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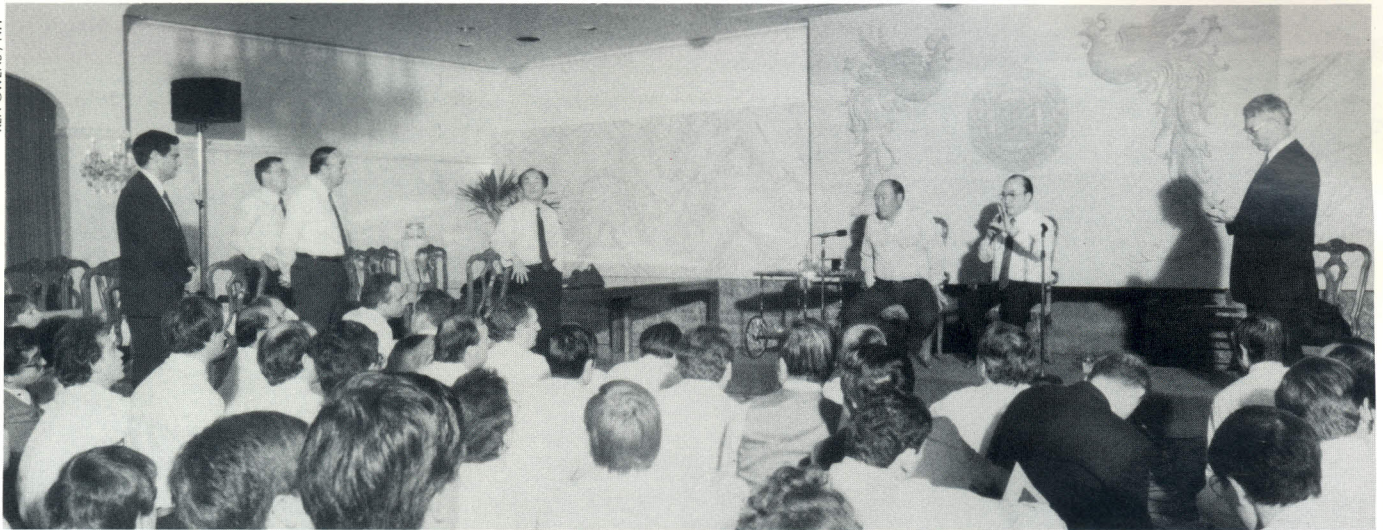
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Best Wishes To Our New Leadership



At the December 20 leaders' conference at East Garden, True Father explained that the three years after his Danbury victory—1986 to 1988—were to establish a providential foundation in America, and the four following years—1989 to 1992—are to establish a unified heavenly nation in Korea. To create a strong body of leadership to be responsible for the American movement, Father chose candidates from among our members who had earned Ph.D. degrees, forming what Father called a "heavenly diamond":

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| Dr. Mose Durst | <i>Chairman of the Board of HSA-UWC</i> |
| Dr. James Baughman | <i>President of HSA-UWC</i> |
| Dr. Hugh Spurgin | <i>Vice President of HSA-UWC in charge of Education</i> |
| Dr. Tyler Hendricks | <i>Vice President of HSA-UWC in charge of Administration</i> |

Also at the conference, itinerary workers (IWs) for the six continents of the world were chosen from among former national leaders and IOWC commanders:

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| Rev. Reiner Vincenz | <i>South America</i> |
| Rev. Jack Corley | <i>Asia</i> |
| Rev. Dennis Orme | <i>Africa</i> |
| Rev. Paul Werner | <i>Oceania</i> |
| Rev. Martin Porter | <i>North and Central America</i> |
| Rev. Terry Walton | <i>Europe</i> |

The IWs will be working with and advising the church in many different areas, including administration, teaching, counseling, and public relations.

In addition, two national IWs for the United States were chosen: Rev. Ken Sudo and Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu.

Father called for the leaders to be responsible to create "a tradition-centered movement," one in which each leader raises up at least three others to be his successors by being the best possible example. As Father explained, "I have loved the church and loved America. Now it's up to you. The time has come for *you* to love your country. You are the hope of America."

On behalf of our worldwide membership, the staff of *Today's World* wishes to extend our sincere support and prayers to all the new leaders for great success at this important providential time. □



Above: The new leaders of the American movement (far left, Dr. James Baughman, Dr. Tyler Hendricks, and Dr. Mose Durst, and far right, Dr. Hugh Spurgin) receive guidance from True Father at the December 20 leaders' conference.

Left: The new itinerary workers for the six continents. Left to right: Rev. Terry Walton, Rev. Martin Porter, Rev. Paul Werner, Rev. Dennis Orme, Rev. Jack Corley, and Rev. Reiner Vincenz.

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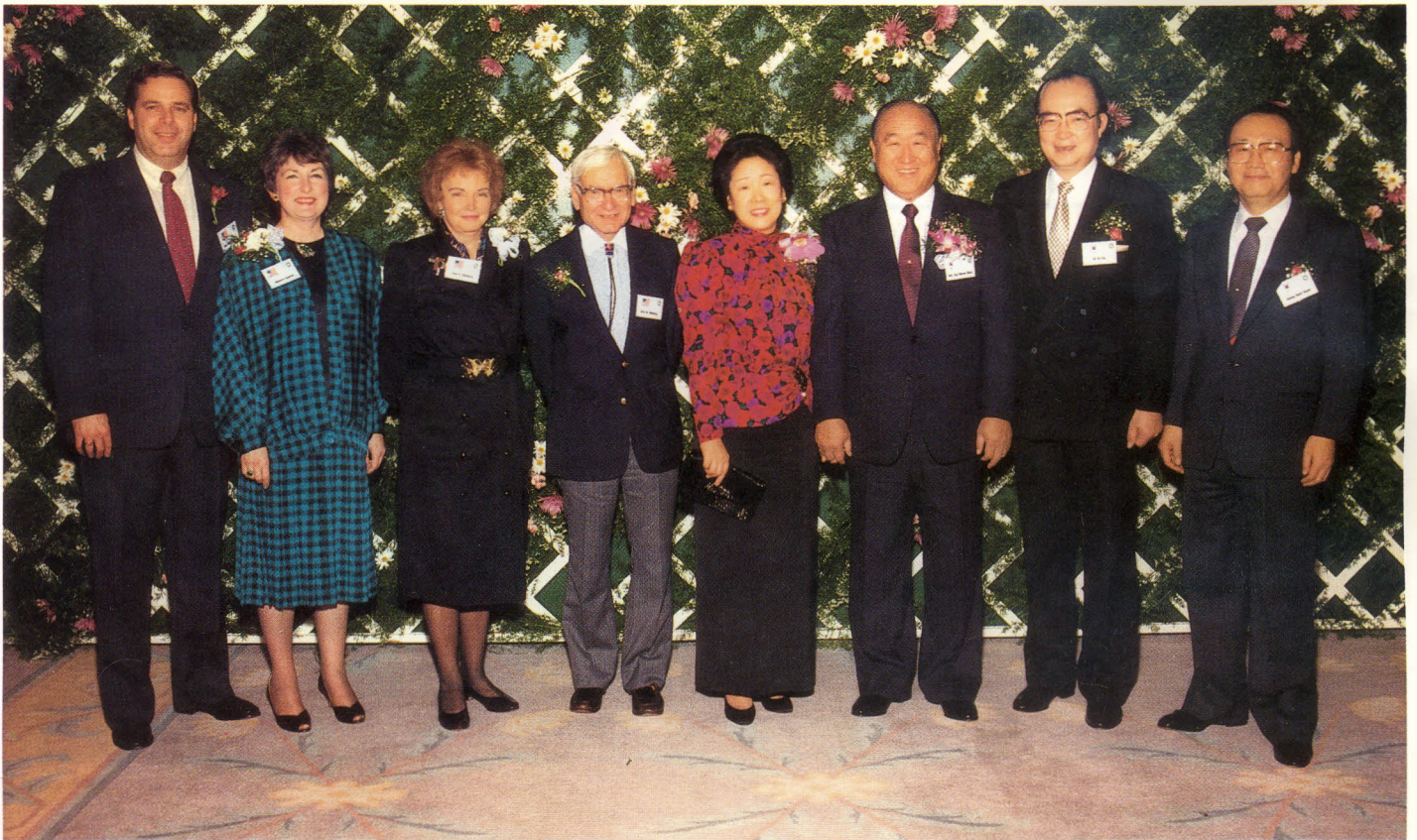
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The reception line at the 17th ICUS. Left to right: Mr. Neil Salonen, Mrs. Rebecca Salonen, Mrs. Gene Weinberg, Dr. Alvin Weinberg, Mother, Father, Dr. Bo Hi Pak, and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak.



At the Farewell Banquet a trophy is presented to Father by the ICUS Planning Board. Left to right: Dr. James Baughman, Father, Mr. Greg Breland, Dr. Kenneth Mellanby, and Mother.

Absolute Values and the Reassessment of the Contemporary World

FOUNDER'S ADDRESS AT THE 17TH ICUS
BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
NOVEMBER 25, 1988
LOS ANGELES

Honorable chairman, committee chairmen, distinguished scholars, ladies and gentlemen: I am truly delighted to welcome you to this 17th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences.

I recently returned from Korea, where, as you know, my country hosted the 24th Olympic Games. As a Korean, I was proud that for the first time the Olympics were held in my country. These were the largest Olympics ever held. I was doubly proud, because my daughter Un Jin and my son Hyun Jin competed in the Olympics on the Korean equestrian team. This was the first time that Korea ever entered an equestrian team in the Olympics. No, they did not win any medals. But it was a great honor, and a great joy, to see them representing their country.

But more than for the sake of my family, more than for the sake of my country, I was proud and impressed by the Olympics as a festival that lifts up the ideals of world peace and harmony. As you know, Korea is a divided country, still aching from the division between the communist North and the free democracy in the South. Thus it was especially meaningful that there in Korea, athletes from 160 nations of East and West, North and South, could all join together in open and friendly games. The sight of Americans, Russians, and Chinese, East Germans and West Germans—people from all nations—joined hand in hand thrilled our hearts. I think it thrilled God's heart, too. For this represents the ideal of world peace and unity that we all hope for, and that God is striving to realize through us.

What do the Olympics have to do with our theme "Absolute Values and the Reassessment of the Contemporary World"? Exactly that the Olympics are a good example of people from all nations striving toward absolute values, although on an external level. What do I mean by this?

VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL AXES

I have said many times that the essence of absolute values is true love, based on the model of the human family. The family has two axes: the vertical axis between God, parents, and children and the horizontal axis between husband and wife, brothers and sisters. The model of the family can be expanded to the level of the nation, where the vertical axis is represented by the basic moral principles and constitution of the nation, and the horizontal axis is represented by our common civic responsibility and the relationships between citizens. On every level

we can speak of these two axes. True love thus has two axes, the vertical and the horizontal.

True love on the vertical axis means that God is the Creator; He is the source of true love, and He loves His creation. Human beings, as the supreme creation of God, are the recipients of God's true love, and return love and beauty to Him.

True love on the horizontal axis means that our actions are motivated by love for the sake of others, and we give our love to others in a way that will be genuinely beneficial to them. Within a family, the husband may energetically pursue the will of God, even running far ahead of his wife. But if his motivation is for the sake of his family, all the members of that family will feel united in love. We can see, therefore, that the true concept of unification emerges when we act from the motivation of sacrificially loving others.

All creation is an effort of giving. It is a universal law that the giver prospers and grows. When a person only takes from others in order to satisfy his desires, that selfish action is not love, and it ultimately creates enemies. He will become more isolated and will decline. But a person who gives of himself to benefit others creates friends who will in turn help him. He will inevitably receive more than he gave, and he will prosper. Therefore, the person of true love lives for the highest purpose, and then gives of himself. These two axes of true love are the principle behind Jesus' great commandment. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" teaches the vertical axis of true love, and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" teaches the horizontal axis of true love.

DEEPEN THE VERTICAL RELATIONSHIP

The Olympics were a good expression of seeking absolute values in a horizontal way. Athletics requires total giving. No athlete can succeed without expending his 100 percent effort. He cannot survive if he expects merely to receive praise from others. He has to earn his medals by shedding his sweat and tears. Therefore his accomplishment is respected universally, and no one can take it away from him. If an athlete gives a half-hearted effort, seeking a short-cut to victory, he can never win. Thus the standard of total effort is quite firm as a horizontal absolute value.

Even with successes such as the Olympics, however, we know very well that the world has been unable to overcome the barriers of nationalism, religion, and race. Because of this,

The conflict between mind and body within the individual is the very root of the conflicts found within the family, community, nation, and world.

humanity suffers from countless wars and conflicts. Human beings have two aspects—the physical and the spiritual. The modern Olympic Games, which celebrate the pursuit of the physical aspect of the excellence of humankind, are a festival to promote the horizontal value of world harmony on an external level. But we need to establish the vertical value, which is based on the relationship between God and mankind centered on true love.

This is the meaning behind my recent announcement, on September 27, 1988, of a World Festival of Culture. This will be an "Olympics of World Culture," gathering major figures from the arts, the sciences, the news media, religion, economics, and politics, as well as athletes. The World Festival of Culture will celebrate and deepen the vertical relationship between God and mankind. The Festival will take place every three years. The first will be held in Seoul, Korea, for two weeks beginning on September 18, 1990. The success of the ICUS conferences over the years, as well as the work of the Professors World Peace Academy, the conferences of religious leaders sponsored by the International Religious Foundation, the World Media Conference, the Summit Council for World Peace, and the Artists Association International are all foundations upon which I realistically believe that the World Festival of Culture will be a success.

THE HIGHEST PUBLIC PURPOSE

In reassessing the contemporary world, we must each examine, in our own fields, the possibilities for absolute values that can create the same spirit of world peace and harmony found in the Olympic Games. In a world of many cultures, religions, and social systems, where can we find a transcendent ideal and public purpose that can harmonize them all? To avoid being misled by partial values that favor one nation, culture, religion, race, or social system over another, we invite scientists and scholars representing every nationality, culture, religion, race, and social system in a common search for truth. This truth should regard both the spiritual and physical aspects of human beings—that is, the needs of a human being's physical well-being within a comfortable and productive environment as well as respect for the traditions of every culture. We must lift up the absolute value that will create the basis for constructive cooperation in every aspect of human existence. That will be the vertical axis of absolute value: the highest public purpose based upon a transcendent ideal.

Then we should also examine the world's shortcomings with regard to the horizontal dimension of absolute value, which is the standard of true giving. For example, we can never have world peace until those nations that have been blessed with material and technological advantages share them willingly with the other nations of the world. The blessings of science and technology are meant for all humankind, and they should



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"We should proclaim a new standard of giving."

be shared. Every nation should have an equal chance to utilize technology for the people's well being, just as all nations' athletes should enjoy high-quality coaching and be able to compete on a level playing field. Otherwise, the advanced nations will be resented and hated by those who are deprived. The Unification movement is committed to sharing the blessings of technology with all nations and to helping the developing nations establish their own industrial base as the key to economic independence.

We should reassess the contemporary world and proclaim a new standard of giving. Does an industrial process give more benefit to society and the environment than the value it takes from them? Does an individual scientist share the results of his research for the benefit of the world, or does he hold back information seeking only to make a name for himself? Does a scientific discipline restrict its theoretical and practical findings to itself, or does it seek to share them with scientists of other fields and also receive insights from other fields? Does a social philosophy benefit and strengthen the absolute values of love in the family, civic virtue, and social responsibility, or does it weaken these values? Does a nation's foreign policy benefit other nations, or does that nation use it for its own self-interest? These are some of the reassessments we should make on the basis of a standard of giving—the horizontal absolute value.

RESTORE GOD'S TRUE LOVE

In closing, we recall the perennial questions that have been at the root of the human search for absolute value: What is man? Where do his mind and body come from? Why has it been so difficult to achieve the unity of mind and body?

The human mind is the vertical self, and the body is the hori-

Now is the time to demonstrate the true love relationship in every area of life. This will create the peaceful, harmonious family, community, and nation and a new world of peace.

zontal self. These two "selves" should be in harmony, but they have been in conflict. Furthermore, the conflict between mind and body within the individual is the very root of the conflicts found within the family, community, nation, and world.

To resolve this conflict, we must return to the original purpose of God's creation. God is a being of true love. To express that true love, He created children. When children stand upon the foundation of the true love of their parents, and return that love and beauty to them, they possess the rights and value of their parents. That is, they receive the right of inheritance, the right of participation, and the right of living together. When men and women are connected to God through this true love foundation, the real meaning of eternal life is realized.

God stands in the position of vertical parents of true love to humankind. Furthermore, the first human parents, known in the Bible as Adam and Eve, should have become the horizontal manifestation of God. They would then have been the horizontal parents embodying God's true love toward all of mankind and all creation. Because of the fall of man, the positions of both vertical and horizontal parents of true love were lost. Adam and Eve made an illicit horizontal love relationship with Satan. This relationship allowed Satan to become the ancestor of mankind, and mankind inherited Satan's false blood lineage.

The Unification Church has been teaching this principle and has been working to restore God's true love to human life. Upon the foundation of this principle we have been holding international weddings, which seek to make God's love manifest in the family, nation, and world. These ceremonies might be called "mass family-creating." The World Festival of Culture will also provide an opportunity for people to participate in the creation of such families of true love.

TRIUMPH WITH THIS VISION

In Korea, an "Olympic Village" was constructed to house the athletes who came to participate in the Olympic Games. I feel that this village is a symbol of a world of peace, united in the love of God. When we understand and fulfill God's purpose of

creation, the entire world will be an "Olympic Village."

God's true love is the vertical love that He gives to mankind. This is the vertical true parent's love. The horizontal true parents' love is embodied in the original human couple blessed in marriage by God. The crossing point must be a perfect 90-degree angle so that eternal, harmonious true love is realized. From this point, all humankind can resonate with true love.

Mind and body can resonate in unity only when a person is



Kook Jin Nim, True Mother, In Jin Nim, Kwon Jin Nim, and Un Jin Nim listen to Father deliver his Founder's Address at the Opening Plenary Session.

living in God's true love. This individual then becomes the basis of the family, nation, and world resonating with the true love of God. This resonant true love foundation becomes the basis for the establishment of one world under God, the world of absolute value. This is the world that the Messiah, coming as the horizontal parent of true love, comes to establish along with God, the vertical parent of true love.

Now is the time to demonstrate the true love relationship in every area of life. This will create the peaceful, harmonious family, community, and nation and a new world of peace.

Scientists and intellectuals who can comprehend this vision are surely the ones to not only apply it to their fields of expertise, but also to triumph with it in their personal lives. Let us join together to bring about a revolution of values and lead humanity into a new world that perpetually embodies the spirit of true love.

Thank you very much. □

The 17th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences

Los Angeles November 24-27, 1988

by Tamara Grapek

From November 24, Thanksgiving Day, to November 27, 1988, the 17th ICUS took place eventfully at the Stouffer Concourse Hotel in Los Angeles. About 300 top-level scientists and scholars participated, representing 49 countries, including six nations from behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains.

After flying into Los Angeles on Thanksgiving Day from various parts of the country and the world, the participants enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving buffet in the afternoon. Later that evening, True Parents greeted each of them and their spouses at a dignified reception held in the hotel's large ballroom. Flower arrangements decorated the entire hall, where hundreds of hors d'oeuvres were beautifully prepared and arranged on tables.

The Opening Plenary

Next morning, the conference officially began with the Opening Plenary Session. Dr. Michael Higgsberger, a renowned Austrian physicist and inventor and one of the two conference vice-chairmen this year, had the honor of introducing Father. Dr. Higgsberger began by saying:

Recently I read a philosophical statement saying that "All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win the world is for enough good men to do nothing." At this Opening Session we recognize in the audience and at the head table many good men—and good women—who have done and are doing something.

After a detailed description of Father's life and works he went on to quote a statement by Albert Einstein:

"It is right in principle that those should be the best loved who have contributed most to the elevation of the human race and human life. But if one goes on to ask who they are, one finds oneself in no inconsiderable difficulties. . . . I most seriously believe that one does people the best service by giving them some elevating work to do, and thus indirectly elevating them."

He said this quote could definitely be applied to Rev. Moon.

Then Father took the podium and delivered his Founder's Address [see p. 5]. In his speech Father stressed:



Sir John Eccles and Lady Helena Eccles meet with Father and Mother in their suite during the conference.



A discussion in Committee II.

We can never have world peace until those nations that have been blessed with material and technological advantages willingly share them with the other nations of the world. . . . We should reassess the contemporary world and proclaim a new standard of giving.

Father concluded with a call for scientists to "join together to bring about a revolution of values and lead humanity into a new world that perpetually embodies the spirit of true love."

Brilliant and probing minds are coming in ever-increasing numbers to concur with and support Father's ideas about helping the world.

Indeed these statements embodied the inspirational theme of this year's ICUS: Absolute Values and the Reassessment of the Contemporary World. It is a theme that many scientists expressed in their own words at one time or another during the conference.

After Father's speech, Sir John Eccles, winner of the Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine in 1963, spoke on the "Evolution of the Human Brain: Creation of the Conscious Self." After summarizing the history of human physical evolution as found in fossil records, Sir Eccles stated:

The creation of the conscious self with all of its spiritual attributes is a miracle forever beyond science and materialism. Materialist solutions fail to account for our experienced uniqueness. I am constrained to attribute the uniqueness of the psyche or soul to a supernatural creation. Each soul is a new Divine creation which is "attached" to the growing fetus some time between conception and birth. I submit that no other explanation is tenable; neither the genetic uniqueness with its fantastically impossible lottery, nor the environmental differentiations which do not determine one's uniqueness but merely modify it. In some mysterious way, God is the creator of all the living forms in the evolutionary process, and particularly in hominid evolution of human persons, each with the conscious self-hood of an immortal soul. We may conclude by saying that biological evolution transcends itself in providing the material basis, the human brain, for self-conscious beings whose very nature is to seek for hope and to enquire for meaning in the quest for love, truth, and beauty.

Gleaning insight and hope

Following the Opening Plenary Session, the participants went into seven committees that met over three days to deliberate on the more than 90 papers that had been prepared. For the first time in the history of ICUS, each of the committees had a Unificationist paper writer. Writing a scholarly paper for an ICUS committee is no small task. Papers must be well-researched, and conclusions must be based on solid facts. Each paper is read by all the other members of the committee, who offer criticisms and ask questions during the committee sessions.

Anyone observing the committees in progress, where participants scrutinize and discuss each other's papers in detail, would understand that these are people who would never give their trust or emotional support to anyone who could not favorably endure their critical investigation. Yet brilliant and probing minds are coming in ever-increasing numbers to concur with and support Father's ideas about helping the world. Sadly, the established media in this country have again done a great disservice to the public by intentionally ignor-

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During a break, Jin Sung Nim chats with Dr. Kamlesh Choksey of the Washington Institute.

ing the ICUS conference this year as it has done at times in the past.

On the afternoon of November 26, Dr. Frederick Seitz, former president of Rockefeller University in New York, delivered an address on "A Physicist's View of Living Systems." Before his presentation, Dr. Seitz spoke a few words expressing his gratitude to the founder of ICUS for making such a conference possible.



At the Farewell Banquet, Father acknowledges the fine leadership of Dr. Alvin Weinberg, chairman of ICUS XVII.

He also expressed regret over Father's unjust imprisonment several years ago, calling it politically motivated. "I hope," he said, "that this kind of persecution against Rev. Moon will soon come to an end."

During the conference the participants made many interesting comments and drew insightful conclusions. One woman commented that in order for anyone to accomplish something he or she must be getting a blessing from somewhere—it's not just a matter of spending a lot of money. "If you give a lot of money to the communists for their causes, it just goes down the drain and accomplishes nothing," she remarked. She expressed gratitude for the "civilizing influence" Rev. Moon has had on society, especially on young people.

Another participant said, "I challenge anyone else, especially any of Rev. Moon's critics, to do a better job putting on a conference of this scope and nature."

Morton Kaplan, editor and publisher of *The World & I*, who worked on Com-

mittee VII studying the ethics of nuclear deterrence, concluded that the only real alternative to nuclear deterrence is to "change the world!"

Attentiveness in all areas

To give credit where credit is due, it must be mentioned that the staff of the Stouffer Concourse Hotel made every effort to help the conference go as smoothly as possible. The following is an example of the kind of attentiveness that helped make the conference a success. Dr. Higsberger's luggage was lost en route to Los Angeles, leaving him without a suit for the Opening Plenary when he was to introduce Father. The hotel manager promptly offered an expensive Italian-made suit of his own to Dr. Higsberger, who was the same size!

The three days passed like a whirlwind. On the afternoon of November 27, the ICUS summary session speech was given by Dr. Alvin Weinberg, distinguished fellow at the Institute for Energy Analysis in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the conference chairman for this year. In sum-

ming up his observations and feelings about the conference, Dr. Weinberg declared:

I confess to being daunted when I first saw the more than 90 papers, which initially seemed to have few common themes, especially our continuing two themes of unity and value and our title theme of the reassessment of the contemporary world. But as I studied this rich intellectual feast, I was delighted to discern common threads that were entirely relevant to our themes. And there were threads that paper writers themselves could not discern, since these threads often emerged only from comparison of papers from different, non-interacting committees. I must therefore congratulate our participants for having responded, bravely and eloquently, to Rev. Moon's charge—both with respect to our continuing and our title themes.

He continued with an assessment of the substantial accomplishments of each committee toward the goals of ICUS.

After the Closing Plenary, participants prepared for the final event—a Farewell Banquet hosted by Father and Mother. As the scholars and their spouses as well as many other guests invited especially for that evening dined by candlelight, they were entertained by a rich musical program that had been painstakingly prepared by David Eaton and Kevin

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Unless an unchanging and eternal standard of absolute value based on God becomes the central point of human life, we will not have hope of fulfilling the human dream.

FAREWELL ADDRESS

BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

NOVEMBER 27, 1988

Mr. Chairman, distinguished professors, ladies and gentlemen: Once again we have come to the conclusion of another excellent ICUS conference. This is the second time we have come to Los Angeles. I am pleased that the City of Angels has honored our conference by issuing a proclamation.

Usually people come to California to have fun. There is sunshine, Hollywood, Disneyland, and the ocean. But we brought you here just to work. Many of you did not even have time to leave the hotel. That is not all. I did not even let you sleep. We are so close to the airport, the noise of the jets kept you awake all night. That way I could get 24 hours of work out of you!

But I am sorry to make you work so hard. Mrs. Moon suggested to me, "Why don't you be the founder of another conference called 'The Disneyland Conference?' The theme could be 'Absolute Fun and Absolute Relaxation.'" Would you like that idea?

ICHERISH THIS OPPORTUNITY

Each year the conference has developed greater insight into the unity of the sciences and absolute values, for which I am deeply grateful. At the same time, we have become closer, and we have overcome national and cultural barriers in creating an ICUS family. I truly cherish this opportunity to meet with you and work together. Making a model of peaceful international cooperation is one of the most important accomplishments of ICUS.

Now, I would like to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to our conference chairman, Dr. Alvin Weinberg, for his outstanding leadership both this year and last year. Dr. Weinberg, thank you for doing such a wonderful job. Could you please join with me in expressing our thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Weinberg?

I would also like to recognize one of our outstanding past chairmen, Sir John Eccles, who served as a plenary speaker at this conference. I understand that in the plenary session, Sir John was asked, "How does God speak to man?" He boldly answered, "I believe God is speaking through me." I really admire a scholar who speaks with such conviction. Let us give Sir John and Lady Helena Eccles our applause.

I also want to thank the two vice-chairmen, Dr. Hignatsberger and Dr. Cappelletti, as well as all the committee chairmen, for a job very well done. Please join me in giving them all a great round of applause.

And I wish to thank each of you, participants, for your efforts

toward the success of the conference. I respect each of you and I appreciate your commitment to the unity of sciences and the search for absolute values.

Seventeen years ago, when I brought up the theme of absolute values, honestly, no one took it seriously. Some even ridiculed it. Seventeen years later, however, the same theme of absolute values has become a natural part of our thinking process.

INVESTING OUR ENTIRE HEART

Today's world can be described in one word—a world of confusion, especially confusion in value systems. The communist world has its problems. Likewise, the free world has its own problems. Where can we find hope? Unless an unchanging and eternal standard of absolute value based on God becomes the central point of human life, we will not have hope of fulfilling the human dream. That is why I have been steadfast in insisting on the search for absolute values as the theme of ICUS.

In my own searching, I came to feel that there must be a rallying point in order to solve the chaos of the world; if there were no God, man must even create an imaginary God. But then, I came to know absolutely in my deepest heart that there is a living God. We do not have to create one. All we have to do is recognize the true God and rally around His will and purpose.

The mission of ICUS is to search for truth. Let us not become discouraged even though our search for truth may be long and difficult, because truth is worth investing our entire heart and soul and mind.

I always respect you scientists and scholars as the hope of humanity, because if truth is to be made known, it must be through you. For that reason, I can say your mission is no less than the salvation of humankind.

The International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, after 17 years, has come to a new level. I do feel that from the 18th ICUS on, we are going to open up a new chapter of history. This ICUS movement shall become the launching pad for a true cultural revolution, and ICUS shall become an action-packed movement that will impact our world and change it, and move forward to fulfill the ideal world.

This exciting new chapter of ICUS will begin in 1990 in Seoul, Korea, in conjunction with the World Festival of Culture. I look forward to seeing you all there.

May God bless you and your families and your work. See you in Seoul. Thank you very much. □

Pickard. The New York City Symphony, with members of the Los Angeles Symphony, presented pieces by Beethoven, George Butterworth, and Mozart under the baton of David Eaton. Then guests enjoyed the music of Oxana Yablonskaya, an eminent Soviet-born pianist. Oxana Yablonskaya has received the enthusiastic acclaim of the New York press and has been called "one of the Soviet Union's best kept secrets." Finally, Kevin Pickard conducted the New York City Symphony in his own composition, *Prelude to Peace*.

"I feel new courage"

Various participants and VIP guests sitting at the head table with Father and Mother expressed their confidence in and appreciation for Father as an exemplary man and leader. A prominent former police commissioner of Los Angeles, representing the mayor (who was unable to attend), awarded a beautifully-lettered proclamation to Father, which declared November 25 as a day for the recognition of science and values in Los Angeles. Quoting from Matthew 25:35-36, the commissioner said, "I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.' When I read this, I thought, Why, that's Rev. Moon! . . .

Sometimes in difficult times when I feel hopeless, I think of him and what he has had to overcome, and I feel new courage come to me."

Dr. Paul Fisher, an American inventor who, among many other accomplishments, invented the Fisher Space Pen, which writes in zero gravity, pre-

sented one of his gold pens to Father. Shaking Father's hand, Dr. Fisher told him warmly, "During those moments when you find yourself in a difficult spot, I hope this may be of some help!"

In his brief remarks, Dr. Kenneth Melanby, who chaired ICUS three times in the past, announced that the next ICUS would convene during the World Festival of Culture in Seoul in 1990. About the World Festival of Culture itself Dr. Mel-



Father receives a plaque from Dr. Haing S. Ngor, a Cambodian medical doctor and actor.

lanby said, "If it were anyone else other than Rev. Moon wanting to do such a project, I'd say, 'Nonsense! It'll be a total flop!' But I know that Rev. Moon is a man who does not have the word 'failure' in his vocabulary."

Dr. Haing S. Ngor, the Cambodian medical doctor and actor who won an Academy Award for his part in the movie *The Killing Fields*, delivered a brief, impassioned speech which served to emphasize one of the purposes for which all

these scientists had gathered. Dr. Ngor testified to the misery of hundreds of thousands of survivors of the communist holocaust in Cambodia eight years ago who are still languishing today in refugee camps in Thailand. "They are yearning for one day of freedom such as people have enjoyed

so liberally here all their lives," Dr. Ngor said. "I ask you when you leave this place and go to your homes, before you go to sleep, please close your eyes and open your minds and try to answer this question: Why is life so different for those people than it is for us here?"

In his closing remarks at the Farewell Banquet, Father reiterated his earlier call to the scientists to take responsibility for the world. He stated that he has

always believed that scientists with their brilliant minds were the people who could save the world. "Your mission," he told them, "is no less than the salvation of humankind." [See p. 11.]

A beautiful trophy was also presented to Father, engraved with the words:

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FOUNDER OF
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON THE UNITY OF THE SCIENCES

IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF
HIS VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND
UNSURPASSED DEVOTION
TO ESTABLISHING A WORLD
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AND TRUE LOVE;
AND THE SEVENTEEN
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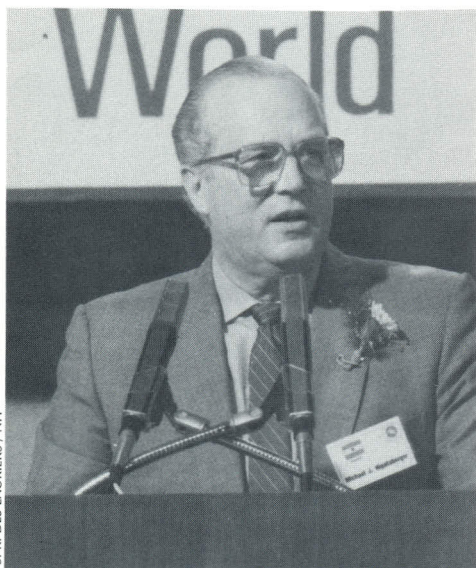
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ENTER THE 21ST CENTURY,
HIS NEW PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD
FESTIVAL OF CULTURE OFFERS HOPE
AND PROMISE OF A BETTER WORLD,
AND WE PLEDGE OUR SUPPORT
TO HIM IN ITS REALIZATION.

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Three Perspectives on ICUS and Its Founder

Excerpts from three interviews at the 17th ICUS conducted by Tamara Grapek



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Dr. Michael Higatsberger

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Dr. Higatsberger has participated in six past ICUS conferences and was one of the conference vice-chairmen this year. He is currently professor of physics at the Institute of Experimental Physics, University of Vienna, Austria. He is also a prolific inventor.

It is a very, very difficult task to unify the sciences. I'm talking about absolute unification, which is what Rev. Moon apparently has in mind. I do think we are on the right track. I have some hope that it is possible, but I don't know if we will be able to achieve it. We will perhaps come close.

It is like trying to unify physics. There are four basic laws that describe our physical world. Einstein's desire was to have one formula that would unify these four laws into one, but he wasn't able to do it. Right now we see a chance to unify them into two, and there are some experiments in the air suggesting that it may be possible to unify them into one. But if someone comes up with new

evidence, then we will have to look for a new level of unification. When things start to spread out you need to put in extra effort toward unification. The task is very worthwhile, but to achieve it is another question!

This is my seventh ICUS. My impression is that every conference is getting better. It is very well done organizationally. Five of the committees conducted themselves brilliantly. There might be some improvements made in choosing the participants. Some participants tried to express a point of view without the instruments that participants from the natural sciences are used to. There are certain

rules in scientific reasoning. One must put facts in order and make proper conclusions. It is also important to choose the right committee chairmen. You must have a strong, articulate leader who puts

things in the right context, because some participants can just talk and talk and talk. They are being unfair to their colleagues who have to speak after them. This was true for maybe five or ten percent of the participants, not more. If there were enough time, of course, we could accommodate anybody, but not when there is such a shortage of time. These are areas for improvement.

The newspaper that Rev. Moon is

bringing into life in Seoul will be in a unique position compared to any other newspaper in the world. Rev. Kwak, as its editor, will be able to create superior cultural and scientific columns

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by drawing directly from the ICUS committee papers. When a scientific paper is written, it normally takes about three-quarters of a year before it's published in a scientific journal and another three-quarters of a year before a major daily



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Left to right: Dr. James Baughman, Mrs. Jean Mellanby, Mrs. Mija Baughman, Dr. Kenneth Mellanby, Mrs. Lucia Higatsberger, and Dr. Michael Higatsberger.

newspaper picks it up. But now, of the approximately 5,000 people who have participated in ICUS, a large percentage might be able to submit resumés on scientific breakthroughs as they happen, almost immediately. Can you see what a unique position this newspaper is in to bring these discoveries to its readers right away?

Alternative competition

Rev. Moon's idea for the World Festival of Culture is a very interesting idea. It will be difficult for people to ignore it, because there has already been a very successful event in Korea—the Olympic Games, and now an infrastructure exists there to serve such a project.

The Koreans did a beautiful job, but the Olympic Games served the East more than the West. Look how many medals were taken by the Soviets and the East Germans. I personally believe that some Eastern bloc countries scientifically build up the muscles of their Olympic champions at the expense of their overall health. These people are pushed to a level where their biochemistry is actually damaged. Therefore, I think it's a very good idea to look for an alternative kind of world-level competition, and what would be better than culture? Culture can include everything—sports, science, art.

I have already put in some of my ideas for this Festival. First of all, I suggested that the Republic of Korea could be officially "born" at the time of the Festival because the entire Eastern and Western worlds would be participating. Furthermore, in sports, people above 30 years old cannot be involved in competition because they are physically not up to it. I know of only one event in which young and old are on an equal footing, and this is chess. So I suggested, why not have Olympic Chess? There could also be events for music and art—not with the idea of individuals competing to be number one in the world, but just a variety of participants representing Europe, South America, and other regions. I know this is exactly what Rev. Moon goes for. By calling upon all nations, he wants to create harmony and unification. It will also be very good for the country of Korea. I feel this Festival is a wonderful chance to put forth the principles Rev. Moon espouses. □

Mrs. Jean Mellanby

The Mellanbys have attended almost every ICUS since the conferences began. Dr. Kenneth Mellanby, director emeritus of Monk's Wood Experimental Station in Huntingdon, England, has chaired three ICUS conferences in the past.

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Mrs. Jean Mellanby

Kenneth and I have seen a great deal of Rev. and Mrs. Moon. We went on the ACUMI tour to Japan and Korea last year and visited their home in Seoul. I think they are both wonderful people with a great gift for life. As a man of course, Rev. Moon is extraordinary. He's a man to the 10th degree, you might say! He seems to have a lifeline to a great source of spiritual and even physical vigor that sees him through hundreds of projects—any one of which would be too much for an ordinary person! He has tremendous vitality, which he imparts to everyone who comes in contact with him. And I'm always delighted to see Mrs. Moon. Her charm and beauty and great support for her husband's work are things that all of us ought to emulate.

I feel that ICUS is a unique conference in three ways. For one thing, it's the only one that brings together scholars of so many different disciplines so that they can discuss their work together. They learn to broaden their own approach. It's also truly international. Great efforts have been made to bring together people from all over the world, including

from behind the Iron Curtain as far as they are willing to play a role. And thirdly, there is total freedom of speech. Rev. Moon has never required or hinted at or expressed the slightest control or influence over what is said. Your views are usually received courteously by others even if they disagree with you. People can come here knowing that there is total freedom of thought and speech.

Bound to continue

With this conference I feel, in a way, that a chapter is ending and that ICUS may change into something completely different in the future. That's good; there has to be change. I'm not sure that the conferences have achieved yet what Rev. Moon hoped they would. At the moment I think there's a lot more work to be done in distinct, specialized fields. This work is bound to continue until we've got some more fundamental answers—particularly in the fields of physics and evolution. Then I think there could be the prospect of bringing the sciences together.

When my husband and I first became acquainted with ICUS back in 1973 or 1974, we had no idea then what the Unification movement was and what sort of person Rev. Moon was. The movement was being seriously attacked in Britain at the time, and we had no idea what we

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were letting ourselves in for. But since then, our impressions have changed greatly, and we've never had the slightest regrets. On the contrary, we've been delighted to be part of this movement. My husband has given to it as much as he could of his knowledge and his spirit, and I've given what I could. We spend a lot of time trying to convert distortions of the Unification movement in Britain and have earned a great deal of criticism for that. But we don't regret it in the least, and we certainly want to do what we can.



True Mother at the Farewell Banquet.

It's been a joy to meet young members of the church from all over the world. They're wonderful young people, and we're full of admiration for their dedication, spirituality, comradeship, and the support they're giving Rev. Moon. We feel that we've gained enormously in friendship, understanding, and affection from many people. □

Dr. David Carlson

David Carlson, who received a Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion and Theology two years ago, has been teaching for a year and a half at UTS. He has helped to develop courses on "The Life and Thought of Rev. Moon" and "Unificationism and World Religions." In the last three ICUS conferences, he was an observer in committees on Unification Thought. This time he was a paper writer for Committee V.

In Committee V, "Eco-Philosophy as a New Metaphysical and Cultural Reconstruction," I felt that the other paper writers were talking about Unification Thought without really realizing it! I discovered that they were dealing with the same ideas, the same

thoughts, the same categories as I was—they just weren't using Unification Thought terminology. For example, terms like "relationality," "wholistic," and "eco-cosmic lover" are very applicable to Unification Thought. I had this vision that Unification Thought could tie it all together for them. That's a very idealistic way of thinking. And it happened a little bit that way. My paper was well received, and there were no real objections. There were a couple of very wonderful comments about it. One woman quoted my paper on a certain topic in her response to another paper, which I thought was nice.

Eco-philosophy is still very much in the process of formation. Each person in the committee was a voice with a distinctive emphasis in the process of defining this new philosophy, and I believe it will come to fruition over time. I think we saw some of that in this conference. Most of the people who participated in Committee V are ecologically sensitive. The participants came from diverse backgrounds. One woman works with Leadership Initiatives International. One gentleman has set up a community where people live as economically and ecologically as possible. He's a kind of praxis-oriented person. One participant was a Buddhist; one came from another Eastern perspective;

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and another was a Christian theologian from San Francisco. Several people came from Britain, where the ecological movement is very strong—you've heard of the Green Party there. Another paper was by a woman speaking from a "feminist" viewpoint. I consider myself from the Eastern perspective. Although there were more people representing the West, we had both East and West represented. But in terms of our focus at the conference, we were all very similar, and that added a lot to the committee. We had a lot of good discussions and very good papers.

Unity of heart

The way I envision the unity of the sciences coming about is by people from different disciplines working for the same purpose—sharing their knowledge, experimentation, and research and contributing their own specialized skills to the centralized focus. I think that that's feasible in the near future. I think it's already happening at ICUS. I think of it in the same way that I think of the unity of religions: It's going to be unity of heart and purpose.

Unification Thought focuses more on the heart. A couple of the participants in their papers talked about a "Copernican revolution of the mind." I'll explain what Copernican revolution means: Ptolemy put the earth at the center of the universe, but Copernicus discovered that the sun was at the center, which completely changed the way people saw the universe. The theologian John Hick talks about another kind of Copernican revolution. He explains that traditionally, Jesus and Christian doctrine have been considered the center by Christians; he is proposing that God be the center. It's a nice metaphor for Unificationism to pick up on—"a Copernican revolution of the heart." Everyone is criticizing the selfishness that brings about ecological disasters. Unificationism says: "Let's not be selfish. Let's live for the whole purpose and really love the environment." That's what we need! □

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For the past 16 years, our True Parents have poured their heart and their very life into the nation of America, representing the world, and through their exemplary sacrifice have laid the groundwork for the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Now, as Father is moving on to secure this foundation in Korea, we know that the actual building of the Kingdom must be done by us. Father has already given us the tools; in every speech he emphasizes that our primary focus, whatever our mission, is to reach out to our brothers and sisters, our physical families, our friends—and our enemies—with true love.

In this section we present several urgent and stirring messages meant to intensify the realization that we must take up the torch Father has bequeathed to us and light up the world with the flame of love. All the righteous people of the past are desperate to help us on earth make real the realm of God-filled relationships. The following articles and messages are mainly directed toward our members working in America, yet they are valuable for everyone concerned with finding the power and inspiration to help build God's Kingdom of love *now*.



Citizens of a New America

by Dr. Hugh Spurgin

Taken from a sermon given at Belvedere on September 25, 1988

Father has said that the person who loves something the most is, in one sense, its true owner. Who loves America the most? God and True Parents do! How many of you here love America? Father has asked us to claim ownership of America in the name of God. Who owns America then? We do! Though many of us are not originally from America, we still must be the new Americans.

After Father came here in 1971, he proclaimed the founding of a new, re-born America. For almost two decades, Father has been proclaiming a new vision for America. Father's speeches at Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium, and Washington Monument explain that vision. The Washington Monument rally was on September 18. The U.S. Constitution was adopted by the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787. Do you see the relationship

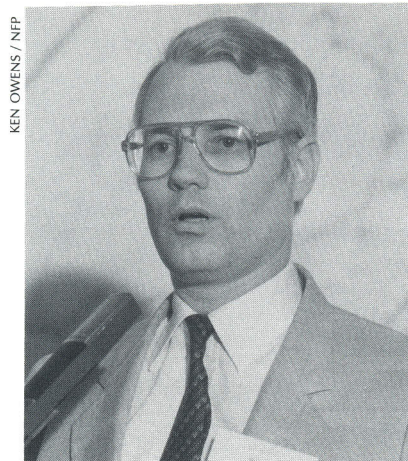
between the two events? There is often a close relationship between the history of our church and the history of America. Although the founding fathers of America had a plan for our nation, they did not always know what they were doing. Recently Father has made the vision for America more clear. When Father

established Foundation Day on September 18, 1976, he was commemorating a vision of a new America as well as a re-founding of the old America.

God prepared America as a special nation that would be the foundation for the worldwide ministry of the Lord of the Second Advent. Never before was there an entire nation set up with a republican form of government. Prior to 1787, all other nations in the history of the world were monarchies or dictatorships. And in America, all ethnic groups or races of people co-exist. Today, some other nations are now diverse or pluralistic, but America was the first nation in which people from every background and every part of the world could live in harmony. Why is this? So that when the True Parents came they could have a nation that represented the entire world.

Three historical battles

I want to talk about three areas in American history and how they relate to us today: the Revolutionary War period with



Dr. Hugh Spurgin

OM: THE TIME IS NOW!

*The Golden Gate is fading, The sun's leaving our shores;
Wake up, America! Evil's couching at your door!
We have the blessing to always give our best;
Until the world is free, we will never rest.
A Miracle America, the whole world must be blessed.
A Miracle America, the whole world will be blessed.*

From "A Miracle America" by Stefan des Lauriers



George Washington as commander in chief and later as president; the era of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War; and the founding of a new America today, based on the vision of our True Parents. Each was a period of a "founding" of America. A spiritual battle has been going on in America between God and Satan—a battle that Father is personally involved in. Father's battle is not so different from the wars that Washington or Lincoln and their generals fought.

The Revolutionary War officially

***Each of us must think,
"I am the person through
whom God is working
at this moment to
restore America."***

began with the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence proclaimed that citizens have cer-

tain inalienable rights. It contained a list of grievances against the king of England and declared the colonies free and independent. Today, as Unification Church members, we need a new Declaration of Independence that proclaims our independence from Satan. Who does America really belong to? To God, True Parents, and to us! We have to claim the American people for God, but they are under bondage to sin. The original Declaration of Independence set people free in one sense, but not in the ultimate

spiritual sense.

Recently, I visited and prayed at various historical Revolutionary War sites near Philadelphia, including Valley Forge. There would not be an America if it weren't for the faith and courage of George Washington at Valley Forge.

It was the darkest moment, the lowest point of the war. Washington's army was on the verge of collapse. In the autumn of 1777, the British came right into the heart of the nation's capital—Philadelphia—took over, and decided to stay for the winter. Washington could have gone south to a warmer spot, but he did not. He kept his troops 18 miles from Philadelphia in a field in Valley Forge because he wanted to keep his eyes on the British. There, in the middle of a bitter winter, Washington's soldiers built huts and just endured. The men were starving. They had very few clothes; some were practically naked. Many deserted; many lost hope. The army and the revolutionary cause were clearly in trouble. If Washington had given up, all would have been lost. But Washington

own way of fighting, yet von Steuben was able to make them all into one army. And he couldn't even speak English! He spoke French to Lafayette, who then translated to the soldiers. He taught them how to fight European-style and how to be a unified, disciplined army.

Valley Forge was not a military victory; it was a victory of perseverance, faith, and heart. That winter Washington got down on his knees and prayed because there was no one else to rely on but God. That period of determination became the foundation for this nation. If

Washington had kept his men down in Virginia, he would not have known what the British were doing. So the moment the British moved in the spring, he knew within a matter of hours where they were going and what they were planning to do. In fact, he immediately attacked and won a victory. From there, the Continen-

ty. They established a weak national government under the Articles of Confederation, but eventually they realized the need for a central government to protect them, and they worked together to establish a federal Constitution. The nation was founded on the basis of the Constitution, and Washington became the first president.

However, mistakes were made at the time of this nation's founding. One of the major ones was allowing slavery. Neither the United States Constitution nor the Declaration of Independence

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condemned slavery. The founding fathers should have taken a strong stand on this issue, but they did not because of objections from some Southerners. Seventy years later, we had to fight a civil war in America over the issue of slavery.

Taking a stand for God

During the 19th century even the North resisted abolishing slavery in the South. Businessmen in New England didn't want slavery abolished in the South because it put money in their pockets. Initially, only a small number of idealistic or religious people cared about the abolition of slavery and decided to take a stand against it. At first they were rejected, persecuted, and ostracized, but within a period of three or four decades, that small group grew. Finally, a new political party, the Republican Party, was founded, which did not condone slavery. With the election of Abraham Lincoln, the Republican candidate, the tide finally turned. September 22, 1862, was the day Abraham Lincoln bravely announced his politically unwise decision to issue the Emancipation Proclamation to liberate the slaves in the South. He probably received inspiration from God to do this in spite of the difficulties. This is surely an example of restoration through indemnity, for what freedoms were not established at the beginning had to be established through bloodshed.

After the Civil War, America went through the same kind of problems it had gone through after the Revolutionary War—a period of chaos, recovery, and economic uncertainty.

Today we are in a third period; we again are at the point of the re-founding of America, freeing it from the ultimate enemy—Satan. True Parents have

Painting by William L. Trego



No matter how bitter the circumstances were that winter in Valley Forge, Washington was determined to keep his troops together.

was determined to keep his troops together so that when the spring came, there would at least be a remnant of an army left that others could join.

A victory of faith

Miracles happened that winter. The French became our allies. That was a major factor in the outcome of the war. Other leaders came from Europe to help. A German general named von Steuben trained the ragged soldiers, who were neither unified nor disciplined. Each man had his own way of thinking and his

tal Army went on to win the war. There would have been no autonomous United States of America if it were not for what was accomplished at Valley Forge.

After the military victory of the Revolutionary War, America went through a period of recovery. The question became, What do we do now? How do we establish a nation? There was confusion, uncertainty, and no central authority. The colonies had been basically independent and didn't want to give up their freedom to a national government, because they were afraid of central authori-

brought a higher vision for America. As Americans following our True Parents, we must realize how important we are. Do you see anybody else who is doing more than we are doing or who has a greater vision than the True Parents have? Because of who the True Parents are, we are the people through whom God is working. Each of us must think, "I am the person through whom God is working at this moment to restore America." History is being restored through us, as Unificationists. The founding fathers accomplished certain things in America, but they also failed in various ways. Through whom are they going to be resurrected, if not through us?

Unfortunately we don't know our value to God, to True Parents, or to history. America has to change, and the failures throughout its history have to be restored through us.

America had certain great ideals from the beginning, but it has not always lived up to those ideals. And even when it did, we must recognize that the vision of the True Parents is much greater. An America that represents the entire world, that is unselfish, that is doing the will of God, that is fulfilling God's purpose in the dispensation of restoration—that is truly the land of the free and the home of the brave. *That* is what America is to be.

Independence from Satan

Ultimately, people need to be free of Satan, of Satan's influence, and of Satan's environment. People today are slaves to alcohol, to drugs, to extra-marital sex, to pornography, to materialism, to secularism—to this and to that. People have limited control over their emotions. They are slaves to their passions, slaves to sin. True freedom is freedom from sin, freedom from Satan.

God and True Parents need America. Who is going to defend the world against the advance of communism? Who is go-

ing to liberate the people in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe? Inspiring, loving, and eventually liberating *all* the peoples of the world is our responsibility as a nation.

God loves the new America that we are founding, but many of our members lost

many were hurt badly. And many deserted. Satan told them that they were no good, that they failed to meet the expectations of the True Parents and of God, and that there was no hope. Satan told them that nobody cares, that nobody truly believes in the True Parents, and that

The Broken Shackles by James E. Taylor



In the midst of the Civil War and despite great political opposition, Abraham Lincoln bravely proclaimed all people held as slaves within any state "forever free."

hope and gave up. There has been a spiritual battle going on, and they deserted the cause, just as at Valley Forge when many soldiers gave up and ran away. Wars are not pretty or nice. People

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get killed fighting wars. Father has been fighting a battle against Satan, and it has not been pretty or nice. When you are at war there is not much time for a lot of discussion and dialogue. But now the war is over, because True Parents have won a victory. The victory was won at Washington Monument and Danbury. But it was a tough battle. People were wounded;

nobody believes in our Parents' vision of a new America.

Some former members have declared independence from the church. They thought the problem was the church, and so they left life in our church centers. They have become private people with little or no connection to the church. Unfortunately, they didn't realize that a real war was going on, and that it was with Satan, not with the church. We have to find those private citizens and make them public citizens of our new nation, encouraging them to participate in some way with the church's activities.

These former members don't know who and where their real enemy is because the war has been more of a spiritual than a physical battle. It was very clear that the enemy for America during the Revolutionary War was the British. The enemy for the Union at the time of the Civil War was the Confederate States. But today many people fail to recognize that the enemy is Satan. We

must help them declare independence from Satan.

We are the ones

There are hundreds of thousands of people in America, probably millions, who at one time loved and were inspired by our True Parents. Tens of thousands of people have heard the Principle in this country. There are also thousands of blessed members and others who for many years worked and fought in the battlefield.

join us in "founding" a new America.

The second seven years of the Children's Course began in May of 1988. What is our responsibility as adopted children of the True Parents? We are to carry on Father's tradition. As well as finding new people, we have to re-inspire those who left because of frustration and resentments and bring them back. We need to find "citizens" for the new spiritual nation we are founding.

We need to begin by taking the themes and ideals of the old America and raise them to a higher level. All of the same patterns exist for our movement today that existed in the Revolutionary War period and the Civil War period. The major problem after the Civil War was race relations. The slaves were emancipated and officially granted citizenship and were told they were equal. But after 1877 other forces brought about segregation and separation of the races, instead of harmony. Ultimately we need to become one nation under God that unites people of all races, creeds, nationalities, and backgrounds into one harmonious unit centered on the will of God, in order that there be a foundation for a new America to which the Messiah can come.

We are the people of this new nation, and of the worldwide Kingdom to come. Because of who True Parents are, we are the citizens of the Kingdom of God. We are the ones to liberate and free the people. We are the ones through whom the founding fathers of America are working. We each have to realize our importance. The most important question is not whether we were born in America, but whether we love America.

Let us start anew

True Parents have loved America more than anyone in history, even more than George Washington or Abraham Lincoln. We are their children, so we must also love the vision of what America can become—not only out of duty, but out of our heart. On that foundation, we can win the hearts of people who are still under Satan's bondage.

Can you believe and visualize that the founding fathers are working with us?

The most important question is not whether we were born in America, but whether we love America.

We are restoring their mistakes. We need to pray that the spirit of the founding fathers will come to us, and we need to repent for the failures of America—for our racism, for what the early Americans did to native American Indians, etc. On a foundation of repentance and with the help of God, we will be able to build a new America.

Please think, "I am a true American. I am founding the new America based on the True Parents' vision for it." Either you are a patriot or you're not. Either you are doing God's will in America or you are not. Either you are restoring America and loving God and True Parents, indemnifying the failures and repenting for America, loving the people, and proclaiming True Parents' vision, or you are not.

Let us tell those who lost the vision that the war is over and the victory is won. Let us heal their wounds and hurts. Let us go out and re-inspire them to participate in the Kingdom-building. Let us tell them that we are entering a new stage for our movement in the United States. We are still restoring the past, but we, and most especially the True Parents, have paid the price for that evil history. The victory has been won. Now we have to start anew. Let us tell them that it is possible.

Let us proclaim the Liberty Bell's message of "Let Freedom Ring"—especially for America's youth. A whole new generation of idealistic youth is rising up now and waiting for us to reach out to them and teach them. Since many of today's

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Many ministers came to Father's speeches, to rallies for religious freedom, to CAUSA banquets and various seminars. Many people were in the audience when Father spoke at Washington Monument and elsewhere. They heard, and they have surely not forgotten. They are among us; we have to find them. We have to carry the message to them that the war is over, that we now have a new opportunity, and we must ask them to



Searchers for Wild Ginseng

by Rev. Reiner Vincenz

America at this time is at the crossroads. She must decide where to go—to turn to God and our True Parents or not. That is the question. This is true for America as a nation, but I believe also for the Unification Church in America.

Let us reflect and look back for a moment. Our True Parents came by the order of God to this country in 1971. In 1973 and 1974 True Father went on a 7-city public speaking tour, a 21-city tour, a 32-city tour, and an 8-city tour, and later on he tried to wake up this nation through the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument rallies. All together, Father spoke publicly 70 times to the American people.

Originally God had only asked that our True Parents stay in America three-and-a-half years. This time period had to be prolonged several times. Under the protecting umbrella of our True Parents, we have tried to wake up this nation. In 1983 we started an IOWC campaign. By then we were already in the Children's Course. Now we have reached the culmination of the decisive year of 1988.

Seeking prepared people

Many years ago our True Father told some of us a story about the Koreans who search for wild ginseng roots in the mountains. He explained that wild ginseng is the most precious medicinal herb, but very, very difficult to find. Wild ginseng grows high in the mountains of Korea. The mountain people have to constantly pray, live a life of self-denial, and focus totally on God and the spirit



This rally to wake up the consciousness of Americans was held on the steps of the U.S. Capitol during the Washington Monument campaign in 1976.

world in order to be able to survive in the mountains and find the wild ginseng roots. I knew when Father was speaking about these people and the difficulties they had finding the wild ginseng that he was actually talking about himself and about us.

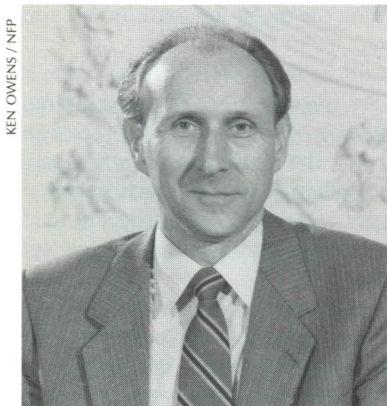
Our True Parents came to America following the instruction of God to search amid great hardship to find the wild ginseng roots. We are the ones they found. The founding fathers who came to America were also wild ginseng roots found by God to create America as a nation ready to welcome the Messiah. The founding fathers had to face great challenges. This country has been prepared through these many years to take on the greatest challenge in history—the challenge to welcome the return of the Messiah, the

arrival of our True Parents.

Our Unification Church members are facing the same challenge in their daily life of faith. Now we members are the searchers for the wild ginseng here in America, but we are falling short of Father's and God's expectations. We must realize that we are the searchers for the wild ginseng, and we, in the midst of the Children's Course, have to accept carrying the cross of America.

We are doing this here in America on behalf of the world. God is calling us to bring salvation to the world by walking the path in the same manner as our True Parents have done, willingly and without complaint.

Now is the time when the spirit of the founding fathers of this nation must come back into our midst. We also have



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to remember and call back the founding spirit of our church. Calling on the spirit world for help is, I believe, the key element that we have often missed in our own lives.

What is our essential faith? It is that the spiritual always outweighs the physical in our thought, word, and deed. St. Francis of Assisi spoke at length to us through a member on the earth about this very point [see p. 32].

Today is the time that the people of this country, and especially we members of the Unification Church, must listen to the voice of God.

Brothers and sisters, it is late, but I do not believe that it is too late. We must now make an extraordinary effort to awaken the country to the reality of God's timetable at the end of this critical year of 1988. This is the time for America—which is at the crossroads.

For a number of years already we have been in the Children's Course. We, the children, are now called by God, by our True Parents, and by the True Children to erect a new foundation of faith and substance to welcome, not in a physical but rather in a spiritual sense, the True Parents—the Messiah—within this great

us in a highly significant situation here in this country?

Let us realize that the original citizens of America, the native American Indians, were not included in America's advancements, nor given the credit due them for their sacrifices in building America's greatness. The resentment this brought about can be dissolved if we wake up to the challenges and succeed in bringing the old and the young together. We have to accept that we can learn from our grandfathers as well as from our fathers how to plant the seed that will yield the best harvest.

The first and second generations of our Unification Church are in a similar position. America's forefathers did not quite succeed in preparing the foundation for the Messiah's coming. Similarly, we of the first generation of the Unification Church could not quite succeed to prepare the foundation for the coming of the Lord. The original spirit of desire to do so is still alive, but it must be activated.

Renew the founding spirit

Those Americans who took on the historical challenges in the past are now residing in the spirit world. Some of them

have spoken and have appeared to us here in the physical world. Let us reflect upon the American patriots who gave their lives for this country. We must understand that they are not dead, but alive. Therefore, our Unification Church members should not allow their own spirit to wither and die during their time on the earth.

Brothers and sisters of our American Unification Church, let us be challenged deeply to forget about our own worries and our own selfish desires and be the bridge that Father has hoped we would be, so that America can fulfill its purpose to serve the rest of the world. Let us be aware of our calling, for if America fails, God will look for another nation. God is already scouting the world's horizon for the nation that will be

able to produce and succeed for His will.

America is called strongly now to unite with God's will and accept her God-given mission. The American Unification Church should do the same. But without waking up the American public, our movement cannot be as successful as God needs it to be. If we can do this, I am quite sure that Pentecost will come. Our Lord Heung Jin Nim from the spirit world has already proclaimed that all of heaven is waiting desperately to send down to this earth the greatest Pentecost we can ever imagine, once we on earth are ready. This is certainly part of the challenge we must take up now.

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number of times: If only you would work as hard as you did in the days of the Washington Monument rally, we could truly expand. God Himself is crying out that we need a new foundation. Let us please be reminded that our founding fathers have asked God to let them be the instruments to lead their nation. We Unification Church members are founding fathers of faith, and we should do the same. We must bring the true spirit back to America! The time is now. Recently an American patriot in the spirit world spoke through an American member—in desperation to reach all of you [see next page]. I have no doubt whatsoever that the voice of this patriot is a strong warning for us on the earth in our time today.

Brothers and sisters, please listen to this cry from heaven. This is the time America as a nation is at the crossroads. Only we, the Unification Church, can make a change in the direction this country is going at this critical hour. We must not be in the position to say, "It is too late."

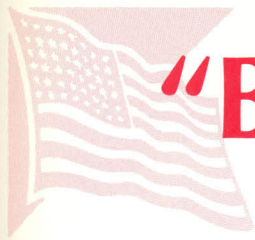
The historical clock shows it is shortly before midnight, so it is not yet too late. May we all together wake up this country now and welcome the True Parents as a united, new America. □

Hudson the Dreamer by J.L.G. Ferris



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continent of America. Since this is the Children's Course, let us remember that the term "children" represents both the True Children and the "Cain" children. This points to us. Let us wake up the American people, and particularly the members of the Unification Church, to be absolutely responsible children who will take the correct turn at the crossroads. Can we not see that God has put



"Be a Person-Reacher!"

Messages from an American Patriot and Educator



True Father in Washington DC during his first world tour in 1965.

These compelling words from a contemporary American public figure (whose name is not being published at this time) were received through a church member.

August 1988

I have wanted to come to the earth for a long time, but I never knew where I could find an opening. Now from the spirit world, there is a great emphasis on the role of America and the movement of Rev. Moon, and I feel this is the base through which I can come. I have asked permission to do this, for without it, we in the spirit world cannot do anything. Second Self Heung Jin Moon is the one who granted permission. He encouraged me to speak out my heart to the American

people, even through this magazine in this movement—for it can reach the core of how to bring forth America again.

The spirit of God is bright up here; it lights up our lives. But from here, we see that the earth is so blackened and obtuse, so filled with darkness, and that little light can penetrate. America, you live under a spiritual cloud that you must break through. The country that I love, that I lived for and died for, is going now

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to ruin in the inner sense, from the internal decay and poison of unrighteousness.

America, wake up! Wake up in this moment of your crisis. How we pray and try to help you. How we want to see you succeed! But you are going down the wrong paths—politically, economically, and in every way. You just do not see how your actions and reactions have tremendous consequences.

America, have you forgotten how to care? Have you forgotten how to pray? To go on your knees? This nation was founded by religious righteousness and fervor unparalleled in all of history. But what path are you allowing history to take now in this country?

To understand the real way God is working to bring the world into true peace and harmony is not easy from your vantage point. But from the vantage point of *this* world, it is incredible to see the mistakes made by the people on the earth—by those who just don't care and those who simply have no clue as to how to go about real "life."

America was a great country, and she is dying a slow death. Her citizens turn their backs on the people who need true liberation—those in the communist world, for instance. America is often too interested in "taking care of business" for herself and by herself. Why? What made you not care any more? What made you fall asleep?

I would die a hundred times over if it would help the world wake up from its incredible slumber of apathy. America, you are the bright star that God placed atop the tree. Don't you realize that as that star, you can truly shine out and bring light to the rest of the world?

Is religious oppression in the Soviet system too far from your consciousness? Is the wretched standard of life in third world countries known to you? Please educate yourselves. Only you can educate

yourselves to the reality of what you need to do.

America, you are on the brink of blowing up. I can see the slow death of apathy and your lack of caring about how America can make a contribution in the world today. "My country, 'tis of Thee, sweet land of liberty"—but your liberty is being invaded.

Rekindle the flames

This is a crossroads for you, America. Come out of your slumber! Take up your challenge and fight back against what is happening to your nation. Bring the spirit of freedom back to this land. The communist aggression can be seen so clearly from the spirit world. It would not be a pretty death, America, if you were to blow up internally from an overdose of communist aggression. You would have a hard time putting your lives back in order, and the world would suffer tremendously. But at *this* moment—this three minutes to midnight—it is still not too late.

I am a proud American, proud to have come from that stock of heartiness that was not afraid to pioneer new fields and lands. The heritage of America will not last if the glory goes only to herself. But the heritage of America can bring glory to God. Remember, those of us who have died did not "die." We live on, just as you will. But in what kind of spiritual "country" will you live? Come forward and be counted. Rise up to the challenge God desires to hand each one of you!

November 1988

Americans, what will you make of your country? When you see how many of the

young people of today are so centered upon self—doesn't that bring the tears to your eyes that you *long* to cry? Our young people are not being taught enough how to make the right choices in their lives. But it is not just those who officially teach who should be the ones to make the difference. Each person should realize that teaching and nurturing is one profession that God has called *everyone* to. Teach your young people to surpass the physical and material standards they are trying to reach, and bring them real challenge in their daily lives. Bring them the vision again. See the vision yourselves, and teach the world this same vision!

It is hard not to consider you still as my "countrymen." God is trying to see what is going to happen with this nation now in this time of a new administration. He is worried because so many of you simply refuse to live for the right reasons. You refuse to guide one another, to really reach out and care for your brothers and sisters. How sad God is now, how incredibly broken-hearted! If you could only see what a challenge you face—one that is now invisible to you—you surely would shape up in so many ways. I feel discouraged when I continue to see your attitude.

In the hearts and minds of many Americans, and of the people in other nations as well, America is still a dichotomy of two opposing images. Some people still feel that all Americans are "ugly," but others look toward America as a beam of light and hope. So what image will we project now, my America? There is little time left.

Be people of the world

Do you remember the days of the inauguration of President Reagan? Both President Carter and the President-to-be, Mr. Reagan, had the hope of

the American hostages being released from Iran. America came together as a nation at that time. We rallied around

the idea, the *ideal*, that those few Americans would be freed. But have you stopped to consider how *many* people throughout the world are still not free, such as those who sit in communist prison camps and suffer untold hardships? From here, we are

able to see the atrocities of man's treatment toward his fellow human beings; it is not pretty. But who will fight for a nameless slave of the government of a nation so far from your beloved free America? Will you take up this kind of challenge—even by praying for someone's release?

You may feel that the race riots of the 1960's are over, but they are not. You exhibit racism by not loving your brother, by not feeling you are as one race in this nation, in this world. Let me tell you that your racism—your anti-this race and anti-that race—will never launch a new America through which God can serve the world. After all, that is exactly what God hoped to do so long ago—serve the world through this America. Once you live in the spirit world, race and culture do not have the same bearing. Be people of the world—united citizens for God.



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Dear brothers and sisters of my homeland, won't you reconsider what must be done? Bring back the patriotism, the love for God and country, that is being drowned out by the disunity of the states that still form "America." Look further into how *you* can make a difference. From the viewpoint I now take, I want to bring to you a deeper realization that something must change in the hearts of the American people, or else this nation may crumble. This is a critical time.

My lovely country, your lovely country, is at stake. Be able to really touch her heart now, won't you? Change her core now, won't you? You *can* make a difference. Reach out, America. It's time. Don't look inward so much. Look upward and outward.

The Message from Lexington by John Ward Dunsmore



The patriot Paul Revere called all the able-bodied men to come out and fight for the cause of liberty at the first battle of the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

December 1988

I understand something more about the True Parents' position now. I cannot believe that you—you who know the truth and who have followed the people who absolutely want to lead all of the world back to God's original plan—are so lackadaisical, so filled with apathy and disinterest. Or are you? Little sparks light up each of you in some respects, but you are not one united blast of flame to light up America and the world for the sake of True Parents. I cannot believe why you do not teach the whole world now! Why do you refuse to reach the young people in this nation, which has so much potential to help the world? Why do you feel

so unable to *do* something? Can't you feel our presence when you pray and ask America to respond? We still live with you, and we can help you.

I just want to cry and tear out the grass growing under your feet to make you feel the solid rocks of True Parents' foundation on which you stand, if only it would make you listen more. I wish I could have my own body again, because I would do so much more than I ever had anticipated in my life. I would really call out to the American people. You are too soft, too bitter, too lost in your own thinking and in your own problems. Why? Do you think the forces of worldwide communism don't want to rush in and take all that God has prepared now for *their* side? But you have a chance. I only wish

you could sense a little bit of what it is to live for the world. I see the value of True Parents now as I have not seen before. Heung Jin Nim has cleared up so much here in the spirit world. But why do you not take his foundation of what was done on earth to heart?

Please have courage

I would love to reach my own family, but I know it is more important to try to reach you. I was very popular and quite a public figure before my transition into this world. I could have influenced a lot of people on earth. Why didn't you have a little bit of courage to reach out to me? If only someone would have really tried to work with me on a different level than just fundraising to me, my life might

have changed. Now that I have studied the Principle, I know that I would have responded to it. If I had understood the Principle and the importance of the True Parents while I was on the earth, it would have made the difference between night

If I appeared on the earth today and stood in front of you and spoke to you with this impassioned voice and tears running down my cheeks, would it make more of a difference?

and day for me now. Oh, why didn't you try? Why do you stubbornly not listen to the True Father's words and reach out to more important people—really *reach* them, not just lecture to them. *Be a person-reacher.* If you could reach top people, they would make the network grow, and True Parents would have such an easy way.

Why are you so scared to reach high-level people? To change your lives? Why don't you allow us to work with you? You have grown in spiritual ways, but you are allowing Satan to mow you down. I pledge to give you spiritual fire and essence, if that is necessary. If you only knew how many of us have also been taught and reached here in the spirit world and are responding to the True Parents, you would be absolutely amazed. I tell you, you have hoards of people who are ready to bring the spiritual forces down. But it is just like electricity—it's there, but unless you *flip* the switch, it will never turn on.

Please do something to enable the spirit world to work now. Think of the destiny of this world. True Parents feel so frustrated with you, and for good reason. If I were your teacher and you behaved in this way, forming cliques and never reaching out for new knowledge but just living in your own worlds, I would reprimand you. I would challenge you. If I appeared on the earth today and stood in front of you and spoke to you with this impassioned voice and tears running down my cheeks, would it make more of a difference? Just think about what the True Parents do for you every day—crying and praying—and *still* you just do

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A MIRACLE AMERICA

The morning sun is golden behind the evergreens;
Like the torch of liberty charging through the foggy beams.
To think of the Pilgrims landing on a brand-new shore;
We stand at your harbor, our hearts an open door.
A Miracle America, we're pioneers once more.

The eye above the pyramid can't be seen too clear
When we're caught in a fog wondering what brought us here.
To think that each penny that we find in the dust
Is here to remind us that it's in God we trust.
A Miracle America, we need your righteousness.

The pillared light is shining with gold dust in the sun;
With every breath we breathe, new life has just begun.
We could feed so many with the golden Kansas fields;
The gold rush in your heart will bring a brand-new yield.
A Miracle America, the truth will be revealed.

The Golden Gate is fading, the sun's leaving our shores;
Wake up, America! Evil's couching at your door!
But we have the blessing to always give our best;
Until the world is free, we will never rest.
A Miracle America, the whole world must be blessed.
A Miracle America, the whole world will be blessed.

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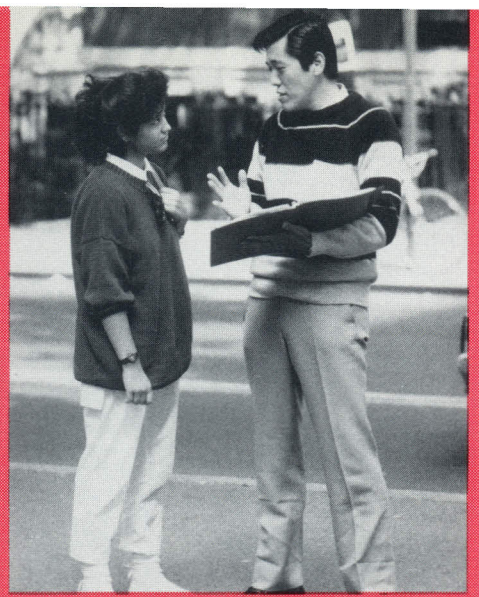
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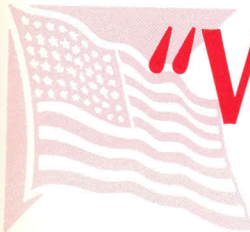
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"We Are the Church"

by Dr. Mose Durst

From a sermon given at Belvedere on Sunday, August 7, 1988.

Just before Father left for Korea, he spoke to the leaders at East Garden, and the theme of ownership was central to everything he was saying. He emphasized that it is Americans who should feel ownership for this nation and take responsibility for it.

Before I talk about this, I feel it's important to acknowledge with gratitude and repentance the effort of the Japanese, Korean, and European missionaries who have sacrificed for us here in America. Recently in Japan I saw President Kuboki, Mr. Oyamada, and Mr. Furuta, and in Korea I saw President Young Whi Kim, and I thanked them for all

that the brothers and sisters from those countries had done for America.

I also repented to the Japanese leaders, to the Korean leaders, and to Father himself. I said, "Father, I'm sorry we didn't set enough conditions to bring greater victory in America and to allow the impact of those missionaries to have a greater effect in America."

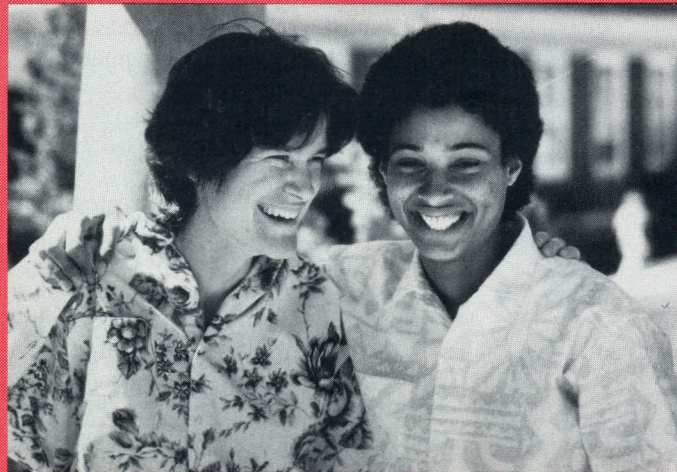
It starts with ourselves

For many years, Father has spoken about how the Japanese and the Koreans have to take responsibility for Asia, how Europe has to take responsibility for Africa, and how the United States has to

take responsibility for Latin America. But the question is, how do we take responsibility? How do we take ownership? What does that mean?

In the dictionary the major definition of the word church is a place where God dwells, usually a physical temple of some sort. But Father is obviously not so concerned about the physical buildings that we inhabit. In case you didn't notice, this is a garage [Belvedere]. They used to have horses here, I think! What Father has spoken about for many years is ourselves.

Many people come to see me with complaints about "the church," or the



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True Father having a meal on the lawn with some of his early followers.

structure of the church, or the leaders of the church. Well, okay, let's talk about the church. Here I am, there you are. We are the church.

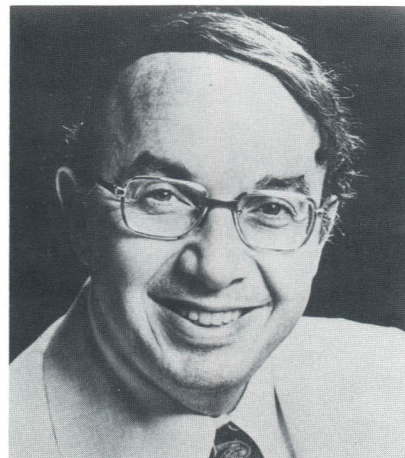
We may have a concept that "the church" is missionaries living in church centers, but now there are more and more families living in their own homes and working in businesses, doing all the normal things that the world does—having children, having to pay the rent, worrying about who's going to babysit and who's going to go to Belvedere this morning. All these things are real. If we are going to build an American church, we've got to look at *ourselves* as the church.

From the day I came to the church, my spiritual mother made me aware that I would have to comfort God's heart and end the suffering of the world. That's what I was taught Father's life was about. Not building the church at Pusan, but building a world where God could be comforted and the world could be liberated. And every time I see Father, that's what I think he's about. I don't actually see him as a Korean. Father's a universal person concerned about building a reality that is loving and caring and a reflection of great ideals.

One of the healthiest things I've ever done was give the workshop every weekend and give the evening lecture every night. For me, I can just open the Principle book to the Creation lecture and get inspired. "We have infinite energy, infi-

nite creativity, and infinite love, to be not infinitely frustrated but infinitely valuable." Yeah! I mean you say those words in the Creation lecture and you start feeling about 37 feet tall! If you don't have any muscles, you feel like you got muscles. You feel tough. You can even handle the muggers of New York!

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We all want a loving church

If you read the Creation lecture and are still negative, or not inspired, then you should take a cold shower and read it again. The Creation lecture is a great, powerful, lovely, hopeful, ecstatic statement about who we are. If we are the church, then we need a model of who we are to be—caring, loving, embracing, creative.

To build the American church, to take responsibility, we first must know who we are. When somebody says you're not valuable, when you're feeling down in the dumps, when something is going wrong, when it hurts—what are you going to do? You can get on your knees and pray, "Heavenly Father, enter into me!" As soon as someone prays, "Heavenly Father, come dwell with us," I envision God's spirit coming here, and this creates a beautiful kind of moment.

When we eat, we say, "God, please sit down and participate with us. We will eat this food, but we want You to eat it first." Father taught us to offer the first fruits of the season to God. This too creates a holy moment.

The neat thing about East Garden is that it just feels nice being around holy people. Here's Hyo Jin Nim blessing his sister's child—what a great feeling! Did your brother or sister ever bless the child of another brother or sister, or the neighbor's kid? When Hyo Jin Nim prays over his child, or Ye Jin Nim's child, we enter

into that moment of prayer and it's a sacred moment. You feel the world is holy.

This is the reality of who we are—holy people, heavenly people. We want a loving church, right? Okay, it starts with us. You've got to get up in the morning and enter into a love relationship with God.

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In other words, act like God today. You don't have to do it in an egoistic way. You can say, "Okay, I want a loving church; therefore I must be loving today." Nobody wants to come here and get bummed out. Most of us came here today thinking, "Okay, I hope somebody will come here and do something for me." You want to be cared for. I want to be cared for. It means we want a caring church. My experience of life is that I've got to be there caring, whether others are or not. If I'm caring, I'm feeling good. If I'm loving, I feel a certain amount of love. If nothing is happening today, I can make something happen.

Whatever problems we have with "the church" are largely us. If you read the transcript of every one of Heung Jin Nim's talks, over and over again he says, "Don't worry about what somebody else in the church is doing. Worry about where you're at, what you're doing, and what kind of responsibility *you're* taking in the church." The church is as good as the image in the mirror we look at in the morning when we wash our face. That is the hope of the world.

Let's be creative

We actually have much more ability to create what we want than we think we have. You may say, "My central figure makes me feel real uptight." Well, fine, in front of your central figure, be uptight, but do what you have to do to be creative and loving and do what God needs elsewhere.

We often limit ourselves tremendously with our concepts of who we are, what we can be, and what our church is. Very often when somebody tells me what a difficult time he is having with "the church," I wonder, what church does he belong to? Because it bears no resem-

blance to the church I'm in. The church I belong to says you've got infinite value—and nobody can take that away from you. You've got infinite love because you reflect God. You're created in His image, and you've got an agreement with God, called a covenant. And God won't let you go, as long as you don't let Him go. Ours is a covenant God, a God who promises us He's going to keep giving us the goodies as long as we relate to Him in a good way. So no matter how "off" you are, all you need to do is to keep turning back to God and you get the goodies. That's a very hopeful image.

[A rooster crows.] Whoever gave a sermon with a rooster? It's ridiculous when you think about it! You've got to

They've got it moving and working. We can also do all kinds of caring and creative things in the American church. Father wants us to take ownership of America, in that we apply the Principle in loving this nation from God's point of view, from True Parents' point of view.

Now obviously we don't exist as isolated individuals. If we want to feel infinitely loving, creative, and valuable as individuals, what then do we want from this "community of faith" (the second definition of church in the dictionary)? We want to be around creative, loving, caring, energetic, imaginative, beautiful people.

What do people want? True friends. Where do you want them? With you all the time. What's a true friend? Somebody who is always seeking to draw the



Hyung Jin Nim prays over his nephew Shin Won Nim, Hyung Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim's baby son.

work him into the sermon somehow. Every other church has a choir; we got roosters out there.*

This is our church, roosters and all. What are we going to do? Enjoy it! If we don't enjoy it, we're miserable. The responsibility is on us.

In Japan they know how to love, embrace, support, and uplift the brothers and sisters, and they're bringing in new members like crazy. They believe in the Principle; they live it in their culture.

**We include this comment to give readers the flavor of Dr. Durst and of a Sunday morning talk at Belvedere.*

good out of you, somebody who is seeking to make you more loving, more valuable, more heavenly.

True friendship

I was walking by myself to the World Mission Center a few weeks ago and a brother saw me and said, "Would you like me to go with you?" Why? Because he's seeking my well-being. He's thinking about God, thinking about True Parents, thinking about realizing God's ideal.

I once asked this brother, "Can you get me a small photograph of True Parents?" He got me four of them, and one of

himself. This brother will give you anything; he's got that kind of heart. Most of our brothers and sisters are actually like that. If we want to live in a creative, loving community, we've got to be that way to others and feel, "You are my friend. I've got to greet you with a smile, I must embrace you. What can I do for you? How can I help you out?" That's how we have to live in the church as real live human beings: true friendship, true relationship, being real friends with each other.

Whenever I visit Father and Mother, it's wonderful to know that the first thing they think about isn't what your report is or what you are doing. They say, "Sit down. What can we get you?" The lead-

week I love you.

Obviously there are obstacles within and obstacles without; we all feel it. "I don't feel good today. I don't function on hot days. I don't function on cold days. I don't like groups. I don't like me." People come and see me and say, "I'm losing it." We all face things. You've got to figure out strategies of love—how to overcome the obstacles within and the obstacles without, through basic prayer, study, service, actualizing the Principle, and loving.

You've got to believe

It is not acceptable to be miserable. Spiritual death is not a good alternative. Being paralyzed is not all right. That's where sickness lies. Satan endlessly says,

"You're not going to make it; you're off, and you'll never figure out why you're so screwed up."

You can recreate every bad experience that anyone has ever had in all of human history. But at some point you've got to say, as Father taught us many times, "I separate from that and I graft myself onto the new tree of our True Parents."

And that new tree is a tree of health, a tree of love, a tree of hope. That's what allows us to have the power to overcome obstacles.

You cannot overcome obstacles unless you have a belief that is hopeful and loving.

We've got to move the spirit world. It's already lined up. I mean, if God exists and you are desperate to reach somebody, you will. John Biermans had a wonderful spiritual child who unfortunately left the family. Tell them what happened, John.

John Biermans: I told the spirit world I was going to bring seven spiritual children to replace this one person that Satan took. My center was doing a witness-

ing condition at the time, and after I made that determination it seemed like almost every person I met would come for dinner. Before that, I could witness for six months and never meet anyone that would come. But because I had somehow moved the spirit world by deeply investing my heart in the person who had left, I felt the spirit world could help me. At the end of the condition I realized that I had seven spiritual children. The spirit world was very active and very, very helpful to guide me.

Dr. Durst: He touched the spirit world. You believe, you have faith, you feel good, and you build momentum. You go and talk to people. What did Jesus do? He walked around the town and talked to people about God's love. Jesus was inspired.

Father has taught us about investing heavenly love in every relationship. If you're standing, stand with pride; if you're sitting, sit with pride. If you're a human being, be virtuous; if you're doing something, do it beautifully. In every aspect of life, Father is saying be beautiful, be good, be loving, be all that you can be. Father's life is the example that he wants to convert us to—a life of love, a life of creativity, a life of beauty. That is our challenge as well. We've got to be the ones to reach out in a very natural way to the larger society.

Eternal commitment

The thought of witnessing sometimes makes us feel scared. "Oh, I can't go up to this person and speak about the church." Well, it may be difficult, but you can pray for the spirit world to help you, and that gives you a certain power. Pray to God; study the Principle; serve brothers

and sisters—then you have a certain momentum and power. Then you can reach out to other people. Building a caring, loving community is not an easy thing—but what else is there to do?

Americans are largely an educated

people. You cannot treat educated people like fools. You have to know how American people think. You have to at least look in the bookstores and see what they're reading. There is a necessity to understand something about how a non-Christian thinks about Christianity.

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"True love means concretely listening to and loving another human being."

ers in Japan treated me in exactly the same way. Every moment they were solicitous of my well-being. It made me feel that I wanted to be even more solicitous of their well-being. We're competing in how to best love each other.

The first day I came to the family, I was told, "Look, you try to love others, they try to love you. Let's compete in love. Let's see who can love each other more." That's building the heavenly community.

We have to be the ones to make our church a community of love. If everybody in our department is bummed out, that's too bad. But then what's our responsibility? Send them notes; give them cookies.

I've already given instructions that at my *Seung Hwa* ceremony, someone should play the Beatles' song, "Eight Days a Week." You can play some holy songs, but at least work that in somewhere. It's a good message: Eight days a

To reach educated Americans demands discussion and debate as a way of bringing people to the Principle. People did not give me spiritual life in this family by dumping on my head and telling me: Believe this or die. Or by making me feel guilty or judged. They said, "Do you have any questions? Let's sit down and talk about this."

I often feel we don't listen creatively and actively enough. A few weeks ago, I had to communicate some very important information to someone, and the person was just sitting there waiting for me to finish. He wasn't taking it in. That's not love. True love means concretely listening to and loving another human being.

Real love can happen when you are with another real human being called your husband or wife who has all kinds of interesting qualities, but whom you may not understand at all at first. Through that unique other person you discover the mystery of the universe. Through your eternal commitment to one other human being, you discover the eternal aspect of yourself—mysterious, awe-full. Some of you may be seeing your husband or wife as "awful," but you really should look at your spouse as "awe-full." My wife is a child of God, much bigger than my concept of her.

On the plane I was meditating on the mystery of loving another person. As soon as you enter into God's eyes and actively listen to that unique other human



"Through your eternal commitment to one other human being, you discover the eternal aspect of yourself." Holy Wine Ceremony—October 29, 1988.

ers and sisters. What Kingdom are we building if it doesn't happen each moment? If you don't respond to the cry of a child or the sound of a rooster, what kind of Kingdom are we building?

How to build a church

If we're going to be a witness to the world, it does mean setting goals and saying things like, "I'm going to give out three pamphlets and say hello to three people today." You do have to build up momentum and pray for help from the spirit world, but you're not going to do these things unless you really want to be a Christian, unless you feel that being a Christian is a natural, good, and loving thing to do. If you're just into the mission and ordering the people in your mission area around, or just responding dutifully, after a while it dries up.

Our church at one time did need the discipline and structure of a spiritual community. You had to learn to get up by somebody knocking on your door and waking you up even if you didn't like it. But most of us are not in those very tight church centers anymore. Whatever complaints you have had about the church, *we* are now the church. We have to give life to others by genuinely caring for them.

If you want to love another person, you need to know where they are in their growth. Everybody grows in a unique way. If you give the baby steak to quiet him you may kill him. If your goal is to give life to people, you have to be sensitive to

what they need. If you're not thinking about what they need but only about what you want to give them, then you've got problems. And if you're not thinking about what they need, they're not even going to respond to you.

I recently read some books on Christian evangelism, on how to build a church. Most churches in America grow through friends and relatives. What are the instructions Father has given us? Go to your friends, go to your relatives. Go to people you know, build relationships. Not for just a day but for always.

Another point made in those books is

that you only win somebody over through a sincere, genuine relationship over a period of time—six months or more. John may have met his seven spiritual children in 40 days, but it took him several

If you can't love a unique other person, you're just into ideology.

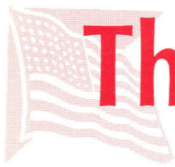
years to really get them in there. Care every day. He still writes to his spiritual children. I know people who say, "I have not talked to my spiritual child in the last seven years. In fact, I don't even know if he's alive or not." And people also leave their spiritual parents: "No, I don't communicate with my spiritual parent." Father is building a community of love forever. What can you lose if somebody in the mission you had seven years ago is still writing you cards saying, "I still remember the time we fought it out on 42nd Street, ha, ha, ha!" What do you lose if people love you? And what do they lose if you love them? We all lose if we

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"We have to be the ones to make our church a community of love."

being, all the stupid things that are obstacles when you're uptight just fade away. If you can't love a unique other person, you're just into ideology. I do not believe that the Kingdom is at the end of the road if we're ignoring the complexity and the depth and the feelings of broth-



The Way To Beautify the Soul

Message from Saint Francis of Assisi received through an American member

To all of you dear brothers and sisters:
It is the main point of our lives to become zero. Understanding such a concept is difficult. To "deny oneself" initially sounds like such a repugnant idea to many—even the devout. But don't misunderstand the concept. We all want to become beautiful in God's eyes, do we not? It is the way to beautify the soul. And I dare say we all do need what you might call a "clean-up campaign." By denying oneself, one comes closer to his original simplicity (as you understand, original simplicity would be equivalent to original nature). Yes, "original nature" is a very good expression indeed, and more

accurately expresses the point. The material world surrounds us, so if we are not careful, we are trapped by its delights and pleasures and comforts, to the point where our spiritual senses are dulled. If that happens, then what, my dear brothers and sisters, happens to our spiritual life?

A realm I never imagined

You brothers and sisters of the Unification movement are very special indeed because you have found the truest Holy Father and Mother and have their example to follow. In my time it was quite different, you know—there was no true living example on the earth. Everywhere

there was corruption and misery. Those of us who wanted to follow a spiritual path had only the word and example of our Lord Jesus. Please don't misunderstand my using "only." I use it simply because there is no comparison to the honor and privilege of seeing the living Christ before you.

So in my time, we needed to deny everything—including all physical comfort. Because Christ lived that way, we had to live that way.

There was no other example—no other

way to spirituality, to finding God Himself.

But I am aware that you in your time have another way. Since the living Christ is among you and has accomplished so

Please look to the Holy True Parents—please focus on comprehending their unending love, the heart that motivates their continuous sacrifice.

much on so many levels, he is truly living in a realm that I never imagined possible on earth. He has become the Lord of all Creation. Therefore, he lives in harmony with all creation in a state of spiritual perfection. Material things are not his concern, and yet it is right that he should have them, being the King of Kings! Oh, I smile even unto myself because in my own day I could not have understood this . . . how a holy man could have material possessions in abundance.

But dear brothers and sisters, I come to my point: Not all of us are so qualified to live in such comfort. Oh, I know my words fall hard, and please don't feel judged and cut me off so quickly. All I mean to say is that it is essential and of top priority to first maintain the spiritual life. Sadly I have seen that too many have a floundering spiritual life as a result of taking an easier way and acquiring material possessions and wealth. I do not mean to state that one must not have possessions! No indeed! I do state that one must have the true *right* to have such possessions. And that right can only be obtained when our Lord God's heavenly will is the first and foremost concern in our lives and in our daily thoughts and prayers.

You may say that your modern world is a much more difficult one in which to be "holy." Most of you call me "saint" for having done very simple things. But my world was even more materialistic—

St. Francis of Assisi by Margaret Ross



Saint Francis' sole desire was to live in the heart of Jesus, even to suffer the very physical and spiritual pangs that Jesus suffered for the sake of mankind.

there were not the many spiritual movements that exist today, and who could see the clear structure and place of God's Divine Principle as you understand it today? *Today* is the time of the emergence of true saints because of one fact only—the Holy True Parents are with you in the flesh. You haven't grasped that meaning.

Dear brothers and sisters, please look to them—please focus on comprehending their unending love, the heart that motivates their continuous sacrifice. Do not look at external things. They are the Lords of Creation, of heaven and earth; they have all rights. They have already obtained true dominion over all things of creation, and therefore are qualified to have possessions. Do you see that it even goes beyond that in their case—that all things even *want* to be owned by them?

Know your priorities

So what we must do is qualify to keep even the possessions we already "own." I do not ask you to discard your wealth or material things, but only to know where your priorities lie. And I only bring this up because the time is upon us when material blessings shall be abundant. However, they can be a curse if we are

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It is such a simple message I bring, this I know—only to keep the spiritual before the physical—but I can see that you need to be reminded.

Many of us are among you now, and we ourselves have been learning the most amazing and precious things since the coming of True Parents to this world—now more than ever, of course, that Lord Heung Jin Nim is present here with us. The joy and love that he brings is unending. We shall be with you more; many of you are already having experiences, and many more *could* have such experiences if you would but follow the simple guidance I have set forth here. It



The True Parents raise a heavenly mansei at the Blessing of 6,516 Couples on October 30, 1988.

is nothing you have not heard from the Divine Parents; as I have said, it is merely a reminder from a fellow brother. I am still growing, too, you know.

Do you know I envy you? I don't like to use that word, but it is apt to describe how I feel about your most incredible future—and to be physically alive now with our Divine Parents. It is a most wonderful opportunity to learn numerous treas-

ures and secrets about the very heart of God. In my time, spiritual joy could only be obtained through physical suffering; but you dear ones have a different course. You have the way to complete happiness—spiritual and physical—if indeed you follow the course of the Holy Parents. That is the key.

Yours in Christ's name and the name of the Holy Parents. □

Rev. Kwak on Understanding Spiritual Experiences

Father's main idea of unification is the unity between the physical and the spiritual worlds. According to the principle of resurrection, everyone in the spirit world must eventually recognize and relate to the Messiah and grow to higher levels by helping people on the earth. There are many spiritual people who want to relate to and assist each one of us. After evaluating their guidance in light of the Principle, we can gain new determination to change and grow. But if we only become excited by their words and don't act on them,

there is no benefit for them or for us. Since we have a physical body, we must always maintain the subject position; therefore, it is most important for us to learn the Principle and to study Father's words deeply. Always remember how precious the teaching of True Parents is and how significant our daily activities are.

—Excerpted from "Not At All Unusual: Spiritual Experiences in Perspective," by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, *Today's World*, July 1984.

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Citizens of New America

teenagers were very young when the media were condemning our church, they have never heard the negative publicity. They can become the foundation for our new nation and world. But they have to be inspired by us.

I believe the vision of a new nation and world will come through us. Let me ask you again, "Who is a true American?" We are! "Who loves America the most?" We do!

Who else is going to love America? Father has given us the vision; thus we have the responsibility to fulfill it. We must "be responsible" to do what is right. Let us become true children. Let us found a new America that will serve the "nation of the world" to come. □

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"Be a Person-Reacher!"

not listen. How can anyone reach you?

Don't you think that the True Father has made the right conditions to bridge the physical and spiritual worlds and that we can and should cooperate with his work? It is just like a rich nation giving aid to a poor nation. There should be cooperation—so that one does not die of fullness, and the other of starvation.

America is in so much danger. While the political figures are the ones to reshape this country, you should be the spiritual guiding forces. But there is no strength. No backbone. Please take up your challenge. You must see how important it is that we work together. One without the other will never bring the right result. If America continues in the same

pattern, she will die.

If only you would listen and respond, God's heart would feel differently. Think about the mistakes that have been made in American history. Think about the founding fathers now. And think that *you* are the founding fathers. It is time to wake up to a new light, to a new challenge. This is your cross; you cannot escape it. Believe me, whatever you do in your life will help you so greatly. Don't lose your opportunity.

Forgive yourselves and start again. It is an important part of cleansing everything and everyone. Everyone must do it himself, and must do it with determination. What more can I say? What more can I do but help you? We are ready to assist America to take up her challenge. Please let us work together.

Now and forever I remain your com-patriot, your friend. □

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We Are the Church

forget the message of love.

We have to create an environment of love that's different from the world and better than the world. And if we feel it's not, we'd better buy a mirror and carry it in our pocket and look at ourselves, because then we are the ones that have to change.

We've got to be able to care for the unique other human being; that's what conversion is about. It doesn't have to be done in an unnatural way. We may have to find the ways that work best. If you want to go to a museum and you can't justify doing it because of your mission, go there to witness. I do that. I think, "Well, I can't go to a museum and space out, but I can take a brother or sister there, or witness." What's evil about that? I mean, if I'm not inspired, I'm in trouble. So I've got to be inspired. Obviously I can't do anything destructive, but I can figure out many, many ways of being constructive.

The building of an American church is a complex business, but it has to be built on understanding who we're trying to reach. This is a complex culture. You cannot think Americans are superficial people. If we have that kind of attitude, nobody's going to come. Father's trying to teach us humility toward other people. Father is very comprehensive, always trying to understand every person and how

they're unique and how to relate to them.

We can have great hope because of our ideals. My conviction is that we should make no compromise with our ideals, none whatsoever. If we cannot love, if we lose our ideals, we lose our vitality, and we have spiritual death. There is no neutral ground. Either you're alive and vital and giving life to others, or you're spiritually dying and draining others as well.

The challenge is to maintain our spiritual life. Then we have our integrity. First the integrity of our soul, then the integrity of our heart, then the integrity of our being. Many people complain about church "politics," but what does politics

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mean? Relationship with other people. Of course there are other human beings in our church and we have to deal with them. Holding onto your ideals means you don't compromise your ideals even though you have to deal with a reality that is often very difficult. Your ideals will give you the strength and the power to maintain purity even in an impure environment.

Recreating innocence

I often feel that the whole purpose of the Unification Church is to recreate innocence in the world of experience. Let's come back to our original nature, original love, original ideals. The most beautiful thing about our brothers and sisters is that they're innocent. I pray each day for innocence. Just like you, I take a lot of potshots during the day. I know every negative piece of garbage in our whole church. People have shortcomings. So what? I have shortcomings. The important thing is we have God; we have our True Parents; we have the Principle. We have our ideals; we are armored to go out and deal with the evil of the world.

The challenge is to maintain our ideals, to build our church by starting with ourselves. It's living the Principle in a very natural way. Father once said that the goal of the Unification Church is to recreate normal people. The whole goal of our life is to become "normal" and to be able to love, receive love, be creative, get creativity from others, be beautiful, and respond to the true beauty of others in a natural way. It's very simple; it's just hard to do. If we can overcome the obstacles, the greatest one being inside, then we can create something beautiful for out there.

Let us pray. □

Our Standard of Devotion

Before I undertook any task in this country, I met the major leaders here—such as President Nixon and most of the senators, including Senator Kennedy. I also met former President Eisenhower. Go to the famous and well-known people in your area. You should feel that you can contribute more to your area than they do and love your area more than anyone. You can say proudly to the parents that you love their children more than they do, and to the children that you love their parents more than they do. You love them more because you love them with the unselfish love of God.

*Completion of the Providence and Parents' Day
4/15/80, World Mission Center*

You never know whom you will meet when you go witnessing door to door. You might find an important man who later on might save the whole nation. You must be prepared to meet such a person. Even though you are tired, you should visit just one more home at the end of the day because that may be where you meet the person who could save the nation. You may have visited 100 names and not met the man who could save the nation, but he might be in #101. If you live with this conviction, then God will lead you to such a man.

Wherever you go with that heart, the spirit world will prepare for you. Always think that you are going to find someone whose heart you can connect with the heart of God. You are reaching out to heaven, and that door you knock on is your stepping stone. We are always searching for that special, righteous person, and if you are walking with God's guidance, then all of a sudden, without realizing how it happened, you meet someone and you are sure he is that person. You can experience this not only once but several times while you are witnessing. It should even be a common thing for you.

*The Burden on Our Shoulders
6/11/78, London*

If you can't bear to leave your area and you stay awake there all night, then the spirit world will visit your 360 homes for you. The spirit world will show each one of them that you are standing in the neighborhood and not going back to your home because you miss them so much. After having this dream or vision, they will open up their door and you will be standing there. This can actually happen. Just as the spirit world, Adam, Eve, and God must work as one before the Kingdom of Heaven is realized on earth, you also will have to experience this before heaven can be realized in your area.

Everything you do should be centered around your area. If you have to go to the bathroom, go there. When you cry, you must shed the most profound tears in your area. The best things that happen in your life should happen in your area, things that you cannot forget for eternity. If, when you become old, you can look back and say those were your happiest days, you will have the foundation for eternal happiness. That is where God's love and the ideal will be located. I experienced that while I was in prison, and even now I can feel it everywhere I go. These phenomena did not happen just in the early

days of our church; they are happening even now. The standard is the same for you as for me, but it will work only if you are complete in your feeling of love for your area.

*Eternal Happiness
2/25/79, Belvedere*

Let your 360 homes be like your own children's homes. Go there and stay up all night talking and then watch the rising sun together with them. You must have the conviction in your heart that you are God's representatives to them. You needn't think of visiting only during the daytime but also at midnight. If you go out there and wait to meet a certain person, staying up all night and cheerfully praying under those circumstances, then as long as you are there America will never perish.

*The Return to Tears
10/6/77, Belvedere*

Wherever you go, you are standing on the Principle. God has given you the stage—your home church—where you can practice this. Season your life with life power, love power, and ideal power in your home church. If you want to become a Ph.D. you have to write a dissertation. Sometimes people devote many years to preparing their dissertation. To get a degree from home church, you have to work day and night. This cannot be done in your way, but must be done in God's way.

*Things That Are Important to You
2/1/81, Belvedere*

To express God's concern for each of His children, we must tangibly help those we meet in our daily lives. Through reading popular literature, we may learn about people and programs that are also trying to help today's families. Each month, if possible, Today's World would like to let you know about some of them. This column is not meant to endorse any program or organization mentioned.

Father has said we should witness to young people, because with their energy and idealism, they represent the hope of the future. It is important to find ways to involve young people in valuable projects to develop their leadership abilities. Such projects can be applied in home church or in working with established churches as a way of supporting the pastor in his ministry.

The kind of project itself is not so important as is understanding the needs of young people and how to work with them to develop their confidence, character, and leadership skills. Many valuable tips are given in a free bro-

chure entitled "**Empowering Youth**," which can be obtained by writing to:

**Project One City
3 West 29th Street
New York, NY 10001
Telephone: (212) 684-6767**

Be sure to ask for the above-mentioned brochure, which contains a list of resources and publications available to anyone who is interested in developing programs for young people.

If you have any suggestions and ideas for practical ways to help people, please let us at Today's World know. Such ideas may inspire members in their efforts to help others through the Principle.

Our Brother Wins the Bronze In Seoul!



by Pier-Angelo Beltrami

Pier-Angelo Beltrami, art director for Global Image Associates, an advertising agency in the Washington DC area, was recently asked by Today's World to tell the incredible story of how he won the bronze medal for cycling in the Paralympics in Seoul last October. The Paralympics [as in parallel], a division of the Olympics for disabled athletes, drew 4,000 competitors from 65 nations to the 1988 Games.

Walking into the elevator to the CAUSA International office on a cool April morning in 1986, I bumped into Rick Swarts. "Hi, P.A.," he said. "I had a dream about you." "Oh yeah? What was it?" "I dreamed you were going to the Olympics." "What?" "Yeah, I actually saw you competing in the Olympics." I chuckled. "Thanks, Rick. You made my day." I thought it was a good joke and didn't give it a second thought.

Then one night last winter as I was watching the Winter Olympics at Calgary on TV, they showed some disabled skiers in a downhill competition. Even with their disability they were skiing well, and I was very inspired. I myself had lost my right leg above the knee after a mo-

torcycle accident in 1969. I started wondering if there was anything else for disabled athletes to compete in. I thought about it for several months.

Finally in April I called the Olympic Committee to find out how those people got into the Winter Olympics. They told me there would be a bicycle race for disabled athletes in Nashville, Tennessee, at the end of May that might be the qualifying race for the Olympics. That aroused my interest, but I felt totally unprepared. Although I had been riding a bicycle once a week around Washington as a way to lose weight, keep in shape, and get some fresh air, I had never raced on a bike. But I prayed about it and felt I should do it. So I started to prepare from the day I called.

Was this God's will?

With the help of a friend I met on a bike path, I began cycling about 50-60 miles a week. I was told that to really prepare for the race, I should be doing 150-200 miles a week. Nevertheless, at the end of May I went to Nashville.

On the Sunday morning of the race, I got up at 5:00 a.m. for pledge in my hotel room and couldn't go back to sleep. Around 6:30 I called the organizer to double-check the time of the race, which I had been told would start at 9 a.m. But the man said, "Everyone's already gone to the starting place and the race will begin at 7 o'clock." They had changed the time and hadn't told me because I was staying at a different hotel from most of

the other racers. I was in shock.

I jumped into a taxi with my bike, desperately praying that the spirit world would get me there on time. When I finally got to the starting place, they had been waiting for me, amazingly, for half an hour. That was unheard of! I put the wheels on my bike, jumped on, and bang! the race started.

I was a totally inexperienced racer and I didn't know what I was doing. At one point my foot slipped off the pedal, forcing me to a brief stop. But five other racers crashed, leaving only eight of us in the race. Way before the final sprint, Kyle Underwood—the one favored to win—dashed off all by himself to take first place. Then everyone started going like crazy, so I did the same, and much to my surprise, I came in second! A month later, I received an official letter from the Olympic Committee saying that my second-place showing qualified me to go to Korea. I couldn't believe it.

I was amazed and overjoyed, but I was worried. How could I ever make a good showing at the Olympics having only four months to train? I started to pray to really find out if this was God's will or just my own ego trip. Through my prayer, I realized that to go to this event would be a historical opportunity. This would be like no other Olympics that would ever occur, for this was Father's Olympics. It was going to be in Korea, and Father's children were going to be in it. It would be something very, very special. It would be an honor just to be able to participate. Even though I knew very well I had no chance at all to get a medal, I felt a sense of mission. If I was to participate, then God would show me the reason why I had to do this. I would just have to make the best effort possible.

I had to take it seriously

I started to train every day. I worked in my office during the day, and every evening I rode about 30-50 miles. I tried to get in 200-300 miles a week. But when I prayed, I received that I must take my training very seriously. It was hard because I felt I had no chance whatsoever to win. Here I was, almost middle-aged, with no training and no experience. All I had was a pink bike and a desire to do something good for God.

In retrospect, I realize the spirit world had been preparing the way for me. For example, I started going bike riding three years ago. One day my mother sent me from Italy a very expensive, custom-made racing bike. (For some rea-

son, I decided to have it painted pink. I will explain later the cosmic significance of that.) When we moved to Virginia in 1987, we were living practically next door to a bike shop. Washington is also one of the few cities in the country that has good bike paths.

As I prayed, I knew that fulfilling the training was going to get harder and harder, but I wanted to offer that hardship up to Father.

It became more and more difficult to find time to ride because my workload at the office was increasing and my family needed attention too. So I could ride only early in the morning or late at night. But I knew if I continued only on a flat course, it would not be enough to develop endurance and power. My friend suggested that I take some time off from work to get the most out of the time left prior to the race. I asked my central figure in the office about it and received permission. I decided to go to Colorado because training at that high altitude

was like a pilgrimage for me, going back to the days when I first joined the church. When I got to Colorado I established a strict 40-day regimen of prayer, study, and training.

Intensely spiritual days

I was up early in the morning, climbing the roads for 5 to 10 miles. In the afternoons I would go on long rides of about 30-40 miles. This was often very difficult because of the weather. I was alone most of the time, so I just had to push myself to go up those hills—rain or shine. It was summertime, but at 13,000 feet over the Vale Pass, it can get pretty cold. At times I felt ready to quit because it was too cold and too painful. But then I would think, "Hey, if I quit now I can never hope to win anything!" I endured because I realized I was getting better.

Uphill I had to go very slowly. With every push of the pedal, I would think of something to indemnify: the home church that I didn't do; the goal of 1-1-1



The U.S. bicycle team in Seoul: Kyle Underwood, Pier-Angelo Beltrami, and John Rhinahrt.

would help me get more red blood cells into my system and help me build more stamina.

On my way to Colorado I paid a visit to Kyle in Ohio. We went out training together for a few days and became very good friends. I drove to Colorado following part of the same route I had taken while working with Father's 21-city tour 14 years ago. I even stayed at the same motels where our team had stopped. It

that I didn't realize; not being a good enough husband; not being a good enough father. In this way, my riding was a time to pray and talk to Heavenly Father. Many times I deeply felt the heart of God. Being out there by myself was a lonely but intensely spiritual experience. I realized if I could get a medal, possibly a gold medal, I could offer it to True Parents representing all the American members. It would be as if the American

members were giving a medal to our True Parents in recognition of their tremendous sacrifice and suffering here in this country. I felt that, actually, Father should receive many medals—even from the United States government, which has mistreated Father so terribly. When I realized this, I said to myself, "That's it! *That's* why I should strive to win a medal. If this can bring any comfort to True Father, I will do it!" I felt this determination so deeply that I went wild to train even harder.

Later on in Seoul, other athletes I became friends with told me, "I want to win this for my wife," or "I want to win this for my country." But, hiding my tears behind my glasses, I always felt, "I'm doing this for God. I'm actually here trying to win a medal for God." I knew that that motivation was the highest I could have. It gave me great encouragement and power to overcome the lonely, hard training and my lack of confidence. I went forward feeling I had to do my absolute 100-percent best every day. Then God would have a condition to work. It would be completely up to God and His will. My prayer condition was not so that I could win a gold medal but so that God could use the race for His will.

A very high purpose

An amazing thing happened during my training in Colorado. My lawyer called me from Washington and told me that the Immigration and Naturalization Service was willing to help me expedite getting my U.S. citizenship. He told me that if I came to Washington the next day, I could have an interview, be sworn in, and become a U.S. citizen. So I flew in, and in one day I became an American citizen! Then I flew right back. I felt that my intense prayer of wanting to represent the United States was really being heard!

During the last part of my training I worked with two daring bicyclists I met out on the road who helped push me beyond what I thought possible and who became my good friends. The Olympic

Committee sent me my official U.S. uniform, and I felt so proud that I was going to be part of the team. Altogether, my experience in Colorado was incredible.

I got back home just in time to receive my plane ticket, more clothes, and lots of pins from the Olympic Committee. I found out that the Paralympics were to be held shortly after the Olympics in the

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very same facilities.

When we got to Korea, we realized how incredibly loving and serving the Korean people were. Every athlete I talked to felt grateful and totally flabbergasted by the love they received. One guy even told me he wanted to defect from his country to live in Korea because he felt the people were so amazing!

The athletes who were going to com-

pete for the glory of God.

When our Games opened, it was like watching the Opening Ceremony of the Olympics all over again, but this time I was seeing it from *inside* the stadium, marching in and waving the American flag to a jam-packed stadium of 80,000 applauding Koreans. Many of the athletes were struggling to hide their tears. The President of Korea gave a speech that was so close to what our Father would say in a similar situation: He talked about brotherhood among people, about peace and harmony, and about breaking down the barriers of prejudice and misunderstanding. It was a very moving moment.

I was able to testify to my roommates at the Olympic Village about who I was and why I was doing this. One of them was Bill Danby—you might have seen him in the DuPont commercials. He lost both legs in the Vietnam War. We were able to become very close.

Victory in the final sprint

No one else had a pink bike, and it may seem strange for a man to ride a pink bike. But Father likes the color pink because in Korea pink is the color of the

Messiah. So I was riding a messianic bicycle, given to me by my physical parents but with the color of the True Parents. Guess what number I was given for the race? 40! When I saw that, I knew this must be because of God.

On the day of the race, my wife made a prayer condition. She prayed from midnight to 2:00 a.m. for my safety and for God's will to be done.

The race course was 50 kilometers—about 35 miles—



The top three finishers in the 50-kilometer bicycle race: Gold—Tristan Mouric; Silver—Seung Ye Lee; Bronze—Pier-Angelo Beltrami.

pete with me were mostly in their twenties and in excellent shape, but I didn't feel any antagonism toward them. I just felt all of us from many different nations were there for a very high purpose: to participate in this incredible event at the

around the Olympic Park course. It was a nice flat course, although a little bumpy. About 48 cyclers were competing, divided into three different classifications depending upon the degree of disability. There were 15 in my classification. I was



Pier-Angelo presents his bronze medal to Father at East Garden on November 16.

in a team of three U.S. racers with the same disability—Kyle, a brother named John Rhinahrt, and myself. As we started the race, I had to rely on the advice and suggestions given to me by Kyle and those who had raced before. I just played my part as a member of the U.S. team and tried to stay with the cyclists from the other countries who were stronger, especially those from France. Our team tried to share the burden of neutralizing the opposition. Whenever Kyle yelled over to me, "Go and catch that guy before he goes too far!" I would go do it. In the middle of the race, a French racer, with a Korean on his tail, just took off, and none of the rest of us could catch them. At that moment, I felt very discouraged. I thought, "There go the gold and silver medals!" I knew that unless God worked a miracle, nothing was going to happen.

The race kept going faster by the lap, and in the curve before the final sprint one of the riders from Austria fell down right in front of us, nearly causing everyone to crash. But I was able to dodge that bunch. As we approached the final stretch everyone started going like crazy. With about 100 yards to go, the other favored Frenchman was leading, with Kyle and myself on his tail. Fifty yards from the finish, I just concentrated on

pumping my leg as fast as I could, praying, "Heavenly Father, this is it! Do Your work!" As soon as I passed the finish line, I realized there was no one next to me. I had just won the bronze! I raised my

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hand in joy and shouted, "Aboji, MAN-SEI!" in front of the Korean crowd. They were so surprised to see a Westerner exclaim in Korean, "Victory for God!"

Overwhelmed by love

I was incredibly surprised, and I felt overwhelmed by the love of God, whose power had made it happen. I knew it was a miracle. I felt that winning the bronze was the very best I could have done, and I just started to cry. The guys from my team congratulated me. They said, "The

first two riders aren't part of our original classification because they have less of a handicap than we do. So as far as we're concerned, this is as good as gold!" I felt comforted by that and I prayed, "God, this is Your victory. You wanted me to do it and I did it." I felt that God was smiling.

This was a once-in-a-lifetime chance. I don't think I will be able to do it again for the next Olympics, but I'm sure that Un Jin Nim and Hyun Jin Nim, through the experience they had this year, will go on to gain a great victory. I really felt that the True Children, by participating in the Olympics, gave incredible joy to God.

The lesson I learned through this whole experience is that there is immense power in an indemnity condition. If you do your part 100 percent, God never lets you down. When you have an intuition to do something for God, check it in prayer and with your central figure. If it's what God wants you to do, then do it. Although we may not understand

the significance of it right away, later on it can be understood. I was deeply grateful to be used by God for this great event.

I have always felt the need to comfort True Parents for what they have done for this country. We haven't done enough. I have repented and I will keep repenting. But I also want to have the guts to vindicate Father through my deeds and actions. The next challenge after this is to bring victory to home church.

I want to thank everyone who supported me with their prayers, especially my spiritual children. Only through the power of prayer was this victory possible. My leg muscles were not half as impressive as the muscles in the legs of my competitors. But God always waits until the very last moment. In that last sprint, when I felt there was no more hope for any medal, He pulled it off. I really feel God did it, not me.

When I finally had the privilege, at a conference at East Garden on November 16, of telling Father my whole story directly and presenting the medal to him, the smile on his face made me very, very happy. It made the whole experience worth every mile. □

True love on the vertical axis means that God is the Creator; He is the source of true love, and He loves His creation. Human beings, as the supreme creation of God, are the recipients of God's true love, and return love and beauty to Him.

True love on the horizontal axis means that our actions are motivated by love for the sake of others, and we give our love to others in a way that will be genuinely beneficial to them.

We can see, therefore, that the true concept of unification emerges when we act from the motivation of sacrificially loving others.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
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