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Inaugural Assembly: Founding of the IIPC

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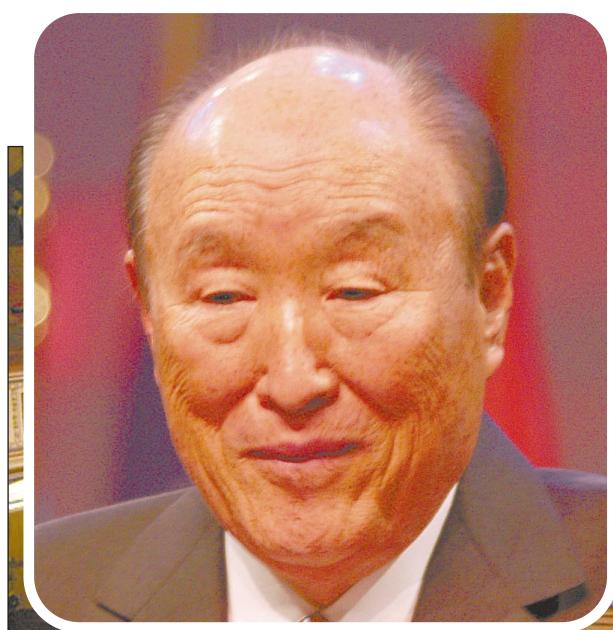
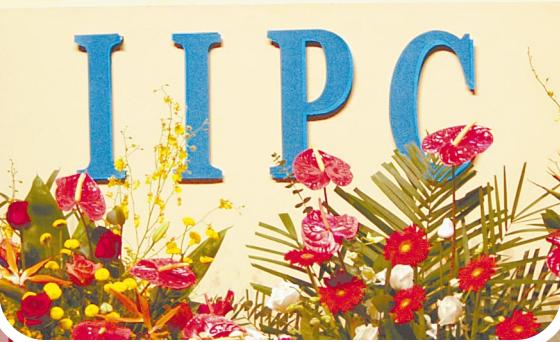
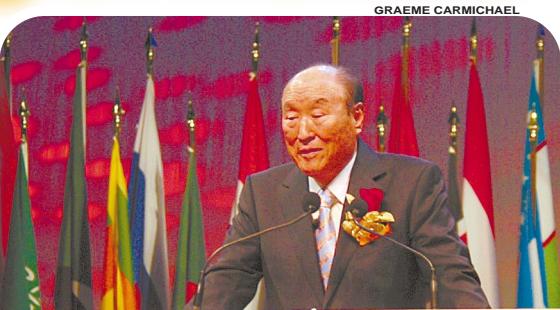
The Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC)," said H.E. Debbie H. Remengesau, First Lady of the Republic of Palau, "can improve existing methods and

practices for addressing critical global problems by being the leader in the moral or spiritual conscience in leadership governance." She further explained that the eternal values derived from religious teachings not only establish a strong moral value system for this life, but also prepare people for the eternal life in the spiritual world.

The IIPC was founded on October 3rd in New York

City where 304 delegates, including 52 guests from the United Nations-all together representing 149 nations-attended the 4-day Inaugural Assembly with the theme, "Global Governance for a New Realm of Peace." The Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon,

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Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon

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Respected guests, over the past 50 years, as humanity has experienced many trials and wars, both locally and internationally, it has placed its trust in the United Nations as the only institution that could address these issues on a global scale. However, the world we live in today has reached a point where the United Nations, as it currently exists, cannot successfully address this enormous challenge. Likewise, although the United States has emerged as the world's lone superpower, it does not have the capacity to deal with the crises that we confront today. We must conclude that political, economic, and military power, by themselves, cannot meet the critical challenges of the day.

Today I would like to take this precious opportunity to speak on the topic "The New Elimination of Boundaries and World Peace" and convey to you Heaven's message for this age. Truly, this is a joyful, historic, and providential declaration before the hundreds of billions of human beings now living on earth and in the spirit world.

Today, on every level, boundaries cause division and conflict. If we can eliminate all the boundaries in this world, a world of peace would inevitably come about. We must recognize who owns those boundaries. Clearly, it is not God. It was the devil, Satan,

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The New Elimination



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who first created boundaries. Wherever a boundary exists, there is always the devil and his cohorts. This is a result of the Human Fall, when the first human ancestors switched their lineage, and good and evil began to diverge from each other. When we look at the division between the East and the West, we see that different cultural spheres have led to antagonism at their boundaries and that the devil is encamped there. It was Satan, not God, who created boundaries, by digging all sorts of traps and enmeshing people in racial discrimination and evil cultures, histories, and traditions. God's desire is for a world of goodness and unity -- a world of oneness in which all humanity lives as one great family. Boundaries have no place in such a world. In a world without boundaries, there can be no enemies. The concept of "enemy" entails the existence of boundaries.

When we love our enemies and make oneness with them, the boundaries between us will collapse. That is why God's strategy and tactic has always been "Love your enemy." There can be no greater strategy for peace than this. Throughout history, this incredible fact has escaped humanity's understanding, and it has yet to be grasped even in modern times.

Today, I tell you clearly that God's strategy and tactic for human salvation is to love your enemy. You and the members of the Unification Church who have followed me until now are the representatives of history as well as of the current world who now know Heaven's incredible secret. Our responsibility now is to inherit this principle, put it into practice, and become a true human being. If you accomplish these things, you

are sure to become a key player in bringing about a world of peace.

Respected guests, when and where are boundaries formed? Boundaries first take shape within ourselves. They form in places where our hearts find something disagreeable, where our bodies find something disagreeable, where we find our own actions to be disagreeable, and where we find our own words to be disagreeable. When, in response to our five senses, our mind and body are in disharmony, boundaries of all sorts come into being. Please take a moment to consider all the different kinds of boundaries, both large and small, that fill our lives.

If you are determined to practice the maxims "Don't have enemies" and "Don't create boundaries," there may come a time when you will need to pluck out one of your own eyes. This is because it is possible to have two kinds of eyes. If you have an eye that says, "This is nice, and that is nice, too," and likes everything it sees, good and bad, then a huge boundary will form in that eye, separating how that eye sees the world from how God sees the world. The same is true with our hearing. On the one hand, we like listening to words of goodness and truth, while on the other, we also listen to the evil words of the world and conform ourselves to them. When we do this, we create boundaries in our ears.

When I initiated the Unification Church, I did not forbid our members from listening to popular songs even though many Christians banned such music. The issue is not whether the music is a popular or classical piece, but whether the person singing a particular song is able to digest its content correctly. Good and evil are not determined by genre. The question is whether singing a particular song eliminates an existing boundary or creates a new one. If a person is able to build a bridge of true love that is pleasing to God, then it does not matter what kind of song he sings, whether it is a popular song or even a song whose words are in some exotic language.

From this perspective, the fact that the boundaries found in your environment are the result of sensations received through your five senses as well as everything that has been passed down to you through the ladder of historical tradition means that it is not by your own choice that you find yourselves belonging to Satan's domain. In other words, if there were no boundaries in our lives, we could stand on God's side. Please remember that Satan is a king who has used every means possible to create boundaries in our lives, and that God is the King who hates boundaries more than anything else.

As you know, the Korean peninsula where I was born is still divided between North and South near the 38th Parallel. Those who like having this divi-

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- 3 Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World (1988)
- 4 Foundation for the Support of HSA-UWC (1963)
- Day of Victory of Heaven (1976)
- 5 Proclamation of Total Liberation and Unification between the Physical World and the Spiritual World (1998)
- Sang Ship Jeol: Double 10 Day (1999)
- 11 Father's father's Ascension (1954)
- Opening of Cheonsung Wanlim Palace Center (1999)
- 13 Shin Myung Nim's Birthday (9/8/86)
- 14 6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
- 16 In Sup Nim's Birthday (9/11/72)
- 21 Shin Eh Nim's Birthday (9/16/89)
- 777 Couples' Blessing (1970)
- 23 Shin Mi Nim's Birthday (9/18/77)
- Shin Ok Nim's Birthday (9/18/89)
- 25 Hwa Yun Nim's Birthday (9/20/77)
- 27 Young Jin Nim's Ascension (1999)
- 29 Shin Pal Nim's Birthday (9/24/98)
- 30 6500 Couples' Blessing (1988)

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- 3 Daemo-nim's Ascension (1989)
- 5 True Children's Day (10/1/60)
- 8 Shin Sun Nim's Birthday (10/4/90)
- 10 Shin Hoon Nim's Birthday (10/6/94)
- 11 Yun Ah Nim's Birthday (10/7/78)
- 18 Shin Ha Nim's Birthday (10/14/98)
- Shin Chool Nim's Birthday (10/14/99)
- 22 Jin Whi Nim's Birthday (10/18/63)
- Shin Young Nim's Birthday (10/18/86)
- 23 Tiempos Del Mundo Established (1996)
- 27 Heung Jin Nim's Birthday (10/23/66)
- 28 Hye Shin Nim's Birthday (1963)
- 29 3.6 Million & 36 Million Couples' Blessing (1997)

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- 1 Declaration of the Opening of the Gate for the Blessing of the Spiritual World (1997)
- 4 Opening of Columbia Road Church (1977)
- 14 Shin Pyung Nim's Birthday (11/11/96)
- 18 Summit Council for World Peace Inaugurated (1981)
- 22 35 Previously Married Couples' Blessing (1976)
- 26 Un Jin Nim's Birthday (11/23/67)

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sion along the 38th Parallel are on Satan's side, while those who offer their lives to fight for its elimination will become the champions whom God finds most pleasing. If all 70 million Koreans were determined not to leave this division in place, even at the cost of all their lives, then the unification of the Korean peninsula would be accomplished automatically. But this will not be an easy task.

Wherever such a "38th Parallel" exists, Satan is the owner; and wherever a "38th Parallel" is eliminated, God is the owner. For this reason, the members of the Unification Church who have followed me have carried on a reform movement to digest and remove all of humanity's "38th Parallels," that is, to eliminate all boundaries.

When the day comes when everyone feels desperate to have exchange marriages for their children -- that is, choosing their sons-in-law and daughters-in-law from enemy nationalities -- everything under heaven will automatically be unified as one. Respected guests, this message from Heaven is my gift to you today. Let me remind you again: Wherever there is a boundary, that is where you will find Satan's kinfolk living; wherever people live in harmony and peace without a "38th Parallel," there you are certain to find God's kinfolk -- true people of goodness who have inherited God's lineage.

Respected guests, I am now very interested in pursuing projects to open up a new world of tourism and hobby industries. There are many places throughout the world where people would like to go to live and pursue their leisure activities. Such areas -- whether they are near an international border or in a desert area -- should be owned peacefully and in common by all humanity through a new international and inter-religious organization that would be on par with the United Nations. To accomplish this global task, I have already proposed to everyone who follows me that we collect a Total Living Offering Fund. This entire fund will be placed under the Interreligious and International Peace Council, which will stand at the level of a new international organization like the United Nations.

We see in the Bible that during the Old Testament age, animals symbolizing all of creation were sacrificed in the place of human beings. These were cut into two parts and their blood was drained. The left part represented Satan's side, while the right part was on the side of Heaven. This is how the struggle over ownership had been historically carried out. Then, Jesus, God's only begotten Son and first-born, came to earth and shed his blood. In the end, Jesus' physical body was claimed by Satan, while his heart returned to God in the spirit world. Because of humanity's disbelief, Jesus, too, was divided into two on the cross.

After going to the spirit world, Jesus said he would come again, because he must recover his substantial body. His death was a terrible tragedy. The mind and body of Jesus, God's only begotten Son, became divided and, because of this, the spirit world and the physical world remained divided. At the beginning of history, men and



women became divided against each other, as were mind and body, and Jesus came to unify all these. Toward this purpose, he claimed the spirit world's right of ownership, but he must come to earth again to claim ownership on earth as well, and make everything one. What will he do when he comes? He will marry, establishing the true lineage and thereby cre-

ating a true family.

Satan, who seized the physical body of Jesus, God's first-born, continued to hold possession of the earthly world, while God held the heavenly world. After going to the spirit world, Jesus spent 2,000 years preparing the path. While he worked in the spirit world to focus the world of the mind on the goal of unification, he was working in the earthly world by establishing the foundation for Christianity. However, Christianity became divided between Catholicism and Protestantism, which were in the roles of the struggling brothers, Cain and Abel. These adversaries continue to fight each other today. The first-born, in the position of Cain, came to be on the side of Satan, and the second-born,

in the position of Abel, came to be on the side of Heaven. Within this paradigm, history has developed through continual fighting, as people adopted ideas and concepts that resulted in the creation of increasingly more boundaries. Liberation must be brought to this situation.

The Lord who comes again will unify the heavenly kingdom and establish a unified country on earth that fulfills the ideal of the biblical nation of Israel. He will also perform a new model of marriage that creates oneness for the first time between heaven and earth, and between man and woman, who have been fighting each other for thousands of years. This is what Christianity refers to as the "Marriage of the Lamb."

Historically, the period immediately following the Second World War was an excellent opportunity to unite the heavenly world and the earthly world centered on Christianity. The Christian cultural sphere stood in the same position as if it had unified the entire world. It was the best opportunity for Jesus, who had become a victorious supreme leader, to return to the earth, together with the Holy Spirit, centering on the unified Christian cultural sphere on earth. Then, with himself as the groom and the Holy Spirit as the bride, he could have initiated a new marriage that would have brought resolution to all of humanity's problems. Everything in God's creation would have become a peaceful Kingdom of Heaven. This is not a vague or ambiguous notion.

When you look at God's ideal of creation, who was supposed to be the first couple ever to be married? It was Adam and Eve. Unfortunately, Adam and Eve fell, and this resulted in humanity becoming enslaved to thousands, even tens of thousands, of boundaries. But when three things happen -- the walls that originated with Eve are torn down to make the land flat, the positions of Adam and Eve before the Fall are restored, and they are married anew -- then this would be welcomed not only by our ancestors but also by God. When such a world is brought about, this will be the Kingdom of God on Earth.

This has never happened in human history. Until now, human beings have been slaves, entangled and tormented within countless boundaries. They have lived their lives groaning in agony. If we can only find the answer to the question of how to abolish all boundaries, this will also be the first step toward human peace. Until this moment, humanity has lived in ignorance of this.

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Now, for the first time in history, I have appeared on this earth in the capacity of True Parent. I am teaching this answer, and giving the new Holy Marriage Blessing, in the presence of God, to all good men and women for all to see. Even if there were a million boundaries in the world, it would not be a problem for me. They can be eliminated easily. How can this be so? It is possible because of true love. Unless a person knows God 100 percent and stands in the same position as God, it is impossible to resolve such a situation.

In the spirit world, there is hell and heaven. If we compare heaven to the daytime, hell is like the night. How can a person who has not experienced both day and night exercise control over the borderline between heaven and hell? There is no way. Only a person who knows the content can naturally come to exercise control. Only the person who knows with certainty the content of hell can wipe away the darkness.

God is omnipotent and omniscient, so He is able to wipe away the darkness. The problem is for us to come to know God. How well do you know God? Does He like money? Does He like power? Or is He only interested in knowledge? If God were like this, we could not be certain about humanity's eventual liberation.

It is only when we know God completely that we can banish Satan completely and bring total resolution to the issue of boundaries. We need to know what God has that can be used to resolve the age-old problem of boundaries. This is important. If God is the owner of the universe, should there not be a neighborhood and a country where this owner lives? If we are to know God, then we must stand in the reciprocal position to God and go in search of that country where we can become members of the royal family.

All environments, though, are cut off by various kinds of boundaries, so it is by eliminating these boundaries that we can go about creating a world that God will find pleasing. When that happens, all creation will want to receive God's direct dominion. They will want to be liberated from the rule of the devil, which has brought persecution, agony, and the weight of countless boundaries.

Respected leaders, it is most important that we know God with certainty and know the heavenly world, or spirit world, with certainty. Just do this, and no matter the time or the place, you will be able to figure out how to adapt and deal with any situation.

God definitely lives in the heavenly world. How can it be, then, that the world in which we live is divided by thousands and tens of thousands of boundaries? It has become such a nonsensical world, because not only is there no one who knows God correctly and

knows the heavenly world, but also there is no one who knows the content of the tradition of the heavenly world. When we come to know that content with certainty, a realm of liberation will appear in the spirit world and in the earthly world. All we need do is become a true person who is knowledgeable about all the secrets of the heavenly world and capable of immobilizing Satan. Then we will come to know how to live in a culture and tradition that lets us be as one body with heavenly law. Such a person is a true person who embodies "true love that lives for the sake of others." This is not a person who seeks selfish love for his or her own sake only, but a true person who makes it possible for his or her partner to become an owner of true love. A true person sacrifices everything for the sake of his or her partner and makes it possible for the partner to dance and live within true love. Such a true person becomes

will turn around 180 degrees and rise up into the heavenly kingdom. The blessing of eternal life will be given. By becoming a true person who knows God with certainty, knows the spirit world with certainty, and can practice "true love for the sake of others," which is the traditional philosophy of the heavenly world, you become qualified for the first time to refer to God as your "Father." It is only in this position that the link in the lineage between parent and child is established, and it is only through this heavenly lineage that the logic and tradition of eternal life are decisively and inseparably attached to you.

Eternal life is an essential attribute of true love. When God created the universe, He did so with the standards of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience. Please understand that God pours out His true love for eternity regardless of how the world may change

that has continued throughout history? Because this is something committed by the false parent, only the person who comes as the True Parent of humankind can set it right.

Distinguished guests who are concerned about the world and cherish the desire for peace among humankind: In this time, which is the final fruit-bearing season in human history, Heaven has sent me to this earth as the Savior, Messiah, returning Lord, and True Parent of humankind. I received Heaven's command at the young age of 16, and have followed it ever since. My life of more than 80 years has been focused on just one thing -- to complete the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven according to the desire that God has treasured since the beginning of time. I have experienced all manner of persecution so unimaginably intense that the six billion people on earth today would not be able to endure even if they

joined their hearts together as one. Even in the midst of that, I stood on the standard of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience to God and completed all restoration through indemnity for the sake of humankind. The power of Satan has now been completely eradicated from the earth.

Now a new world is opening up for humankind. I have already founded the Federation of Island Nations, the Federation of Peninsular Nations, and the Federation of Continental Nations in the spirit world and the earthly world. Not only that, while you were unaware, humanity has already entered the third year of Cheon

II Guk (the Kingdom of God). Not only has the lost realm of the first Israel been restored, but I have also completed the declaration before God and the cosmos of the start of the "Fourth Israel Nation." In the spirit world, the leaders of the five great religions and 120 billion new blessed families have formed a oneness based on my absolute standard and are standing at the forefront in the effort to build a world of peace.

Your mission now is to engrave into your memory the meaning of my declaration today regarding "The New Elimination of Boundaries and World Peace," return to your communities, and be the first to practice true love in your family, society, nation, and world for the purpose of building the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven. I believe that you will devote your full efforts to the Interreligious and International Peace Council, which we have formed together here today as a body on the level of a new Abel-like United Nations.

I hope that each of you will make a determination to live for the sake of liberating true love and that God's blessing may be with you as you return home. Thank you. ♦



an heir to the heavenly world and is protected and loved by the heavenly world. Satan cannot lay a hand on such an heir to the heavenly world.

When we go beyond feeling anger at the sight of someone being killed and instead live for the sake of our enemy with true love, then we can rule the world of the enemy, and Satan automatically withdraws. The world of the enemy will come to respect and attend you. If you live for the sake of those around you and give them true love to a greater extent than you would your own children or parents, Satan will automatically withdraw. God will come and fill that position instead and repay you thousands and tens of thousands of times over.

What did I say is the secret to forcing Satan to run away? In the presence of a true person who is determined to live for the sake of others in true love, die for the sake of others, and love for the sake of others, Satan, no matter how determined he may be, will have no choice other than to forfeit his boundaries and run away. Even if he runs away, he cannot do so without first tearing down the boundaries. What will happen then? Because Satan has left, a process of eternal life will unfold in which all those countless numbers of people who were sent straight to hell

or pass away. So it is impossible for there to be any existence that is not subject to God's governance or does not attend God as the absolute, unique, unchanging, and eternal owner. When human beings, who were created to have eternal life, become God's sons and daughters, and stand in a position of oneness with God, His Kingdom becomes our kingdom and God becomes a personal God for each of us. When, in our daily lives, we are one with God, the traditional owner of the heavenly world, and there is no room to doubt that we are His son or daughter, then it will be only natural that we enjoy eternal life and immortality. That is why there is truth in the paradoxical statement, "Those who seek to lose their life for the sake of Heaven will live, and those who seek to live for themselves will die."

In eliminating boundaries, we must address the boundaries within the United Nations. We must also eliminate religious boundaries, ethnic boundaries, and the boundary between hell and heaven. Boundaries were originally created by false parents, so no one except the True Parents can eliminate them. Even God cannot do it, because He did not establish them. Satan absolutely will not do it. Who can bring an end to the conflict between Satan and God

Father's Address: 44th True Children's Day

Now I have the authority to give my children all that I have. All people can become my children at this time. Now it is 10:30 AM. Maybe we will go until 12:30 and have lunch. Now that I am older I have to keep things simple. True Mother has a cold right now. Mother what should I do. Well, I give Mother permission to go because she is sick. Who's child are you? God's child or True Parent's child. Without True Parents even God cannot make you his children. With that principle you are True Parents' children. As the central owner of Cheon Il Guk everything belongs to True Parents. All the creation belongs to True Parents from God's point of view.

If we think about what is essential. Life, Love and Lineage. How can we understand True Love. – To live for the sake of others. What does this mean? The eyes live for the nose, the nose for the mouth etcetera. It requires order and the establishment of a good principle. Some people speak well and some listen well. Sometimes you stand in a position to be persecuted.

There must be something to make you move. Your spouse is there to push you forward. Input and output must be balanced. In this world many times there is an imbalance. When there is imbalance then eventually you will float away from this. It is very important to maintain balance. In order to stay balanced there must be order. Should all the men and women equally go on the stage at a rally. No. Women who demand that women must be on the stage equally don't understand the principle of order and eventually they will float away los-

This speech was given October 25, 2003 at the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, Cheong Pyeong Lake, Korea. Notes by Rev. Michael Jenkins at the 7 am Pledge Service.

The Pledge Service was guided by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak. The offering table was set with the traditional settings of fruit, cookies and representative food items of all the creation. There were large dark brown wooden bowls with grain, spices, corn and barley in the front of the altar. True Parents entered to our applause. Father looks magnificent - very healthy and ageless. Mother looked brilliant in a red formal sweater jacket and a light purple dress. Father wore a dark gray suit complimented by a dark maroon striped tie.

Father lit the 7 candles in the front of the offering table. First the center, then the far right, then the far left, then the next on the right then the left from outside to the center. Then Father and Mother began with prayer. True Parents then gave Kyung Beh to God. Afterward, they walked to the back of the offering table together. (As with True Day of All Things this is a new tradition signifying that True Parents are one. It used to be that Mother would bow to Father as this point. Now they go to the throne as King and Queen of all Blessed Families as one.) Next, the True Children bowed. (Another new point here is that Dae Mo Nim is now asked to bow with the True Family together).

a partner of love in which we have our subject and object then we can overcome. When there is a good subject object relationship you create a heavenly atmosphere. In this atmosphere problems can be solved. If you look at the microbes you can see that a world can come out of the change in environment.

For Judaism, Islam and Christianity, the relationship between God and man must be clarified. Unificationism adds the deep understanding of the relationship of God and man.

The Family Party would be no problem to expand and establish everywhere if we had taken good care of the former heads of state. There in Prime Minister N. in Japan. He met me and called me teacher Moon. What do you think Jesus, Muhammad, Buddha and Confucius are doing. They are wanting me to teach them as the True Parent.

Rev. Kwak, can you see my face well. Do I look young or old. I may look old but my heart is very young. I am very handsome in my heart. Therefore all women want to be related to me. All women, raise your hand if you want to be related to me.

There is no being that does not need a partner. Why were women born. To save a partner or find a partner? Men have to shave. If a woman wants to be

like a man, she cannot. Why, because men are convex and women are concave. How can the founder of a religion say these things. Were you born this way or did you acquire your sexual organs? Therefore its part of the original plan of creation. Men do you like to touch a woman with a soft face or with a beard? Why are men taller than women. Women can serve more easily than the man. If she is really tall it has to serve. Women were created to help the man. Unification church women must understand that they must serve their husbands.

I heard a story from one Japanese member. She married a Korean man and had a very difficult time with the inlaws. They felt like killing each other. However, after time they came to love each other. This is the power of the Unification way. Without an object there can be no subject. There is an object who listens. If there is a beggar who comes along then you should consider giving him your clothes. How must is my tie. \$1.50? .50? Some might say that how can you talk so big and have a cheap tie. This is actually a very good tie. How

ever, you should consider how to help the poor peo-

ple to be restored. Who says I don't need a husband or children. Those without sons and daughters or a spouse are poor. They cannot attend their children or spouse as they would attend God. Therefore they don't grow.

If you look at the word inherit what does it mean. We have to look at the word Representative. A representative can go anywhere in the world. A human being is the only one qualified to be a representative of God. God requires a representative. Do you want somebody who represents you to be greater than you. Actually in the Unification Church we have a principle that we want someone greater than ourselves to represent us. Why do we want a representative greater than ourselves. So that we can bequeath everything we have to that person. We want to bequeath everything we have to that representative. That representative can represent God the creator, the cosmos, and the nation.

God was very strict in training me. Why did God give me a hard course. So that I could overcome every imaginable circumstance and be victorious. I can be the greatest farmer. When I was younger I could see the problem of not planting straight row. I found a way to improve the straightness of the rows and how to improve upon planting process. I came so that I

could teach the farmer.

There is the story about Jesus and the fig tree. When things don't bear fruit they will be cursed. I'm in my eighties and you are young. There are many things that you can because you are young. I can do what takes 10 years in 3 years. Do I have things to teach you? Are you listening.

There are many things I have to teach you now. In 25 minutes its time for lunch!!! The cameraman, you are my enemy, you always make problems for me. You should not be in the center aisle taking pictures because I want to walk there. Where is my handkerchief? (Father took it and dabbed his brow). Then he threw it to someone in the first two rows. (everyone laughed). Then Father asked Mr. Pak (a KEA leader) to sing.

The most important thing is what Chun Jo Chun Ji Po Mo Nim. Parents of heaven and earth. Pyeong Hwa (Peace), Peace requires two to become one. Rev. Kwak, Rev. Hwang do you understand. Today, on the 44th True Children's Day, I am announcing the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Man. This makes God happy. Cosmic Parents and the parents of heaven. You are in the position to be the fruits that can bring heaven and

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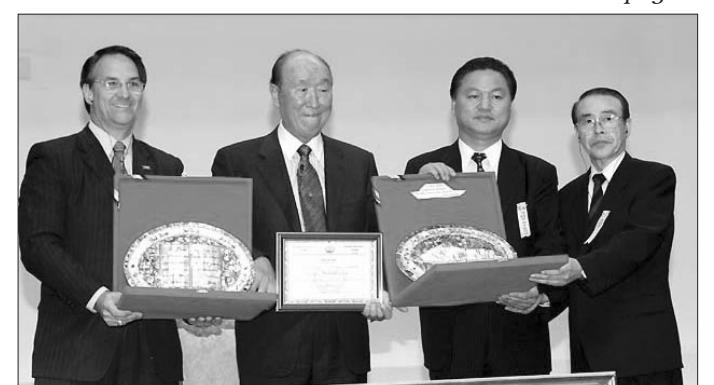


ing power. You must maintain the right order. Those who want peace raise your lefthand. Many raised their right hands. If you raised the wrong hand you are out of order and did not listen. Those who believe they don't need a partner raise your hand. If you think this way you should just fade away.

Are there more men or women here? If we look at religious organizations, they are mostly 75 % women. When I look at you here, many here are fighting with their wives.

I will declare something new today. Unification Church has Cosmic Parents. There must be more than just one. There must be a subject and object. God cannot be parent alone. He needs to have his object partner to be parent. He must have True Parents on earth to stand as the eternal True Parent. When we talk about the place of settlement or the place of peace. If the Unification church doesn't know about happiness and peace we are lacking a full view.

We need God's love. When we have



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earth together. You are in an age when you can have the cosmic parents position. Please think about this carefully. You become parents centered on what? Centered on the love organ. Does God have a love organ. Does he have nothing. The parents must resemble their children.

Mrs. Kang, (the first Christian to join our church). stand up. This lady married Augustine who lived 1700 years ago. (Mrs. Kang said, "actually 1650 years ago" Father said, when its that many years does it matter? Father asked Mrs. Kang to give a testimony and sing. Father told me that a person on earth and a person in the spirit world can actually "feel" each other. It actually feels like I'm talking to a person living on earth.

Earlier in the early time of our church I started hearing voices and I don't know where they are coming from. Father said, "Oh, if you keep hearing those voices you will go crazy. However if you faith is absolute then whatever happens you will be ready." I have 8 spirit people with me at all times. Now when I go into the spiritual world I'm giving lectures. (Thank you.)

Father: Heavenly Father exists in the spirit world and he is the root. You must have the trunk the branch and the leaves. This is the time of noon time. You must be ready to invest your life. Because of your destiny you came here. Now your life is extremely happy. Light will come to the unlimited world of tomorrow.

Cosmic Parent, The Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the most important, The Parents of Heaven, Earth and Man. When man fell, it means also God fell. Why? Because God cannot be the King without his objects. When you stand correctly you cast no shadow.

When Satan is after you the only way to stop him is setting the conditions of indemnity. If we do the work that we were to do ten years ago. It means that the restoration of the responsibility is fulfilled latter. The cosmic parent is the mind, the Parents of heaven and are focused on the body. Now the Parents of heaven, Earth and Man are concerned with everything. To make your family go straight you must pass through three generations and have then blessed. Also, each woman should raise at least 3 children. Those who don't have any children, raise your hand. You must adopt children. You should adopt children from a family in which you feel you can give all your possessions.

I declared the Kingdom of the Abel Realm UN and now the Cain Realm UN.

I started preparing for the Abel UN from 5 years ago. I have been setting the conditions. The current UN has to retreat. All people have to become one big family. It sounds like a dream but it is true. Nobody could guide in this way before. After all this is over and the True Parents go to the spirit world it could take thousands of years to be saved. All those who received the blessing must come together and receive the blessing as a family and on the national level so that the blessing will cover everyone. A new marriage ceremony and a new birth ceremony could not be held until now. Why? These things can only come on the foundation of a nation. The Peace UN has to be built. You have to overcome this period by building the peace UN. Even in the mineral world there is the plus and the minus. There is the balance of pairs (like stamen and pistil), man and woman.

thing will be destroyed.

How about you western members who came from the 840. Did you learn something in Korea. When will you go back? Would you like to stay? Who will feed you? You will go back in a few days. You are now appointed Ambassadors for Peace. We will build embassies in 7 nations and Condos where you can go there when ever you please.

Everyone listen to me carefully now – especially Korean leaders so that you can teach all members. The key points are:

1. Everyone must have three children. You have to adopt if you have to.
2. The establishment of the Abel UN , Cain UN and unifying them as the Peace UN.

You must connect all relatives through the blessing. You must connect our foundation quickly to the nation and then to the world. You can bless you parents and relatives even if you have to force them. We live in such a time. Cain and Abel must become one.

Do you know what kind of character I have? Actually when I'm hit I have the character to take revenge. But because of the Principle I have to climb the way of digesting all. If a fly gets on the plane to New York in Korea will he still arrive in New York even though he is a fly? Therefore those who stick with me will go all the way into the Kingdom of God. We have to study and research all things well. If you go to prison you must be able to control yourself (even blinking). You must be able to control your sexual desire.

The Owners of Re Creation/ New Elimination of Boundaries for World Peace / Building A Peace Kingdom through the Peace United Nations. We should read all these.

3. We must organize all your tribes into clans. We must get rid of the borders. If you don't fulfill you may have to go through the 430 year course of the Israelites. We must end all strife between Cain and Abel and bring about a

world free of strife. How do we do this. One of the most essential elements is exchange marriage.

Afternoon address

Because of the fall, man and woman had to be restored. All was claimed by Satan, God's blood lineage was stained. Even if you have had children, no one could be registered until now. From this came Father son conflict and husband wife conflict.

However through the history of restoration the path of man was restored through indemnity. Because of that God could work through the conscience. To guide mankind. God sought to regain one Adam. The sign for adultery in Chinese character is made by showing three women together. The original owner is God. We are supposed to live in the spirit world at the right side of God's throne. Because we are not enough we cannot sit there, there is a gap.

How about love between man and

woman. It first starts with kissing and then man wants to touch the breasts. Do you want big breasts or small breasts. You cannot deny the Principle of creation. However kissing and touching the woman's breasts does not complete love. What they both desire is to join together as one. The egg and the sperm are absolute and yet without man's fulfillment of responsibility this element can become totally evil. To be True something must be absolute, unique, unchanging, eternal and absolute. Some Korean men still drink, smoke and beats his wife. This kind of person will go toward ruin. When a woman breast feeds she cannot have another child during this time.

Why did God create such a vast universe. It takes a year for the earth to go around the sun. I can see all the spirit world so that I can see who are blessed with. I can see your ancestors and when black and white are combined and so forth. All women must stick with Rev. Moon. Even if you deny me you will end up liking me.

In May thru June most of the babies come. That is because in the winter months we can rest more and eat what we have harvested and then have many relationships. That brings the spring and summer babies. All of this must be resolved through the blessing.

The key to the Cheon Il Guk / Fourth Israel development is the Elimination of Barriers. Many western members are sitting for hours without moving. I really appreciate that. Sincerity is the most precious thing. (Father cleared the central aisle again – this time with water from his drink.) Father then walked up and down the aisle connecting in heart with brothers and sisters.

Father: That woman there. I am checking whether or not you cast your shadow. That woman there, how old are you. (37) What you look like you're 19. You should change your hair style so you look 37. Women of Japan. I bowed about 40 times because of these Japanese sisters. The bow and bow and bow and then I have to return it!!!

You there, you don't like your husband do you? You must love your husband.

Why did God make the beginning of the Universe with loud thunder. Electricity is like making love. After kissing and touching the breast then where do mans hands go. To the bottom and eventually to the precious organ. Then you become one. This is God's way. God wants to be there all the way through the process.

God's highest thought and emotion was the idea of creating a true family. Mind and body have to unite in one body with one heart and one mindset. If the core is solid then everything else will move....

Everything must be separated between good and evil. Father drank and said, "this water is good." Won Ju where are you. Three speeches that we are reading today you must follow and engrave it into your bones. With these words you will be able to bear fruit as you walk along the path of your destiny.

OK, means Open Kitchen, it also means Oh Korea! What is number 5 of the family pledge. To strive to open the spiritual world and physical world. You must cry until you can't move your limbs anymore. Then you can welcome your ancestors with this kind of heart. ♦



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The most precious thing is love between man and woman. The most precious thing is sex between man and woman. The most precious thing is the sexual organ. The foundation of the cosmos begins through the ideal ladder of sex. Through the proper relations you go up the ladder in the proper way. By doing this properly the gates of heaven will be open. If you live haphazardly and fall you will be blocked from going up the ladder. All the universe began with sex. Everything began with pairs.

No matter how beautiful or handsome you are if you fall you will be destroyed and will be ugly before God. Your life will be ruined.

What is the most precious and valuable aspect. Love organs. The love organ of a man, is it protruding or is it concave. Man and woman are made to come together. If that doesn't happen then there will be no nation. If we don't preserve this relationship properly every-

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by Robert S. Kittel

Three weeks after the Inaugural Assembly of the IIPC, that was held Oct. 3, 2003, over twenty-five distinguished advisors with experience in international organizations gathered in New York at the New Yorker Hotel, October 28-30, 2003, for a special planning consultation. Together they worked to outline and create working documents to support the progress of the Peace Council.

The IIPC Consultation had four sessions. The first dealt with "Global Governance in Crisis." This, however, was not a what-are-the-problems session. Instead it looked for ways the IIPC could help resolve the urgent crisis facing international governance. One of the important contributions that the United Nations has made, it was noted, was in fostering international cooperation among member states and this should be acknowledged and strengthened.

In the second session, titled, "Toward a 'Concept Paper,'" delegates explored the vision and the strength of such a peace council. The fact that the IIPC was not a government body was seen as a possible strength. This was because the UN, although an international body,

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nonetheless has no jurisdiction in sovereign nations unless invited. On the contrary, the strength of IIFWP's grassroots foundation could be seen from the fact that it held seminars this summer in 151 countries where 194 nations were represented.

When issues dealing with organizational structures were discussed in the third session, delegates pointed out a number of successful models of international organizations, i.e. the Red Cross and the Rotary Club, which should be considered when setting up the legal structure of IIPC.

The fourth session dealt with "Developing a Plan of Action." A number of proposals were on the table, including:

- * Fostering dialogue between the Maoist and Nepalese government leaders
- * Supporting such programs as the UN's Dialogue Among Civilizations initiative
- * Developing a conceptual framework for IIPC
- * Continuing efforts in Israel, Palestine (Gaza) and even consider inviting Israelis and Palestinians to Cyprus for

talks

- * Researching resources of the world's religions that support the idea of peace
- * Establishing peacemaking institutes for the education of peace-making tactics and methods

- * Creating educational literature on peace that can be published for daily readings by families, thus educating for peace along with developing literacy skills

At the conclusion, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, the Chairman of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, explained that peaceful relationships are developed when people think more about giving than receiving. Challenging each delegate Rev. Kwak said that the IIPC movement should be a model of



peace to both the secular world and the world of religion. Each person, he emphasized, "must overcome the religious barriers of ritual and doctrine, since God exists in a realm beyond religion. Then the IIPC can truly serve the world and foster peace." ♦

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sponsored the event.

This was seen as the pinnacle of the Founder's lifelong work and undying quest for world peace. Notwithstanding his more than half century of public life, the more immediate underpinning for launching the Peace Council was laid during this past summer. IIFWP held both broad-based and grassroots programs. One-day seminars in 158 nations around the world were held during a two month period while the Federation simultaneously carried out international conferences in three strategic areas of global concern: Jerusalem, Israel; Washington DC, USA, and Seoul, Korea. In essence, both the grassroots as well as the international nature of IIFWP could be observed. But even more important, and more than just a show of strength, this demonstrated the serious investment, financial sacrifice, and

voir of good will that could help bring about harmony between people and friendships among nations." But, Ambassador Zakhem cautioned, "We should be planning for the next stage, namely the implementation stage. We need to reach out to our respective governments to espouse the principles of IIPC."

His advice was heeded. Within two weeks after its inauguration, a selected number of delegates reconvened in New York City for an IIPC Consultation—a planning session lasting three days.

They will be reviewing, among other things, the "Inaugural Declaration" drafted and signed by delegates of the IIPC inauguration. The heart and spirit of the proclamation was not to point fingers or lay blame, although it did begin by calling for serious self-reflection. The purpose was to learn from shortcomings, identify areas that can be improved, and refocus on the vital task of establishing models of good governance. The declaration began:

and despair caused by inhumane violence and to alleviate poverty that affects the lives of hundreds of millions of our fellow human beings around the world...

It also called "upon governments, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to expand their capacity to resolve conflict, by integrating interreligious and intercultural dimensions in their projects and programs."

The fact that the United Nations was specifically named in the resolution was understandable. Just 12 days before the conference began, on September 19th, the New York Times ran a front page article titled "U.N. Senses It Must Change, Fast." In it, Secretary General Kofi Annan was quoted calling for "radical" revisions in the U.N. in order for this international body to survive.

The Chairman of the IIFWP, Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, in his Keynote Address highlighted the role religion plays in social change and development, explaining why it must be a partner in the governing process:

Ultimately, it is not technological transformation alone that will lead us to peace. Spiritual development is also necessary. In this respect, the role of religion is critical, for human beings are shaped by religion in profound and important ways. Moreover, throughout history religion has frequently been a primary agent of significant moral and social transformation. Thus, we should not ignore the core principles taught by all religions.

Roundtable discussions were held in the afternoon on October 2nd. Among the topics delegates could attend were:

- * Human Development
- * The Quartet, the Road Map and Peace in the Middle East
- * Civil Society and the Creation of an Ethical and Caring Global Community
- * Continental and Regional Alliances in a Global Age
- * The Major Powers and the Korean Peninsula
- * America: Challenges Facing the World's Sole Superpower
- * Addressing Critical Issues Facing

Africa

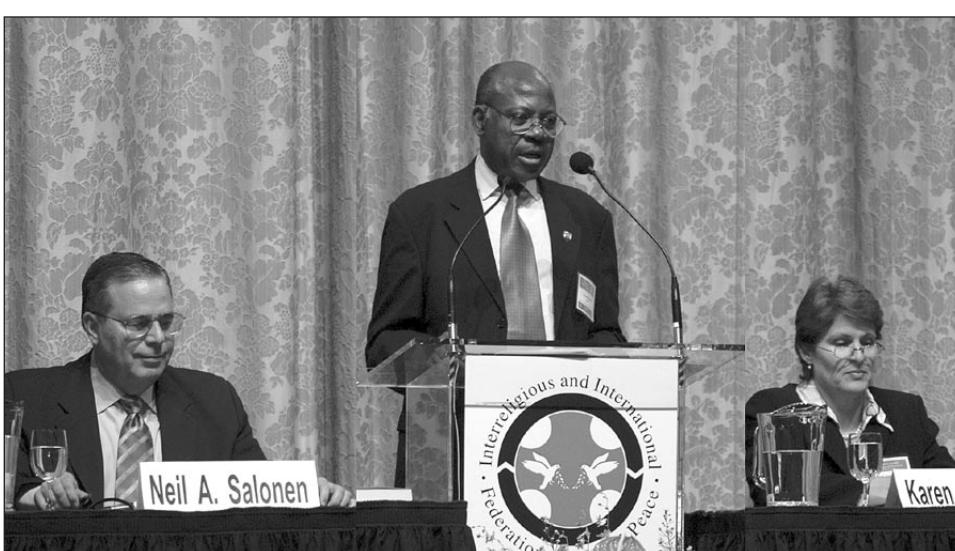
- * Address the Critical Issues Facing Island Nations

During the morning session on October 3rd, the Founder of IIFWP addressed the delegates and day-guests totaling 1,200 people. The Founder's Address, which Rev. Moon called his "gift" to the Assembly, dealt with the topic, The New Elimination of Boundaries and World Peace. He said that people have to overcome self-imposed barriers of race, religion and culture and that there are three things each person has to know for certainty: the existence of God, the existence of the spiritual world, and the practice of "true love for the sake of others." This level of oneness of heart creates the unbreakable "link in the lineage between parent and child." Once you reach this level of maturity and spirituality, you are ultimately qualified to refer to God as your "Father," not by faith alone but now aided with unquestionable, experiential convictions as well.

Following the Inaugural Session and lunch, participants attended the "Peace Under One God" rally. This was held at the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, just opposite the United Nations. But it was not a protest! It was a rally of support for the august world body. On a cool autumn day, with a jumbotron behind the stage and 10,000 men, women and children gathered to support new and innovative approaches to global governance, the program outlined four steps to world peace:

1. Living for the sake of others
2. Building families of true love
3. Interreligious reconciliation and cooperation, and
4. The proper role and function of the United Nations

Media coverage, electronic and print, drew more than 20 newsmen and women from nine nations. United Press International quoted H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid, former president of Indonesia as saying, "The idea of establishing the IIPC is an excellent idea." ♦



unshakable commitment this organization and its Founder has to creating world peace.

At the end of this Assembly, the Hon. Sam H. Zakhem, the Former U.S. Ambassador to Bahrain concluded, "Rev. Moon has built a strong following throughout the world. He now has a great reser-

Whereas, we are going through a most critical time in history that requires each of us to re-examine both ourselves and our institutions of global governance, including the United Nations, and to search for ways and means to go beyond past achievements in a renewed effort to prevent the suffering

IIPC Consultation: Opening Remarks

by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak

Iwould like to take a few moments here at the outset to provide an overview of the broader framework for our discussions. In particular, I want to share some points related to the Founder's vision for world peace and the IIPC.

Throughout his entire life, Father Moon has been following the call of God, beginning with his experience with Jesus, as a 16-year-old boy, while praying in the mountains near his home in what is now North Korea. The simplest way to express his mission in life is to say that he is absolutely committed to working to establish the Kingdom of God. The term "world peace" is another way of speaking about the Kingdom of God.

To establish God's Kingdom is not a simple matter. Otherwise, it would have been achieved long ago. God certainly does not oppose the accomplishment of His original ideal. In order to establish God's kingdom, there needs to be a coalition of factors working together. These factors have to do with there being a central figure in God's providence, the right time frame, and the right conditions.

I will not be vague as I think many of you know that within our movement we refer to Rev. and Mrs. Moon as True Parents. This term is not only a term of honor for them, but represents a very important status in God's providence. What various religions have referred to as messiah, savior, anointed one, or the second coming, is included in the term True Parents. This is the position that Adam and Eve were to have taken, had they not fallen. If Adam and Eve had not fallen, there would be no need for a savior and no need for religion at all. A savior is needed and religions are needed only to help overcome sin and restore fallen mankind back to God. Once fully restored, we no longer need a savior or a religious vehicle.

My point is simply to state up front that Rev. Moon is not an ordinary man, but stands in a position to lead God's providence at this time.

Secondly, it is not only that he is a man chosen by God, but also that the time we live in is a turning point in history. It is a time when God is intervening directly in human affairs, on the foundation of not only Rev. Moon's mission and work, but also the good conditions of the founders of all the religions, along with other saints, sages and conscientious leaders from the past. The time we live in is a time of harvest. It is a time when the fruit is ripe and ready to be harvested.

Although I am speaking from a religious point of view, I think you can also understand, even from a humanitarian, or moral, or social perspective that we are living at a very critical juncture in history. Something needs to be done to put an end to the suffering of humanity and to bring each precious human being to a point where they can fulfill their God-given hopes and aspirations.

Rev. Moon is both a very religious man and a very practical man. While he is a man of prayer, he is also a man of action.

In thinking of how to transform the world he thinks very logically.

First of all, individuals must be transformed through direct experience of God's love and truth.

However, he also knows that in order to establish world peace, the family itself must become a social unit that manifests

and expresses the love and truth of God. The family is the place where new human life is conceived, born and nurtured. It is also the school of love and ethics.

Along these lines he has initiated the Holy Blessing or the World Peace Blessing. This ceremony has both a very practical and a very spiritual significance. Spiritually, it represents the restoration of the Fall of Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, and then bore their children. In other words, their children were disconnected from God's lineage. These Blessings brings men and women back into God's direct lineage.

But the Blessing also provides a vision for family life that underscores the profound social significance of the family institution. For, when the family is stable, secure and loving, then society is also solid and unwavering. Good families and good parenting create children of good character who become good students, good citizens, good employees and professionals, good friends and ultimately become good husbands and wives, and good parents.

To establish God's kingdom, religion has a central role. It is to represent God's words of truth as well as the principles and practices we are to live by. Unfortunately, religious people have often been at the forefront of disharmony, sectarianism, and narrow-minded absolutism. For this reason, Rev. Moon has always advocated interreligious harmony and cooperation. He has encouraged all his followers to cultivate a respect for people of all religions, to develop a broad awareness and consciousness toward those of other faith traditions.

If religious leaders cooperate together, they can become a powerful force for good in the world.

Rev. Moon not only works among religious people, he also understands that to transform the world, it is necessary to reach people in all fields, including academia, education, media, the sciences, sports, the arts, NGOs, etc., so that through these leaders and their respective institutions, a message of peace can be presented.

Rev. Moon started the IIFWP in 1999, on the foundation of more than 50 years of effort in a wide range of areas, including interreligious dialogue, interdisciplinary dialogue among scholars, and the promotion of a moral and spiritual awareness among various professional communities such as the media, academia, etc.

The uniqueness of the IIFWP is twofold. First it seeks to integrate the potential of religious insight and religious influence into the effort to solve global problems. In this sense, Rev. Moon is taking interreligious dialogue a further step, seeking to bring those who have been able to move beyond sectarian narrowness toward cooperation, and calling them to now work cooperatively with others in governments, NGOs, international organi-

zations to solve critical problems.

This vision of interreligious and international governance was expressed in his proposal to the United Nations to establish an interreligious council.

In his mind, the current charter and structure of the UN system is lacking a necessary component-religion. Religion is simply too important in human history, both in terms of its moral force and in terms of its sociological significance, to be either excluded or ignored.

In 1945 when the UN was formed, the exclusion of religion no doubt seemed reasonable, given the immediate urgency

to try to prevent future world wars, especially realizing that some accommodation with the Soviet bloc seemed necessary for the UN to succeed. The exclusion of religion was taken for granted by many during the Cold War era. For example, the ideology of communism was officially atheistic, while at the same time, many Western democracies are officially secular.

But in this post-Cold War era, we must review this dominant paradigm. It is outdated. We should not be dominated exclusively by either 19th century ideologies or by Cold War political analysis.

As you know, there is currently a proposal being worked out by the Philippines to establish an interreligious council at the UN. IIFWP continues to support this effort and remains on good terms with our friends both in Manila and at the Philippines Mission. IIFWP of course is not a member state, but an NGO, so, we hope many other member states will support and co-sponsor the Philippine initiative.

Rev. Moon wants to see the United Nations fully renewed. Even an interreligious council will not necessarily mean the UN will be able to bring peace to humanity. It will depend on the level of quality and authority that the council has. For this reason, Rev. Moon continues to move forward with a vision to provide a model of good global governance. This is the purpose of the IIPC.

This is a major historical development. In his mind, peace is not just a concept or slogan, nor a distant hope, but a reality that is coming into being at this time. The world of peace is a unified world under God, with no borders or boundaries, and no discrimination. Furthermore, as committed people intermarry across lines of religion, race, nationality, culture, and class, etc., we will see a breaking down of barriers. Along with this, there will be a move toward equalization of wealth, technology and information.

A true realm of peace calls for increasing equality of living conditions. As each person is transformed and develops a God-centered character, he or she begins to live for the sake of others, going beyond personal self-interest. As this happens, a world of true love becomes possible.

God truly does not like borders, discrimination, inequality and conflict. He

wants only that we live as one family, as God's true sons and daughters.

Think about it, please. We can never reach peace as long as there are so many different levels of material wealth. There must be a process of equalization. Those who have wealth and prosperity must devote themselves more to assisting, serving and supporting those in greater need so they can improve their level of prosperity. There is no alternative to this. It is our destiny. Peace cannot just be an empty slogan. It calls for revolutionary action. We have to examine our lifestyle and change the way we live.

In relation to this, we also need to develop our understanding and appreciation of spirit world. We will all go there after our time on this earth. The spiritual world is a substantial reality, and not just a concept. It is a real, true world. There are no boundaries or borders there. Just imagine our ancestors living there. Also think about the saints and sages of history, are they living apart? Are there borders? What are the laws and principles that guide life in the spiritual world? The core and most absolute principle is the standard of true love, the principle of living for the sake of others.

But let me get back to the discussion of the IIPC.

Rev. Moon refers to the IIPC as the "Abel UN." What does he mean by this unusual terminology? Rev. Moon also thinks about the roots of our global problems and those roots take us back to the Fall of Adam's family. As you recall, not only did Adam and Eve Fall, but their children suffered the results of the Fall too.

Among Adam's children, Abel was a relatively more God-centered person. Cain, the elder brother, killed his younger brother. In God's ideal, however, Cain should not have killed Abel, but the two should have learned to love one another, forgive one another and reconcile with each other. For this to happen, it is Abel's mission to love and embrace his elder brother Cain.

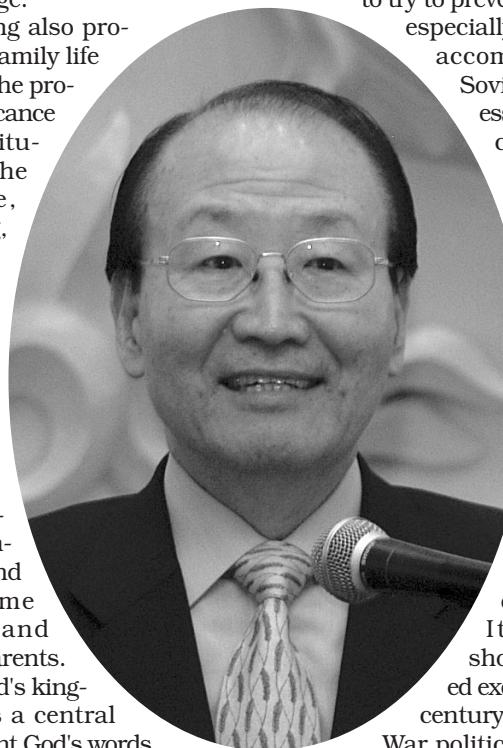
Rev. Moon wants the IIPC to be an "Abel UN," that is, an institution that is God-centered and that lives for the sake of others.

He wants the IIPC or "Abel UN" to be an example of good governance and to apply these core principles in its practices and to its programs. He also wants the IIPC to work cooperatively with the United Nations, and to serve and support that institution as it seeks to fulfill its own global mission.

It is Rev. Moon's hope that the IIPC and the UN will come to a close, cooperative and productive working relationship. If this comes about, it will represent a new era for the UN. He refers to this stage as the era of the "Peace UN."

Actually, he is already thinking of the "Peace UN." The true meaning of peace, freedom, happiness, and unification is related to God, and being centered on God's true love. When we are centered on God's true love, true and lasting peace will follow.

Ultimately, however, the goal is to build God's Kingdom, or what Rev. Moon calls the Peace Kingdom. The Peace Kingdom represents simply the universal hope and aspiration of all people, based on their God-given original nature that seeks a world of peace, happiness, freedom and unification. This is also IIPC's long-term goal. ♦



This was read on the 16th Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World, October 3, 2003, Manhattan Center, New York

Message from Heung Jin Nim

I am truly grateful to you for opening the era of Cheon Il Guk where we can live in joy and happiness, and for proclaiming the 4th Israel. We have now received an era of Heavenly kingship, authority and fortune, when God can directly work and lead us with the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Especially, the "Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, Opening the Gate to the Cheon Il Guk" is not only the joy of spirit world and physical world but also that of the Parents of Heaven and Earth as Their victory and liberation.

The Parents of Heaven and Earth, by following the way of Heaven, broke down the barriers created by the fall and restored the original relationships [with Heaven and earth]. For this, They were not able to rest even one day, making a knot for each moment of the dispensation so that humankind can be led to the path of peace and happiness. Whenever there was a providential proclamation, They emphasized the role of the spirit world. Even when They proclaimed the embarkation of the 4th Israel, They granted me a calligraphy: "Absolute victory of Heung Jin Moon, the Commander-in-Chief in Heaven" This was to encourage me who is still not good enough. Your son is deeply grateful for this.

So far, the spirit world continued to progress, based on the victorious foundation of our Parents of Heaven and Earth. And I would like to offer you a report, focusing on the activities of the spirit world and the founders of the 5 major religions.

First, I would like to express my gratitude to the Parents of Heaven and Earth who have been holding events and making proclamations in order to open a path to salvation for all humankind.

After entering the year of 2002, the Parents of Heaven and Earth proclaimed the era of the "Realm of Victory for an Independent Nation" and blessed us by saying that the spirit world and the physical world should be united as one and cooperate with each other centered on the settlement of Cheon Il Guk. And through the "Proclamation Ceremony of Total Unification of the Spirit World and Physical World," They opened a way for our ancestors who became the spirits of absolute goodness to build the Cheon Il Guk, God's Nation.

Further, the Parents of Heaven and Earth proclaimed the "Living-Realm Settlement of Unity and Peace for the Parents of Heaven and Earth" and thus again blessed us so that we can build the original realm of life in which the ancestors of spirit world and the Blessed families on earth can live together in the attendance of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. The Parents of Heaven and Earth strengthened the sovereignty of goodness and power through the Coronation of God's Kingship, the Ceremony of Dissolving 6000-year Grievances, and the Proclamation of the Living-Realm Settlement

of Unity and Peace for the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Through this, we entered an age when absolute good is more powerful than evil. We are now in the age when to see that good will prosper more and more, and evil will decline more and more.

Since the "Proclamation of the Living-Realm Settlement of Unity and Peace for the Parents of Heaven and Earth,"



God no longer appears as the light to the Blessed family members, but personally appears and speaks to them. In such a gracious time like this, when we are called, we should be able to answer Him, "Yes," with confidence. We should be able to do so only when we are in the position of "absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Only then, could we live in joy and happiness as desired by the Heavenly Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

As the result of the proclamation of the "Era of Peace, Unity and Balance," God now restored the Blessed families and entered the realm of life in which to have a direct dominion over them. Now, spirit world and physical world, centering on the equal standard, can be grateful for the attendance of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and thus, the ancestors who have become the spirits of absolute goodness could return to their descendants and cooperate with them more than ever before.

Especially, February 6th, 2003, which was 3rd year of the Cheon Il Guk, was 60th birthday of our True Mother as well as the birthday of our True Father. Through the occasion, there were the

Earth for the Opening of the Cheon Il Guk was a ceremony of notifying the original marriage through which they were secured as the Ancestors of goodness. In this sense, it was a brand new day ever since opening a new era, securing on earth the Cheon Il Guk centered on God's Kingship. Through this, finally, the Heavenly Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth Their marriage official, and we, the Blessed families could be registered, filing birth certificates through the benediction of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. We all are grateful for this. Accordingly, all of the Blessed families would have to make even more efforts so that they could grow as the children of God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth. It was, indeed, a moving ceremony of great change through which God's Kingship could launch as the substantial Kingship through the Parents of Heaven and Earth. And it was a significant event through which God, the Heavenly Parent and the

Parents of Heaven and Earth, totally being united as one, could be crowned as the King of the Blessed families.

On such a foundation, 8 club teams, representing each continent, participated in the 2003 Sun Moon Peace Cup which turned out to be a great success.



That Peace Cup event promoted the harmony and unity of humankind, and became a great festival to establish God's authority and His nation in the era of the Cheon Il Guk.

In the original world, art, culture, sports, etc. are to be mediators to build an ideal environment of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, as the expressions corresponding to the environment of the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world. Peace Cup Tournament was, through sports, to let human beings see and feel with their own mind and body dynamic harmony and the world of unity that could be shown in the beautiful environment of the Kingdom of Heaven. It was also to connect the world of unity and harmony in the Kingdom of Heaven to the physical world, in order to create a ground of the unity and harmony of humankind. Thus, this event became a great turning point to demonstrate the original value of sports.

In the Summit Meeting for World Peace which was held in August, our Father emphasized the importance of changing the character, mind, heart of human beings, and especially the ideology of human beings in order to bring eternal peace in the true world. For harmony and peace, all nations and reli-



"Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, Opening the Gate to the Cheon Il Guk" and the "Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families for the Peace and Unity of the Heavenly Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth."

The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and

gious bodies should repent their wrongdoings in the past, and resolve themselves anew for world peace. For this, spirit world will work hard.

Further, in order for the world to launch a new history of peace and be resolved to extinguish the sufferings from wars, diseases, and poverty, our Father established an inter-religious committee at the United Nations.

In order to be in line with the providence of the Parents of Heaven and Earth from the Summit Meeting to the Seoul Declaration for world peace, spirit world is also resolved to march forward for the building of God's Nation and world peace through harmony and peace in the spirit world. For this, it is striving to bring unity and harmony among religions, through spirits of absolute goodness who are now being educated.

Currently in the spirit world, representatives of the 5 major religions, who had been already Blessed are actively working with the spirits of absolute goodness, visiting and persuading the spirits of the same religion, but who are not Blessed yet. It is to have them be engrafted to the Parents of Heaven and Earth. The representative of each religion explains the Principle to them, focusing on the same teachings of their own religion. In the meantime, they continued educating on the Principle, how to remove the original sin and how to inherit true love from the Parents of Heaven and Earth. During the education, they are taught that the Creator is only one God, and therefore, in order to create the world of the original creation centering on God, everyone must be engrafted to the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

However, it is not easy for the representatives of the 5 major religions to witness to spirits and educate them. This is as if earthly people with barriers should first break down their own barriers and be open in order to have a heart to heart communication. Likewise, even spirits, although invisible to our own physical eyes, also have barriers towards other religions.

Nevertheless, the work of the Parents of Heaven and Earth who broke down many barriers and liberated the spirit world are actually breaking down the barriers of hearts. Thus, compared to before, it is easier to work in the spirit world. Even on earth, when we witness to people, it is not sufficient to talk to an individual only once or twice. We should continue investing ourselves and paying attention to that person. That is how that individual could open his or her heart, breaking down barriers, and eventually even committing oneself to the life of faith. Likewise, in the spirit world as well, having spirits open their hearts requires tremendous endeavor, which is more difficult than witnessing to earthly persons.

That is why the Parents of Heaven and Earth made proclamations of breaking down barriers in the spirit world on the number of occasions, including the one in the United Nations. Especially, on a Korean traditional thanksgiving day, Choosuk in 2000, the Parents of Heaven and Earth led the "Ceremony

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of Dissolving Total Grievances" and the "Ceremony of Liberating the Spirit World" through which the barriers in the spirit world were broken down, and spirit selves could travel to visit one other. This enabled us to witness to other spirit selves. In the future as well, if you continue making proclamations to break down the barriers in the middle realm of the spirit world, we should be able to expediting the process of witnessing to spirit persons.

In addition, in order for the representatives of the 5 major religions to make a greater impact to religious believers both in the spirit world and on earth, it is imperative for the ambassadors for peace and religious believers who participated in the Blessing to be educated on a regular basis on the topic of the spirit world. At the same time, inter-religious activities for dialogues and harmony among religions should continue as well.

No matter how hard the representatives of the 5 major religions strive to working through earthly people, earthly people often do not recognize it. It is because their 5 spiritual senses are closed. Further, since they have too many evil spirits in their bodies, even if those religious representatives are trying to let them see and feel their efforts to relate to them, it is not easy for earthly people to see it. So, in order to open their spiritual senses, education should continue, along with the Cheong Pyung providence.

The representatives of the 5 major religions are diligently working so that each religion can be united with the Parents of Heaven and Earth. They deeply respect the Parents of Heaven and Earth who are so loving to all humankind, transcending religions. They are also grateful for their profound grace and great love, solving the problems that they themselves cannot, such as removing the original sin and/or establishing the four position foundation, etc.

Your son is well aware that you blessed 120 billions of spirits among many hundreds of billions of them, not to mention earthly people. It is to have them live a life of one mind, one body and one heart, by restoring the fallen lineage stained by Satan from the fall of Adam and Eve to the lineage of God that is good. You also cleansed with your own sweat and tear their defiled bodies with fallen nature.

Many families have liberated and blessed their ancestors up to 70 generations, making them the spirits of absolute goodness. Thus, they are now able to exercise great power collectively like the 70 disciples of Jesus during his lifetime. Unless ancestors are liberated and blessed, the blessed families cannot stand straight, and unless they make their own ancestors the spirit of absolute goodness, they cannot build families who can attend the Heavenly Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

The blessed families on earth should know that their good ancestors in the spirit world are always cooperating with them. So, you should discuss with your ancestors and report to them so that they can continue cooperating with you. You, along with the Parents of Heaven and Earth, should also do your very

best in order to expand the territory and sovereignty of the Cheon Il Guk. You should deeply realize how great the power of the spirits of absolute goodness is, and participate in ancestral liberations and their blessing sooner than others. You should also attend the workshops provided by Cheong Pyung Training Center as soon as possible and cleanse numerous sins and crimes committed by your own ancestors in the past, and strive to separate your fallen nature and evil spirits within you.

Through the Chung Pyung providence opened by the Parents of Heaven and Earth, the number of spirits that became the spirits of absolute goodness through the blessing is 120 billion. And the world is now changing as the world of goodness. In the past, there were no spirits of absolute goodness. Since there was no one who could open

diseases, suffering, pain and unhappiness, and build the world of love, order, peace and freedom. The blessed families should have a sense of responsibility for the providence of restoration. So when watching the people in suffering from ordeals such as diseases, pain, agony, etc., you should feel responsible to save them, experiencing those feelings as your own. Tong-Bahn kyukpa can be achieved only when you feel others' suffering as your own, and urgency to resolve those problems as your own.

Tong-Bahn kyukpa can take place only when you feel a sense of responsibility for the Tong and Bahn where you belong to. There is nothing more precious than restoring the blood lineage, by witnessing to your neighbors. From now on, if the blessed families are serious about witnessing for Tong-Bahn kyukpa, spirit world will work hard for you. For example, suppose that there are religious believers from Christianity, Confucianism, Buddhism, Islam and Hinduism. Then, representatives from those religions and the ancestors who became the spirits of absolute goodness will strongly support you.

The blessed families should be tithing not only in money but also in activities. So, you should be involved with delivering the messages of the Principle at least three hours a day in your mission area, study the Word through a HDH, and educate people on true love. God desires that you would educate, witness, and bless laymen so that you can build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven, experiencing peace, joy and happiness overflowing in your heart. That is to build a true family. Only when a family stands straight in order, the Kingdom of Heaven can be established on that foundation.

Our life should be exemplary. The spirit world will, then, cooperate and we should be able to build the Kingdom of Heaven through the HD family church movement. This is how we can build the 4th Israel Nation.

In line with such a providential flow, I would like to, once again, express my gratitude to the Parents of Heaven and Earth for opening the Cheon Joo Cheong Pyung Training Center and the Chung Shim Hospital. You can now save human beings mourning from spiritual and physical diseases from the fall and lead them to joy and happiness by being healed both spiritually and physically.

Ninety percent of human diseases are based on spiritual ones. The work of the spirits of evil and grievances dwelling within the physical bodies of human beings gets more powerful as time goes by, and eventually causes spiritual and physical diseases, which eventually lead them to death. During the dedication ceremony of the Cheon Shim Hospital, the Parents of Heaven and Earth rejoiced, saying: "Finally, human beings can now be saved from sufferings and diseases."

As was spoken by the Parents of Heaven and Earth, we will push ourselves to help all humanity live in joy and happiness centered on the Cheon Joo Chung Phyung Training Center and the Chung Shim Hospital, separating evil spirits through the work of the spirits of absolute goodness and angels, and treating human beings in sufferings and diseases by medical angels and nurses. The blessed families must not forget that only when they

can stand in the position of receiving the heavenly fortune, by living with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and thus always must live a life of filial piety to the Parents of Heaven and Earth. They should understand that they themselves have keys to all problems, and therefore should work diligently.

Lately, the spirit world now entered an age when to immediately respond to the words and declarations of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, the blessed families should clearly understand that we are now living in an incredible time when God's providence is being clearly exposed simultaneously both on earth and in the spirit world. Hence, you should do your very best to testify about the Parents of Heaven and Earth to all humankind and live while attending them.

This son and other siblings are always wondering how to fulfill our duties and responsibilities and make God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth happy as your sons and daughters. We shall make more efforts to always bring you joy and happiness. At the same time, we shall be totally committed to supporting you so that you can realize whatever you desire while you are on earth.

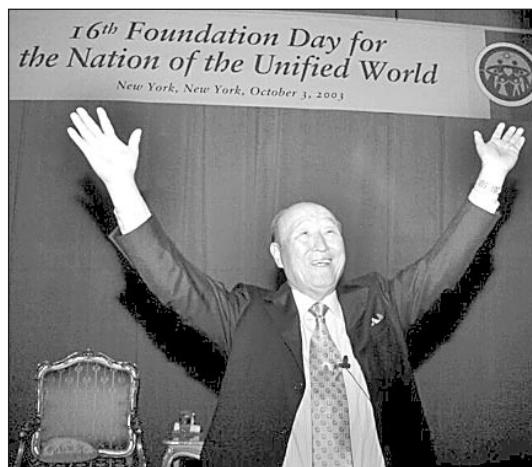
I wish and hope that the blessed families could fulfill their responsibilities as tribal messiahs, encouraging and leading the spirits of absolute goodness and angels. I know that that is possible only through a life of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience that was set as a tradition and lived by our Parents of Heaven and Earth.

After the "Coronation of the King of the blessed Families for the Peace and Unity of the Heavenly Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth," the Parents of Heaven and Earth used the seal of the Cheon Il Guk and bequeathed everything to us. So, I will make even more efforts to fully inherit the name, words, results of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and bring unity among the blessed families on earth and in heaven centering on the spirits of absolute goodness so that all can be liberated and perfected. Therefore, I will encourage the entire world, especially the three providential nations, Korea, Japan and America for their Hoondok family church activities in line with a new providence centered on the Family Party. It is to establish absolute, unique, unchanging, and eternal sovereignty to the Cheon Il Guk in the internal position and the 4th Israel in the external position.

Your humble son and siblings, representatives of the 5 major religions, saints and sages, blessed families as the spirits of absolute goodness, and angelic world in the spirit world will gather all that we have and do our best and hasten to attend the Parents of Heaven and Earth in comfort, by completing the Heavenly Palace, the original holy ground in Cheonye Pyung, as soon as possible.

The Parents of Heaven and Earth, please trust us, and from now on, receive only glory and honor. May you live a long, long life in good health.

Sincerely from Heung Jin Moon on September 3, 2003 ♦



a door to that way through proclamations, evil grew more and more.

However, we are now living in an era of hope when our dreams are coming true. We can now reap if working hard. The harder we work, the more we can harvest. We are living in such a time. I know that the blessed families have been toiling for God's Will, but hereafter, if you are certain of the time that we are living in, and focus on witnessing, along with the spirits of absolute goodness with one mind, one body, and one heart, you will experience something amazing. With an infinite love for humankind, the Parents of Heaven and Earth laid the foundation through which the blessed families both in the spirit world and on earth can work.

On such an amazing time when the Parents of Heaven and Earth proclaimed the embarkation of the 4th Israel, which is the wish and hope of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Israels, the blessed families, as the owners of the Cheon Il Guk, should dash forward for Tong-Bahn kyukpa. The 4th Israel nation should be actively involved on earth with Tong Bahn kyukpa and witness with the help of the spirit world in order to fulfill the responsibilities that were not accomplished by the first, second and third Israel.

Through the proclamation of the fourth Israel, you must do Tong-Bahn kyukpa activities in order for the spirit world and the earth to be united with one mind, one body and one heart to create the fourth Israel, and fully fulfill its responsibility. For this, you should have a consciousness that you are an owner, feeling the urgency, and being resolved to bring victories with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

You should deeply understand that the Parents of Heaven and Earth have been striving to remove the world of

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Seven Nations Providence and World Peace Task Force

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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This is a very historic moment. This is the third year of Cheon Il Guk. Everything that goes on here should be recorded. This occasion will be a great resource for your future. Leaders and blessed family members from 7 providential countries are here. There are billions in the spirit world here today. This is a most historical occasion. I don't want anyone to be left out. Everyone should join in this historic effort.

In 1945 the providence centering on these 7 nations should have been fulfilled in 7 years by 1952. Now I'm 83 years old. So much time was lost by these failures. Now I'm working to restore the foundation lost by these 7 nations. Now I'm building the Fourth Israel and the Kingdom of God on earth. You are heavenly soldiers who have joined me in this final dispensational battle. History will remember this effort.

You must become good soldiers and generals in the heavenly army to build God's Kingdom. When you go back to your home you should go back with a record of your sacrifice and victory. They should be only one nation. Nation of God.

This is a new beginning. Constantly we have to move just like water, then we will never stagnate. If we keep moving in faith in this direction then eventually God will bless us and we will bring heavenly result. We will always prosper with this attitude and life style. We should be the center and should become people of great influence. We should become owners of Cheon Il Guk. The spirit world and history is with us. They want you to be victorious. That can come only through education. Then we can build a world of new culture.

Now the key for all Blessed Families, Don't Be Like Lot's Wife --- Don't Look Back. Now your ancestors are helping and watching from the spirit world and want you to succeed and fulfill. They don't want you to get stuck by looking back. Now billions and billions of couples are blessed. Within 7 months all should be blessed.

Who is in the position of the Elder Brother. The spirit world or earth. The people are earth. On earth is where we can harvest the fruits of our labors. That is why all of history is depending on you to fulfill your responsibility before heaven. If you want to live you will die, if you want to die and give your life your will live. With that spirit we must reach out in every direction.

The Earth was created billions of years ago, if it deviated in its rotation and proper direction it would have been destroyed. There is top middle and bottom. We need to make a circular motion centered on the middle range people. The should be a flow of people around the same center. It is up to you to determine the fortune for your nation. Through your sacrifice you will determine the position of your nation. You will be the

representative of your and your sacrifice here during this time will determine the position of your nation in the Cheon Il Guk and the fourth Israel.

Is there a nation above America. Can a nation move forward by great force alone. It must have an anchor. What is the anchor of American? Individualism? We must change the fallen history and restore America. There must be a center for things to change. Without a center, no real heavenly change can come. Father declared the establishment of God's Kingship. Is it true, or is it just part of our imagination. It is true, God's coronation changed God's position in history. Many of you came from comfortable situations but



Everyone want to be a princess and eventually a queen. Can a woman have many husbands? The answer is no. The mother must teach the children to become filial children to the father. This is the mothers' responsibility. What about with divorce. The children should not go to the father but to the mother and then the divorce rate will go down.

What about Leah and Rachel. God had to work to restore things through them. It was all centering on the restoration of the family.

Who is more important, the man or the woman? The man has the seed and the woman represents the concave. Man was made for woman.

Now in America several states have approved Gay marriage. This is absolutely against God and the principle. If they continue this way, they humanity will perish within one generation. Many women have a very individualistic focus. Gay marriage would claim that they have human rights. But this is individualistic and not for the sake of others. How to gay people make love. How? You may know. Even animals don't do this.

Wherever you are you must protect the Divine rights of heaven. You must

now you are sitting in humility on the floor. This is restoration through indemnity. People have not understood this process. This is the path through which the individual will be perfected.

There is a proper order to all things. American women, who is in charge? The man or the woman? (the western sisters said the Man!) If there are two kings in the home it will never work. You must have only one center. Even if you occupy a high political office and have great power you must know the proper order in the family. When a baby is growing in the womb it lives in the environment of Water. The baby in the mothers womb doesn't need anything else. All is coming from the mother. Why does the mother have breasts. Why were they designed the way they were. God knew that the baby should have nice pillows to rest on.

Who is more sinful.

Man or woman. Man has been more sinful in history. Therefore we must totally recreate Adam and Eve. Hyun Jin Nims children are named Shin Man, Shin Pal, Shin Gune. If you put their names together Shin Man, Pal, Gune. It means 80,000 palaces. These are the palaces of God's Kingdom. Who will defend these palaces. This must be heavenly men.

The Kingdom of Hell and the Kingdom of Heaven. We must understand. We must be in the position of a King.



should be a cause for you to be grateful. Who receives more love, the man or the woman. The woman is receiving more love.

What about free sex. Some women have had love with more than 50 men. Can they make a stable family? We should determine that we will be the best possible spouse to our mates. Who divorces more, man or woman. Woman causes most divorce.

To restore this we are gathering the best members from the 7 nations here at this historic time.

What is the most dramatic kiss. Between white and white? Not much excitement and drama there. However, black and white is shocking and dramatic. That's why God will bless it. We must find and marry our enemy.

I was thinking that God would give me an ugly wife. Then God gave me True mother. With my first wife, she wanted to divorce me. I ran from her as she was pursuing me. I tried to stay away from here. Finally she left. I went through an indemnity course and God gave me True Mother. She was very young. She didn't even know how to kiss!!! But she became our True Mother. (everyone cheered for mother). When Mother goes shopping she always is shopping for others and trying to buy the best things for them. Mother takes me to shop in the mall so that I can get lots of exercise. When it gets crowded in a narrow hallway, I have to hold onto mother so that I don't get lost!!

Men are like archangels. They always want to take Eve for their wife. That is why with so many women that want to follow me, men really want to persecute me. God knew that Mother was the perfect spouse for me. I always keep women away, at least one meter. Now

some women go crazy to get close to Father. I have to be careful. Why do women want to be close to me. Because I'm the king of the family, of man and woman and all humanity. I have to be careful because some women would even like to cut off my finger, so that they could keep it for a treasure in

their purse!

You men, raise your hands, those of you who received a wife from me. After 60 years old does the man still want to love. Rev. Hwang you have many children.

When I fulfill my mission with the United Nations, then I will be free to love my children. Now is the time for clean up. Should America women educate Japanese sisters or vice versa. Japanese sisters raise hands – they

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awaken others to the Divine rights of heaven. We must end the false viewpoint of human rights that is promoting homosexuality. Do you think True Mother is controlling True Father? In America many women are controlling their husbands, this is a violation of heavenly law. Many don't even want to have children. Then, though they are married they don't even have a lineage. They don't even have a family. This violates the purpose of creation.

The fact that you are born a woman

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raised their hands. American sisters raise your hands, many more Japanese sisters, - American sisters you are already defeated aren't you? (At least you are defeated in numbers).

Who was blessed by Father? Wow (everybody). If you follow the principle way you will make happy families. What we should do is have exchange marriages. What we should do is have exchange marriages. If you marry those who you like there will always be a shadow connected with your marriage. Westerners, some people didn't like what I did when I first matched them but now they are happy.

A true Father and Mother are those who are willing to not sleep. Bad parents are those who just want to have their own personal lives and neglect their children. I want you to become great citizens and people so that America and the world will be restored. All of you should be restored following that same model and example. You must follow heavenly law. Will you be glorious or miserable. When I was in Danbury Prison, all prisoners came to respect me. This path is not easy. Many times people were fighting and I was the one to bring them together.

How about New York, we should call it "New Ambition". We must be able to go beyond the individual, family, society, nation and world. That's what we should become. Even when I was ten I had very special intuition, and could match couples. If I left the potential couple's pictures on the table it would work. If I threw the pictures away the marriage wouldn't work. Some tried and it failed.

(Mother had to leave). Why is Mother going. Because she had so many children she has to go after one hour. But don't worry, we have speakers upstairs and Mother will still listen to me. Also, the Holy Spirit is totally present here.

(After the President's Messages) This is the first time in history this has been revealed. Now we must all connect with this heavenly time period and focus on God's will for the world. If you don't connect with this providence you will lose your fortune. We must fulfill God's will. If we don't fulfill then even Heung Jin Nim will suffer in the spiritual world.

You must take these messages to the descendants of the Presidents. Also you must wake up the American peo-



ple. This is the time for revolution!.

These messages must be given to the leaders and educate them concerning the spirit world. This is the request of the spirit world. If you don't do this you will be accused when you go to the spirit world. Even if you are not good enough you must convey the

message with your whole heart. We must be able to give a report to all as to what we did.

We must a determination and a commitment at this time. This is a new resolution, determination and commitment.

We should bring even greater result as long as you are doing your best you will be blessed by God.

Now, everyone is now watching over you. There are billions of spirits that are blessed who are watching over you now. You must receive a bright light in the morning. I'm Korean, yet this is the responsibility of Americans. These resolutions are burning. They will bring fire. Do not bring despair to me or despair to God.

The spirit world wants to cooperate with you. My children of filial piety, you must wake up and join this historic dispensation.

The bad relationship of individuals can lead to world conflict. Rachel and Leah were sisters. Rachel had Joseph and Benjamin, the other brothers sold Joseph and also went to expel Benjamin. Jacob made a mistake in that he didn't bring Esau with him, this bad relationship became the seed for the

Canaanites. If the elder and younger brother had been united as one then there would be no problem today between Muslims and Jews. Adams family was the first human family. All these things must be restored. Because Jacob didn't embrace Esau and bring him to Egypt. The went their separate ways. This became the seed for the separation of whole nations.

To create children of filial piety the mother must set the tradition of attending the father. Through that she can teach filial piety to the children. Families that harmonize on this foundation will form a good society and nation. Everything should be taught, how to greet each other. How to respect. If there is a lady in the area that is known to have the best reputation it should



The Seven-Nation Mobilization

In the course of the recent Mobilization of 840 people to the New York metro area, some 84 of these international delegates found their way onto the UN Team. For a period of up to six weeks, (with some leaving earlier to join the delegation to Korea and/or Jerusalem), these volunteers helped highlight the endeavors of the IIFWP to transform global thinking about the most direct means to establishing a culture of peace. Through meetings and the distribution of key materials (World Scriptures, God and World Peace: An Exploration of the Significance of God for a World in Crisis and the messages World Peace through True Love), average New Yorkers along with presidents of nations, ministers of foreign affairs, ambassadors and members of delegations coming to New York city for the opening of the UN's 58th Session of the General Assembly were urged to consider the substantial reality of the spiritual dimensions of human life which are essential elements to consider in the course of seeking solutions to global crises. This was a unique and transforming experience the many who were involved.

To be effective and prepared, the 84 members of the UN Team were oriented in how to work within the international environment alongside delegates from all nations coming to New York for the 58th Session of the United Nations. The UN Team participated in the International Day of Peace activities around the United Nations, made appointments and met with Ambassadors, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, national presidents, NGO leaders, people working in the UN secretariat and other national delegates as well as many New Yorkers working or touring the areas around the United Nations.

The opportunities afforded those who responded to the call to come to New York at this time was memorable and excellent training for many as IIFWP seeks to expand its international and grassroots outreach through the establishment of the Interreligious and International Peace Councils... at the global, regional, national and community levels through the Ambassadors for Peace and the local IIFWP chapters and affiliated organizations such as Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, etc.

As most know, the Philippines some time back, indicated their seriousness about the establishment of an Interreligious Council during the 58th Session of the UN General Assembly. IIFWP then began to support this initiative strongly by conducting many seminars worldwide which informed people of the work at hand. Amazingly, we all found that there was a remarkable "spirit of the times" that allowed people to quickly respond. So much of the initial international work was to get this "idea whose time had come" into the minds and hearts of religious and political people alike worldwide. This has been accomplished to varying degrees in so many nations. The levels of support for the idea are still mixed, and there remains a great amount of education required for national and inter-

national leaders as well as community leaders to fully comprehend the value of such an approach/initiative.

This work continues and will pick up pace as key strategic moments are passed in the natural course of events at the UN. The Philippines decided not to present this resolution at the UN until after they had secured their seat in the Security Council. That was accomplished Thurs. morning 23rd October 2003.

23rd October marked the 58th UN Day. On this day as he sent his message to people around the world, the Secretary-General Kofi Annan began by noting, "These are difficult times, for the world and for the United Nations." He went on to note, "it may be necessary to make changes in our international system, including the United Nations itself. By and large, I believe our Organization has served humanity well for fifty-eight years. But it has never been perfect, and the time may well have come to improve it....

"In the end, governments will decide. But they will make the effort to reach agreement only if you, the peoples, tell them clearly what you expect—what kind of

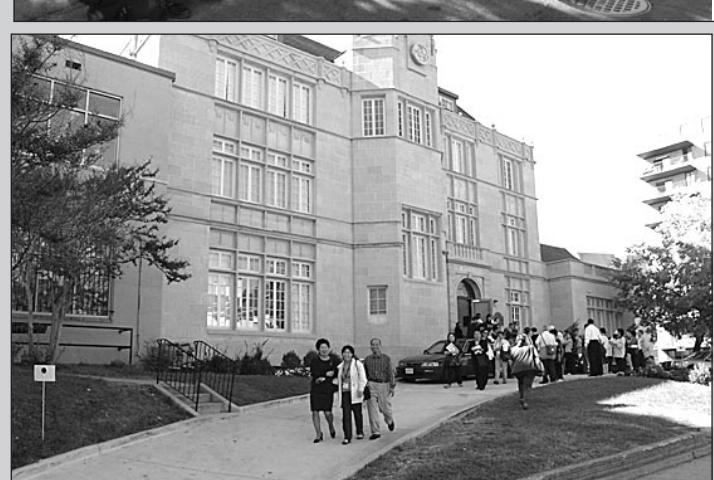


world you want to live in. I rely on you to do that. And I believe that if you do make your voices heard, loudly and firmly enough, we can indeed win through this crisis and build a better world, based on the rule of law. Let us all persevere, in the knowledge that we are all contributing to a better future, for ourselves and for our children."

On this same day, IIFWP delivered to the Secretary-General's office the "Box of 10,000 Prayers for Peace." Early in October at the time of the founding of the Interreligious and International Peace Council, we had put out the call to all IIFWP chapters world-wide for signatures of those prepared to pray for the UN and the Secretary General as well as their head of state. Within about one week (including the efforts of the UN Team in New York) we collected 10,227 signatures from 31 nations. Each of these signatures, that also noted the nation, was cut into a single small slip of paper and put in a beautify leather box. This became the "Box of 10,000 Prayers for Peace" and was taken to the SG on Friday 23rd October. Now he can open it and pick out any signature, see the country and know that that person is praying for him and the UN in these critical times. ♦



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Hyun Jin Nim's Core Values in Second Generation Youth Ministry and CARP

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I was part of a group of World CARP leaders, STF members and Youth Ministers that returned from Hyun Jin Nim's first Alaska Adventure Workshop, hosted by World CARP. It was an amazing learning experience. From a pure structural standpoint, this workshop was unique in that it used the extreme physical challenge offered by the Alaskan wilderness as an experiential way to learn life lessons through the Core Values.

In other words, it was a direct experience in living for the greater good, taking ownership, teamwork, dreaming big, and aligning ourselves vertically to God. It was as if Hyun Jin Nim imparted to us the path he had taken, overcoming great suffering and hardships. He wanted us to connect to the heart of God by understanding even a fraction of the historic course True Parents walked. We came face to face with our limitations, forced to assess our contribution to the good of our team. We had to work together to accomplish the big goal we were all aiming for. This meant that each individual had to take ownership of his or her own responsibilities and physical body. No matter how rubbery my legs were from marching

all day up and down the rugged terrain, I still had to push myself to crawl into the trees and pitch a bivouac before it became too dark to see.

In reaching my physical limits, I could see with amazing clarity my own mental and emotional limitations. I have returned knowing what I must focus on improving in myself. It is sobering to see that any complacency in your heart can result in great physical discomfort or at worst, a life-threatening situation. In the wilderness, there is no such thing as negotiation or compromise. Stripped to your bare needs, you must act productively, or perish. It is life distilled to its essence, and powerful insight into how to live our daily lives.

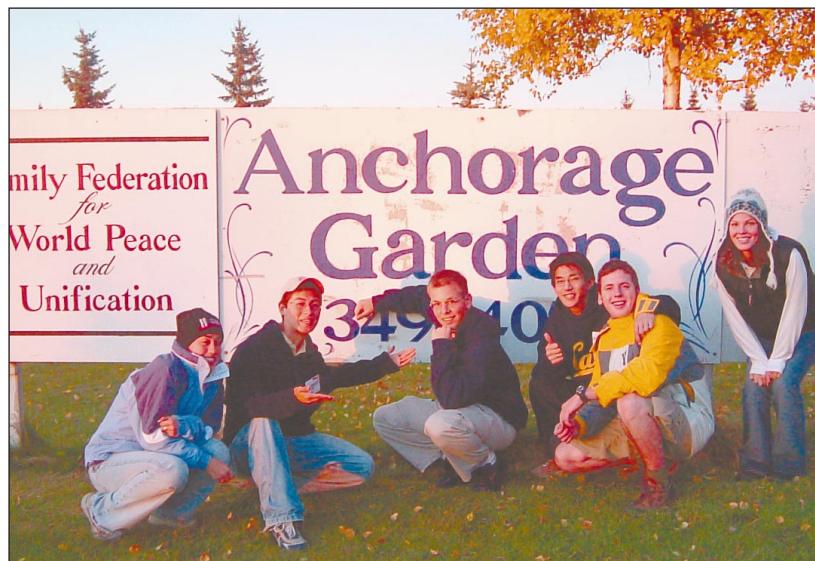
In order to succeed in life, we must approach those things we hold dear with an all-or-nothing attitude. We must constantly invest ourselves in a higher purpose that is aligned with the will of God and True Parents, or

our lives will stagnate. As I learned from my team during the expedition phase of the workshop, you've got to keep putting one foot in front of the other. Spiritual life is a constant effort to grow and become a better person through understanding the heart of God. Our True Parents have shown us the way with their living testimony.

Hyun Jin Nim's Core Values showed me how to cultivate a life of faith that is not only spiritual, but effective. For those unfamiliar with the terms, the Core Values are Living for the Greater Good, Ownership, Teamwork and Dream Big. These are powerful concepts that substantiate True Parents' dream, by applying Divine Principle in how we substantiate our life goals and aspirations. The following is how I personally used the Core Values in my work with the Youth Ministry.

I have been involved with the Youth Ministry of our church in the Northern California Region for about seven years, minus some periods of inactivity. What drives me is the conviction that this is my offering to God and True Parents. Our region has a Youth

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David Stein

I had a very amazing experience at the workshop in Alaska. At first I was very interested to be apart of an adventure workshop with Hyun Jin Nim, and to see what Core Values was all about. Because before arriving in Anchorage I really had never heard about Core Values or about anything that CARP has been doing, the connection between CARP and the UC is very different. So I went not really sure about what to expect.

When I got there, the posted schedule didn't have any lectures or presentations planned, just fishing, shooting, and a 3-day long expedition, which I was really looking forward to. We started with HDH in the morning with Hyun Jin Nim, and there I was able to get a lot of content about what Core Values was all about. But, where I learned it the most was through experiencing it on our expedition.

The expedition was 3-days long. It was very tough and rigorous, but at the same time it was unforgettable. We focused every day on one of the 4 Core Values, so that we could really experience teamwork or living for the greater good, in an environment where disunity or negative attitudes could mean life or death for a team member or myself. I really felt that that is where Core Values can really be taught and learned; in a challenging environment. Of course, safety is first and we were as safe as possible with all that the workshop staff provided us, but the course was very strenuous and was well worth it.

In conclusion, I really felt that Hyun Jin Nim's vision is really amazing. He wants us to challenge our limitations physically, while mentally focusing on Core Values and Father's words. That combination is really incredible, only then can we really feel God and only then can we bring true victory to ourselves physically and spiritually. With these kinds of experiences under the belts of our second generation, God and spirit world will really be able to do great things through them and with them. ♦

Jin Young Chan

When I decided to participate in the Alaska Adventure Workshop I was a bit negative. The reason was because I didn't have what you would call a "strong physical body" and I've always disliked hiking.

I heard about Hyun Jin Nim's workshop style and I didn't understand why Hyun Jin Nim would want such a physically challenging and outdoor workshop. However, this was the first workshop I attended so I tried to stay positive about it.

Three weeks before the workshop, I prepared my body through jogging. My friends all know how much I hate jogging, but since my body was weak for the upcoming program, I did it anyway.

When I finally arrived at the Anchorage Garden, I met many participants from all over the world.

I didn't understand the meaning of Hyun Jin Nim's idea for being a good leader through hunting, fishing or hiking. However, everyone kept telling me to find the reason by myself through Hyun Jin Nim's core values.

When I was on top of a mountain I saw such beautiful nature like lakes, trees, sky, and a blue glacier. I was wondering why I forgot that God gave us such a beautiful earth. I later realized that Hyun Jin Nim wanted to show us that nature was a beautiful gift from God. I felt so small and weak at that moment.

After the workshop I resolved that I would become a stronger leader for God. It is not just mind or just body. It's both. Before the workshop I didn't think I could become a stronger person. But now I will. ♦

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Under the blue sky, Hyun Jin Nim held the first Alaska Adventure Workshop. World youth leaders, CARP and STF members, as well as 2nd Generation leaders got together from September

28th to October 4th at Anchorage Garden. The Goal of this workshop was to embody "Core Values" for the establishment of God's will. Hyun Jin Nim, as our elder brother, has always helped us to cultivate and to transform members into leader of

leaders, "True Abel", for the sake of becoming filial sons and daughters to Heavenly Father and True Parents. The schedule included Hyun Jim Nim's speeches, fishing, shooting, lectures, tests, and a team expedition into the mountains.

B. C. Poland

About one hundred CARP and Second Generation leaders from around the world convened in Anchorage Garden Alaska for HJN's 1st annual Alaska Adventure Workshop, and I happened to be one of them. My mission for the past 2 years has been working with CARP at the University of Maryland, so being asked to attend a CARP youth leaders workshop didn't seem that much out of the ordinary, even if it was in Alaska. Little did I know that this would not be a typical workshop. The W-CARP epistemology emphasizes that experiential learning should be the subject relative to cognitive learning. So instead of having a workshop full of lectures, HJN wanted to have a workshop full of experiential learning, in this case out in God's expansive Alaskan wilderness.

Honestly speaking this is one of the most productive workshops I've ever participated in. While attending lectures are always beneficial, one doesn't absorb so much of the content many times. In fact it is through experience that a person will final "own" the content of a given lecture. Many brothers and sisters, myself included, have not been able to understand much of the value of Core Values up to this point, but through this workshop we all gained first hand experience. The focus on experiencing Core Values as opposed to theorizing about how to apply and experience Core Values is what made this experience valuable. Each day we made fulfilling a specific Core Value our goal, and then at the end of the day reflected on how well we lived up to that goal. It is difficult to summarize just how necessary HJN's Core Values are in creating success, except that I could see clearly how embodying Core Values contributed to our successes, and how not embodying them led to our failures as a team.

While the first three days of the workshop were good preparation for the outdoor expedition, it was the expedition itself where I learned the most and surpassed numerous limitations. According to HJN only 25% of the challenge in sports is physical, but that 75% of our limitations exist in our own minds, and I was absolutely amazed at how much truth is in that observation. As the expedition wore on my physical body felt more and more fatigued and by the third day our entire team was in a considerable amount of pain. Yet we persevered and continued to march forward. Even when we thought we would never complete our goal of seeing a glacier, our team marched forward and claimed victory at the mouth of the glacier. The bottom line was that no matter how much I or anyone else wanted to stop, we didn't. Through this I could realize just how many of my limitations exist solely in my mind, and I know the same is true when I encounter challenges as a CARP member or

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Core Values

1. Living for the Greater Good

- I. Aligns oneself with the vision, values and goals.
- II. Invests in people who increase our value.
- III. Multiplies value: Taking creative action to increase the value.
- IV. Shares best practices across the organization.

2. Ownership

- I. Responsibility: Trusted to make a personal commitment to stated and expected goals.
- II. Accountability: Answerable for the execution and outcomes of stated and expected goals.
- III. Initiative: Exhibits leadership by being proactive and solving problems.
- IV. Strive: Passion and conviction to execute one's stated and expected goals.
- V. Execute

3. Teamwork

- I. Mentors: Personally guiding the growth and development of others.
- II. Open-mindedness: Gives and receives feedback and new ideas constructively.
- III. Respect: Recognize the merit that others bring.
- IV. Energize: Inspiring passion and commitment in others.

4. Dreams Big

- I. Conviction
- II. Aspires to challenge one's limitations
- III. Results Oriented
- IV. Expertise-Driven

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2nd Gen Section

Second Generation UN Day of Peace

by Rev. Ken Doo

Friday 19th of September saw the beginning of the International Day of Peace, a day celebrated worldwide to promote cease fires in warring nations and friendship amongst foes. The meeting was supposed to be fully attended by various youth organizations from numerous nations. However, because of the hurricane that crossed the North Eastern coast of the USA, many of these groups were unable to attend. That is why the 'World Peace Prayer Society' (the group which organized the event) called to our UN IIFWP representative in desperation—they wanted to know...."do you have any young people who can attend our meeting".

For this reason, 29 mainly European second generation, involved in the World Peace Task Force in New York, were able at short notice to attend the meeting. The program started off with an opening ceremony attended by several celebrities and delegates and Koffi Annan the UN Secretary General. Brief speeches were given, followed by the ringing of the 'peace bell', rung only during 3 very auspicious occasions in the year. After this, the celebrities including three times world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, Actor Michael Douglas and writer Elie Weisel along with several photographers and onlookers, were shepherded into the conference room number 4 where the event unfolded. The whole experience was romanced in music by Ms. Alysun Panichi and her band



'The Kwaziwas', singing songs of peace and harmony.

Once everyone was settled, the main program began with an introduction from Mr. Shahshi Tharoor—the Under Secretary General and a welcome from Mrs. Nane Annan. Then six selected youth made brief presentations about their nations followed by questions directed at the 'celebrity peace messengers'. These youths included representatives from America, Rwanda and Kuwait, and also youths connected via satellite from Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and Syria. Each one had their own experiences with war and conflict.

The girl from Rwanda found herself an orphan after the genocide in her country. A young man from Sierra Leone was once a 'child soldier'. Everyone agreed that it was amazing to see the positive attitude of these young people and sincere desire for peace despite the traumatic and shocking experiences of their childhood. The event concluded with a moving flag ceremony where representatives from 40 nations carried all 191 flags in a circle around the conference room. One by one the nation's names were called and everyone in the room

chanted the name in response, while sending peaceful thoughts to its people.

Many of the second generation participants were grateful to be able to see the United Nations more closely. They could understand how the United Nations was an institute designed to realize world peace. However, they also noted that during the dialogue and discussion amongst the stu-



dents there were no solid conclusions reached. Everyone asked questions, but no one seemed to have concrete answers. More so, everyone seemed to have different ideas about what 'peace' actually consists of. In this way we also saw a need for the United Nations to be renewed. It was an informative experience for all. ♦

The Second Generation Section

The **Unification News** is adding a new section for all 2nd Generation youth ministries. It will include a variety of reports, articles and testimonies from regions all over the nation. We hope this section will help in the development of your youth ministry.

For information on how to contribute please contact the US 2nd Generation Department's Assistant Planning Team Leader, Rachel Johnson at: 4 West 43rd St. New York, NY 10036, tel: 212-997-0050 ex. 123, cell: (914) 882-6338, or email at: BC2ndGen@FamilyFed.org.

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Ministry Team, with whom I have the closest bonds within the church community. By working together and supporting each other we have created an efficient and proactive system of workshops and programs to bring True Parents' teachings and tradition to the Second Generation. Being part of this team as youth minister has taught me much about being a member of our movement, as a Second Generation. The Core Values bring

all my experiences and efforts into focus.

Living for the Greater Good means to constantly check my heart and motivation, to first see if I am aligned with the vision, values and goals of True Parents. Then, we must multiply the value of our youth ministry by coming up with creative ideas on how to make our weekly events more interesting, or to make each annual workshop different, or special in a way that has not been done before. The ideas that worked very well are shared with others involved in taking care of 2nd Gen. in different areas. Living for the greater good also means constant investment in others. Hyun Jin Nim told us it is important to be able to see the potential in each person, through the eyes of a parent. "What kind of person do you see this person becoming?" This point resonated deeply with me, as this is the essential goal of working with our youth, to cultivate in them the highest possible potential.

To be an effective youth leader, I had to be a true owner, which means being responsible and accountable not only for whatever happens during the programs and workshops we hold, but to the goals and changes in the lives of those who experienced them. I must take initiative in solving the many problems that occur during our programs in a creative, constructive way. I am striving to do my work with the same passion and commitment I had when I began the youth min-

istry, if not more. Any goals we set out to achieve are executed and later debriefed by our Youth Ministry Team.

As all of our programs are established as a team, teamwork is one of the most invaluable points of our youth ministry. To work with others effectively, I learned the value of being open-minded to new ideas and views, as well as to give and receive constructive feedback. I highly respect and thank all of our Youth Ministry Team members for their sacrifices and investment into our common vision. As well, we all do our part to energize the team with our conviction and dedication. We do whatever it takes to inspire and uplift the Second Generation. Part of teamwork is in mentoring other Second Generation to continue our tradition and nurture their younger brothers and sisters in turn.

The most exciting core value for me is Hyun Jin Nim's desire for us all to dream big. I want our Youth Ministry to ultimately become so exciting, so enriching and so spiritually fulfilling, that kids who aren't church members will want to be a part of it. From now on, I hope to be more results oriented, by gaining a specific number of Second Generation who are dedicated and inspired by the prospect of keeping our movement alive in this most exciting way. This cannot happen without a great conviction and faith in the ideal we all seek. The only

limit to the dream is our aspirations to challenge our limitations and overcome the boundaries we must cross. To realize this dream requires a level of expertise in lecturing, organization, coordination, counseling, and logistics that must be cultivated and constantly sharpened. Our team has been doing so for the past years, with each person bringing their invaluable skills and qualities to the table.

Using Core Values to empower your frontline work is exceedingly necessary, and I found it is especially so when it involves the Second Generation. The more creative the program, and the more substantial the results, the more they are inspired. My hope is that as more and more Second Generation catch the fire of True Parents and Hyun Jin Nim's vision, the more we will come closer to substantiating the ideal.

I have found that by being proactive in my work, I am able to devote time to the youth ministry as well as support my family financially. My parents were part of the 777 Blessed Couples, and I was blessed to my wife, Eunha Lee in 1998. We are blessed with two beautiful daughters Hee Rye Kara and Hee Eun Linn, who are the greatest treasures of my life. For all these things I would like to offer my deepest gratitude to God and True Parents. ♦

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student.

As HJN said, there is a battle approaching and the second generation is not yet strong enough to win. There is no second place in war, only first. Overall through this adventure workshop I became mentally tougher and I learned that there truly are no shortcuts in accomplishing our goals and fulfilling our dreams. Through this training I believe that second generation will gain the strength to win any upcoming battles. Nature is a very good teacher in that way. ♦

by Bill Selig

On October 9, we dedicated the National Won Jeon Shrine and held a commemorative memorial service for the eight members who were in a temporary mausoleum and recently transferred to Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

It was a beautiful bright sunshiny day and the atmosphere clear and fresh. Rev. Levy Daugherty was the emcee. Rev. Schanker gave the benediction. Kathy Hill opened with a reading from the Divine Principle and a message from President Lincoln. Then Antonio Betancourt and Bill Selig described the history and background leading up to this day. The Won Jeon Dedication Address was given by Dr. Chang Shik Yang and Rev. Michael Jenkins.

We had an inspiring ribbon-cutting ceremony with representatives of the families. Following the tradition of our True Parents, Dr. Yang and Rev. Jenkins signed sections of the ribbons and along with the scissors. The ribbon was held by two STFers, Michel Zambon and Yuson Tobkin.

After the festive ceremony, each of the families gave testimony, including Kitty Wojcik, Martyn Byrne, Steve Symonds,



DR. CHANG SHIK YANG

Dr. Yang is the Continental Director of the Church in North America.

We understand that each one of us is on our way to the eternal world. When we come to this world, we have some order from old to younger. We only stay for a certain time in this world. Some day, some time, we don't know when, we'll be called to the next dimension. With teaching and guidance from Father, we realize the meaning of our lives and we clearly understand where we are headed eventually. There is no barrier between this physical world and the spiritual world. Sooner or later, we will be there and live together.

Recently our two young brothers from CARP and STF ascended, and one son is still struggling. I heard many times from Father directly as he described the meaning of their calling. It was not an accident. At the same time, I saw Father honor them and make them a most valuable living offering for all humankind to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, particularly in this crucial age. I felt that it's really an honor.

The history of Won Jeon that we heard about from our brothers here started from Korea, from the 36 couples down to 6,000 and younger. Those who are approved by True Parents can be buried at the Won Jeon. All others are on a separate level. Heung Jin Nim and all True Family, Daemomim, and our great leaders – Tiger Pak, Sang Hun Lee, Young Oon Kim – are all there.

When I heard this great idea from Rev. In Hoi Lee and brothers Antonio Betancourt and Bill Selig, I really appreciated it. Immediately I took up that idea and eventually we'll make this a great site for our eternal home.

Fourteen brothers and sisters are here, and their families, brothers and sisters, parents, spouses are here now together. When I reported to Father, he was so happy and immediately Father said he would support financially to buy a bigger site.

Dedication Ceremony of the National Won Jeon Shrine

Tom McDevitt, and Ichiko Marshall. Michael Balcomb spoke about Oleksiy Veligurov who was buried on Oct. 6. Rev. Jeong Phyong Hong gave the benediction and the closing cheers of mansei.

A delicious reception was organized by Maria Agres with assistance from Mary Holden, Donna Selig, and Youn Jeong Quinn who made a beautiful offering table. Otmar Weinmann provided the music, while Rev. Randy Francis took care of many organizational details. Jim Howell did a fine job putting together the printed program.

Brothers and sisters, our property is finally beginning to take shape. Sod was recently laid, and several of the markers are in place including the one for Jin Joo Byrne. The Won Jeon Shrine is meant to be a place for prayer and meditation. Already we are looking at several designs of an impressive entranceway into our property.

If you've already purchased a plot we

thank you, but if you're still pondering the idea or pushing it to the backburner, please come forward. We need as many families as possible to buy a plot and support this project. This is a grassroots inspired activity. It is

totally funded and made possible by our hard working heavy families.

A plot and crypt currently costs \$2,000. The price is scheduled to go up in January 2004.

For more information about the Seung Hwa Ceremony, look on-line at www.familyfed.org. If you have any questions, call 202-269-5337 or sew-peace@starpower.net.

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Our National Won Jeon

Eventually we will have to buy more and more. The original idea was on the regional level, but in looking around I found a more suitable area. This will be a most holy place in the USA, not only internally because of Unification Church, but some day the rest of the world will recognize and come together to meet here, report here, pray here, and appreciate here.

Japan has also established their national won jeon in Tokyo area. Centering on Rev. Yu and Pres. Oyamada, once a year they call the entire family. Recently about 3,000 or 4,000 families gathered together. It was very crowded. In front of national won jeon the descendants of those heroes and heroines gather and offer appreciation and celebrate. That is a great picture. I think we'll start with this small size, but eventually we will grow to that level.

Recently since the national won jeon was announced, as Antonio said, many people have interest. Of course initially they will go back to home town, but because the national won jeon is blessed by True Parents, many people will want to come here. I think the spirit of the brothers and sisters who are here will make a great foundation in spirit world to welcome our brothers and sisters and connect the mission of this nation. Although small, the sacrifice of these brothers and sisters is very important. They have a very important role in spirit world as representatives of the elder son nation. I heard recently from our brother Tom, who is communicating with his wife Soon-ja, that the 36 presidents had a conference and definitely had a celebration. Soon-ja was there and gave a Korean performance even. She was an elder sister among this group. Definitely I think she might have big role there as a Korean-American.

Once again, on this occasion let us reconsider the meaning of our lives. We don't know who will be first, who will be last. Everybody hopefully will come here. When we come, we have to bring something, to give some gift to our seniors. When we arrive in spirit world, they will

become our older brothers and sisters. Let's consider how we can spend this precious daily life.

Recently Rev. Jenkins, Rev. Daugherty and myself spent several hours with Father. Particularly because of my mission I had to stay all the way with him. I was watching how God is working through him. It is amazing. There is no barrier, no day time, no night time, no particular division in him. That means he calls any time, 3 a.m., 2 a.m., and God right away talks to him. Recently I bought a small recording machine because I have to be ready any time. Yesterday during Hoon Dok Hae while reading the book I suddenly felt I was standing right beside Father. Father's spirit came and immediately I felt the embodiment of God and started talking. I feel sorry to American members that you can't get direct word from Father because you have to hear a translation. It's valuable, but still not enough. This is a crucial and precious age and time.

All these pioneers went first. We don't exactly know the reason, but each one of these brothers and sisters are connected to God's providence and each one of them went as a living offering. They never die but live in lasting love and peace. Indeed, they are living in spirit world. These two worlds are coming closer and closer.

Recently many Korean members whose spouses ascended are communicating directly with them, living together. I've been hearing beautiful stories. And not only that, Father blessed some of our senior sisters with saints who lived thousands of years ago. Amazing story. Spirit world is so nearby.

A 430 couple brother had passed away, Mr. Yu, worked in our headquarters foundation in finance and property management. He and his wife have five daughters, and every Sunday at 4 o'clock he comes down to wake them up one by one to prepare to do kyung beh. He was worried because his wife was weak. He appeared to one of our brothers who is a realtor and asked, why don't you guide my wife to sell our house and move somewhere else. Even in spiritual world he is managing finances!

Very detailed. It is real. Still the wife felt lonely and sometimes sorrowful. When she missed her husband, she'd drive to the won jeon. One day he strongly scolded her, don't come.

One day Father called all those widows and asked for their testimonies. It was amazing. Everybody had a great testimony. I know that sister pretty well because she lives near HQ church. Now she is running a business there, a gift shop. When I saw her she was always bright and I wondered how she could be so happy since she lost her husband. I felt a little uncomfortable, because I knew her husband very well. Later I heard from her that her husband comes to her every night, guiding, talking. Not only to her, but he also visits their children. I think this kind of story will eventually become very common. The two worlds are becoming one.

Dear American family, you might miss your spouse or child who has gone to the spiritual world, but their point of view is different. We have to catch their spirit. They are pretty busy. Recently the only son of the continental director of the Middle East, Rev. Ji, passed away in Jardim, at age 17. Father loved him because he fished a lot nearby there. He is actually buried in the Jardim area. Father blessed him to go to Heung Jin Nim. But his mother missed him because he was her only son. When we had the registration blessing in Cheong Pyeong, suddenly he came to his mother in her dream and said, mom, I'm an assistant to Heung Jin Nim. She saw Heung Jin Nim coming in and his assistants were all 2nd gen. She saw her son was toward the front. After that she completely released the sorrow in her heart. I was there when Rev. Ji reported these things to Father.

I'm sure these great brothers and sisters are working hard and doing great work in spirit world. Don't worry about them. Instead let's be focused on what we are doing in our own lives. Many of our brothers and sisters want to come here, so we are going to make a very strict policy. The price may go up! Some day \$20,000 a slot! That much I think people will be honored to be here. ♦

Chicago Pastors' Prayer Breakfast

by Rev. Bruce Sutchar

I remember that our champion witnessner Mrs. Sheri Rueter used to counsel us to always be consistent. Tell God what you are going to do and do it at the same time everyday, if at all possible. In this vein, Chicago's Bishop Ki Hoon Kim, initiated a monthly prayer breakfast, on the 4th Tuesday of every month for the past 3 years. And this commitment to God and True Parents has born great fruits. No matter what else might be happening, the monthly prayer breakfast would go on.

So on Tuesday, September 30th, 150 ministers gathered for the first time at Rev. Mason Nall's Christ Universal Church of Holiness on Chicago's great South Side. This prayer breakfast would



drew a outpouring of ministers from all over the midwest. Carl Swearson, AFC Regional leader from Missouri drove up the 320 miles with Sisters Rev. Irma Cannida and Earlice Wrice and a first time participant Bishop Darius Whitson. Rev. David Kasbow drove 320 miles down from Detroit to share his experience in Jerusalem, but also to learn from the Chicago method. Others came from all over the Midwest.

A wonderful breakfast was had by all, hosted by Rev. Mason Nall for the first time. Two brand new Church of Christ pastors attended for the first time.

They were recognized with many of the other new guests (its been hard to predict numbers lately because many of the Pastors are inviting other pastors and we can never predict the total guest count).

The beautiful True Family Values Choir sang one gospel and one Japanese song to set the spirit straight. Then we all witnessed the newest film documentary of the first Jerusalem Pilgrimage narrated by our own rev. Phillip Schanker. (Rev. Schanker's daughter,

Chicago STF member, Mrs. Mie Stein sat in the audience shining with pride as she watched and listened to her Father's voice narrating the video presentation). Then ACLC Co-Convenor Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr. shared in depth about his second experience on the Jerusalem Pilgrimage. Pastor Barrett shared with such deep love and commitment and his honoring of Bishop Kim was non-stop. Then David Rendel, who some have experienced as re-born with the Holy Spirit since his return from Israel shared his deep passion and determination about where we are going from here. Finally Rev. Bruce Sutchar took the podium. First he honored the faith and commitment of several pastors in the face of woes and challenges and he especially paid tribute to the commitment of the Chicago STF members. Rev. Sutchar also acknowledged their strength



combine the U.N. providence, the Jerusalem Pilgrimage, the Ambassadors for Peace and Parents Day all into one. Under master of ceremonies Rev. Joseph "street fighter" McAfee's guidance the program took a decidedly evangelical tone. This program, the best ever in many ways over the past three years,

through the tragedy in Louisiana and noted that he had just returned from fishing with Rev. Hun Suk Lee in Alaska.

The congregation then honored Dr. Paul and Cordelia's beautiful 46 year marriage by giving them the "Parents of the Year" award from Northwest Indiana.

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Finally, the ministers discussed the meaning of Father's UN Providence and the commitment needed to become an Ambassador for Peace. The body then honored the host Pastor Rev. & Mrs. Nall as "Ambassadors for Peace".

All that was left was to honor one of Chicago's great Civil Rights Activists, Webb Evans, for all of his efforts on behalf of God, equality and fairness over the past 50 years. Webb Evans is a Chicago icon, who is still fighting the good fight and this was his very first prayer breakfast.

Pastor Barrett and Pastor Harrison "lightening" Bolton then raised quite an offering on their own in order to honor the tireless work, sacrifice and service of Bishop Kim and the Chicago Family Church. Many ministers donated \$50 or \$100 dollars from their hearts. ACLC National executive Board member Pastor Connie Crawford Bansa, sitting beside her father, Bishop Melvin Crawford leapt to her feet and began challenging the ministers to give from their hearts, which they did in great abundance.

After the ministers announced their upcoming events, Bishop Kim took the podium and implored the ministers to continue to work together, breaking down all barriers that might stand in our way toward building the Kingdom of Heaven.

The program concluded with a beautiful prayer from Dr. Swanson, Professor Emeritus from the University of Chicago's Lutheran School of Theology. ♦

Ambassadors for Peace in New Jersey

The Ambassadors for Peace Assembly in New Jersey was of the highest quality. The Governors representative, Congressman Pasquarelli, U.S. Education Commissioner Blount, Mayor Sharpe James chief of Staff, Imam Salaam (of the Nation of Islam) were among the 300 in attendance.

It was a great moment for the 7 nations that had worked diligently along with our New Jersey leadership to bring

the top leaders of New Jersey together. Thanks to Rev. Dong Woo Kim for excellent leadership. Special thanks to Rev. Geller, IIFWP, AFC, / ALC, WFWP, ACLC for total support and cooperation. (Drs. Zal and Josie Velez, Richard Panzer, Hope Igarashi, Cathy Sato, Rev. Dairo Ferribolli, Misayo Bein, Lydia Compton, Ocean Church's Rev. and Mrs. Sato - the Japanese Missionaries

and the Korean National Messiahs of the 840. Because of their sacrifice for 40 days our ACLC and Ambassadors For Peace jumped up to another level. Rev. Michael Jenkins gave the keynote address that showed the Ambassadors for Peace "Principles in Action".

The evidence of a significant change since October 8th was clearly seen in the New Jersey program. The leaders of the community and the state are now well aware of the "movement" of people of faith that is rising. We must have absolute faith now that as we step forward the Mayors, Governors and top religious leaders will

respond.

Demonstrating the Ambassadors for Peace visit on Capitol Hill to educate Congressman as well as the Blessing and Peace efforts in the Middle East. The room was absolutely packed with every major religion represented. Particularly pleasing in the fact that the ACLC spirit of faith and heart toward the anointing of Father and Mother Moon has also manifested itself in the Ambassadors for Peace. They are now standing strong and totally believe that their "mission" is central to bringing peace in the world. The congressman, who was the former mayor of Patter-

son was deeply moved. He has overseen the transition of the city of Patterson from a primarily Italian community to a mixed international community with the largest Arab/ Muslim community in America.

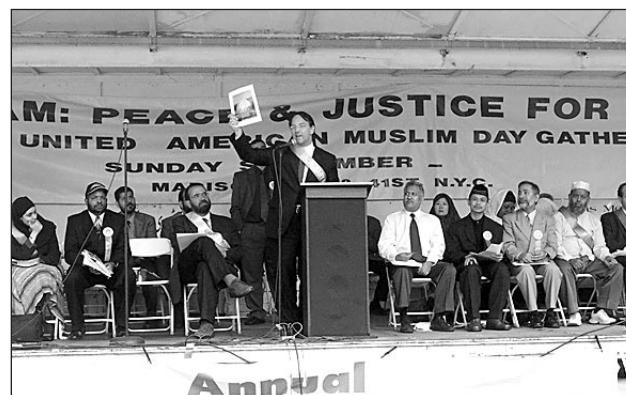
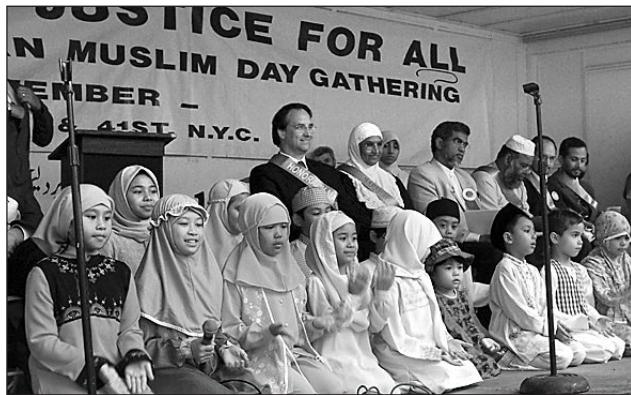
He was deeply inspired to see so many Muslims and Christians and international people all in one accord at the program. Jeanne Carroll, Principle of New Hope Academy (Pyung Hwa Academy) gave an excellent presentation on the We showed the 5 minute video that was featured at the UN rally that showed the IIFWP / ACLC. On the spot Dr. Velez, Deputy Mayor of West Orange, New Jersey signed up. He is the leader of the Ambassadors for peace in New Jersey. 51 VIP's were made Ambassadors for Peace.



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Ambassadors for Peace Conference in LA

by Rev. Henning

Saturday, October 11, a great victory for world peace under one God and a new start for 52 newly appointed Ambassadors of Peace took place at the Downey Community Center from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. After a dynamic performance of the Unity Singers' "Unity in the Community" song, the MC, Councilman Keith McCarthy of Downey delivered his welcoming remarks and Rev. Brown of Pasadena gave a heartfelt invocation. The event was well attended. 124 Ambassadors for Peace and guests and 67 members participated, but several members of those "members" who are lawyers, bank managers or a city council member already have joined the ranks of Ambassadors for Peace. The audience included many Christian clergy, but also Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists, and many leaders in education, business, media, finance, sports, and representatives of NGO's including the United Nations Association.

Mr. Antonio Betancourt, the Secretary General of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace spoke on the mission of the Ambassadors for Peace. He challenged all present to go the way of Peace unaccomplished in Adam's time and through all of history. The way pioneered by the True Parents, he said, is the true and ultimate solution to human conflict. Each couple, he emphasized, must study the Divine Principle and follow the model course of the True Parents. His very direct message was well received and the full-spectrum of IIFWP activities was covered in a 17-minute overview video which was presented directly following his presentation. Each participant received a packet at the registration desk containing "The Seeds of True Peace:

"The Fruits of True Love", a CD overview of IIFWP and True Parents' Ministry and also a copy of the book World Lead-

ers Speak: The Messiah Has Come, and the Founder's Address at the Inaugural Assembly of the Interreligious and International Peace Council, as well as an invitation and registration form for the third Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and a response form questionnaire.

Imam Haitham Bundakji, the President of the Islamic Society of Orange County testified about the tremendous power for peace of nearly five-hundred clergy including the three abrahamic faiths and several other religions. He spoke with great enthusiasm that this is the only way to realize peace; that Rev. Moon is the only one bringing this level of unity between the divided peoples of many religious views.

Mr. Andrew Weis shared a warm and wonderful testimony of his experience at the interfaith conference in Jerusalem. He told of triumph over concepts first around the table and later at his own family meetings here in California. The testimonies were echoed in a five minute video entitled "Peace Under One God: Pilgrimage for Reconciliation". Rev. Manly of San Diego spoke strongly about the UN demonstration and the Inaugural Assembly of the Interreligious International Peace Council. He pointed out that Jesus calls us to demonstrate his standard of love for others. Ms. Norma Foster, President of the Pacific-Los Angeles Chapter of the United Nations Association, shared her hope for peace through the unity of leaders of faith in actions for peace. The hope, she shared, is not in contemplation, but action.

The Conference proved to be a festival of song as well as soul-stirring testimony. Dr. James Gambrell, CEO of a production company and soloist for Mt. Zion Baptist, poured his heart into the lyrics of "To God Be the Glory" and received a standing ovation. Next, Ms. Blinky Williams, director of the Hollywood Choir, brought the crowd to their feet to sing "Let Their Be Peace on Earth"



as one huge chorus. This simple song had an amazing effect of raising the spirit through having everyone present in full participation. Then Rev. Godwin D'Silva, the IIFWP Co-convenor in Los Angeles read aloud a selection from the Founder's Address at the Inaugural Assembly of the Interreligious and International Council for Peace as each participant followed along in their own copy.

Next, new Ambassadors for Peace were appointed in groups of ten. Each time the certificates were presented by Mr. Antonio Betancourt and Bishop Baek Joong Ku to the new Ambassadors and a commemorative photo was taken. Fifty-two Ambassadors were appointed at that time, another nine high-level leaders will be appointed in smaller ceremonies in the greater Los Angeles area in the next two weeks.

The meeting came to a conclusion with a home-cooked luncheon. Fruit and vegetable plates were brought to the tables and a buffet sandwich line provided turkey and beef sandwiches on fresh baked French bread, a whole

variety of salads and potato-onion soup (a real crowd pleaser). Rev. Hart gave the blessing for the food and it was evident in his prayer that he was truly inspired. The Unity Singers and the Sadoc Christian Singers (pictured below) rocked the place during the luncheon. The spirit moved and dozens stood clapping a swaying to the sounds of the Sadoc Christian Singers.

Rev. Hart wrote in his reflection paper, "This has to be one of the greatest events in my life. I have a different opinion of unity now. Peace is greater than any of us. Thanks for the video presentation. We were able to see and hear from those who were seated at our tables. This was my first meeting [with IIFWP] and I was indeed impressed." ♦

'Messiah' by Bo Hi Pak

Review by Paul Gottfried

This two-volume biography of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, originally written in Korean by his devoted disciple, Dr. Bo Hi Pak, and now available in English, has a value beyond being a testimony to nearly 60 years of Rev. Moon's public ministry. An accomplished writer, longtime career officer in the South Korean army, Pak was the Reverend Moon's chief agent in the founding of the Washington Times in 1982 as well as the director of myriad until-now unheralded projects which helped Ronald Reagan and other Cold-War conservatives toss the Evil Empire onto the ash heap of history.

Pak has played a significant role in the Reverend Moon's American enterprises since the mid-sixties, when he was sent here to establish the American Unification Church. In the seventies when his leader moved to the United States or began to spend considerable time and money here, Pak expanded his informational and organizational activities, becoming publisher of *The News World* daily in New York (in 1976) and founder of both the Unification Church-supervised World Media Association and a vehicle for academic outreach, CAUSA (in 1980). Such efforts helped create centers for the dissemination of views that were thematically connected to the Church's millenarian focus, the age of peace and spiritual unity that the Reverend Moon would usher in after the passing of a century of war.

In this cosmic scheme, Communism represented the last critical challenge to the rule of peace - a "satanic force," which would have enslaved humanity, had not divine Providence raised up the United States to oppose its ideas and political-military force. Pak reflects the Reverend Moon's view that United

The Japanese Tea Ceremony that is held by the Japanese volunteers of the IIFWP Office of UN Relations is an activity that has gotten much attention within the United Nations community. This traditional ceremony dates back eight centuries, and is

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Messiah:
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personal mission of Pak and of the man he serves. The Reverend Moon and many of those around them came out of an already Christianized Asian culture, which served as a bridge to the Western world, albeit to an almost Victorian-looking Protestantism.

Original sin, divine redemption, and moral rectitude are all basic to the Unificationist religion, which also reflects a deeply personal experience, the trauma of Korean nationalists who, like the Reverend Moon, suffered grievously under the Communists. Out of this combination of what appears to be an adaptation of nineteenth-century Presbyterianism and the Korean anti-Communist experience came the plans to found the Washington Times Corporation-and to promote the presidential ambitions of Governor Ronald Reagan.

Pak and the Reverend Moon had been eying Reagan as an American national leader from the mid-seventies on. What appealed to them about this figure was his unwavering anti-Communism; and in 1980, the Reverend Moon produced *The News World* into announcing Reagan's electoral victory on its front cover before the returns were in. In a meeting shortly before the election with the then Repub-

lican presidential candidate, Pak addressed him as "President Reagan" and assured the gratified candidate that this was "a revelation from God received by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon." Such information casts light on the close relations between the Reverend Moon's publishing activities and the anti-Communist wing of the Republican Party.

For a Korean sponsor deeply concerned about world Communism, it seemed natural to concentrate his efforts on the one non-Communist superpower and to promote the electoral prospects of avowedly anti-Communist American politicians.

A final revelation for me in reading this biography was the willingness of the Washington Times benefactor to

undergo what is called by Pak a "twentieth-century crucifixion."

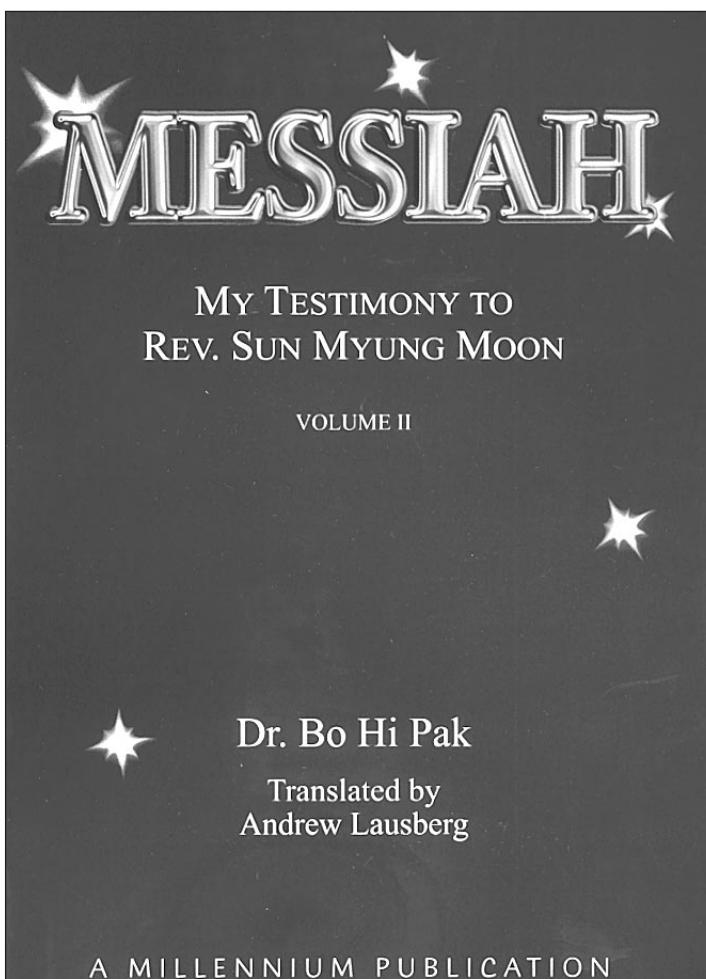
From July 1984 until August 1985, the Reverend Moon was in a federal penitentiary (and later a halfway house) supposedly for having defrauded the IRS of less than \$7,300. He was jailed on the kind of blown-up tax evasion charges that might have been used to run a leader of organized crime off the streets. And politicians, most vocally Bob Dole, stirred the pot while chasing after anti-Moonie voters.

The Reverend Moon could easily have left the country and returned to Korea, which may have been what his detractors wanted. Instead he stayed and went to jail, while blessing the country that sent him there. Pak may be correct to see this as a conscious imitation of Christ, particularly given the Unificationist view that the Founder is bringing about

the Second Advent and sees himself as completing Christ's mission. In any case, the biography does clarify its subject's almost joyous acceptance of an unjust punishment.

Pak's repeated contention that his subject is an "unsung hero of Soviet liberation" is axiomatic. The continued refusal of beltway conservatives to recognize this fact is, of course, scandalous.

Dr. Pak also gives an amazing behind-the-scenes account of Rev. Moon's meetings with Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow in 1990 and Kim Il Sung of North Korea in 1991. How an avowed anti-communist would meet the leading communists of the day is truly an inspiring story.



Japanese Tea Ceremony Promotes Dialogue Among Civilizations

performed by the volunteers in traditional Japanese costumes. The Tea Ceremony emphasizes the values of harmony, respect, purity, and tranquility that are inherent in the per-

formance of this time-honored tradition and art.

Many representatives from the UN Missions have attended this program. They all say how tranquil and peaceful they feel after the experience. They are served a special blend of green tea made by the tea master in the traditional way and served in a beautiful tea bowl. After,

they are served Japanese sushi and snacks. The significance of the ceremony is explained each step of the way, as each participant

receives their tea bowl, one by one, bowing and honoring one another in deepest respect. In a world that is rapidly changing, the quiet calm of the ceremony adds a quiet respite to diplomatic life and is the UN volunteers' contribution to fostering the "Dialogue Among Civilizations."



The 2nd Fishing World Cup in Yeosu

Over 1000 anglers from 50 nations round the globe gathered in Nam-myeon and Samsan-myeon, a tourist city, notable of the marine leisure and sport culture, October 21st and 24th.

According to Mr. Shin, Wan-Soo, the President of Hanyeong Collage and the chairman of 'Yeosu City Fishing World Cup Induction Committee', it was agreed upon that the Fishing World Cup 2003, the celebration of 50 million fishing loving people of the world, be held in adjacent water of Nam-myeon and Samsan-myeon of Yeosu City, for a period of 5 days starting on the coming October 6th, and over 1000 anglers of 50 nations in the world are expected to

gather together. "Through this event, Yeosu City will become acknowledged in the world as a tourist cultural city of marine leisure and sport", the chairman Shin said.

In the 2nd Fishing World Cup, the anglers compete in one of two categories of 'Boat Fishing' and 'Surf Casting', and the first, second and the third winners will be awarded with \$20,000 (26 million won), \$15,000 (19.5 million won) and \$10,000 (13 million won) cash prize respectively.

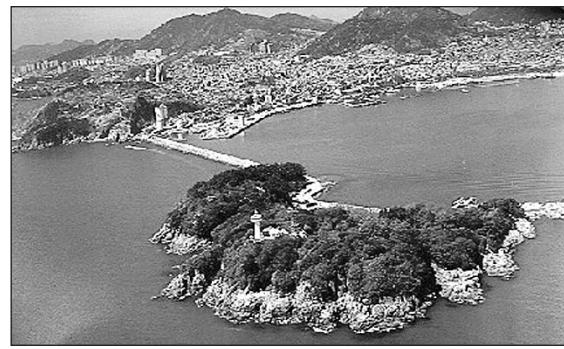
According to the Tournament Rules, the



champions are determined by the total weight of girella (Bengaetom porgy), snapper, and black porgy among other fishes which are common in the southern waters of Korea. Those who wish to take part in the tournament are requested to submit their photos and the

application forms to the Induction Committee's head office. The secretary general of Yeosu Induction Committee, Mr. Kan, Ki-Bom said, "Our objective through this event is to place a local city on the global stage, and thus to create an opportunity that enables a local govern-

ment to expand the worldwide marketing activities. Also, he expressed a hope that a new sport culture rises in harmony with the natural environment.



West Block Leadership Seminar

by Rev. T. L. Henning

September 8th through 11th the 2nd West Block Leadership Seminar, lead by Rev. Baek Joong Ku, was held at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas. The theme of the Conference was "Church Growth". The main topics were growth through Divine Principle education and growth through developing a dynamic worship service. Thirty-eight participants attended, including nine wives, 2 full days of seminar and a day of astounding sight-seeing at the Grand Canyon which provided much needed time for discussion and interaction during the drive there and back.

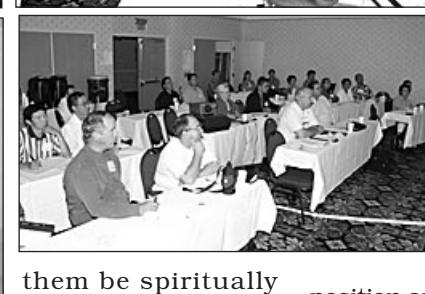
On the first day arrivals were scheduled for 4 p.m. and by 4:20 the seminar presentations were underway. Rev. Ku opened the event with a statement of purpose and introduced Rev. Henning's presentation of the Unification Worldview Class for Leaders of the Second Israel. A CD was distributed and the method of study and presentation explained together with the results of the sixteen week seminar thus far.

Then, Rev. Henning demonstrated the first half of the "Second Coming" presentation. Several leaders testified that they felt new confidence for teaching ministers and applying the scriptures to their explanation of Divine Principle. The next morning after Hoon Dok Hae with the former President's messages, read by Mr. James Oberg of Seattle, Rev. Thompson, Pastor of the Family Church in San Francisco delivered his PowerPoint presentation on "Communicating to Change Lives". His advice on preparation and delivery of sermon material was really helpful, stressing the relevance of the material to members' real situations and the prayer and effort that goes into a message that can win hearts and grow the church. Several State Leaders shared their reports

each morning giving an update on membership and the type of worship service and outreach activities they conduct.

The report on Oregon's activity was presented by Rev. John Dixon, that of Hawaii by Rev. Hu, Colorado by Rev. Nagalame, Nebraska by Rev. Kinami, Utah by Rev. Hwang, Arizona by Rev. Delgado and Idaho represented by Rev. David Coryell. City leader Rev. Joseph Carboneau added a special report on 2nd Generation fundraising for ACLC projects in Arizona. The third major topical presentation was delivered by Rev. Gerhard Wiesinger of Seattle, Washington. He spoke on "Society Outreach" showing victories in the media coverage and projects done with community cooperation to highlight the work of Rev. Yakawich in Montana as well as the Wiesingers' family foundation in Seattle. He called for Unificationists to "make a difference" in their local communities.

The next major topic was "Tithing Life" presented by Rev. Ku. His presentation was very frank, reviewing the real situation of our church and teaching that the real value of tithing lay not only in the financial foundation for the work of the church, but in that the act of tithing is a condition to protect members from Satan's invasion and help



"Worship" relating the ways he's changed the service in Los Angeles to be more effective. One of the most important witnessing venues is the Sunday morning experience in the sanctuary. New members should come from the powerful experience of God visitors experience in our worship service.

An overview of the goal and process of minister outreach witnessing was shared by Rev. Tengen from his experience in Los Angeles. He spoke of creating "Family Churches" by a formula course in education and attending events leading up to blessing the couple with holy wine and forty-days separation and three-day ceremony to change blood lineage. Ministers who understand True Father's

position and mission could begin teaching in their churches, not only lectures but showing the pattern of blessed family life. These branch churches would be our hope to expand quickly and allow the ministers to fulfill a leadership role.

Rev. Matazaki's report on True Parents' Hawaii Providence and the Island Federation of Nations rounded the day out with stunning pictures of the natural beauty of Hawaii and close-up shots of the True Parents.

Wednesday was totally involved in Grand Canyon adventure and Thursday the conclusion was summed up by Rev. Ku after Hoon Dok Hae and state reports. The reflections written then were full of praise for the short conference and determinations to be more effective and bring about church growth.

by Dr. Michael Mickler

Dr. Mickler is Vice-president and Professor of Church History at the Unification Theological Seminary.

Rev. Moon brought to the surface issues of meaning and purpose by continually pushing for higher results. In the weeks before RFK, with 11 million more couples to go to reach 36 million, he set the goal at 500,000 blessings per day worldwide. Immediately afterwards, he announced, "by the end of May [1998], within 180 days, we have the goal of blessing 360 million couples." Originally, he said, "the 36,000,000 Couples Blessings was to be held in May" but "Heaven was in such a rush that a waterfall came down." Rev. Moon clearly understood that the present moment was fraught with possibilities. As he put it, "The spirit world became mobilized and pushed the physical world." Theology and the sorting-out process could wait. The emphasis now was on achieving breakthroughs.

If Rev. Moon pushed theological categories to the breaking point, he also pushed members beyond their self-imposed limits. His criticism of American members for their tendency to specialize and focus on one task at a time was mentioned. He also was critical of what he regarded as Americans' preference for professional management and rational planning techniques over reliance on the mysterious power of the spiritual world. The Harvard Business School approach was simply not the way he intended to run the movement. Too frequently, that style had collided with his response to immediate providential mandates. The blessing of 360 million couples before the year 2000 clearly was a providential mandate. Just as obviously, it would force members, once again, to break through their concepts of what was possible or permissible.

Ironically, members had just gotten comfortable with the measures pioneered for Blessing '97. Now, in effect, they were put on notice that these methods were obsolete. There simply was not enough time for door-to-door, person-to-person Blessings in order to achieve the expected result. Blessing three, five or even eight couples an evening and, perhaps, double that on weekends was not sufficient. Beach Blessings and Blessing booths at county fairs might have put a dent in the totals. Unfortunately, the beaches were closed, and there would be no county fairs before May. In fact, major portions of the Northern hemisphere were wrapped in ice and snow, making any Blessing work difficult. At a February 3, 1998 International Leaders' Meeting in Korea, Rev. Kwak reported that the Blessing Ceremony of 360 million couples would be held in twelve major cities around the world on June 13th. Sometime after that, it was decided that Blessing '98 would be conducted for 120 million couples and that the remaining 240 million would be Blessed at a later unspecified date.

This was hardly a reprieve. The North American goal was still 10 million couples, an exponential leap from the 400,000 that Rev. Joong Hyun Pak reported North America had Blessed in 1997. Furthermore, it was decided that the main ceremony again would be in the United States. This came as a surprise. American members had expected that the next Blessing would be in Japan. In fact, a key point in obtaining the maximum exertion from tribal messiahs during the RFK campaign was the assurance given that this was the last Blessing True Parents would ever perform in America and, hence, the final opportunity for members to demonstrate their wholehearted support. The reason why Japan could not host the main ceremony was clear. As a result of his felony tax conviction, Rev. Moon was barred under Japanese law from entering the country. The reason why the United States was again chosen for the main ceremony was less clear. Some of the same reasoning as for Blessing '97 undoubtedly applied. In particular, a U.S. venue offered the most substantial opportunity for global impact. According to Rev. Pak, America's Christian base and the movement's breakthroughs with Christian ministers, 2,000 of whom reportedly had been Blessed, were deci-

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sive. On the other hand, North America's Blessing '97 total of 400,000 was only one percent of the 40,000,000 reported worldwide.

Although the U.S. was given responsibility to host Blessing '98, the specific city was not yet clear. Some east-coast members hoped that Chicago or Los Angeles would be given the honor. However, this was not to be, and New York was chosen. Once this was decided, there was a debate over the site. Some favored another stadium event; others pushed for a more intimate venue. In the end, Madison Square Garden was selected. It was famous and large enough to be acceptable. Although the rental and set-up costs would be substantial, it was simpler to work with than a stadium. There also was the possibility for more intimacy and control. In addition, there was the advantage of MSG being directly across from the 2,000 room, church-owned New Yorker Hotel and within blocks of HSA National Headquarters. Finally, there was a sense of connectedness to the movement's tradition. Members liked to think in threes and Blessing '98 would be the third major event the movement had sponsored at MSG. Rev. Moon's 1974 Day of Hope speech on "The New Future of Christianity" was a formation-stage event. It overflowed the Garden and served as a coming-out occasion for the movement in America. The 2075 Couple Blessing in 1982 was a growth-stage event. It brought together members who had joined during the 1970s and pointed them in new directions through the 1980s and early 1990s. Blessing '98 would be a perfection or completion stage event. Members hoped it would define the movement's mature identity and role in the U.S. and elsewhere. However, Blessing '98 was a far more concentrated campaign. There were two years to get ready for Blessing '97. This allowed time for trial and error, the refinement of methods, the building of morale, the convening of a multifaceted WCSF, and the elaboration of complex mobilization strategies. This was not possible in the little more than six months between RFK and MSG. In fact, by the time major decisions were made, there were less than four months to prepare.

In an effort to come up with "ideas and guidelines" for Blessing '98, Dr. Tyler Hendricks convened a "Brainstorming Session" for some seventy-five elders of the U.S. and Canadian movements at Unification Theological Seminary in February. The conference was carefully structured to include plenary meetings on Reflections From RFK and Evangelism and Marketing the Blessing followed by break-out sessions on Program Design; High Level Outreach; Financial Planning; Youth, Singles and Matching; Media Strategies, and Education of Blessed Couples. Bill Lay, who covered the conference for *Unification News*, noted that "many approaches to life and the UC were on display over the weekend." Dan Fefferman, a respected elder member, commented that America's goal of 40 million couples out of 360 million, "taken as a percentage of all married couples in America," represented "a greater market share than that of Coca Cola." He argued that this level of market share only gets achieved through a "serious commitment to mass marketing." Others held that "there are no problems, we just need to buckle down and believe" or that the only real problem was that members were "all so distant from the level of [Rev. Moon]."

The Barrytown conclave was purely advisory and had

only a limited effect upon pre-Blessing activity. As during the RFK campaign, tribal messiahs and members were thrown back upon their own resources. Reports of pre-Blessing totals were taken at face value with no questions asked and no attempt to verify results. Objective pre-Blessing norms and guidelines increasingly gave way to subjective ones. Previously, the injection of holy wine, recitation of vows, the sprinkling of holy water, a forgiveness ceremony, a completed FFWPU form, and in most cases a photograph were required. All of this might have taken only a few minutes, but each element was regarded as essential to a bona fide pre-Blessing. Now, pre-Blessings seemingly could take a variety of forms so long as members maintained a proper attitude. All night song, testimony and prayer meetings were common in areas dedicated to reaching the highest pre-Blessing totals.

If the movement was *laissez faire* as to pre-Blessing activity, it was hands-on and well organized in its effort to fill Madison Square Garden. It also adopted a different approach. Essentially, the movement pulled back from the cultural dimension of previous World Culture and Sports Festivals. There was a three-day Special Convocation on "The Family and World Peace." The nine co-sponsoring organizations united their previously separated conferences into a single meeting. The focus was on the Blessing ceremony itself.

While the short turnaround between the two events and the character of New York were important, the major reason why the movement soft-pedaled the WCSF was because it focussed its effort on religious contacts. In doing so, the movement developed a number of specific strategies. Early in the mobilization effort, it set up an Ecumenical Action Office directed by Rev. Ki Hun Kim from Chicago. Rev. Kim set a goal of mobilizing 10,000 people from Christian churches for Blessing '98. A key strategy of this office was the convening of Blessing '98 Meetings and Banquets in each New York City district as well as New Jersey and Philadelphia. These

were intended to re-connect ministers from past campaigns to tribal messiahs and District leaders. A second strategy was the convening of a "Pro-Family Rally" at MSG with "Blessing '98 Family Awards" given immediately prior to the start of the Blessing ceremony. A third strategic step was the creation of a massive 2,000-voice choir from 77 churches. Finally, the movement subsidized the cost of chartered buses for congregations and flew in ministers from distant locations.

These strategies were hugely successful. The clearest indication of this was the packed arena. An estimated 20,000 people turned out. In fact, the doors closed more than an hour before the start of the Blessing event. Rev. Kim noted, "Over 200 churches brought their congregations." Over 120 ministers and 14 buses of parishioners came from Chicago alone. The Pro-Family Rally was highly successful in helping insure an early turnout and an appropriate focus in the pre-ceremony proceedings. It also demonstrated the movement's connections within the religious community.

Rev. Dennis Dillon, publisher of the *New York Christian Times*, served as emcee; a Hispanic pastor offered the invocation; a white Pentecostal Philadelphia evangelist was the first speaker; a diverse mix of twenty or so ministers received Blessing '98 Family Awards for demonstrating outstanding leadership in their churches and communities; PBS film critic Michael Medved and his wife Diane delivered a video message of support and

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Four elder Korean women received special spirit world blessings

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appreciation over the jumbotrons; the 2,000-voice choir electrified the audience with spirited renditions of "Kum-baya" and an original piece entitled, appropriately enough, "Blessings"; and Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, senior pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in Harlem and Chairman of the Board of the National Action Network, delivered the keynote address.

Blessing organizers were thrilled by the response. Although recently matched member couples still were arrayed in neat rows on the floor and the Pro-Family Rally was distinct from the Blessing ceremony, there was more of a unified thrust. Part of this was due to the 2,000-voice choir which filled the hall with its massed voices during "Amazing Grace" and the "Hallelujah Chorus." There also was the opportunity for more milieu control and intimacy. At precisely 11:00 a.m., the satellite hookup was established and a highly polished "Welcome to New York City" video clip began on huge jumbotrons. The hall lights similarly dimmed for video introductions preceding benedictions by representatives of eight world religions. Unlike in Washington D.C., there were few, if any negative newspaper articles in the days preceding the Blessing or afterwards. Even the NYPD expressed appreciation for the movement's "good organization in unloading and loading 520 buses."

Amid all the good feeling, there were a couple of dissonant notes. One of these was the tendency to highlight distinctions between godly and ungodly forces in society. This was especially apparent in the Pro-Family Rally. It was also evident in depictions of Madison Square Garden as an "ark of salvation" within a largely reprobate city. The fact that there was a torrential downpour and savage thunderstorm going on outside during the event accentuated participants' sense of being among the elect. Rev. Joong Hyun Pak credited "God with the weather" and cited someone who said, "Inside MSG was Noah's Ark, outside was judgment!"

However, it was Dr. Tyler Hendricks, President of the Unification Church in America, who worked the ark imagery into an extended reflection and who drew the clearest, or at least the most stark distinction between those who responded and didn't respond to Blessing '98. In a section entitled "Where Were You on June 13?" within his regular "UVIEWS" monthly column, he criticized New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and the Dalai Lama, both of whom were invited but declined due to schedule conflicts, the mayor to join a gay pride parade in Brooklyn, the Dalai Lama to preside over a two-day Tibetan benefit rock concert, ironically enough, at RFK Stadium, Washington, D.C.

According to Dr. Hendricks, "A religious leader chose an event on behalf of his nation instead of one on behalf of the world. A political leader chose an event on behalf of homosexuality instead of one on behalf of godly marriage." Utilizing the "ark of salvation" metaphor to evaluate the contrasting outcomes, he wrote, "We could consider Madison Square Garden on June 13 as a place of salvation, like the ark. Those who heard the call came inside. The weather was fine as we entered. The doors were closed, courtesy of the Madison Square Garden staff. Outside were the gay pride activists, the anti-Moon demonstrators, the Hollywood rock concert for Tibet. When the doors closed, when the Blessing started, the rains came. Torrential rains washed out the gay pride parade. The rains wiped out the anti-Moon protesters. Lightning struck RFK Stadium, seriously injuring eleven people. All these events were called off. Inside the Garden, no one was in the least bit aware of the weather raging outside. And when we emerged, when the doors opened, the rain had stopped. We walked out onto literal dry ground. The air smelled fresh; something was washed."

A delicious irony, of course, was that many of those drenched on the outside, with the possible exception of the gay pride activists and anti-Moon demonstrators, were in all likelihood either knowingly or unknowingly blessed!

The introduction of spirit world Blessings at Blessing '98 was a second discordant note. This was quite unexpected. It already was a stretch for more than a few ministers and their congregations to countenance Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh and Muslim benedictions over the proceedings. The thought that billions of spirit world couples, including a select group of religious founders and some of the worst criminals of history, were also participating in the Madison Square Garden event surely would have been either incomprehensible or unacceptable for most. Nevertheless, the first order of business once Rev. and Mrs. Moon, as officiators, had taken their seats was a "Report to Heaven" delivered by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak. Rev. Kwak reported that True Parents were tearing down all the existing walls in the spiritual world, including the wall of hell.

He announced that on this occasion, they were extending the pre-Blessing to "16 billion couples in the spiritual world." He stated, "This may sound unbelievable, but it is true." He announced, "Included in the Blessing of numerous spirits are 34 couples who will receive a special Blessing as the representatives both from God's side and from Satan's side. These include: Jesus, Con-

the union of Heung Jin and Julia Moon. Even earlier, on January 3, 1971, Rev. Moon was understood to have blessed Jesus with a Korean church member. At Blessing '98, immediately following his "Report to Heaven," Rev. and Mrs. Kwak, presumably with Heung Jin and Jesus, presided over a "physical and spiritual world ceremony" in which "four Korean women elders were...Blessed as wives on earth to four major saints of the spirit world—Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed, and Socrates."

A second reason why the introduction of spirit world Blessings might not be considered a retreat had to do with the logic of the Blessing and the movement's teachings. As Rev. Kwak indicated, there was no corner of reality that the Blessing of true love could not penetrate. Spirit world Blessings were a logical extension of this principle. Further, if Rev. and Mrs. Moon's status as True Parents and their declaration of messiahship were to be taken seriously, they ought to be lords of heaven as well as earth. In an editor's note accompanying its coverage of Blessing '98, the Unification News held that "Unificationist ideology is firmly planted on earth" but also took the spirit world "very seriously." It cited a passage from The Exposition of the Divine Principle which stated, "Dur-



fucius, Buddha, Mohammed, Mary, Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Caleb, John the Baptist, Socrates, Swedenborg, Sundar Singh, Syngman Rhee, Hwal Ahn Kim, Park Chung Hee, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Nobusuke Kishi, Takeo Fukuda, Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Mao Tse Tung, Kim Il Sung, Adolph Hitler, Hideki Tojo, and Benito Mussolini."

Rev. Kwak commented, "There is no corner that the Blessing of true love cannot reach." It was "an amazing grace, not just for good spirits but for bad spirits as well, since it opens even the door to hell." He asserted that through "this historic Blessing ceremony of the spiritual world and the earthly world, officiated by True Parents, all religious spheres can be harmonized to form a unified realm of blessing" and that the two worlds, spiritual and physical, "can unite into one, thus establishing the realm of liberation." He concluded by proclaiming "this is the great, pivotal Blessing ceremony that will launch the era of Heaven on earth and in heaven centered on God and True Parents."

There were several ways to interpret these extraordinary claims. They could be judged to be evidence of a retreat from engagement with the world, not into self-righteous sectarianism, but toward an otherworldly mysticism. At the same time, there were good reasons for maintaining that this was not the case. First, as has already been noted, spiritualism was an integral part of the movement's tradition and had not interfered with its engagement with the world. Spirit world Blessings also were not unprecedented. A day prior to the 360,000 Couple Blessing in 1995, Rev. and Mrs. Moon blessed Mrs. Moon's physical mother, Rev. Moon's physical elder brother, and Rev. Moon's physical mother, each of whom had passed from the physical plane. Blessings in which one partner was in the spirit world and the other on earth also had occurred. Previously, reference was made to

ing the period when the providence of restoration is to be completed after the Second Coming of Christ, God will complete the cosmic foundation for the Messiah by working throughout heaven and earth based on the Completed Testament Word."

According to Richard Lewis, *Unification News* editor, this indicated that "from the 1950s, it was clear that Reverend Moon's work would ultimately relate directly to the spirit world. Therefore, what is taking place now should come as no surprise."

The public acknowledgement of spirit world Blessings was really more of a risk than a retreat. Had the movement acknowledged them only among its membership as a form of compensation or consolation for the lack of external results, the retreat label might have applied. However, Rev. Moon was springing mass spirit world Blessings on an unsuspecting public in much the same way as he sprung his declaration of messiahship on unsuspecting guests in 1992. This, in fact, was typical of his approach. Though members may have settled, or wished to settle into stable routines, he quite literally was living in apocalyptic time. At the very moment the movement had achieved a certain comfort level with its minister and parishioner guests, he introduced content sure to upset or even scandalize. For many, the spirit world announcement was unclear. Rev. Kwak read from a prepared text at a side microphone in soft tones with a Korean accent. The report itself was elaborate and dense, probably more suited for a gathering of academics than a mass audience whose senses had just been overwhelmed by a 2,000-voice choir and distracted by the spectacle of a lavishly decorated and packed arena. Most heard something about a Blessing of saints; and the names Stalin or Marx may have struck a dissonant chord for those listening carefully. However, there was no context for the report to have much of an effect, and explanations would have to wait for later. ♦

1st Annual International Gospel Explosion

by Daryl M. Clarke

On Sunday, October 19th at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Harlem, Bishop Thomas Heaven Lee and members of the New York Region held their "First Annual International Gospel Explosion". As our youth says, "It was the Bomb". It was an "Evening of Worship and Praise in Song". The theme for the program was, "Breaking Down the Walls, Celebrating a Culture of Heart".

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, the American Clergy Leadership Conference and the Life Line Healing Ministries (founded by Rev.'s Edner and Juanita Pierre-Louis) co-sponsored this first heavenly extravaganza. Soloists, bands, choirs and ensembles filled the Historical Landmark Church with the presence of God and the Holy Spirit. The era of Cheon IL Guk was introduced to the New York region by the unity of over 800 participants praying, singing and offering praises unto the Lord.

The co-emcees, Rev. Levy Daugherty and Rev. Juanita Pierre-Louis led the program into what became a power expres-

sion of international and intercultural harmony and cooperation. "The walls come tumbling down". Mrs. Davetta Morgan and friends constructed a brick wall made out of cardboard boxes with the names of several social ills written on them. After each performance a member of the group took one brick out of the wall and threw it down to the ground.

Rev. Bobbie McDaniel, Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church welcomed us as guest into his beautiful church with stained glass windows that would make Michelangelo gaze in amazement. Bishop Lee responded to the welcome and invited everyone to enjoy the program and prepare his or her heart to experience a moment of Cheon IL Guk peace.

Musical director Greg Davis and members from the Long Island Family Church began the program singing his original song entitled, "Cheon IL Guk". The New York FC (Manhattan/Harlem) choir, director Robert Hall took us to the next level with songs that had us dancing in the aisles. Rev. Jennifer Miller and the Worshippers (First Grace Baptist Church, Harlem) had the audience running to the ushers to buy their CD (which wasn't on

sale that day). International actress and singer Mzuri is no stranger to our family, as the only soloist billed for the evening she put tears in our eyes as shouts of "Glory Hallelujah" rang through out the pews.

ACLC member, Rev. Dr. H.G. McGhee lifted the offering giving us an opportunity to return the blessings giving to us in our daily lives. After a short video presentation of the unity of the three Abrahamic faiths we experienced a piece of heaven on earth when the Isaiah's Youth Ministry Choir (Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope, Brooklyn) made the word's of Jesus become a reality when he said, "you must be like a child to enter the Kingdom of Heaven".

"Gloria A Dios" was shouted all throughout the Church when the Voces De Jublio Choir from the Iglesia Pentecostal Unida Incorporated of the Bronx took the children of God to an other level as we all stood to our feet clapping and dancing making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Organizing committee chairman, Chaplain Daryl M. Clarke, gave the closing remarks, thanking everyone for attending this first event and encouraged all to bring a friend or two or three next year to the "2nd Annual International Gospel Explosion" which is going to make a greater noise and impact to usher in peace for our world. "We are going to need a much bigger place than this", shouted the Rev. Dr. G. H. McGhee (Dr. & Mrs. McGhee served as the Honorary co-chairpersons).

Special recognition was given to the Ginseng-Up Corp. (1 full case of GSU), Tenkai Japanese Restaurant (2 - dinner for two gifts) and the members of the New York Region (2 CD walkman's, 1 DVD/ MP3 combo player and 1 19' Color TV) for donating wonderful door

prizes that was presented to our raffle winners.

As the program came to it's final moments, the WestRock Family Choir directed by Dr. Rumiko Isaksen created a solemn spiritual atmosphere such as the likes of the world famous New Hope Singers International. Then, the WestRock and New York Family choir's unity opened our hearts to receive the finale song, "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (Prayer of St. Francis). As the emotions deepen and the anointing of the spirit of God embraced His people, the Grand Finale broke down the remainder of the walls, creating the atmosphere for each of us to embrace one an other hand in hand as we sang that universal song, "Amazing Grace".

The evening came to an end as we embraced each other. ♦

To the Ocean Once Again

When his deepest words were spoken
But not to the heart of men
Turned he sadly, but unbroken
To the ocean once again.

And the sea was understanding
Well attending was the sea
Vast and deep and never-ending
Like the mind of Aboji.

As he gazed into the waters
Fishing hour after hour
Blue-fin, royal sons and daughters
Were attracted by his power.

Casting out your heart unbroken
Reeling silence in again
'Til the final word is spoken
Use as bait us, fisherman!

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IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Matsumoto

Mrs. Michiko Matsumoto, one of the early pioneer members of Japanese Unification Church, passed to the spiritual world on October 25, 2003 due to cardiac insufficiency. She was age of 87.

Mrs. Matsumoto joined the movement in 1960 and began witnessing in Nagoya and Osaka from 1961. She established churches in many areas and contributed a lot for UC development in Japan.

After that, she focused on internal guidance for members at the headquarters. Church members loved her dearly, calling her "Matsumoto Mama."

Father wrote a calligraphy for Mrs. Matsumoto.

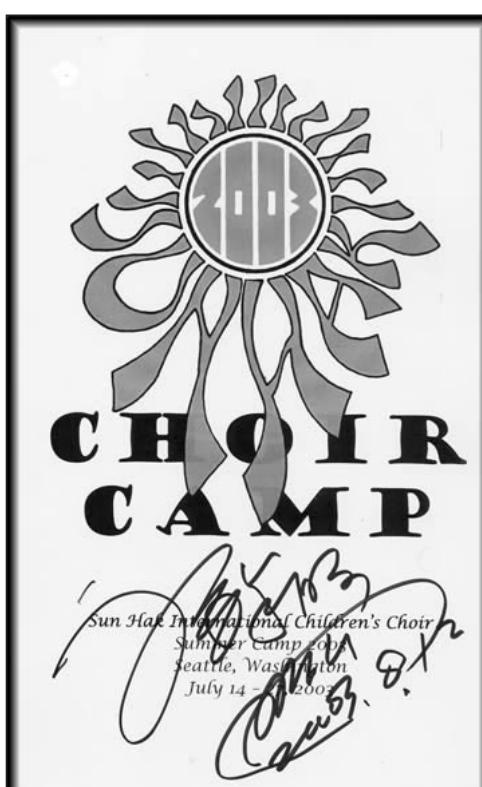


The Sun Hak International Children's Choir

by Nancy Kubo

Sun Hak International Children's Choir held its first national-level choir camp in Seattle, July 14 to 27. After 4 months of music learning at home, 48 youth from four states (see image) gathered for two weeks of intense rehearsal and extreme recreation, culminating with a professionally contracted performance for the Dedication Ceremony of the Korean War Children's Memorial in Bellingham. The event's main speaker was Dr. Kim Suk San, Chairman of the Korean Welfare Foundation, which is responsible for all welfare aid being delivered to North Korea at this time. The choir also performed with Service for Peace youth in a music-and-drama event, and spent 3 days in recording sessions for its next CD.

Sun Hak International Children's Choir is America's 2nd generation youth choir. True Mother has personally supported the choir since it



began in 1993, when she bestowed her name and Father's names in the choir name. This summer in Alaska, Father was very pleased to hear of the choir's progress, signed the



camp logo (see image), and asked for the choir to expand and develop more.

The choir is open to all 2nd generation anywhere in the world who love to sing—girls ages 9 to 18, boys ages 9 to 12. Next winter when announcements come out for the 2004 Sun Hak Choir camp, please respond and participate! Music will be sent out to learn at home, then participants will gather to rehearse and perform together as the 2004 Sun Hak International Children's Choir.

You may request a free 17-minute video CD of camp activities and performance, playable on Windows Media Player. Individuals are welcome to join the choir; also local chapters can be set up in any city. Nancy Kubo will assist in any way to help a local area to establish their chapter.

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This is the first in a three part series about the Word of God. We won't focus on prophets and pastors, those anointed to bring God's Word to humanity. Rather, we'll look at people who are affected by their ministries.

Many people do their best to live by the Word. They are known, most simply, as believers. Some people spend their lives theorizing about holy words. These scholars are called theologians.

A few people study remnants of the past, including evidence for the Scriptures, and the actual lives of religious founders. These scientists are known as archaeologists, and this month we'll talk about them.

Discoverers

The major world religions were founded a long time ago. No videotapes of Jesus or Mohammed exist. Some religions even predate writing, so they have no original records at all. Thus, scholars must literally dig for evidence of those lives and times.

In olden days, natural erosion would sometimes reveal the bones of dinosaurs and other unfamiliar creatures. Folks naturally decided these must be the remains of mythic creatures, perhaps a monster slain by Hercules or another hero.

One scientist has shown that a 'sea monster' depicted on ancient Greek pottery is a dead ringer (no pun intended) for a known, seagoing dinosaur. It's not just dinosaurs, either. Arranged differently, the bones from a wooly mammoth look very much like a giant, hulking person.

With the rise of modern science people understood how old the Earth really is, and about the extinct creatures those bones represented. (How modern species arose is another debate entirely.)

Throughout most of history, people showed no interest in the ruins of earlier cities. (Called a 'tel' in the Middle East, they're all over the place. Natural hills have a different name.) Some old sites were quarried for their dressed stones, or looted in hopes of finding buried treasure, but that was all.

A few classical scholars, such as Herodotus (a Greek), and Ibn Battutah (an Arab), showed genuine interest in the past. They traveled far, listening to stories, keeping records, and collecting artifacts.

German businessman Heinrich Schliemann is recognized as the first modern archaeologist. Driven by an obsession with the Homeric epics (plus a dash of greed and showmanship), he determined to locate the lost city of Troy.

That famous city had been regarded as mere legend, but he stunned the world by actually finding it, in what is now Turkey. His methods were crude: he gouged a huge trench straight through the ruins, discarded all but the finest artifacts, then jumbled those together regardless of their

Finding the Word

area of discovery.

Modern archaeologists dig slowly, within marked grids, keeping every piece of bone, pottery, and other evidence. Chemical and DNA residue is analyzed, revealing clues about ancient climate and diets.

Patient and careful as they are, archaeologists are human, too. There are tenacious factions within archaeology, and fierce personal rivalries. Some people are biblical literalists, others are skeptics, and pretty much everyone has an agenda. Their disagreements encompass theories about the ancient word, but also some very modern politics and policies.

Two of their largest associations are forever at odds. The pages of Biblical Archaeology Review and Archaeology magazine are filled with debate. The former supports amateur diggers, and a limited market for common antiquities. The latter is dead-set

wealth of context and information. The types of implements used, the price of food and slaves, and descriptions of neighboring peoples, have all proven accurate.

Many inscriptions in Egypt and Babylon refer to the Jews, and name several Biblical personages. The Dead Sea Scrolls validated the age and accuracy of the Old Testament.

Recently, an ossuary (bone interment box) with a startling inscription was found. It reads: James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus. Given the population of Jerusalem back then, and the occurrence of those specific names, it's quite likely direct evidence of St. James, the physical brother of Jesus!

However, because it wasn't revealed in situ, and as there are so many forgeries extant, it remains very controversial.

Another ossuary, almost as portentous,

Matching the Bible's timeline to science's can be a fascinating exercise. It seems to have a logarithmic relationship to the one put forth by archaeologists.

The time of Solomon and David is well known, and both accounts match in almost every respect. Before that, the dates diverge, crediting more, then much less, time since events actually occurred.

The Exodus probably took place closer to 1250 BC (rather than 1600 BC). Noah's Flood, if the Black Sea flooding theory is correct, happened around 7000 BC.

Adam and Eve certainly lived more than 130,000 years ago, and perhaps twice that long. Bones from physically modern humans were just found in Ethiopia, dating from 160,000 BC. (Please note that a small band of full-fledged, 'original' humans would have left few, if any, remaining signs.)

In regard to Eden and the Fall, Rev. Moon has spoken in terms of millions of years! Given the notorious difficulty of translating the Orient's 'san' and 'man' numbers into English (and my own deficiency in spoken Korean), plus all the deep symbolism involved, I cannot be certain of his meaning.

What surprises has modern archaeology brought us?

It seems that very ancient societies were somewhat democratic, with a clear division of political and religious leadership. (The Chieftain and the Shaman, respectively.)

The current theory is that, with the founding of cities and their ornate temples, pagan priests gained in power. In response, the secular rulers made themselves into Pharaohs or God-Kings.

To solidify their power, some rulers declared themselves champions of all their subjects, and began to institute specific rights and freedoms. For example, the Code of Hammurabi, which predates the Ten Commandments by centuries.

We moderns apparently gained more from the Fertile Crescent than we did from Egypt. Such as: a Sunday rest, and a religion featuring con-substantiation and a Trinity. But, as Goddess worshippers will tell you with a nyah-nyah-nyah, with a Mother instead!

Pagan apologists claim this belief was the ancestor of Christianity, and even that from which Jesus 'ripped off' his ideas. Rather, I would say, it was an early (and somewhat distorted) manifestation of the eternal Principled ideal.

An informed, open minded person can no longer doubt that the Bible, and many other sacred books, are genuine historical documents.

Some scriptures are very old and largely symbolic, while others are quite accurate in their portrayal of the ancient world.

Therefore, the God to which the Bible refers to cannot be denied on its account. Quite the opposite: the story of its people, and even of the document itself, contains powerful evidence of God's hand. Furthermore, the Parallels of History reveal a clear pattern. Through it all, God remains sovereign.

Next month we'll talk about theologians, and others who analyze the Word. ♦

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against these. Like Indiana Jones, their cry is, "It belongs in a museum!" (Even if it's going to be stashed in some backroom storage crate.)

They've all decried the tragedy of looted museums in Iraq and elsewhere. Even then, their ideas on how to prevent future such looting differ sharply.

Validation

Archaeology encompasses the entire planet, but takes on a special meaning when focused on the Middle East.

Christians place tremendous importance on validating the Bible. Many people want to dismiss that book as myth, and self-serving propaganda, thus to slander its adherents.

Atheists go so far as to call it sheer fantasy, but ongoing discoveries won't let them get away with it!

Seemingly mundane details (especially from the Bible's oldest books) contain a

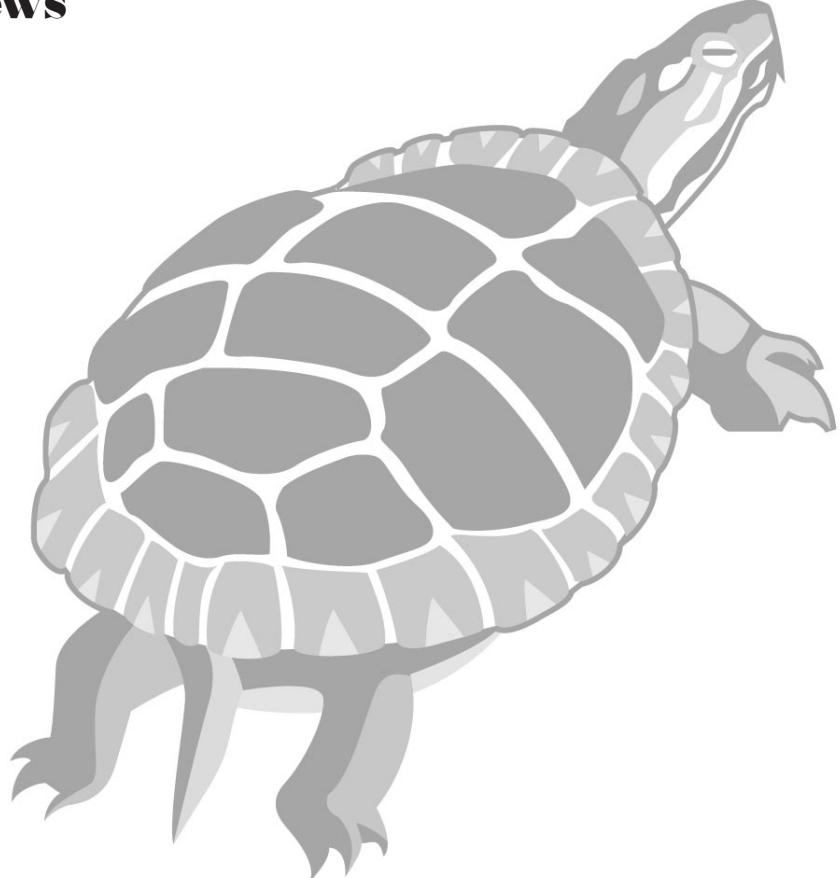
was excavated by a reputable archaeologist. The inscription shows it likely belonged to the family of Simon of Cyrene, bearer of Jesus' cross.

Implications

The Biblical timeline remains a subject of vigorous debate. Some key dates are fixed by Egyptian and other records, while others have been 'placed' all over the centuries. Central events such as the flight from Egypt are said to have taken place over a range of almost 500 years either way—if at all.

Our Principle contains a fascinating Parallels of History section. The latest translation acknowledges that it follows a literal Biblical timeline, rather than a scientific one. Few modern scholars, including most Christians, think the universe was created in the year 4004 BC. (Even 'young earth' Creationists have fudged the date to perhaps 8000 BC.)

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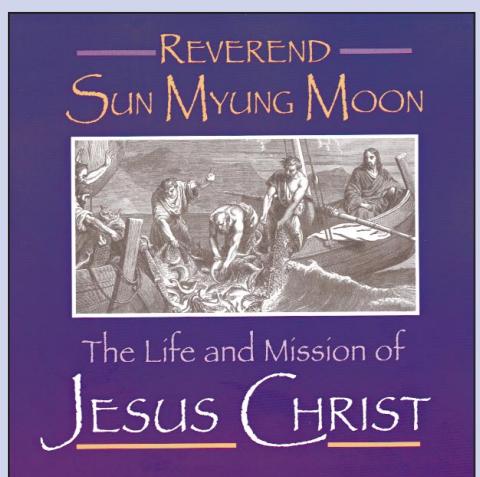
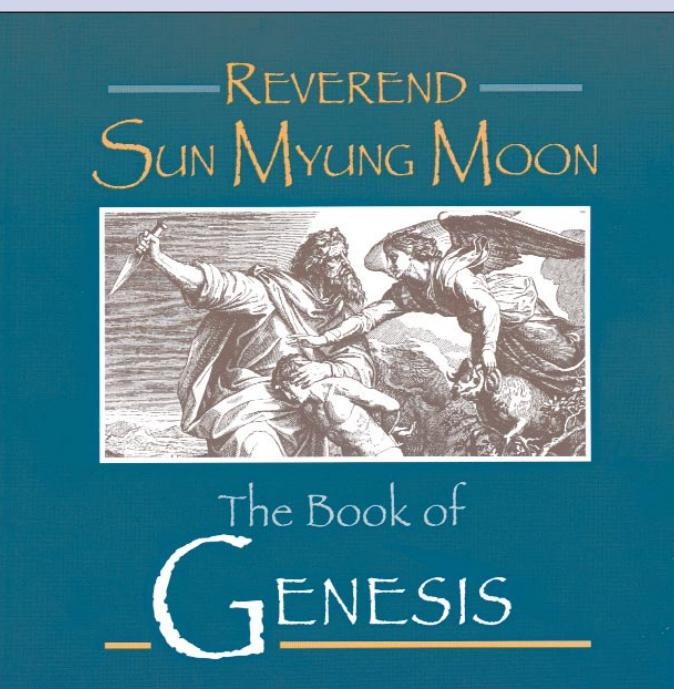
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