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by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

THE YEAR 1987 WAS THE MIDPOINT OF THE THREE-YEAR providential period following the victorious completion of True Parents' 40-year wilderness course in 1985. The second year is always decisive, and many significant and meaningful events occurred in 1987.

Among the most important annual events were the Fifth God Conference, the First Summit Council for World Peace, the Second Religious Youth Service in Portugal, a number of Council for the World's Religions conferences, and the historical Fourth CARP Convention held in Berlin, with Hyo Jin Nim bravely leading the demonstration at the Berlin Wall.

The highly successful Third International Professors World Peace Academy Congress was held in the Philippines; important leaders in the media field gathered in Seoul for the Ninth World Media Conference; and the World Media Association's fact-finding tour to the Soviet Union was a great success [see next month's issue]. Many eminent scholars from all over the world attended the 16th ICUS in Atlanta, at which Father delivered two addresses. In True Parents' family, the Holy Wedding of Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim was a very significant event dispensationally.

From a providential point of view, since 1987 the world has been under True Parents' guidance, spiritually and practically, in many ways. From now on, important events, especially those involving the dispensationally central countries of Korea, Japan, and America, must be connected to the will and heart of God and True Parents. From last God's Day, many American members have been working with a patriotic spirit for the sake of the future of this country. Early in 1987, Father emphasized posting CAUSA USA posters proclaiming: "One World Under God: Let Us Unite and Save Our Country"; continuing CAUSA seminars; and educating ministers through the ICC in Korea and Japan. Father also encouraged the renewal of home church activities. All this is in preparation for God's special dispensation for this country.

On the internal side, Father initiated a series of revitalizing 40-day Leadership Training Seminars. Also very valuable has been Heung Jin Nim's detailed and wise heavenly guidance to many members all over the world. Not only through mediums, but also through his returning resurrection, Heung Jin Nim has given us God's amazing grace—the opportunity to confess our sins—and is significantly helping us to purify ourselves and grow toward a truly divine standard. We are very grateful for this.

In Korea, Father founded the vitally important Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland. Dr. Bo Hi Pak and I conducted a successful speaking tour in April, lecturing at many major Korean universities about the need for the reunification of North and South Korea. The Korean regional leaders returned from America to work in Korea, and the Korean blessed wives were also mobilized. All are working for this great purpose of unification. In turn, Korean professors came to America and had an educational tour of our movement's activities in Alaska, New York, and Washington DC. These activities are also a substantial part of the dispensational preparation.

We must begin 1988 internally different from the way we were in 1987. The year 1988 is the concluding or harvesting time of the three-year period, and is thus very important. It will become increasingly clear that current and future world events cannot fully be understood without comprehending True Parents' focus and vision. It is critical that decisions of world importance be made to fulfill Heavenly Father's purpose and True Parents' desire. God expects True Parents to be the guiding force of this world, and Heavenly Father's dispensational view is that, internally, all events should happen according to True Parents' purpose and direction. All of the important activities of 1987 have laid a foundation for the accomplishment of two main goals: 1) the unification of the Fatherland and 2) the cooperation of the primary countries of Korea, Japan, and America, centering on God and True Parents.

We are deeply thankful for and appreciative of God's grace and True Parents' guidance. It is only through Father's insight that we can understand the significant meaning of this era and year. The Unification movement made unbelievable progress in 1987, accomplishing impossible tasks and overcoming extraordinary barriers and challenges, by means of True Parents' guidance. This past year's result is not our own, but truly belongs to True Parents and their phenomenal effort and sacrifice.

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CHILDREN'S DAY AND THE UNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND

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YOUR HOMETOWN IS THE COUNTRY IN WHICH YOU were born, after many generations of ancestors. We in this room represent many different homelands, but when we trace back through all our ancestries, back to the beginning, hundreds of thousands of years ago, we will find only one homeland. All our ancestries must have begun from one cultural background, one family in one homeland.

As we learn from the Bible, the lineage is to be passed down through the elder son. However, when we look around us today, we can find no individual or race who can claim, "I am the mainstream of the tradition that has been passed on, unmixed and pure, from generation to generation." Nevertheless, no matter where we come from or where we are now, we all want such a pure, consistent flow of tradition that we can take pride in. Why hasn't tradition been maintained in a pure and simple way? Clearly, it is a result of the human fall. One way of explaining the fall is to say that the human lineage changed from the pure and right into something else.

PURIFYING OUR LINEAGE

Into whose lineage have people been transferred? We know it is Satan's. So we ought to feel, "Yes, in my blood is Satan's lineage. To cleanse and purify it is my work and God's desire." But does anyone of us feel that strongly about it? Even though reason and logic direct us to this understanding, few of us really feel that strongly about it. Even Moonies would rather avoid thinking about it.

How strong is your urge to escape from this situation, to throw away all the sinfulness within you? Suppose a righteous person tried to squeeze the sinfulness out of your body so that you could become pure. Would you say, "Oh, it hurts!" or would you say, "Thank you for helping me get rid of that poison. I am so grateful that I am being cleansed"?

It is a historic privilege that we have discovered the truth about our fallen lineage, and it is our historic task to cleanse and transfer that lineage back to goodness. It is a truly momentous undertaking. What does it take for a person to change his state back to goodness? Is it man's work alone? Is it God's work alone? We know it takes the tremendous, painful, all-out effort of both God and man to change our lineage back to the original.

This false lineage, expanded from the individual to the family, society, nation, and even the whole world, has created Satan's realm. There is now no place on earth that God can claim as totally His own. If someone comes along and tries to take someone or something away from Satan's territory, do you think Satan will ignore that person's effort, not caring whether he succeeds? No, not at all. Satan will never allow even the smallest part of his territory to be taken away freely.

Although human beings originally belong to God, today it is Satan who is reigning over us. Satan can claim, "You have created all things through love, God, and You have dominion over the world through love. But even though I never reached the perfection stage of love, I did get to the top of the growth stage, so I have dominion over everything below that level." Furthermore, Satan can say to us, "Unless you have a higher tradition of love than I have achieved, you cannot claim anything from me." We must seriously ask ourselves what it takes to get the better of that false tradition. The one thing we can do is to deny our self-centered desires: deny all of our links to the satanic domain. Even unto death, we must deny them, preferring to go to the spirit world rather than be held by those physical ties that connect us to the false foundation. To deny the evil lineage, we have to belong somewhere else. Only when our love for God is stronger than our will to live can we begin to move our fallen lineage into the original one.

A STRONGER BOND WITH GOD

Centering on God, then, are we supposed to go around and kick down what Satan has built up and nurtured? No, violence is not our standard of denial. The true denial of Satan's bond is to have a stronger bond with God.

Let's look at what Jesus did. Instead of trying to retaliate against the enemies who were piercing his body with a spear, Jesus prayed for God to forgive them. Was Jesus cowardly? Was he inferior and unable to do anything more powerful? When I came to the United States, trying to bring goodness here, the people repaid me with antagonism and eventually put me into prison. Why didn't I become righteously indignant and just judge them? Am I a coward?

We know clearly that to be heavenly citizens we must not only love God the most strongly but also love other

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people, including our enemies. Before Lucifer became Satan, he was a being whom Adam and Eve were to love. This is Satan's claim before God: "Even though I fell into an unprincipled existence, You have the responsibility to love me. Unless you love me to the point where I say You have truly loved me, You cannot regain Your dominion over the world." This is a legitimate claim, according to the Principle. Hence, before we can go to heaven, we have to love not only God but also the unprincipled, fallen world, because originally it was in the position to be loved by God.

Thus, we have a most perplexing, complicated task. We must first love our enemy, including Satan, and yet we must also cut off our ties with our enemy at the same time! In order to satisfy these two conditions, we cannot help but go to the most difficult, painful places with our own two feet. In the most trying situations, we must love Satan as well as cut our ties with the false lineage. Satan is pushing us into the most agonizing circumstances, driving us even to the point of death. In order to change our lineage, even when we are about to shed our blood and die we must cling desperately to God, loving Him more than life. Whenever we face great danger such as this, we must recognize that if we maintain our oneness with God, we will be given new life once we go to the spirit world. We have to be able to say, "I would rather die and stay with God than live and stay with the old fallen lineage of Satan."

When we accomplish this monumental task, we can bravely confront Satan, saying, "Let me go to where I originally belong. I truly love you, but you know you must let me go." Then Satan will sign a release form that says, "Yes, you may go to Heaven. That is where you belong because you truly love me." Each and every one of us must have that paper signed by Satan. Do you have such a signed release form? If you never get that paper signed and cannot go to Heaven, where else will you go? Understanding this, then, if someone demands that you take up your own cross and follow Jesus, ordering you to go and be crucified as he was, will you agree to it?

COMPLETE DENIAL OF SATAN

The deepest human desire is to become one with God. That is what we want above and beyond everything else. Secondly, we want to become God's descendants, God's children. Thirdly, we want God's Kingdom on the earth. And fourthly, we want to live in Heaven centered upon God. But because of the fall, everything turned out completely the opposite. Satan's dominion started from those parents who fell. They gave birth to the first offspring much as they were originally destined to, but with the significant difference that those births were centered not on God but on Satan. That was the only difference, but it was

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a world of difference!

To return to the original position is to do away with our satanic lineage and restore our ties with God. That means we need to be liberated from the four fallen positions. First, we who are one with Satan want to be liberated from Satan's love. Secondly, we who became Satan's descendants want to be liberated from Satan's lineage. Thirdly, we want to be liberated from Satan's world. Fourthly, we want to be liberated from Satan's hell in the spirit world.

We cannot hold onto God's kingdom with the right hand and Satan's kingdom with the left. The only way to have any part of God's realm is by the complete dismissal and denial of Satan's realm. If even a small part of Satan remains in us, Satan will come and say, "Here is proof that you belong to me. You cannot get away!"

We have been talking so much about heaven, but how do you propose to go there? It is very obvious that what we eat, what we wear, what we speak, and so forth, all belong to Satan. How are we different from the people who live within the satanic world?

Although since the fall all things were claimed by Satan, a law has come into being whereby, when you sprinkle something you buy with holy salt, the ownership completely changes. That law works. We have been observing that law, haven't we?

What about language? You can't holy salt your tongue and say, "Now I can speak any language and it will be God's." Instead, we must say, "I have been a captive, like the Israelites in Egypt—a prisoner of war. I am originally God's citizen, but the enemy took me into Egypt and taught me their language. Now I am gaining back the original language, by learning Korean, even though I am slow." At least you know a few words, like "anyong hashimnikka." And you can say some of the alphabet. That's evidence that your true language is Korean.

NOT SOME ORDINARY PRINCIPLE

Do you really make it a practice to holy salt a place before you sit there, so that you can say you are sitting on God's land and nobody else's? If you don't, you'd better start doing so immediately. This is why I taught you the condition of blowing three times to consecrate something if you can't use holy salt. If you come across the most handsome man or beautiful woman imaginable and you happen to brush against that person in passing, you should holy salt your hand or shoulder or else blow on it three times. Cleanse that connection. You shouldn't want to think about the incident again. You don't have to show everyone what you are doing. You can dust yourself off within your own mind, but you must do it very firmly.

How do you know this law about holy salt is an active law? How can you trust my teachings? I have taught you not some ordinary principle but the Divine Principle, which is all-encompassing. This is why it is divine. If we

apply the Principle, all problems can be solved, no matter how complicated.

I did not first speak the Principle and then test it out and prove it. No, I first tested and accomplished it, gained approval from God and also Satan, and then taught it to you. Therefore nobody can deny it.

You call me Father. True Father means there is only one. And true cannot mean true to Satan and to God, but only to God. The opposite of true is false. False father means fallen father, the father on Satan's side. When we say "True Father" it can only mean the father who is on God's side.

Today is Children's Day. Without True Parents, true children can never come into existence. True Parents and true children are related through love. If this relationship were rendered as the trunk of a tree, how big would that trunk be? Would it be thin and willowy, or so thick and strong that nothing could cut it down? As true children, how strong is your tie to the True Father?

"YOU ARE THE VICTOR!"

Maybe we will have to test it sometime. You may have a strong relationship with True Father, but then Satan comes along with a baseball bat made of iron. Satan's iron bat is your first love. That first love will strike very hard at you, to see how strong the tie is between you and the True Parents. Something ought to break then. So let the bat break! Because your love relationship with the True Parents is stronger than Satan's love relationship, that iron bat will be broken. What good news!

If all 5 billion people of the world got together to attack the relationship between you and the True Parents, what would happen? Would you say, "Gee, I never thought about it. I don't really know what would happen"? No! You will say, "I am confident. My tie with the True Parents is so strong that it's going to last through anything, believe me."

Then I will shout out, "You are the victor!" God will be so excited that He will say with enormous passion, "You are really my true children!" God will be out of His mind with joy.

Then suppose all the satanic nations got together and said, "We've got to do something about this or we'll lose everything." The presidents and kings of all the fallen nations might meet at the United Nations to try everything possible to cut the ties between you and the True Parents. Which side will break then, the Moonie side or the other side? Ah, how wonderful for God to see the Moonies making that kind of effort! He will say, "Mansei!" Are you strong enough for God to shout mansei to you?

When Satan sees such a scene, he will think, "Oh, all those presidents weren't strong enough. I will go myself and stop the Moonies." Then Satan will come with all his minions, determined to launch the ultimate attack against the Moonies' faith, confident that they will break at last.

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What will happen? When we hold and don't break, not only will God shout another "Mansei!" but also all the people in hell will shout "Mansei!" The whole universe will echo with the joyful manseis of every living being.

A real Moonie is centered on True Parents. We have seen that the whole world did indeed conspire together, with all the powers of government and religion, and gave their strongest blow against Rev. Moon. But did Rev. Moon's strong love for God break, or did the strong blows against Rev. Moon give way? Satan knows he did his best and still couldn't break me. Now that I have held up under such blows, whose turn is next?

THE TWO ASPECTS WE SHARE

On God's side, True Parents are the champion of all champions, the super-champions. After witnessing the most powerful of Satan's attacks, even the satanic world recognizes who the champion is—the champion of God who won over Satan.

Whoever claims to be a child of the super-champions, the True Parents, has to be a true child. True Parents can only have true children. The relationship is one of true love, but before that, it is one of true lineage. You may not look like me at all, but there need be only two aspects of unmistakable resemblance between you and me. The first is that you love God with the strongest love, as I do. The second is that we share the same determination to win over Satan, not by hating Satan but by denying everything satanic and gaining dominion over Satan instead. As long as we share these two common points, then we are related as True Father and true children.

Also, true children are the ones who consistently follow the True Parents wherever they go. If True Parents climb a high mountain, the children don't say, "I'm too tired to do that." True Parents' destination is the homeland. If the True Parents completely disappear, then you know you can ask God where they are.

However, you should all get together and ask Him collectively, not individually. Where, then, should you all meet? You reply, "In the Fatherland," but where is that? Korea is not yet God's country, is it? We call Korea the Fatherland because it is the place where True Parents were born. Actually, True Father was born in what is now North Korea, so that is where the Unification Church's hometown is. God, Satan, and all the spirit world definitely know where Father was born.

Now you are saying that you will all go to North Korea, gather in the town where I was born, and pray to God to find your direction. But how do you propose to cross over the border into North Korea? That border is the most viciously protected borderline in the world, and the soldiers posted there would shoot you without hesitation. Kim Il Sung is in the position of the father of the evil side, and the people of North Korea have to call him their father.

Meanwhile, one Rev. Moon in South Korea is saying, "I am the father of the South Korean people!"

THE CHILDREN'S TIME TO FIGHT

Actually, the super-champion can no longer fight anybody; it wouldn't be fair, for he cannot be defeated. However, his children can fight. This is the Children's Age, the children's time to fight. Thus the True Parents can go to Africa, for example, and stay there, while the children all go to Korea. After they unite and establish the country for God, they can invite the Parents back there. I have been fighting and struggling all my life. Should I gain this victory, too, and then tell all the unworthy Moonies they can follow me to Korea and settle down with me? Or is this *your* fight to build this country and then usher in the True Parents? You should be able to say, "Father and Mother, this is the country we have built for God. Let's live here together!"

If I have fought the battle on every level and won, do you think there is any way for Satan to accuse me? But what about the true children? In the strictest sense, true children are the ones who are qualified to inherit the rights of the True Parents. You may not actually be such worthy people; nevertheless, since you are the true children you have to understand deeply who the True Parents are. The True Parents can go anywhere and be received. Since the true children inherit that right, then wherever they go, the same thing must happen. This is why we have to be strong and bold now so that nobody can come against us.

Are we going to do this because some strong Moonie is pointing a gun at us and saying, "Do this, or else"? No. Even though nobody tells us what to do, we know what our goal is and we are going to accomplish it. The women should go first because North Korea, the satanic country, represents the archangel, and Eve was enticed by the archangel, bringing about the fall.

Wouldn't the Unification women's corps be wiped out in the fight against the violent North Korean soldiers? Words are easy, but actions are not. I know how hard your job will be, but you don't. All the blessed women in Korea have already been mobilized to go into the cities and villages to work and witness. Those women are your seniors, having been blessed before you. Since they have built the tradition, it is your turn to follow in their wake.

How proud you will be for the rest of history if, at this one critical time, all you blessed women go to Korea and fight this holy struggle and win! Because of one woman, Eve, the world has come to such incredible misery. Now many women together will restore that position. How historically cherished this event will be!

GOOD QUEENS

You are not going to fight literally, with guns and ammunition. You have another weapon—true love. But how will

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you exercise your love in the face of such viciousness?

Since Kim Il Sung is acting as the bad king, you wives will be in the position of good queens. American women like that title. Most American women have enjoyed a queenly position here within the American family system. God has been training American women to become queens. You have money, lots of jewelry, and plenty of power.

So let's mobilize all our "jewelry." As you may know, in North Korea all resources are focused on building up arsenals of weapons. The people there are among the hungriest people in the world, since all their money goes for the military. So the American queens will go there and say to the people, "You are hungry, aren't you? We will send you food and clothing." If the American queens give everything they own to the North Koreans, do you think they will respond, "We would rather fight you"? No, certainly not. If the people in North Korea are fed and housed as well as people here in the United States, why would they want to fight?

We Moonies are not living an extravagant life. In fact, we are sometimes hungry, we don't wear nice clothing, we always work hard, and we sleep little. Even so, if we give everything we own and earn to North Korean families—not to Kim Il Sung but to the people—they will know what we are doing for them. They will not want to fight us. They will be grateful.

The last time I went to Korea I established the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland. I have been working hard so that no individual or group will want to oppose our work. By now, every Korean knows that nobody can work more effectively for the unification of North and South Korea than Rev. Moon. They know that if Rev. Moon wants to do something, he can do it. That is why people don't oppose us any longer. Knowing that now is just the right time for this work, I gave the motto for 1987: "The Unification of the Fatherland."

For the first time in history, Cain will follow Abel's road. I have been preparing this historic changing point, the turnaround in the Cain and Abel path. Abel will take the leader-



Hyo Jin Nim and his band greet the audience at the Manhattan Center on Children's Day, after playing 15 of Hyo Jin Nim's 40 newly composed songs. Left to right: Jin Hyung Kim, Won Suk Lee, Hyo Jin Nim, Jin Kun Kim, and Jin Man Kwak.



Father and Mother listen intently to reports at the leaders' conference, November 22, 1987.

ship in South Korea, and North Korea, dominated by Cain, will have to respond and follow. Until now, North Korea has always taken the initiative—militarily and in other ways. Now the South Koreans will be the ones to initiate unification, with Rev. Moon in the forefront, followed by many Unification Church members and in turn by the rest of the people of South Korea.

Four multiplied by seven equals 28, the perfect number for each direction, the full number. This happens to be the 28th anniversary of Children's Day. On this day, my message has been for you to take the initiative and build the homeland with your own hands in order to inherit the rights of the True Parents. At the age of 28, I went to North Korea to pay indemnity by going to jail. Now this 28th birthday of the Unification Church's children is the day of liberation—not imprisonment. Our gathering together today and pledging that we will undertake this task is truly historic.

Another advantage we have now is the support of the spirit world, centering on Heung Jin Nim. Now that my work is so well-established on the earth, the spirit world is gradually descending to help us. Until now, that was not possible. When we pledge to God that we will win this holy struggle and bring the victory, not only Heung Jin Nim but all of our ancestry will be able to give us constant advice about what to do and how to do it, so that they too will be able to settle down as we can.

Heung Jin Nim is in the position of elder son, while all of you are in the second son's position. Even though you are much older than the True Children, you still consider them your elder brothers and sisters, don't you? Hyo Jin is younger than almost all of you, but you still call him "elder brother Hyo Jin Nim." Even Jeung Jin, the youngest daughter, you still refer to as "my elder sister Jeung Jin Nim."

Whenever Cain and Abel become one, God can come down and complete His work. So when we unite with Heung Jin Nim and follow him into Korea to work, we will be winning a foundation of victory there.

Now you know that wherever you go and whatever you do, if you go into battle 100 times, you will win a victory

100 times. No defeat is possible. You have been learning a great deal from Heung Jin Nim, haven't you, in the past three or four days? You have become a strong, tightly-knit group, so that when you receive direction from me, you will just instantly work to fulfill it. In this way God can bring immediate victorious results.

YOU WILL BE FOUNDING MEMBERS

You should understand how difficult Heung Jin Nim's position initially was. He worked very hard in the spirit world to make a foundation here on earth so that he could descend, and now he can teach you directly. Therefore, you must learn your lessons from him with the greatest respect and with the most serious attention.

You will all go to Korea soon enough, especially you women, so you must have \$4,000 ready to support yourselves there. I trust you are continuing to prepare for that. You go to help, not burden, the Korean members and families. Your going to assist in the unification of Korea will make you like the founding members of the homeland. The credit accorded you will benefit both your descendants and your ancestors.

At that point, there will be no more borderlines on earth or in the spirit world. People will be able to move around freely everywhere, and the spirit world will be able to come to earth anytime it wishes. This is just the way the world was created to be.

You have a double purpose: to work directly for the establishment of the Fatherland and to accomplish the foundation for your own ancestry and descendants. The desire of the True Parents, as well as God, is to regain the true Fatherland. The rest of 1987 and the year 1988 will be your rare opportunity to fulfill this desire. Those who pledge: "Yes, we will now unite together strongly and advance toward the inevitable victory and the unification of the Fatherland of North and South Korea," raise your hands. God bless you. □

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HOW OLD IS THE UNIFICATION CHURCH? JUST AS old as we are. The Unification Church has grown with us. Even though it is young, its background is immense, as long as history itself. During this long human history, people have struggled and suffered from ignorance, constantly wondering what life was all about but getting no answers. They just kept hoping, waiting, and suffering. Now, amazingly, in this very short period of time since the Unification Church came into being, we have come to know everything about mankind—where we come from, where we are going, and what the future holds for us.

We have come to understand precisely God's purpose of history: to perfect one person. It has taken a very long time for a man to be perfected—to achieve unity of his mind and body. Yet human beings are born to become perfect. After a person's mind and body become one, he or she will seek a spouse, and in their unity they will find perfected love, which is the goal of the human being. No one knew before what perfection meant, but now we know clearly.

Who is the master of love? God. Since we are not our own creators, we cannot be the originator of love but must seek the cause of love and connect with that. Our love should go up to meet God's love.

MEETING EXACTLY IN THE CENTER

When man wants to get near to God, man should circle around God, while God stays at the center. Although God moves around enough to create harmony, the subject cannot and should not move around as much as the object.

The relationship between a man and a woman is limited to the horizontal plane, like the joining of East and West. Then how can this horizontal relationship between man and woman become vertical? East and West must unify, meeting precisely in the center. Then a vertical relationship with God descends down, and the three points meet at the exact middle.

What is it that God, Adam, and Eve want? They all want true love. But in order to achieve that true love, first a man and a woman must grow to attain perfection. As they grow, God's expectation also grows, and He starts to come down to meet them. Since God has male characteristics and female characteristics, He can become one with both the woman and the man. When He meets them, a revolving motion starts. Even if this motion is very rapid, it cannot spin out because God stays right at the center axis.

If the axis were not perfectly vertical, disaster would follow. What insures that the axis is straight? God, Adam, and Eve are unified in wanting children. The only way to achieve the straight vertical axis line is for the children to cherish their parents more than themselves. And likewise, the parents must love their children more than they love themselves. This is why we need to respect, love, and cherish Father and Mother. Parents must do the same for their children.

All four positions—God, man, woman, and children—want to connect to the stable, central axis. Only by centering on this can they maintain an eternal relationship without spinning away and getting lost. Everyone needs that constancy. History can then continue on harmoniously by extending this straight line of descendants. It will go on and on without end, and as it becomes longer, the four position foundation becomes immense.

Especially American women must understand that you should love your husbands and your parents more than yourself. American young people generally care only about horizontal relationships. They say, "Well, I'm happy just to have this one person to love. I don't care about having children, and I don't care about my parents." If they continue to disregard the vertical axis line, they will spin out of the center and lose everything.

God needs and cherishes this four position foundation. Originally, Adam, Eve, and their children were to recognize their need for it and uphold it very carefully. Since this is the blueprint of creation, our original mind impels us to seek marriage, without anyone telling us, because innately we want to fulfill the purpose for which we were born.

PROTECTION FROM THE UNIVERSE

Happiness is everyone's final goal. What is a happy woman? She is the one who has God, a loving husband, and loving children who all live together centered on this axis. Once you achieve unity centered on the axis of true love, you are totally free to go anywhere and inherit anything you desire.

Another way of describing true love is: True love is what makes God, man, woman, and children settle down happily. Ideal true love is right there among them. Why are we sad when we aren't with our parents? Because we were designed to live in relationship with them. Why is the wife who loses her husband unhappy and sorrowful? Because she was destined to achieve true love together with him.

If my whole family is protecting me, I'm so much happier than if only my spouse is protecting me. Better yet is when my whole clan or even the nation is protecting me.

Sometimes a married couple has no children. They are missing a great deal. Why? Because they were created to have children.

When a person is 100 percent fulfilled, supported by the four poles of this four position foundation—spouse, children and God—then the universe will protect him. When a person is only 90 percent perfect, the universe pushes him 10 degrees off of center, saying, “You are peripheral, you must live on the side.” To the degree the universal power pushes a person out, to that degree he is sorrowful. What if he is only 20 percent perfect and 80 percent imperfect? The universe will really chase such a person out. Being on the periphery is very painful, because we were originally meant to be in the center.

Since God operates through the Principle, God must have some criteria for evaluating a person. Though we may like to think that no criteria are necessary, God says, “This is the standard. If you meet the standard, the universe will cherish you. If not, you’d better adjust yourself or you are simply not going to be able to stay in the center.”

Three generations—man and woman, children, and grandchildren—are meant to live together, all unified with God, who forms the center of all three generations. Why is the number 7 the number of perfection? Because all six points—the two poles of each of the three generations—connect to the central line, the seventh point. The statement that the number 7 is the number of perfection is based on love.

If you have dominion over this number, you can say anytime, “Grandma, I want to see you,” and no matter what she is doing she will come to you. Likewise, the moment your grandfather hears your voice he will jump up, because his mind is always with you. Everybody is attracted instantly because you are centered on the axis of love and harmony.

“YOU CAN BE LIKE ME, TOO”

The person who lives in this way, and fulfills this formula, can go absolutely anywhere in the universe and be welcomed. That’s happiness. You can even steal up to the throne of God, which you ordinarily can’t do, and sit right beside Him for a moment, and God will not push you away. You are entitled to His protection. No matter what you do to God, He will be happy. Then people will really become curious and ask you, “Tell me, I want to have what you have. What is your secret?” You will reply, “It’s too precious to say loudly,” and whisper, “True, ideal love. If you have this, you can be like me, too.”

The universe is governed by strict laws. We have to abide by the physical laws in order to make machines work; the same with love. We often think, “Oh, love is not like a machine. With love you can do anything your mind commands, and still God will be happy.” No. God has the most rigid standard when it comes to love. If He didn’t,

how could the universe be harmonized?

To measure love, we need some sort of unit of measure. This formula I have just described is the unit that measures love. Now that you understand this, could you ever send your parents to an old folks home? You women, if you felt for some reason that your husband didn’t suit you, could you divorce him? If you were to divorce him, you couldn’t achieve this formula. How else are you going to find happiness? Divorce is like the act of abortion. Staying married together will bring forth all these goals, but by divorcing you will destroy the parents, the children, the ideal relationship, and even destroy a part of God.

Ask your children, if you have them or are planning to, whether they would like you to divorce your husband. And what would your physical parents think of the idea of your divorcing? You already know in your original mind that nobody would want you to go through with such a thing. It would make everybody sorrowful, including yourself. But you go ahead and sign the divorce papers, because you don’t perceive the tragic implications of that act.

Have you ever seen or imagined any unmarried woman who throughout her life just lived alone, caressing her own body, saying, “Oh beautiful me! I’m such a happy person”? Is such a woman really happy? It’s unthinkable. In reality, such a woman is inconsistent; she doesn’t want to marry but she still would probably like to have a child. And this eccentric woman will no doubt think about her parents sometime, even for a brief moment. Does anybody really want to be an orphan and live all by himself or herself? Why does every person want children and parents? Because every man and woman is created to go higher and higher up to where God is.

THE IDEAL MAN

One of the many ways to describe an ideal man is this: He is a man who could creep into his grandfather’s bed at night and his grandfather would wake up and say, “Oh, are you here? Please, you are welcome to stay.” He could creep into his grandmother’s bed and say, “Grandma, I want to sleep here,” and his grandmother wouldn’t mind at all. He could go to his wife’s bed and his wife would be completely happy to see him. He could go to his children who were fast asleep and climb into their bed, and his children would wake up and say, “Oh, father, is it is you? Please stay with us,” and then would go back to sleep. That kind of man, welcomed everywhere, is an ideal man. An ideal man could even creep into God’s bed and God would never kick him out.

Another description: Let’s say an ideal man is sitting right here. Whatever he is doing, do you think he is lonely? No, because his grandmother all of a sudden rushes in, wanting to stay with him. It just makes her happy to be around him. His wife wants to come to him too, and circle around him, because she is completely happy when she

does that. All his children want to be around him and never want to leave him wherever he goes. Everybody wants to stay around such a person, because he creates a center point of love. God will come and put an axis through him. Where the ideal man is, that is where you find the axis. If you want to meet a lot of people, you know where to find them, because they will all be hanging around that person!

Does the family of an ideal man have to make an appointment to see him? Some American couples make a kind of contract: "You can visit me on such and such a day, but don't visit me on any other day." But day or night, any day of the year, you can go to the ideal man and be welcome. Ask Mother whether she is an ideal woman and Father is an ideal man. An ideal man may even enter the room with his backside first, and still an ideal woman would welcome him, because they are both ideal.

If I go to Korea, your mind would also be in Korea, imagining what I am doing every hour of the day. When I am away from America, this country feels empty to you, because it has no center. When there is no center to go through, and you try to give something out, nothing comes back. But when you are connected to the center, no matter what you give out, a response always comes back. That's the beauty of the center.

I FOLLOWED THIS FORMULA

The topic of this morning's sermon is: "Thank you for protecting us." We need many levels of protection. If my whole family is protecting me, I'm so much happier than if only my spouse is protecting me. Better yet is when my whole clan or even the nation is protecting me. If God's personal protection is upon me, there is nothing more I can expect, and I am the happiest person. How do we get that protection? If we treat the people of our parents' generation in the same loving way as we treat our own parents, if we treat all men and women around our age as if they were our very own brothers and sisters, and if we love all children as our own—in short, if we are the kind of person who can love all levels of people—wouldn't the universe protect us? Yes, it would. There is no race that doesn't like Rev. Moon. Why? Because he has followed this very logical formula and fulfilled it.

Once I went to Germany. The German people are generally very antagonistic toward me. I was eating in a restaurant, and I saw an old, very ugly woman sitting at a nearby table, eating her supper. My imagination went right to work. I imagined her eating a bowl of long Korean noodles. You know how it is to eat Korean noodles—you can't just take bite-sized pieces into your mouth; you have to slurp them up, and the other half of the noodles in your mouth are still in your bowl. I imagined myself going over and sitting opposite her and taking from the bowl into my own mouth the other end of the noodles that were in her



True Parents offer a prayer on Mt. Mani, Kang Hwa Island, Korea, on October 22, 1987. Left to right, Rev. Jae Suk Lee, Father, Mother, and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak.

mouth, and together we would finish the bowl of noodles at exactly the same time. I said to myself, "Could I do such a thing? Of course I could." If I had actually done it, I know that woman would never be able to detach herself from me as long as she lived.

When I first came to America and saw people with white skin and blue eyes and blonde hair, I thought they looked very strange, and the way they acted seemed even more strange. I thought, "Am I ever going to love these people as much as I love the Korean people? Can I love them as much as my own mother and father?" In the beginning I pushed myself to like the American people, and gradually I came to love them. I knew there was only one way to develop a relationship with them and that was to cherish every person and make everyone as high as they wanted to be. If I met a woman who thought she was like God, then I treated her as if she were God. She was born to be a daughter of God, after all, so it wasn't hard.

OVERCOMING HATRED WITH LOVE

A practical lesson can be learned from this. If you see someone on the street who looks ugly to you or somehow makes you feel, "Ooh, I hate that person," buy something for him or do something out of the ordinary for him right away so your bad feelings toward him can be erased. Never let that hatred go past without doing something to heal it. If you don't and that person just disappears into the crowd, it will

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take you one more year to get over that particular problem you had with him.

When I came to America, the American people pounded on me and attacked me over and over again. An ordinary person could never have endured such circumstances and would certainly have left the country. But I tried very hard to love them, and now, even with all the memories of that suffering, I can stay here and continue to work for the benefit of this nation. The American people might not protect me, but the universe protects me. American Moonies must be indignant over the way I have been treated, and feel, "I will love Father 100 times more than other Americans have disliked him." At the same time, you should never hate Americans for what they did. Even though you don't feel like loving them, still you have to try. Otherwise, America will simply drop away from God's providential course. Neither God nor we want that to be the fate of America.

God cherishes most the one who cares about the fallen world more than his own family. However, there is no pain greater than being hated by the very person you love. I love the Americans, but the Americans seem to hate me as much as I love them. How can I tolerate this hatred? I always keep in mind, "If I can persevere through this, a gift as big as the universe is waiting for me. Someday everyone will come around me, including all those people who now hate me." That's the kind of gift God wants to give to His own son. This illustrates the old maxim: By enduring the beating now, we can recover all the lost people and property of God.

During my first and second tours around this country, I gave everything I had in my effort to love Americans. That Satan can never deny. A heart filled with God's love can never be touched by Satan. While I was very busy loving the people, and the people were equally busy trying to oppose and slander me, time passed, and now they are beginning to recognize my value, through the emergence of such things as *The Washington Times*, *Insight*, and *The World & I*. Those very people who opposed me furiously are now shedding tears, saying, "Rev. Moon, I love you." However, all this time, how did I survive? Who was protecting me? The universe. And who protects the universe? God. And who protects God Himself? Ideal love. God is absolutely destined to claim ideal love back.

IS IT EASY OR DIFFICULT?

If one person is trying to give out love, and another person is trying to oppose and persecute him, which one will be pushed away eventually? Those who persecuted me and had me put in jail thought, "Aha! Now he is in jail and can't move." But on the contrary, after I was imprisoned, I soared to a higher level than ever before, and those who put me in jail went lower and lower. This is simply because of the law of the universe.

In the three years since I was in Danbury, America has improved remarkably quickly. People in high positions are asking my advice on how to solve world-level problems. In the midst of all the confusion, we know that the formula I have described can solve any problem, given enough time.

Is this formula of unconditional giving easy or difficult to follow? For those who are willing to apply this formula at the risk of their life, the way is easy. But for those who say, "I want to preserve my life, so I'll just do whatever I can," the way will be very difficult. It's paradoxical but nevertheless true that those who are willing to die will live and those who want to live will die. My experience proves that true.

I have just described the simple formula that can change the entire universe from negativity to positivity. Where do we practice this formula? We can practice it right in our daily life. We don't have to travel even one step to begin. If we live this way of life, the world will become heaven, and God and mankind will be liberated. If we don't live this way of life, we will have created hell. This is an amazing discovery. You are all very intelligent people. Don't you think it will work? Most people thought I would never amount to anything, but look at what is happening today.

Now we know that our primary struggle is not an external but an internal one. I have to fight within myself and win over myself, then winning over other people will be relatively easy after that. Just as Jesus taught, "Heaven is in the midst of you," we know that hell is right here within me as well.

I AM GIVING YOU THIS PROMISE

If you follow this way unswervingly, even being willing to die to achieve this goal, you will be successful. If you continue to live just as everybody else in the world, you will go straight down. When you adhere to this principle on all levels—family, clan, nation, and God's level—you will be protected by God and by the universe, and the making of heaven is guaranteed. March on with absolute confidence. I am giving this promise and blessing to you.

People ask me, "Father, where is your source of stamina, your source of success? How could you have risen so high under such tremendous persecution?" It is because I use this formula. You can inherit it because you are the children. Wherever you go, no matter what the circumstances or how many millions of people come against you, you will succeed, because God is stronger than they are.

Therefore, we must be deeply grateful to God, because He is protecting the Unification Church members. You must know that you now have a failing grade, but if you try harder, you will achieve a passing grade. No matter what it costs, you must pledge to follow this way. Those who pledge, raise your hands. May God bless you. □

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INHERIT FATHER'S HEART

by Hyo Jin Moon

Condensed from his speech at Belvedere on November 1, 1987.

GOOD MORNING. AS YOU KNOW, Father is in Korea, and I want to be closer to you from now on. I'll try my best to express what I feel about Father as his son and how we should look up to him as our True Father.

All Unification Church members, who are in a sense the embodiment of True Parents, must really understand Father's heart in order to represent True Parents to the world. We must understand the path he has walked. Father's course wasn't easy. From the moment he received the revelation from Jesus, it was an uphill battle all the way.

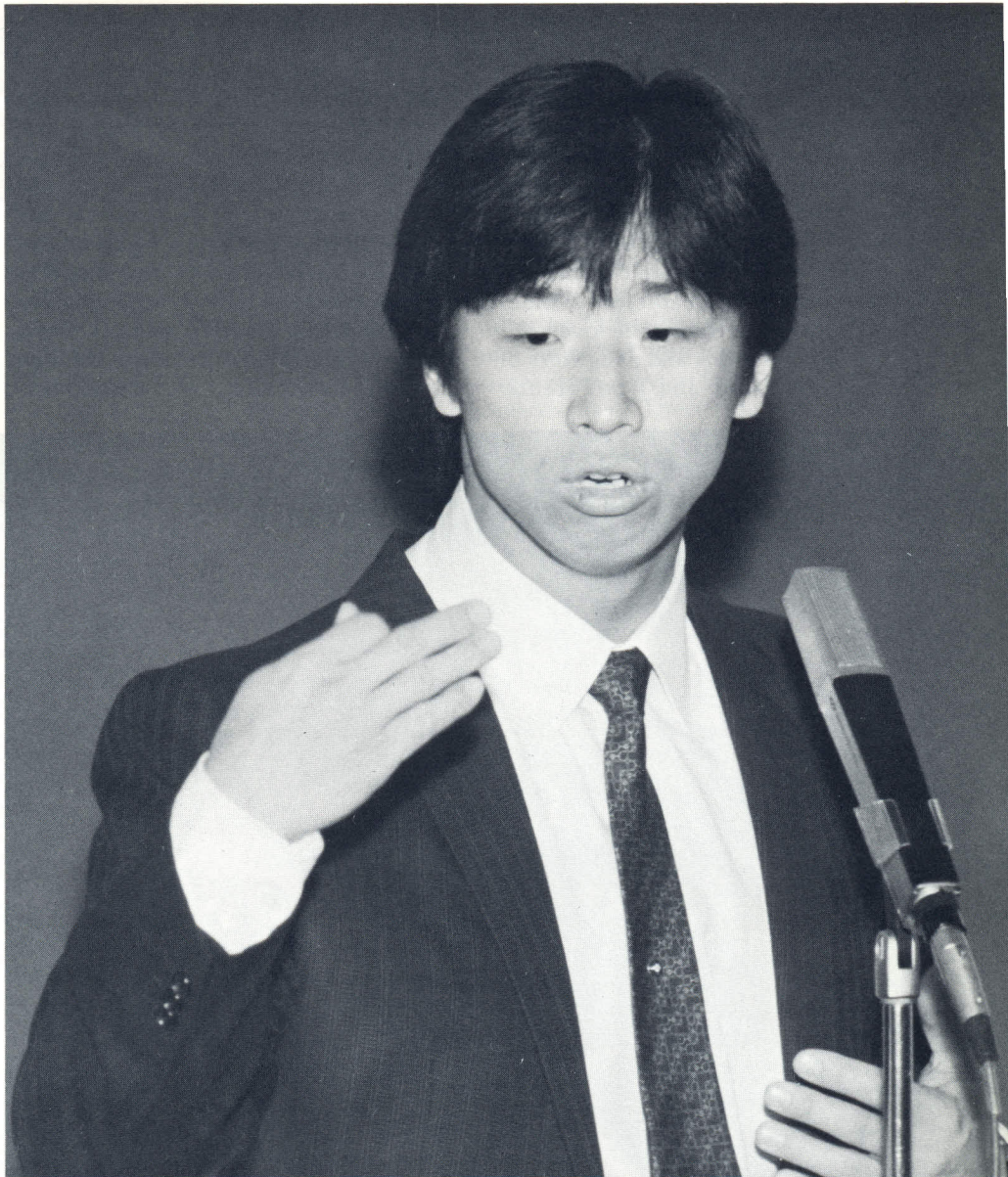
By 1945 Korea was the harvesting point of all the religions of the world, East and West. Many spiritual groups in Korea had received revelations about the coming of the Messiah not just as one person, but as a man and a woman. Father sent his followers to witness to these spiritual groups, but none of them united with him. All the prepared foundation around Father crumbled. Father had to go to North Korea alone and start all over again. And he knew he would be tested all through his life by Satan to deny God.

Choosing the right path

Many times I hear it said that Father's victory in the North Korean prison was that he forgave his enemy. But more significantly, he knew beforehand that he would be abused physically to the point of death and pushed by Satan to deny God. Still he chose to go this road by himself, and he did so without faltering. That is even more significant than forgiving one's enemy.

Father even had to walk his Danbury course by himself. Do you think God ever wanted Danbury? To God, Danbury is the most wretched, miserable place on earth. Did Father do it for himself? No. He did it because he wants you to understand true love.

As members you really have to sit down and think about this: Adam and Eve fell even though they didn't have



Hyo Jin Nim speaks at Belvedere.

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original sin. The fall took place because they allowed Satan to take the subject position to them instead of God. Adam and Eve failed in their individual responsibility.

That the fall could take place means it is possible for a sinless person to choose to go in an evil direction. God gave us the freedom to choose, but when you choose not to go God's way, at that moment you are having give and take with Satan.

We each have to create ourselves in the image and standard of God. When is the final victory? When Satan has no object left to have give and take with.

How can we help bring that victory? You must deny yourself, totally. You have to feel, "I, in the selfish sense, do not exist!" I am sorry to say, but that is the only way. Every moment you have to choose between God and Satan. In this war you can't

let your guard down until you win the whole war. We have claimed many victorious battles, but the war is not yet over.

Many times when Father tells you to do something, you try to do it, but your heart is not with Father 100 percent. It may be at the most only 75 or 80 percent. Even if you are 99.9 percent united with Father it's still not enough. That's just how cancer starts—with one cell. You have to be absolute in terms of your love. When you reach that level of heart, Satan cannot touch you. But your minds are often shifting back and forth. Many people start out with good intentions but later on become lazy. You must have an absolute standard if you want to claim true love and become true sons and daughters of Heavenly Father and True Parents.

strayed. I used to hate all Unification Church members. I hated the world. But now I have no hard feelings. Whatever I did wrong, I have to indemnify that. It is my responsibility to realize Heavenly Father's ideals, to follow heavenly tradition and order.

must know exactly what Father is all about. You must know everything in order to defeat Satan. Don't be a casualty. Please, if one man can mess up the world, then one man can bring prosperity to the world by taking responsibility. If all of you in this

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The longer it takes for us to create unity with True Parents, the longer restoration will take. That is why I am preparing myself to inherit everything I can from Father, so that Father doesn't have to do it all. Father went

room were totally committed, if all of you truly understood what Heavenly Father and True Parents were trying to say, you could be the true inheritors of their love.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen, true order would have been established. Father emphasizes Oriental culture, not because everything in that culture is right, but because the people of that culture know how to serve, how to bow down to their ancestors and their elders. Korean people were raised, according to Korean tradition, to never complain. Think about that. Unfortunately, when Father speaks, many times I see you resisting, shaking your head. You don't like what he says, because you still have that fallen nature of rebellion within you. The enemy is within. That is why Father says overcoming yourself is the hardest thing.

Whether I joke with you or tell you shocking things, inside my heart is always the same. I am trying to reach everybody. I can be wild and crazy sometimes, but actually I'm a pretty silent person. I like my own silence, because I like something that is deeper than things that I can touch.

God needs us

Everything in the world ultimately belongs to Heavenly Father, not Satan. When you look at an ugly man from a fallen perspective you think, "Oooh, that man is ugly!" But God doesn't feel that way. That's just the way God made him. He made different varieties. That doesn't mean one person is any better or any worse than another. When I look at you, I want to see you with that kind of heart. I want to bring total victory to everything, and I want you to do the same. The only way is to deny yourself. If

My responsibility

I am sure the elder members tried very hard to create an ideal world. But the True Children did not grow up in an ideal world. I came to America when I was 10 years old. I tried to make friends with the American kids and understand them. I admit I

to Danbury because God couldn't bring anybody else in front of Satan and say, "Look, this person is just like True Parents. Why don't you send him instead?" I want to be there if such a sacrifice is ever necessary again.

Many of you have good intentions, but you can't just stop at that. You

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After his speech, Hyo Jin Nim offers a prayer.

you do that, I know Heavenly Father can work. All He needs is a physical foundation, and you are it. It's up to you.

Technologically, we are at the stage in history right now where we could wipe out the whole human race or we could prosper amazingly. Knowing this, I want to do everything in my power to accomplish at this time, preparing myself for the even greater things up ahead. You should be preparing too.

Father gave me permission to write some songs. I finished a condition to write 40 songs just last night. When I was growing up I asked myself, Why do young people like music so much? I realized it was because kids need to have give and take with something that is eternal and unbounded. Music provides that. Music is emotional. Kids today who never grew up with love and who have nothing other than themselves really like hard, "heavy metal" music. It's not the ones who have already decided to be a doctor or lawyer or whatever; it's the kids who have nothing to fill the void. They like the intensity of hard rock, because the love they desire is intense. Heavenly Father needs to reach these

inherit True Parents' heart. It is only when you become totally united with True Parents that Heavenly Father has a way to reach out to the rest of the world. Don't complain that it is too hard, because I know it is hard. But we've got to do it. The ideal world is not that far away. It is possible, within our grasp. So please do your best.

More and more young people are joining, but unless we can really give them Father's heart, they may not stay. Inheriting Father's heart is crucial. I want you to become a part of the True Family. You cannot go into heaven as an adopted son. There is only one God and one Father. You must connect with us, with my brothers and sisters. Please understand that the whole world must come to one Parent.

I will do my best to go where Father directs me. If there is a path of suffering I must go for you, I will do it. If it were just for my sake, I couldn't do it. But I am willing to do that, so please, you too should be willing to walk this path for the sake of others. Go over whatever specific barrier is blocking you. That is the only way you can touch true love. Knowing the Prin-

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people with something as intense as their music. I want to fight that enemy with God's own weapon, with music. I am not going to play music for the rest of my life; writing songs and practicing is hard work. I actually hate it, but Heavenly Father needs this right now.

Music and all the arts have immense possibilities, but Father has hesitated to use the medium of culture because nobody can truly represent Father in the emotional realm yet. Every day, every moment, our feelings are influenced by movies, TV, music. We must touch and elevate that world of emotion. I know that time is here.

Connect to the True Family

When you recall Father's Danbury course and all that he has done, you should be grateful and determined to

ciple is the way to true love.

Just as there are limitations and laws of nature in the physical world, in the spirit world there are heavenly laws you must follow and obey in order to live in the domain of God. Only within the love of God can you feel true love. If you want to call yourselves sons and daughters of Heavenly Father, you must know how to serve your Parents and follow their tradition.

As I grow, I am realizing day by day how I should act. Some of you may think that by doing what I am doing I am trying to gain Father's favor. But if I had that individualistic motivation, I wouldn't be here. Taking responsibility for you is not an easy task. I can do things on my own very well; I have God-given talents. But I will never leave Father because I

love him.

It has been hard to deny all the bad habits I picked up. But I'm giving them up because I know I have to. I know how hard it is to break habits, but I cannot do those things again. You must understand Father's heart. He is my subject and I am his object. I am part of him. I want to follow him, absolutely.

From now on I will never let anything I do go against Father's way, because I know how Satan works, down to the nitty-gritty level. And I will protect my brothers and sisters until my death because I know what the effects can be on you. I know Father has been waiting for me to say this for a long time. I will make up for the suffering Father has gone through. I am committed. You have to be the same. From now on there must be no more excuses. There is nothing stopping you.

Dying is easy, but we must live and fulfill God's will. That is our goal. At the same time we must be ready to die. I always tell the blessed children: "You must be prepared for the worst situation." That's the mind of a fighter.

You must know Father's heart, period. Did Father ever give up? Father is almost 70, and he is still going. Every day, all day long, he is teaching and guiding members and leaders. It's not easy. I have to tell the blessed children the same things over and over again until they finally understand what I am saying. I will tell you frankly, my life is hard. But I am willing to take upon myself what Father has taken upon himself. That's the only reason I stand here talking to you.

Father loves you very much. Please understand. You must give him love in return. Even the specific things you ask for, Father will try to give you, to the best of his ability.

The Cain world is becoming Abel's world, and all that Father has taught you is within your grasp. If you say, "I can't do it," you are denying your eternal capability. Please, I emphasize, we must do it. I want every man and woman to feel the same as I do. Can you do it? I trust you and I believe in you, just as Father believes in you. I will try my best to give what Father is trying to give you. That's my heart. I hope I have touched you in some way. Thank you. □

HEUNG JIN NIM REVITALIZES UTS

by Sarah M. Witt and Peter Fleischmann

ON MARCH 12, 1987, WHILE visiting the Unification Theological Seminary, Rev. David Hose received a letter from Heung Jin Nim, in which he shared how much he wanted to be with the brothers and sisters at the Seminary to give them guidance and inspiration [see *Today's World*, May 1987]. In such a way, Heung Jin Nim began to work with UTS.

In August 1987, all the June graduates attended the first 40-day American Leadership Training Program in New York. Heung Jin Nim spoke often to the trainees through Tyler Hendricks and Jim Stephens, and some of those graduates learned to channel from Jim. When they returned to UTS to gather their belong-

ings before going out to their new missions, they met with a few interested students to share their experiences. At one meeting, Charles DeWatteville trained some of them to channel. One of them was Charles Catlett, who has become the main

channel for Heung Jin Nim at UTS.

A small group of four students (Charles Catlett, Myra Stanecki, Cindy Majoub, and Allison Lund) was guided by Heung Jin Nim to pray together throughout the month of October. He told them the purpose of their prayer was to prepare a foundation upon which he could work at the Seminary. (Other prayer groups also formed during this period, and some students received letters from Heung Jin Nim.)

Setting UTS on fire

On October 29, while the group of four was praying in the chapel, Charles channeled for them for the first time, and through the week Heung Jin Nim continued to speak

Heung Jin Nim mentioned repeatedly during the channeling sessions that UTS should be prepared for his coming—"soon!"



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Charles Catlett reads an inspirational passage during the prayer walk.



A prayer at one of the stations of the Restorational Prayer Walk held at UTS on November 8, 1987.

through him. In the beginning, Heung Jin Nim's messages were mostly personal. However, he later declared that he wanted to set UTS on fire (spiritually, of course!) and that he wanted to address the whole community.

Then, beyond anyone's expectation, this small group of four quickly expanded, and after only one week, Heung Jin Nim, with the approval of President David S.C. Kim, spoke to the entire UTS community at the 10 pm closing prayer.

During one of the channeling sessions, Heung Jin Nim explained that the Soul of Russia, a UTS student

organization formed in 1985, has great providential significance at this time. It is a prayer and educational group concerned about ending religious persecution in communist countries. Heung Jin Nim said that the Soul of Russia should become the most important group on campus, its role being to prepare the foundation and protection for True Parents when they go to Moscow. He encouraged special prayers and the support of the whole UTS community for a Restorational Prayer Walk to be held on Sunday, November 8, marking the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. Although November 7 is the

actual date of the Revolution, the 8th symbolizes a new beginning after exactly 70 years of the existence of the Soviet state.

This event was the Soul of Russia's second annual prayer walk. Last year, although only 20 walkers participated, it was significant that the walk was able to be led by Sir John Noble. He is a renowned speaker on the tragic reality of communism, having spent 16 years in a Soviet prison camp, and he "just happened" to be visiting the Seminary that day. It rained heavily throughout the event. Heung Jin Nim explained that that first prayer walk was the foundation

WINNING A MEDIA VICTORY

Personal testimony by Sarah M. Witt

ON NOVEMBER 4, CHARLES Catlett, a brother who channels for Heung Jin Nim at UTS, told Kathleen Burton, the head of the Soul of Russia group, that Heung Jin Nim was very concerned about this year's Restorational Prayer Walk. He said he wanted the most extensive media coverage possible, so he suggested she seek my help, since I have had 10 years of experience dealing with the local media as director of public information. Kathleen sought me out that evening, just as I was finishing my prayer. I found myself praying for the suffering people trapped behind the Iron Curtain with a fervor that startled me, as I had never before prayed with such vigor at the 10 pm prayer meeting. When I concluded, I felt Kathleen at my side, and she informed me of Heung Jin Nim's direction. Then I understood why my prayer had been such an intensely spiritual experience!

Since it was so late already, Kathleen and I threw together a press release the next morning and hand-delivered a few copies to the local newspapers, radio stations, and television studio. After having done everything I could think of to interest the media, I must confess I wasn't expecting any media people to show up for the prayer walk. But, thanks

to Heung Jin Nim's hard work and powerful influence from the spirit world, not only did four media people arrive—on time, yet—but they all (a reporter, two photographers, and the news director of a radio station) participated in the entire walk, completely caught up in the spirit themselves!

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The night after the prayer walk, on Monday, November 9, Heung Jin Nim spoke to the Seminary community and declared that a great victory had been won for his brother Hyo Jin Nim. That day, in addition to a front-page photo and caption in the *Daily Freeman*, the *Poughkeepsie Journal* ran a front-page photo of the leading group in the prayer walk, together with a

very objective, positive article. Heung Jin Nim said that "his picture" was actually on the front page, in Charles, even though Charles himself didn't realize it. Heung Jin Nim explained that he represented Hyo Jin Nim at the event.

This was the most extensive media coverage of any event ever held at the Seminary. Furthermore, in my conversation with members about the rallies held throughout the country by other brothers and sisters to mark the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, the Seminary event seems to have generated more media coverage than any of the others.

That night, Heung Jin Nim asked me to share with everyone about the media coverage, since I could understand the significance of what had happened and could inspire the community with the victory we had won for Hyo Jin Nim.

Incidentally, the reporter from the *Poughkeepsie Journal* was so inspired that he wrote another article, published the very next day, about the status of the Seminary's application for accreditation and our permanent charter. The second article was even more positive than the first one. I could hardly believe it! □

for what was to happen in 1987. This year, with Heung Jin Nim's direction and support, over 250 walkers participated.

Afterwards, Heung Jin Nim said that this prayer walk was another victorious step for Hyo Jin Nim, on the foundation of his leading the successful march to the Berlin Wall at the CARP convention in August 1987. Heung Jin Nim told us that Hyo Jin Nim has a very significant role to play in leading the way for our movement to reach Moscow.

The great turnout, together with the unexpected, extensive media coverage [see box], made this event an overwhelming success that reached out far beyond the Seminary.

Prayer groups created

During this time, Heung Jin Nim encouraged everyone to write their confessions to President Kim, who conducted a forgiveness ceremony on November 8 for those who had submitted their letters. Heung Jin Nim continued to speak through a channel

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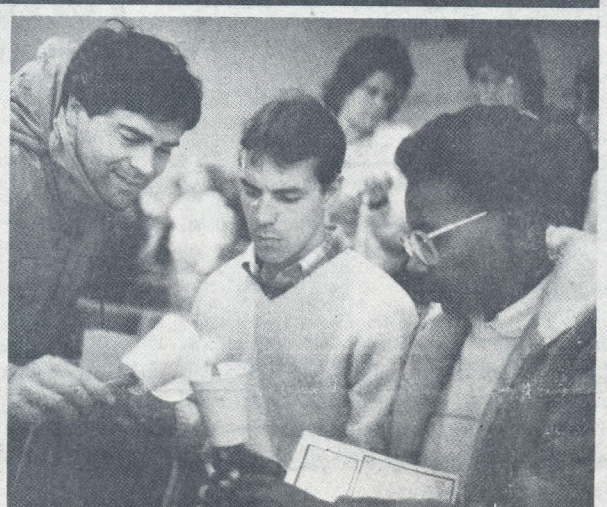
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Monday, November 9, 1987 Kingston, N.Y. 35 cents



Moon walk

Students at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown mark the 70th anniversary of the Russian Revolution with a candlelit 'Restorational Prayer Walk' for religious freedom in the Soviet Union. At right, Reid White, Richard Richard and Elizabeth Mwatse light their candles. The Sunday evening vigil, organized by the seminary-based Soul of Russia group, included readings from the works of Soviet Nobel laureates Alexander Solzhenitsyn and Andrei Sakharov and Unification Church founder Sun Myung Moon.



Freeman photos by Dan Chidester

every night at closing prayer until the end of the term on November 14.

Through Charles Catlett, Heung Jin Nim organized the students into prayer groups in cooperation with Dr. Edwin Ang and Dean Therese Stewart. Heung Jin Nim said, "Choose the person you have the most difficulty relating with to be your prayer partner." Several sets of partners then formed into groups of up to eight people.

All this happened during final exams and writing week, which is ordinarily the busiest time for everyone, especially the students. Preparations for Christmas fundraising were in their final stages. Heung Jin Nim challenged the students to practice what he had taught them while they were out fundraising.

Then on Thanksgiving Day, when all the students were gone, Heung Jin Nim made a surprise visit to UTS in person. The next day, November 27, he gave guidance and conducted a forgiveness ceremony for the UTS staff and administration. Heung Jin Nim had mentioned repeatedly during the channeling sessions that UTS should be prepared for his coming—"soon!" So his coming in person was a most blessed and meaningful event for everyone. □

Left:
The day after the prayer walk, this front-page photo and caption appeared in the Daily Freeman, a newspaper printed in Kingston, New York.

A HISTORIC MIRACLE

*"At no time in the past has
God been so intimate with
a group of people."*

*—Where God Resides and His Course
March 19, 1978*

Though Father spoke these words in 1978, certainly they are even more true today, and they seem particularly applicable to the intimate experience brothers and sisters have had with God working through our elder brother Heung Jin Nim at the special conferences he has been holding all over the world.



The following four articles describe different perspectives on his recent conferences in America, especially the one held in New York from November 18-20, 1987. First, Hugh and Nora Spurgin give an overview of Heung Jin Nim's work and the contents of his conferences. Next, we condense Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak's insightful guidance to members both before their confession and at the end of their three days with Heung Jin Nim. Rev. Takeru Kamiyama offers his powerful personal testimony as well as vital guidance on the importance of uniting with Abel. Finally, Victoria Clevenger shares her thoughts and feelings about her experience at the conference in New York. We hope this variety of perspectives can help convey many aspects of the extraordinary impact Heung Jin Nim has made and *can make* on all of our lives, as our movement enters a new era of responsibility in the world.

THE WORLDWIDE ACTIVITIES OF HEUNG JIN NIM

by Hugh and Nora Spurgin

H EUNG JIN NIM, WORKING spiritually through a brother from Africa, has taken on a great mission—that of cleansing our Unification movement of the impurities of the members, teaching us how to apply the Principle in our everyday lives, and preparing us for the new pentecost, the descending of the good spirit world to help usher in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

As a child of the True Parents, Heung Jin Nim is a true representative of their lineage and tradition—an Abel child. Thus he serves as a bridge through which their love, guidance, and tradition can flow to each of us who come as children of the True

Parents from the Cain position. In his work worldwide, as a True Child, Heung Jin Nim represents not only our True Parents but also all his brothers and sisters in the True Family.

From his unique position in the spirit world, Heung Jin Nim has been able to perceive the private lives and hearts of the members as well as the public aspects of our Unification movement. His heart was pained as he observed Satan's devious attempts to interfere in the lives of our members and immobilize us. He determined, therefore, as an Abel child, to clean out Satan completely from our movement and to more clearly teach

us the heavenly tradition.

How Heung Jin Nim began his work

Heung Jin Nim has chosen to work on earth most completely at this time through a young church member who had been prepared by Jesus for many years to develop a humble heart and thus allow Heung Jin Nim to do this great work of God through him. In July 1987, in the prayer room of a small house in the middle of Africa, Heung Jin Nim announced to a few members ("second selves" and "chosen ones," he calls them) that he would begin his activities on earth in the heart of Africa. From that



Brothers and sisters singing at the conference with Heung Jin Nim in New York, November 18-20, 1987.

moment, he has been working at an incredible pace to meet leaders and members all over the world in order to bring about the heavenly order and to give the “second selves” and “chosen ones” a second chance to become pure and to accomplish the will of God on earth during our lifetimes.

It is appropriate here to introduce some new terminology. As Unificationists, we are all missionaries; unfortunately, however, the term “missionary” has many negative connotations, especially in most third world countries. Hence, Heung Jin Nim has asked us instead to use the term “second self” to describe each member who has been blessed and has started family life, and the phrase “chosen one” for each member who either has not yet been blessed or has not yet consummated the marriage. “Second self” also refers to being a “small Sun Myung Moon.”

and the Far East. At each location, all the second selves (and some chosen ones) from around the area were called together. In the United States, Heung Jin Nim met with approximately 800 second selves and chosen ones in New York City, 800 in Washington DC, and 800 near San Francisco.

Our connection with the True Family

Heung Jin Nim made it very clear that this second chance must be offered not by True Parents but by the second generation—by the True Children. At this time in the providence, during the Children’s Era, we each must connect to True Parents through the True Children. It is clear that this relationship is one of great hope for us as second selves, for they are truly our elder brothers and sisters in one big unified family—the

from place to place, but the response was the same worldwide. It was a second chance and a new start for everyone present, whether one’s sins were small or great.

During confession, deep secrets people had held inside were revealed. The sin that lurked in the corner of each person’s life and mind was cast out, thus freeing each of us to respond fully to all that God could offer during the conference. As each of us stood before Heung Jin Nim and confessed our sins, we pledged before God to take responsibility for our life from that time forward and made a new determination to sin no more. These confessions and the accompanying indemnity conditions are a vital part of each conference. Previously Heung Jin Nim had said that most of our members were not in a position of purity such that God could work through us sufficiently to fulfill His will on earth. Heung Jin Nim expressed his concern about God’s providence, asking rhetorically, “How can we build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth with such a less-than-adequate standard among our members? True Parents have educated you enough; they expected you to be more responsible. It is not their role to receive your confessions. I and my brothers and sisters are giving you another chance.” Then he added, “Today I should be spending this time introducing God’s heart to you from the outset, but I cannot do so until you are first purified.” He told us to start confessing from “where you hide.”

From the perspective of the new pentecost we are now experiencing, the confession is quite significant. How can we be without accusation if we ourselves are filled with sin? How can we be acceptable as blessed couples at the center of the providence in this age, trying to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and its new traditions, unless we are liberated from sin? How can our forefathers find a common base with us if we ourselves continue to sin? Yet we are the ones with whom the saints and sages are required to work so that their own souls can be resurrected in these Last Days. No wonder we need to confess and be freed from the things that hold us back from being pure before heaven and earth! Only through

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Starting in Africa in July, Heung Jin Nim organized throughout the world a series of special three-day conferences. At each one he gathered the members together, led them in singing and praying, spoke with them, received their confessions and prayers of repentance, and gave them conditions of restitution. All participants were asked to stay together for the duration of the conference so that they could become one body with a new purified spirit. It was a time of renewal and rebirth for everyone, as we gained a new understanding of God, of the True Family, and of ourselves. Everywhere there was a cleansing. There was some judgment but only in the sense of separation from evil.

At a very fast pace, Heung Jin Nim conducted four conferences in Africa and then held successive conferences in Greece, Thailand, Colombia, Argentina, France, England, America,

family of our True Parents. During these conferences, Heung Jin Nim encouraged all of us to know, respect, pray for, and love the True Children. We also gained a greater awareness of the sacrifices that our True Parents’ family make daily in taking the burden of the world upon their shoulders, which consequently limits their ability to live a “normal” family life. The pain that the True Family feels as a result of this great sacrifice was very evident in Heung Jin Nim’s message.

Confession, repentance, and forgiveness of sins

After singing, prayer, testimonies, and a short introductory talk by Heung Jin Nim, each conference began with individual confessions. It was a most remarkable experience for everyone attending, for church elders as well as other blessed members. The external circumstances differed

confession, repentance, and forgiveness are our spirits renewed.

The Principle and its application

Another vital part of each conference is the lectures given by Heung Jin Nim on the Principle and its application in our daily life. As we went through the courses of our forefathers—Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and Jesus—he gave profound explanations for the motivations behind many of their actions. Since he had the opportunity to talk personally with these great providential figures in the spirit world, Heung Jin Nim could share with us the lessons they had learned. He could also explore the meaning behind the many symbols and parables in the Bible. Heung Jin Nim made many of the Old Testament stories come alive through dramatic role-playing, by calling upon people in the audience to take part in the scenes he directed. In this way he frequently brought the house down in laughter and kept us all involved and awake.

Throughout the history of the nation of Israel, God often admonished the Israelites not to mix their blood lineage with others—not to marry those outside the faith. This was an important part of God's providence for the chosen nation. Heung Jin Nim stressed that we today must also maintain the pure lineage of our True Parents and of the True Family. Satan desperately wants to "mix the blood" of the blessed couples by always tempting them to stray away from their partners.

Heung Jin Nim explained that our forefathers (Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and Joseph) were supposed to make conditions of separation in their sexual life. Many of them failed in this—often mixing their lineage and not abstaining from marital relations during certain critical times. In this age, we too have been asked to abide by a period of separation before starting our family life, as a condition of purity in our own blessed marriages.

Special concerns of couples

Throughout the conferences, particular issues came up and were addressed by Heung Jin Nim. One of the most moving expressions of his

love was the concern he showed toward those couples who have been unable to have children. During some conferences, these couples were called up to the stage in front of the congregation, and a call was given for couples to volunteer to have a child for each of the infertile couples to adopt. As they filed forward one by one to offer this most precious of gifts, tears streamed from many eyes. The giving and receiving couples embraced with deep emotion as they were matched one with another. It was most meaningful to observe this special offering of friendship and brotherhood to couples in need. Husbands and wives who were not yet living together were also asked to come forward to explain their individual situations. If they met the qualifications to begin family life, Heung Jin Nim encouraged them to get together.

sing, pray, share testimonies about the conference, or write reflections. Frequently he led us in group songs, accompanied by clapping, hand gestures, and even some very innovative and lively jumping and marching movements.

He frequently met with special groups or individuals around the dinner table. Two sisters at two different conferences each went into labor during the three days, and both children born were named by Heung Jin Nim. In Washington DC a group of blessed children were invited for a worship service and a breakfast with Heung Jin Nim. He spoke to them, had them each sing a song, and prayed with them. He also met privately afterwards with the teenage children present, giving them advice and much love. Throughout the personal encounters, Heung Jin Nim always expressed a great deal of love. When-

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During the conferences, perfecting our relationships with our spouse and children was highlighted. Heung Jin Nim emphasized the need for us to work and live together as families, to love and respect each other, to communicate deeply, not to fight, to always greet one another warmly, to be clean, and to use good manners. He said he wanted to break down the barriers that sometimes exist between spouses. On one occasion he called a husband and wife who were sitting at a great distance from one another to come to the stage and kiss each other while he continued to speak to the audience. That woke everyone up!

Interspersed between the lectures were many personal encounters. On many occasions Heung Jin Nim had couples sing for everyone; at other times he gathered people in a long train and had them march around the room. Another time he divided us into smaller groups and asked us to

ever there was any form of judgment from him one could feel it coming from a place of love rather than anger.

At another time, a group of blessed mothers had a meal with Heung Jin Nim. At this time he discussed raising children with them. He advised that when children reach the age of three, the parents should discipline them in this way: First discuss their disobedience with them; then after punishment go to the altar with them and allow them to repent and receive the forgiveness of God and their parents.

Love for our country

In several locations around the world Heung Jin Nim established new holy grounds. For example, in northern California hundreds of members participated in a ceremony he conducted around a 500-year-old tree on the grounds of a camp owned by our church.



Rev. Chang Seong Ahn shares his testimony.

During the three days of each conference, we sang many holy songs, especially "The Song of the Garden," and were moved to tears. And in America as we sang our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," we felt an overwhelming love for our own country and its role in the providence. Such an experience called upon our patriotic spirit as Americans to take responsibility for our nation and to help the world.

our church in America rejoice with us in the renewal made possible through True Parents and Heung Jin Nim.

This has not been an easy year for us as a family personally. However, we now feel new hope for ourselves and for our entire movement.

Our responsibility

How does all of this benefit us unless we can take responsibility for our own lives of faith from this time for-

participants were given a detailed schedule for their own lives of devotion and attendance. This schedule includes morning and evening prayer (based on a prayer list he presented) and study and discussion of the Principle. Whether we live in a center or in our own apartment, we should all gather together and share these times (including children). We were also advised to make goals and to write them down every morning and check them each evening. "Writing them down is our offering," Heung Jin Nim said. We could feel that by keeping this daily schedule, we are placing ourselves in a responsible position before God and True Parents, to be guided in every aspect of our everyday life and work. It makes sense, then, that through this offering God, True Parents, Jesus, and the whole of the spirit world can meet us on a regular basis if we take responsibility to be faithful and consistent in our everyday lives, especially in our prayer morning and evening. Thus we can mobilize spiritual help in a far more powerful way than ever before.

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**the Spurgins*

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For many years we* have been concerned about America and its response to our movement. As Americans who love our nation, we now feel that a beautiful liberation has taken place during these conferences with Heung Jin Nim and that spiritual conditions have been laid for God to work in a new way among us. We believe many members working in

ward? Heung Jin Nim wants us to be responsible so our True Parents can rest assured that we are indeed creating the true tradition and that we are one in heart and lineage with them. Throughout the three days and nights, Heung Jin Nim stressed three points: Have hope, work and accomplish quietly, and be responsible.

At the close of each conference,

GUIDANCE FROM REV. KWAK

Summarized from speeches given by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak at several of Heung Jin Nim's conferences.



Rev. C.H. Kwak at the New York conference.

BEFORE THE CONFESSION

WE ARE GATHERED HERE FOR A very special conference and a most extraordinary historical event. True Father has given his permission for Heung Jin Nim to hold this conference here for you. Since his Seung Hwa, Father has spoken a lot about Heung Jin Nim's position in the spirit world; now those words are becoming a reality.

Through Heung Jin Nim we are learning about the real meaning of returning resurrection. Although Heung Jin Nim is here now working through one African brother who is completely humble to his direction, he himself has no restriction in the spirit world, and his spirit can be all over the world simultaneously. It may seem confusing, but we know that although True Father and Mother each have one physical body, people all over the world can spiritually receive their spirit in dreams, visions,

and other kinds of communication. Heung Jin Nim is in a subjective position; therefore, if someone makes the correct condition as his object, he can relate directly and receive messages from Heung Jin Nim. We can use this metaphor: Although there is just one moon in the sky, its light is reflected wherever there is water.

Why are we here?

We must think seriously about why we are here at this conference. There has been much said about confession, yet this isn't the fundamental point of our encounter with Heung Jin Nim. First we must think about the value of the True Children to God and to us, and of Heung Jin Nim's willingness to sacrifice his life for our True Parents. Heavenly Father never

surprised to see the high position he had in the spirit world. He came to understand True Parents' incredible heart in preparing this place for him. His relationship with us, then, is as one of the True Children, Lord of the spirit world, and our elder brother. The parents' desire is to love, not always scold the children; therefore, our True Parents deeply appreciate the elder brother's helping his younger brothers and sisters to confess and make a new start, because they can then fully receive the Parents' love. Please be completely open and receive Heung Jin Nim's direction and teaching.

Heung Jin Nim is completely aware of our mistakes, sins, and unprincipled lifestyle, and he wants to help us reconnect with and fulfill our fundamental desire to gain life elements to become God's sons and daughters.

History teaches us that the people of Jesus' time failed to unite with Jesus because they didn't fully understand and apply the teachings of their own tradition. Many Christians today also fail to recognize True Father because they do not correctly follow Jesus' teachings, heart, and tradition. The same applies to us. Ask yourself: How closely is my daily schedule related with True Parents' heart and tradition? All of us have listened to True Parents so many times, yet we still have only a limited concept about them. We too easily miss the fundamental essence of True Parents' love; we should be most concerned about repenting and reaching for a true, heartistic relationship with them.

Heung Jin Nim's heart

In this conference, please focus on these points:

1) Do not try to judge Heung Jin Nim. He now comes with a very different body, but most important is his spirit, his desire, and his guidance. If you had a relationship with Heung

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wanted the True Children to step on the satanic earth or breathe satanic air. It was we who did not make the proper environment and did not protect the True Family enough. Therefore, we must repent before Heavenly Father, True Parents, and Heung Jin Nim with deep shame and regret.

Heung Jin Nim has shared that when he was elevated through his Seung Hwa ceremony he was very

Jin Nim before, don't try to question him about your former experience together. Many small details of our experience on earth are unneeded and forgotten when we go to the spirit world. We should have an open, humble, and penitent mind and accept him 100 percent.

2) Please try to glean from Heung Jin Nim's words and prayers how close his heart is to True Parents, and how deeply he understands their heart and will. Try to reach that standard. I always notice that when he mentions True Parents' heart, his whole body trembles.

3) All second selves should completely confess to him and make a fundamental determination to change. What others confess or experience is not your concern. Think only about how to link your own eternal life with True Parents.

Heung Jin Nim never wants to hear your excuses for the sins you committed. He only wants your liberation. Don't try to hide or explain your sins. We want Heavenly Father's and Heung Jin Nim's view so that we can start a new life.

According to the Principle, we know we have to fulfill our responsibility on the earth, yet we often find it difficult to put our inspiration into practice. Heung Jin Nim always acts quickly to substantialize his understanding and determination; this is another way he is an excellent example for us. Actually, more and more amazing spiritual phenomena will begin to occur. Heung Jin Nim's work is just beginning.

AFTER THE CONFERENCE

BEFORE YOU ENTERED THE CONFES- sion room, I saw your faces were pale and strained. Everyone was very serious, and rightfully so, because sin is a very serious matter. It has made the destiny of all fallen human beings ultimately the same. Real unification and oneness come only as we solve the fundamental mistake of all mankind, in whatever way it afflicts each of us personally. When we reach God's ideal—a

pure, mature heart—unification is automatic. So we should look for unity not by way of external things. Even though confession is just the beginning, and our purification and growth aren't fully realized yet, we can still experience a oneness of shared commitment and new start.

We are now able to meet Heung Jin Nim not because of our own foundation but because of True Parents' love and grace. True Parents sacrificed their own son whom they loved more than their own life. Following this example of true love, we must love God and True Parents more than ourselves and practice true love toward others. If we don't, Satan will pull us back.

We are participants in a historical miracle. We must now digest this and transform it into our real life experience.

Even though we might have prayed a million times to God, asking for forgiveness and confessing directly to Him, still we were not liberated. The descendants of Adam and Eve who commit sin are in the Cain position. Cain, without Abel, can never reach Heavenly Father and True Parents on his own. Heung Jin Nim, as the Abel child, represents God and True Parents for us. However, he is not our direct central figure. Therefore, during the conference, Heung Jin Nim always had in the confession room with him a person who is a central figure in our church. For example, I stayed for most of the confessions. Some felt uncomfortable that I heard their sins. But if Heavenly Father, True Parents, and Heung Jin Nim can forgive you, don't you think I can too? Please don't worry. I am not interested in your sins and mistakes and don't want to remember them. Please clean out any doubt or complaint or worry. The only thing that

matters is that you accept the forgiveness, begin to live according to the Principle, and keep your lineage pure.

To nourish our minds

Your confession was only the foundation and preparation for the education Heung Jin Nim wants to give you. Though we have heard Father's guidance many times, we have been too immature and blocked to sufficiently receive these vital life elements and actually change. Heung Jin Nim can now speak more directly to us to nourish and stimulate our original minds on the foundation of our confession and indemnity conditions.

There are three main elements of his teaching:

1) Heung Jin Nim emphasized over and over the importance and preciousness of our Blessing and the heavenly blood lineage. Although Father has already taught us this many times, still we have repeatedly violated the proper Blessing standard. Now we have a second opportunity to apply a strict heavenly standard to our lives. If we not only fail to follow True Parents, but also disregard what the second generation says, we will truly be lost.

2) Heung Jin Nim continually urged us to be responsible. Many members testified that after confession they now felt hope; however, this hope will become a reality only through our fulfillment of personal responsibility. Through God's, True Parents' and Heung Jin Nim's grace, the confession cuts the rope that binds us to Satan, and we can change our direction back toward God—180 degrees. But still we must take responsibility to elevate ourselves out of the satanic environment and our bad habits through laying indemnity conditions. If we do not do this, Satan may hook us again, even worse. Perfection cannot be reached overnight.

3) Heung Jin Nim gave us clear detailed instruction about exactly what the blessed couple's tradition is and is not. Clearly recognize what you must do and not do. Follow the time schedule he gave us. Protect your precious blood lineage and care for your blessed children.

We must show that we are

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UNITING WITH TRUE ABEL

by Rev. Takeru Kamiyama

Compiled from his testimony to members in the World Mission Center on November 21, 1987, and his speech at Belvedere on December 6, 1987.



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I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT MY experience meeting Heung Jin Nim for the first time. Actually, it is a story of my faithlessness, and how I changed and finally came to understand what Heung Jin Nim is bringing to us.

Before he came to New York in November 1987, I had heard many stories about his new existence in the body of a black African young man, traveling around and hearing confessions. I wondered, How can this brother really be Heung Jin Nim? Members all over the world are claiming that Heung Jin Nim has spoken through them, but how can we know if he really did?

My skeptical mind

It was with this extremely skeptical mind that I went to East Garden, where Heung Jin Nim was to greet True Parents for the first time since he had been embodied. Some of the leaders gathered in the kitchen beforehand to talk. We had all heard rumors and felt this brother might be an imposter with evil intentions, so we made a determination to protect Father at any cost. Even Hyo Jin Nim was fully prepared to do anything necessary to defend Father. Such a "welcoming" atmosphere we created for his arrival!

Then Heung Jin Nim and his party arrived. Father and Mother were wait-

ing in the reception room. Heung Jin Nim ran over to Father and practically jumped into his arms, saying, "Father! Father!" Then he embraced Mother tightly, crying, "Mother! Mother!" He sounded like he was weeping. I was shocked at all this. Was this an act? Never in my life had I seen the True Children run in and hug Father and Mother in such a way. They always come in respectfully and bow. I was completely on my guard.

Father asked Heung Jin Nim to sit on a couch to his right, and he asked Hyo Jin Nim, who was a little bit in back, to go sit beside him. Heung Jin Nim immediately put his arm around Hyo Jin Nim, grabbed his hand, and said, "My brother, my brother!" in a

very close, loving way. I thought, "This is too much!"

I sat down where I could keep my eye on everything. Other leaders sat surrounding the table, and Father began to speak. After a while, neither he nor Mother showed any particular acceptance or non-acceptance of Heung Jin Nim. They were just natural, as at any leaders' meeting. Some leaders began to ask Heung Jin Nim questions.

One elder asked, "Many brothers and sisters under me are channeling messages every night from you. How can I tell which ones are really speaking the truth?" Heung Jin Nim answered: "In the name of True Parents, ask the person who is channeling, 'Do you come from the realm of shimjung, the realm of the heart of the True Parents?' If that person can say 'yes' three times, then he is for real." This elder kept on questioning him about it, and finally Heung Jin Nim got very angry and said, "You are arrogant! You don't understand the providence of restoration!"

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At one point, a brother who was translating Father's words hesitated and forgot what Father had just said. Heung Jin Nim yelled at him very loudly, "You must translate correctly! Correctly! Father's word is absolute! You have to be a total object to Father! Write down word for word everything Father says. Get a pen and paper. Quick! Quick! Hurry up!" That brother had known Heung Jin Nim since he was a little boy. I thought, "How could he just yell at him that way? Translating from Korean to English is very difficult. If that were really Heung Jin Nim, he'd be a little more sympathetic."

"I am not deceived!"

Later on Hoon Sook Nim came in and sat slightly behind him to his left. Heung Jin Nim turned his head and just glanced at her for a second. I thought, "This is his eternal bride and he doesn't even smile or wink or

acknowledge her at all? This proves that it can't be Heung Jin Nim. Father and Mother seem to really believe this is their son. Well, he may be able to deceive them, but I am not deceived!"

After a while, Heung Jin Nim went out of the room and then returned, wearing a Korean outfit, and made two full bows in front of True Parents. Then Father asked Mother to take him shopping. As they all were leaving, Heung Jin Nim approached me. I introduced myself, saying, "I am Mr. Kamiyama," and he said, "I know." He asked me how my wife and children were. I said fine, and to sort of check him out I asked him, "Do you know Masao?" Masao was my brother's son, about the same age as Heung Jin Nim. They had been very good friends when Heung Jin Nim was on the earth. He said, "Yes." I added, "You know, Masao misses you." He said, "I know, I know." My immediate thought—again negative—was, "Anybody could say, 'I know, I know' and still be a fake."

Then just before he got into the car

he said to me, "I'm sorry I corrected you so harshly back then, but I had to do it, just to make sure everything is exact." I couldn't understand his heavily accented English, but a security brother who had been writing everything down told me what he said. I thought suspiciously, "It wasn't me he was correcting. Doesn't he even remember who he was talking to?" Such a doubtful spirit was surrounding me. I understood later that Heung Jin Nim was speaking to me as a representative of all the leaders, referring to the fact that we all needed correcting, because we had such negative minds.

With this heart of intense skepticism, I began the three-day conference in the World Mission Center. Since I know that confession and repentance are good things, I could see value in going, whether this brother was Heung Jin Nim or Jesus or some other spirit. Through the



Hoon Sook Nim watches from the back during the conference.

principle of returning resurrection, I knew that even evil spirits can help you grow by confronting your fallen nature, so no matter what, I could still be cleansed.

My confession

Just before the conference started, I was invited to a banquet at East Garden along with about 40 other Japanese leaders. During the banquet Father asked me a question. It was about marriage, but I couldn't think of an answer right away. He said, "With that kind of attitude, you might get hit by Heung Jin Nim." On this "hopeful" note, I returned to the World Mission Center and went into the conference.

The 40 of us gathered in one room to prepare for our confession. I was standing right in front of Heung Jin Nim. He asked me, "What did Father say to you about this confession?" I replied, "Well, he said I might get hit by you." He laughed out loud. I admit I had pretty complicated emotions in my mind by then.

We were asked to write down all our sins. I had confidence that I wouldn't be in too much trouble, because I didn't have any record of what I thought was the worst category of sin in the Unification movement—sexual sins. I thought that any other kind of sin was just trivial and wouldn't really count. I was sure I would get off easy.

I confessed my sins to Heung Jin Nim, he shouted out loudly, so that everyone could hear, "Kamiyama's sin is so big!!" The natural reaction in my mind was, "Wait a minute! How can you say that? I don't have any heavy sins." Because of my sin, he said, I had to fast for eight days. I was so shocked! That hit my pride right there in front of all the leaders. I wanted to prove that his judgment was unwarranted, so I took my confession list over to show Rev. Kwak to try and prove I was unjustly treated. People who I knew had seriously sinned had gotten only a three- or four-day fast. What will the leaders and members suspect me of having done, when they find out I have to fast for eight days?! I left the confession room reeling with all kinds of emotions. As I was leaving, Heung Jin Nim called to the staff, "Tell Mr. Abe to take care of him." I felt, "Oh, no. Now he's telling other people I need taking care of!"

least apologize." I said to Heung Jin Nim, "I'm sorry I wasn't here when you called me." Inside I was ready to really rebel if he returned judgment against me. If he said something harsh to me I would say something even harsher to him. But surprisingly, what he did was just put his arm around me and say very softly and gently, "It's okay, it's okay. Where is your wife? Is she all right?" Somehow he knew that was the best thing he could have done for me at that time.

I stayed in the conference from then on, and every time a doubtful or skeptical thought came into my mind, Heung Jin Nim would call my name. Toward the end he really shook me out of my doubtful mind by calling out, "Kami!" That's the nickname I got while in Danbury with Father. As I approached him, he picked up a sheet of paper, held it up for me to see, crushed it, and threw it on the floor. I knew what it meant: I have to crush

Whether a person is black or white or yellow, a man or a woman, a 36 Blessed Couple or a new member, doesn't matter. The heart of True Parents embraces everyone in the same way.

After our confession we were supposed to pray in repentance, even all night if we could. I wasn't inspired at all to pray. I just kind of leaned against the wall and prayed externally.


A serious struggle

The next morning, after the confessions were over, Heung Jin Nim wanted to speak to us all together. I tried listening for several hours, but I started to become very judgmental about what he was saying. I didn't want to be in the conference any more, so I went to my office and just sat there. After a while, a brother brought me a message that Heung Jin Nim wanted me to come back. I said, "Come on, how could he remember my name so easily?" But after getting even more messages from him, I decided to go back into the conference room.

I thought, "Whether this guy is really Heung Jin Nim or not, he's leading this conference, so I should at

my old concepts and cast them away so I can become new. This demonstration pierced through my doubt more than anything else he had done.

By the third day I was seriously struggling to know if this were Heung Jin Nim or not, and to understand the meaning of what he was telling us. I prayed, demanding an answer from God, "Please, God, tell me—is this brother really Heung Jin Nim? I have to know!" It was a short prayer, but very fervent. Right after that, Heung Jin Nim began speaking again. A Japanese brother happened to sit near me and start translating for me. For two days I had been struggling without any translator, trying to understand the strong African accent, but now, miraculously, I had this Japanese brother helping me. He said he had lived for three years in the same church center in Africa as the brother who was embodying Heung Jin Nim. He understood the accent and, from his experience with



On the third day, Rev. Kamiyama tearfully shares his realizations with the brothers and sisters.

One area of sin we were asked to confess was that of disbelief, being disloyal to God and True Parents. This includes Cain/Abel problems and the accompanying resentment. I didn't feel I had any problems in that area. But when it was my turn, and I con-

Heung Jin Nim at other meetings, he knew the deep content of his teachings. He began translating not only Heung Jin Nim's words for me, but also his heart. This brother's name was Kamiyoshi, which means "good news from God." I couldn't ask for anything better than that!

My own heart opened

Heung Jin Nim was speaking about the realm of God's heart, the "realm of shimjung." He was trying to help us break through the barriers in our hearts and open up to the world of the heart of True Parents. He said, "For us to reach the world of the heart of True Parents, so many of our ancestors were sacrificed. Through the great price of suffering they paid, we have finally reached the point where we are able to taste the true world of the heart. In the realm of True Parents' heart there are no barriers, no categories. Whether a person is black or white or yellow, a man or a woman, a 36 Blessed Couple or a new member, doesn't matter. The heart of True Parents embraces everyone in the same way."

As he was speaking, I realized I had been listening with too critical a mind and comparing Heung Jin Nim's words with my concept of Father's words. Finally I could accept his message about this amazing realm of the heart of True Parents. My own heart opened, and I could suddenly see in a very different light. Heung Jin Nim appeared to be shining in a glorious way. I felt as if a veil on my eyes were coming off. I could throw away those stupid, external judgments and begin taking his words into my heart.

Nim had testified to us in tears that, after his initial skepticism, he accepted Heung Jin Nim completely the moment he embraced him. But I myself—in continuing to doubt Heung Jin Nim and not uniting with True Parents and Hyo Jin Nim in their acceptance of him—had been completely disloyal to the True Family, committing the sin of rebellion.

Therefore, even though I went into the confession thinking, "I've always followed my Abel loyally," in actuality I was rebelling against the Abel I most

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What actually happened is beyond description. I was overwhelmed by a feeling of the presence of the Holy Spirit. I just couldn't stop weeping. My wife, next to me, was going through a very similar experience.

Then Heung Jin Nim began to lead everyone in dancing. I felt from the bottom of my heart that I ought to apologize for my bad attitude of judging everything he had said. I began to speak, and I felt the love of all the 800 other people surrounding me. I didn't have a shred of self-consciousness or concern for my image as a leader. No one was looking at me with those eyes. As my wife and I did a full bow to Heung Jin Nim, I experienced a flood of tears more overwhelming than I had ever experienced in my life. I was literally weeping with my face and hands on the floor. Then Heung Jin Nim approached us, lifted us up, and held us close together, comforting us and telling us it was okay, that we were very precious to him.

Everything became new and started coming together. When my eyes were opened, all the reasons for finding any conflict between Father and Heung Jin Nim melted away.

Why my sin was so big

I realized now why he had said my sin was so big. At the beginning of the conference, his brother Hyo Jin

needed to unite with at this time, which is Hyo Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim united as one.

You see, all these many years I have been close to True Parents, eating with them, meeting with them, receiving direct guidance from them. I had the Messiah. What else did I need? Now I understand that there is an absolute process to follow in order to be restored back to God. Can Cain go to God directly? No. I was looking at Heung Jin Nim with a total ignorance of this principle.

Up until now, the True Parents have been loving us and taking care of us even though we weren't actually in the position to reach them spiritually. Father and Mother had to deny their own position as parents and come down and raise us up in our state of ignorance, patiently accepting us, forgiving us, and waiting for us to grow. But now the time has come when we must complete our growth by going the exact principled way. It is only when we can make a foundation of substance with our true Abel that we can establish the foundation for the Messiah. That is when we can officially come into the realm of the heart of True Parents.

We have to start from the very bottom, from the servant of servants position, and go through the position of servant, adopted son, illegitimate son, real son, mother, father, then up



Mr. Masatoshi Abe, with his wife, gives his testimony.

to the heart of God. (Illegitimate son means a son who is more distant than a real son.) To follow this course ourselves, we have to raise three spiritual children (illegitimate son position) so that they can be completely united in heart with us. Then we can be blessed and have our own blessed children, who will be in the Abel position. When our spiritual children and our blessed children (real sons) unite, that is the restoration of Cain and Abel, which creates the foundation for the restoration of the parents. Then as restored Adam and Eve, we can come back to the heart of God.

Within the True Family, when Hyo Jin Nim (Cain position) and Heung Jin Nim (Abel position) unite, they come to stand together as the True Abel. As we blessed couples (Cain) achieve unity with the True Abel children, we will be naturally accepted into the world of True Mother and, upon unity with Mother, the world of True Father. Then True Parents can really stand as parents and can take us into the realm of God's heart.

Not the same people

I had dinner with Heung Jin Nim the other day, and he told us how completely united he is with Hyo Jin Nim. Heung Jin Nim had to return to earth to fulfill the mission he was given.

I felt from the bottom of my heart that I ought to apologize for my bad attitude of judging everything Heung Jin Nim had said.

Hyo Jin Nim has the physical body to take the substantial leadership as the Abel figure. This is the time of their unity. That unity is the key to our movement's now entering into a new level, transcending anything in the past.

Neither Heung Jin Nim nor Hyo Jin Nim are the same people we used to know. We can't treat them as we used to. Hyo Jin Nim spoke several times at Belvedere about his past and the mistakes he made, but now his past is like dust. Similarly, through confession, you surrender and make an offering of yourself completely, leaving behind your old self and becoming a

new "second self." Since Heung Jin Nim has held these confessions, the unification between the Abel children and the Cain children has substantially begun. As this is fulfilled, we can be guided into the sphere of heart of God and True Parents.

Father has expressed the reality of the world of the heart of God very simply. He says that a person standing in the heart of God is so valued by the universe that he will be completely protected, and everything will want to come to him. Even if that person were dropped off in the jungles of Africa alone, animals or spirit men would be sent to bring food and attend him. After all these years, we finally have the precious opportunity to enter into this world. Some blessed couples may think, "Oh, we can only afford to have two or three children." This limited reasoning has no place in the realm of the heart of True Parents, where nothing is impossible for God's true sons and daughters.

Around the dinner table I expressed to Heung Jin Nim my concern about helping other Christian ministers accept True Parents. Heung Jin Nim said to me, "The only thing you should worry about is whether you yourself are firmly rooted in the pure blood lineage of True Parents. If you are, other Christians will automatic-

ally come closer to you or they will naturally decline."

If the chosen ones and the second selves can unite centering on the unity of Hyo Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim, the Unification Church can become the true Abel to the other Christian churches. Remember, Father taught us that if there is an absolute plus (+), then an absolute minus (-) will appear. If a true Abel exists, Cain can follow easily. When the Unification Church and all of Christianity are unified, the unification of the Fatherland can come about, and then the unification of the free world and the communist world

can happen. This will be the foundation to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

How much God and True Parents have been waiting for this chance! This chance has arrived. We must make this unity here today.

True Children's prayer

Once the Fatherland is established, anyone violating the heavenly standard will be judged severely by the law and will not be permitted to remain there as long as there is sin in him. God can't bear to see that happen to his beloved sons and daughters. So He is sending His ambassadors, his princes—the True Children—to offer purification to the blessed couples, allowing us to clean ourselves up so that judgment won't come upon us. This unique opportunity is an amazing blessing. We should be infinitely grateful for this.

I found a speech in which Father describes the value of the True Children. To paraphrase:

We, the members of the church, after following True Parents, have



committed many mistakes and sins. The only way to be freed from Satan and to have an unshakable foundation to stand in the Kingdom is to be interceded by the True Children of the True Parents. It doesn't matter how long you have been in the Unification Church or how hard you have worked. Receiving the Blessing isn't the qualification. The following words have to come out of the mouth of one of the True Children: "Father and Mother, the members have been working so hard. They may have made many mistakes, yet they loved us as a Cain loves Abel. Because of their enormous love and dedication, please forgive them. Please let them come with us into the Kingdom of Heaven." Only through this intercessory prayer by the True Children can we be released from Satan's accusation and come to stand on an unshakable foundation and enter the Kingdom of Heaven. [From "Parents, Children, and the World Centered upon Oneself," June 5, 1983.]

The intercession from the true Abel is absolute. Yet some members, after having confessed to Heung Jin Nim, have been wondering, "Was this for real? Am I really forgiven?" But if we are still doubtful even after our sins have been washed away, this will create a prolongation of the providence of purification.

some person comes along who allows us to pay for that same sin just by pinching us. That is what Heung Jin Nim is able to do for us. Heung Jin Nim is in the very highest position in the spirit world because he himself willingly suffered the crushing blow of Satan so that he could spare us and allow us to go an easier path.

Heung Jin Nim is teaching us how to live a life of offering—a lifestyle of obedience and faithful reporting; in short, taking responsibility.

A life of offering

From the Principle we know that original sin can be solved only by True Parents, but the other types of sin we have to solve ourselves. But how do we solve them? For analogy's sake, let's say we carry around so much sin that we deserve to be crushed in a terrible automobile crash. But suppose

There is no question that indemnity has to be paid by us for the accumulated horrible sins of mankind. There are actually three ways we can pay this indemnity:

1. by uniting in heart completely with the true Abel, who can take that burden of sin on his own shoulders for us.



Everyone lines up, in accordance with Heung Jin Nim's instructions, in preparation for a revitalizing march around the Grand Ballroom.



Heung Jin Nim's 17th birthday. Left to right: Jin Whi Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Father, Heung Jin Nim, Mother, Ye Jin Nim, In Jin Nim, Un Jin Nim, and Nan Sook Nim.

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2. by living a life of offering—promising to fulfill for God and making every effort to live up to those promises; in this way, we are making ourselves an offering that God can accept.

3. by physical suffering, which is what we have to do if we do not do number 1 or number 2.

most to fulfill it. At night we should write down what we actually did accomplish. If we didn't fulfill everything, we must report it and seriously repent to God. If we follow this lifestyle faithfully every day, then we are offering ourselves completely on the altar of God, and God can claim our life. Satan can't touch such a pure offering. If we unite in this way,

missed this opportunity to confess? If you cannot surrender yourself to your true Abel, you will go through much suffering.

Think about it. If you give yourself into the hand of the true Abel, you may receive some fasting or other condition, but what is that compared to the gift of total freedom? Heung Jin Nim only wants to make us new and totally erase from our lives the stupid sins we committed in the past. The reason I am testifying to you so frankly, forgetting my pride, is to let you see that I went through it the hard way, but you don't have to. It is not necessary. If some of you are having difficulties in this area, please let me know and I will help you.

The number-one virtue to have in order to receive this heavenly blessing of forgiveness is the meekness of a child. The best advice I can give you is to purify yourself with prayer and fasting to prepare yourself for your confession. I am sure you will have a good experience. Just be an obedient son or daughter of heaven. □

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Number 1 is the best way, yet the most difficult. It is very hard for fallen man to deny himself completely and absolutely unite with Abel. Number 3 is not something we would voluntarily choose. Therefore, Heung Jin Nim is teaching us how to live a life of offering—a lifestyle of obedience and faithful reporting; in short, taking responsibility. Every morning we should make a promise to God and write down what we determine to accomplish that day, then do our ut-

then we can fulfill the dream of True Parents. The Fatherland will be established, and the world will quickly come back to God.

Do not miss this chance

You know the parable of the five foolish virgins, who, because they carelessly let their lamps go out, were not prepared to meet the bridegroom when he came. At this time, make sure your spiritual eyes and ears are opened. What would happen if you

THE POWER TO BE PURE

by Victoria Clevenger

THE LAST FEW YEARS—THE “FINAL three years of suffering,” Heung Jin Nim called them [see *Today’s World, August 1987*—have truly been painful for me in that it had been increasingly difficult to find the fresh enthusiasm and purity of heart that I felt was a precious, core asset of our movement. Those who join the Unification Church have to be among the most fundamentally idealistic people on earth. Yet the perspective of many brothers and sisters had become tinged with cynicism, revealing the hurt, disappointment, and resentment that had accumulated from Satan’s attack on our ideals. Our original mind’s expectations for ourselves and each other—leaders and members—had been too often betrayed. I and many others were praying desperately for some sort of rebirth or revival, but we had no idea from where it could come.

Excitement and hope

Enter Heung Jin Nim. Through various mediums, particularly since the spring of last year, Heung Jin Nim has been sharing God and True Parents’ heart and a “Principle common sense” that delights the original mind and provides specific guidance for our lives. When we in New York heard that he “was coming” to America in November in the person of the African brother he has been working through, there was a sense of excitement as well as a bit of trepidation and skepticism. A few days before his scheduled arrival in New York on November 17, through a channel Heung Jin pointed out with amusement that he’s actually been here with us in America all this time. He’s just “coming” now in a more substantial way through the African brother. He understands the confusion. He said that trying to explain how he is not limited in time and space is like trying to explain jet planes to a cave man!

His first conference in America was for leaders and their spouses. It began on November 18 at 10 am in the Grand Ballroom of the World Mission Center, the place where many of us had been matched and had participated in the Holy Wine Ceremony—our first chance to be purified. What was going to happen now? Is this really Heung Jin Nim? What will he say and do? How can I allow God to do what He hopes to do in my life through this experience? When and how have I violated heavenly principles? *Thank you* that I could be here now...I think.

Heung Jin Nim’s desire is that we know we are God’s children and that we are so in love with God that we do the right thing because that’s what makes us happiest.

The conference opened with moving testimonies that helped prepare us to receive Heung Jin Nim. Several second selves who had been traveling with him described their personal experiences with him. Then Hyo Jin Nim spoke in tears about his own experience. “I have the most reason to be skeptical, but now I know it’s my brother. Please receive him!”

Fortified with this preparation, including guidance from Rev. Kwak [see p. 26], we enthusiastically greeted Heung Jin Nim. His core message: I like your original heart and mind, and I’m going to help you get rid of everything else. He told us the sins we needed to confess. Most things we knew, but some were a surprise to

me. However, as I made my list of sins to confess, I realized that when I had done those things that I hadn’t clearly known were sins before, my original mind had rebelled, at least faintly. I hadn’t felt internally comfortable no matter how strong my justifications for the actions had been. The standard was so strict that I knew Heung Jin Nim was absolutely serious about building a pure foundation for heaven—no compromise. I felt overwhelming hope that my yearning for genuine purity really could be fulfilled.

Into the purifying waters

Then a most amazing process began—one that was personal and yet collective and also supremely historical. I felt our confession could have great value not only for ourselves, but also for all those whose destructive habits we had inherited. Even more precious is to know that our children will not have to suffer the same corruption we did. There was challenge as well as beauty and wisdom in husbands and wives confessing with each other and with our other fellow sojourners through the wilderness. It’s almost impossible to maintain a new standard of purity without the kind of support that comes only through sharing such a profound experience.

Heung Jin Nim explained that we should constantly pray for each other during the entire time everyone was confessing. Thus we began a marathon of chain prayer and singing of holy songs that lasted for about 13 hours. Before our chance to confess, we stood in line listening to each other take turns to publicly offer impassioned prayers of repentance, gratitude, and determination in preparation for meeting Heung Jin Nim. I searched through my own life repeatedly, wincing at the things I did wrong, very glad for what I hadn’t done, trying to make sure not to over-



...Towards the Realization
of the Kingdom of
Heaven on Earth

Taken from the program printed for the Holy Wedding of 2,000 Couples, Madison Square Garden, July 1, 1982.

look any transgression. I prayed all of us would find the power to make this cleansing permanent in our lives and lineages. I felt as though we represented a centuries-long band of wanderers finally come to the shores of the Jordan River, dirty and weary from our trek. We were gathering our courage to plunge into the purifying waters to begin again on the banks of Canaan.

The actual confession itself was very brief for each person. To me it was a bit like the matching, when Father had looked deeply inside us with an intuition beyond any horizontal perspective. Heung Jin Nim gave us our indemnity conditions in that same way. It was judgment—but what we received was incomparably lighter than if we had gone to the spirit world with all those scars on our spirit and had to deal with our sins there. It was very good to feel that we could offer *something* to atone for how we had defiled ourselves.

After each couple confessed, we returned to the Grand Ballroom, where we kept on praying and singing and

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even danced at times because the spirit there was now much lighter. Underlying the variety of emotions people experienced after receiving their indemnity conditions, there was overall a real sense that we could now truly make a new beginning. Yet we knew we had to immediately build on the cleansing of our forgiveness and be very careful not to betray our original selves again. Even during the grateful prayers and lively singing, internally we were already planning how to reorder our lives. Any gaps in our lives left by eliminating our sins

had to be filled with *God's* ways of relating to our spouse, of finding comfort and pleasure, and so on.

Heavenly citizens

Once all the confessions were heard, Heung Jin Nim immediately began giving us guidance on how to be heavenly citizens. He created a family atmosphere, asking various people to offer testimonies and songs and even making sure that those who were eating (most of us were fasting) had food. His lectures on the Principle condensed the lessons of history and offered us much new insight. Certainly no one has ever had so much benefit of hindsight as we do now! I felt how precious it was for our forefathers, who have been so little or even wrongly understood all these eons, to be brought closer to us through Heung Jin Nim's personal experience with them. Hearing about the many failures throughout history, I could only marvel even more than before that our True Parents have had such astonishing success in the face of the incredible obstacles.

For many of us there was new hope for our blessed marriages. Not only did we have to confess and seek forgiveness from Heung Jin Nim, but, in essence, also from our spouse, since we had both confessed together. The resulting new intimacy made a good foundation to receive Blessing guidance from both Heung Jin Nim and from Rev. Won Pil Kim, who also spoke to us all [see his speech in *The Blessing Quarterly, Winter 1988*]. And the daily schedule Heung Jin Nim gave us provided the impetus many couples needed to incorporate shared prayer and study into our lifestyle.

Heung Jin Nim has come as a great equalizer and redresser. All of us have to become true children. No single nationality is superior or inferior. Satan attacks each one of us in the same basic ways. We all need to repent to God, True Parents, and each other—both leaders and members.

Heung Jin Nim and his African “partner” gave their whole selves. Can we even begin to imagine the stamina required for Heung Jin Nim to deal with the painful garbage of 750 people as he did? It couldn’t be much fun. His strength and willingness to make himself an total object to God is an example of what Father has shown all his life and of what we can aspire to if we match that same level of love, seriousness, and urgency.

True Parents’ love for God and their passion to end suffering have been unmatched in all of history. Seeing this heart now being passed on to the True Children assures us that ultimate goodness truly *will* flourish throughout history. Heung Jin Nim is desperate to groom each of us for genuine “True Parent-ship” ourselves. Before we can really be True Parents, we must be True Children—and now our examples are more determined than ever to help us.

All-embracing love

It was heartwarming to see how many couples were eager to participate in the two subsequent conferences in Washington DC and San Francisco. That so many yearn for a new start proves that Satan cannot completely obliterate our original mind. Now we can see more clearly how to

unite against our common enemy—Satan—rather than to allow him to continue to separate and discourage us.

I can only try to imagine how True Parents and the True Children must feel to have their son and brother return in substantial form—albeit very different from how he looked before! The warmth and camaraderie between the True Family and Heung Jin Nim through the African brother—and between him and all of us—showed me the all-embracing inclusiveness of true love at this extraordinary time of returning resurrection. I felt a very special gratitude for this African brother, said to be a descendant of Simon of Cyrene, who carried Jesus’ cross, for offering himself in such a way.

Now we must ask more seriously than ever before what it is to not just hear or mouth these words, but to finally get to this realm of heart.

A child takes for granted his parents’ love and sacrifice for him. To go beyond just receiving love and obeying to truly understand a heart that is much deeper than one’s own takes real effort. For years we’ve heard about True Parents’ course and been exposed to Father’s words about the realm of the heavenly heart. Now we must ask more seriously than ever before *what it is* to not just hear or mouth these words, but to finally *get* to this realm of heart. One person told me that when Heung Jin Nim was with Father this time, they didn’t speak much. They didn’t have to, he said, because they understood each other on a level far deeper than words.

Father’s praying to comfort God even in the midst of his own suffering has long been proof to me that True Parents exemplify the most filial and mature relationship with God

that mankind has ever known. Now I see Father’s children following his extraordinary example and trying to bring us along as well. Like Father, they don’t procrastinate or wait for “someone else” to go first. A mature heart can’t be bought with billions of dollars. The confession is certainly part of the process to get to this realm. Abstaining from sin is very important. But what more must we do to attain oneness with God and True Parents through the True Children?

This kind of intimacy is more possible and necessary now than ever before. I don’t have all the answers but I do want to be continually asking sincere questions in my desire to share the heart of the True Family. Heung Jin Nim’s prayer for himself and for us is that our motivation to do the right things come not from fear, or duty, or even knowledge that it’s the right thing to do. His desire is that we know we are God’s children and that we are so in love with God that we do the right thing because that’s what makes us happiest. That’s ultimately the power to be pure. I hope we will all meet in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth soon. □

GUIDANCE FROM REV. KWAK

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changed. Begin the 5:30 am prayer meetings; keep an urgent schedule. As Heung Jin Nim said, we have no time to waste. From now on, in our guidance to other members we must repent for the insufficiency of our own leadership and help our members to be released from Satan too. Never think you deserve some special privilege as a leader.

Heung Jin Nim doesn’t like the concept of “spiritual phenomena”; he likes reality. If we receive him and his guidance properly, many of our problems can be solved. We are participants in a historical miracle. We must now digest this and transform it into our real life experience. Our fundamental goal is to live always in oneness with God and True Parents’ heart. □



ISC

THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY of the INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

by Laura Reinig

Based on an article by William Selig.

THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY Council (ISC) held its second annual Advisory Board Meeting in Washington DC from October 18-20, 1987, the third anniversary of its founding. The ISC is one of many projects initiated by Father while he was in Danbury.

Father's idea for the International Security Council was to establish means to:

- 1) clearly portray the threat to the United States and the free world presented by the Soviet Union's drive for world hegemony.
- 2) describe the apparent dimensions, intensity, and urgency of the Soviet strategy—militarily, politically, and economically.
- 3) alert the leadership and the citizens of the free world to the need for solidarity to block the Soviet global strategy.

In essence, the ISC aims to educate the free world about the true nature of Soviet foreign policy and to help promote global harmony among the democratic camp.

The ISC brings together statesmen, scholars, former senior military officers, diplomats, and government officials from all over the world. Original papers are presented at its annual meetings by authorities and strategists in international politics, economics, intelligence, diplomacy, and law as the basis for intensive discussion. These papers are then published and disseminated widely, along with the highly acclaimed ISC publication *Global Affairs*, a quarterly journal that includes the insights of today's most distinguished foreign policy experts. *Global Affairs* and the ISC proceedings



The Advisory Board of the International Security Council held its second annual meeting in Washington DC in October 1987.

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Soviet Strategy and Defense of the West Harold Rood
Second Thoughts on INF? Carnes Lord
The Military Significance of Soviet Actions under the ABM Treaty Eric H. Thoennes
The ABM Treaty Interpretation Dispute	... Mark T. Clark
Central America's Future—Communism or Democracy? Constantine C. Menges
Organizing for Low-Intensity Warfare Wallace Nutting
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German-American Relations in Transition Viola Herms Drath
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are printed in English, Spanish, Japanese, and Korean.

"Freedom is at risk"

At this year's meeting, the members of the Board of Advisors met for two days at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel and drafted the 1987 ISC Strategic Assessment. In the words of the assessment report:

Freedom is at risk, more today even than it was a year ago. Relative to that of the Soviet Union, which continues its relentless drive for global hegemony, the strength of the free world—its effective strength, amassed and focused in vital arenas of strategic confrontation—is declining.

The Board concluded that Gorbachev's so-called policy of *glasnost* (openness) has been "astonishingly successful" as a technique for manip-

ulating free world opinion towards the belief that peace is advanced through disarmament and that a new era of harmonious coexistence is at hand. The momentum of Soviet expansionism, based on growing military power and political influence, continues "unabated," the report said, and its objectives for progressively establishing global hegemony are unchanged. The freedom of the West is "still at risk."

The day after the paper's release, the ISC offices in both Washington and New York received numerous requests for copies from think tanks, senators and congressmen, and the Pentagon. Many defense experts believe that it is one of the most important documents of this time dealing with Soviet foreign policy and global strategy.

A true world patriot

On the first day of the meeting, a ceremony was held at the facilities of *The Washington Times*, during which Dr. Joseph Churba, president of the ISC, presented an award to True Father in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to world peace. The award was a replica of a magnificent 19th-century French sculpture entitled "Winged Victory." The plaque on its pedestal reads:

A Testimonial
Of Respect and Gratitude

The Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Whose Singular Recognition
Of the Free World's Responsibility
For the Establishment of World Peace
Led Him to Found And Support
The International Security Council

International Advisory Board
International Security Council
Oct. 18, 1987 Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Sang Kook Han, member of the ISC Advisory Board and senior vice president of News World Communications, received the award on True Parents' behalf. Dr. Churba, in presenting the award, said that Rev. Moon is a true world patriot and understands the threat of Soviet totalitarianism better than most government defense experts. He added that he was deeply remiss for not honoring and thanking the sponsors sooner for their generosity and the



Ambassador Sang Kook Han, left, senior vice president of News World Communications, receives a victory statue on behalf of Father from the ISC president, Dr. Joseph Churba.

PHOTO: JERRY WOLINSKI

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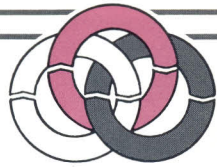


Ambassador Charles M. Lichtenstein, chairman of the ISC Advisory Board.

editorial freedom the ISC had been given.

At the program's conclusion a press reception was held at the Willard Inter-Continental Hotel, which was attended by about 50 members of the Washington press corps. There Dr. Churba presented a trophy to Ambassador Charles M. Lichtenstein, chairman of the ISC Board of Advisors, former assistant to Jeanne Kirkpatrick, and U.S. Deputy Representative to the United Nations Security Council. In a beautiful and eloquent testimony, Ambassador Lichtenstein thanked CAUSA International for its support. He publicly described the relationship as being totally free of any editorial control and said that CAUSA only wants to serve mankind.

Against great opposition, the International Security Council has set for itself an enormous task: completely reshaping the foundations for strategic thinking in the West. Through exposing the truth about communism and promoting world harmony, the ISC is working toward the very real goal of world peace—a necessary precedent for the Kingdom of Heaven. Its work is fundamentally based on a most crucial assumption and hope: that the free world has the will not only to survive, but to prevail. □



CWR

To Dissolve the Bitter Legacy of Strife THE COUNCIL FOR THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS An overview of the 1987 conferences

by Justin Watson

IN 1987, A TOTAL OF 200 DISTINGUISHED leaders and scholars from 40 countries attended six inter- and intra-religious conferences sponsored by the Council for the World's Religions (CWR). The high quality and increased number of participants compared to last year's conferences reflect the continued growth and development of CWR. The Council, a project of the International Religious Foundation (IRF), was created by Father in 1984 to foster harmony and mutual respect among the religions and religious leaders of the world through dialogue. It seeks to dissolve the bitter legacy of strife, hatred, and rivalry that has plagued the religious world and prevented believers from realizing the noble ideals of their own scriptures and traditions.

Five of these conferences were devoted to intra-religious reconciliation. All of the major religious traditions in the world have splintered into denominations and sects, and differences in doctrine and practice among these groups sometimes leads to conflict as severe and tragic as that which has often erupted between different religions. At these five conferences, scholars and religious leaders gathered to discuss the causes of, and practical solutions to, divisions within their own communities of faith. Each participant was asked to write a paper on the topic of the conference, which provided a basis for discussion. An address by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak was delivered at each conference (two of which he delivered in person), explaining Father's vision for CWR

and for the world's religious believers.

An atmosphere of freedom

The conference themes grew out of discussions among CWR Executive Director Frank Kaufmann and Senior Consultants Dr. H. Francis Clark and Dr. M. Darrol Bryant. Also essential to determining the shape and focus of each conference were the convener and a representative chosen from the CWR board of consultants, both of whom were in each case committed and practicing believers of that particular religion. Participants were able to speak their minds in an atmosphere of complete freedom. CWR Assistant Director Jeff Gledhill said of these conferences: "It never fails to be a rich experience for all who participate. No matter how much [the participants] differ intellectually, they come away with a heartistic sense of the unity that exists in their tradition."

The intra-Buddhist dialogue, the third that CWR has sponsored, was held from July 12-16 in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and was attended by 19 Buddhist leaders and scholars from 10 nations. The theme of the conference was "Buddhist Rituals and the Quest for Harmony." Buddhism has adopted a variety of rituals throughout its 2,500 year history, and these differ in meaning for the practitioners of the various Buddhist traditions. The discussion of papers detailing the meaning and purpose of these rituals helped everyone grasp a fundamental sense of the unity within Buddhism, despite its variety of practices. It was a time of learning, even for the eldest

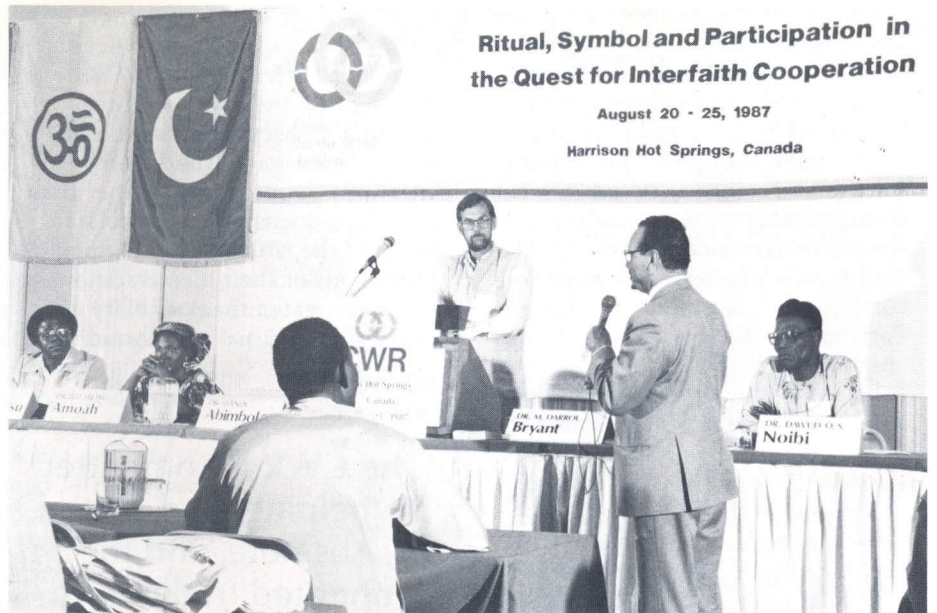


Discussion group meeting at the intra-Buddhist conference.

participants. Demonstrations and anecdotes enriched the conference as the scholars shared their own rituals and learned from others'. Those present were excited to discover the breadth of diversity within their own religion.

"Christian Ministry in Ecumenical Perspective," held in Eibsee, West Germany, from July 20-24, was attended by 30 Christian leaders from 15 nations. The convener, Dr. H. Francis Clark, was able to bring some of the most prominent leaders of Christian ecumenism together at this beautiful Alpine location. Participants were asked to write on the theology of ministry as a theme through which ecumenical issues could be brought out. The discussion among representatives of the main Christian traditions—Protestant, Orthodox, and Roman Catholic—made clear that the greatest barriers to Christian harmony were not questions of the trinity or the person of Christ but the issues of the sacraments, church authority, and role of the ministry. The conference theme allowed for the emergence of a broad range of impassioned concerns. Plenary addresses, rather than being dry academic discourses, were virtual calls to action. The discussions covered important new ground in ecumenical thought, enriching and inspiring everyone.

In Nairobi, Kenya, 17 scholars, leaders, and practitioners of traditional African religions from 10 nations met from September 10-14 to discuss



A question-and-answer session at the second annual CWR interfaith conference.

Everyone present acknowledged the CWR as the first interfaith organization to recognize legitimate spirituality in the traditional African religions.

Ritual, Symbol and Participation in the Quest for Interfaith Cooperation

August 20 - 25, 1987

Harrison Hot Springs, Canada

"The Place of African Traditional Religions in Contemporary Africa." In the current emphasis on the economic and political aspects of African society, the humane and vital spiritual dimensions of traditional beliefs are often overlooked. The papers prepared by the participants, and the ensuing discussions, recognized the necessity for both unity and tolerance among all the divergent sects in the face of this challenge. This conference was rich and colorful in many ways. Everyone present acknowledged CWR as the first interfaith organization to recognize legitimate spirituality in the traditional African religions.

Toward internal unity

Jewish scholars met at Kiamesha Lake, New York, from September 17-22, to discuss "The Varieties of Jewish Approaches to Redemption." This conference, CWR's third intra-Jewish dialogue, is part of an ongoing effort to examine the contemporary situation of worldwide Judaism. Redemption, as a central concern of Jewish theology and community, was examined from a wide variety of viewpoints—ranging from traditional forms of Messianism, Zionism, and socialism to even such disciplines as psychotherapy and the healing arts. By comparing and discussing this great variety of approaches, participants gained a greater appreciation for the vibrant and dynamic breadth of contemporary Judaism.



CWR Executive Director Frank Kaufmann shares a moment with Archbishop Paulos Mar Gregorios, a president of the World Council of Churches.

The intra-Muslim conference, held in Casablanca, Morocco, from November 7-11, brought together Muslims from 10 different nations to examine "Unity in Diversity and Diversity in Unity in the Muslim World." Papers for the conference examined the fundamental sources of Islamic unity and the historical roots of diversity, as well as issues facing the Islamic community today and in the future. Participants in the wide-ranging discussion felt the conference was a valuable step in strengthening the harmony of the House of Islam.

Each of these five conferences had a unique flavor of its own. As everyone shared in the daily religious practices, the conferences came to truly express the life and culture of each particular religion. Even the language and style of the dialogues reflected that particular tradition and enhanced the atmosphere. The CWR is committed to helping God, or the Absolute, and the inherited tradition to actually be present for the participants. In this way a foundation for the development of internal unity can be laid.

In 1987 the CWR also held its second annual conference on the worldwide interfaith movement. This gathering provided an utterly different religious encounter than did the intra-religious events. From August

20-25, in Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia, Canada, 98 religious leaders and scholars from 17 nations representing the major religions gathered to discuss "Ritual, Symbol and Participation in the Quest for Interfaith Cooperation." Rather than discussing doctrines, the scholars explored the ritualistic and symbolic dimensions of their own traditions and investigated the possibility of taking part in ritual across traditions.

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A major feature of this conference was the meditation and prayer sessions held each morning, which provided an opportunity for the religious leaders to explore the faith of others as well as share their own. The purpose was to confront the deeper division between religions and create the

opportunity for shared experience, increasing mutual understanding and respect. (See "Second Interfaith Conference," *Today's World*, October 1987.)

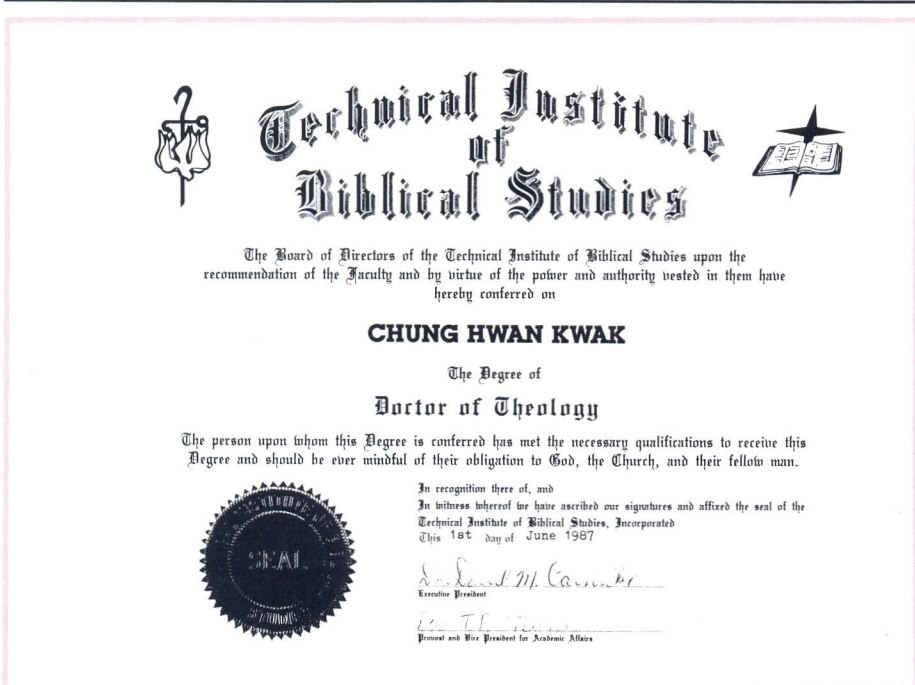
Future plans

Even as the busy 1987 season of conferences ended, work on the 1988 conferences was already beginning. A conference on inter-religious relations in the Middle East is scheduled for March in Spain. A major intra-Christian conference for 50-60 participants will be held in Jerusalem in May on the theme "Christians and the Wider Ecumenism." Hindus and Sikhs will come together in India in July to discuss theological and social issues in their respective faiths. Switzerland is the site for the 1988 intra-Jewish dialogue in September. The third annual interfaith conference is slated for October in Korea.

In addition to sponsoring these conferences, CWR is playing a major role in planning the second Assembly of the World's Religions, to be held in October 1989 in Korea. The first, held in McAfee, New Jersey, in November 1985, brought together more than 800 men and women of different faiths for dialogue and fellowship. The third Assembly will be held in 1993, coinciding with the centenary of the 1893 World Parliament of Religions. Assemblies will be held every four years thereafter. The planning of these great gatherings will be a steady and ongoing concern of CWR, as it strives to fulfill Father's hopes for the religions and religious believers of the world.

Religious dialogue and harmony is a clear necessity in our age. As Father said in his Founder's Address at the Assembly of the World's Religions in November 1985:

God is not sectarian. He is not obsessed with minor details of doctrine. We should quickly liberate ourselves from theological conflict which results from blind attachment to doctrines and rituals, and instead focus on living communication with God. ... Today God is trying to embrace the whole of mankind as His children. Through interreligious dialogue and harmony we should realize one ideal world of peace, which is God's purpose of creation and the common ideal of humankind. □



In June 1987, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak received a degree of Doctor of Theology from the Technical Institute of Biblical Studies in Orlando, Florida. It was an earned degree, based on many of his written materials.

CONTRIBUTE TO HISTORY!

YOUR LIFE IN THE FIRST DAYS

Too often the very real difficulties and hurts in our lives obscure the fact that **we are now living in the First Days of the ideal world.** The experience of actually going from hell to heaven comes only once in eternity. Therefore, what each of us as members is going through and learning is extremely precious. We at *Today's World* feel that *everyone* has experiences, insights, and realizations to share that can help illuminate and assist this monumental transition from the fallen world to the Kingdom of Heaven.

To anyone who submits a sincere and thoughtful piece about an aspect or aspects of his or her spiritual life, **we will give a partial subscription to *Today's World*** (on publication of your contribution). Some possible topics and questions that could be addressed are given below, but you are in no way limited to these.

We are primarily looking for content—so please don't worry if your English isn't good. You may write about as many different topics as you desire and as often as you desire. Your contributions can be brief but should be as clear and specific as possible.

TOPICS

1. Personal experiences with Heavenly Father, True Parents, and the True Children.
2. Experiences that have assisted your outreach work with ministers, home church, or witnessing.
3. Experiences, realizations, insights regarding:
 - Prayer
 - Repentance
 - Perseverance
 - Nourishing and stimulating your original nature
 - Overcoming fallen nature
 - Creating unity
 - Spiritually raising members, your spouse, spiritual and physical children
 - Restoring Cain/Abel relationships
 - Building heaven externally and internally
 - Strengthening your motivation and power to do God's will
 - Maturing and resurrecting yourself and others
 - Building faith
 - Developing trust
 - Developing the ability to truly love
 - Building confidence that you are the child of God and True Parents
 - Lessons learned from mistakes
 - Milestones or significant points in your spiritual life

QUESTIONS

1. If you had the opportunity to say anything to True Parents or to ask them a question, what would it be?

2. Why are you following True Parents?
3. What has helped you to
 - develop a relationship with Heavenly Father
 - develop a relationship with True Parents
 - deeply and sincerely repent
 - separate from Satan
 - overcome selfishness
 - overcome resentment
 - overcome fear
 - develop your prayer life
 - break through and/or truly create unity in your relationships with Heavenly Father, True Parents, central figures, your brothers and sisters, or your spouse
 - be able to reliably take responsibility for yourself and God's providence
4. How are you trying to inherit Father's standard, tradition, and victory?
5. How do you experience or recognize true love?
6. How do you try to maintain/attain purity and freshness?
7. What enables you to feel you are being resurrected? How can you see you are different now than before?
8. Who/what has helped you grow the most? How and why?
9. What is some of the best advice you have ever given or received?
10. Observing your daily life and your internal heart, what do you find you are most serious about?
11. Who, in addition to True Parents, are real heroes, standards, or models for you, and why?
12. What does it mean to you to
 - center on God and True Parents
 - live a life of indemnity
 - be faithful
 - be a truly loving person

Contributions may be edited for clarity. The length of the subscription given will depend on how much of your work is published in *Today's World*. With your contribution, please include your name, address, telephone number, spiritual and physical ages, and major missions you have had. Please specify if you do *not* wish your name to be used.

Thank you very much for the time and effort you invest to share what you have gained—and thank you for all the years you have dedicated toward becoming a mature person and making a home for Heavenly Father and all His children.

TRUTH, PRAYER, AND FELLOWSHIP

Regional 40-Day Training in South America

by Christopher Olson



A Venezuelan sister receives her diploma from Regional Director Christopher Olson.

FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR, the Northern Region of South America was able to provide education and training on a 40-day level to the regional brothers and sisters. From August 1 to September 9, 1987, a 40-day training session was held in Sangolqui, Ecuador.

A total of 36 participants, including staff, gathered at our rented training facility in Sangolqui, a small country town located about 45 minutes from Quito. Nestled high up in the Andes Mountains (2,700 meters) Sangolqui offered an excellent spiritual and physical environment for our program.

Although 36 is not a large number for such a workshop, this limited size allowed for a warm and close family feeling to be created.

The participants represented not only the countries in our region—Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia—but also Spain, Costa Rica, and Brazil. Including Japanese and United States staff members, a truly international atmosphere was created, ideal for a 40-day training session in the Unification Church tradition! Of course, creating harmony among such a diversity of nations and cultures is not always easy, but this is

what “real restoration” is all about.

A full spectrum

The range of spiritual ages ran from as young as two months to as much as six years. The physical ages ranged from 18-33 years. Center members as well as associate members participated, thus creating a full spectrum of spiritual levels.

This workshop could possibly best be characterized by its emphasis on truth, prayer, and fellowship. Lectures and study of the Principle, Unification Thought, Godism, and various internal guidance themes were the central focus of fully 34 days out of the 40; the remaining six days of the program included orientation, fund-raising, and fellowship. The three main lecturers were Mr. Christopher Olson, the regional director, who taught the Principle and gave internal guidance, Mr. Masao Mine, who taught Unification Thought, and Mr. Pedro Rodriguez, who presented

CAUSA lectures. Every morning from 7:00-8:00 am, a 40-minute sermon was given by one of the missionaries.

Recognizing that prayer is a fundamental part of our life of faith and that oftentimes our prayer life is gravely deficient, our training program strove to address this most important area. The members heard one full day of internal guidance lectures on the theme of prayer. A 40-day prayer condition was initiated right at the beginning—we prayed for 40 minutes each night at 11:00 pm. We also scheduled an Il Jeung prayer vigil, which we held outside around a big bonfire. Once or twice a week, members would go outside at night by groups to pray for one hour together. It was incredibly moving to hear an array of tearful prayers ringing out from all around our training center. Perhaps the most touching thing for me was to see individual members spontaneously and frequently entering the prayer room and praying in tears. This prayer area seemed to be constantly filled with brothers and sisters sharing their hearts with Heavenly Father.

The workshop schedule was balanced with a variety of fellowship activities. This provided us the opportunity to “live the word” that was so lovingly offered to us constantly throughout our weeks together. Besides daily group meetings to discuss the lectures, there was also time



The 40-day participants in front of the training center in Sangolqui, Ecuador.

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for exercise, sports, entertainment, testimonies, drama, house cleaning, and cookouts. There was no shortage of time devoted to learning how to live together and love each other as brothers and sisters.

Heung Jin Nim's presence

Although Heung Jin Nim and Jesus did not speak directly to us through any medium, their presence was constantly sensed and experienced by many of us in dreams and spiritual sensations. I, as the training director, felt their presence regularly, sometimes on a daily basis. I never before experienced giving lectures in such an inspired way. During each lecture and sermon that I gave, I felt divinely inspired truth coming out of my mouth. At times I was completely surprised at what I heard myself speaking. Truly amazing!

Finally, I would like to say how happy and grateful I am to have been able to organize and conduct 40-day training sessions in our region for the past three years. To me, this can serve as a substantial foundation upon which the five countries in our region can develop new hope and vision for the restoration of our nations and peoples. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father, True Parents, Heung Jin Nim, and Jesus for giving us love, truth, new life, and the capacity and desire to devote everything for the building of the eternal Kingdom! □



“Real restoration”—creating harmony among brothers and sisters from eight different nations.

C H R O N O L O G Y

HOLY DAYS and Commemorative Days			BLESSINGS		BIRTHDAYS		
		1920			JAN 6	FATHER	
		1943			JAN 6	MOTHER	
		1946			MAR 1	Sung Jin Nim	
Father enters Hung Nam	<i>Feb 22</i>	1948					
Father leaves Hung Nam	<i>Oct 14</i>	1950					
HSA-UWC established	<i>May 1</i>	1954					
Father enters prison in Seoul	<i>Jul 4</i>	1955					
Father leaves prison in Seoul	<i>Oct 4</i>						
PARENTS' DAY	MAR 1	1960	MAR 16	TRUE PARENTS Original 3 Couples			
CHILDREN'S DAY	OCT 1		MAR 21			DEC 11	Ye Jin Nim
		1961	<i>May 15</i>	36 Couples			
		1962	<i>Jun 4</i>	72 Couples	FEB 18	Jin Sung Nim	
						DEC 3	Hyo Jin Nim
DAY OF ALL THINGS	MAY 1	1963	<i>Jul 24</i>	124 Couples	JAN 1	Hoon Sook Nim	
						MAR 25	Jin Hun Nim
		1965			OCT 18	Jin Whi Nim	
						JUL 18	In Jin Nim
		1966			MAR 21	Nan Sook Nim	
						OCT 23	Heung Jin Nim
		1967			NOV 23	Un Jin Nim	
						DEC 24	Jun Sook Nim
GOD'S DAY	<i>Jan 1</i>	1968	<i>Feb 22</i>	430 Couples			
		1969	<i>May 1</i>	43 Couples (Japan, USA, Germany)	APR 10	Hyun Jin Nim	
		1970	<i>Oct 21</i>	777 Couples	JUN 14	Kook Jin Nim	
		1975	<i>Feb 8</i>	1800 Couples	JAN 20	Kwon Jin Nim	
Foundation Day	<i>Sep 18</i>	1976	<i>Dec 22</i>	36 Couples (Belvedere)	JUN 15	Sun Jin Nim	
DAY of VICTORY of HEAVEN	<i>Oct 4</i>						
		1977	<i>Feb 21</i>	74 Couples (New York)			
		1978	<i>Feb 11</i>	16 Couples (Belvedere)	MAY 17	Young Jin Nim	
				<i>May 21</i>	118 Couples (London)		
		1979			AUG 6	Hyung Jin Nim	
		1981	<i>May 16</i>	Ye Jin Nim and Jin Whi Nim	JAN 3	Yeon Jin Nim	
				<i>Jun 13</i>	39 Couples (Camberg, Germany)		
		1982	<i>Jan 7</i>	Hyo Jin Nim and Nan Sook Nim	APR 3	Shin Bok Nim	
				<i>Jul 1</i>	2100 Couples (New York)	APR 23	Jeung Jin Nim
				<i>Oct 14</i>	6000 Couples (Seoul)		
		1983			JAN 16	Shin Jeung Nim	
					JUL 12	Shin Goon Nim	
DAY of VICTORY of LOVE	<i>Jan 3</i>	1984	<i>Feb 20</i>	In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim			
DAY of the LOVE of GOD	<i>May 16</i>						
Father enters Danbury	<i>July 20</i>						
Father leaves Danbury	<i>Aug 20</i>	1985					
Total Victory Day	<i>Aug 20</i>						
		1986	<i>Apr 11</i>	Un Jin Nim and Jin Hun Nim	SEP 8	Shin Myung Nim	
				<i>Apr 12</i>	36 Couples of the Second Generation	OCT 18	Shin Young Nim
		1987	<i>Mar 31</i>	Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim			

Dates in italics are according to the solar calendar. Note that all Blessing dates except True Parents' and the Original 3 Couples' are solar, and all birth dates are lunar.

1 9 8 8 C A L E N D A R

JANUARY

- 1 GOD'S DAY**
- 2 DAY of VICTORY of LOVE**
- 7** Hyo Jin Nim and Nan Sook Nim's Blessing (1982)
- 12** Un Jin Nim's 20th Birthday
- 21** Hyo Jin Nim's 26th Birthday
- 29** Ye Jin Nim's 28th Birthday

FEBRUARY

- 8** 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 11** Jun Sook Nim's 21st Birthday
16 Couples' Blessing (Belvedere, 1978)
- 18** Hoon Sook Nim's 25th Birthday
- 20** In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim's Blessing (1984)
Heung Jin Nim and Hoon Sook Nim's Blessing (1984)
Yeon Jin Nim's 7th Birthday
- 21** 74 Couples' Blessing (New York, 1977)
- 22** 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)
- 23 TRUE PARENTS' BIRTHDAY**

MARCH

- 4** Shin Jeung Nim's 5th Birthday
- 8** Kwon Jin Nim's 13th Birthday
- 31** Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim's Blessing (1987)

APRIL

- 4** Jin Sung Nim's 26th Birthday
- 11** Un Jin Nim and Jin Hun Nim's Blessing (1986)
- 12** Blessing of 36 Couples of Second Generation (1986)
- 16 PARENTS' DAY**
Sung Jin Nim's 42nd Birthday

MAY

- 1 TRUE PARENTS' BLESSING** (1960)
HSA-UWC established (1954)
43 Couples' Blessing (Japan, USA, Germany, 1969)
- 6** Original 3 Couples' Blessing (1960)
Nan Sook Nim's 22nd Birthday
- 10** Jin Hun Nim's 25th Birthday
- 15** 36 Couples' Blessing (1961)
- 16 DAY of the LOVE of GOD**
Ye Jin Nim and Jin Whi Nim's Blessing (1981)
- 18** Shin Bok Nim's 6th Birthday
- 21** 118 Couples' Blessing (London, 1978)
- 25** Hyun Jin Nim's 19th Birthday

JUNE

- 4** 72 Couples' Blessing (1962)
- 7** Jeung Jin Nim's 6th Birthday
- 13** 39 Couples' Blessing (Germany, 1981)
- 14 DAY of ALL THINGS**
- 30** Young Jin Nim's 10th Birthday

JULY

- 1** 2100 Couples' Blessing (New York, 1982)
- 24** 124 Couples' Blessing (1963)
- 27** Kook Jin Nim's 18th Birthday
- 28** Sun Jin Nim's 12th Birthday

AUGUST

- 20** Total Victory Day—Father leaves Danbury
- 23** Shin Goon Nim's 5th Birthday
- 29** In Jin Nim's 23rd Birthday

SEPTEMBER

- 16** Hyung Jin Nim's 9th Birthday
- 18** Foundation Day

OCTOBER

- 4 DAY of VICTORY of HEAVEN**
Father leaves prison in Seoul (1955)
- 14** 6000 Couples' Blessing (1982)
Father leaves Hung Nam (1950)
- 18** Shin Myung Nim's 2nd Birthday
- 21** 777 Couples' Blessing (1970)

NOVEMBER

- 9 CHILDREN'S DAY**
- 26** Jin Whi Nim's 25th Birthday
Shin Young Nim's 2nd Birthday

DECEMBER

- 1** Heung Jin Nim's 22nd Birthday
- 22** 35 Couples' Blessing (Belvedere, 1976)
- 31** Un Jin Nim's 21st Birthday

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STANDARD WHEN IT COMES
TO LOVE. IF HE DIDN'T,
HOW COULD THE UNIVERSE
BE HARMONIZED?"**

*Rev. Sun Myung Moon
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