christianity united with me then in 7 years the world would have been bright and secure. Now its 56 years later. We could restore everything. Christianity in America is united with me. If Maria Pak would have supported me Korea would have gone a different way.

Now I am bringing the whole world here to unify this nation. What is my purpose? To make a political movement. No. We are educational. I'm standing beyond any organization in the Parents position. Ambassador for Peace is in the position of the Archangel. Then you have the Tribe that you have blessed in your area. Then you have the Unification Church leaders and Blessed Central Families are in the position of the priest.

You must determine that you will follow no matter what. Tong Ban Kyok

see **KINGSHIP** on page 14

Father Explains the Cheon Il Guk activity

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

Father continues to prepare for the Holy Cheon Il Guk Blessing by retracing the steps of his early pioneer days. He visited Cheju and Pusan on January 14. He shared some insights that were passed on to us at Cheong Pyeong. The following is my own brief summary from reports that I've heard.

Because the substantial foundation for Cheon Il Guk was not established with Christianity after WWII, Father had to walk the wilderness course and establish the conditions to regain all that was lost. He established True Parents position through their Holy Wedding on a conditional foundation. Through the wilderness course Father had to create the third Israel and through it fulfill the conditions that the Second Israel should have established. Father gained all that was lost primarily on a Worldwide foundation represented by his course in America which represents the world.

He regained Christianity and established the foundation for the total liberation of heaven and earth. He established the foundation of Blessed Central Families representing all religions, races and nations and through the registration blessing set the condition that

qualified them to be members of God's Kingdom, Cheon Il Guk. On the foundation of these registered blessed couples the Coronation of God could occur which opened the door for the authority of God to be manifested bringing the judgement of the last days. As the Principle teaches, the judgement of the last days is coming based on the word. Thus the significance of Hoon Dok Hae and all of our speaking tours, rallies and conferences. Father's proclamation and living of the Word brought the walls down and reclaimed what was lost.

Father shared that he always sets conditions at Cheong Pyeong for big providential time periods. For instance, before Father left for his course in America in the early 70's Father made conditions at Cheong Pyeong lake. Father mentioned that the leaders at the 50 Day workshop in Cheong Pyeong are setting the internal indemnity conditions needed to secure the Fatherland and successfully launch the Cheon Il Guk - Pyun Hwa Tong Il Kajong Tang (House of Peace and Unification for Families in Cheon Il Guk.) This movement (House of Peace) is centering on the families, their homes and their neigh-

borhoods. The victory concerning the Unification of the Fatherland will be decided on the Family/ Neighborhood level.

If Jesus could have established True Parents on earth and expanded and blessed his tribe and a representation of the tribes of Israel, his foundation would have covered all of Israel. From

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that position he would have gained the support of the Priests of Israel, established Ambassadors for Peace and he would then have been Coronated King of Israel. Now True Father must walk this same path with the same components. The Priests are represented by two groups, first those going through the Cheong Pyeong course.

They must set strong conditions and absolutely support True Father. The Second group of priests are the Blessed Central Families 2400 (Korean, Japanese and American) who (through the 7 day course) are going to every neighborhood with the leaders from Cheong Pyeong to touch every district of Korea. With the support of these Priests Father can touch the hearts of the tribes. Therefore our role is to go to every district of Korea and touch the hearts of the peo-

ple of the third Israel (Korea) represented by the tribes that were blessed by our members (160 / 185 couples).

We now must go and activate these tribes. The third component is the Ambassadors for Peace. They represent the archangel. The Priests, the tribes and the Amb. for Peace must go to touch the Families / neighborhood. If this happened at the time of Jesus, with the Priests, the Tribe and the Ambassadors in support he could have become King of God's chosen people with a substantial nation. This is why the Coronation of Father as King of All Blessed Families is so crucial now. This is full restoration.

Now is a the final hour of God's dispensation. The victory is in our hands if we lift up the Lord with Absolute faith, Absolute Love and Absolute Obedience.

The Elder Son Nation will have the power to fulfill her destiny if the people that are chosen as the central people in Completed Testament Age rise up to make a representative condition on behalf of the nation. If the representatives fulfill then the Elder Son Nation will receive the blessing needed to stand correctly. The Fatherland will become secure and the Cheon Il Guk will rapidly expand with peace and love. ❖

The 20th Day of Victory of Love

Pledge service began January 2, 2003 with True Parents entering and going to their special area on the stage to the left (from the audiences view) of the offering table. A small flat screen monitor was placed on the large table in front of True Parents from which they can watch all the proceedings.

Hoon Sook Nim and her son came and lit the candles as Father and Mother did the day before. The offering table is very similar to the God's day offering. Hoon Sook Nim lit the candles in the same way Father did. Center candle first then far right and left and alternating from outside to the center. Hoon Sook Nim and her son did Kyung Beh before the altar and Heung Jin Nim's



picture which is sitting on True Parents chairs behind the altar. Then all of the True Children gave Kyung Beh.

Then all of the Blessed Couples centering on Rev. Kwak. ❖

by Michael Balcomb

Anniversary of Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God

If you want to see North-South Unification, just follow my instructions! With these confident words, True Father launched a new initiative for the peaceful unification of North and South Korea, the "Cheon Il Guk Pyonghwa Tongil Kajong Dang," at the 2nd anniversary, January 13, 2003, celebration for the coronation of God's Kingship at Chungpyung Lake, Korea.

While in the Western press rumors of war, and fears of nuclear battles and disputes rage everyday, the atmosphere here was one of quiet determination and confidence. More than 1,000 Ambassadors of Peace joined a packed crowd of around 6,000 to celebrate this remarkable anniversary. "Many people have wanted to honor and glorify God," said Master of Ceremonies Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, "but until now no-one thought of the need to offer a coronation ceremony for God."

The coronation ceremony was a turning point in human history, he explained. More than just a church event, it was a moment where True Parents, representing all humanity, declared an end to the suffering of God by promising to liberate Him and all of his children from the bondage of the sinful history and lineage.

After several Hoondok speeches (including the whole text from the 2001 event) True Father got up to speak. "I'll just be ten minutes, certainly no more than an hour" he said. But of course, the importance of the occasion and the providential moment took over and he spoke for more than three hours. Of course, no one was really surprised.

"If you want to build Cheon Il Guk, God's nation," Father told people, "then you have to have God living with you. You have to be so confident as to say 'Do you want to meet God? Then come

to my house!' But, do you have such a house and such a family?"

In a wide ranging address Father spoke passionately about God's urgent desire to see the beginning of a new history, touching on such favorite issues as the man/woman relationship, the need for religious unity and in particular the role of the Ambassadors of Peace.

Korean Ambassadors for Peace are truly remarkable people. They are the moral leaders of their communities, often retired public servants, teachers, professors,

Ph D or even a Nobel Prize" Father said. "Those things are not very meaningful to God. What matters is whether you can be humble in front of God's Will

and be a child of filial piety. The spirit world is supporting me, not for my own sake but because now is the time for God's ideal to be realized. ❖



police, etc. They do not have to be elected and their voice is a persuasive one.

These significant people take it in their stride to come and sit on the same hardwood floor for the same five hours and take in all of Father's message. Of course, he never misses a chance to get under the skin of the illustrious guests, teasing them and challenging them about what they are going to do to help build the Cheon Il Guk. "I don't care if you have a



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Pa. Breakthrough on the neighborhood level.

One Million just rallied in North Korea—they are serious. Can we rally like that in the South. If America listens to me it will resolve everything. North Korea must listen and the South must listen. The key leaders in the North respect me and trust me. They know that I'm in the parents role.

What is this years motto "Let

Our Family Perfect A True Family Of Filial Children, Patriots, Saints And Divine Sons And Daughters In Cheon IL Guk, Through True Love." "Cheon Il Guk - Pyun Hwa Tongil Kajong Tang"—House of the Peaceful Unified Family in Cheon Il Guk. What is our method. Hago Kyoyuk. (Teaching and Education) This is the best way to bring Unification. Through education concerning the family. True Parents are the savior, to save the nation and unify all religions. ❖



Motto for 2003

“Let our family perfect a true family of filial children patriots saints and holy sons and daughters in Cheon Il Guk through true love.”

Korean Pronunciation: “Cham Sarang-euro Uri Gajeong-eun Cheon Il Guk-eui Hyoja, Chungshin, Seongin, Seongja-eui Cham Gajeong-eul wanseong hasoseo”

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How will we overcome these boundaries. That's why the central religious leaders centering on Jesus have been assembled in the spirit world. All the religions must be unified by recognizing True Parents, True Owner and True King. As the religions unify the nations will follow. This will be done without war. We must recognize True Holy Son all the way up to the level of True King. Finally God's kingship must be established.

If we look at the history of Israel we see that it was a history of suffering and misery. It went through such a difficult miserable course to pay indemnity so that they could receive the Messiah. So much indemnity. Always, God's religious people must go this way. Through the 4000 year indemnity course Israel could bring the second Adam who is the Messiah. However they rejected Jesus and they lost everything.

Because of the fall Cain killed Abel. The false blood lineage of Satan was established on every level. When we look back 2000 years ago the same phenomenon occurred. All the nations of the world are set up with a false love, false life and a false lineage. Jesus said I am the "only begotten son". This was the most significant proclamation. The first time in history when someone proclaimed they had a different Blood lineage, I am the only begotten son. No one is worthy when we look at the blessed couples. 30 years in the Unification Church is meaningless if you don't form unity of your mind and body.

At the Registration ceremony I established the principle of living without a shadow. Then your mind must form a perfect 90 degree relationship with the body.

Now S. Korea, N. Korea and America are all in a difficult situation. How are we going to solve this. Through True Love. Now those who opposed me are coming forward to ask for forgiveness. I spent 33 years in America, that is Jesus age. Christianity opposed me but now they have been changed and they are proclaiming Father. Now Christian ministers from America should do a revival of Christianity in Korea. Christianity must take down the cross and then resurrection will occur. We need the Fatherland, Motherland and Elder son nation together.

Later, we began pledge at 7 am. Father and Mother came onto the stage in the

Holy Robes. The offering table was glorious. Twelve towers of fruit, cookies and other foods of creation. The twelve towers were about two feet in diameter and 4 feet high on a 3-foot platform. Four flower arrangement representing every color decorated the front of the offering table. Hyo Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim and two children, Kook Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim and Yana Nim, Sun Jin Nim and In Sup Nim attended pledge. First Father and Mother came in. Then Father said a short prayer before the altar. With a golden instrument that looked like a sword Father lit the seven Candles that stood about 4 feet high (including he stage).

Then True Parents bowed. It's such a holy moment to behold. I remember last year when Bishop Stallings testified that it was in seeing Father bow that he was deeply moved and knew Father was the one. First Father and Mother then Father goes behind the altar to sit his chair. Then Mother bows with incredible grace and love. Then true children bow. Then the blessed second generation. Then three primary nations, Korea, Japan and America. Then all the Continents. Then the major religions (Christianity, Buddhism, Confucianism, Islam, Hin-



duism), then the Abel Democratic world then the Communist world. Then the spirit world. Finally Father asked for a special bow representing all the world leaders at the Washington D.C. God conference that made a resolution that Father is the True Parent, Teacher, King and Master.

Then Rev. Kwak and Mrs. Kwak prayed in front of the altar holding hands with Jin Man and his wife behind them. (This is the new tradition, as Father is giving

out and bequeathing his role to Blessed Central Families.)

After this Father gave the offering table to True Children and then on to all. This concluded Pledge.

At the 9 AM service Rev. Yoo Jeong Ok, the Chairman of FFWPU of Japan, gave the opening prayer. Hoon Dok Hae was read by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak: (Reading of True Father's words on the Cheon Il Guk from 2002.) The one by one witnessing time is over and we must use the mass-media

to witness. Including Jesus there are four saints in the spirit world who are being educated by Heung Jin Nim The leaders of all other religions are gathering together. Therefore the boundaries are taken down and through the pouring out of the spirit people will come. They have to be reached through the mass media.

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unite with then his life has no meaning. Without man, woman cannot achieve love. Without woman man cannot find love. What about God. It's the same—God needs his bride. God needs a woman.

Cheon symbolized two people becoming one to make Cheon or Heaven. The relationship in Cheon Il Guk.

The bible says where two or more gathered, God will be there. There is only one True Master. When there is unity between two God appears.

True Father's Address:

The most serious problem of all is that people do not know that God is their Parent. That is why we must go through education and pay the indemnity. If you could just go through the indemnity then you could avoid 6000 years of history.

We lost everything because we didn't know that God is our parent. Because of the first parent is not known then Satan takes over (most of us don't know this.).

The serious training course is provided in central religions. Serious religions lead the way of indemnity. We must achieve God's, Life, Love and Lineage. Because we didn't understand the fall we don't know that God is our Father.

Humanity did not know who their parent was. God wanted to establish everything with his children. God wanted to invest everything in an unlimited fashion. To fulfill true love. Unlimited love means that no matter how much God gave his child he never feels that it is enough. Everything exists in a circle. We have five organs: eyes, ears, nose, touch and taste. Nothing can grow to be a big tree in one day. It takes a process of growth. We all grow through a process

Adam and Eve were created with God's ideal of love. God wanted the total settlement of love. Without life and lineage, you can't complete the ideal of love.

Uniting eight people is extremely difficult, Jesus tried to unite the mind of 12. The key is the unity of the mind and Body. The center is the parents. Front, middle, side and back, left and right. For circular motion to occur you must be united. There should be three points. If there is only two people in the relationship it must be united.

On your face there are 36 distinct points. In the middle there are two eyes. A newborn comes out and by crying, he starts to breathe. By reaching out he gains his life. He seeks his mother's nipple. He seeks his subject. This is also give and take.

If God could realize his ideal on his own he wouldn't need humanity. Christianity teaches that God doesn't need anything. The reality is that God needs people. A man can be free when he has a wife and vice versa for the woman. God cannot fulfill love without man.

Why are there men in this world. Man is not born for man. Man was created for the sake of woman. If you just live for yourself it is very destructive. Adam and Eve just began to center on themselves and they didn't consider God. Satan is the king of individualism. He likes to separate us out. When you see something delicious, you just think about eating it yourself. A good person would think of his parents first. A saint would think of the Lord first. Without this thinking you will squan-

der everything.

Why is there a God? Was God born or does exist forever. Love is the answer. Through love God created everything. Humanity didn't know their Father because of the fall. The fall changed everything so that everyone focuses on themselves. This leads to total destruction.

God told me that I would be the savior, messiah and True Parents and that I would unite heaven and earth. What is True Parents. They are the ones who have the power to unite all the nations, religion, races.

Why does humanity need True Parents? Because there are false parents. What can unite these diverse peoples? True Parents. It's not what I say, but your heart should be happy to see me. There are so many stories to tell you about how people are attracted to me. Its not by words but by a spiritual power. Its because of love. I created so many organizations that break down all the barriers. The first parents destroyed everything through their false love. They turned everything upside down. Satan wants to keep them as his own children.

When you repent you must also change. Not just internally. You have to change externally. There are so many broken marriages in America. They



broke because of infidelity. This must change.

People are attracted to me. It's a mysterious spiritual power. This love is breaking down the walls. Why are the religious leaders coming for the blessing? Because they can sense the love of God.

This is the Last Days and it's a most exciting time because changes are occurring so rapidly. We have extremely rapid changes and developments. Even if you go to hell we can help you climb out. There are five races here. If I tell you they would give their life if I asked do you understand. Why would they do this. Because of True Love.

When you first come to the Unification Church you want to come to Korea. You want to be with me. Why because of True love. spirit world God first existed because of love and he needed an object because of love. Through love God finds his object. God exists in the subject position with the male. In SW you have the subject and object relationship. The Invisible God goes into Adam and there he creates the object. It was like separating twins. From Man, God made woman. Who is the subject then. It is man. From Adam God was able to create Eve. It is the ODU action. The male and female animals come together and have offspring. The man is convex and the woman is concave. Who is the master of the organ that sticks up? It is man. Man is the subject. This is the basis of heavenly law. Who owns your body. Your spouse. There is a law of heaven here that man is the subject.

Who owns your love organ? Your spouse. Man and woman are totally different. The woman has a smooth and pretty face while man has a beard. Women have pretty faces. In the afternoon its difficult and painful to make love because of the beard.

If you still have feelings for your first love it is a problem. You can't be the



master. If you go to the spirit world and you are not the master your love organ will be pulled and captured and you will be destroyed.

In order to marry you must get permission from me—why? Because Adam and Eve did not get permission from God. God made man to fit woman and vice versa. The theory of evolution would say that this developed. That's not true. It was designed this way from the beginning.

Man and woman are gathered here or just man. If you are not with your wife do you miss her. You could touch her nose and know who she is. The spouse that God has picked for you—is the one to bring joy. What if you find a more beautiful woman—you can't go that way.

All parents want their children to be the best. Why do we have this kind of desire. From a Cain point of view we can't think this way. We always want our spouses to be higher than us. God had this kind of capability that everything was created in love.

Wives, is the man's organ yours or not? If the founder talks about this on stage it is important. Many religions could not do this. If you flirt you will destroy everything. Whatever you do you must fervently seek to keep your husband.

When you invest with true love the



more you invest the more it multiplies. What is God's attribute: eternal, unchanging and absolute love that lives for the sake of others. This is an unchanging and eternal world. Then God's attribute can manifest. Who is the pour person? The one who has so much to give and yet has no object or an object who has no subject. Who wants to receive more. Man or Woman. If with true love you have a relationship is it good. If the man can have the relationship like this (every 51 minutes with his wife) there would be no fall.

True Parents created the interreligious realm that can dissolve all prob-

lems. What is the worst thing you can do. Have a mistaken marriage. What are True Parents doing. They are giving the blessing to all couples of all religions. Does Rev. Moon do things like this or not. Enemy countries must intermarry and eventually the borders will disappear.

Enemies that cannot forgive each other are brought together in marriage and the children then can correct the mistakes of their parents. What is the secret of Unification. To remove the borders. Enemies must marry. Korea and Japan are enemies. Korean men must marry Japanese women and Japanese women must marry Korean men.

The biggest problem in the religious realm is that we have conflict between nations. This is based on religious conflict. We must resolve this conflict. Only True Parents can resolve this. The Buddhist Monk must get married. If you pray you will hear the voice of Buddha in the spirit world.

Now spirits can come to earth. To liquidate all the past we had the burning ceremony. The religious leaders are pouring down from heaven and opening up the national boundaries. What did Jesus do. He cold not bring together the religious leaders of this age. Ambassadors for Peace can make this kind of breakthrough.

In this year we have to assign certain people. In the Buddhist realm we must make an Abel realm. Jesus did his mission until 33. I spent 33 years in America. The Ambassadors For Peace are now ready. They just need to be assigned to different places. If the descendants do things against the will of God the spirit world will take them.

In the third year of Cheon Il Guk, on the first day the founder said these things. We must bring mind and body together as one. We must become one in mind set. What does this mean. We must make this God's families and make this Fatherland to be God's country. We are the essence.

Last year, Il Hwa soccer team took first place. People said the UC has no money but they are saying how amazing it is that we were able to win first place. Also, our soccer team in Brazil is doing well. There is a Sun Moon World Peace Cup. Its purpose is to open the door for peace. Who would have though of doing all this by ones self. All the peace of the world is now being made possible by True Parents. Why, because I have a storehouse of fortune.

Don't you want to live with God and sleep with God. I'm teaching you about God's nation clearly. These are the Last Days, even Satan is being forgiven. Because God created everything—that is why God can forgive Satan. When did Satan surrender. March 21, 1999. This is truly an amazing time. You should truly be blessed people who will bring incredible victory.

One mind, one heart, one body, one mindset. True Love, True life, True lineage.

You must create the family in which God can be the owner. With one heart and unity. You must be a family, living together, eating together. Through Adam, God wanted to have True Love and true life in the end.

Therefore God must have the establishment of the sovereignty of the Fatherland. We must now liberate the Fatherland. ❖

Guatemala Peace Ambassadors Support IIFWP

by Ulrike Bessell,

The IIFWP has been active in Guatemala. Since Dr. Kwak's visit in December 2001 with the International Leadership Seminar, we have continued to hold monthly meetings with our Peace Ambassadors. We also hold monthly mini seminars that include a more detailed approach to the subject matter we discuss at the monthly meetings.

Two recent forums featured Ambassadors for Peace as Speakers. The forum in May coincided with the UN Special Session on Children and addressed the theme, 'A World Fit For Children.' Rev. Gerhard Bessell (Secretary General, IIFWP Guatemala) presented a talk titled, 'The Original Family and the Need for its Restoration.'

Dr. Armando de la Torre (Dean of Social Science, University Francisco Marroquin), reminded everyone that we are the problem in the society and that we have the obligation in front of God and our conscience to solve those problems and create a better society.

Licda. Catalina Soberanis (Chapter President and former President of the Congress of Guatemala) explained that we need better education. This does not necessarily mean school education, but

education learned through daily life. Family and society are closely connected. Without a relationship to God ethics are relative and like a compass without a 'north.'

Rev. José Antonio Otzoy Sotz (Founder of CIEDEG – Conferencia de Iglesias Evangélicas de Guatemala), spoke about the responsibility of all denominations to work together to solve the problems of today's society.

The second forum held in July dealt with the topic of 'community service.' Since the Religious Youth Service has been active in Guatemala, most recently last month as part of the RYS three nation Central American Tour, we invited the RYS educational staff to address our Ambassadors for Peace. Ten of them contributed to the RYS program while they were in Guatemala so we asked them to share about their work and contribution to Guatemalan society. Forty Peace Ambassadors gathered to welcome the participants of RYS at the Catholic retreat when they first arrived.

On Saturday, August 3, we held our regular meeting on the subject, 'Public Service and the Realization of the Peace Agreement,' (the 36 year armed conflict



in Guatemala ended in 1996 as a result of this document). We heard testimonies from those who contributed to the RYS project as well as from other participants. We even welcomed Peace Ambassadors from Honduras and El

Salvador, which gave some additional flavor to the meeting.

Licda. Catalina Soberanis, who has just started her work as Minister of Peace (part of the Presidential cabinet), gave some background about the peace process in Central America. She stated that the Peace Agreement in Guatemala asks for a well advanced society which will take time. We have an agreement but reconciliation is far behind and so much work needs to be done.

There are usually 20-30 Peace Ambassadors at these regular meetings. These meetings are also open to new contacts and those wishing to become members

of IIFWP. Many of the Peace Ambassadors are starting to bring friends and share this work with their communities. This way the process will expand and spread.

The closest of our Peace Ambassadors come regularly to the Peace Embassy in Guatemala for individual meetings. They are active committed individuals that help us to develop our work in this country. We conduct breakfast meetings where we brief them on the latest IIFWP news and developments. In addition, Peace Ambassadors have invited us to their groups and sessions, which offer us opportunities to visit and expand outside of Guatemala City and get out to the more rural areas. We visit cooperatives and educational facilities where we are invited to make presentations. Many couples in the rural areas have also taken part in the World Peace Blessing Ceremony pledging that their families will work for peace.

On August 12th our Chairwoman Licda. Catalina Soberanis will go to the UN to present a paper on the situation of women in Guatemala. We hope that at that time she will be able to meet with IIFWP representatives in New York and meet with representatives from the Office of UN Relations. In September we are preparing a forum on HIV/AIDS. ❖

IRFF Culture of Heart Program in Slovenia

by Larisa Zmaher

Family is the base of social life and relationships. In all cultures and area family and family values are appearing as a focus and even more, as sacred. All important cultures and civilizations have a family as something noble and holy. Family is a place shaping man's personality, a place of receiving and experiencing love, feeling of being wanted and accepted. But the family is also a ground and one of the most important mediators of goals, values and ideals. It is the institution most effectively teaching virtues of loyalty, respect for others, personal responsibility, honesty and self-sacrifice.

One of the purposes of the IRFF pilot project centering on families: "Family and Service, Establishing a Culture of Peace through the Culture of Heart", held from the 23rd to the 31st of August in Slovenia, was to show that this is the age of the family and family should not be an isolated unit or an island to itself, but should participate in the life of the community, think beyond the family's well being and have an active role in the society.

Six families with their children and several volunteers came to serve a small Slovenian town called Sentjur. Few families but large in number and spirit. Families ready to serve and inspire the community to follow their steps in the future. Parents from Italy, Brazil, Austria, UK, Bulgaria, Korea, Hungary and Slovenia brought their children to serve a community they have never heard about before, and their aim was to contribute, to learn, to share and be part of the Culture of Heart in creating the Culture of Peace.

For four days they were together, parents and children, helping to restore a playing ground and surroundings in two local kindergartens, where for few years kindergarten management was trying to

call upon the local parents to help them in improving and embellishing their children playing environment. But there was no response; they were in vain waiting for local families to help them. Therefore when local IRFF chapter offered help to the kindergarten principal Mrs. Ketis, she was inspired to welcome families from abroad and other parts of Slovenia.

The one who really responded fast to IRFF Family & Service project were local children. Throughout the whole week they were coming to the site, asking for a brush and paint to help. They did a great job, inspiring all participants with the energy and readiness to contribute and be part of the project. They are the one showing the example to their own parents and finishing the work started by the IRFF families. There is a great potential in this small community to move in the future and contribute to the well being of each other, as their youngest one got the message of peace and service, coming only through each other effort and sacrifice centered on heart. Children showed that the "Culture of Heart" are not only nice words but are deeds of love, care and sacrifice. They showed that deeds are what count the most.

Throughout the project families had different evening events. Monday evening, the representatives of local kindergarten, principal Mrs. Ketis, her assistant Mrs. Senicar and Mrs. Bezensek (she and her daughter Eda where taking care of IRFF



families small children, while parents and older children were working) visited families in pupils dormitory in Celje, where they were staying. They introduced them to the work and aims of the kindergarten and participants could feel closer and more eager in making kindergarten nicer and more kind for local children.



Tuesday evening their guest was Slovenian journalist Mrs. Jana Debeljak, speaking about media influence on family. Wednesday afternoon was spent at Slivnica lake, families were having a picnic and concert. Mr. Joseph Rakotorahalaly, a musician and an architect from Madagascar, joined them with his lovely family. He and his older daughter Malala Tina made a great music evening, lightening up the atmosphere and involved them to play on different African instruments.

On Thursday families took time to prepare cultural program for Friday, when they were to meet with elders in a local home. Friday was project's grandparent's day. The message has been sent out that the families are not only parents and children. Family is a place where three generations meet, is a place where a child

shares in grandparents love and wisdom and learns the respect and care for elders. Grandparents often end up in old people homes or go there because they can not count on their children love and care. Most of their lives they were taking care of others and at old age when they need little bit in return there is no one to turn to. In order not to be a burden to their families they move out from their homes to the institutions where other people provide a service and a kind of home for them. It was not much, but even for a day we wanted to show to the elders in local old's people home, that they are important and make their day.

Together we set up a rattle operated by the wind in their small vineyard, we danced and sang together. Some we took out to the town on the wheel chairs and our children competed with them in three sport disciplines. The pinnacle of a day was a cultural program prepared by elders and families. We offered songs and heart to each other. The principal of the home Mr. Gorecan and Mr. Kukovic prepared for families and volunteers presents made by attentive and skillful hands of our hosts.

Last day, on Saturday, families were taken to Notranjska where they had short time in nature to reflect upon the project and after horse wag sight seeing, they concluded the project with a lunch and a traditional certificate, stating: We hope that this project brought to your family experiences that will not remain only here but can touch all the families in the world. Pass the bright spirit that we have created together to your neighborhoods, communities and world. A family worth being called "Ambassador of Peace".

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Guyana Extends Great Hospitality to the ILS

by Megan Anderson
and Sheila Chapman-Wong

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Georgetown, Guyana, on the morning of Friday 25th October 2002, hosted a beautiful and moving Civic Reception welcoming Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, who came to Guyana to hold the International Leadership Seminar.

Among the overflowing audience were Ambassadors, Members of Parliament, Religious leaders, City Councilors and the City Council Steel band, which added a special melodious touch to the welcoming ceremony. Hon. Hamilton Greene, Mayor of the City of Georgetown, and frequent speaker at IIFWP International Conferences, in his welcome address emphasized the importance of having strong families and thanked Rev. Dr. Kwak for awakening Guyana to the significance the family plays in relation to the well-being of the nation.

Dr. Kwak, in responding, thanked the Mayor and City Council for awakening the nation to the importance of the institution of the family and its significance to the well being of the nation. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for his warm welcome to the city of Georgetown and was then presented with a golden key to the City. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Dr. Kwak, Dr. Thomas Walsh, Secretary General of IIFWP and Rev. Kim, Regional Director for South America signed the Visitor's Book and were introduced to the City Councilors, Ambassadors and other outstanding citizens present. The reception ended with a rendition by the City Council's Steel band.

The main focus of Dr. Kwak's visit was to convene the International Leadership Seminar under the topic, "Renewing the Nation: An Exploration of Principles and Practices that Strengthen Families, Educate our Youth, and Rebuild the Society." It was scheduled to take place at the Ocean View Convention Centre on Friday, 25th October 2002 at 10.00 a.m.

International Leadership Seminar

There was a delay in the beginning of the day's proceedings because the National Leader, Pastor Ronald McGarrell, was awaiting the arrival of the Mayor who had been inadvertently delayed. Other dignitaries present included representatives of the three major religions, Hinduism, Christianity and Islam; there were also lawyers, teachers, social workers and businessmen. One hundred and fifteen persons participated in total.



The significance of this Seminar for Guyana is that it comes at a time of civil unrest. Some newsmen, having heard what the theme of the Seminar was, asked whether Rev. Kwak had come to Save the Nation? How remarkably significant this was! His coming to Guyana and holding this Leadership Seminar was indeed good news, as Guyana is struggling to set itself free from the shackles of racism and all forms of prejudice and immoral behavior.

The participants were hungry for spiritual food and enjoyed the presentations very much; in particular the presentation by Dr. Kwak on the 'Spiritual World' was very well received. Individuals were mesmerized by the consistent and smooth flow of spiritual energy he exuded and remained in rapt attention throughout the entire two-hour lecture.

Prior to the World Peace Blessing, Rev. Kwak proceeded to educate the audience about the meaning and practice of 'True Love.' They cheered when he said that parents must become the first teachers of their children, even before nursery and primary school, parents are to nurture and educate children in the 'family school,' which is the first school of love. Parents are meant to be the first teachers of true love to their offspring. From that point, teachers are supposed to practice upright behavior as moral examples to children in their care. If changes in our lifestyles are not made, there will be no hope for the future. Rev. Kwak adjured the audience to become men and women of true love, representing their clan, tribe, nation and ultimately become citizens of the world.

to encourage and give moral support to their offspring. Children need the connection to their parents. Men, though present in the home, are often intellectually absent. Mothers too, are present, but emotionally absent. Where then could children connect? They will be drawn towards anyone providing the emotional support they need so badly, if that support was lacking in the primary group of the family. She said that values were not taught, but 'caught'. The problem with the youth was 'us' - the adults. The young need to be connected to our hearts. It is 'what we do' not 'what we say,' which will make all the difference in their lives.



Lecture Presentations

After lunch Dr. Thomas Walsh gave an illuminating presentation about the HIV/AIDS virus and epidemic. The Guyanese know full well that this nation has the second highest incidence of HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean. Dr. Walsh also gave a brief lecture on the International Educational Foundation who specializes in Character Education and its necessity for a balanced education. The present situation in which character building is neglected is not acceptable. Consider how many persons are academically very highly qualified, yet lack a moral will and exercise selfish and manipulative minds. Dr. Walsh then gave the audience a comprehensive overview of the programs of IIFWP and its outreach to all walks of society. He charged the audience to take responsibility for their patterns of behavior, for to whom much was given, much will be expected.

Mrs. Beverly Chan, Director of the Social Impact Amelioration Program, (SIMAP) and Social Worker, gave a spirited presentation and charged parents



A group of four young persons presented a short skit depicting a comparison between a life style that was unstable and in comparison, extolling the virtues of a healthy and clean pattern of behavior.

Appreciation

Another Social Worker, Ms Pamela Nauth and Dr. Martin Boodhoo made presentations expressing their senti-

ments about the day's proceedings. Pamela praised Dr. Kwak for his excellent presentations, which opened new avenues of thought in her mind and answered many questions.

Dr. Boodhoo, lecturer at the University of Guyana, and President of the U.N. Association of Guyana, referred to Dr. Kwak's lectures as scholarly, philosophical, pragmatic, provocative and enigmatic!

Eight individuals were given Certificates signed by IIFWP Founders, Dr. Moon and his wife, and were appointed Ambassadors for Peace.

Closing Remarks

In his closing remarks Rev. Kwak spoke about Rev. and Mrs. Moon's vision for world peace. He spoke of Rev. Moon's concern for people, and how he was constantly leading, teaching, guiding and gradually building a strong foundation for building a Culture of Peace. Rev. Kwak said that Guyana was a blessed land, with the same land space as Korea, which had a population of 70 million.

In expressing his appreciation for the warm reception and his happiness at being in Guyana, Dr. Kwak asked the participants to build a society of true love across the barriers of politics and religious considerations and to help the youth avoid the pitfalls of a decadent lifestyle.

That evening Rev. Dr. Kwak visited members at the Unification Chapel and also chatted with children at the adjoining orphanage. Rev. Kwak gave valuable internal guidance to members and motivated them to work harder in witnessing to young people. The members were grateful to this great man, Rev. Kwak for his loving spirit and deep heart, which he expressed towards all.

The National Leader of Guyana, Mr. Ronald McGarrell and the Mayor of Georgetown accompanied Dr. Kwak and his party to the airport for their departure.

The Japanese volunteers visited the New Hope Primary School at Bamia on October 30th and were greeted by the children (42 registered) who sang lustily and joyfully for them. The volunteers sang for the children as well, and also taught origami to the teachers and students.

The Japanese volunteers and missionaries were concerned about the state of the building, which was being attacked by termites and offered financial assistance to help restore the building. On the evening of 30th October, a farewell ceremony was held in the Chapel for the Japanese volunteers who were due to depart Guyana on Thursday, October 31st.

The entire IIFWP Guyana Family extends gratitude to Rev. Kwak for coming to Guyana at a time when the country needs words of reconciliation and healing. Many persons are now requesting copies of Rev. Kwak's lecture on the Spiritual World, the Fall and the World Peace Blessing, which so richly inspired everyone. His visit will be remembered and cherished for a long time to come. ❖

He Is Flying

He is flying ahead
Like an eagle
Like a Phoenix.
Inwardly we tremble
At the thought of it:
Followers of the Lord.
Who are we?
Plain people like the apostles,
Human beings
Trying to follow True Parents,
What does it mean?
While I am thinking,
He is flying
Speeding off to the future
Racing to meet God
Rushing history
To set down patterns,
Standards, a new place,
A new land; heaven on earth.
He is a golden streak in the distance,
Marking the difficult, dangerous but
Correct way to go.
If we want to live correctly,
If we want to live for others,
If we want to change this world
For our children,
We can follow
If we can
If we are quick
And right in our thoughts
If we follow are true hearts desire,
If we can catch up,
If we can,
Then there is hope
In the distant beat of wings,
Off where our very souls can fly.

Malinda Vogel

International Leadership Seminar in Costa Rica

by William R. Cook

Planning for the seminar on October 27, 2002 began about one month before. The local members worked hard to unite and organize the planning and preparation process, led by Heriberto Chavez, National Leader, and Rev. Kwan Yong Woo, Assistant Continental Director.

Rev. Kwak arrived at Juan Santamaria Airport in a sudden and strong rainstorm at 4:45pm on the 26th and was received in the diplomatic salon. The arrivals of the VIPs were all delayed by weather conditions on the roads, so we proceeded to the Hotel Cariari with a police motorcycle escort.

After freshening up at the hotel, Rev. Kwak met privately with ex-president Rodrigo Carazo and his wife Estrella Zeledon. They discussed the need for Values Education at the national level, and increased cooperation at the international level. Hon. Carazo apologized that he was unable to stay for dinner and the conference because of his departure for Ecuador early the following morning.

Dr. Franco Fernandez Esquivel, Rector of the University of Cartago Florencio Castillo, and the dean of curriculum for the school, joined Rev. Kwak and Dr. Walsh for a private dinner attended by the local leaders. Florencio Castillo has more than 30 campuses throughout Costa Rica, Panama and Nicaragua that focus on professional development. They discussed the importance of adding a

Values Curriculum at the university level, and will begin working with Carlos Marin from the local IIFWP chapter to develop course curriculum content.

Since everyone had been seriously delayed the evening before, there was some anxiety that the guests would not arrive on time for the seminar the next morning, or would follow "tico" time and arrive 30 to 50 minutes late. To our surprise and great relief guests began arriving even 30 minutes before the registration time of 9:00 am. By 9:30 everyone had arrived and was seated and ready for the program to begin.

A total of 206 guests participated in the seminar from all professional walks of life. Also in attendance were 21 IIFWP chapter leaders from other nations of

Latin America and the Caribbean. The morning began with introductory remarks from Dr. Fernandez and an introductory video. Rev. Kwak's keynote introduction inspired the audience, and set the stage for the following presentations. After a short break, Rev. Kwak continued with presentations on our spiritual life, seasoned generously with his own personal experiences, bolstered by universal principles. This was followed by a presentation on the value of the family in individual, social and spiritual development, and the role of love in human society. Many of the participants commented after the presentation about the humble, human and simple nature of the wisdom Rev. Kwak was sharing, but said that it was universal and powerful in impact. During his many explanations of family love and personal stories, the audience was completely captivated.

This powerful presentation on the ideals of true love and true families as the basis for peace in the nation and world led to a call for all participants to receive a special spiritual blessing on their marriages and families, known as the World Peace Blessing. This reaffirmation of the vows of ideal love, coupled with pledges to maintain the universal spiritual laws of fidelity and purity were cheered by the audience. Six representative couples came to the front of the stage to complete a ceremony of holy wine, prayer and blessed water to seal their pledges. This was followed by the distribution of the sacrament to all of the other participants by female ushers. The long morning was followed by a buffet lunch on the poolside patio with a light breeze and showers to refresh the participants.

The afternoon program covered the history and organization of IIFWP, fol-

lowed by substantial presentations on Values Education and HIV/AIDS prevention programs. At the end of the day a final coffee was served because so many of the guests did not want to leave without more information on local programs. Many schools and organizations asked to collaborate and receive IIFWP educational materials for teachers, students and parents in the areas of values education, and the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

The following day Rev. Kwak visited the offices of the local chapter of IIFWP and the Spanish language weekly newspaper *Tiempos del Mundo*. He participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the new TV station TelePaz 52 that will begin broadcasting 10 hours a day from the IIFWP Peace Embassy in San José. Rev. Kwak was sought out even upon his departure, as the Ambassador of Ecuador to Costa Rica, Pio Oswaldo Cueva, and his wife Ximena Vela Borja offered their good-byes in the diplomatic lounge of the Juan Santamaria International Airport.

The warmth and generosity of Rev. Kwak and Dr. Walsh served to inspire the participants of the ILS to work harder publicly, and in their own lives to practice and achieve the ideals of world peace.

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IIFWP South Africa Activities

Free." The following report outlines those activities.

In November, Women's Federation for World Peace [WFWP] held a "Living AIDS Free," program every Tuesday and Thursday evening in a Clinic founded by WFWP for mothers and children. They held a one-day seminar on November 23rd in Cape Town called, "Fostering a Culture of Peace in South Africa," with talks about Moral Education and HIV/AIDS Preven-

tion, Youth and Drugs, and Fostering a Culture of Peace in South Africa. Approximately, 45 participants attended, many of them want to be appointed Ambassadors for Peace. On Nov. 30 there was an Ambassadors for Peace Program in the Free State Province and on December 11 there will be a Women's Seminar in Limpopo Province.

The International Relief Friendship Foundation [IRFF], held a "Living AIDS Free," program in a Church in Johannesburg where 90 participants attended. The IRFF Pure Love Alliance Youth

Club, besides the regular training sessions, had a meeting to explain to the youths the purpose and activities of the Club. Forms were distributed for the parents to sign. They are getting ready for a fundraising campaign to raise funds for their activities, which are so important for giving youth a good start in life.

The Youth Federation of World Peace [YFWP] is currently planning a Youth Camp in Gauteng Province on December 14- 17.

The South African Chapter is rapidly growing and hopes to conduct many activities during the year 2003. ❖

Service for Peace Takes a Step in Wisconsin

by Marian North

On a sweltering August day, Tuesday, August 27, the Blessed children from Wisconsin held a Service for Peace project in Milwaukee. Nine young people donned the blue Service for Peace T-shirts and participated in the program at Price Is Right. Pat Geary, the director of Price Is Right, is a deeply compassionate, highly professional woman who believes absolutely in the value of education and overcoming ignorance being a means for true freedom. Her particular field of endeavor is mental health. From small beginnings in 1996 in a room at the Behavioral Health Division, the Price Is Right has expanded to its present 10,000 square foot location, expanding its opportunities to serve the clients of the Division.

Last February, Service for Peace sponsored an interfaith service program at

the County Division of Behavioral Health where Mrs. Geary was at that time Director of Volunteer Services. At her new location, she welcomed the return of the Service for Peace volunteers. Some of the young people attending this project had no prior experience with Service for Peace; others were fresh from the summer in D.C. All work together well. At the beginning when everyone introduced themselves, the volunteers realized that these people who were battling their illness had families and concerns just like them. In the wind-up meeting, everyone shared their experiences and their appreciation for the opportunity to work together doing something for others.

From this small beginning, it is hoped that the idea of service for peace will be able to germinate and expand in the consciousness and activities of the Blessed children. ❖

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TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

Father's Journey To Pusan

by Renee Balise

Escape to the south! Escape to the south!" That was everyone's goal. The war was all around them, and the communists were on the move. The safest place in Korea was as far south as anyone could get. Thousands of people set out every day for Pusan, at the southernmost tip of Korea. The roads were full of people.

Father, however, did not go to the south right away. First, he wanted to check on his disciples in Pyongyang. Had they gone south? Were they safe? He refused to leave without them.

God's direction to Father did not include his going home, so he did not go back to his home city; he never saw his parents and family again.

In Pyongyang he found his first disciple, Won Pil Kim. Together they went to visit each disciple. To True Father's great disappointment, many of them had not remained faithful. While Father had been suffering so terribly in the prison, they had become discouraged and gone back to living for themselves. Father went to see each one of them three times, and three times they declined to join him.

During this time, the war continued between the communists and the United Nations troops. The communists were led by two men. One was a Chinese man named Mao Tse Tung, and the other was a Korean named Kim Il Sung. Satan was using these two men to build the Satanic Kingdom on earth. God was using Father to build the Heavenly Kingdom on earth.

Because his disciples had lost faith in him, Father decided that he should go back once more to the southern part of Korea. He told Won Pil Kim, "You and Mr. Pak should prepare to go to the south with me right away."

Won Pil Kim went to find Mr. Pak. Imagine his surprise when he found that Mr. Pak had a broken leg. He had been captured by the police and questioned. As punishment, they broke his leg, but then they decided he was innocent and let him go.

"Father," Mr. Kim said, "Mr. Pak has a broken leg and cannot walk. He has a big cast from the top of his leg all the way to the bottom. I found him lying down and feeling very sad because he thought you and I had already gone south without him."

Father answered, "We are all going south together."

When Mr. Pak heard this news, he was so surprised. He cried and cried from happiness because Father cared so much about him.

They found an old bicycle at the house of Mr. Pak's sister. Father struggled to put Mr. Pak on it. On December 4, 1950, in the middle of their very icy cold winter, Father, Mr. Kim, and Mr. Pak with the broken leg, began their

long, hard journey to Pusan in South Korea.

True Father pulled the bicycle from the front, and Mr. Kim, who carried their packages, helped push from behind.

It was a most difficult and dangerous journey. They could not use the main roads because those roads were reserved for the United Nations troops. The middle roads were very crowded with people running away from the communists in the north. Father had to use the smallest back roads, which led through dark woods, cold rivers and steep mountains. Imagine trying to pull a person as big as yourself on a bicycle—over mountains, through rivers and in the woods! Mr. Kim was amazed at Father's strong body, even after two and a half years in prison. He was even more amazed by his strong spirit!

Sometimes the communists would shoot at the people from airplanes high in the sky. When the people saw this, they would run and try to save themselves. Mothers and fathers sometimes even forgot to care for their own children when this happened. Father never acted this way. No matter what happened, he always took good care of Mr. Pak and Won Pil Kim.

Even though True Father took care of Mr. Pak, eventually the poor man with the broken leg wanted to give up. One day he said, "Father, I just can't go on anymore. I am going to die anyway, so please go on without me."

"No!" True Father said, "That's no way to talk! How could you say such a thing? We pledged to God to live together and die together, and you must not say such things!" He would not abandon Mr. Pak.

After many days, the three struggling men came to a province called Hwanghae Do. Two miles from there was an island named Yongmae. They heard that if they went there they could take a boat the rest of the way to Pusan. This would take much less time than walking. There was only one problem: how would they get to the island without a boat? It looked rather hopeless.

"What will I do now?" Mr. Pak moaned in pain. "I can't walk through the water for two miles with a broken leg!"

"Don't worry," Father told him, "I will get you there."

"How can you do that?" Mr. Pak asked doubtfully. "You cannot pull a bicycle through the ocean."

"When the tide goes out, I will put you on my back and carry you there," Father answered. Mr. Pak was amazed. He wondered if Father could really do

it. Sure enough, when the tide went out, Father put Mr. Pak on his back and began the walk through the cold, muddy, slippery ocean bottom. With each step the mud hung to Father's feet, making them so heavy.

While he walked Father prayed and thought, "This man represents all the people of the world. If I cannot succeed in carrying him to this island, then my



mission to save the world cannot succeed." This prayer gave Father strength to succeed no matter how heavy Mr. Pak was or how tired Father might be.

Finally, they did make it. It was the hope of catching the boat that kept them going. Father was so tired he was panting. A boat was just leaving for the south, but there were more people than could possibly fit on the boat. They realized they couldn't get on. Father saw people thinking only of saving themselves. One mother even got on the boat without her daughter. "Mother!" the daughter cried out. "Why are you going on the boat alone? What about me? Please don't leave me here alone!"

"You are young and you'll think of something," her mother answered grimly, "I am old, and I must go on this boat or I'll surely die." Father felt deep pain and sadness to see people acting that way. How miserable they were! Father turned to his companions; sadly he said, "We must go back."

The boat left. It was hopeless to think about going South on a boat now. Father knew they must leave before the communists came, so once again, when the tide went out, he put Mr. Pak on his back and carried him the two miles back to Hwanghae Do. Again they walked slowly through the thick, heavy mud.

When Father arrived back on land, his first thought was for the two men. "Somehow I must comfort and revitalize my brothers," he thought. He turned to them and said, "Tonight someone will feed you well."

They began to walk, but a policeman who at first thought Father was a communist made them go north. Soon it was night, and there was no light. The three men walked in complete darkness. On and on they trudged—so tired, so dirty, so hungry.

Suddenly they saw a red light sparkling in the distance! As they went toward the light they saw it was a house. Mr. Pak and Mr. Kim were filled with joy.

When Father knocked on the door, it was answered by a young schoolteacher and his wife. They had been

preparing to go south but hadn't left yet. "My name is Moon Sun Myung," Father told him, "and these are my friends, Kim Won Pil and Pak Jung Hwa." Father told him about all their experiences and the man felt sorry for their sufferings.

"You are very welcome here," the schoolteacher said. "Your road has been very hard. I don't have much, but what

I have I will gladly share with you." He fed them a nice dinner and invited them to sleep in the warmest part of the house where he and his wife usually slept. The next morning he killed a chicken and made them a wonderful breakfast. Father was so grateful to God for this wonderful gift. He had prayed, "Heavenly Father, even if I am sacrificed, it is all right as long as my disciples are given enough." When God heard this prayer, He was deeply moved

and led the three men to this house, where they were given good food and a warm place to rest.

Soon they set out to complete the journey. By the end of December, 1950, the three men reached Seoul in South Korea. Many of the houses were already deserted, because the communists were coming. It was almost like a ghost town.

Father decided they should continue on their way to Pusan, which was at the southern tip of Korea. Mile after long mile, they walked. Sometimes wonderful things would happen. Once they came to a town where they had all the apples they could eat! In another town, they were given all the rice cakes they could eat.

On the way, Mr. Pak's broken leg finally healed, and the cast could be taken off. Then they came to a place named Kyung Ju City and Mr. Pak, worn out by the long journey, begged to stay there and meet them in Pusan later. Father saw that he was strong enough to take care of himself and he agreed.

Then Father and Won Pil Kim went on to another town called Ulsan. There they were able to catch a train to Pusan. It was a cargo train and there wasn't any room for them to sit, so they had to hang on to the front where the engine was running and the coal was burning. Father's clothes became black with grease and dirt from the train. At least it was faster than walking.

On January 27, 1951, about two months after they began their journey, they reached Choyang Young Station in Pusan, where they would begin a new life.

Satan had tried his hardest to defeat True Father, but Father's strong spirit and love for God were unchanging, and he was able to endure to the end and gain the victory for heaven and for earth. ❖

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Nature of God and Man; the Purpose of Life

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Obviously the world we know is hardly the world of God's ideal; indeed, the proverbial description of our earth as a "vale of tears" is not far from the mark. Let us inquire how this could come to be the case.

Observing different earthly phenomenon, we note they all exist within the realm of time. Chemists recognize that in any chemical process, for example, time must elapse before a result can occur. All backyard gardeners know a summer must pass before their tomatoes can be harvested. In the case of the formation of the earth, geologists believe it took as long as four billion years to develop to its present state.

Time is also needed for movement. Each movement has a point that it starts from, a path that it follows, and a concluding point. In the natural world, a lightning bolt reaching a speed of 87,000 miles per second still needs a beginning and an ending point, a path to follow and time to occur.

"Days" as epochs

According to the Bible it took six days for God to complete His work. While indicating that time was integrated into God's creation, this teaching appears contradictory to the discoveries of modern sciences which emphasize the evolution of the earth over eons of time. Reconciling the two understandings, *Divine Principle* teaches the six days in Genesis does not mean a literal 144 hours. As we are told by the Second Letter of Peter that "with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (II Peter 3:8), so we may perhaps best understand the "six days" of creation as the ages or epochs through which God completed His creative work.

They correspond roughly to the successive ages many scientists say the earth has passed through in its development.

The French Jesuit Teilhard de Chardin, who is well-known for his paleontological work in China, notes that when observed in terms of millions of years, life can easily be seen to move in a definite direction. While anti-religious scientists maintain that development takes

place randomly, Teilhard argues that from the lowest to the highest level of the organic world there is a persistent and clearly defined thrust of animal forms toward species with more sensitive nervous systems. For both Teilhard and *Divine Principle*, the divine mind behind creation is working according to a plan.

States Of Growth

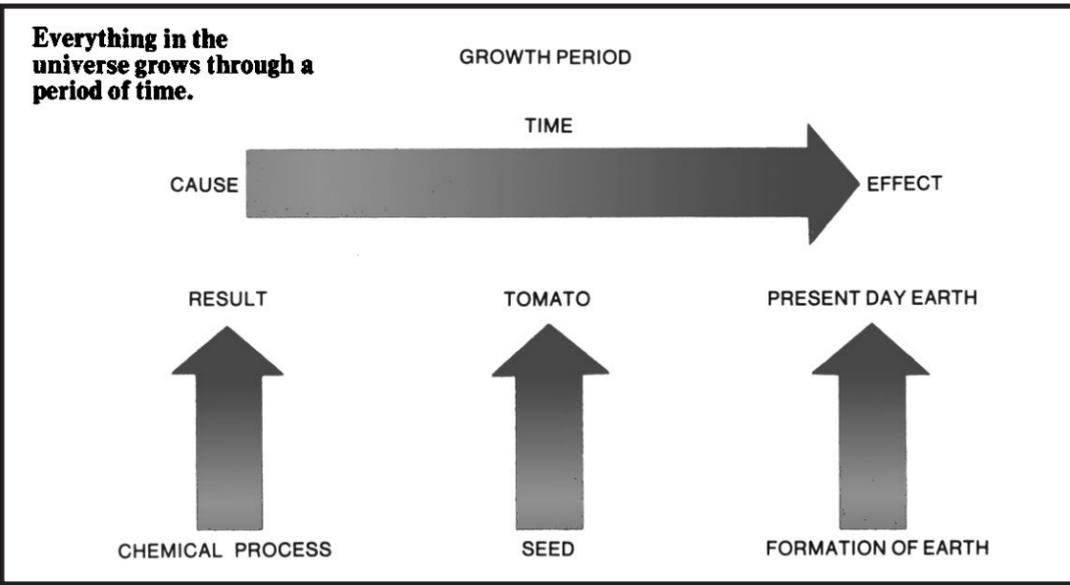
"But you can, Jonathan. For you have learned. One school is finished, and the time has come for another to begin." —Jonathan Livingston Seagull.

Since no one or no thing becomes mature in an instant, growth is a vital dynamic in human life. If one is to fulfill his destiny, if one is to come to full maturity in the eyes of God, he must grow through time. As with all living things, to cease to grow is to die.

While the phenomenon of growth is widely recognized, it is recently coming to be understood in new ways. What Harvard's Erik Erikson did for children, and apparently what Richard Bach did for seagulls, Gail Sheehy has now done for adults; in her bestseller 'Passages' she had pointed out that growth never stops: There are different phases of human growth, even in adulthood, and then emergence of advanced phases depends on the successful completion of earlier ones. While Erikson has identified these phases for children and adolescents, Sheehy has begun the task of identifying them for adults. As she points out, the phenomenon of growth is a lifelong process, often precipitated by crises and difficulties.

While recognizing that there are innumerable phases of human development, *Divine Principle* nevertheless suggests a three-stage model as descriptive of this process. One's movement toward maturity may be thought of in terms of formation, growth and completion. During the first years of his life a child learns how to walk and talk and how to use his

Everything in the universe grows through a period of time.



personality as a self-concept are established during these formative years.

As he grows older he attains most of his physical size, develops a greater measure of independence from his parents and cultivates his own circle of friends. Thus he actualizes the growth stage of his life. Reaching adulthood he not only becomes mature physically, but, ideally speaking, during this completion stage he also gains an autonomous personality and develops a mature capacity to love and work.

Since every being develops through these three general stages, *Divine Principle* teaches that the number three represents the state of completion.

The Dominion of God.

Although most Christians tend to claim that from birth to death man is guided and governed by the strong love of a kind Heavenly Father, they also affirm, on the other hand, that man is the master of his state and the captain of his soul. There is thus a considerable tension for Christian believers between the faith that God rules—and the equally strong belief that man possesses free will. Resolving this paradox has been no easy task.

Divine Principle addresses this question by reference to the direct and indirect dominions of God. According to *Divine Principle*, God's rule over man

before he reaches maturity is indirect, a relationship which can be explained by analogy to the natural world. During the period of growth each thing of the material creation operates by the autonomous power of natural law.

The snow and rain come, the seasons change and day dawns and night falls, all because of the prearranged law of nature, created by God.

God relates to immature man in a comparable way. We may say that men and women who have not reached a spiritually mature state are guided by spiritual law. Thus, the period of growth is the time of God's indirect dominion of mankind.

We should note that this indirect dominion can often be a period of difficulty and instability. Physically, if we do not live in accordance with the rules of good health we may injure or destroy our bodies. Likewise spiritually, if we ignore the principles of God, or if we engage in spiritually unhealthy activities, we are likely to suffer as a result. By aligning ourselves with God's principles and laws, we can grow to full maturity and health, both spiritually and physically. In this way our growth beyond the indirect dominion becomes possible. On the other side of the indirect dominion, we enter the direct dominion of God's love. ❖

Detroit ACLC Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

by Davis Kasbow

ACLC reached a new level in Detroit as it hosted its first Interfaith Prayer Breakfast and Dialogue on Saturday August 17th at Fort St. Presbyterian Church. The program opened with a Christian hymn and invocations by representatives from the Hindu, Islam, Catholic and Baha'i faiths.

After breakfast Rev. Mozie Lee Smith, of Huggins AME Church, set the stage for a dialogue session with her message on, "The Universal God". She truly is a universal person. She testified how her parents brought her to many churches as a child. She prayed the rosary, went to Baptist revivals and attended Methodist Sunday School sessions. She was very proud of her experiences in Korea with Rev. Moon. She described her trek up

to the Rock of Tears, the original house where the Unification Church began and her trip to a Buddhist Temple in Japan on her way home. She also described prayers and services she attended in Mosques and Synagogues in Jerusalem. She proclaimed that she found God in all of these places.

For the dialogue session representatives of the four religions sat at a head table. The topic of the discussion was "The Family". Each presenter, as well as each person in attendance, had a copy of the chapter on the Family from the *World Scriptures: An Anthology of Sacred Texts*. Before each person spoke the moderator read a representative section from that person's religious tradition from the book.

The presenters, though they did not stay on topic, gave an insightful look at their religion. Dr. Vishnu Patel, the rep-

resentative of Hinduism explained that, although Hinduism is famous for having many "Gods" they in fact know that there is but one ultimate reality, God. Each "God" of the many they list is one aspect of this one God.

Mr. Marvin Hughes, of the Baha'i faith, read a prayer written by the son of the founder of Baha'i when he visited America in 1912: "Confirm this revered nation to upraise the standard of the oneness of humanity, to promulgate the Most Great Peace, to become thereby most glorious and praiseworthy among all the nations of the world. O God! This American nation is worthy of Thy favors and is deserving of Thy mercy. Make it precious and near to Thee through Thy bounty and bestowal."

Sister Virginia Schmitt, the representative of Catholicism, related her past growing up as one of twelve children on

a farm in Minnesota and presented the trinity as a model for the family. She related the Catholic teaching that in the unity of the family we experience the unity of the trinity and the deepest level of God's love.

Imam Saleem Mumin, of the Moslem faith, stressed the universal character of God and focused on our relationship with Him. He described our tendency to be thankful for the boat that saves us from our various troubles but to not thank God who sent it.

We closed again with a prayer from each representative. We received good feedback after the program. The guests related to us that they felt an atmosphere of unity that was refreshing. We felt it was a good foundation for the September Blessing and future ACLC work. ❖

by Dr. Michael Mickler

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The whole time Rev. Moon pursued a strong "victory over communism" stance in the U.S., he simultaneously cultivated contacts within the Soviet world. He worked primarily through the World Media Association (WMA) which he had founded in 1978. Between 1982-89, the "WMA brought hundreds of American and foreign journalists to Russia and many of the other Soviet republics," and "[a]s early as 1983 these journalists dialogued with leaders of TASS, Pravda, Izvestia, and Novosti News Agency." These early meetings, undertaken when cold-war tensions still simmered, frequently became "verbal sparring matches." However, the situation changed dramatically by 1988. That year, Soviet authorities sent two representatives to the 1988 World Media Conference in Washington, D.C. and an agreement was reached to hold the 1990 conference in Moscow. Twelve Soviet journalists and six representatives from the People's Republic of China attended the 1989 conference, also in Washington, D.C. Vladimir Iordansky, editor of *Za Rubezhom (Abroad)*, a weekly magazine with a circulation of 900,000, wrote in a later piece that Rev. Moon was a product of the "cold war" but that perestroika and important transformations in China had "compelled him to reconsider his previous views." A separate piece in *Novoe Vremya (New Era)*, the communist party's ideological weekly magazine, described Rev. Moon as "an extraordinary person of versatility in many different fields." Following the World Media Conference, the twelve Soviet journalists toured the Pacific Northwest, arriving in Seattle "all wearing ten-gallon cowboy hats from Montana." Later that year, the WMA sponsored an Asian fact-finding tour for Soviet journalists which included tours of movement holdings in Japan and Korea.

There were other factors that aided the rapprochement with new-style Soviets. In 1988, at the Seoul Olympics, Rev. Moon made a special effort to welcome Eastern Bloc and Soviet athletes, providing them with generous gifts and invitations to cultural events. The following year, Julia Moon, Rev. Moon's daughter-in-law and prima ballerina of the Universal Ballet Company, was invited to perform the title role in *Giselle* with the Kirov Ballet, the first time in the history of the Kirov Theatre that a South Korean ballerina had performed on its stage. Soviet observers, doubtless, also took note of Rev. Moon's material investment in China. At the 1981 ICUS, Rev. Moon proposed construction of an International Peace Highway which initially would pass from Japan, through the Koreas and into China. Research and an actual groundbreaking for the digging of an undersea tunnel between Japan and Korea commenced during the early 1980s. In 1987, the Chinese government approved the highway project as well as the movement's proposal to invest a minimum of US\$250 million in an automobile manufacturing plant in southern China. As part of the agreement, Rev. Moon promised to plough all profits back into China. That same year Rev. Moon funded the establishment of an engineering college at Yongmyung University in the ethnic Korean region of Manchuria. Also in 1987, based on contacts he had established through CAUSA and the Association for the Unity of Latin America (AULA), Rev. Moon founded the Summit Council for World Peace. Intended as a forum "for world leaders to gather and exchange ideas on the major issues of the day," membership was "limited to former heads of state as well as international personalities who have made recognized contributions to the cause of peace and the betterment of mankind." Through the Summit Council and related projects, Rev. Moon hoped to establish himself as a "peacemaker and unifier."

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The Moscow Rally

All of these events and projects were steps in Rev. Moon's march to Moscow. They culminated in the eleventh World Media Conference held in Moscow, April 10-13, 1990, under the joint sponsorship of the World Media Association and Novosti Press Agency. The theme of the conference, appropriately, was "The Global Implications of Glasnost and Perestroika." The Summit Council for World Peace and the AULA held their annual conferences concurrently in Moscow. Together, these three conferences and the events surrounding the meetings constituted the "Moscow Rally" which Unification Church members, particularly those in America, had so eagerly anticipated. The centerpiece of the rally was Rev. Moon's plenary address delivered before the combined assemblies, some 600 invited journalists from the WMA and forty-one former heads of state. In addition, there were a large number of working news personnel covering the speech (more than 600 Soviet and foreign news reporters requested credentials). Had Rev. Moon limited his speech to innocuous and gratuitous founder's remarks, it's doubtful that the event legitimately could have been considered a rally. After all, there were few church members on hand, and the format otherwise was that of an academic or professional meeting. However, Rev. Moon's speech was "direct and strong." According to



The Little Angels in Red Square

Dr. Bo Hi Pak, Rev. Moon covered the gamut of his religious teaching in 45 minutes. In Dr. Pak's words, "they got the whole message, lock, stock and barrel." A non-church journalist commented that he "had lectured the Soviet people on Adam and Eve. If this...did not cap the new era, one wonders what would."

Rev. Moon's directness raised the issue of "how well [his remarks]...would be received in the headquarters city of worldwide atheism." Dr. Pak, who translated, said, "I was the one who was sweating next to [him]...because his words were so strong. I looked around at this Russian face, that Russian face. I was worried they might stand up and walk out, which sometimes happens in the United Nations when an ambassador disagrees with someone."

Dr. Pak need not have worried. Rev. Moon had read the signs of the times and constructed his foundation well. He already had been feted in the presidential VIP room at the Moscow airport, given a national television interview, driven in from the airport with a police escort and in traffic lanes usually reserved only for the president, and housed in the Central Committee's hotel reserved for the highest communist officials. Clearly, the Soviets were as interested as he was in

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the success of the meeting. Although one member's comment that the Soviets "drank up" Rev. Moon's speech "like thirsty spirits at the spring of life" was something of an overstatement, the Russian press covered the entire meeting, including Rev. Moon's address, positively. The following speaker, Albert Vlashov, chairman of the Novosti Press Agency, simply said, "the Rev. Moon has really crossed a long way to come to the Soviet Union, and not only miles."

Conference organizers learned by late afternoon on the day of the address that President Gorbachev had given his approval for a meeting with Rev. Moon. Larry Moffit, who helped organize the media gathering, noted, the "maximum victory" for the Moscow event "was defined early on as a cordial meeting between...[Rev. Moon] and Gorbachev." In fact, expectations had risen to the point that a failure to secure such an invitation would have been interpreted as a providential setback. Thus organizers breathed a collective sigh of relief when Rev. and Mrs. Moon along with twenty-eight former presidents or prime ministers and several assistants entered the Kremlin at 4:30 p.m. on April 11, 1990 and were seated.

The details of the session as worked out with Gorbachev's staff was that there would be an initial meeting of an undetermined length with all present, to be followed by a private meeting between the President, Rev. and Mrs. Moon, one ambassador and a couple of senior staff. During the open meeting, Gorbachev spoke and listened for an hour and a half. He welcomed "the presidents of various nations" and "especially Rev. and Mrs. Moon." He commented that their conference was "very important" and expressed satisfaction that it had been "very successful so far." Rev. Moon thanked him for the opportunity to come to Moscow, explained that all former heads of state at the table were supporting him, and urged him to consider the World Media Conference his "asset." Dr. Bo Hi Pak, who attended the half-hour private meeting in Gorbachev's personal office, reported that the President was "completely free, embracing and talkative."

According to the Seoul-based and movement-funded *Segye Ilbo* newspaper, Mr. Gorbachev "strongly hinted at the possibility of establishing the state relationship" between the USSR and South Korea "within the year" and expressed his "willingness to act as a mediator" in North and South Korea reunification talks. The *Segye Ilbo*, reported that Gorbachev said "cooperation with Korea will be a great aid to the development of the Soviet economy and asked Rev. Moon to help either directly or indirectly in the development of the Soviet Union by using the multi-national economic foundations and worldwide organizations of the Unification movement." Although unstated, this request as well as his call to "expand the exchange of technology and science" obviously reflected an awareness of Rev. Moon's investment in China.

Rev. Moon's remarks were not recorded. However, the next night, following a performance of Korea's Little Angels attended by the First Lady, Raisa Gorbachev, he referred in a concluding speech to the "remarkable meeting" he had with President Gorbachev. While stating that he respected and admired the President's courage and leadership, he also recounted that he "told President Gorbachev that the secret for the success of the Soviet Union is to place God at the very center of every endeavor." He went on to say that "As a religious leader, I firmly believe that a God-centered worldview offers the solution to all problems" while "[a]theistic theories centered only on man bring disaster and self-

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destruction in the end." Dr. Thomas Ward commented,

I recognized again his deep seriousness before God. A lesser man would have tried to flatter Madame Gorbachev and express niceties. But...[Rev. Moon] chose to share words with her that could open the way for the salvation of the Soviet Union. His words, while filled with love, were all a very direct call for the Soviet leadership to include God in their system.

Rev. Moon's speech seemingly did not disturb the First Lady who went backstage afterwards "to give and receive hugs and kisses from the Little Angels, to meet...[Rev. and Mrs. Moon], and to pose in group photos with them and the children."

The aftermath of the "Moscow Rally" was remarkable. Mention already was made of the normalization of USSR-South Korea relations which many in South Korea ascribed to Rev. Moon. In addition, the Soviet media machine sanitized Rev. Moon's image within the country on a mass scale. The *Moscow News*, with eight million circulation, did a positive interview. Another interview was published in *Family* magazine, with a five million circulation. *Ivestia* carried Rev. Moon's meeting with Gorbachev on the front page and *Pravda* also carried a big article which published Rev. Moon's words in detail. Finally, on April 20th, a one-hour television special covered the background to the conference, Rev. Moon's meeting with Gorbachev, and the Moscow gathering for millions of viewers.

Educating Soviet Leaders and Youth

The opportunities for the movement to sponsor seminars for Soviet officials and eventually conduct straight Divine Principle workshops for thousands of Soviet students and teachers were even more striking. The USSR was exploring ways to preserve some form of unity among its fifteen republics, which were rapidly splintering, and in response to Rev. Moon's invitation, decided to allow its leadership to attend American Leadership Seminars in the U.S. Dr. Ward, who lectured, reported that "In December of 1990 and February of 1991, the ALC sponsored seminars for 80 deputies of the Supreme Soviet (federal, republic and city levels) as well as some 60 cabinet ministers and members of parliament from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Yugoslavia." He noted that participants "received lectures on VOC theory as well as briefings on the underpinnings of American democracy." Then, between April 30 - May 7, 1991, the World Leadership Conference, affiliated with ALC, "sponsored an unprecedented seminar and fact-finding tour in Washington, D.C. for approximately 200 high-ranking Soviet officials and political leaders...from all 15 republics of the U.S.S.R. Ward stated, "This was "the only time during the final years of the Soviet Union that any person, government, or private organization brought together representatives from all 15 Soviet republics."

The demise of Marxism as a viable ideology created a void as serious as the splintering of the Soviet republics, and officials in various education ministries gave the movement a free rein to educate Soviet students. Rev. Moon assigned this responsibility to CARP. Initially, he asked Dr. Joon-ho Seuk, National Director of USA CARP, to bring 200 Soviet students to the



Rev. and Mrs. Moon meeting with President and Mrs. Gorbachev

United States for education in the *Divine Principle*. Accustomed to the time and effort it took "to get 200 American students to come and hear the Principle," Dr. Seuk and his associates were shocked to be ushered directly into the offices of university rectors and to have their pick from among "the elite of the elite" students in Soviet universities. The procedure was that the deans and faculties pre-selected the very best students in academics, leadership ability, and proficiency in English from among the many who applied to participate in the seminar. Afterwards, CARP representatives interviewed them, selecting one out of every four candidates. In addition, all students were informed of CARP's strict moral code for the conference: no smoking, drinking or romantic relationships. Between July 1-August 19, 1990, four separate groups of about 100 Soviet students each, 380 students in all, participated in the International Leadership Seminars (ILS) which were convened at Unification Theological Seminary. CARP representatives explained to the rectors of the universities that students and accompanying professors "would listen to Rev. Moon's vision for world peace during five days of intensive study—with exams!" Basically, students studied the *Divine Principle*. There was a day of sight-seeing in New York City before the conference began and a trip to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. afterwards, interspersed with fellowship, panel discussions and banquets.

The success of the initial ILS seminars led to large-scale education within the CIS. This was mainly led by American members. Many members jumped at the opportunity to teach those willing to listen. Between January and February of 1991, an "advanced" seminar was held for 700 Soviet students at three sites in Hungary. Then, during July and August 1991, CARP held 24 workshops for 2,000 students at four sites in the Baltics. These included 5, 10, and 21-day programs which were staffed by 150 volunteers from the American movement. Rev. Moon had announced a world-wide pioneering condition for American members whereby they were to witness in foreign countries for forty days at a time for the next several years. Apart from this, many American members had longed to take part in the Moscow rally. Staffing the ILS seminars was a chance for many of them to participate in the extension of that rally. Their participation became uncomfortably but invigoratingly direct during the late summer as the summer workshops intersected with great events of state. As described in one account, "The transformations that occurred in the hearts and minds of the students was matched only by the dramatic rebirth of the Soviet Union itself, following a dangerous military coup that failed."

The birth of the Commonwealth of Independent

States (C.I.S.) did not interfere with the workshop program, at least not in 1992 when USA CARP, with broad-based member and movement support, sponsored the largest workshops in the church's history. Between January 26 and February 9, 1992, CARP held 27 workshops at 18 different workshop sites in the Crimea south of the Ukraine for 3,160 students. In the course of the program, CARP hired over 200 buses and 100 cars. Also, since all of the lectures were given using CARP's custom-made *Divine Principle* slide presentation, forty thousand slides had to be made. Sites were difficult to obtain due to the changing political and economic situation, and in one case students were on their way before camps were secured.

During the spring, between March 20 and April 10, the first *Divine Principle* workshop for high school teachers and students of the C.I.S. shattered the previous workshop record with 7,229 participants: 942 high school teachers and principals, 5,834 high school students, 293 university students, 124 parents, 21 professors and 20 others. They filled 40 workshops at 23 workshop sites and a total of 540 buses and 200 cars were used to transport participants. The program was initiated by Rev. Moon and sponsored by the public ministries of education of Russia, the Ukraine, and other participating republics. According to one report, 17,000 students applied from Moscow alone. Several hundred university students who attended earlier programs received permission to support the high school students' workshop as staff, and "In Moscow, during the Sunday service following the workshop, the auditorium used was filled beyond its capacity with more than one thousand in attendance."

Ivestia, one of the largest newspapers in the C.I.S., published an adaptation of *Divine Principle* entitled *God and Us* in April 1992, and that summer "the largest series of Principle workshops yet in Unification Church history" educated 18,042 guests at 129 workshops held at 26 workshop sites over a period of 8 weeks in 5 different regions of the country. One site was in Central Asia, five were in the Moscow region, one was outside St. Petersburg, eight were in Latvia and eleven were in Lithuania. Two hundred and forty American members served as staff although many sites had only five or six staff members taking care of up to two hundred people. The movement rented 1,100 buses and 760 cars, as well as three trains to transport the overflow at one peak point during the summer. Over 8,000 teachers were educated in beginner and advanced workshops and since 60 percent of them were non-English speaking, all lectures were translated by young student members. CARP considered its education of teachers to "be the foundation upon which a Principle-based curriculum could be introduced in the high schools."

Most understood that the opportunity to conduct massive workshops in the newly created C.I.S. resulted from a unique set of circumstances. The key element was the breakthrough Rev. Moon achieved through the Moscow rally. However, a host of additional factors aided the movement's efforts. Prices were cheap and the monetary exchange rate was incredibly favorable so that CARP could rent multiple sites and means of transportation at a fraction of the cost elsewhere. Soviet students, as well, were fascinated with all things Western which due to the heavy participation of American members in the workshops, was how the movement was perceived. Third, there was little competition in the period immediately preceding and following the fall of the Soviet Union.

The movement had the capability for far more rapid organizational mobilization than more ponderous Christian bodies, and the Russian Orthodox Church had not yet reconstituted itself. Discerning Unificationists knew that these circumstances would not hold indefinitely and that they operated within a limited window of opportunity. Negativity about Rev. Moon would filter in, prices would rise, American staff members would return home, and formidable competitors would emerge. For this reason, while efforts at mass evangelism continued beyond this period, increasing emphasis was placed on developing an indigenous movement and a curriculum of moral education which would institutionalize the Moscow rally and its aftermath on a permanent basis. ♦

The Spirit Body and the Physical Body

by Kerry Pobanz

Question: According to St. Paul, human beings are meant to become aware that they not only have a physical body but also a spiritual body. If we all possess these two bodies, how are they related to each other?

Answer:

It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.
1 Corinthians 15:44

And yet, man after death is as much as a man as he was before, so much so as to be unaware that he is not still in the former world. He has sight, hearing and speech as in the former world. He walks, runs and sits as in the former world. He lies down, sleeps and awakes, as in the former world. He eats and drinks as in the former world. He enjoys marriage delight as in the former world. In a word, he is a man in each and every respect. From all this it is clear that death is not the extinction but the continuation of life, and it is merely a transition.
—Emanuel Swedenborg

Where is your spirit now? When you sleep, where is it? In your head? Where? Once you leave your physical body, you are in the spiritual realm. This is like coming out of water into the air. God is omnipresent, He is everywhere. So you can be everywhere in spirit. . . . After you die, your spirit can come back right here, but it does not occupy space in this air as you do now. Your physical being occupies so much space in the air. But your spirit can go right through my body and out the other side. It still has form, but it can go through anything material. It is not restricted by the physical. . . . You may see spirit forms as life-size. But that spirit can live and work in the realm of an atom.

—Sun Myung Moon

Discussion

It is probably best to begin by pointing out here that many of the world's major religious traditions incorporate the notion of the human person possessing, in addition to the physical body, some kind of ethereal, non-physical soul-body that continues to survive after death. In Christian mysticism, as aforementioned in St. Paul's writings, it is the spiritual body; in Tibetan Buddhism, it is the *bardo*-body; in Judaism, the *coach-ha-guf*; in Hinduism, the *linga-sharira*; in Sufism, the *jismi-misal*; in Theosophy, the *astral* body. Clearly, spiritual experience around the world and across the ages affirms the existence of a distinct spirit-self which indwells the physical self during life on earth, and which continues to exist and grow after the death of the physical self. Our major ques-

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tions here, then, are: *How is this true?* and *Why is this true?*

Let us begin by proposing that the universe is structured on the principle of *expression*, that is, of an inner dimension that is present through an outer expression, or of an invisible internal which becomes manifest through a visible external. Thus, we know that the mind, which is invisible, exists because it is expressed or represented through our external facial expressions and bodily gestures, as well as through our manifest efforts to communicate using certain words and ideas.

As it turns out, the mind-body relationship in human beings, in more general perspective, exists as the spirit-flesh relationship, or as the cosmic relationship between spirit-self and physical self. The spirit-self, which is eternal and causal, is designed to achieve critical expression through the phenomenal physical self, and while on earth, the human person lives through the dynamic give-and-take relationship between these selves, otherwise existing as the unity of these selves.

The spirit-self, while ethereal, is not at all insubstantial but is, rather, composed of the same subtle substance as one's thoughts and feelings. Again, it is probably best to *begin* by recognizing that the spirit-self has the same shape as the physical self and its vibrational quality is so refined that it directly and wholly

interpenetrates and indwells the physical body, though as Sun Myung Moon and many others have noted, the spirit-self has an astonishingly protean nature, enabling it to indwell molecular, atomic and even subatomic spaces. For instance, Peter Thompkins in *The Secret Life of Plants* (1973) reviews an anecdotal account, first related by Marcel Vogel, of how a young girl psychically/spiritually projected herself into the circulatory system of a plant and traveled throughout the plant body; she and numerous others participating in this research demonstrated the ability to make remarkably consistent and scientifically accurate observations of the plant's internal structure, which otherwise could only be verified through using a high-powered microscope. From these experiments, Vogel concluded: "We can move into individual cells in our own bodies and, depending on our state of mind, affect them in various ways. One day this may explain the cause of disease."³

It is important here to further appreciate that there is a one-to-one correspondence between every point in the physical body and every point in the spiritual body (an insight, for instance, especially utilized by Tibetan Buddhists, Chinese acupuncturists and many of the New Age healing therapies).

At death, the spirit-self is detached from the physical body and, ideally, continues its growth and development in a higher dimension, though this option for growth is not chosen in certain cases, as we will describe in greater detail in later discussions. In brief, however, the foregoing sketches the "how" of the relationship between the spirit and flesh.

Why human beings are designed to function via this relationship between spirit-self and physical self is a question of cosmic importance, and deserves to be elaborated in a larger context. While it

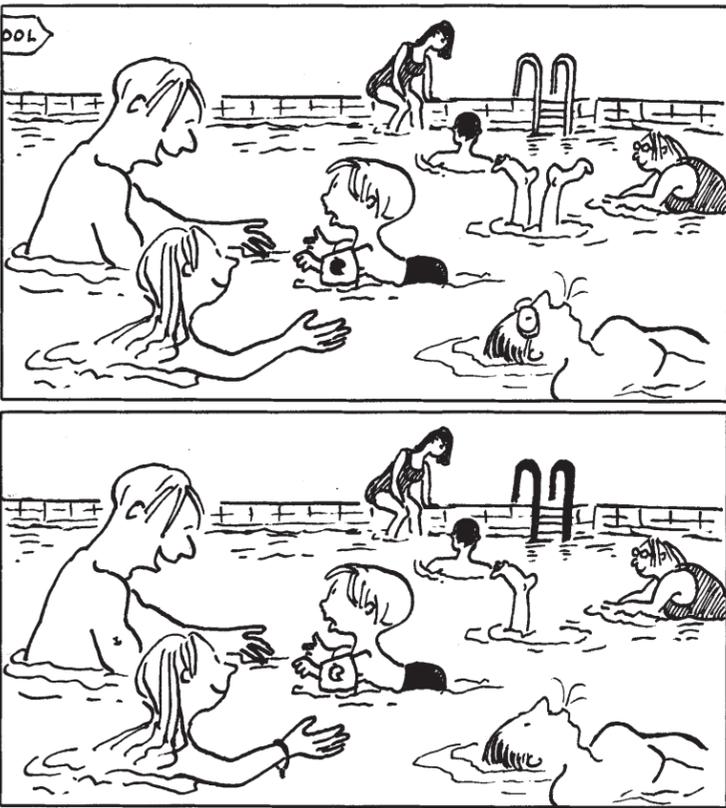
may be difficult for some people to accept, we must here affirm, together with Jesus and all great founders of religions, that the core of human being is **love**. Far beyond recognizing the human being as simply "homo sapiens" (man of wisdom) or "homo habilis" (tool-using man), we affirm that humans are in their origin and most essentially *homo amans*, i.e., *beings of love*. Swedenborg and Sun Myung Moon both affirm that, since humans are made in God's image, the highest realization of human being is the realization of true love and, on that foundation, the achievement of wisdom. The foundational meaning of the understanding that human beings are made in God's image is that they are designed with the potential to love as God loves—human beings are designed to *grow* in such a way that they can fulfill a divine potential for loving, thereby authentically participating in God's divinity. Just as the physical self requires definite physical nutriment, like air, food and water, to develop, so also in parallel, the spirit-self requires certain spiritual nutriment to mature. Spiritual growth is, in reality, the growth of *character*, which most fundamentally is growth in one's ability to love and care for others.

It almost goes without saying that the spirit needs to receive and digest God's love and truth in order to develop. But, beyond this, it is most critical to grasp here that spiritual growth is not a matter of the spirit alone; it is not designed to take place (at least initially) apart from the physical self and physical life on earth. The spirit-self, or spirit-person, grows through receiving nutriment, called "vitality elements," from the quality of life lived while possessing a physical body. In other words, the stunning realization here is that the human person can only grow spiritually by receiving both nutriment created by God *and* the "vitality" nutriment created by the person throughout his or her life on earth.

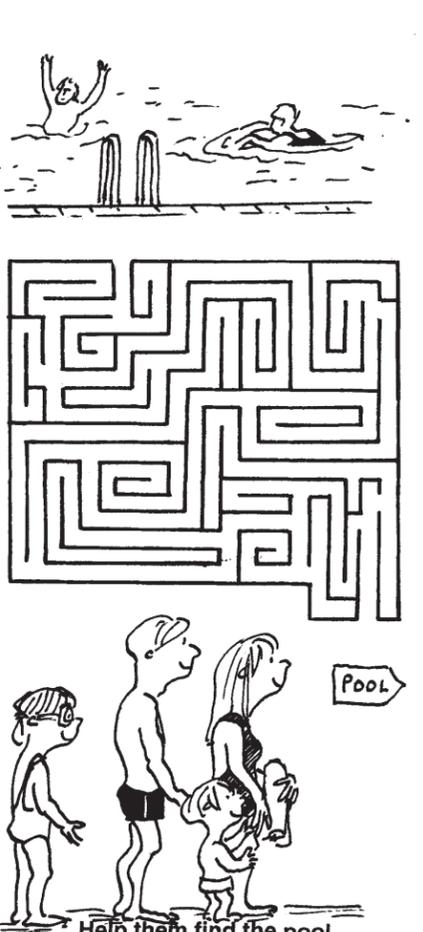
Hence, we arrive at a paramount insight—the understanding that the spirit-self matures on the foundation of the physical body and one's physical life on earth. From a *cosmic* perspective, then, we must acknowledge that the purpose of the physical body is to provide the means for the maturation of the spirit-self; the overarching purpose of life on earth is to *practice loving and serving other people*. In truth, a human person's physical lifetime represents the most precious opportunity he or she will ever have—the opportunity to love and serve others. In this way, to the extent we have spent our time unselfishly caring for others, and in loving service to others, we will have fulfilled our most fundamental purpose as human beings made in God's image.❖

FOR KIDS

by Françoise



Find the seven differences between these two drawings of learning to swim



Help them find the pool

TRUCKERS



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This month we'll wrap up a series of three articles about vocations. For this article I can speak from experience. This subject may not be profound, but it is important. Just about everything you ate, wore, or bought last year was shipped by truck. Truck drivers are a large segment of society.

Thousands of big rigs ply the roads. If you include trains, the Postal Service, and parcel deliveries, it's even more. Add the truck makers and mechanics, the factories and ports that send forth the goods, and the warehouses that receive them, and it's huge. Even so, most people give these dedicated workers little thought. Truckers are too busy to have insider influence or loud advocates.

Car drivers will curse at a truck (even when they were the careless one), but usually, truckers gain notice only when their work is *not* getting done. When anything stops the flow of goods it's headline news, if not a serious emergency.

Moving things is not easy. There are forklifts and conveyor belts, yet many of the trucks you see must be loaded manually. Thousands of boxes will be stacked at the destination by a 'lumper' with calloused hands. Whether expensive, heavy, or fragile, someone will get it delivered.

Security

With the Oklahoma City bombing, trucks came under suspicion. Since 9-11, some locations inspect every truck before it enters the property. Drivers have pitched right in, keeping an eye out for suspicious activities. An alert trucker caught the Washington area snipers. With their CB radios, truckers may hear about a crime before the official alert goes out.

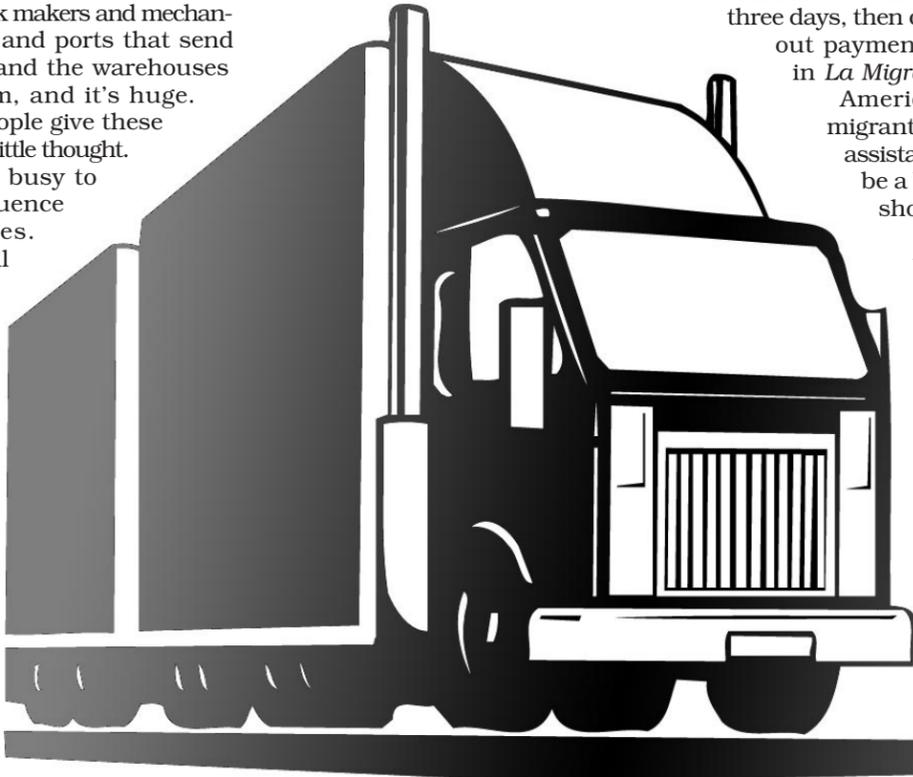
Within the industry, the story isn't always so noble. I've loaded trucks myself, thus knowing exactly what I had on board. Many companies employ separate teams to palletize the goods, and another to load. Only at the final destination does the driver find out whether he's really got everything.

I've heard from old timers how it's possible to restack pallets to look as if they're full, when actually several boxes are missing. With 'taping,' shipping boxes are partially emptied, stuffed with junk and re-taped, then sent on their way. The customer rarely discovers where the goods ended up. It's embarrassing (at best) for the trucker.

Most companies tolerate a certain level of this 'shrinkage,' and it's enough to boost the price of everything you buy. That goes double for computers, which are targets of violent hijackings.

Today, warehouses are 'covered' by video camera. Shipments are sealed, and hand counted. Merchandise boxes often carry bar codes which are tracked by computer. This reduces, but cannot eliminate, the problems mentioned above.

Scientists have developed tiny 'passive' computer chips that will fit into a tag or box label. These radio back the product



type and serial number. In theory, an entire truck load can be scanned in seconds. (No doubt organized criminals are figuring out how to beat these devices.)

Your author has delivered to high security locations, and found their precautions fascinating. (Getting paid by the hour, rather than per load, makes a big difference.) I've been searched, keyed through double 'man trap' doors, and escorted by an armed guard.

Once inside, things are as casual as anywhere else. Upon departure, sometimes a guard will follow the load all the way to its destination. Usually everything is entrusted to the trucker himself.

I say 'himself' though there are women truckers. I've seen entire families traveling in 'sleeper' cabs, but still the vast majority are men. One reason is that loading and operating diesel trucks is murder on one's hands.

Workers

Truckers with big loads, especially for residential delivery, need a helper. Labor pools exist to supply them; often ex-cons who cannot find other work. They're paid for sheer muscle power, though a clear understanding of the job helps, too.

Perhaps you've seen Hispanic men gathered on certain busy corners. These are unofficial day laborers. Truckers will pay them around one hundred dollars cash per day, to carry heavy loads.

Because many are illegal aliens, they can also be exploited. Unscrupulous contractors will hire them for two or three days, then chase them away without payment, threatening to call in *La Migra* (the Border Patrol.) America relies upon these migrant's willing and cheerful assistance. Surely there must be a better way to run that show . . .

The trucking industry is in constant flux. There are thousands of companies, large and small. Some do long hauls, others local runs. Logistics companies bring goods to the same places day after day, while courier outfits deliver special loads to every possible location—usually in a big hurry.

Some trucking companies, and the warehouses they service, are unionized. It's hard to tell where the company management

leaves off and the union stewards take over. These unions are constantly seeking to organize more companies. I've seen a car load of union men follow a non-union truck around, and picket its every stop.

Powerful forces are set against the unions; indeed, against all employees. In California, the required Workman's Compensation payments have skyrocketed, and are going even higher this year. The same is true with Group Health plans.

In response, companies are laying off all their truck drivers, and selling their fleets. Ideally, a trucker can buy a rig (perhaps the very one he's been driving), and operate it under contract. He must then provide his own insurance and such.

American tax law allows generous deductions for independent businessmen, so in theory, a trucker can do even better than before. Of course, his potential liabilities are also greater. In any case, this accounts for the growing number of individualized "Fred Smith's Speedy Trucking" type rigs you see on the road.

System

Customers would be amused, horrified, or both, to discover just how much mad scrambling goes into getting their products delivered. I suspect the same is

true in many occupations, but trucking operates on tight and highly visible schedules.

People have to show up for work on time, trucks have to keep running, and traffic has to stay clear. Cellular phones and GPS systems cannot prevent troubles, but do help solve them faster.

I've examined the labels on the items I'm hauling. These can tell quite a story. Computers will go from Malaysia to a company warehouse in Texas, then to a customer's HQ in Los Angeles, then to an upgrader in Livermore, and finally, on to a dot-com in San Francisco.

Apparel can go from Bangladesh to an East Coast port, to a company warehouse in Kentucky, then to a logistics place in California, then out to stores all over.

Truckers are getting paid generously for all this moving, and the items spend time in containers, then in vast rows and stacks.

When you're on the road, note the same type of items going (for example) from a warehouse in LA to a customer in SF, and from SF to LA, *and* to and from Fresno (in between), day and night.

This may seem wasteful and inefficient, but it's not. The old Soviet Union tried to centralize everything, and ended up with universal shortages instead. The American system is flexible and redundant, hence it can dodge bottlenecks and cover unexpected gaps.

Careers

Before we get wrap this up: Some people don uniforms as an essential part of their career. Others wear business suits. Many farm, fish, and dig. Millions of workers spend the day at a keyboard, phone, or cash register. Some teach, and others heal.

This author lacks the experience to write about those careers. (My wife makes me put on a tie about once a year.) Instead, I'll simply thank them all for their valuable contributions to society.

One hears about corporate layoffs and unemployment cutoffs. Also about former executives taking low-paying retail jobs. Even so, there is a shortage of truck drivers. Some companies are holding recruitment seminars inside prisons. (Which could work out well for both parties.)

It's not the world's hardest job, but neither is it simple. I could tell stories about challenges overcome to get an unusual load delivered to the correct spot.

In one episode of *The Simpsons*, Homer becomes a trucker, and learns their big secret: big rigs are equipped with a computer that does all the driving while the trucker himself relaxes.

We haven't gotten that far yet, but maybe someday! Meanwhile, be sure to appreciate that trucker you see along the road. I've never heard them mentioned in any Unificationist workshop or sermon, but they do a very important job.

There are rolling chapels that allow Christian truckers to gather at roadside stops to worship. I've met others who are devout Hindus. Everyone has a place in Heaven.

PS: In regards to my recent article "Good Chemistry," a friend loaned me a video of the movie *Shallow Hal*. It illustrates my points quite well. ❖

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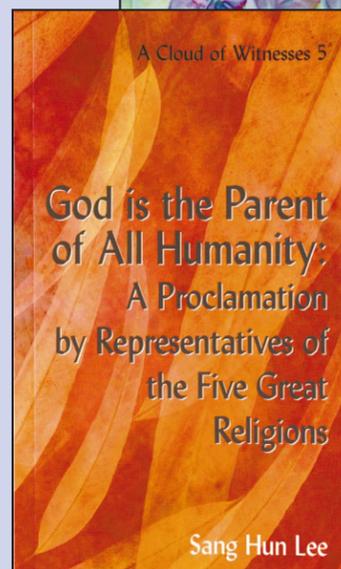
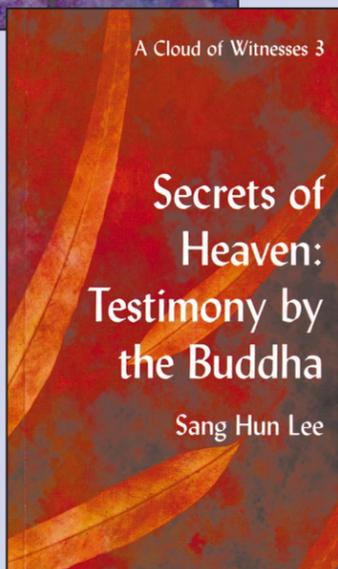
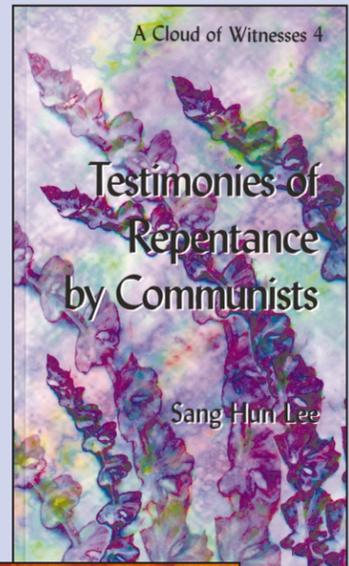
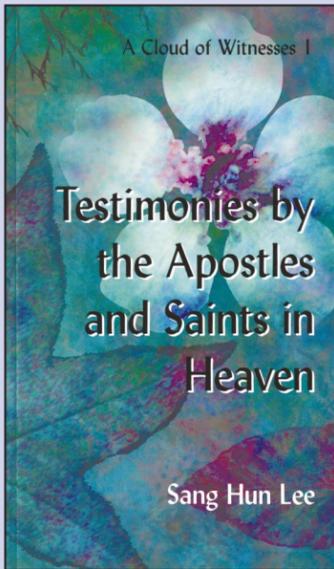
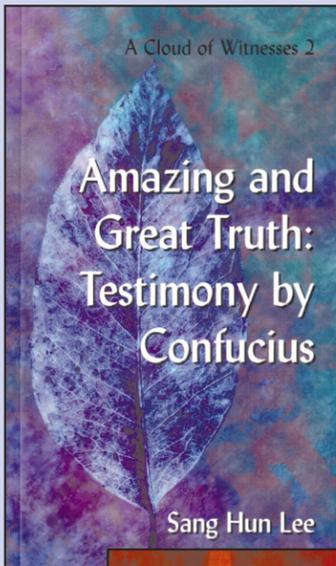
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