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Ten Points

During the June 5, 1989, Leader Conference, Father gave ten special point to the leadership to be conveyed to all Unification Church members. We present an excerpted version here, as translated by Col. San Kil Han.

Each individual should make a 40-day prayer condition, skipping one meal a day. For 40 days pray to completely change yourself and our church!

We have all gone together with Father through an indemnity course, for the sake of other people. When it comes to tribal messiahship, however, it is directly for yourself rather than for anyone else. Previously whatever you gained was like a war trophy, but now your results are about to go into direct ownership. You will be able to accomplish this based upon the tradition of parents' love. The parental love which you exercise will gain results for not only your family, but for your tribe. Together we are going to Heaven.

During these 40 days, you should pray to understand everything Father has said. We must remember all that Father has taught us recently. Do not be conceptual about it, but make it realistically and practically your own. You should pray and study with absolute focus. You can learn so much at this time about living your life to nourish your tribal members as their messiah. "Messiah" is a saviour. Father suggests you pray like this: "I am completely new at standing in the center of this saviour situation. Help me to make this foundation."

During this 40-day period and the 7 days after it, you can solve every problem. After that, your tribe will be thankful for their tribal messiah.

This is much the same situation as when Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after he resurrected. During these 40 days we must pray hard to come back to the original position with a prepared foundation.

I. Reassessing or checking the leaders.

Until now anybody could be put into a leadership position. But at this time the leaders must have qualifications. It has been a wartime situation in the past and during wartime anything can happen. But now we need a peacetime system. So we should reassess our leaders to see if they are qualified.

II. 40-day training

Everyone, including the leaders, must go through 40-day training. Those who did not go to 40-day training under Rev. Ahn should schedule yourself to go through that course, the sooner the better. After receiving 40-day training, you will be able to teach people back in your own hometown. My purpose in doing this is to make you great messiahs.

III. Selecting a qualified lecturer.

That means you have to listen to the members giving a lecture to determine whether they are a good lecturer or not. If they are good, then they are selected.

IV. How to train and give good influence to members through good sermons.

We have to give many instructive lectures to positively influence members. The best reference material for that

is Father's words. You can pick any topic from the vast numbers of pages of Father's words.

Father is a religious leader and has given a sermon literally every Sunday and Holy Day. I had so many things to teach you. I want to speak as much as possible, covering as many topics as possible, so in the future you won't say, "Father why didn't you leave that behind?" A short sermon would be easier, but three hours is much better for us to remember than 30 minutes. My sermons paraphrase and amplify the Principle, for only then do we begin to understand the Divine Principle. We cannot fully understand the Divine Principle just by reading it.

The secret of a good sermon is to pray for more than three times the length of your speaking time. The more we pray, the more influence and impact that lecture carries. People will be moved to tears, depending on how much we pray.

V. Attending morning service and making your life an extension of it.

We often attend morning service, pray, listen to a sermon, and then go back to our "normal" life. This is incorrect because our normal life should be an extension of morning service. We should be no different in what we say and the way we live.

We should be able to give the sermon like a conversation or natural speech. We don't have to be formal when our sermon and our life are consistent with each other.

VI. Strengthening the combined economic activity.

The leader's duty is to not only lead his tribe in daily life, but to be responsible for economic matters. We can start many things with only our imagination as our limit. Fundraising is the state leader's responsibility.

Many ministers in the established Christian churches don't know how to make money so they are at the mercy of the congregation. No matter how great a religious leader you may be, if you lack the ability to make money, then you won't have power or authority. You have to really go out of your way to earn money, because it is not easy.

One way is fishing. Fishing can change all of your old concepts, including the way you think. Father has ridden in his boat for 9 or 10 years catching tuna. You were always encouraged to participate in Father's sea-going adventures. Your future generations will be very proud of you when they see a picture of you catching tuna with Father. How precious that picture will be!

The United Nations represents the four global directions, but they are not linked in one direction. If a man's mind can unite with a high level path in the spiritual world, it would have one direction. An example of this is Jesus, who is no longer alive but still works in

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Foundation for a True

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We have all been concentrating on the dispensation in America. From now on, the dispensation of restoration will be worldwide. The HSA president in Africa may be American. Why? To connect the flow of culture and make it supranational. If we don't do that, Americans, for example, would just keep their American culture creating a great hindrance to world unity. Isn't that easy to understand? We must always think we are one tribe. No matter where we live or what color we are, we are one love race with the same cultural background. So a conference like this is always part of a systematic training which we will need to conduct our worldwide dispensation. Although we are living here in America and working for the sake of America, we always have to keep our international goal in mind.

The kind of activity we have been doing will be a thing of the past. Why have we done things in such an inefficient, crude way that is sometimes without results and without a clear idea of progress? It's sole purpose was to let people know that the Unification Church exists and what the Unifi-

cation Church represents. Until now, we have been spread out too widely so that we could cover the entire territory. We lost manhours by thinly spreading our energies. From now on, we will concentrate in one area, invest in it, and be consistent about everything to bring results in that area.

Just think, if we advertised for 40 days through NBC and CBS about what we are doing, how effective would it be? We couldn't create that result if we worked for 400 years the way we are doing now. Until now, we had no choice. When Father worked the way he did here in America, his goal was always never to sacrifice even one life, not to have one martyr. So we spread out to let the public know about us. Compare this to Jesus' time. If, after the crucifixion, a foundation had been established so the people could at least know Jesus was not bad, then Christianity could have been saved thousands of martyrs. This is what Father had to think in the beginning. So I came here and had to fight against the Fraser attack just to win over that area. That opposition was overcome. Now all over the United States, they at least know the Unification Church is not bad. This will save us from having to pay the price of martyrdom on the worldwide level. That's what I wanted.



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PEAK OF WORLDWIDE PERSECUTION

So 1976 was the peak of the persecution—not only here in America, but all around the world. I grasped that opportunity and in 1975 sent out missionaries to all 120 countries that drew the persecution towards us all at one time. So Rev. Moon was put in jail in America like a bandit. What kind of legal standard is America making for the future? In the end, it gave the image to all the world that America lost to Rev. Moon and that Rev. Moon actually won over the administration's persecution. That's a most historical event. That was my strategy, to overcome all the persecution all in one time; after that, none of it bothered us.

We must understand what was done here in America to make the worldwide foundation on which we are standing. We had to fight against unjust persecution by the American government, which was like the Roman Senate. We must have that kind of heart and courage. Once we understand how much it took for Father to fight against them and win, we have to inherit that 100% so we will be absolutely confident that whatever persecution comes in the future is peanuts when compared with the foundation we are standing on.

Even if you don't help me, but only follow and attend me, no matter how difficult the persecution is, then it is no problem. I am the center; the center works all night, never minding the season, never taking a vacation.

You must be the kind of leader that has strong and stable roots. From there God can help you. The spirit world can help if you have that kind of winning attitude. That kind of help from the spirit world always and forever brings result for one purpose.

Satan, through the power of communism, wants to pull out those roots. No matter how great communism's power is, it cannot deny or pull out our situation. You have to live life strongly for God. Otherwise, the spirit world cannot help you. Spirit world is always helping Father. Why? I took one direction and didn't quit. Once I stood in that place, I was steadfast, allowing no weak link. No matter how much I wanted to weaken my standard, I could not. Even if I wanted to push out that strong foundation, I could not shake it. Stand in one place steadfastly so that the spirit world can stay close to us.

GAINING THE ASSISTANCE OF SPIRIT WORLD

How can the spirit world help you? You assess point 1, looking at point 1, hearing point 1, talking about point 1, testing, smelling, touching, feeling point 1—always one! You say, "I am a God's son, I am the center!" No matter which way it is pulled, the Unification root cannot be taken up.

Not just in America, we have to make a new reformation from this point—a revolution. We are not an American movement; we are a worldwide movement. Many kinds of cultural backgrounds are in our movement. We have the background

of the spirit world. The many generations of your ancestors are following one way. No matter what, your ancestors are here. From throughout human history, many famous people are here. They cannot say, "I want to work only this way." There is only the way of the Principle; that is the only foundation, the only pattern, and everyone must follow it.

What kind of pride do we have? The only pride we can have is making this way our very own.

From now you have to change both your mind and your body, appearance, everything—even your atmosphere. Otherwise, the American movement will not become prosperous, but suffer miserably. From now, what kind of attitude will the leaders have toward me? You must reform and revolutionize yourself. Up until now it has been the nighttime. Now it is noontime. At noontime you can see everything and everyone. Do you know that the modern American situation needs strong one-direction leaders? Otherwise, you cannot save this country. There are maybe 700 thousand students in the universities here, but all the intelligence of the university professors cannot save the youth. It takes more than the American educational system. Even famous organizations cannot save the present American situation.

You know it in your heart! Only the Unification Church can help. There must be a 180 degree change—otherwise we cannot have hope for the United States. It is a miserable situation. America itself is crumbling. This is not America's problem alone—all over the world this problem exists. That kind of evil spreads out all over the third world infecting the new generation of youth. They know clearly "This is bad." But they cannot cut off or separate from it. This is the agony of American youth. When I was in jail, I saw that type of youth many times. By their appearance and talking, you would think "He is a smart, handsome guy." They said to me while I was there, "I knew it was wrong, but I couldn't cut away from it by myself." Who can solve this? Only the Unification Church can do it—otherwise there is no hope forever in America! Now I am worrying about this point. Spiritual world exists more than the physical reality. High level purpose, whole purpose—I can create that enlightenment. That means you must have that kind of spiritual enlightenment to open the spirit world gate. Do you have that kind of power? Spiritual power is vertical power.

In your life of faith as a member of the Unification Church, you have to ask yourself, "How much have I taken care of the youth? Really, am I a center leader or Satan's leader?" You know that answer very well. Can you clearly visualize God's viewpoint of the position of state leader? Compare yourself with that vision. Clearly understand yourself: Am I really the representative of God, the spiritual leader, the high level Unification leader of this state in America in place of Rev. Moon? Compare yourself and realize how much more you have to grow.

Look at the churches in America. They are losing membership and have little hope. If you see a huge church building, open the door and go inside. As you close the door observe

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who is sitting in the chairs. Their few participating members are mostly senior citizens. Can God look down and feel, "You are my church's owner"? How can churches regain their honor? No matter where you look, you see that kind of situation in the churches.

How old are all of you? In your thirties and forties. Your youth is gone and soon you will be in the same situation. This is a very serious situation if no one helps you.

ONE WORLD LANGUAGE

So we'll decide how we should deal with this kind of circumstance. I already proclaimed that beginning in 1990, I will not use an interpreter, but will speak only in Korean. Do you remember? Should or shouldn't I do that? I always do what I promise.

How can we participate in the providence with Father? Can we learn Korean in just another six months? You may think, "What kind of irrationality is that?" You might think such a statement is pure tyranny. Did you forget that I learned a foreign language in a short time? How difficult it was for me to learn English! Are we going to complain or are we going to say, "Father, no matter how impossible this is, that is the way it must be." Or you might say, "Father, since you speak English, why don't you continue to teach in English?" I know that might be more convenient, but the Divine Principle says that we should teach using only the True Parents' language. There is no question if that is the way it should be or could be; it must be that way eventually. We will learn that it is unprincipled to wait until we go to spirit world to learn Korean there. They will demand that we should have learned the True Parents' language while we were on earth as Father told us. Our ancestors will really accuse us for our failure, because we were the ones who had a chance to do it, not they.

How can you avoid that judgment? Think how miserable you are if you are standing in that position. You are younger than Father who is now 70 years old. Seventy is the grandpa age. I had no time to study English because guests were constantly visiting East Garden, often until midnight. I was always waiting for them, seated in one place.

After they finally left, I would study English. I could not speak in English, nor could I understand the words at the meetings. English idioms are the most difficult concept; I memorized them all, because I couldn't understand them. To do that took a lot of time out of my schedule. Late evening was the only time I had to memorize. In my mind I made the decision to do that. Later as I would get into bed, I'd think, "Last time I memorized those words. What were those words?" I would completely forget and would have to memorize them again. I repeated one idiom over 20 times.

Sometimes I would forget names. I knew the face, but not the name. So I would study that name 20 more times. Now that I'm getting old, I have to refresh my memory more frequently. Please realize that is the kind of serious situation I studied in endlessly. Compare yourself with me. You are 10

to 20 years younger than me.

I came to the Western world standing in the parent's position to Western children. The children were talking but I couldn't understand them. I thought, "I need to learn English" So I started to study it. In summation, I always took the responsibility to understand. So you cannot complain about having to learn Korean in front of me. I did it and have complete confidence in you who have an easier way than I did.

The primary reason you have to absolutely learn Korean is the spirit world. Another reason is that Father's words are published in 200 full volumes. These are a priceless treasure nothing on earth can equal. Are we going to study Father's words by translation or in their original form? That's why we have to learn Korean.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE KOREAN LANGUAGE

The other day on a boat, I spoke to one professor. He was asking me if we shouldn't form an association for the Korean language. I thought it was very appropriate and something that church members should have suggested, not a non-member. The professor had been drawing references from Father's words, whereas church members didn't even know where we could find that point in Father's words. Scholars are very quick in this respect and one of them began to feel the need to learn and promulgate Korean by forming a study group. They understood that Father had already proclaimed we should learn Korean. This particular scholar thought he would be the first to learn Korean in Europe. Have you ever heard of a leader who doesn't have a command of the original language? It is miserable that scholars can act on the need to learn Korean but church leaders cannot. Doesn't it stand to reason when I pointed out, "Don't you think we need to learn Korean?" that I was speaking as a result of what I did so intensely all of my life? Now I am going to give it to you through the Korean language. How can you not want to understand or receive this by reading or listening to my words directly in Korean? If we go to spirit world after listening and learning Father's teaching from an English translation, then how can we raise up our heads and proudly say, "I have heard Father's words"? Certainly, I would not be happy: "After all I have done, you didn't even learn Korean." All spirit world is looking down at you learning my words through translation. Your mind will be in agony in spirit world, for you accepted the translation way after I said so many times to learn Korean. When you go into spirit world, how can you meet me if you speak only English? I knew that it would take a long time and how difficult it would be.

Should or shouldn't I use an interpreter in 1990? You said "no", Father shouldn't use an interpreter. That means you are about to become dumb, having ears but unable to hear. Dis-pensationally, this is the time to learn Korean. During the seven year period of 1985-1992, everything must be completely done. Tribal messiahs must all speak Korean.

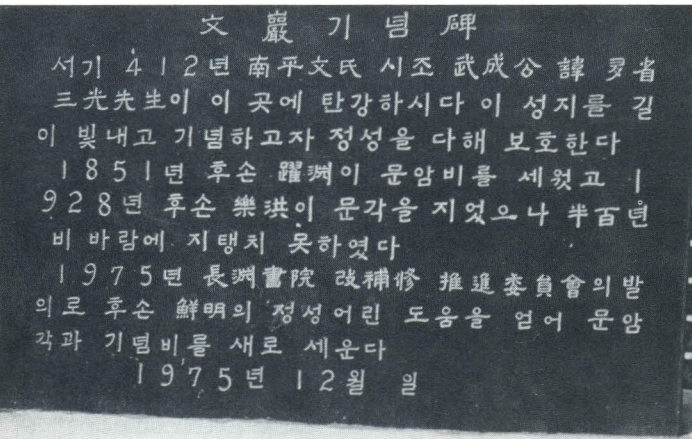
Already our second generation is learning Korean in the

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Little Angels' School in Korea. The numbers of children are rapidly increasing, so I am thinking we need more middle schools and high schools in Korea to accommodate them in their efforts to learn Korean.

EXPANDING GOD'S LINEAGE

Why is it so necessary? What is the first verse of pledge five? "We are proud of the one sovereignty, proud of the one people, proud of the one land, proud of the one language . . ." Father's main project has been to restore one nation. Everyone wants to lead their own culture into the highest level—that is humanity's highest desire and purpose. The next part is: "We are proud of the one language and culture centered upon God, proud of becoming the child of the one True Par-



The Korean language can meet any challenge in phonics, composition, pronunciation and spelling; its pronunciation is very versatile and comprehensive.

ent, proud of the family who is to inherit one tradition." We are proud of belonging to the blood lineage inheriting Father's tradition. But God's lineage cannot just appear. I had to establish a place for the relationship of parent to exist. The most important task and highest purpose of the Principle is to get rid of Satan's blood lineage. How about you? What kind of blood runs in your veins? Vertically, God the Creator and horizontally, True Parents, are combined to eliminate the wrong blood lineage and to create a new blood lineage which will be the salvation of man from Satan's world. It will be completely separated from Satan who can never touch it again, for we have a new root. One is the root of the true olive tree and the other of a wild olive tree. All the wild olive branches must be cut away to receive the grafting of the true love branch, making that tree's fruit the same as that of the true olive tree. Otherwise, there could be no salvation and no one could enter heaven. This is the Principle. I have been living my life guided by this perspective.

The seventh part of the pledge is to work to create the world of one heart. That means one brotherhood, all around

the globe and even in the spirit world. The base of world peace is parents. The word "parents" then means "the root of all peace." Accept the True Parents and from there *everything* can be solved. The fallen world wants parents, so parents is the highest point of purpose and that is why tribal messiahship means parenthood.

Messiahship's true mission is parenthood, so tribal messiahship is the highest gift you could receive from Father. You don't realize that yet, but you should pray to understand, "What is salvation?"

Which would you prefer: to use the same language in the spirit world you are using here or to learn a different language all over again when you go to the spirit world? Before you answer, please think about this concept from the viewpoint of the Principle. There can be only one language spoken because this world and the spirit world are united with the same central love. So, by 1990, there will be no translating.

REALIZATION OF GOD'S WORDS

Also, by that time, I won't be in America as much as I am now. At that time, we should not complain, "Oh Father, you used to come and talk to us. Why do you not come to us and teach us anymore?" There will be a lot of things we cannot even imagine that will happen during these next 10 years.

Forty years ago, when I gave a talk, no one, not even those who wanted to, could believe it would happen. But as the 40 years went by, they saw that it not only happened, but that I was actually making it happen. Now at this juncture, I am saying the same thing again. The chances of my words becoming a reality are better than 40 years ago. In 1983 when I said there would be no interpreting as of 1990, you might have thought: "How could that happen?" But now we're at the threshold of 1990 and that event is about to happen. Should we or shouldn't we actually carry out this plan? That means unless you learn Korean, you are not going to be able to come to conferences. At any rate, we better start learning Korean seriously.

Japanese members thought they might be an exception because Father speaks fluent Japanese. But that is not so. It should be easier for them to learn Korean.

This is a public statement because we must have a tradition. Not only does it apply to this year but a thousand years from now. We should begin sometime and now is the time. If you don't speak Korean, then you should send a representative who does speak Korean. Since this is a big decision for both myself and all of you, if you have any objections you have to voice them now. Later, you can never say, "Oh, impossible, impractical." If you have some reason to oppose, please say it now. What about non-members? This will be up to Father to decide. In those circumstances, I may speak English, Japanese, or use an interpreter. But as far as our family members are concerned, there will be no translations. I will only speak Korean. Those who say, "Yes Father, we must do it" raise your hands. I realize the grave importance of this situation. On the

other hand, what advantages can you see? A book could be written without needing to be translated into 100 different languages, eliminating the waste of time and materials in such repetition and interpretation. How convenient it will be to need only one book that everyone can understand. Our offspring would have an easier time. It takes a great ancestor to make this accomplishment a reality. Who is that great ancestor? All of us.

KOREA'S SPECIAL HISTORY

What about the quality or degree of excellence of the Korean language for this type of worldwide usage? Is it going to be an inferior language? No! The Korean language is a language that can meet any challenge. Theoretically, you can learn the 24 characters in 30 minutes. So in 30 minutes you can master the basic building blocks of the Korean language. After that, you should be able to spell it at will. The pronunciation of the Korean language is very versatile and comprehensive. Everyone can understand Korean because its pronunciation is very accurate. There is no sound the Koreans cannot make. So the Korean language is the highest level in all areas: phonics, composition, pronunciation and spelling. It's no accident that a person such as Father would be born in such a culture. How could I have been born in an underdeveloped country with a primitive or very poor language? It would have caused so much pain and difficulty to the rest of the world. This is not the case with the Korean language.

Do you know what is being talked about in the scholastic world? They are proving that the origin of the Chinese language and culture is Korea. It is not a Korean, but several Chinese scholars who are saying that. Other Chinese scholars really don't like this information. The Japanese people have already solved the problem for they have no way of denying that Korea is their ancestral root.

Korea is the birthplace of an ancient civilization that started thousands of years ago. The longest history of civilization belongs to Korea. So it is no accident that I was born in Korea. Historically Korea was invaded by other countries more than 930 times. But not once was the Korean sovereignty lost; some-



The second generation of 2,500 Korean-Japanese couples opened a national foundation that Satan cannot invade.

how it managed to keep its lineage. There were times when Korea volunteered to belong to China, seeking protection from a big country. With the exception of those times, Korea was never ruled over or annihilated. Prior to Korea's history, no one knows. We have reason to believe the Koreans were scattered about, living in what is now Manchuria and northern China. The Great Wall was built to protect China from the Korean race. So Koreans were very near at that time and were a very courageous and righteous people. Even Confucius, who represented a standard of ethics to millions of people, said Korea was the most ethical country in the East. Throughout history the Russians fought against the Oriental peoples. When an Oriental person died, they could search the body to identify it: a Japanese person would always carry a dagger or some weapon, as did also the Chinese; but Koreans never carried a weapon. The only thing a Korean carried was a flintstone to make a fire.

On the Chinese Siberian border, sometimes a stranger would wander in the wilderness and knock on the door for help. The Chinese homeowner would ask, "Who is it?" If the answer would come, "I am a Korean," then they would open the door. When Koreans were given lodging they would never steal. That's why the Chinese opened their doors very easily. But if the answer would be, "I am Chinese or Japanese" then they would not open the door.

BRINGING UNITY TO KOREA

Although it has been invaded over 930 times, Korea has never retaliated or attacked another nation. Genghis Khan was a legendary figure who occupied all the European countries. History says that he was invincible. But that is not true, for he was very badly defeated when he tried to invade Korea.

*How much damage has been done to the world
for not recognizing my value? But the world waited
until things could not get any worse
before they embraced Rev. Moon.*

Koreans are very courageous people but never wage war against another country. How did the Koreans defend themselves? Once the Koreans realized there was an impending danger they forged a great unity. That's how they survived.

Never in Korean history has anyone brought more unity to Korea than Father. How could Korean people get married in mass ceremonies like that without unity? Conventionally, only poor people married 2-10 couples at a time; well-to-do and respected people do not get married in numbers of two or three thousand couples. We are the first ones to do that. What better way can unity be proven?

To marry even one Korean with a Japanese would be difficult. But Father made 2,500 couples like that overnight! There were not just couples with a Japanese husband and Korean wife, but the more difficult couples of Korean husbands with Japanese wives. Many people wondered what historical resentment was going to surface in these couples. But when the Korean people knew that Father was behind it, they knew there would be good results. They didn't worry about it because they know that Father loves Korea and would never do anything detrimental to the Korean people. Japan also knows how much Father loves the Japanese people. The same is true here in America. Now, when American people comment on our weddings, they say, "Rev. Moon wisely matched and married them!"

In the Cultural Olympics, Father is planning to bless hundreds of thousands of couples at one time. The prerequisite will be 40-day training. If you are a serious person, then you would know how difficult it is to get married nowadays to the right mate. You are lucky you didn't have to go through that!

That's actually the number one recognition about Father around the world, isn't it? He is the world's biggest, safest, most guaranteed matchmaker. That's Father's first title. We are not proud enough of our Blessing. There will be a day very soon where we will proclaim ourselves to the whole world saying, "We are a couple blessed by Rev. Moon."

If you are ever going to study China, Korea, Japan or any Far Eastern country, you cannot learn through the limitations of the English language. But through the Korean language, you can learn everything anywhere. If you learn Korean, you can learn Japanese and Chinese very quickly after that. If you learn Chinese characters, you can communicate with half the people in the Orient through writing. It's very complicated and a lot of headache too, but think about the bright side of it: Without the Oriental language and Oriental race, Father would never have emerged and the problems of the world would never have been solved.

How could you summarize what the universe, God, and the history mankind are all about within an hour as Father has done? We can do it now because Father has taught us. Is there any encyclopedia or literature that we can find in the library for such solutions? Divine Principle is the king of all knowledge. Without it, knowledge could never be organized, because we don't understand God. Sin confuses everything.

There's no clear theory about God or the purpose of man.

BEGINNING OF RECOGNITION

Maybe you didn't go to an Ivy League college, but were in the Unification Church instead for 10 years. In those 10 years, you learned 100 times more than those scholars. For example: One person who was educated at an Ivy League school began to work at *The World and I*. In the beginning he thought he was the center, because he is intelligent; but he was quickly awestruck. He thought the Unification Church and *The World and I* were nothing. At first, he didn't recognize the value of our members and looked at them as having no credentials with little,

if any, educational background. Soon he found that all of the members are very learned people because of the Principle.

The scholars of the world thought Rev. Moon was some-one lower than they, but they were caught by surprise. Do you understand who we are? We are a very capable church, with a very capable leader. No one understands Father. If established Christianity in America and Korea had recognized and embraced Father, what could have happened? Father would have been known all around the world and the world's problems would have been solved years ago. In that sense, how much the world has lost! How much damage has been done to the world for not recognizing my value? But the world waited until things could not get any worse before they embraced Rev. Moon. Fifty years have been wasted! If I did not know God's Will I would never have had anything to do with America and surely America would have perished. But I selected America as the archangel country. Then I did everything I could for this country. The result of my efforts is why we are blossoming today. Now that I have spoken about this in detail, we American members can begin to understand who we are.

I know that America, Germany and Japan are historical enemies. After what the Japanese did to Korea, how could Father select them as the Eve country? "Love your enemy" is perhaps the only explanation that can be offered. Imagine if people in the Christian nations fifty years ago had understood this as God's Will and embraced Father? America, France and England would have formed the major dispensational nations. How much faster the world would have been restored with no opposition or sacrifice! I came to America to save and educate this country, but they opposed me. The French and English did the same thing. Why? Because of satanic influence.

UNITING HISTORICAL ENEMIES

The Japanese are historical enemies to Koreans, but Father claimed Japan, which is of much value to Satan. I made Japan even more valuable by putting it in the Eve country's position. Following this, Japan had to be perfected. Most of the core elder members of Japanese church came from deeply religious backgrounds. Mr. Kamiyama's father is a Christian minister,

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which is very rare in Japan. Mr. Oyamada was trying to be a minister. Many of you have not heard Mr. Kuboki's testimony of how he came to join the church in the beginning so many years ago. Heaven intervened directly and told him, "Give up your membership in your present church." He was about to be made an heir to that church's leadership. He obeyed and came to the Unification Church. Mr. Furuta also came from a big, prestigious religious organization. He was their hope, but he was told by God to come to the Unification Church. Spirit world went into full swing to bring all these people to the church.

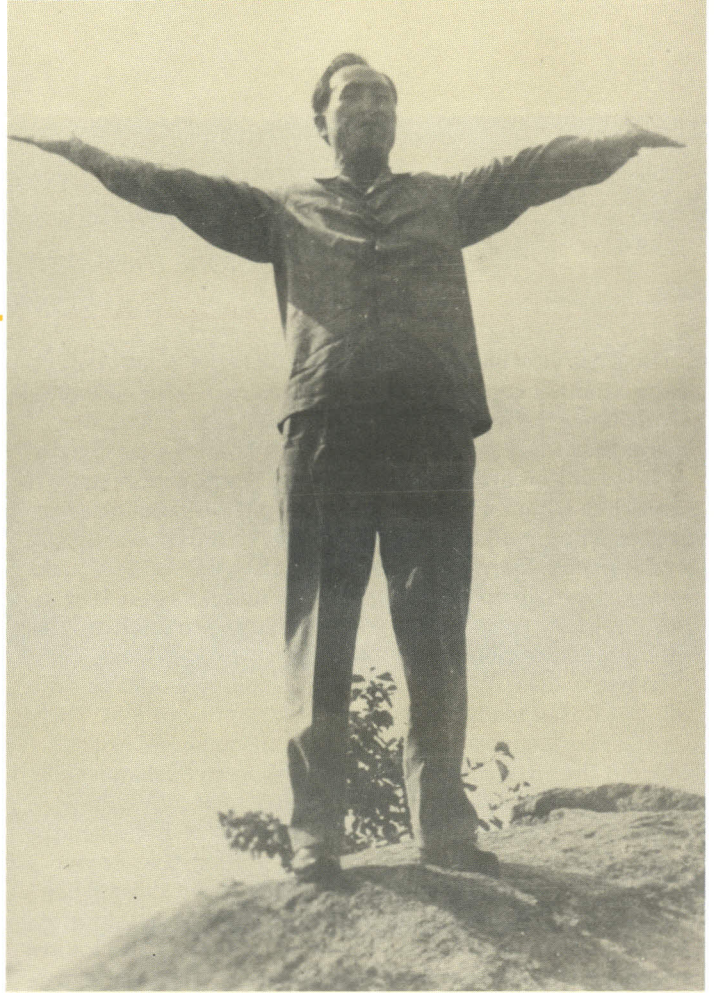
When Father sent out the world missionaries in 1975, he made trinities of missionaries from three countries—Japan, Germany and America—to indemnify the loss of America, England and France after World War II. It would have been ideal if these countries had inherited God's Will. Japan represented Eve, America represented Abel, and Germany represented Cain. Those three combined indemnified the various positions that had been lost. Father brought the three major dispensational countries that had been lost to Satan's side back to the heavenly side.

The following is human history in a nutshell. Because of the Fall, Adam and Eve gave birth to Cain and Abel; they are symbols of the fall. This created a pattern that expanded throughout history. At the onset of World War II, England was in Eve's position, France was in Cain's position, America was in Abel's position. Opposing them was Japan in the Eve position, Germany in the Cain position, with Italy completing the trinity. When the Allies won over the satanic side, they should have come to Adam's nation, God's nation. As a result of the Fall, both Adam and God's position were lost. How can we find the original Adam who was lost? Prepared nations on God's side should have connected with Adam, making unity of the four nations. As a result, the whole earth could have united into one. The establishment of God's nation would have followed. This was the grand plan for restoration.

CRUCIAL POINT IN HISTORY

History went through this course. The year 1945 was so crucial after the victory of World War II; these Eve, Cain and Abel nations should have searched for the Adam nation. Japan had occupied Korea for 40 years as an indemnity condition. Satan knew God had been preparing this project for so many years so he wanted to destroy the Adam country. If these two countries had united, that would have been the end of restoration. But this did not happen, so Father selected Japan as Eve's nation, America as Abel's nation and Germany as Cain's nation. My 40-year indemnity course consisted of selecting these enemy countries and embracing them. They continued to rebel. Overcoming them with love took 40 years of Father's time.

If the enemy countries of Japan, Germany and America were not selected, then I would not have received such opposition. They why did I do it this way? Because God lost this foundation, then I had to restore it back to God as a condition



Father had to reindemnify the lost worldwide foundation.

to recreate what was lost. America is where God lost everything, so Father wanted to gain everything back for Him through this country. According to God's direction, Father brought it all together in this particular pattern to restore the Christian foundation. Father did that through the Unification Church. We brought 7,000 Christian ministers to Korea to restore and revive Christianity. Some 40,000 members were educated in America to replace its lost foundation. Because Satan interfered with restoration history and didn't allow events to happen as they should, Father created what was needed with his own hands. Only through the dispensation can American people begin to understand what Rev. Moon did.

If no one was able to determine if Rev. Moon and the Unification Church were good or not, why do so many people oppose him? Because Satan took everything, Father was alone. There was no one who took God's side like Rev. Moon.

The Korean people opposed Rev. Moon because the Korean ministers listened to American ministers in their denominations who told them Father was a heretic. Then Father had to come to this country to restore everything that God had lost. After much pain, Father finally restored this foundation and brought it to Korea and Asia. America and Asia are now connected, and we're getting close to the establishment of God's nation.

RECENT DISPENSATIONAL VICTORIES

The 1988 Korean Olympic Games were so meaningful. From the external point of view, so many young people who participated represented Satan's champions of the second generation. They were healthy physically; but Father brought them

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spiritual health as well. The missionaries of 120 countries represented God's second generation. God and Satan chose one place where 120 nations were present at the same time; God's second generation carried gifts to them and connected them with the Unification Church by helping and embracing their nation's champions wherever they could in Korea. Only one leader emerged above all others: Rev. Moon. Even the Soviet Union listened to me and returned their thanks to me by giving me a medal. All those things make a condition of indemnity. Now you understand that my coming to the United States made many conditions for victory over Satan's side.

The second generation of more than 2,500 couples on God's side completely opened the national foundation. The Korean/Japanese couples, centering on God and True Parents, will produce a new blood lineage based upon their country's foundation. With the creation of that kind of foundation, Satan cannot invade any national foundation we make. In other words, Father restored the foundation for God's nation through this Adam country/Eve country marriage foundation. Satan cannot accuse that kind of foundation; he will have to bow down. With that kind of foundation made in Korea, Satan's world of communism will have to bow down. This is the Principle. No matter how Satan's communist world sends its power, it cannot invade, kidnap or infiltrate those representing God's side.

You have to know in this time of accomplishment that Satan's accusation is gone. Why? Because I made this national level Adam and Eve marriage foundation. With that kind of foundation established, Satan automatically must follow the foundation for the original world. At that point, Adam and Eve together with Abel and Cain will combine into one. Through that, America will live.

Rev. Moon represented God's side and helped the spiritual fortune of the United States. This foundation will provide the way of salvation for the United States. This is the Principle, not Father's words. This is the formula cause. The way of indemnity is a universal iron law. When the English tried to control the Chinese, they introduced them to opium. This intentional act of creating drug addiction is the root of the indemnity of widespread drug addiction in the Western world today. So, no matter what wrong action has been committed in the past, unless indemnity is paid, there can be no peace anywhere in the world.

FATHER REINDEMNIFIED EVERYTHING

Father selected Japan, America and Germany as primary nations, yet all of them came against Father. What about France and England who were also to serve as God's foundation? They too opposed me. Seven countries came against me so I had to reindemnify. God knew the foundations he wanted by winning World War II, but all of them were lost. The 40 years of indemnity that Father had to endure was due primarily to the failure of America, Japan, England and France. When Father chose Japan to be in Eve's position on God's side, how

blessed was that country? When Germany was chosen for God's side, how blessed was it? Then Father chose America. From the perspective of the providential viewpoint, at anytime in history has God chosen a man or country a second time? No, but Father set up a Cain/Abel salvation situation where he could save these countries twice if it was needed. When Father chose America, he took responsibility to restore this nation to God's original point. Left alone, you Americans didn't understand enough to save your nation.

You have a unique position that is completely separated from Satan's claim. You have to know this in the future in your position as leaders. How can you take on the future? The most important mission at this time is America's providential mission. How carefully have you lived your life on this earth? How often did you receive painful persecution for God's sake? How well do you know that path? Are you forgetting it?

During this important time, Father has been fighting a most serious war on the front line. But the question God will ask you is, "How much did you help Father?" It was agonizing because you didn't even know my situation. Every area was blocked and I had to find out how to open each door. I found the way to turn the whole thing around.

There was one previous time in history that this kind of foundation was made. It was in Moses' time! How will you react when you receive incredible persecution? Salvation was disappearing in this world until Father took responsibility for the past. Jesus took the way of the cross in order to guarantee a point of salvation for mankind. You as a leader must take responsibility in the same kind of serious way as did Moses, Jesus and Father.

The first time you heard Father's words, you couldn't understand much. Missionaries from Japan, America and Germany, representing the second generation, united for God's side, and made the condition for the future salvation of the world. How blessed is that activity. That was the deepest purpose of Father choosing representatives from three enemy countries to send out as missionaries. At the time, people thought I was wrong. Think about it: three enemy nations who cannot unite, how can that save America, France, England, the Free World or anything? Now they understand Father's words. You are in the same situation as Father was. People may hit their bosom and cry out, "How foolish I was for not listening!" They will realize, "There is no solution." Only Father's forgiveness will give salvation.

GIFT OF TRIBAL MESSIAHSHIP

It is at this point in time that I have given the tribal messiahship. Father has known the way for a long time when you didn't have any idea of this concept. How much blessing is tribal messiahship? During Jesus' time, John the Baptist was a tribal messiah, as was Zachariah. Together they represented the unity of Joshua's tribe which would have opened the way for Jesus. But they couldn't accomplish a united tribe.

Father taught us everything, yet still in the corner of our mind something is lacking. That feeling has no place. What else are we waiting for? We have everything.

By sending out three nations centering on Father, there was a four position foundation sent to every country in the world. No nation can accuse or persecute us. I was taking Adam's position, but mankind decided that it was a mistake to follow me. So Father repeated the process. Who else could take this mission? Only God and True Parents. Children in the fallen world have Satan's blood. Individualism can't remove it. You must realize your position. Everything has been cleared up and given to you in your tribal messiah mission. Tribal messiahship means true parentship. True Parents did it just like that and their lives will bear witness in their children. When Father sent out 21,000 blessed couples as tribal messiahs all over the world, they had to overcome the attitude, "Father I cannot be sent out."

You have to all be brothers united centering on True Parents. You must be strong about that. In the beginning, Unification members said to me, "Father, you are the parent; why don't you do it?" So pitiful for Father! Even the 36 Couples didn't know that. I made a wide victorious foundation. In the future, people will feel so much happiness. I wanted to completely pay the necessary indemnity. Now, Unification members can go anywhere and not be accused. Please show some guts in whatever you are doing and always ask God. By standing in that central position your opposition will immediately crumble and heaven will open up. This is a powerful philosophy.

Korea opposed Reverend Moon, but in the actual showdown, who won? I won over every nation that came against me. Rev. Moon is gaining influence all over the world. Looking back, the providential viewpoint is so clear. God and Rev. Moon saw that.

CREATE MORE ACTIVITY

After what I have done, where do you stand in comparison? During this time, it is your turn. How can we win when you don't have the result or even the effort. So I'm telling you now that you have a short time to make more tangible results. To do that, you have to create more activity. Otherwise, it will be a miserable situation. Originally, I took the same position to God's foundation in the four corners of the world. From now until 1992, you have to make good result. Can you do that?

Now, no one opposes us seriously. This is why Father proclaimed the Cultural Olympics. Cultural unity is so important for world unity to be fulfilled. Imagine so many people from different countries coming together to get married at the same time! Those who come from a certain village and marry in Seoul at the World Cultural Olympics, will go back and report to their village what they experienced. How excited the people will be.

Do you understand what Father is saying? If people had recognized Father earlier and then you were sent out as tribal messiah, your position would have been quickly recognized. However, God's foundation is coming into place now. On

that foundation, you are now working as a tribal messiah. At the time of World War II, God's nation lost that foundation which we are now restoring centering on Father. It was Father who received the focus of all the persecution.

For 40 years, Father has made the conditions to restore these nations to God's sovereignty. He has singlehandedly fulfilled the responsibility for this task in place of the national leaders of these countries. That is God's principled viewpoint of messiahship.

America didn't know that at the time, only God, Rev. Moon and Satan knew. Why did the democratic world come against the Unification Church without researching our doctrine? They completely denied us. That was Satan's work again. No matter how strong a net Rev. Moon tried to make, Satan would cause people to fall out. Rev. Moon made a net of double strength, but Satan tore it down, not only in this world but in the spiritual world, too. Now, good ancestral spirit men can come down at anytime. They represent the archangel's side.

The archangelic world saw the first Fall caused by the worst archangel. Now good archangels are on this earth helping Adam's family, tribe, nation, and world. That is the archangelic world's mission. Satan cannot accuse if all your good ancestors come down to stand behind you—*behind YOU!* I am holding the gate open to the only clear way of following the Principle. You have to take your training course on the track that Father made.

RESTORED ARCHANGELIC REALM

The spirit world is ready and eager to help you. Just like when Adam spoke, everything was carried out just as he said. We should have that kind of feeling now. Adam spoke and spirit world carried out his directions. We must have the same confidence as the original Adam.

The time of Cain and Abel struggle is gone; brothers won't fight each other now, for they are looking for parents. The tribal messiah's role is to connect them to the parents. During the brothers' time there is war and conflict; but during the parents' time there is only peace. Even if there is scattered conflict, it doesn't affect your work.

No one opposes us today, especially when they understand what Rev. Moon is doing. What will happen now? All will seek God's nation and we will guide them to that with Satan playing the role of a witness to you. With brotherism, Satan can oppose because he has so much claim on them. But not when it comes to parentism.

There is only one way leading to victory. All you need to do is to inherit my tradition. I put all of my heart into this mission, absolutely confident that it would work. Likewise, we have to do that.

Now you look back and are in a good position to understand me, although when I initially spoke about these things, you couldn't understand me.

I had the determination 40 years ago to make all enemy

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countries become peaceful brothers. Now it has been achieved. Do you think Father speaks and just hopes that somehow it will happen? No! I am a realistic person and worked towards this end. Please go back and read Father's words: everything is there. The discrepancy is only that we listened and then forgot.

Are we proud of all that Father has done without any help? Yes! So we should not dishonor Father's achievements. Preserve your own dignity by upholding Father's victorious foundation. How about our situation? It is a blessing we didn't expect. We don't deserve it, but we have it. We are saved, but we have to deserve that salvation. Even if we don't

come into one.

This is the last command that God can concretely give to mankind. If you do this, you will achieve the goal. After that, God will not have to issue another commandment.

VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL PARENTS

I am quietly a parent to everything. Parenthood means not complaining, no matter what is going on. This is my teaching. Follow that absolutely righteous way.

Where the vertical and horizontal connect is the central point of God and True Parents' dwelling place. Father has

emphasized this many times. The vertical parent is God and the horizontal parent is True Parents. This is parenthood! God and True Parents' desires are the same. Following this way leads to prosperity. Following the way of parenthood will create the embodiment of all levels of love: individual, family, tribal love. Following the way of parenthood is the only way of building that concept of love into a system of perfection. No matter how hard you search, this is the truth. The principled way is the foundation that you must stand on. There are no exceptions. Father followed that same path; he invested his whole life to this way. You have to follow Father's steps. You cannot take a different way, for this is a marching time and you must follow me. You have to know that.

Step on that path and stay on it forever. Educate your children about the Principle—you haven't been doing that. A thousand generations of your ancestors must go the same way and a thousand generations of your descendants, too. There is only one Principled viewpoint. You cannot arrive at this viewpoint by simply talking with each other. Father received all the persecution, in place of God. Even God is walking the same path.

That is what the tribal messiah is all about. Father has gone through that same position and made it successful. On that foundation Father is trying to bequeath it to you. Your original mind will help so that you automatically feel like parents to your tribe. You will be able to take care of them with a parent's heart and mind. But you don't have to wait

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do anything, Father may save us. But how miserable such a situation will be when we reach the spirit world.

So what is the surest way to be sure to deserve our blessings? Be victorious in tribal messiahship. We are in a better position than Jesus. It is as if Zachariah's and Joseph's family were in peace at Jesus' time. We got blessed and can now achieve all aspects of the dispensation. That's the foundation we are given to stand on through the tribal messiahship.

The dispensational time has really changed. The Cain and Abel relationship was repeated time and time again in history. But after the Parents have emerged that pattern will never repeat itself. All we must do is have faith and carry on. If we really become serious with absolute confidence in this historical foundation, and do the tribal messiahship, the world will

for your original mind to wake up—it may take a long time. Father is trying to tell us everything—our position, what we can expect, and how to do it. Father is teaching us everything and placing us in a victorious position.

How amazing that the situation has changed even from the last time Father spoke of tribal messiahship. Until now, we had to pray to God and get the answer. Sometimes it is very difficult to get an answer. But now all we have to do is live the principled life and report.

You have to become a true man. What is it that Father needs to teach you? You lost your parents and now you've found them; you found your brothers and sisters and even found your true tribe. Father taught us everything, yet still in the corner of our mind something is lacking. That feeling has no place. Father gave you a spouse, and the best one at that. What else are we waiting for? We have everything.

I am giving this priceless gift to you free with only the condition to not dishonor my tradition. I am talking about the universal True Parents' tradition. Don't dishonor it by com-

mitting a wrong action. If you have questions you can ask them to Father during a question and answer period.

According to how many tribal members we have, registration will take place. We have to belong to one of the twelve tribes and which one will be determined at that time. The world will be divided into 12 tribes, which are the same as spirit world's 12 pearly gates. This is a pre-registration time; we are qualifying now. We should qualify while Father is alive on earth. You must have strong guts. You must know you are standing on the True Parents' firm foundation and not even wobble.

When I left Korea for America, I told all Korean members that Korea will undergo a lot of complications, but Unification Church members shouldn't worry about it, because our position is firm. That's what's happening now and our members are so confident. We should be confident here, too.

Whatever happens in the world or America, we should not even vibrate. □

Questions and Answers with Father

EXCERPTS FROM THE MARCH 21, 1988, LEADERS CONFERENCE

EAST GARDEN

Translator: Dr. Bo Hi Pak

Dr. Pak: This is a good opportunity for anyone who has ever said, "Well, I always wanted to meet Father privately somewhere and ask this one particular question"; go ahead, ask that question now.

Question: Does the geography in the spirit world correspond to the geography in the physical world?

Father: What you have here as geography you will see in the spirit world. However, the spirit world is of a finer dimension and is the place where you can realize any ideal harbored in your heart. In this physical world, you may have certain ideals, but you never expect that they can be realized.

Another big difference is that the make-up of the spirit world is love. Those who have experienced the highest possible level of love here on earth have no restriction in the spirit world. Absolute freedom, creativity, enjoyment, and beauty—everything belongs to you! But for those who do not understand love and have not developed an ability to love, the spirit world is like a prison; it is what we call hell. People who cannot love cannot make things happen according to their own wishes because in the spirit world only beings with the quality of love have freedom.

I like people who sit in the front rows. Does any person in the front have a question?

Question: I can't understand how you can keep all of the things that you are doing organized without a secretary, or a notebook. I would really like to know your secret of organization!

Father: I have a special custom-made computer in my brain! Actually, when you are completely selfless and your con-

science is alive and clear, then you don't have to worry about what to do and how to do it because you are always in harmony with the rest of the universe; its vibration is always communicating with you. Therefore you are never a stranger in any circumstance, and immediate decisions are possible. A conscientious person harmonizes horizontally, vertically, and rectangulantly—every way possible.

Would you like to have such organizational skill for yourself? You have to become totally selfless and God-centered, only concerned about the well-being of Heavenly Father, with an absolutely clear conscience. Then you will be a most organized person. Your closest teacher is not even God. It is your mind, or your conscience. Therefore you must love your mind. This sounds strange, but it's true. If you love your mind, your mind will love your body and harmony will be created; the universe will love you. When you and the universe, plus and minus, are totally united and harmonious, then automatically God will come in. You become a center for God.

That's why when I walk into a situation, the vibration tells me before you even open your mouth what you are going to say or what kind of state of mind you are in. Thus I know what to say to you because I am aware of and in harmony with the circumstances of the universe surrounding you. However, I do not want to be absolutely judgmental—"All right, you belong in hell," or "You belong in heaven"—because then you would be very fearful of me. So I try to be very casual, but in that casual conversation, there is always deep meaning that a clever person can catch.

Also I know certain things can or cannot be accomplished; in other words, I can forecast the outcome. This is why I am concerned that you listen and obey with an absolute standard.

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Then success will come. The problem is I instruct you, but then everybody wants to interpret my words their own way. In many cases, I do not even want to talk to anybody; I do it myself.

God works exactly like you. He is mind and body, sung sang and hyung sang, pursuing love in the direction of goodness, and always trying to communicate that message to His body. When His hyung sang questions His mind, His sung sang of true, pure, selfless love answers, so it is the right di-

rection. Your original mind also is always following the road of love directed to goodness, like a compass. Before you are talking to God, you are talking to your mind. When you ask your mind a certain question casually, the mind may not respond. Depending upon how much you desire the direction of goodness, your mind responds. Sometimes your mind is totally numb, doing nothing. But when you very seriously ask your mind what to do, the mind will answer you. That is prayer. Actually in prayer, your body is absolutely subjugated by your mind.

Many times the mind may try to communicate with your body, but the body may say, "No, I don't want to go in that direction." That's the problem. Therefore, prayer alone is not enough. Do good things and in the meantime, pray. Good action combined with good prayer should be your daily discipline. For those who pray and both nurture and center upon

the original mind, the first impression in a situation is most important because even before reasoning, the original mind catches or feels something that can provide accurate guidance. It is not easy, but it can be done.

So the best way to be restored is to follow your own original mind or conscience. Becoming a good man has nothing to do with going to school or getting a university degree. Follow your original mind; follow your conscience.

Question: I'm originally from Poland, and I am wondering what is going to happen there.

Father: Poland's destiny will be determined by the fate of the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union is weakening. Gorbachev has a problem: His new peace offensive, known as *glasnost*, meaning openness or open society, was technically successful and was very good in terms of winning popularity in the free world. But now everybody in the Eastern bloc wants openness, too. Gorbachev does not have a plan to deal with such a situation.

But it's not just the Soviet Union and Red China that are in trouble; the United States is in trouble, too, because it is basically under humanistic and atheistic humanism, secularism, and has forgotten the basic values centered upon God. Americans are more interested in carnal pleasure. Therefore America's difficulty is not any less than that of the Soviet Union.

In China the most important problem is hunger. When you are hungry, nothing else matters. But what about the American people? In America, one thousand people have

one thousand different desires. But generally speaking, the American mind is seeking fun. "Where can I have a fun time?" Some may prefer the disco, or drinking, or taking drugs, many different directions, but basically all are pursuing fun. Thus God sees 1.2 billion people in China whose most important goal in life is to put something into their stomach, and then He sees 240 million people in the United States who have ample food, and are thinking about nothing except fun. Where does more of God's attention go? God wants to help the Chinese put something into their stomachs. The Chinese people have been suffering from hunger for a long time; therefore they have developed a character of absolute patience. They know how to endure. Even the most powerful armies and nations who conquered the Chinese temporarily never digested China. The Chinese people said to them,

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"I want to see how long you last! We will swallow you—not you swallow us." That's the Chinese character.

Those who are seeking after carnal desires and fun lack such endurance. They just move around randomly looking for a good time. Every responsibility becomes a burden—their family, wife, children—they don't want to care. The Chinese way of life is like the roots of the tree way down deep, hidden, and secure. But the American way of life is like the branches and leaves, shaky all the time. Leaves have absolutely no understanding about roots.

The technological advancement of the United States isn't worth a dime by itself. You have all sorts of appliances, exercise machines, scientifically designed diets, and so forth. You want convenience—to do everything by just pushing a button. The American way of life makes everything so convenient. But actually in the long run, those people who can endure suffering and hardship live longer than people who have all kinds of conveniences. When the suffering, backward Chinese people come to America, the very next day they can use a refrigerator and all the electric gadgets, no problem. They catch up to your standard instantly. But American people who go to China can't deal with the Chinese way of life. They may even run away saying, "I couldn't stand China!" So they are defeated. The long-enduring racer wins.

If America were to control the entire world, and the Chinese said, "Let's go to America and live according to America's standard," then they would come and take over America. America would be shaken in a couple of months, but if a country like China controls the world, it'll last hundreds of years. China doesn't really care whether the rest of the world would live well or not—they would stay powerful.

To strike the balance, people with a highly developed standard of living should learn to endure a more primitive way of life. At the same time, people with a less developed way of life can be elevated at least to enjoy a certain level of cultural advantage. Common sense tells us that if one comes down a little bit and the other comes up, none are really losers.

So who shall control the world? It is those flexible, disciplined people who can live on the highest level but also are capable of going down to the lowest level. People can be trained to have this kind of discipline. But today the world does not offer such training. Everybody only wants to move forward to something better. Yet in the future, there will be incredible contradiction; people accustomed to a highly technological society will become completely sick and tired of it and want to go down to a more primitive level, while the poorer people desperately want to go up.

Instead of distinguishing one area as China and another as the United States, let's just think this is one family of man; both Americans and Chinese are members of one family. The parents of this family would say, "You brothers, don't fight, don't be egotistical and selfish! Share with each other and be harmonious."

Harmony and cooperation as one family of man are the beautiful virtues necessary in this case. Everybody is saying,

"God, come to our home and dwell with us." But God cannot go to the American home or to the Chinese home. He will say, "I'm going somewhere in the middle in order to be fair to both."

In the last days God knows what each country needs. China needs physical food, America needs spiritual food, and God wants to provide both. Americans should share food with the Chinese. Then what can the Chinese share with the Americans? Their spiritual traditions. The Chinese have a particular sense of dignity and moral value, even if their stomach is empty, but American people don't care to receive these things: "I don't need them. I'm happy. I'm wealthy." Because of this attitude, America is spiritually poverty-stricken even though it is so rich materially.

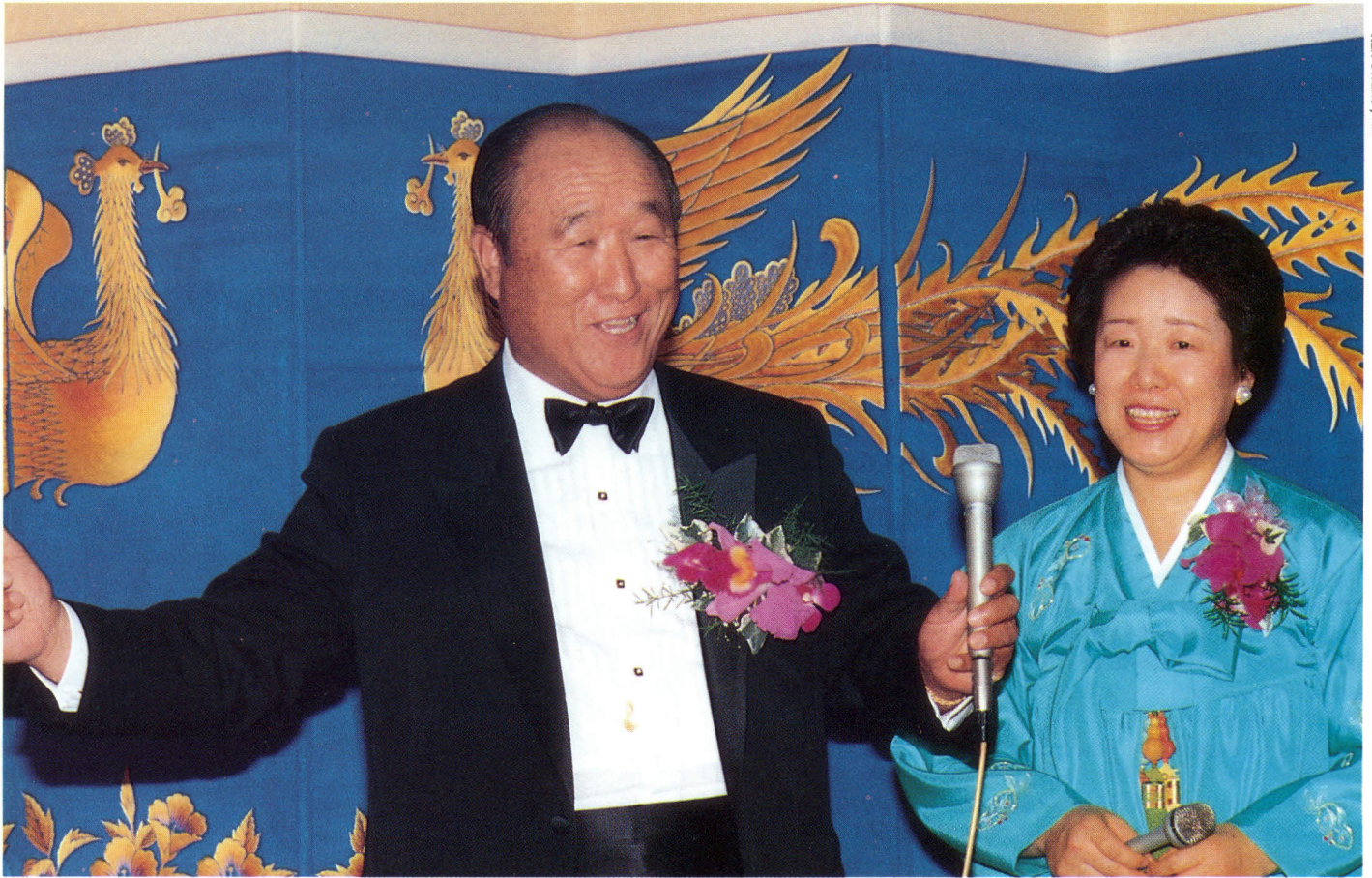
This is God's and my headache. America is in one way very full, but ultimately is so empty. You have no treasure that you can hold onto beyond your physical life. You have nothing about which you can say, "This is more important than my life." In the end the world will be controlled by the people who have that value or treasure they would not trade for anything under the sun. What is that treasure? God? Yes, but God alone is not sufficient. However there is something God has that is unique yet can be shared with everyone and satisfy them all. Its value will always be unchanging. That is God's true love, which is almost more precious than God Himself.

If the love of God was the backbone of American culture, would you swap it for material wealth? No, you'd say, "God and His love are more important! Even if I have to give up my life, I cannot give up God and His love." That is what America is missing.

Who will govern the world? Anybody or any country that holds onto true love will not want anything else. If that kind of treasure is found way down in the bottom of the Chinese culture, then people should go down for it, shouldn't they? We must devise a way American people can have the desire and power to even go down to the very bottom of the Chinese society, obtain the treasure, and come up again. Otherwise, this country will decline. I came to America willing to suffer hardship in order to save it from doom and to teach you to be able to live at the lowest level, to work hard, and to endure suffering. I want you to be able to follow me anywhere, even to the bottom of the Chinese culture, so that America will never be doomed. That's the kind of America I want to leave behind.

When you visit China, would you want everybody to persecute you and kick you out, or would you like to be welcomed? How can you be welcomed? If they feel indebted to you, then they will welcome you and give you their very best.

If I come to visit your home, would you want me to sit down outside your house or in the very center? Because I gave you the most precious things—the eternal blessing and the true love of God—you always want me in the center of your home.



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When the Chinese come to America, they too want to be welcomed in your house, so they have to give you some service. You need somebody who will feed you spiritual food; that is the best gift anybody can give. But the problem is that the American people don't feel that spiritual hunger.

What is the greatness of Rev. Moon? I am trying to bring enemies together. Forty years ago, Korea and Japan were enemies. Japan and the United States were fighting and killing each other; Germany and the United States were killing each other, too. I am bringing together into harmonious brotherhood all those who were enemies. Korea and Japan have been historical enemies, but the United States is not an enemy of Korea, so which unification with me is actually easier? You must not think that since Koreans and Japanese are both Oriental, they would be closer and unification between myself and the Japanese would be easier. That's not true. Which would be stronger: Rev. Moon united with the German people, Rev. Moon united with the American people, or the Americans and Germans united with each other? You said that even though the Japanese have been the enemy of Koreans, perhaps they can come closer to each other sooner since they are both Oriental; by the same principle, you may think that since both Germans and Americans are Caucasian, they would be closer even though they also once were enemies.

Actually, Americans will bring the Japanese to Korea, and the Japanese will bring the Germans to Korea. From the Principle point of view, the United States must bring the German people, and then follow Japan, which is the Eve country.

You have to go to your enemy country, Germany, and bring the German people and then unite with Japan. You cannot come directly or bypass this requirement. However the

Americans so far say, "Oh, we don't need Korean leaders, we don't need Japanese, and we certainly don't need the Germans!" The Korean, Japanese, American, and German people are the four most problematic races in the world.

The Korean people are not easy people; they are tough—that small peninsular country hung in there without losing its identity for 5,000 years. The Korean people are adventurous; they love risk. If there is an opportunity, they grab it.

I have created a oneness and unity among Japanese, Americans, and Germans, haven't I? I would like to create condominiums that always have four units: one each occupied by a Korean family, a Japanese family, a German family, and an American family. They should live together at least two or three years, training, and then branch out to the world. According to the Principle, the Koreans should be the central figure, followed by the Japanese, Americans, and Germans.

Have you ever thought about whether our ultimate ancestors, Adam and Eve, were Oriental or Caucasian? Palestine in the Middle East is supposed to be the site of the ancient Garden of Eden, but do you think God created Adam and Eve in the desert? I think God created the first men and women in the most beautiful land with mountains and rivers, full of fruits, flowers, and fragrance, as on the Paekdu Mountain on the border between Korea and Manchuria.

The Oriental race is the elder son or "Shem" race; they always stayed nearby the parents. But now Ham, Japheth, and all the younger brothers have to go back to the original home—Asia. That's why True Parents had to come out of Asia. Restoration has to be conducted in the same place. □

"Love"

by Hyo Jin Moon

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Today I want to talk about love. When we talk about love, what is the first thought that comes into your mind? (True Parents!) Do you have certain expectations about love? Is that expectation limited or unlimited? When we address the issue of love, we want love to be forever. If I could possess love, if I had the will and the ability to do this, I would want that love to be with me as long as I live. And if I have an eternal soul with the potential to live forever, then I would want the love to do the same. I would want love to be with me forever and wherever I go.

Why are we here? I am sure none of you are sitting here because you want to do things just for yourself. You are here for a greater purpose. We are trying to create a world where love can exist everywhere we go, where we can embrace and shake hands with every person. We expect this love to last forever once we create it. We don't want love to diminish. In my heart I expect that within the path of love there are no barriers. I can be liberated to the extent of the expectation that I hold. If I expect love to be eternal and everlasting, I can look at this person right here and feel the same. Love is eternal and unbounded. I can't say to myself, "I lost love," just because of some obstacle that is in my path. If I say to myself, "I have lost love," then in my heart I do not really have true love.

It is very easy to react with anger when someone provokes us. But if I believe in the unboundedness and the eternal as-

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pect of love, I must stand in front of that situation with a higher quality of love. As long as I return an "eye for an eye," then the cycle of destruction will not cease. Of course we all hope that we will not run into that kind of circumstance. But we know that is not the case.

What has Father been doing for the 17 years that he has been here? America has done so much to cause grief to his heart. He poured out everything that he had and he wanted to give even more. Why? Because he believes in God's ideal and possesses God's unbounded, everlasting and unchanging love. He is trying to convey the quality of love that he possesses to you, and in order for him to be true, his actions must comply with his thoughts.

Father's unchanging love

I am sure many of you have your personal views toward Father. For me, the overwhelming aspect of our relationship



is the life-changing love that he has shown me. The way that he looks at me and embraces me has never changed, from as far back as I can remember. I used to follow Father all over the place. He would take me around with him every chance that he could. Sometimes I used to sit in Father's lap and I felt there was no place on earth that could provide the same comfort and security that I experienced at those moments. And when I was away from him, I lost everything. Physically I was busy, but my heart was in trouble. When I see Father now, he looks at me with the same kind of eyes that he looked at me when I was young, and he touches me with the same kind of care that he used to give me. It is all because of his unchanging love toward me. His love for me never wavered.

Father knew that in order for me to possess that love, I must make the base to receive that love on my own. In order for man to be one with Heavenly Father, he has the responsibility to make the right choices. By uniting with God absolutely, individuals can receive the eternal love that is waiting for them. If I am going to be the possessor of that absolute love, I must have the same ability to perpetuate the love of my father. When I look into my children's eyes I must have the same kind of intensity and essence of love that my father had for me.

When we go to the matching or the Blessing, we have certain expectations of our partner. I am sure everybody here felt that kind of feeling, even slightly: "I hope that my wife

will be as beautiful as a princess" or "I hope my husband will be handsome, strong, and very well-mannered." There seems to be some kind of universal standard of beauty in everyone's mind, right? I am speaking about beauty on a physical level. When we look at a beautiful model's face, we know it is physically beautiful. But when Father matches, everyone gets their turn. We are all unique with different shapes and sizes.

But what makes us leap further than the physical reality? If the universe is created through love, what about the less beautiful faces? Is there only one kind of tree in the woods, only one kind of fish in the ocean, one kind of bird flying in the sky? Everyone goes into the matching with certain expectations and wishes that their partner will be pretty or handsome. But we have some very interesting looking people here.

Develop the heart of a parent

One time Father was matching a crippled woman. Her appearance wasn't bad, but she was crippled. She couldn't use her legs. She was eligible for the matching and the Blessing, so she attended. At that point Father was very concerned because she came with the desire and expectation to be blessed by Father, the same as everybody else. She had a pure intention. She said to Father, "I know my physical situation. If there is no one who is willing to take me, that's fine with me. I just wanted to come and participate in the Blessing because I believe I can have that much hope." Deep inside Father really wanted to bless this woman to somebody. He was thinking, "I want to bless this person, but what if nobody volunteers? That will break her heart. And if I just choose somebody, match that person with her, and they have crippled children, then he is going to blame me forever." Father prayed and looked around. He saw a skinny Korean gentleman with very deep eyes. Father looked at him and some feeling went toward him so he asked, "Would you take this woman? If you take this woman, you will go down in the history of the Unification

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Church, because you will truly set an example for the future. I promise you your children will be beautiful and handsome." The man agreed to take that woman. Later, when Father was touring, he met that couple. The man juttied out in front of Father and Father was a little surprised. The first thing he said was, "Look at my baby, Father." Father looked at the baby and said, "Oh, he is a very handsome baby." This man was very proud of his son.

But that's not important. Let's say my son or daughter was crippled. Would I love my crippled child? I have love for my children no matter who they are. In matters of love, no matter how wise or how old we are, we still have more to conquer. I am grateful that my children are not crippled. But if I had to face that situation, what would I do? Ask that of yourselves. Then, depending on the answer, we can see whether we have love or not. Father felt a deep parental love when he saw that crippled woman. He wanted to do everything in his power to

bring the Blessing to her. If we are to inherit Father's heart, we must do the same. If we can't, we are not worthy.

If you have a spouse, you want to spend time together, right? Let's pretend I have that kind of wife that nags because I don't spend enough time with her. I'm too busy doing other things. Her intention is she wants to spend time with me, that's all. What would you do, as the husband?

Suppose she says, "Spend more time with me. Why are you always busy? Spend some time at home with me. Let's go out together. You haven't taken me out for over a month." Nag, nag, nag! I could say, "Be quiet, wife!" But a good response is: "Wife, listen to me. You know I love you. And my love is not just for you, but for my children and for this family. Now go outside and look around at the world. Can you find joy and happiness everywhere you look? No, we can't find that in this fallen world. I love you and my family so much that I want that same kind of loving atmosphere to be everywhere in the world as our children grow up. I feel that truly loving you is loving our children and the world. The love we have between us is so precious that every time I look at my child it reminds me of that moment of love we shared. I want that love to be able to blossom in an atmosphere of love also. That is why I am going out to the world to create that atmosphere of love. Please don't suffocate our love." Say that to your wife, instead.

Inheriting God's creatorship

I have the kind of attitude that if I run and fall and scrape one knee, I'll get up and be grateful that I didn't scrape the other one. You can get up and kick the rock that made you tumble, or blame the things that caused you suffering, but instead be grateful that you are here, living and breathing. Be grateful that you have the opportunity to make a difference in the world and to have a family. It is up to you. There is nobody out there who can make it better for you. It is you who makes your own destiny. If I say to myself that I want to become a child of God, and I want to create the Kingdom of Heaven where God can reside every single moment, it is up to me. It is up to us! We can think about and discuss the technical aspects of the Principle, but the fact is that we must live it. Every individual has his responsibility to make the foundation of substance. What does that mean? If you long to become one with God, you must make the foundation of substance to receive Him and everything about Him. No one else can make it for you.

Of course, when I look at my son, I wish I could do everything for him. I can try my utmost to make a good environment for him, but ultimately he must make a choice every step of the way. He is saying, "I want to do this, I like this, I don't like that." I can't force feed him, although I may want to do that so he doesn't have to go through the trouble of choosing what is right or wrong. Ultimately for him to become a true son he must possess the ability to perpetuate the love and lifestyle that his father had. Can you perpetuate the love given you by True Parents?

You all like independence, don't you? You must have the quality of love which can receive Heavenly Father and be able to return the things that you have received. You must have the ability to generate within yourselves the kind of love that God has given you. You must have the ability to return His love. You must develop the power to emanate, not just

absorb.

I think about Father, especially when I am alone. When I listen to the songs that I offer to him, I always cry. Why? Because I truly want to be free in my actions. I want to be free in the eyes of God and in the eyes of my parents. The only way that I can accomplish this desire is to sacrifice myself for the sake of love by following my father's tradition and his path. When I do that I feel free in front of him and in front of God. When I do otherwise, I want to hide. I might feel fine at the moment because the people around me indulge in the same things, but when I think about my father, I want to find a hole and crawl into it. In my heart I want to be free. Do you want freedom? If you walk the life of Principle, you will find true freedom because you become justified in front of God and True Parents. If you live for the sake of love, you will be truly liberated.

Liberate the satanic realm

I want to liberate everything. Every time I hear rock and roll, the music makes me happy. When you look at the creation, there is such a mystical quality. A lake early in the morning with the fog lightly settling down on the surface is incredibly serene and pure. And you also notice that, before a really blue sky, there is always a thunder shower—plenty of noise! There was nothing wrong with David, in the Bible, rejoicing in the presence of God by dancing with his natural body. But you must realize what Satan has done. He has taken everything that can make us physically happy and made it his, because he possesses the physical world. I'm not advocating rock and roll. The point I am trying to make is that nothing belongs to Satan. These days we put greater emphasis on the

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cover than on the essence. People have to elaborate simple words into great phrases. Instead of using the word "sacrifice," we have to hear, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country," before we can get inspired. People like nice external packages. The outer physical package of rock and roll brings excitement. That's what people like. But the essence can be evil. People who listen to rock and roll just like the feeling that emanates from the rhythm of the music. They don't care about the lyrics. But because people like the rhythm so much, they unknowingly absorb the lyrics at the same time. Satan is pouring his message into those unconscious people. They are not analyzing the lyrics; they are just having a good time bouncing around. It is just like when you first wake up, or when you are drunk or physically disoriented. If somebody tells you something, you believe it. And if that process is repeated over and over again, it affects you very much.

I feel, and Father said also, that in the future the ideal world will be mainly comprised of the performing arts. Why? Because the essence of art is harmony. In drawing you harmonize colors in the frame of the picture. In music you combine different notes and harmonize them within a song. The

ideal world is harmonious; all the different, unique individuals come together harmoniously and create a beautiful piece of art. Heavenly Father can look at that art and be proud of it: "Wow, look at what I have created! A masterpiece, changing in its quality, but eternally harmonious." This would be an everlasting piece of living art. Can you imagine an artist who can create music that has a life of its own, that can multiply and make baby notes? Within this physical world it is impossible for us to create something like that. But it is possible for us to create a living music within ourselves, by first becoming one in mind and body, then one with others, and finally multiplying children. And our descendants will continue to create this living art that will extend into eternity. So we have the power, just as Heavenly Father does, to give eternal life to things that we touch. Doesn't that make you happy?

We can literally make decisions affecting living species. If we wanted to wipe a species off the face of the earth, we could do that. Man has too much power now, that is why he is arrogant. But mankind must realize why we are the only creatures in the universe who have the power to create and have dominion over things. The reason for that is because we are the children of God. Children must possess the same qualities as the parents.

Ideal environment for blessed children

Yesterday I visited the 8,000 Blessing celebration and I saw so many children. Every time I look at them, it is very hard for me. If we are truly concerned and truly want to be responsible, every time we look at those children it should make us serious. I didn't have the best environment growing up. But I want the best for our children. Truly, that is what we have to think about, because if we value our precious spiritual inheritance, and if we want to make it last, we must have children. No matter what kind of wealth you possess, you are not going to take it with you to spirit world. What is your life ambition? I believe it is the right thing, as Father's son, to value Father's tradition and to make sure that his name and his values and his vision can live on.

If you want to be a success, you have to plan for the future. Our children are our future. We must make an environment where we can be sure that the right things will be provided for our children. Make sure the things that they embrace are the right things. I want to make sure of that. That is why I stress this point so much.

Let me tell you a simple philosophy. I feel, in the eyes of love, one's self must diminish. That is what sacrifice means. When I love my brother, if giving something to him will bring him joy, I want to give it to him. If I love my wife, I want to give everything to her. If I love my children, I want to do anything to provide something that can make them happy. If it means for me to work until I drop so I can feed my family, or so that I can bring some kind of joy and happiness to my family, I will do that. As a father, if I truly love my son, and if I truly am concerned for his future, although the words that I speak at that moment might not please him, I will say them. My personal feeling diminishes because I love my son. Of course I want to make him happy. I would like to feed him candy all the time because he likes it, but it is not good for him. Looking at him in the moment, I want to satisfy his needs. But I love him. I am not concerned just about the moment but for his future. That's why I am willing to say things



he doesn't want to hear because I love him. My feelings diminish because I am living for his sake. Do you understand? That's what love is.

Frankly speaking, for a while I lost the enthusiasm of being here at Belvedere and speaking to you. I had the fire in the beginning, but it weakened. We were not united. But it was wrong on my part to just follow my feelings. I have re-committed myself. We can all do that! That is what I always tell the blessed children. That is what I believe! I don't care about the physical aspects of life.

What is more important to me is eternal love. I will not take the physical quality of love and try to compare it to the eternal quality of love. Within eternal love, the physical quality should exist, too. But it is not an equal thing. That is why, if you understand love, you have to be humble. Why? Because you must look at each other with that eternal quality of love if you wish to become perfect.

We all have our unique characteristics. It is our responsibility to develop them to their fullest. The reason that we have such unique qualities is for the sake of truly loving others. If I am talented in music, or speech, my melodies and my words should bring joy and happiness not just to myself but to everybody! When you take your gifts and claim them as yours, separating yourself from the rest, that is the greatest sin. Do you understand that? That is the sin that Lucifer committed. He should have realized that his existence was within the realm of love, but he thought otherwise. He separated himself from the realm of love and started thinking on his own. He went farther and farther away from God and even-

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tually had the guts to tempt Adam and Eve. He believed that God didn't love him as much as Adam and Eve. Of course God loved him! The position that he held had a purpose in God's ideal. If he fulfilled his position and responsibility, he would be included in God and man's ideal. But he didn't think like that. "Oh, look at Adam and Eve, and look at poor me." He separated himself from the path of love. So please, that is the lowest human attitude that anyone can possess.

You can't rely on other people's words to make your life of faith a true one. Study the Principle. Pray every day and read it. Try to make that connection to Father within yourself. I can provide a certain basic foundation, but it is you who must break through. I can't do that for you. I can't force feed it to you. Every

time I come here, no matter how hard I try, I worry about whether you will understand. Of course you can do well. But you can't rely on other people for your life of faith. You've got to be responsible for your own future, your own life of faith. I don't want you to misunderstand this. I can speak and scold for hours and hours. But what is more important is that you take it from here. That is the only way we can propagate ourselves.

If I can give my whole heart, and if you can do as much, we can change America. That is always the purpose we must keep in our minds. Our goal is to save America. Everything that you do, give your hundred percent. You should pray. Read the Principle over and over again. I do that. You should do that too. It is my responsibility to remind you. □

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The World Student Service



by Mimi Allen

This summer on June 30th, students from various campuses in the United States met in Guatemala for a special event: the third annual World Student Service Corps international project. This year's group was also comprised of students from Mexico, Honduras, the Dominican Republic, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Canada, West Germany, and of course, Guatemala. The WSSC was initiated and founded in 1986 by Hyo Jin Moon, World CARP president. Inspired by the ideal of service, students participating in the Third World CARP convention in New York were seeking an active, concrete way to express their idealism. The WSSC was born and has since conducted programs on both the local and international levels.

Once again under the directorship of Gary Page, this year's Central American program began with a one-day orientation at the Pan American Hotel in Guatemala City. For the past two years the Pan American has provided a simple yet beautifully typical and very warm environment to welcome students into the fascinating culture of Guatemala. Participants were introduced to this year's staff, led by Gaetan Dutil, the on-site project coordinator, as well as Fritz and Anna Schneider, the two missionaries in Guatemala who gave invaluable assistance. Also they were briefed on the history of the WSSC and its activities, and made

aware of health and safety precautions. Right from the first day, students were given a chance to test their abilities to bargain at the Central Marketplace or to see Guatemala City.

A warm welcome

The orientation program ended with a buffet dinner for participants and friends from past years, as well as a marimba concert given by Congressman Baudillo Ordonez. Congressman Ordonez amazed us all by his being the only man in Guatemala able to play marimba with six sticks all by himself. Normally it is played by four or five men at a

I realized the simple truth Father has been speaking about for years: love breaks down all barriers.

time. He is also one of the foremost authorities on the diverse indigenous cultures of his people. Everyone present enjoyed his performance, including the Guatemalans.

On the morning of Sunday, July 2, the group began the three hour journey that would take them from Guatemala City through the breathtaking highlands to Lake Atitlan, which Guatemalans proudly claim as the most beautiful lake in the world. With three towering volcanoes eternally guarding its lush green flora and clear blue waters, I would

have to agree. We boarded the Santa Maria, the boat that would take us from Panajachel across the waters of Atitlan to San Pedro. Until only four or five months ago Panajachel was the only village out of twelve on the lake with a telephone; now a few villages have one phone each. Boat travel is almost the only means of transportation on or around Lake Atitlan due to the lack of roads.

At the shores of San Pedro we were welcomed by old friends we made from past projects and new friends we would soon make. We settled into our residence, which would be our home for the upcoming month. The beds were lumpy, the rooms a little crowded with two or three sharing a small room, and the one shower per fifteen people had cold water only; but most hadn't expected more. We were still living better than many locals who have no running water or electricity. The rooms were clean, however, and the hotel staff treated us like family so we quickly adapted to our new environment. Our first evening in San Pedro was made memorable by a local marimba band that came to welcome us to their town. It seemed as if

there wasn't a shy person in the group this year as most began dancing as soon as the music started and begged for more when the band had to leave. The indigenous people looked amused watching foreigners dance to local tunes, but only a few were brave enough

to join in with us.

Getting down to work

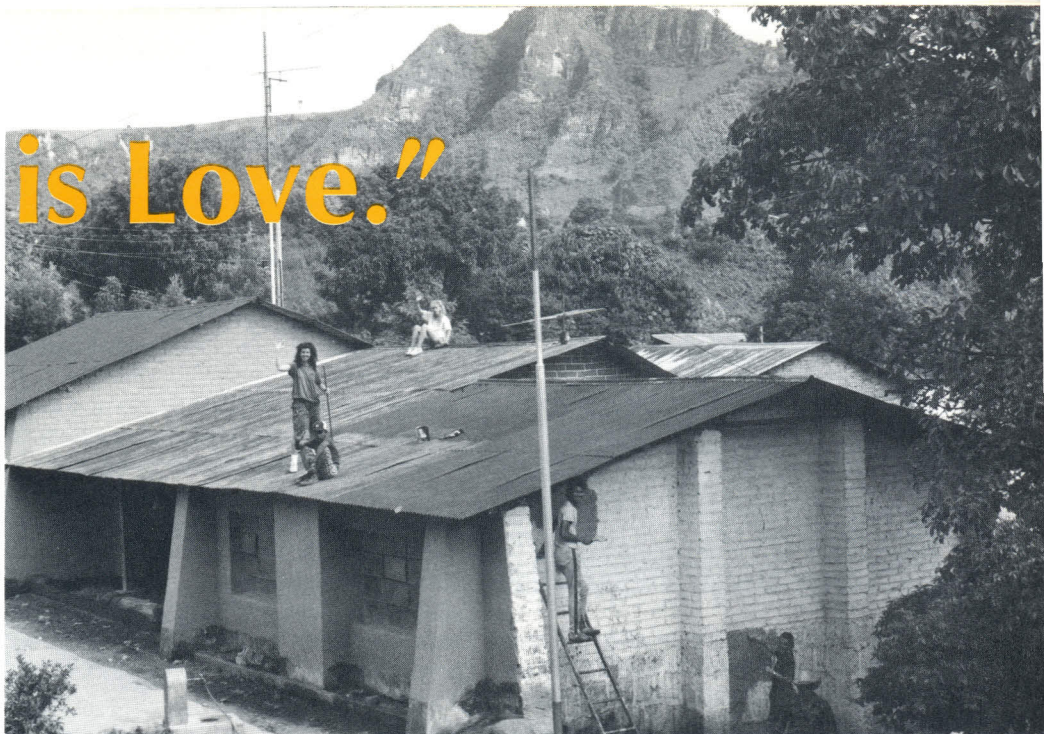
After the welcome celebration all were ready to get down to some serious work, of which there was plenty. There were five projects that awaited us. In San Pedro, where we were staying, major additions were done to the central school. A total of approximately 1,000 students were benefited from our work. Doors and windows were put in where there previously were none in six major classrooms. The rooms were painted, a ceil-

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Third Corps In Guatemala

ing installed, and new floors were added. A second project in San Pedro was the painting, inside and out, of another small village school. This second project was enthusiastically led by Denise Mast, a recent Ohio State graduate and second time participant of WSSC.

In Santiago Atitlan, the largest village on the lake, there were three projects. One was located at the two-story community center we had constructed over the last two summers. A small rotating group of students added finishing touches to its already beautiful structure. Upon arrival at the second site in Santiago, I had absolutely no hope that we could accomplish what we were planning, and I was supposed to lead this group! We were to add a classroom and playground to the two-room schoolhouse WSSC participants built last year. All I saw was a jungle, thick with green trees, plants, and huge boulders everywhere. After the first day, when all the trees were cleared by one man and his young son with their trusty machetes, I began to have hope. I must



Painting the school in San Pedro.

admit I had no idea just how industrious these people are.

This summer, each participant learned intimately the meaning of hard work, carrying water, bricks, cement, and all the materials for the school and playground on their backs. For us it was a new and somewhat novel experience, but for the locals it is their daily life. It isn't unusual to see a man carry even up to 300 pounds on his back. What is even more shocking is to find out that these same people make sometimes the equivalent of only two to three dollars for a whole day's hard labor. Needless to say, poverty took on an entirely new meaning.

It was truly a beautiful sight to see progress day by day as large boulders were cracked apart and removed piece by piece, or as giant tree stumps were patiently axed out bit by bit. The walls of the schoolroom grew and the playground slowly appeared. The most inspiring part was the unity created between the hired indigenous workers and the students. Both caught the spirit underlying this effort to serve others, and both were determined to bring the project to a finish in the short time allowed. Although there were three or four languages being spoken on the site it was amazing how harmoniously the work went. Everyone managed to communicate quite effectively, sometimes even without words.

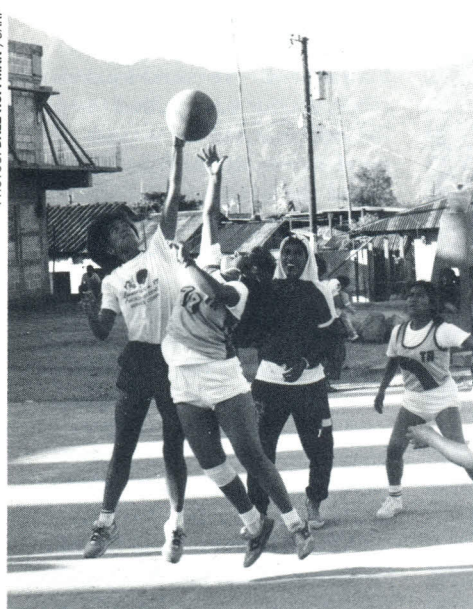
Embracing the culture

There were numerous other activities, some planned and some impromptu,

that made this summer's experience particularly enriching. A local woman gave weaving lessons in her two-room home, while some took time to have a lesson in *Tsutufil*, the local dialect. A few took a day to go horseback riding. Melanie, a medical student, traveled for a day with a local doctor. Some went out on the lake on a *cayuco*, a dug-out canoe, and a large group took a one day trek up the volcano of San Pedro to see sights they never imagined possible. As has become a tradition, local basketball teams challenged WSSC teams. This year, for the first time, we won two games out of four!

A special weekend trip was planned to Chichicastenango, a beautifully colorful Indian village about two hours ride from San Pedro. Students had the opportunity to experience market day, a day when people come from near and far to sell their wares. Adventure seemed to be waiting around every corner in Chichi as there were hundreds of vendors with countless beautiful objects to sell, often at unbelievably cheap prices. Of particular interest to many was the main Catholic church in town. One could observe the mixture of Catholicism with ancient Mayan rites, as Indians burned fires on the steps, swung incense, made offerings of plants, flowers, candles, and swayed, chanting their prayers in native tongues. The one incident from our weekend trip that stands out in my mind happened over dinner. We had invited two indigenous friends from San Pedro to join us for the weekend, neither of whom had ever left their

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WSSC girls challenge the local team.



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villages before. As we awaited our meal I noticed one of them looked a little uncomfortable, so I asked him if he was okay. He said, "I have never gone away from my family before, so I am homesick." Here he was 25 years old and missing his family after only six hours! I realized we had something important about family ties to learn from these people.

This year we were again fortunate to have Dr. Seuk, President of WSSC, come to review all the work that had been accomplished and to address the Closing Banquet. He came with Gary Page, our executive director, who returned for the closing proceedings with his wife, Gloria, who had been assisting the project throughout. They traveled throughout the lake to different sites, guided by Gaetan Dutil, and accompa-

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Gratitude for God's blessings

Probably the most fulfilling moment for all was to see the various projects come to fruition. On each site all the work had been accomplished as was planned and this left participants and workers alike

with a feeling of satisfaction and pride. Knowing that 70 children will no longer sit on rocks in their one-room bamboo schoolhouse, but have a three-room concrete building with wooden desks and a steel roof to keep the rain out in the rainy season, and knowing that we built it with our own hands is an incredibly gratifying feeling. Upon seeing all the ecstatic children rush in joyfully to play in their new playground I had to suppress tears several times. How we take so much for granted in developed nations! Through this whole experience

our lives had been changed in many ways. Most realized, unexpectedly,

they had received far more than they had given.

When the work was done and it was time to leave

San Pedro, this year there wasn't a dry eye to be found. I

honestly felt a part of my heart had been implanted in this beautiful village and would stay with these people forever. Needless to say it was a painful good-bye. Just because we were educated and most of the people there were illiterate, just because we had money and they didn't, just because we

shared no common language, just because we were different races, religions, and were from different cultures and parts of the world—these things didn't matter at all. We could love each other. As our boat pulled out for the last time and we waved good-bye to all our friends, I realized the simple truth Father has been speaking about for years: love breaks down all barriers. We had truly experienced this first-hand. I was reminded of the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, "... if I have all knowledge and all faith so as to remove mountains but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I have to the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned but have not love, I gain nothing. So faith, hope, love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love." □



Group photo at the Closing Banquet.

Bonds of Heart

European Blessed Wives Seminar

by Ann Schaffner

Under the 1989 European motto, "Triple Up and Welcome True Parents" (meaning to triple our membership), given by President Won Pil Kim at the start of this year, a European-wide Blessed Wives conference was held in Camberg, West Germany from May 23-25, 1989. It was the first of its kind here. Sisters from 21 nations and 6 continents gathered in order to lay a foundation whereby True Parents could be greeted in Europe, after an eight year absence.

The inspiration for such a seminar came from Mr. Masatoshi Abe, Regional Leader of Northern Europe and National Leader of Great Britain, who forwarded the suggestion to President Kim. Later, President Kim said that when he heard Mr Abe's proposal he felt as if God were speaking, and that it was crucial for the elder blessed wives of Europe to gather.

Therefore, the ball was set in motion—phone calls were made and faxes were sent, and by Monday afternoon of the 22nd, the first participants from England and Ireland had arrived. Sisters flew, came by train, or drove to Camberg that evening to attend this very special seminar.

On Tuesday morning seven groups were made from the 73 sisters in attendance. Each group was given the task to ponder two questions: 1) What is the most difficult point in your Blessing? and 2) Can you create a balance between your family and mission? The remainder of the day was left to discussion and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings there were testimonies from a few elder sisters, including Elke van der Stock, a 43 couple, and So Young Kim, wife of Dr. Kae Hwan Kim.

All day Wednesday and Thursday were spent under the tutelage of Mr. Abe. Booklets were passed out entitled Blessing Seminar Notes, from which each sister could clearly follow his lectures. He began with "The Family of Original Value", speaking about how the family, as a heavenly institution, was destroyed, and how it can be restored. The family's position in provi-

dential history, as well as a clear explanation of the way in which we are grafted onto our True Parents' lineage by means of the Blessing, were discussed in depth. Ending this portion of the seminar, Mr. Abe stressed that we should not forget the priority of this special event and eternal activity and that we must be conscious of its importance in our daily lives.

Most assuredly, the highlight of the

spoke once again, pointing out that as blessed couples we must face up to all difficulties, continually overcoming our fallen nature and always sacrificing for others. We must repeatedly offer the most important part of ourselves.

As the three-day seminar—drew to a close, he gave again of himself, touching each sister's heart at this last moment. He reiterated the necessity of loving others before one's own family, and went on to say that our lives are to be constantly public, based on the tradition given by our True Parents. Drawing special attention to the national leaders' wives, he comforted them, stating that he fully realized how difficult their situation was and the extent each



Seminar participants, led by President Won Pil Kim, gather for a group picture.

entire workshop was the continual presence of President Won Pil Kim in Camberg. He was able to assist sisters on an individual basis, and to share with one group every mealtime, being introduced to each participant.

Moreover, he could give substantial internal guidance to the sisters on three occasions during the workshop. He first spoke on Tuesday morning, stressing the importance of expressing what is within oneself, sharing with one another and clarifying any sort of situation. Camberg was a place to be of one heart, he emphasized, and strongly suggested that this same type of seminar should be initiated in every country so as to include all the blessed wives of Europe.

Early Wednesday, President Kim

one had suffered.

Yet this was not the final chapter of the seminar, for the power, strength and vitality exhibited by these European wives was enormous. It is through this kind of heartistic activity that families are bonded together within the true lineage, physical and spiritual children are given new life, once-divided nations are restored back to God, and a multicultural, multilingual continent can truly lay out the red carpet for our True Parent's coming to Europe.

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Unification Church History

by Mrs. Nora Spurgin

The following article contains background information about our church's history. It was compiled largely from three historical speeches given by Father in 1971. It is reprinted here from the Blessed Family Journal, Volume 4.

Long before Father ever taught the Principle to anyone, he searched throughout Korea for the Christian groups which he knew God had been preparing and which had been willing to make the sacrifices necessary to play a role in the restoration process. Many of them had made incredible sacrifices in laying a foundation of faith, but in the end there always remained that ultimate test of faith that they unite with another person or group, making the foundation of substance, thus taking the providence to a new level in preparation for the coming Lord. Father explains that it was also a condition that this unity be made in pure faith and obedience to God without rational explanation.

The period of oppression under the Japanese was one of unbelievably intense persecution and hardship for Koreans, particularly for the Christians. It was also during this same period of time that providential preparation was taking place among the Christians so that the Old Testament and the New Testament Eras would be restored and indemnified, paving the way for Father to begin his mission.

It is not news to us that the many failures in this early foundation were due to an inability to unite. During World War II and thereafter, Korean Christians suffered greatly, made incredible personal sacrifices, labored endlessly, and carried out directions from spirit world faithfully and obediently; yet in the end, one foundation after another was lost because of the unwillingness to unite with another person or group. Father often made special conditions personally so that he could inherit the foundations and thereby salvage the great indemnity which had already been paid. Even the establishment of the Unification Church was not God's original plan, but rather an alter-

nate way to preserve the foundation of incredible suffering and sacrifice which had already been made. In this way a small group of early members made the conditions to inherit (and thus save) God's carefully nurtured restoration providence.

The providential history of Korea both before and after the establishment of the Unification Church had one goal—that of uniting internal and external, male and female, and Cain and Abel on every level. The name Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity speaks as much to our mission today as it did at its inception in 1954.

Japanese oppression

Korea, in order to be the Adam country in God's providence, had to be dominated by an Eve country and by overcoming the Eve country, gain independence. Therefore, Korea was ruled by the Japanese for 40 years from 1905 to 1945. During that 40-year period the Japanese

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tried to destroy the cultural tradition and even the language of Korea. They forced the Christians to bow down to idols in the Shinto shrines. Many Korean Christians were imprisoned and suppressed by the Japanese government because of their refusal to do this. Father himself was imprisoned by the Japanese during this period. As a young man, Father was preparing himself for his public ministry; however, he did not teach the Principle at this time for he had promised God to begin his work after Korea was liberated from the Japanese rule.

When God finds people and enlarges the foundation for His providence, He always has to work against the rejection of Satan. Therefore, as World War II neared its end the oppression from the Japanese became much more severe. These last years of Japanese rule became unbearable, especially for faithful Christians. People longed and prayed for the day of liberation from Japan. As those Christians prayed more and more seriously, many received revelations from heaven that after World War II Korea would be liberated and a new history would develop centering on that Asian nation.

Christianity divided

Under such circumstances Christianity became divided. The most devout Christians refused to bow down to the Shinto idols, consequently experiencing imprisonment, severe torture, and even death at the hands of their Japanese oppressors. Other Christians, often from the mainline churches, chose to compromise their faith, externally uniting with the Japanese authorities by bowing before the Shinto shrines while internally maintaining their Christian beliefs.

Many of the faithful Christians fled to the mountains where they hid and created underground groups centered around a spiritual leader. In the midst of severe persecution, and elusive in the mountains of Korea, these independent Christians became channels for many new revelations from God and Jesus, setting them apart from the established churches. Some Christians even received that they should not work with the existing churches. Consequently, they were not only in conflict with the Japanese authorities; conflict also arose between established churches and the many newly formed spiritual groups. From an internal point of view, these spiritual groups were part of the provi-

dential plan for restoring the Old and New Testaments and making the foundation for the Messiah to find a bride and establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Won Pil Kim tells us of the role spiritualists played in Korean Christianity:

Many people who visited Father and became members had held leadership positions in one or another Christian church. Among these were the spiritualists. People who could heal and foretell the future formed an important part of the fundamentalist Christian churches, because their spiritual power drew others to the churches and the ministers were able to witness to them and multiply the membership. Thus, these spiritualists were the main leaders

So the spiritualists would pray to God and ask what to do. The same revelations would be repeated. Thus, the spiritualists were faced with the dilemma of deciding whether to follow their ministers or their revelations from God. They were in a kind of midway position. According to the ministers, the revelations were contrary to the Bible. Moreover, when the revelations were given, no biblical basis or explanation accompanied them.

So the spiritualists would stop going to church, but eventually, having nowhere else to go, they had to return. Still, they were always looking for the true answer. Whenever they heard of the arrival of a new missionary or a new teacher,

valued by their families. Deep inside, however, these spiritualists lived in great conflict.

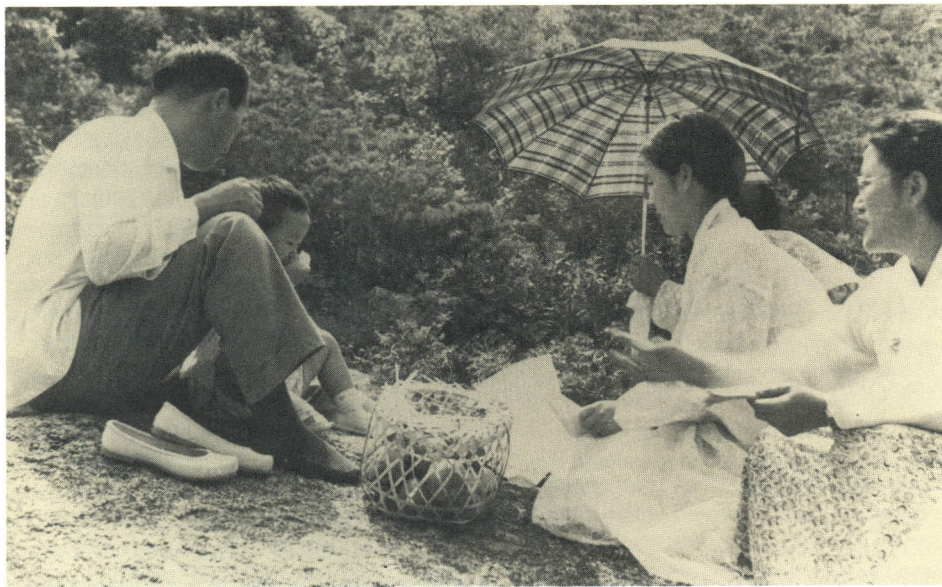
Two spiritual groups, one on the east coast and the other on the west coast, played prominent roles in the restoration providence to lay a foundation for God's completed work.

The east coast church

The eastern side of Korea is rugged and mountainous, reflecting in its nature masculine elements. In the city of Won San, located on the east coast of North Korea, a Christian spiritual movement arose around a leader named Paek Nam Ju to whom Jesus gave revelations through a woman named Han Myong Pa. This movement had many male followers and had a providential role in the archangel position. Mrs. Han told Mr. Paek, "The Lord is with me and the Lord is speaking through me." So Mr. Paek bowed down and received the spiritual messages from Jesus through her. However, when other Christian ministers heard about this movement, they persecuted Paek's group for following these spiritual messages.

One of the messages Jesus gave Mr. Paek's group was that they should connect with a women's Christian spiritual group on the west coast. Spirit world further instructed Mr. Paek that he was to walk the 130 miles to the west coast without shoes. Barefooted he came, to meet the lady who was the leader of the west coast group. God wanted to unite these two groups on the family and tribal levels. By these two churches uniting, this could have been done. Obviously, this did not happen, and further persecution befell both groups when their unusual spiritual actions were reported to the Japanese authorities.

After Mr. Paek, the leadership of this masculine spiritual movement passed on to Mr. Lee Yong Do. Mr. Lee, a powerful and inspiring preacher, started a new church on Mr. Paek's foundation. Again, instructions were given from spirit world to unite his church with the "Inside Belly Church" (from the west coast). This time the western women's group went to the eastern group, but the east could not receive them. Because unification was not accomplished at this time, God needed a new movement to pioneer again. In 1932, at age 33, Mr. Lee died and the spirit and mission of the east coast church was passed on to a Mr. Kim Beck Moon, who began a new



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in the existing churches.

For years, people had unhesitatingly received their ministers' words as God's words. But then the spiritualists began to receive by revelation that Jesus' crucifixion was not originally planned by God. Since the ministers had always taught that the crucifixion was planned by God, the spiritualists thought they would be pleased to hear the new revelations, so they went and shared the news with their ministers. However, the ministers denied the revelations. The ministers said they must have come not from God, but from Satan. You can imagine how painful it was for the spiritualists to be told this.

they would immediately go to hear him speak. Although they attended church, they could not respect their minister.

In those days, the Christian churches were to some degree built on the foundation of the spiritual power of the spiritualists. Thus the spiritualists were pillars of their churches, and of course, their families as well, since the whole family would usually attend church together. When someone became sick, he would go to one of his relatives who was a spiritualist and quickly recover. Whenever someone had a problem, he would go to the spiritualist among his relatives and get some good advice. Thus, the spiritualists were always respected and

group.

The three men, Mr. Paek, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Kim, represented the formation, growth, and perfection stages in the providence to restore the three archangels. God had to go through a three-stage providence through these three male leaders. Mr. Kim was told to establish a seminary to prepare for the Lord of the Second Advent. This he did, calling it the Israel Monastery.

Father met Mr. Kim in November 1945 (three months after the liberation from the Japanese) and stayed and worked in his church for six months. Father did not speak of the Principle, but served the church in a humble way by doing the most menial tasks. During this time Father prayed hard for Mr. Kim to understand Father's role. Mr. Kim received a revelation about Father and placed his hand on Father's head, saying that the glory of King Solomon and the whole world would be on him. As Jesus was blessed by John the Baptist, so Father was to inherit from Mr. Kim the foundation made by the three "archangels".

During this six-month period many women followers of Mr. Kim were told by the spirit world to follow Father instead of Mr. Kim. Mr. Kim, on the basis of what he received when he blessed Father, had his own portion of responsibility to find out who Father was. He should have asked Father what these revelations about him meant; Father was praying for him to ask. However, Mr. Kim became more concerned about his own position, and was fearful that Father would take his followers. Therefore, he, like John the Baptist, could not follow, although Father inherited the blessing of the providential foundation from Mr. Kim.

The providence of the east (men's) and west (women's) groups was that God wanted to unite Christians on the family and tribal levels. This could have been established in the unity of the two churches and represented the restoration of the archangel and Eve. Both churches were based on spiritual messages, having received that the Japanese would perish (this was during the worst oppression under the Japanese). But these special groups were persecuted by the Christian churches all over Korea and ultimately were reported to the Japanese authorities by Christian ministers themselves.

The west coast church

The western coast of Korea is a flat and gentle land where nature shows its more feminine side. From a providential point of view the west side represents Eve. Here, in the city of Kon San, an elderly lady named Mrs. Kim Son Do received many prophetic messages. She was a woman of deep prayer, often praying from 1:00 a.m. until mid-morning. The messages she received directly from God included such things as the exact date of Korea's liberation; that the Second Coming of the Lord would be as a physical man; that the world would be restored through Korea. She also received information about the "fall of man" which prompted her to teach her followers not to marry because a new blood lineage was to be established.

Her husband, who could not accept her devout lifestyle and unusual religious beliefs, persecuted her and even beat her nearly to death. Mrs. Kim also had two sons, the first of whom was married to the daughter of a devout

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minister. This daughter-in-law respected her and also received spiritual messages. The son, however, could not respect his mother's request that he and his wife give up their married life. When he disregarded her instruction (from spirit world) his wife died. Providentially, this was to indemnify the ill treatment Mrs. Kim's husband had given her. Her second son and her daughters did not marry in accordance with heaven's instructions.

Many women followed Mrs. Kim. After her death, which came as a result of torture during imprisonment, a faithful disciple, Mrs. Ho Ho Bin, was chosen by God as successor to this mission. According to Won Pil Kim, Mrs. Kim's group divided into two groups with some followers remaining with the original group. However, a larger number, including Mother's mother, moved to Mrs. Ho's group. Mrs. Ho, unlike Mrs. Kim, had a husband who was also a devout follower of Mrs. Kim. Together they prayed to inherit Mrs. Kim's foun-

ation, for they both believed that through Mrs. Kim's work the true providence would come. They received that God wanted one man and one woman whom he could prepare for a final mission.

Because Mrs. Ho understood the "fall of man," she told her husband that he was in the archangelic position, requiring of him many difficult tests to indemnify the archangel. He had to prove that he was willing to die for this mission. Because of his obedience to God and unity with his wife, his indemnity conditions were always shortened.

Jesus revealed to Mrs. Ho much about the heart of God, the inner secrets of the mission Mary could not fulfill, Jesus' childhood, the fact that John the Baptist failed his mission resulting in the crucifixion of Jesus, and that the Lord of the Second Advent would come as a man to Korea. Mrs. Ho was also told that the Lord would come as a prince of heaven on the sacrifice of 6,000 years of history. Therefore those who would receive the Lord must solve the

resentments of Jesus prior to his second coming. The Ho Church was to solve this resentment by preparing the best princely clothes and food for Jesus—enough that he could have three banquet-style meals a day and clothes (both Korean and Western) to change every three days from birth to 33

years of age.

Every specific instruction was given for the fulfillment of these incredible requirements and the 1,000 members toiled endlessly to collect the money through donations and prepare the food and garments. They faithfully did this over a period of seven years. The following are some of the instructions given from spirit world: Members should wait for the markets to open in the morning so as to be the first to buy. They should buy only things which were freshly put on display. Members should never haggle over the price (which is general practice in Korea). All the clothes were to be made by hand. They were to be sewn three stitches at a time, then tied and the three stitches repeated. If they were interrupted by their children, they had to start over. They were not to stand up or go to the toilet until the garment was finished. The room had to be absolutely clean before preparing food or clothing.

After the clothes were made for Jesus,

Mrs. Ho was told to make clothes and prepare food in the same way for the Lord of the Second Advent. They were given the specific sizes for each age. When they brought food to serve to this unknown "Lord" they were told to bow 300, sometimes even 3,000 times, which took ten hours. Mrs. Ho received details such as the academic background of the Lord of the Second Advent. She prepared and trained her membership of 1,000 to all be ready to give their lives for him. She was also told that she would meet him as Chung Hyang (in a Korean folktale) met her Lord—in prison.

Mrs. Ho's unusual sect became known throughout Korea as the Kokjungkyo (Inside Belly Church). This name was given the group because each time Mrs. Ho received revelations, her stomach shook, a sign which served as a constant reminder that the Lord to come was to be born as a physical man from his mother's womb. Mrs. Ho prophesied many specific things which came true, including that Japan would surrender on August 16, 1945. Because of her accuracy in prophecy her followers had great faith in her. She also received that they would meet the Lord when Japan perished. Thus, it must have been with great anticipation that these faithful and sacrificial Christians prepared both a house and a bride for the Messiah. They bought a fine house in Pyong-yang. By this time (1946) North Korea was occupied by communists who, upon hearing that they owned a fine house and stored many rich garments, confiscated the clothes and put the leaders, including Mrs. Ho, in prison.

On August 11, 1946, several months after Mrs. Ho's imprisonment, Father was also imprisoned. He had gone to North Korea from Pusan. Without identification, he was suspected of being a spy. Secondly, his religious teachings and practices resembled those of Mrs. Ho's church, making him suspect.

As providence would have it, Father was put in the same prison as Mrs. Ho, and in the same cell as her assistant. Won Pil Kim tells the story thusly:

The cell Father was thrown into was the same as that of one of the Inside Belly Church leaders. When this man saw Father, he immediately felt an impulse to explain to Father everything about the Inside Belly Church and confide in him about his own life.

The communists had given the Inside Belly Church leaders two alternatives: to deny their revelations and be released, or to maintain their faith and stay in prison. Even under severe torture, they would not deny



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their revelations.

When Father heard about this, he explained to his cellmate why their church was prepared, and urged him to deny the revelation so he could be set free. Eventually this man did deny the revelation and was liberated, but because of the severe torture he had endured, he died shortly after his release.

Father felt responsible for the woman who had received those revelations. In prison, it was very dangerous to write letters, but Father secretly sent a note to her on a piece of paper hidden in a rice bowl. The contents of the note were instructions to deny the revelations she had received and to pray to find out who had written the note. However, the note was discovered and Father was tortured. The Japanese had previously ruled Korea, and the torture in this prison was Japanese-style. It was severe and nearly unbearable. Finally, after about 100 days in prison, Father was set free.

The woman who was leader of the Inside Belly Church could not accept Father's request that she deny her revelations and be released. You can imagine how difficult it would have been for her to do so. Because she had been guided by God directly

and because whenever she neglected to obey even a small part of her revelations she was chastised by heaven, to deny the revelations would have meant denying herself and everything she had done in the past.

Through many experiences, she had learned that if she followed the revelations exactly, many good things happened, but if she did not follow them, bad things would happen.

However, the last revelation she received was that she would meet the Messiah in prison. Her own responsibility was to discover who he was. Father told her to pray in order to find out who had written the note, but she could not.

Mrs. Ho and her followers could not deny their revelations and without understanding who Father was, both they and Father suffered severe torture. The great foundation of faith which had been made through Mrs. Kim and Mrs. Ho was never connected to the Lord they so longed to meet. Had they recognized and obeyed Father there, history would be different. In 1950 when the Korean War broke out, long-suffering members of the Inside Belly Church were sent to concentration camps in North Korea and eventually killed.

Since Mrs. Ho did not accomplish the mission to connect with Father, the blessing of the inheritance of their foundation was passed on to Mother alone. Mrs. Hong (Mother's mother) was involved with this group. While Mrs. Ho was in prison, Mother as a six-year-old

girl was introduced to the spiritual leader acting for Mrs. Ho. This spiritual lady gave Mother a great blessing. As Father inherited the foundation blessing from Mr. Kim, so Mother received this blessing. Here, in Mother's own words given on May 3, 1977, we catch a glimpse of the painful reality of the preparation for this:

In Korea there were many special spiritual groups which were unlike the conventional Christian churches which just blindly believed in the Bible and Jesus Christ, hoping to go to heaven. Those spiritual groups existed solely to receive revelations from God to prepare the way for the Lord of the Second Advent here on earth, and to search to find the heavenly bride.

Mother having been overcome with tears, Father explained:

Mother is very sorrowful because looking back to those days she remembers the impossible tribulations that those people, including Mother's own mother, went through. Those people who were receiving God's revelations had to suffer in so many incredible ways. They paved the way of indemnity, and many died in very unfortunate circumstances, sometimes in prison.

Mother continued:

I was also sorrowful to once again think that those heavenly chosen instruments, who were absolutely dedicated to God's revelations and whose one hope was to some day meet the Messiah, never saw that day.

God had precisely unfolded to them His plan for sending His son here on earth, and under untold hardships they prepared for the day of the Lord. But unfortunately they did not see that day, and one after another they died away. Yet their mission continued on for three generations. As the culmination of one group which had such revelations, I was born. The final spiritualist to inherit the mission of unfolding God's plan to send His son here on earth recognized me at the age of six, and said that I would be the bride of the Lord.

The restoration process

In a speech on the history of the Unifica-

tion Church, given on December 27, 1971, Father said, "The Lord of the Second Advent must restore the three lost disciples of Jesus. These three disciples will be the restored archangels. After that he will restore Eve."

He continued, saying that to restore Adam, God had to work through the Old Testament Age, the New Testament Age, and the Completed Testament Age. Therefore, to restore the Eve position, Father had to make conditions to restore Eve in the three ages as well.

Father had salvaged the restoration providence by himself inheriting the Christian foundation and creating a new group (the Unification Church).

Originally God wanted to love Adam and Eve together. But in the Old and New Testament Ages God chose men in Adam's position: Noah, Abraham, and so on. The right conditions for restoration of the Eve position had to be made by Father in the last days.

To restore the three archangels, God had to go through a three-stage providence of succession of leaders as well. Father said, "If [Father] can restore one man and three women united with that man, from the spiritual group, by that he can restore all the conditions for the restoration of Eve." When Father went to the east coast church there were three women who testified to him. According to Father, if these three women and their leader, Mr. Kim, had become one with Father, then all the conditions would have been restored at that place and time; they would have become the perfection stage group.

In this same speech Father explained that had this group united with him, then a second Christian group would have been found which was united with the established Christian ministers, representing the growth stage centered on Christianity. These two groups were to unite. This Christian center would have in turn connected with the government becoming the formation stage group.

At the time these Christians should have become one with Father, Korea was under American military government. Through them he could have united with the government, and through the government he could have united with the democratic world. And through the democratic world the communist world would have crumbled.

Since unity was not made, Father went to North Korea in 1946 where he found Won Pil Kim and three women who played the role of the four people who had been prepared to unite in South Korea.

The Unification Church

A new foundation had to be established. This is the Unification Church (HSA-UWC), whose mission it is to indemnify the failures to unite with God's providence for the fulfillment of the Sec-

ond Advent. After Father restored certain providential numbers of followers in North Korea (for example, three male disciples from prison), Father could go to South Korea to begin the spiritual work out of which the Unification Church could be founded. By fulfilling this, Jesus' crucifixion could be restored.

Father had salvaged the restoration providence by himself inheriting the foundation made by the Christian group and creating a new group (the Unification Church) made up of his small group of disciples. Mother also inherited the blessing of the foundation of Mrs. Ho's church. These two great foundations of faith were finally united in our True Parents, and from this beginning they took the mission to unite Christianity to the next level, the worldwide level.

In 1971 Father said, "America is the archangelic nation in the democratic world." In order to fulfill the mission of restoring one nation there are two areas of focus. One is the Principle which will unite Christians and the other is anti-communist theory to end communism. These "two works must unite in America. The work to restore Christians must be done in America, and also to prevent communist domination."

So in 1985, at the end of his 40 year course, and on the foundation of his work and tremendous sacrifice in America, Father again asked us to take up the cross of Christianity, bring it into unity, and reach out to the non-religious world, in order to bring all God's children home. □

Conditions for Renewal

A Report from the Australian Family

Our movement in Australia is now over sixteen years old, but recently we have experienced a new beginning. The 40-day condition for renewal and resurrection given by True Father was particularly appropriate for us as it provided a larger focus for the spiritual awakening occurring here.

Many changes have come through the spiritual nourishment of a 40-day witnessing condition which took place in Melbourne, Australia's second largest city, in May and June, leading to a doubling of active membership. Prior to this, our witnessing efforts over the last few years have taken place from each city's church center and have not brought much result.

Stimulus for this long-awaited transformation came from True Parents' ambassador to the Oceania Region, Dr. Paul Werner. After his arrival and initial tour of all the centers, Dr. Werner gave a two-day workshop in Melbourne for almost the entire membership.

Dr. Werner's words came so clearly from his heart and his experience. His testimony of spiritual and substantial victory inspired all of us. For many, hope and belief long dormant was rekindled; for others, the spark already there burst into flame. By the end of the two days all who could possibly take time away from their usual mission place committed themselves to spending the next 40 days in Melbourne. Oth-



The Australian family gathers for a two-day members' workshop.

ers, unable to arrange to spend the time in Melbourne, made strong personal pledges of spiritual support for the witnesses.

Blessed wives—several pregnant and all with small children and babies—participated on a roster system which allowed all of them to witness one or two days a week, free of the usual demands of home and child care. Other members continued with full-time work but spent their evenings witnessing. Most, however, lived together for the

entire period in an apartment near the University of Melbourne, where every waking moment was focused on bringing people to the center and teaching the Principle to whom ever walked through the door.

Seven days a week the morning began with a prayer and planning meeting for the day, after which the house emptied as the street witnessing began. Breakfast came later—maybe with guests to share it. During the rest of the day, the only people inside would be lecturers and brothers and sisters with their guests. Often there were

three or even four teaching sessions going on at once in different parts of the house. A lecturer coming downstairs with a guest for a break after a one and a half hour lecture would often be immediately requested to give an introductory lecture before continuing with his original student. The days invariably finished very late, after all guests had left, with a closing assessment and prayer meeting.

Not wanting to give up on a good thing, the witnessing in Melbourne is now continuing in the same mode. Guests continue to come to study and enjoy the atmosphere of our center. Weekend workshops followed by 5 day seminars are continuing, and the center is often empty on weekends now because everyone is attending workshop with their guests!

In response to a question about Australia's providential role, Dr. Werner explained that all of God's body must be restored before restoration is complete. Hence each nation's restoration is a vital part of the worldwide providence of restoration. We're excited and grateful to be part of the beginning of the resurrection of Australia. □



Rev. Paul Werner delivers a sermon.

Toward True Freedom



New Era Conference in China

by Franz Feige

Freedom is precious. The spirit soars whenever it is experienced. Can it be preserved, enshrined, safeguarded? Perhaps many Americans would claim that it can and that the American Constitution provides such a safeguard for the freedoms of speech, assembly, and religion, to name only some of the cornerstones of democracy.

My thought was turned to the quest for freedom during my recent visit to China and more poignantly so after leaving and experiencing the crushing of the student demonstrations there. The occasion of my trip to Beijing in the last half of May 1989 was a conference on "Religion in China: Past and Present," co-sponsored by New ERA (New Ecu-

menical Research Association) and a Chinese cultural foundation. Ten Chinese scholars hosted ten scholars from Singapore and the West. It was a truly historical event: a free meeting of religious leaders and religious thinkers at the height of the demonstrations.

The conference was carefully prepared over a period of three years. That it in fact took place was in part due to the happy circumstance of China's economic and intellectual openness in the eighties, the farsightedness and support of Rev. Kwak, and the persistence of Professor Chung Ying Cheng of the University of Hawaii and Dr. Frank Flinn of New ERA who co-chaired the conference together with a Chinese

counterpart. The uniqueness of this conference and its pioneering spirit attracted some of the most distinguished scholars in the field of religion.

Changing attitudes

Anticipations among the participants were high on both sides, though at times for different reasons. While the Chinese delegation was eager to hear about Western methods in the study of religion, the visiting delegation followed with great interest the reports on the state of the various religions in China. The Chinese spoke of a recent resurgence of almost all the great traditional religions in China (Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism, Christianity and folk re-



A thoughtful conference session.



Co-chairman Professor Cheng gives opening remarks.

ligions). At present it seems almost fashionable to join a Christian church, for throughout China Christianity and Western ways are equated. Of course, this is not to say that now religious people are free to worship anywhere in China. On the contrary, persecution of certain churches and temples in parts of China continues in subtle and not so subtle forms.

From the vantage point of the as-of-yet uncertain and groping Chinese attitudes towards religion, our conference set a promising landmark in China's recent religious history. It followed in the wake created by the thrust towards openness and greater freedoms. The conference reached one of its high points when one distinguished scholar with a Marxist background emphasized the importance of religion for China. This is representative of an opening in the discussion of religion in China. While Marxist perspectives endure, they are now joined by explicit religious perspectives. Some professors from abroad sought points of compatibility between the Chinese neo-Confucian roots and certain individualist elements stressed in Christian cultures of the West. The reappraisal of Chinese religion on the part of the visiting scholars and the hope that these religions and their ethics may be stimulating and beneficial to China's contemporary challenge were met at times with skepticism and criticism by some Chinese participants.

The ambiguity of the Chinese feeling about embracing their own traditions in their twentieth-century search for a



Franz Feige and Chinese professor at the Great Wall.

place in the modern world can be experienced anywhere by an observant visitor. The Chinese responses in our conference were but one of the many expressions of a tacit reevaluation of the country's past. Sightseeing offered another opportunity to catch glimpses of China's struggle with its soul. Some of China's historic places

are among the most magnificent in the world. Of course, the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, or the Temple of Heaven are world landmarks that people dream of visiting. They signify human efforts of unfathomable proportions and tell stories of a culture that in some respects has not been surpassed in magnitude of splendor, refinement, and sheer size.

China: past and present

While standing in front of the Imperial Palace's Hall of Supreme Harmony I was reminded of the movie *The Last Emperor*. Being at the actual sight was breathtaking. The infinite number of horizontal lines suggested by the contours of the sea of temples, halls, sleeping quarters, and structures of all kinds seemed to expand into all directions of the globe.

The symmetry of the layout made everything resonate in harmony. I felt like many past princes must have felt before: this is the navel of the world.

Soon these lofty thoughts and feelings gave way to images of the intrigues that must have haunted these halls. The splendor of the palace clashed with miseries outside its walls. Similar questions kept coming back at visits to other monuments of unsurpassed scale. As if it was not apparent, the Communist government remind-

ed the casual visitor through signs at the Ming Tombs, for example, how much effort and human cost had gone into their construction. Yet it is hard to deny that all of these sights are also monuments to the human spirit. The Great Wall is but another unsurpassed example.

But these are relics of the past. My thoughts began again to wander to today's China. In this century, China has been involved in an effort of even greater proportions. The human cost, too, has been staggering. In a sense, China is trying to make good on a quest that is as old as humanity—the quest for freedom and justice for all. I witnessed an outburst of that quest while in China. In the long run, freedom cannot be restrained. Real peace will only flow from social and political organizations in which freedom is given adequate interplay. In a way, modern history may be understood as a sojourn towards fulfilling the quest of the human spirit for true freedom. China will not be able to secure its place in the modern world without greater institutionalization of that free-



The participants pose for a conference group photo.

dom. When it finds its own institutional safeguards to freedom in the process, it will perhaps build its greatest monument to the human spirit yet. Only then can China's creativity and strength again become manifest in unsurpassed creations of that human spirit.

I am proud that New ERA could lend a helping hand in this process by raising the question about Chinese religion in free discussion. China today needs all of our prayers. □



At the welcoming reception.

IN MEMORIUM

On July 8, 1989, Mrs. Sue Kyung Yoo Woo died from cancer. She was born on November 17, 1940, and was a 72 Blessed Couple. She is the wife of Rev. Jong Jik Woo and the mother of four children. As the first of her Blessing group to have her Sing-hwa and Won Jon ceremonies in America, a very special national-level ceremony was held. In addition to receiving a calligraphy from Father testifying to her life of faith, Hyo Jin Nim led the mansei cheer at her Won Jon Ceremony in Tarrytown, New York.

Today's World asked Rev. Woo to speak about his wife's life of service to God and True Parents, and we present his testimony here.

"A Life Dedicated to God's Will"

by Rev. Jong Jik Woo

Mrs. Sue-Kyung Yoo Woo was born October 14, 1940, in the Ham Ju Province in North Korea. Her father was an independence leader who fought against the Japanese government, and was imprisoned for his activities for a long time. After Korea was liberated from Japan in 1945, he was released from prison. But he had acquired a sickness and soon passed away at only 30 years of age. There were many patriots on her mother's side as well.

Because she was only four years old when her father passed away, Mrs. Woo had received no father's love during her entire life. In her family there were no sons, only daughters, of which she was the youngest. Her mother and sisters were always seeking spiritual things, not just the external aspects of life. When they came to South Korea they had no place to stay, so she and one sister went to an orphanage and attended school there for two years. Since they were very smart, they were able to attend Ewha Junior High School and Senior High School where they became outstanding students. She had always led a religious life, attending Christian church meetings regularly. At Ewha she was elected to be in charge of the religious department, which meant she guided the activities at chapel each week. As you can imagine, she was very trusted by the school. She joined the Church while a student there, at the age of 15. At the time she joined the Unification Church, the school was actively persecuting students who were involved in the Unification Church. Several students who had joined had to hide when praying at the school because of so much persecution. She joined at the time Father was in the South Gate Prison.

Early life of faith

Father remembers her as the young girl who always sat in the pews praying in front of Father. When she was about 18 years old, the church held a Divine Principle test nationwide and she received the first prize. Father gave a special award to her. In the summer of 1957, she went to a small town in Chun Nam Providence for a nationwide witnessing condition. Many people joined at that time. In 1960, everyone went out again on a witnessing campaign. She went to Kyung Ki Providence this time, where she was a church leader for awhile. She had attended Yonsei University, but she dropped out of college so she could go pioneering.

We were blessed in the 72 Couples Blessing in 1962. In 1963, I went into the army, so she took over my position as church leader. In 1964, she became the church leader of another province where

there was no center. Everyone was so poor that she had to go fundraising. In Korea, fundraising is so difficult: people had no money so they gave her heavy bags of rice that she had to carry back home. But she eventually purchased a church center there and offered it to Father.

My wife then attended a blessed wives three year witnessing campaign. I took care of the children. I was a church leader, so one young sister helped me to take care of our three children. Then in 1976, we came to the United States with our whole family. My wife took care of our children for about six years. In 1982, she was asked to help Christina Bahn, where she has worked ever since. Both of us were in front line missions, so our children had to endure many hardships. My wife traveled a lot to expand Christina Bahn's business foundation into a successful company. It is not easy to win the respect of the Korean communi-



ty in New York. Through a very good advertising campaign, and especially Mother's spiritual support, the business went forward. Many people from the community came to love and respect Mrs. Woo. Through that, Father's name and the church's name were elevated. While other companies might sell coats of very cheap quality, our idea was to create a good quality product for which the customer was always grateful and never complained.

During the last few years, many famous people visited the store as a result of special advertising. She received many accolades from newspapers, magazines, the *Lions Club*, and others during these seven years. That is why a lot of the Korean community attended her *Sung-hwa* ceremony and many people felt so sorry about her death.

She first became sick around 1988. We found out from the hospital that she had malignant tumors. Our doctor had said there was no problem, but after surgery they found cancer and began a nine months treatment. The doctor said the treatment was a success and we would never have to worry again. We were so happy. She then continued her business activities with her doctor's permission. She worked very hard. However, my feeling was that she worked too hard too early, so I asked her to please slow down.

Spiritual preparation

In March of 1989 we went to the doctor for a checkup. Everything seemed fine. One month later we found a lump and surgery determined it was malignant. We switched from our original doctor to the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute. She made an appointment, but had to go in before that time because she had difficulty breathing. She was told to stay overnight at the hospital. She became much worse so she stayed there at the hospital until she died one month later.

During her time in the hospital, she was prepared for the spiritual world. On the night of May 12, she received a spiritual inspiration accompanied by a strong fire throughout her whole body. She heard a voice from heaven, saying, "This is indemnity for the purpose of true love and for your rebirth. I want to save your life; that is why you are receiving this true love indemnity." She heard this voice three times over a period of three days. She had experienced so many stressful times during her life, but now all stress was gone. She re-

ceived a completely peaceful mind; she could love anyone, even an enemy. Before that there had been times when loving was difficult, but after that spiritual experience she could love sincerely. She led a holy life, reading Father's words and singing Holy Songs.

Mrs. Woo went to East Garden for the last time in May. At that time, Father said, "I need you for the providence. Everybody should join together and pray, and maybe a miracle can happen." It was like receiving two kinds of pre-destinations. Her life was prepared in two ways, in case she lived or died.

During her last month a lot of people visited the hospital. She searched her heart regarding her relationship to each one of them. If there had been any kind

nally the hospital personnel testified about us, saying this was the first time they had seen such a beautiful patient and wonderful family.

Victory of true love

Before she passed away, she had a spiritual experience. She felt Heung Jin Nim's presence very strongly on July 6 around 10:00 p.m. She felt him holding her hand and praying for 30 minutes. Such an incredible gift of grace! During her last couple of days, she could no longer speak so she wrote her thoughts on paper. She wrote that this had been a victorious test and that she now knew all the answers. She felt a complete victory and she did the mansei cheer a lot during those last days. She would sing



Hyo Jin Nim leads the mansei cheer at Mrs. Woo's Won Jon ceremony.

of difficulty, any misunderstanding or resentment, she talked to each person, and apologized. She asked them to share their heart as well, and they talked with each other until everything could be resolved. She made such arrangements during her time in the hospital, preparing to pass away. She even wanted to give money to the sister who had helped with her children during the three year witnessing time in Korea. She didn't want to have any debts spiritually. The purpose of life is to serve others and create loving relationships. She wasn't completely satisfied with her life, so she resolved those points.

Her hospital life was a very holy life that moved so many doctors and nurses. While most other patients were complaining, she was always peaceful and grateful. Our family stayed together with her for one month in her room. Fi-

and then do a mansei cheer. Her last words to Father were, "Thank you so much True Parents! You gave me so much love. I will testify forever to your love, because I am your true daughter." She prayed that her children would be even more pious than their parents.

She passed away on July 8, at 10:00 a.m. The whole church community helped in preparing the *Sung-hwa* ceremony. Over 400 people attended: leaders, friends, relatives, and also non-church members. The funeral director also testified to how beautiful and well-arranged everything was. He had never seen a family attend the deceased so sincerely. Hyo Jin Nim came to the Won Jon to express his sympathy and to lead an *abogi mansei*. This was such a special dedication for us.

Her life was very short, but many

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With the baby boom from the 8000 Couple Blessing, the population of our precious second generation is increasing rapidly. We recognize the importance of helping them understand the nature of God, the value of True Parents and the meaning of our lifestyle, and therefore would like to offer a section oriented especially toward young children (and the original child within all of us).

Through establishing this children's section, we hope to create a forum for those who are already trying to provide Blessed children with nourishing educational materials and make their work more widely available—as well as help stimulate others to create and publish additional materials. We also hope that having a section specifically for children in Today's World can open the way for the adult reader to show the pictures of True Parents and explain something of the other contents of the magazine to the child in such a way as to enhance his/her grasp of what our movement is all about.

We rely on your contributions and suggestions. Please send articles, stories, pictures, poems, games, puzzles—or anything else that may help children toward a better understanding of God, True Parents, the Principle, and the values of our way of life. Contributions from the children themselves, such as poems or drawings in which they express and share their experiences of the above things, may also be considered for publication.

The Rosy Apple

Contributed by June Darby

It was a cold winter afternoon, and snow had covered a little town like a blanket of dazzling white. As the town cathedral clock tolled five, a little boy dressed in ragged clothes stood shivering in the cathedral doorway. He looked up at the big tower and wondered what the bell must look like. But the bitter wind blew so cruelly through his rags that he shrank back into the doorway again, glad for any shelter from the biting cold.

At this moment the great doors of the cathedral were thrown open. The little boy, whose name was Hans, knew that men and women would now come to the church to pray. He had often peeped in through the doors, and had looked in wonder at the pretty candles, the beautiful figure of the mother of Jesus, and the white-robed priests kneeling at the altar.

The sounds of the organ and the voices of the choir

had filled him with a great longing to learn more about it all. If only his clothes had been a little better, he would have dared to go in, as he had often see quite poor people do, but he was clothed in rags and did not even have a cap on his head or

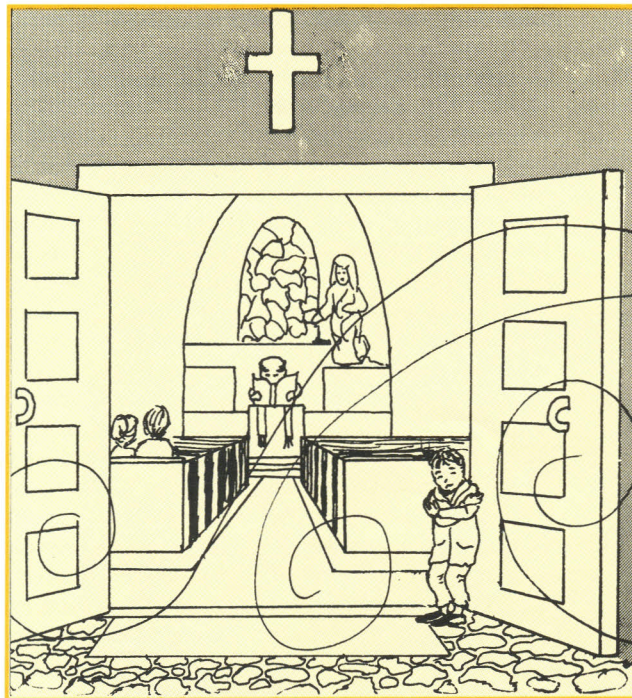
boots on his feet. So he stood in a corner by the door and watched the people go in.

Many ladies had long fur coats, and nearly all the men had big, warm collars and mufflers. Hans wondered what it would be like to

have thick clothes and not to feel cold or hungry. Poor boy, he could not imagine it, for his limbs ached with cold, and he had scarcely eaten for two days.

As he watched the crowd, a beautiful carriage came up. A little girl inside it looked at him, and then turned and spoke to a lady next to her. The lady handed her something from a basket, and then the coachman opened the door and they both stepped out on to the pavement.

Oh, how beautiful they were, especially the little girl! Poor Hans opened his eyes in astonishment. He almost thought she must be a fairy! She had a coat of pret-



Hans stood shivering outside the church.



The little girl offered the apple to Hans.

ty white fur with a little cap and muff to match. Around her face fell golden curls, and on her feet she

How he listened and watched as the service went on! As Hans heard the beautiful music, his heart felt as

As Hans heard the beautiful music, his heart felt as if it were growing bigger and bigger. He wanted to cry with happiness.

wore tiny white boots.

As the girl and the lady came up the steps, Hans saw that she was carrying a beautiful rosy apple. When they reached the top, he could hardly believe it when the little girl ran up to him and, holding out the apple to him, said, "Here, little boy, would you like this apple?" Before he had time to speak she ran after the lady and he was left standing with the apple in his hands!

He was so surprised that he jumped forward and gazed after the two as they went into the cathedral. He saw the little girl kneel down by the side of her mother as the priests began to pray.

He stood there a long time, watching them and longing with all his heart to go in and kneel with the others. It was very quiet at the back

if it were growing bigger and bigger. He wanted to cry with happiness.

One of the priests began moving about the church with a golden plate in his hand and, as he held it before the people, they placed money on it. Poor Hans! How he longed to put money on the plate, too! An idea came to him—why not give the rosy apple to

of the church, and Hans at last got enough courage to come just into the dimly-lit entrance. After a few moments, he could not resist his desire to go in any longer, and he suddenly ran forward and knelt down quickly against one of the chairs. He shut his eyes and kept quite still until at last he heard the organ begin to play. All the people had risen from their knees, and were standing up.

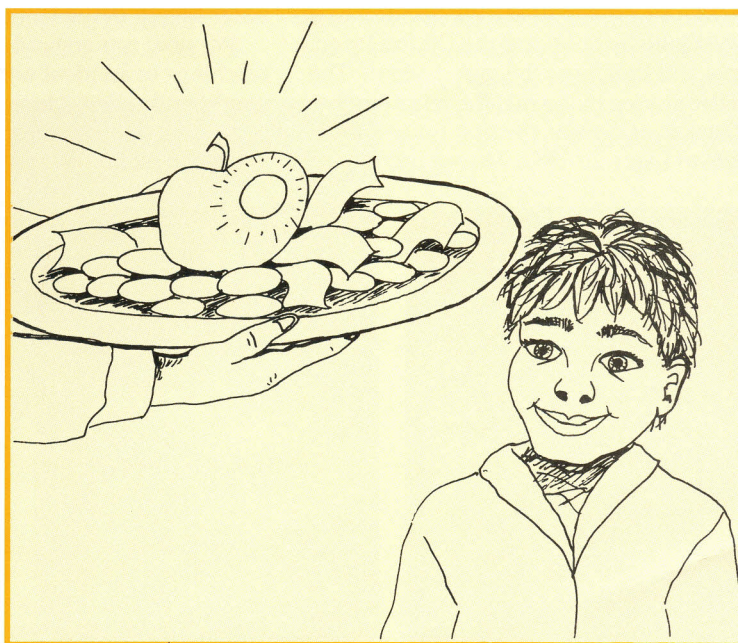
the good God to whom the priests were praying?

His apple was all that he had in the world. It was his next meal, and the only thing which had brought him pleasure for a long time. It would be hard to let it go, but he was full of a great longing to give something. His fear was whether or not his offering was good enough.

He hugged it closely to his heart, and became more and more excited. As the priest came near, he rose from his chair and, with a frightened, happy sigh, he placed his rosy apple on the big golden plate. He thought with delight how pretty and red it looked among all the coins, and he watched eagerly as the priest lifted the plate high and prayed that God would accept the gifts of His people.

Then a wonderful thing happened! The pretty rosy apple which a moment before had been held so tightly in Hans' little fingers was turned into pure, shining gold! Into the little boy's heart there swept a great joy that was never to leave it.

Hans' face had such a glad smile on it. Of all the gifts that were laid in the plate, the little rosy apple was the greatest in the sight of God. □



Before his eyes, Hans' apple turned into pure gold.

We have been inviting you, our readers, to submit sincere and thoughtful articles about an aspect or aspects of your spiritual life, as historical contributions to a record of our LIFE IN THE FIRST DAYS of the ideal world. We welcome your realizations and experiences. We are primarily looking for content—so please don't worry if your English writing ability isn't perfect. With your contribution include your name, address, telephone number, physical and spiritual ages, and major missions you have had. Please specify if you do not wish your name to be used. If the piece is published, you will receive a partial subscription to Today's World.

This letter was submitted to Today's World by Chief and Mrs. Charles I. Ikpot who live in Nigeria. Two of their children are Unification Church members, one of whom was recently blessed in Korea. They wanted to share their testimony as parents with our worldwide readership.

An Ideal Family

by Chief and Mrs. Charles I. Ikpot

We happen to associate with the Unification Church through our son. He joined the movement about eight years ago and later his younger sister also joined.

Initially, there were fears, agitation and hesitations on our side to give full consent and support to our son. His desire was so strong and his determination so unbending in his heart for the Divine Principle and the Unification Church. Of course, our fears arose from negative reports and stories that people who knew nothing about Reverend Moon, Divine Principle, nor the Unification Church, told us.

There were all kinds of terrible stories that tore our hearts. With George being our first son and a child at the center of our family's heart, coupled with our broken heart, we decided to investigate by studying the Divine Principle and the life of Reverend Moon. The false stories made me, the mother of George, travel for the first time in my life to Lagos in 1982. There I discovered

that all the stories were false. I attended a three-day seminar, where I studied, and understood the teachings of Rev. Moon to be the correct movement of God. I studied the Creation, the Fall of Man, and the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. I returned home and narrated the story to the father and the rest at home. We thereby happily offered our children to work in the Unification Church to serve God and humanity. It would take pages if I wanted to say fully the stories we heard about George and his sister Mercy in the Unification Church.

We now understand the Church's teachings of an ideal world through an ideal family. Rev. Moon has been blessing young men and women of the church to fulfill this ideal.



Son and daughter-in-law: Charles and Carmella

Reverend Moon and we are happy. We only wish we had been there to witness such a wonderful experience and history. We pledge to support them to grow more and dedicate their lives more to God.

The life of our son has convinced us and other relatives of the wonderful work of salvation done by God and Christ through Reverend Sun Myung Moon. We are also convinced that his work will reach every corner of the world.

We write to encourage other parents and to advise all young people to study the Divine Principle with patience so as to achieve the promises of God, as my son George did.

We congratulate George and Carmella Ikpot!

We say thank you to Reverend Moon! May God continue to use you to draw more young people to God. May God bless your works and the entire church. God bless your entire family. □

Therefore, we are very proud to be the lucky parents of our son who was recently blessed in holy matrimony by Rev. Moon in South Korea on the 12th of January, 1989. Although we have not physically seen our son's wife, we honestly accept the choice of her by



Chief Charles Ikpot



Mrs. Ikpot

Ten Points

everyone's heart. That is the most effective way.

While I was fishing, I was also cultivating a formula that can work everywhere. Use your valuable time wisely. When you visit the mayor or the state governor, don't assume a prideful position to them. Instead treat them as if their position was similar to yours, like an elder brother. Using your creative imagination, you can find a way out of any difficulty.

When I am fishing, I am also thinking, beginning in Korea, and then moving to the Itinerary Workers in 40 countries. I think about past history, of what was good or what was bad. Sometimes I calculate all the right things that could have happened. I can remember the first time I visited a certain place, how many members were there, and what has happened to them since then.

What is our present situation—are we going up or down? Check yourself clearly. Think about how difficult Father's life has been, but how young I look. My mind is always leading the providence through the spiritual world. Following that, my spirit says, "Act more, with greater strength and agility." When I am riding the boat, I am often sitting for 12-15 hours at a time. I don't take a nap, but tirelessly watch the sea for that special fish.

VII. Create a social leadership system.

Our life of faith work should not stop at the individual, family or church level. We should exert influence to lead the society into a life of faith by creating a social leadership system. We should develop the church into a system through which we can easily lead society into God's desired direction. Our church should function as an efficient system to achieve our goal of leading the world back to God.

VIII. Tribal messiahship and the tradition of True Parents.

After Moonie and Sunnie, where will we move? "Kingie." "Kingie" is messiahship. I am working very hard to make that kind of messiahship or kingship.

IX. National Central Figures

What is our ultimate goal by becoming a tribal messiah? Our ultimate goal lies in the nation that we have to save. We need national-level central figures. First such a leader must be trained; then after the training, an organization must be built centering on them. By making that kind of foundation we will automatically connect with the national purpose.

X. Training for a World Coalition.

Father will apply a similar activity from America to the whole world, even behind the Iron Curtain and Bamboo Curtain. Why must we work in this way? It is the only way to save and liberate God. Some members who were working underground in communist countries have passed into the spirit world. Some are waiting there for Father's coming. I have never reported these sad situations so openly to you before.

Why are we making such an expanding organization and working with top-level leaders? We have to save the whole world.

I trained well in very difficult circumstances. There is no situation that I have not imagined and no training that I didn't go through. There is no tall tree in my neighborhood that I didn't climb. Even though I was a rather heavy child I would go climbing. My mother spent her life worrying about me every day.

Father makes good strategies because he trained well everywhere and can do anything. We need to go through many kinds of training before we can feel the same as Father. □

"A Life Dedicated to God's Will"

people testified how they had envied her. She received a calligraphy from Father, saying she had lived for God's Will. Her life was so beautiful. She told me she loved me and would meet me in the spiritual world. I said, "Of course, we will see you!"

Father asked me about her final days. He told me this was God's blessing, so please don't carry a sad face in front of the children. Through the Sûng-hwa ceremony we could witness to a lot of people who had previously had a bad image of our church. But the ceremony was so beautiful and everyone worked so hard to make it

special, their minds were changed. Some people told me, "From now on, I want to study the Divine Principle." Our children are all in top level uni-

versities in America. The youngest son, only ten years old, is also an excellent student. Our children made a new determination to study and to work for

True Parents more than ever before. We will try to be an even more happy and peaceful family.

During the ceremony I felt so repentful to her; if I had done more, she could perhaps have led a longer life. Life and health are the most precious things. I had known this intellectually before my wife's illness, now I felt it in my heart. I had a really deep experience through my wife's suffering to her last peaceful moments. From this experience I could more deeply understand the value of Divine Principle, True Parents and true love. I have more determination to live and die for God's Will. □



The Woo family

