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BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

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It is not easy to be the True Parents. If someone wants to take over True Parents' prerogative to occupy this position, please come forward. I'll hand it over. I never thought of becoming the True Parents: it became my inevitable destination through taking care of the Unification Church. Without anticipating becoming the True Parents, I searched for the solutions to the fundamental questions of life. God can't help loving me because I liberated Him.

My strategy is receiving beatings; I am the prince of beatings. When people come to the Unification Church, they feel attracted to me. What have you done after meeting Father? I have been establishing heavenly individuals, families, and tribes while being persecuted by the evil world. The blessed families of the Unification Church are now building tribes throughout the world. I went through such a difficult course to establish the family and church levels. Satan can no longer kill the blessed families, but still there are remnants of Satan's guerillas opposing the Unification Church.

Does the second coming of Christ do the job because he enjoys it? He does it in order to save the world, even receiving abusive words. If the world could be saved through the second coming of Christ staying in a closet by himself, he would not have gone such a difficult way.

Two groups have emerged: the "come here" group, and the "go away" group. Are you in the supporting group or the opposing group? (Supporting group!) From the very beginning? No, not from the beginning. You don't know how difficult it was for Father to establish his family. Only Father and Mother know. To establish the Church was almost impossible. For example, Father had to move thirteen times a month at Taegu City, because wherever we tried to hold service, the people tried to expel us. So when members found out where Father was they would rush to be there.

THE COST OF TRUE PARENTS' BLOOD

Rome was to Israel what the United States is to Korea. The failure of Korea and established Christianity was so difficult to restore. I went to the United States and was put in prison, but this was not totally bad because it laid the foundation to allow Soviet students to come to America. Recently, Soviet satellite leaders and United States leaders have been educated at the American Leadership Conference. Father has become the secret ambassador of God and his role is becoming more obvious. But always putting my life on the line, I received victories such as at Moscow. Today's peace was won at the cost of True Parents' blood. Even some people came with axes and guns to kill me at the beginning of my ministry, but they have joined the Unification Church. True Mother had a dif-

ficult course; even her room was claimed by others, and Father did not comfort her. You don't know how many difficulties she faced.

Parents of the 36 Couples tried to prevent their Blessing, so we had to do it early in the morning. In 1988 there was a cross-marriage between Korean and Japanese members. In the garden of Eden, there were Adam, three archangels and Eve, the only woman. Japan is like Eve. The United States, the Soviet Union, and China are like the three archangels, all trying to swallow Japan. Therefore, I linked the Eve nation with the Adam nation through these marriages. Many in Japan and Korea were upset, but providentially it had to be done. Even Unification Church leaders opposed the idea.

There is a painful story behind the establishment of the Unification Church, but now many nations welcome us. In the United States, the Unification Church draws the attention of the whole society. It is also so in Japan and Europe. Now the time has come that blessed families can be regarded as the way to prevent the collapse of the family due to immorality. You are a hopeful lighthouse to the world. You should know that Father's tears and blood brought this result. The Westerners here should know how much persecution the Church went through, how much indemnity was paid for the Blessing.

It is astonishing to live in the same age with True Parents, to live on the same earth breathing the same air. Moreover, it is remarkable that you received the foundation of the Blessing. Soon there will be a big sensation in America to welcome Father as a living saint. Now in the academic world, many scholars study the thought of Rev. Moon in Korean.

I think about the Blessing of 50,000 couples this August. Now there are almost 27,000 blessed families, all of whom are tribal messiahs. If each couple brings three couples there will be no problem. Move with missionary zeal and it can be done.

The war is over—there is no further opposition. How many children of blessed families are there in Japan? (5,700) Give birth to more. The secular world is practicing birth control, but the Unification Church is practicing birth expansion. The forerunner is Rev. Moon with 14 children. The heavenly kingdom needs citizens. The children of blessed families are closer to God in terms of heart than the ones who were converted.

RESTORATION OF THE BIRTHRIGHT

Father paid indemnity for the 7,000 years of God's restoration history by the time of my 70th birthday last year. So I prayed, "Heavenly Father, the day of the fulfillment of Your hope has come. I will shatter the evil force of Satan

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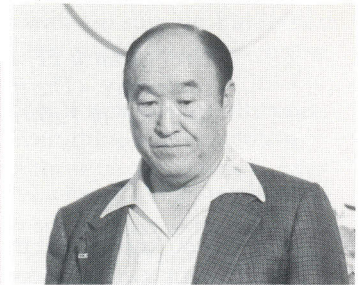
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Blessed Couples' Conference

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

FEBRUARY 21, 1991, WORLD MISSION CENTER

On February 21, 1991 Father called leaders and American blessed couples to New York for a second conference. (The first conference was held on December 14, 1990.) In this issue we are publishing the first half of Father's speech.

Translator: Dr. Bo Hi Pak

Do you know what the Blessing is? The Blessing was supposed to be consummated through Adam and Eve. If there was no fall, the Blessing of God, given as heavenly matrimony, was to be conducted in the Garden of Eden. Because of the fall, God has been preparing for 4,000 years until the time of Jesus Christ. Jesus came as the only son of God, but he was supposed to be elevated into the True Parents' position. Then there would have been a Blessing conducted, officiated under his auspices.

However, because of the crucifixion that was not possible. So for another 2,000 years, the coming of the Messiah, the second Christ, has been awaited by humanity. We live in the first time in history that the Blessing is able to be given out, because of the consummate work of True Parents.

God recognizes only the Blessing given by True Parents. Because of the fall, the children of Adam and Eve have all become the recipients of the satanic blood lineage instead of the heavenly lineage. We have satanic love, satanic life and satanic lineage.

Many people ask, "If there is a God, why couldn't He save



Father and Mother sing a favorite Korean song during Shin Jung Nim's birthday celebration.

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before the fall of man.*

mankind in the first place?" They think that there must not be a God, otherwise how could there be so much evil in our world? However, you know that the restoration of God's lineage is not simple work and takes so much time.

The fall of man was initiated by Satan, however, man voluntarily united with him and the fall was consummated. For that reason, no individual here on earth is able to get rid of their satanic lineage themselves. Only the coming of the Messiah can accomplish this job.

Adam and Eve had been growing up in absolute purity. But once they got mixed up with Satan and received his satanic blood and lineage, God without any hesitation or mercy chased them out of the garden. God's standard is very high. If there is any mixture of good and evil, God cannot work. Today, no matter how pure some men and women may be, there is no comparison to the purity of Adam and Eve before the fall of man. Even though we may live a pure life, we have already inherited the satanic lineage without even knowing it. Do you think in restoration today that God should be very flexible, thinking, "Well, I can accept this much of a mixture of good and evil?" On the contrary, God has to be even more severe in securing His standard of purity today than in those first days of Adam and Eve.

HOW PURE ARE YOU?

Those blessed couples who have children, please raise your hands. Do you have absolute confidence your children were conceived purely, born purely, brought up purely and that they absolutely far exceed Adam and Eve's standard before their fall? If you say "No," doesn't it mean that your children, brought up as they are, are not entitled to enter automatically into the Kingdom of Heaven?

The principle of God's love and His rule is absolute. Do you have untiring faith between husband and wife, and through that absolute true love have you conceived children and given them birth, or have you been looking around, thinking about this and that? And in the meantime your first child was born, second child was born, third child was born while your mind has been moving around in so many different directions? Which do you think is true? You may say, "We are pure, Father." But have you thought about the fact that you are American? Have you ever thought that you have your physical parents? Have you ever thought about your past? How about the language you are using every day? Is it an absolutely heavenly, pure language that you were using continuously from the beginning?

When going out to eat at McDonalds or a coffee shop, have you ever thought "Well, this is really not the food I deserve. I need something more pure, something kosher, heavenly food." Have you ever thought like that? Have you ever thought, "Not only am I breathing this air, but all kinds of satanic people, prostitutes, homosexuals, and incredible criminals are breathing it." When you drink water have you considered that this water comes from the Hudson River and on that riv-

er there are all kinds of factories creating filth and pornographic things? You have to drink this water to survive, but if there was any way you could avoid it you would do so. Have you thought that way?

Think about the Garden of Eden. It was ecologically pure, and Adam and Eve were pure. Everything was absolutely heavenly. Only by growing up in those circumstances under God's rule of the Principle and True Love, would they enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Are we entitled to the same Kingdom of Heaven? Anyone who thinks so is a very crazy person.

Then when you are entitled to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, you must feel so ashamed thinking, "No, no, no, I'm not worthy to be here." It's almost as if everybody showed up with tuxedos and formal wear and you showed up at a banquet with just your naked body. How shameful you would feel! Do you think your distance from belonging to Heaven is greater or narrower than the naked person at the tuxedo party? You must feel unworthy and shameful even to have received the Blessing. Furthermore, though you are heading up to the Kingdom of Heaven, you should feel unworthy of it. Tremendous sin has been committed by your body, not even all because of your own doing, but because of the environment and the satanic nature of the society.

GOD'S LOVE AND SATAN'S LOVE

What was the fall of man? It was illicit, false love. Is the action itself of illicit love and true love different or the same? The action is the same. When you move to the right there is eternal life, when you move to the left there is hellish life. The original right means the heavenly direction, closer to the original state of mind and environment. Your original nature is supposed to protect you and at the same time help you maintain a heavenly situation. Your act of love must be approved by God first of all. Also the husband and wife should guarantee that that action is a righteous one. Then love itself should also approve your action. Through these four guarantees your act of love is justified and approved. Then Satan himself cannot deny your action. Neither can satanic man, satanic woman or satanic love deny your action.

Already this morning Father has given you enough guidance for you to evaluate and judge your blessed life up to this time. You can see whether you have lived a righteous blessed life or whether it has been illicit and filthy. The time has come for you to make your own judgement. The road of faith is always one of self criticism and self-judgment. The important thing is to gain liberation for yourself from any kind of wrong doing. The true lineage of God, the true love of God, and the true acceptance of God must all be there for your blessed life. Otherwise it is superficial, existing in words only with no content.

Your true love palace, life palace, and lineage palace is at the center of that true love action. The fall of man was the destruction of these three palaces. We have to put the pieces

back together to create the original palace. That is our everyday mission.

Between men and women, what is the difference? It is very simple—men and women have different sexual organs. This is your love palace, your life palace, and blood lineage palace. Once this palace is destroyed, all three elements are destroyed. Think about what a great treasure God has given us. Centering on love, man and woman connect into one and make new life and new lineage—our children. Why do parents love children? Because they are connected to their love line, life line and blood line. Uniting and becoming absolutely one, love, life and lineage become a strong rope connecting everything. That place is the true palace. If you keep that place pure, everywhere you go, the whole universe will follow. Even God will automatically follow. Are there two owners or only one owner of that place? (One.) Absolutely! This is the focal point of our human value. For blessed couples especially, maintaining this heavenly love, life and heavenly lineage are of essential value.

WILL YOU FOLLOW FATHER'S WAY?

Is there anybody here who would be overjoyed to see their wife dancing with another man? (No!) What about women, if you see you husband holding another woman, would you look at that and say, "Behold, this is a holy man!" (No!) Absolutely not! But sometimes there are wife-exchanging parties going on in this society. Who created that kind of tradition? (Satan.) Satan is choking you and trying to cut your neck. He cuts off the three most precious things—love, life and heavenly lineage. Adam and Eve did only one mistake, and then God said, "No more! Get out!" But how many times are American people repeating the Adam and Eve act over and over? Numerous times. So even to go to hell, they must go upside down. You originally belonged to that generation, but Father lifted you up and put you into a different category entirely. But then you say, "I am still American. American culture and tradition is great." America's crime is very great because America is a leading nation of the world and they are sharing the most incredibly bad, satanic tradition with all of the world. I came to save those Americans. What do you think—is Reverend Moon's way one of hope, or do those Americans who continue to go in the same direction have something better? (Father's way!)

There is a lot of horrible crime going on in this kind of society, but the most horrible crime is that Satan is spiritually killing so many people by killing off true love, life and lineage. There is no greater sin or crime than to destroy true love.



Adam and Eve made just one mistake and entire humanity has gone to hell. That history has not been liquidated or restored. You are in a position now to prevent, cut off and destroy the evil, satanic way of life and to kick Satan out. Therefore you have to lead the model, heavenly life as husband, wife and children. The most important thing for the blessed couples is not to amass a fortune or to have a beautiful house. Even just appreciating Divine Principle is not as important as maintaining and continuing this pure lineage of True Parents, your God-centered lineage, from generation to generation. Passing that on is the most important mission for the blessed couple.

The heavenly position is such that when anybody sins, the parents become the judge. Adam and Eve's father was God, so Heavenly Father judged them. By the same token, parents are the judges of their children. Next to parents, the wife is judged by her husband, and a husband is judged by his wife. The next judge would be the children. The enemy of love is always hated by those closest in your family. God hates the fallen act most. True Parents hate that act most. Compared to this crime, even physical murder is nothing. One person's life is important, but it is only like one branch. Spiritual murder is an attack on the root which affects everything.

THREE LEVELS OF THE BLESSING

This Blessing that the Church gave, which our True Parents gave to you, is the most important one. But that is not the end of it. The society is still against us. You were not blessed within a heavenly atmosphere—there was a lot of opposition from the satanic world. Therefore the time will come when the second Blessing will be given by the nation. Do you have a nation? (No.) Ultimately the world will give out a Blessing. You have to receive three Blessings within your lifetime.

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Where is your nation? My nation is True Parents' nation. What about the fact that Korea is two Koreas at the moment? Father is trying to accomplish the unity of one Korea, and in order to accomplish this goal, Father needs all the major powers of the world to be united—the United States, Japan, the Soviet Union, China and so forth. Father has been rejected and persecuted by Korea. It is not yet my country. In order to unify Korea and really make it True Parents' Korea, Father came to America to digest this country and guide the major powers of this world. Right now the most crucial nation in the world is Korea. The Berlin Wall has been symbolic of the difficulties of the world. Last year it came tumbling down. Now the most important, crucial line is the 38th Parallel.

East Germany and West Germany represented horizontal unification. South Korea and North Korea represent vertical unification. Horizontal unification has been accomplished. Who should be accomplishing North and South Korea's vertical unification? (Father.) The German unification came because Gorbachev negotiated with East Germany, and together they joined with West Germany and made a deal.

Korea, however, is a vertical and internal situation. Kim Il Sung was the protégé of the Soviet Union, but Gorbachev cut him off. So Kim Il Sung, the so-called father of North Korea, has only one ally—Satan. In South Korea we have True Parents centered upon God. The United States backs South Korea and because of Father's conditions, Gorbachev now supports South Korea. Now China and Japan are also supporting. This is a great triumph and accomplishment. Look at how much change has come about. It used to be that North Korea not only had Satan as the boss, but also had the support of the Soviet Union, Red China and all the communist world, over thirty different countries. Kim Il Sung was very proud, thinking, "Nobody bothers me!" For forty years he was the Red King, like a blood king. In South Korea however, Reverend Moon was very lonely because his only ally was God. Father and God in South Korea worked to bring all the allies to the south, one by one.

Other people do not know which way to go or what direction to move in, but I know very clearly. I am going to my home country and also back to the original world. Who is waiting in the hometown? The parents and ancestors, brothers and sisters. But my thinking is not that you will just return to your satanic, fallen hometown. You should make your town into a God-centered place and create God-centered parents, ancestors and brothers and sisters. After all hometown work is completed, then a home nation is created. After home nations get together, they can be created into the original world.

So Father has given you this title of tribal messiah. Do you think Jesus was able to have a great homecoming or was he virtually kicked out of his hometown and his home nation? In this time we are going back to our hometown and home nation, but now you have been blessed by True Parents. How precious the Blessing is. Because of the fall of man, the three palaces have been lost. But now because of Father's coming, the three palaces have been restored. There is no greater thing

that you can expect. Now, when the True Parents have their own hometown and home nation, then you will have your own hometown and nation. The basic principle is the same.

We must be blessed three times, but we have received only one Blessing so far. Next time we get the Blessing of the nation and after that, of the world. We will pass all boundaries of Satan's blood when these three Blessings are accomplished. That is our hope.

HOMETOWN, HOME NATION, HOME WORLD

Korea's unification is just a matter of time. So when you have the right to receive the nation's Blessing, will only the husband and wife go? Or do you want to take all your children with you? Your church Blessing came under opposition and hardship, but when the nation gives you the Blessing, there will be a nationwide celebration. You will want to have your children with you. Let them be proud all together to be the children of our True Parents, proud of being blessed children. What about the worldwide Blessing? Where shall we receive that one? (Korea!) Korea is too little! Korea is the base for the national level, not the world. It will be in the foundation of the Western world, in a country which represents the world. America or Russia? Who will choose that place? (Father.)

You can bring the Blessing here if you can convince Father to come to your country. From that time on in the entire world, homecoming and hometown restoration would be a matter of fact. Would you like to see Father's home? Why? Because only in that one place did God plant true love, true life and true lineage.

So we have to return home. Look all over the world for a base where all people can gather in one place. From your Blessing there at the worldwide level we go back to our hometown. From the world and national foundation you go back to the hometown foundation. That is the road we take to return. Do you understand?

But we don't have that worldwide foundation, nor a national foundation either. All we have is Father's home, in Chôngju. But that does not represent the world or the nation. We have to make those independently. That means everybody has to make their own foundation. Father doesn't want to help everybody. You should feel, "This lost world is mine. I have to restore it completely." This is your responsibility. Hometown is our final destination, isn't it? Your determination must be, "No matter how difficult it may be I will reach that place."

How precious you blessed couples and blessed families are. You have to find your destiny, which is to go to your hometown, your home nation and home world. When you return to your hometown, you're not going there just to live. No, you are going to mobilize your clan to the God-centered ideology so they can really accept True Parents. You will be a tribal leader. That is why Father gave you the title of tribal messiah. We are not going to live just for our own well-being, having "my house," "my fortune" and "my children." That is

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how important the mission is in front of you—by understanding that you can follow my instructions to the letter. Which way do you think—“Today I listened to Father, but now I am going home and my agenda is different. I’m going to work for my children and with my little savings I want to buy a home?” Is that a true blessed couple? (No!) Today Father is making you a frontline soldier. Father does not yet have a restored hometown; it is still in North Korea. You have no nation; Father does not yet have a nation. We don’t have our world, so we have a big job ahead of us.

not your goal. We are like the Israelite people living in Egypt. We have to make our exodus out of this satanic world and go to the land of Canaan. The most precious blessing that comes from True Parents is True Parents’ foundation. The United States of America and the Soviet Union are under Father’s influence. Therefore only one country needs to be added. When South and North Korea join into one and unite with Father then everything will be consummated so quickly. This is the greatest blessing of all. Once these three nations come together the worldwide foundation will immediately be laid.

UNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND

Father’s lifetime goal, the unification of the Fatherland, is quite imminent. For this the entire spirit world is mobilized. Today the greatest and best news that I can share with you, all the blessed couples of America, is that the reunification of the Fatherland is near!

We need to unite into one, spread all over the United States and stir up this country! You have many kinds of spiritual armaments which Father gave to you. You can use them to become a champion and clean up everything completely. Your relatives in your hometown will respect and support you as their center. Do you understand clearly? You have to liberate your nation and the worldwide foundation.

I assembled the blessed couples today because I would like to say this very clearly—how important your positions are,

Therefore we work together, but you must not be behind Father. You must be ahead of Father, telling him, “Yes, Father, you just stay there. We will do it; you don’t worry about anything.” That is the kind of blessed couple Father needs.

Even under persecution here in America, Father made a tremendous foundation. Compared to that, everywhere Father went in the Soviet Union, the leaders and churches welcomed me, immediately uniting into one and standing for God’s purpose there. So are you going to fall behind the Soviet Union? Are you going to be defeated by communists? (No!) Your determination will be shown through your result, not through your talking. When you get back home, you must create your own economic power and manpower. Why? God lost all humankind and all creation. In this time we have to take the reverse way.

If Father is staying in America continuously, you will just keep saying, “Give me more Father, something more,” without appreciating what you have received. You will not be putting down your own roots into the ground. If Father is not here, you will say, “Well, Father is gone so I have to rely on myself. Between God and me, with nobody else, I’ve got to do it.” American couples have been going to a 40-day mission outside the country. Those who went out and fulfilled that mission, raise your hands please. After your 40-day experience, did you learn a lot and feel grateful to Father, or did you lose and come out disadvantaged? (We gained.) I am

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Inyôn and Encounter

BY REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

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Once again, the topic of Father's speech today cannot be adequately translated into another language. In English we do not have a concept similar to *inyôn* in Korean. For example, if two people meet in a crowded place and their sleeves touch, it is said to be caused by hidden reasons that had their beginnings years before. That is *inyôn*. Because of *inyôn* we are meeting together like this, not by accident.

There is a book called *Chuyôk* in Korea that tells all about how things separate and meet again. It has had a great influence on Oriental life. Each individual has a *saju* within him. It is composed of the time and date he was born. Experts can calculate an amazingly accurate account of your past and future using this method. They can tell you what specific ailments you have, and what herbal medication to take for them. They can tell you how many children you will have, what are the highlights of your life, what you are suited for, what your ancestors' problems were, and so forth.

The things that happen to you are not accidental; they have a certain explainable cause, or *inyôn*. We come from all over the world and you might say, "Well, we are like a scoop out of the mass," but actually each one has been destined a long time ago to be here, living together and especially to be married.

Why have some people gone to the North Pole and South Pole? Nobody voluntarily goes to such extremely cold areas. The tendency is for us to find a comfortable place to live. Perhaps those people were expelled from somewhere after committing some crime. Or, there must have been a big fight, with the result that someone came to hate someone so much that if one ate with his right hand, the other would want to eat with the left hand. More likely than not, it was not a happy cause behind these people separating and ending up in the North Pole or South Pole.

Do you think the ancestors of white people began under good conditions or bad conditions? Why would white people have chosen to live in the extreme cold? They must have been hunters and nomads. From one human ancestor, different tribes and races have been scattered all around—not because of good reasons, but unhappy ones. There are so many different languages and customs.

Spirit world is also not unified but has formed different societies. Even more than us, it is segregated by groups that have certain things in common. Those people who have a nature like cats, always scratching others and not letting them be in peace, will go to spirit world and be together in the same community. Imagine what kind of community that will be!

THE CONFLICT WITHIN US

Does anybody love his own personality? We see our mind and body always in conflict, and nobody likes this state.

When a man and a woman, each with their mind and body in conflict, come together and get married, they fight on a different level. Usually they fight because each one wants more love. Are we qualified to be loved to begin with? Nevertheless, we always want others to love us. Someone thinks, "My mother hates me, my sister hates me, my uncle even hates me." But that person looks so cold and hateful, no wonder no one loves him! Thus you transfer such treatment to others, even to dogs sometimes! You might kick a dog who is minding his own business, because you have no other place to relieve your stress. Or you might go and poke a cow who is just eating grass, or even call names at the birds who are flying by. You might hate to see a couple of birds getting along so well together when you are so miserable.

When we see the conflict in us, how ashamed and sad we feel. When so much hatred goes on within human beings, even within families, all the things of creation indeed look down on us and feel angry. Even dogs notice! The situation is so bad that if air had a choice, it would escape from the scene.

There are 250 million individuals in the United States. Here is one woman. How many people do you think love her? Can you count? How many people would love you? It is a serious thing to think about. Unless you are very sure that you are a good person, it is absurd, even a sin, to expect good circumstances. You always want something good or new, but check first to see if you deserve it.

The clock moves clockwise. What if it insists on going the other way around? Then it is destroying all 360 degrees. How much are we moving like a clock, how many degrees? A perfect 360 degrees? Or are we only covering 120 degrees? A perfect 360 degrees means paying attention to everything and loving in every situation. Are you covering at least half or 180 degrees? When you really think and coolly examine yourself, there is no real reason why people have to like and love you. Isn't it despairing to think like that? Think, how many degrees are we harmonious and how many are we in conflict? You may say, "Americans are first-rate people. Surely they cover 360 degrees." Can you say that?

Imagine, out of 250 million Americans how many are in harmony 360 degrees? (Zero!) Then we can say that there is something wrong with them, that they are in need of repair. They are out-of-order people. But most of the time aren't they proud and demanding? The universe is looking down and laughing. It is *kôbukhan*, or something that is out of proportion and somewhat ugly, like a woman who puts on too much makeup to hide something. Or when two people put on an extreme display of love, hugging and kissing and saying, "I love you." Can you say to a broken machine, "I love you"? You would be out of your mind! How can you love something that doesn't work?

We are always thinking about true love, but how far away our reality is! Father has always been talking about true love to us, out-of-order people. Here is a banquet for holy people and a smelly, nervous person comes in. Imagine that scene. It

is funny to think about, but if this is our reality, we should feel so serious and disappointed that we may faint.

Imagine there are many millions of people living in so many parts of the earth, and zero percent are perfect—they are all broken people. But they all are chasing after good luck. Do you think good luck will come to anyone? It will try to escape at the sight of them! Not just escape, but escape shouting!

When you imagine these things, do you feel good, or distressed? You might say, "Well, I am the exception. Father certainly doesn't mean me. He means everybody else." Then maybe you feel better. But if you think, "Father is speaking to me," then how serious you will feel.

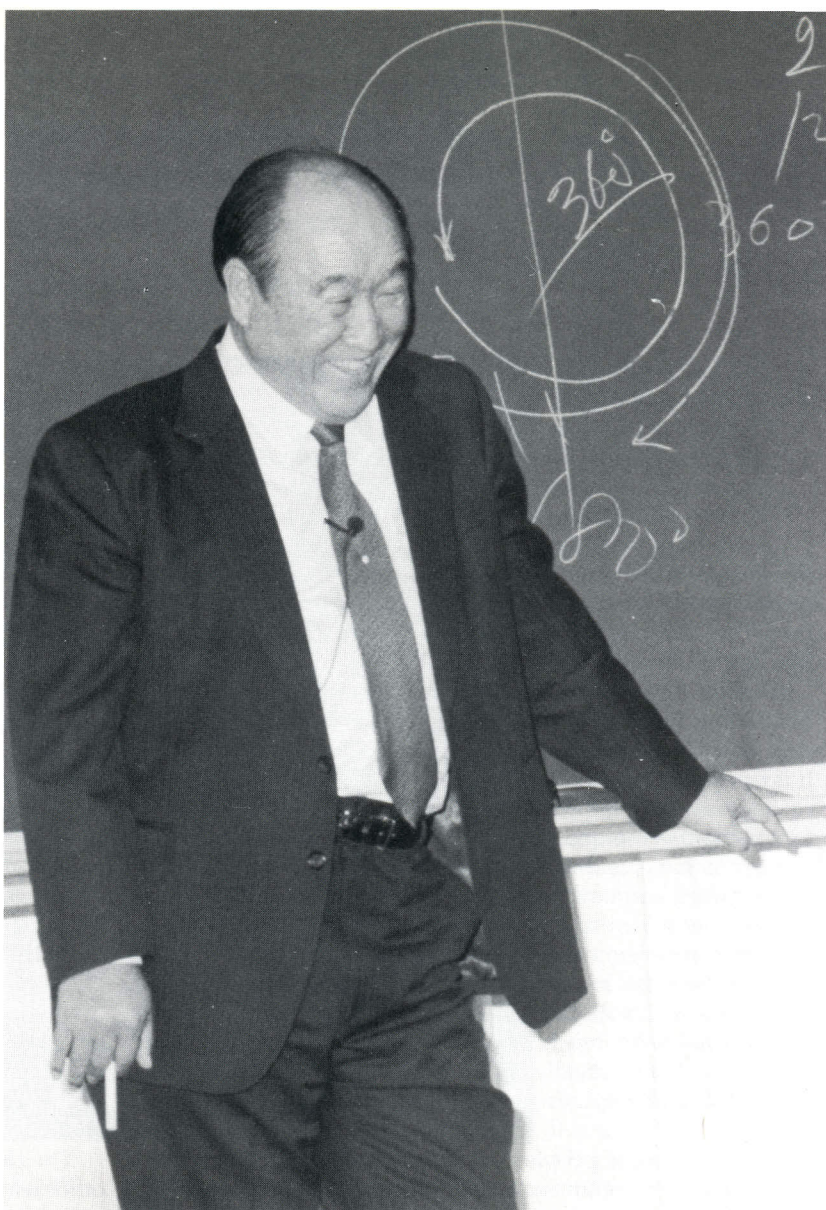
DISCOVERING OUR GOODNESS

How serious it is that we, all mankind, have a fate to find out what is good in us. We have to try very hard to discover what part of us is good. We need the kind of character that will inspire God to say, "Yes, you will live within my boundary for thousands of years." To the person who does not have this kind of deserving mind and body, God will say, "No! Don't you ever come in! Don't even look inside my Kingdom." What do you think, will God nevertheless let them come inside and live? He simply cannot bear that.

Why did human beings become like that? That is a serious question. The simple answer is: something must have gone greatly wrong with the root. Historically, man has been loving nature and trying to take after the things of nature. After the fall, mankind became more distant from God than nature itself. Historically, serious people looking at a tree that is thousands of years old bow their heads and think, "Here is something that is not changing and has withstood all things and gloriously maintained itself for so long."

Think about your high school alumni. Imagine there is one girl who laughs and smiles all the time to everybody, is never down and always helpful to others. Another one is always making a sad face and hardly does anything good for other people. Years later, who will be remembered? When you want to make friends with that good person, even though everything about you is bad, you try very hard to find something good in you and bring that to her. You bring your most precious secret that you never told another person, and tell it to her to make friends. True?

What is it that is most precious in you? Love, but that is between man and woman. Even though you may have love, you have to be the same level as someone before you can be accepted. If you are on a lower level, how can someone on a different level come to like you? That one, too, wants love from a higher plane.



Something that we all have in common is that we want friends, sons and daughters, and especially a spouse, to be better than ourselves. In what way better? In love. Here is a very tall person. Does that person want somebody much smaller or much taller in love? That means that the shorter ones have no chance. How does a person who is short gain the respect of the tall one? He tries to be helpful to that person. Then that person will lift him up.

When I know that I am short in love, short in every way, then should I just go to a high person any time, or restrain myself? I must restrain myself—this is the work of my conscience. The one who is bad should be solitary, saying, "Don't come to me. I should be alone." Then other things will start to take sympathy toward him. At least that person has a conscience, at least that person knows where he is. People will then try to help. The kind of person who just tries to demonstrate his badness will give all things pain just to look at him.

Let's say one person is seriously looking at himself, contains himself, thinking that he can only have a bad influence on others. Another doesn't think that way at all. Which is the better person? Sometimes you may come to hate one friend and wish he didn't come around you. But he comes more and more often. Do you feel good? If he keeps coming, then you close the door and pretend not to be home. We can understand why certain conscientious people, especially religious

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people, try not to have such regular contact with others, even friends, but instead go to the mountains where they live in solitude and in prayer.

When Father opens the door and says, "You come and live with me," then all of us will rush in with joy. How about Father's position? Looking at all of us, does he wish he could dwell with us forever? Is there any person to whom Father can go and shout "Mansei!" and rejoice? Even Father has to think seriously about whether or not he can go to live with someone. What about God? We pray for God to come to live in us, but will He jump right in where Father hesitates? Will God listen to most of our prayers, or try to plug His ears? Are we asking a lot that we don't deserve? That is a serious question to contemplate.

THE VEILS OF FALLEN NATURE

In your mind, how many people do you want to accommodate? God has enough room to accommodate everybody, so He wants many people to come and live within Him. But suppose the most dirty ones are the first to come in. What should God do, let them in or try to close the door? This is God's problem.

There are many different levels in spirit world. A person lives in the level where he feels most comfortable, thus creating walls. It is very difficult to go up to another level, but very easy to go down.

God never wants anybody to be below a certain level, but man chooses to be there. God cannot help him, no matter how much God wants to accommodate him. If you were the master, you too would have no other choice. If God would give amnesty and allow everyone to be equal, then bad persons would always want to come up higher first. They will come up at any cost, even trampling others. Good people will be pushed away. So God has to have walls between the different levels of spirit world, otherwise it is not controllable. So you must train yourself for thousands of years and pull down a wall to advance yourself to the next higher level. Is God right to allow walls and demand that we train ourselves a long time in order to come up? What about Father; would he do the same?

We are covered with a lot of veils, like the layers of an onion. Father will peel them off one by one. . . that one is pride, that one is the love of money. Then someone says, "Well, Father, take everything away from me. I will throw everything away and go to hell. I will go naked if you want!" Think about it. Is there a better way to bring people up to the high level fast? There are two ways. The other one is that Father goes along with your demands.

One way to get to the top is to hang on tenaciously to Father, never letting go even if he tries to shake you loose. If Father allows us to tag along with him, to what point will we go? Will we go to some point and then say, "Father this is good enough for me, I will rest here"? Up to where would we go? Wherever Father goes? When Father goes to Japan, leav-

ing American behind, will we all follow him there? Then if Father goes back to Korea, do we go to Korea, too?

When Father first came to America, he had nothing. Do you think he expected to live in an estate like East Garden when he first came here? Or did he decide to be ready for prison when he came here? Father thought, if they put me in prison, then I will turn the prison upside down.

Imagine years ago when Father first came, with the way people are in America, do you think Father thought the way would be easy for him? You don't know how resolved he was to face any difficulty in America to do his work here. When Father came here, he thought, "With millions of people opposing me, even if I die, I cannot give up God's way."

Think about this: Where does Father come from? In his childhood, he lived deep in the North Korean countryside, in a mountain valley, a place called Chôngju. He was a small king; he went all over the valley catching every kind of animal. He really explored the area. His radius was a ten-mile area, a big territory for a child. If he didn't know everything about the area—who was living there and what they were doing—he couldn't sleep. Every morning he would go out and explore some more. That is the kind of personality he has. When there was a bully who gave a hard time to the other children, even though Father was very small, he fought against him and protected the smaller children.

That's how Father thought about America. You know how big America is! As with the bully, Father fought with America, which is so much bigger than him. Was he intimidated? He said everything he wanted to say.

It is our wish that our children be married with earlier blessed couples' children. The highest level is True Family. Father wishes he had numberless children in order to give more chances for everyone to get married with his family. Those who say, "Father, I don't want my children to get married with one of yours," raise your hands!

What do you think? Father will have lots of grandchildren and you will have lots of sons and daughters, too. When matching time comes, should Father select candidates for marriage to his family out of French-speaking or Greek-speaking people of whom Father cannot understand even a word they speak, or those who, even though they may be Greek or French or Italian, can speak perfect Korean? We all laughed, that means we got the message: Learn Korean!

When Father was young, his relatives would show him their potential fiancées' pictures, and speak with him very respectfully. Even though he was just ten, Father would look at the picture and just throw it away if it was not good. If Father approved, then they would get married. Father was accurate. Sometimes they would get married anyway, but the result would prove Father was right. This is the background of Father matching members. Do you think it was a good matching or bad? (Good.) Those who think it was a bad matching, raise your hands. (Laughter) There are bound to be problems in any marriage. The more you confront them in the first three years, the better.

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ENCOUNTERS ARE HISTORICAL MIRACLES

Today's topic is "Inyôn and Encounter." Strangers meet, but they are not strangers; it is predestined. Today is cloudless, but let's say there is a cloud here. Where do you think it was formed? Is it an American cloud, or was it formed in other parts of the world? It was formed by waters from different parts of the world, from Africa to the polar regions. Imagine that one particle evaporated from some black person's saliva, and adjacent to it is evaporation from a white person's urine. Do you think these waters will hate each other? Or refuse to shake hands, even though they are side by side? They must make friends, under those circumstances.

Are we all in debt or not? This brother looks healthy, with lots of muscle and fat—where does that come from? Maybe he stole it from someone. Does nature like to be eaten, mercilessly? We took a lot from nature, ate it and became nice and fat, without returning anything back to nature. What does nature think about us? It would call us parasites. Have we ever stopped to thank nature, to thank all things? This sister is glad to have a top coat, a shirt and underwear. Did it all come from the U.S., or elsewhere? Have you ever thanked Korea for sending this merchandise to you?

Look at it this way. In America they work eight hours and go home. In Korea they are desperate; their lifeline is with their product, and they are more serious than are other nations. If you go to Itaewon, even in the evening, you can be measured and told, "come tomorrow morning." You go at ten in the morning and your suit is there waiting for you. When do you think they did the work? They prepare the component parts separately, and therefore can assemble a suit from the parts, within two hours. Many factories work throughout the night, not just the tailors.

In five thousand years Korea has been invaded by the big nations of China, Russia, Japan and America, but never lost its identity. But it is difficult for Koreans to become one. Once they become one they can defeat anybody. No one can make them into one, except me. (Applause.) Do you think that is more difficult than bringing communist and democratic countries together, as Father did? Good question, you say. But consider: North and South Korea were one 40 years ago, and they use the same language.

There is one difference between Father and Kim Il Sung. Kim Il Sung started big, but now has come down. However, he is still famous and has a lot. Father started from nothing, and everyone persecuted him, but Father increased, and is as big as Kim Il Sung now, if not bigger. (Bigger.) Father's foundation is bigger, with Japan, Korea, and Russia. But Kim Il Sung observed Father so much throughout the years. When they shake hands, one thing is for sure: Father will never follow Kim Il Sung and he knows this.

Everything develops according to its harmonious inyôn. Nobody knows who will meet whom in the next moment, but when they meet it is a good destiny and they learn to get

along together. How many tens of thousands of years of preparation did it take for these two sisters to end up sitting next to each other here? This is a historical encounter, a miracle. We may not know it, but the spirit world is like a computer which, when you push the button, will reveal the tons of records concerning what it took to bring these two together. There is no area it does not cover. Perhaps at some point the two, sister A and sister B, came very close but did not make it. Now the two are together here. All of you who are here did not come a straight way. Your ancestors clubbed you to bring you here now.

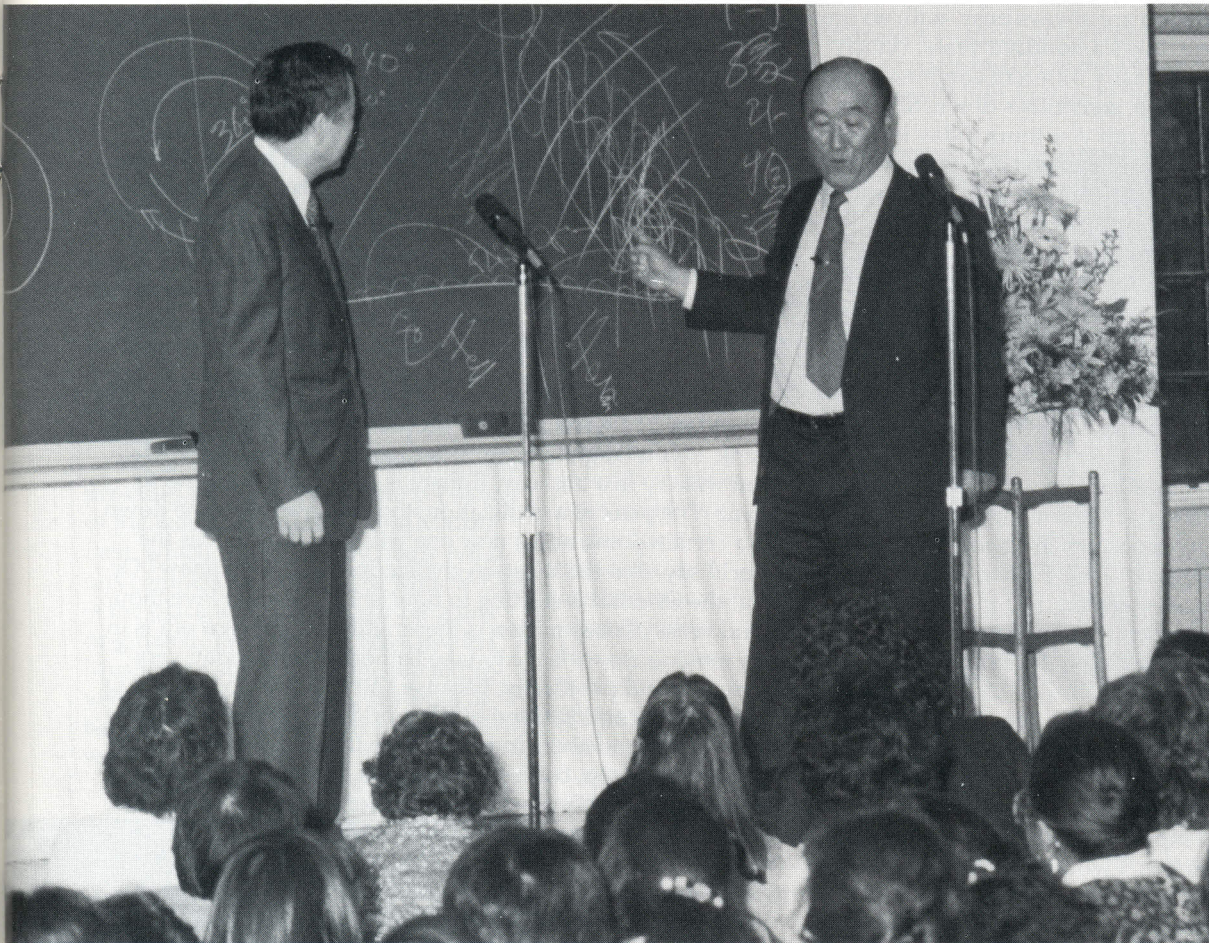
When you were born, wherever and whenever, did you ever have the slightest notion that you would meet Father here today? If someone planned to find a way to sit with Father, how many years would it take? But we have hardly done anything, and we find ourselves here. The background behind us is not simple. On the universal level there was plenty of work for each of us to be here. Do you think you can dismiss the brother or sister sitting next to you under such circumstances? Can you say what is going to happen, what good things? Who knows, maybe she will become First Lady of a country. Think of ten or twenty years from now and cherish this moment. Don't just think of today or tomorrow in treating each other.

PROPERLY ARRANGED INYÔN

Why did it take thousands of years to make such a meeting? It is because the goal of the meeting is so big, that nature and history had to work through thousands of years of inyôn to get you here. Now you arrived here, not knowing this has all taken place, and you doze off. Spirit world is nervous watching us. Imagine that your encounter with Father and everyone here has required lots of sacrifice, even your ancestors being killed so that you could work your way up here. Then how serious is our meeting here? Once we understand this background, we realize that indemnity is a natural thing, and that if there is no indemnity, maybe I am not going the right direction. Then for a bigger cause we can say, "Father, I am ready to accept more suffering and more indemnity." If you do, then there will be more good inyôn working out for a higher level of encounter.

When Father came to America he knew that much inyôn was here. Father properly arranged the inyôn, relating it with the situation of the nation as a whole, knowing so much history behind the scenes and in spirit world. Father did his very best to bring everyone the highest blessing, putting everyone in the best possible position. Based upon Father working day in and day out for this, Father has come to be loved by others who are saying that even at the sacrifice of their own lives they cannot leave Father. That kind of strong relationship has come about. Father knew that when he came to America he would meet some offspring from the Mayflower. He thought about how to meet such people, and how to lead them to the top of Heaven. Before even noticing his own suffering Father

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from this?" We must know that this inyôn and encounter has a great significance.

If it were not for three years imprisonment in North Korea, Father would never have known what communism really is. Maybe like everyone else he would have thought, "Oh, that is just another philosophy," and dismissed it. But by three years in prison Father could come to understand the minutest detail of the nature of communism, and could decide to liberate communism, the enemy of God, with his own hands. Today, everyone is wondering why in less than one year a miracle has happened in the world. It is not a miracle. Father knows and he worked for it.

only thought about fulfilling his part of the responsibility to the offspring of the Mayflower or other American people who came into his church through inyôn. A person who does this will receive all the blessings of the universe.

After Danbury, Father thought, "Whom will God bring to meet me first?" Father was expecting that. Even today there are former inmates visiting Father. When you have that kind of attitude throughout your life, you have no room for complaint. If you bump into someone on the street, even a troublemaker, instead of fighting you should think, "What is this situation going to bring to me?" Then suddenly you look around and see someone there. It is the son or daughter you lost many years ago, because of war. That so-called accident can happen to all of us. If this crazy person had not bothered me on the street, then I would have missed my lost son and never had another chance. Who is making that man act crazy? He may not know himself, but something is making him act that way, for my sake. That is good inyôn.

There are two kinds of people. One immediately fights and retaliates and ruins his whole day when this kind of inconvenience comes. The second thinks philosophically: "Why did this come to me? What do I deserve? What can I expect

This grand principle applies even to daily life. Just an innocent happening, an accident, depends upon your attitude toward inyôn. If you live like that, your life will improve.

We can't pray on the way to Belvedere, "Please God, prevent an accident from happening to me." Rather pray, "Please lead me in Your Will." We do have accidents. Maybe that's His Will, and as a result of that we gain a higher level. We are bound to get to a higher level if our mind is basically good. Who knows what will happen in the future. In the event of a tragedy, there are two ways for us: either complain, or continue on contemplating what chance this offers me. Who is the wise person, the sagacious person? The wise person does not complain.

Father knows one thing: our life, whatever it may be, is a course of indemnity. Whether we approve it or not, it's indemnity. It's bound to be. So if the indemnity goes the normal way, it takes a normal amount of time. Everybody wants to quicken it. But how? By something extraordinary happening, then it quickens. So we have to expect that to happen.

Human history is like a sine curve. Let's say one is smooth and one is saturated, complicated. Which curve do you want to follow? The simple curve will take thousands of years. The

Your encounter with Father and everyone here has required lots of sacrifice, so that you could work your way up here.

other, saturated way means you are always busy, with no time to be complacent, but it only takes a hundred years. Which way do you prefer? There are many different combinations of curves. Sometimes you go up, sometimes down. Shorter indemnity means that even though you think today is miserable, tomorrow will be worse, and the next day even worse. Which do you want: a smooth life which requires thousands of years of indemnity, or short, which gets it over with? (Short.) When you receive glory, that period will end and you must go down before you can go up again. Established Christianity suffered for 2,000 years, then went up in America. Now it has come down again. Conversely, the Unification Church started from the deepest suffering, but then went up.

10,000 YEARS OF HAPPINESS

What was Father's motto? "Within this twenty years, let us indemnify 2,000 years." Father actually invited opposition, saying, "If you are going to oppose, then oppose me now, when you are at your strongest." Thus Father set the condition to be able to say: "You persecuted me for twenty years, and at the end of the persecution if you are stronger you can have your way. But if you are weaker, then you must listen to me."

So this pain of twenty years is incredible. The ground on which the Empire State building is built was dug up and pounded, laid with pipes and wires. That ground must have said, "What are you doing to me? I've never had so much torture." Later when the Empire State building was erected, then it said, "Had I known this, I would have asked for more pounding, because then I could be a taller building."

When Father was breaking the ground and laying the foundation, all Unification Church members said, "Oh, I don't like that, why do I suffer like this?" How much more proud will one be if one is right at the bottom center of the foundation. We will say that if we had known, we would have volunteered for that. No matter how tall that building is, no point is greater than that person who is at the deepest bottom.

Are we pursuing ten thousand years of happiness or ten years of happiness? (Ten thousand.) Is that going to be easy? (No.) Should we accomplish the suffering in a condensed time or a long time? (Condensed.) Ten years or one year? If you say one year, that means ten thousand times more suffering than we had in the past. Do we want that? How about American women? Do you have that kind of endurance? (Yes, Father.) American women speak too soon. How can you take that indemnity? Chinese women bind their feet. With small feet they cover long distances. But American women have big feet. Chinese women will walk many years, and still continue to walk. American women will ride in the car, go around the obstacle, and call it a day. They will say, "I've seen it; I'm going around it." Maybe you saw a mountain, but you never bothered to go see what ore is inside—you just went around it. True? (Yes.) Do you think diamond mines and gold mines are found lying next to the highway?

The Chinese woman will go thousands of miles to find her husband and lost children. This is a great characteristic of Oriental attitudes and philosophy. Because of this, they understand the thousands of years of preparation behind one hour's meeting. Therefore they take it very seriously and endure and endure. The Oriental person first listens you out, because he is interested in how you came to that meeting. The Western concept is opposite: "Hello, ha ha. I like you; get close to me, ha ha ha." So which attitude will lead us to the blessed position more surely? (Oriental.)

INHERIT THIS WAY OF LIFE

A Unification Church member should not be lightweight. You should be heavyweight. You shouldn't be so happy. Always think, if you laugh in a big way there will come a time when you will cry in a big way. If there is day, night is bound to come. The peak of a civilization, too, will always come down to a certain point, and a new one will start. What does the world say, that the Western civilization is starting anew? Or that the Oriental is starting to flourish? (Oriental.) Five thousand years of preparation is there, and now the new era is in the making. So we have to take Father's words today very seriously and practically, because Father wants to prepare us for the forthcoming trend of the world, in which we Unification Church members must embrace the world in the Oriental way, the deep, contemplative way, understanding the background of thousands of years, not just as if it is a chance happening.

By the same token, so many Moonies think, "Well I have done so much for so many years, now I will be carried on Father's back." That is the end of their development. Whereas those who think, "Father, you raised me up, now I will carry you on my back," will prosper forever and ever. Is this a correct statement? Father has been carrying us on his back but he cannot do that forever here in America. Now he has done all he can do and should do for this country.

How deeply has inyôn manifested for Father's encounter with America? We must understand how great a mistake we made in the past, unknowingly throwing inyôn with our shallow thinking. The universe, looking at us, is very disappointed. We have to lead life in such a way that when God sees us, He will say, "Yes, I know how much you suffered and yet went steadfastly on the right course." This is the formula for success.

We know that we should never budge no matter what happens, and endure and take seriously this inyôn. You will inherit this way of life from Father, pledging, "Father, from this time on, I will conduct my life in your way. I never understood before, but now I take this way as my own." Those who pledge to never forget their responsibility, raise your hands. Thank you. □

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MUSLIM 40-DAY SEMINAR IN NEW YORK

Carrying the World to God

Today's World editor, Mary Trifault, interviewed Mr. Taj Hamad, a graduate of the Unification Theological Seminary who is directing a series of 40-day Seminars for Muslim participants from the Middle East. This interview was given following the workshop for the disciples of the Grand Mufti Kuftaro of Syria.

Q: Could you explain to us the purpose of these conferences?

A: True Parents' infinite love is extending to the Muslim World through these conferences. There are three conferences scheduled. The first one was attended by 40 participants from Syria. The second is scheduled to be attended by 40 participants from Yemen and the third by participants from Egypt.

We all know that the Divine Principle provides real solutions to the problems of the world, especially in the Middle East, which is troubled by many religious conflicts. Ironically, the Middle East is the place where the major religions originated. True Parents have invited Muslims to study the Principle to prevent Satan from fulfilling his wish of turning the Gulf War into a religious war.

In the Islamic world, there are many

people prepared to receive the Principle. For example, the third conference will be attended by some members of a Sufi group. Their leader received revelations that he should cooperate with us. He is a well-educated professor, and has had many visions of Father. His group members are also open-minded as well as open spiritually. One night while I was praying with them, they were amazed to see a bright light coming out of my hands!

The Principle is much needed to explain to them the importance of planting our feet in reality and accomplishing our portion of responsibility instead of accentuating spiritual experiences and living "in the clouds."

Q: What is the background of these conferences?

A: The groundwork was laid through the indemnity conditions made by True Parents and by our missionaries, as well as networking through the different organizations started by True Parents. Especially crucial was the work of the *Middle East Times* and its publisher Thomas Cromwell. Through him, the Grand Mufti Kuftaro of Syria was invited to one of the Council for the World's Religions conferences, and from there the relationship developed until he finally profoundly testified to Father at the Assembly of the World's Religions in San Francisco. Prior to that, he had met privately with Father and had agreed to send 40 of his members to a special



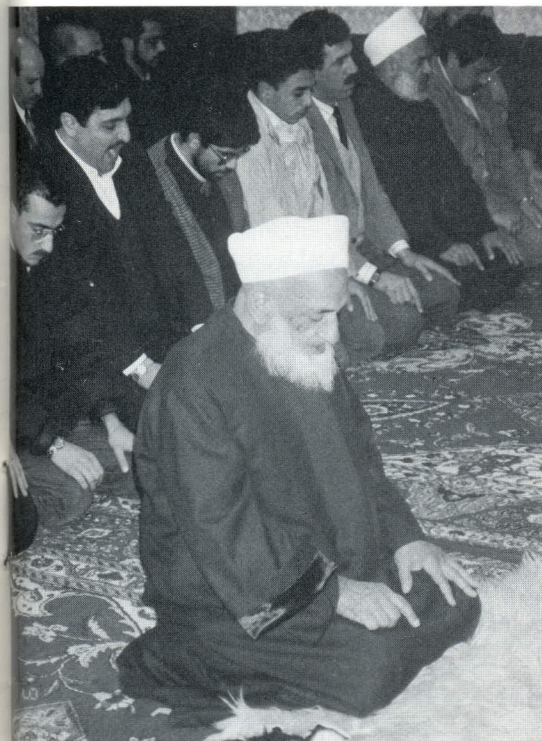
Father receives a copy of the Quran signed by Grand Mufti Kuftaro.

educational conference organized by us. On that foundation Father extended the invitation to the Grand Mufti of Yemen and to the Egyptians.

Also Father invited the Grand Mufti Kuftaro to Korea where he met many religious leaders from different backgrounds—Buddhist, Christian, and Muslim—and again he testified to Father.

Q: How did you get involved in the mission and how do you feel about it? Is it really different from other missions you've had?

A: It is different because this is the first time we, as a movement, are dealing with Muslims in this capacity. And it is not different because it is like other conferences or workshops which I have previously coordinated. I first heard about the Grand Mufti when I was working as a director of public affairs for the Unification Church of America. Because I come from an Islamic background, I was deeply interested and hoped to follow the development of our relationship with him. I feel the spirit world had been working to bring me to this mission. For example, the first time the Grand Mufti



Grand Mufti Kuftaro leads prayer in Damascus, Syria.



At the Welcoming Banquet, participants are greeted by, from left to right, Dr. Mose Durst, Dr. Francis Clark, Sheikh Basheer, Rev. C.H. Kwak, and translator Farouk Akbik.



Muslim participants listen to a Divine Principle talk.

went to East Garden to see Father, I was among very few people present at the time. I was also there when he met with Father in San Francisco. So when he agreed to send his 40 members to the conference, I was asked for my opinion as a Muslim on how to prepare such a conference. In fact, I was in the middle of a 40 day condition to receive direction for my future mission, and one day after the condition ended I was told that Rev. Kwak wanted me to direct the conferences.

I have always been waiting for the day when Muslims come, because when they recognize who Father is then nothing will stop them. They will be very supportive, very involved, and very powerful. This event marked the beginning of the fulfillment of a dream I've had since the day I joined our family. When I was in the Unification Theological Seminary I had dreams with Father about twice a week. In the last dream before graduating, Father held my hand and read the Quran (same as "Koran"). I asked, "Father, how do you know the Quran?" He replied, "Well, I learned it in school." In that dream he assigned my mission, and he read the Quran to confirm it!!

I don't know how long I'll be doing this, but I feel very hopeful for the future. This is the first group to come from the Muslim world, as well as the first group from any other religion who came to know about us on the foundation of their leader's recognition of Father. The Syrian group came for many reasons, but primarily because the Grand Mufti told them that Rev. Moon was a man of God, and he wanted them to come and find out for themselves. When they

came to the conference they were saying, "We are already with you—but could you just tell us what we are involved in?!"

Q: Could you tell us about some of the high points and some of the challenges of the conference? Do you have some testimonies of participants?

A: The most joyful thing is seeing how a person as great as the Grand Mufti of Syria recognizes Father, without even knowing his teaching. I feel that the Grand Mufti knows and understands Father on a deeper level than most of

I feel the Grand Mufti understands Father deeply, because he also suffered much in his life and developed a deep relationship with God.

us, maybe because he also suffered much in his life and developed a deep relationship with God. I had many powerful spiritual experiences when I went to Syria to meet him. Just before I left for Syria, I suddenly got very sick. Although I couldn't even sit upright on the plane, I insisted upon flying to Syria, even if I died. When the plane arrived, I found that the Grand Mufti had the same illness as I! When he heard about this, he laughed, put his hand on my stomach, and instantly I was healed for some time.

While I was there I had a very powerful dream about him. In the dream his son and his interpreter took me to the basement of his mosque—and there I saw a big beautiful fountain made of

pure gold, with pure sparkling water gushing out of it. I stood there in amazement and said, "My God, this is so beautiful!" I reached for my camera to take a picture, but a voice in my heart said, "Don't take a picture—this is just for you to know." I woke up, prayed, and received that the gold fountain was the Grand Mufti, and the water was the teaching he was giving to his followers.

One participant, in a dream, was told by a holy spirit he would take him to the highest heaven, and together they flew and landed on the moon. It was too bright for him to see, so the spirit took him back to the earth and landed near the Grand Mufti. The participant said, "It is the Grand Mufti who sent me to New York to meet the Moon."

It was a great joy to see the Grand Mufti's followers, on a moment's notice, drop everything they were doing and attend this conference. Many of them are doctors, lawyers, engineers, government employees, and business people—some lost thousands of dollars by leaving their jobs for 40 days, but because of the link they have with the Grand Mufti, they instantly obeyed his direction. That is an amazing commitment to the Grand Mufti, and ultimately to God. Also, it was remarkable to see them praying five times a day. They woke up at 4 a.m. and prayed for hours, almost missing breakfast which started at 6:30 a.m. Then they followed the schedule of the day which finished about 9 p.m. Some of them didn't go to bed until midnight. It was a challenge to keep up with such a schedule. I don't know many of us who wake up that early and pray five times a day. They did this everyday and I think they will do it for the rest of



Participants offer bows at Belvedere.



Muslims receive diplomas and gifts at the Graduation Banquet.

their lives.

Q: Do they have certain prayers they recite?

A: Their prayers are more advanced, in a way. They pray a traditional Muslim's prayer in which they recite the Quran. Also, they have their own Zekir, which is an advanced form of prayer, though which they reach out to God in an attempt to empty themselves.

Once while I was meditating with them, I saw a vision of Sheik Basheer, the spiritual leader of the participants, in a deep conversation with Prophet Mohammed. He was asking Prophet Mohammed questions concerning the Principle. When I told Sheik Basheer what I had seen he laughed and said, "Now you know my secret." We were told that this man had seen Prophet Mohammed over 17 times. This is considered a great privilege for Muslims.

Most of the participants joined the Grand Mufti's group because of their own spiritual experiences with God.

They always like to hear stories about Father's life course. Some of them had dreams of True Parents. They were always calling us to sit with them and meditate. They love that kind of fellowship.

Q: How was their response to the Principle lectures?

A: Father's desire was that they listen to three cycles of Divine Principle. The first cycle presented the content of a two-day workshop, the second cycle was equivalent to a seven-day workshop, and the third cycle included the content of a 21-day workshop. After Dr. Frank Kaufmann finished the first cycle, the participants carried him on their shoulders and sang joyful songs! Fritz, our missionary in Yemen, taught the second cycle in Arabic. They were amazed by the power of the Principle to motivate a German person to learn the difficult Arabic language. Robert Kittel taught the third cycle. They were deeply moved and shocked at his comprehensive

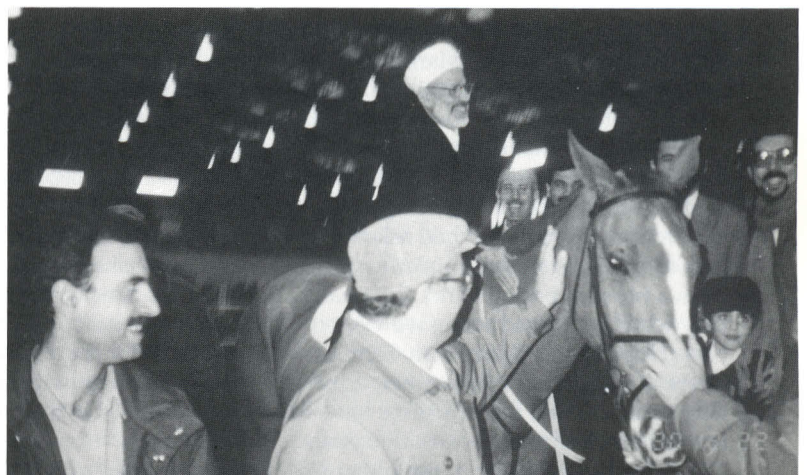
knowledge of the Quran, their holy book.

Although very strong in their faith, they took a very humble position in studying the Principle. They were tolerant, understanding and forgiving, even though there were times when they had different views. However, the differences were not big enough to separate us. They were very attentive and moved when we talked about Father's life. They were excited about the value and purpose of the Blessing, and the centrality of the family in building the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Three of them were inspired to enter the Divine Principle lecture contest on God's Day and one of them won the third prize.

True Parents invited them to East Garden where they recited poems congratulating Father as the "Conqueror of Satan." True Father responded by a moving speech in which he referred to himself and the Mufti as the two wheels of a vehicle which will carry the whole world to God. We were inspired by this



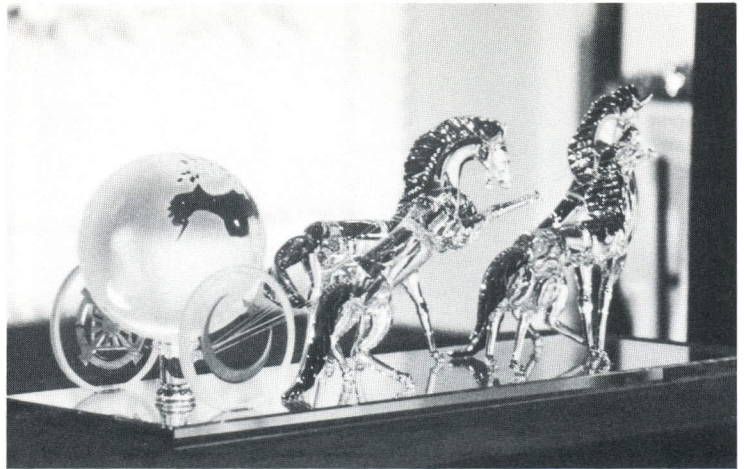
Muslims examine the dedication plaque at the Unification Theological Seminary.



Sheikh Basheer mounts a horse at New Hope Farms Equestrian Center.



A beautiful glass image of a chariot carrying the whole world to God is presented to Grand Mufti Kufaro.



On their most recent trip to Syria, Taj and Thomas Cromwell meet with the Grand Mufti and graduates of the 40-day workshop.

image and created a blown-glass gift for the Mufti.

They were impressed by the stories and testimonies of our elders. Rev. Kwak set the example for the whole conference when he shared very deeply about the early days and Father's teaching and vision. When Mr. Kamiyama spoke about Father's life in Danbury they were moved to tears. Through Mr. Sudo's experiences with Father, they found a lot of commonality between Father and the Grand Mufti, and found more common ground when Mrs. Eu shared. Lady Dr. Kim cried when she saw them and shared that 35 years ago she had a dream realizing the Muslims were our brothers; they wept, too. Kevin McCarthy guided them through the sad events of Father's trial. Dr. Thomas Walsh brightened their spirits by sharing about Father's vision through the International Religious Foundation's projects.

They were very moved by Father's accomplishments worldwide. They were amazed by *The Washington Times*, *The World and I*, *Insight* magazine, New Future Productions, the Manhattan Recording Studio, the International Television Center, and fish businesses. All of them agreed that no one else was doing what Father is doing. Their leader said that Rev. Moon is fulfilling what the Prophet Mohammed had asked Muslims to fulfill, even though Father is not from a Muslim background. Especially they were impressed when we visited New Hope Farms Equestrian Center. There is a saying of the Prophet, which they take literally, that Muslims have to teach their children how to ride horses. They saw Father doing it, not only talking about it. Also Prophet Mohammed encouraged Muslims to teach their chil-

dren how to swim and shoot, and they found a place for swimming and shooting at New Hope Farms. When they went to the Seminary, their leader was so moved by the vision and greatness of God, who inspired Father to do these kinds of thing. The whole group offered a full bow in gratitude to God.

They have also spoken to the larger Muslim community here in New York. It is interesting to notice how their views are influenced by the lectures. One participant told me he went to visit friends, and all he talked about for two hours was the fall of man—"It is in us, it is in us," he exclaimed with a bright

When Muslims recognize True Father nothing will stop them; they will be very supportive, very involved and very powerful.

face. "There is so much truth in this explanation!"

Their understanding of Father is very great, too. They know who we think Father is and accept that as well as the concept of the Blessing. At the end of the introductory cycle, the first questions they asked were, "Will the salvation at the time of the Second Coming be both physical and spiritual, or just spiritual? If it is both, does that have something to do with the Blessing next year in Korea? Is the Blessing an initiation of many 'true parents' in the world, or do we need only one True Parents?"

One of the biggest similarities with our family members is their devotion

to God and also their strong bond with their leader, the Grand Mufti. It is like our bond with Father, and they came to understand Cain-Abel relationship much better through the lectures. Also they are inspired that Unificationists respect Islam as a religion, and see it as part of the providential course. Established Christians don't look at Islam in that way. So they found us to be their true brothers, in a way.

Islam expects a second coming, but there are many opinions about where, how, and who. However, the understanding of the Grand Mufti's group is close to the Principle—that Christ, the

Messiah, will come. According to a saying from Prophet Mohammed, when the Messiah comes, he and the Mahadi (the Mahadi is basically the central figure of Islamic religion whose mission is to testify to the Messiah) will meet in Damascus!

Q: How did the Gulf War affect these Muslims' relationship with our church?

A: As you know, Father didn't come to start a church. We are not talking about another church or denomination. We are talking about the religion of the Parents, which is beyond church, beyond mosque, beyond temple. There is one goal of history—the coming of the True Parents. We are not talking about the Unification Church but about the family of God which is guided by the Parents of mankind. So, the Gulf War definitely didn't affect the Grand Mufti's group in a negative way. Maybe it opened wider avenues for cooperation in the future. Both the Unification family and the Grand Mufti's group agreed that war is

a result of people's ignorance of the Will of God, and not living the Word in their daily life by loving each other. So, in essence, the war has clarified our commonality in looking at the problems of the world. Yes, the war did delay our timetable, but the Yemenese group is still scheduled to arrive in April. The Egyptians are just counting the days to come.

Q: What is your vision for how these Muslims can affect other Muslims?

A: In the farewell banquet, one participant summed up the whole experience of the conference by saying, "Dear brothers and sisters. . . The day Father Moon and the Grand Mufti met, Satan became homeless, hopeless, and completely distressed! The day we entered the New Yorker, I entered with one spiritual father. I am leaving tomorrow with two spiritual fathers; both compose the strong foundation of True Parental faith. Father Moon, I feel your presence with us right now, so please allow me to

thank you deeply. In fact, because of you, Father Moon, I became a better Muslim during these 40 days. May Allah bless you, Mother Moon and your family, the Unificationists, and all of us. Amen, Amen, Amen."

For the time being, our desire is that these Muslims become better Muslims for by doing so, other Muslims will be attracted to them and learn from them. Once these people hear the Principle, they can't forget it. It sinks in deeply and they can't pull it out even if they want to. The spirit world will teach them, even more than we can. I think it is our responsibility to teach the word and at the same time provide the environment through which God's spirit can come and give more. When we went to the airport to say good-bye, we looked at each other and couldn't help but cry. Old people with mustaches and beards had tears dropping from their eyes—other people were looking at us and wondering what was going on. It was a very moving experience.

Twelve days later, the Grand Mufti's wife passed away. He sent a telex asking Father to pray for her. The Regional Director of the Middle East and myself went to Syria. The Grand Mufti was so glad to see us. He hosted a lunch in our honor and invited all the 40-day graduates. They came from all over, at a moment's notice. With love in their eyes, they competed to take care of us, inviting us to huge meals in an attempt to show their gratitude for their experience at the conference. I was very moved by their genuine love and commitment. One participant told me in a passionate manner how the conference had changed his life and saved his marriage. The Mufti testified again to our True Father and expressed his desire to see him soon for further cooperation.

Through this conference True Parents have taken a giant step into the Middle East. People not from the Middle East may not be welcome over there for long. True Parents are welcomed there. They are there to stay forever. □

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Second Blessed Couples' Conference

sure you came to this conclusion: "Father, please forgive me. I repent because in the United States I take everything for granted. I now realize how blessed my country is and am sorry for not having done my best." This is a process of homecoming and returning home.

BRING TRUE PARENTS TO YOUR HOMETOWN

I feel instead of assembling blessed couples or major leaders in New York for this kind of meeting, I will be waiting for an invitation, saying, "Father, in my hometown I am a tribal messiah and I've got 100 people (or 500 or 1,000 or 2,000 people) to listen to you and accept your message. Will you kindly come?" I will say, "Okay! I'll be glad to go there." I am sure that among you, you will be able to do it. Wherever that kind of meeting happens, it will be an historical event for that town.

There will be only a limited number of couples blessed by True Parents. You are the truly lucky ones. You've never realized that the day will come when everyone dies and goes to spirit world, and a final couple blessed by True Parents will be remaining on the earth. Think about it. Do you have confidence in the kind of precious position that you have in being blessed by True Parents? We never know, that final couple remaining here on earth could be a black couple, or an Asian couple. Would you complain, asking why they couldn't be a white couple? They will truly be historical persons.

Your position is, in a way, higher than Jesus' position. Let's say that Jesus was able to receive the Blessing. Would there be any fall or any mistakes in the life of Jesus? (No.) It's unthinkable, right? But you are in a higher position. What if Satan had physically forced Jesus to fall. Would he have fal-

len or not? If worst came to worst, like a kidnap and rape for example, if that kind of method was applied to Jesus against his will to commit the fallen act, what would he have done? I think Jesus would cut off that part, then cut his neck and say, "That's it." Why is that? Because he would want to leave a standard behind, in order to save the future generations. He would give up his life in order to leave a great impact on the future and history. You are going to be the doctor to those who commit adultery, iniquity and immorality. Adultery is the worst disease in this country. You have to become a surgeon and make many operations. Unless you can do that America will perish. Families have broken down, all society is breaking down. Immorality continues to grow. Where will the future generation go, except into decline? Those who will say as a blessed couple, "Father, please trust me. I will never leave the Principle and I will never engage in fallen acts," raise your hands, please.

Now I order you to become a judge or supervisor of the Unification Church all over the country. If there is a hidden, secret fallen act in the Church you have to expose it, judge it, properly treat it, and repent for it.

Father has not spoken this strongly before. Under false parents all kinds of iniquities have been committed. For that reason True Parents have had to expose and give this truth, spelling out the guidelines of the family, so that you become a good judge and supervisor. Do you understand? This is our mission.

Father's order is to save America, your country. Father has been misunderstood and persecuted by this country. So you must be welcomed by your hometown because of your deeds and holiness. Your life is holy in the eyes of the secular world. In that capacity go to your hometown, gather the people, embrace them and love them and there is no one who will not respond to you. □

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"21 Winners" for True Children

by M. J. Yasuko Tashiro

A third piano book in the series "21 Winners for Young Pianists" (Op. 12 for Advanced Beginners) has recently been published. Yasuko Tashiro developed these piano books as an aid in teaching music to the True Children.

It was winter one mid-day in 1988 when I received a call from East Garden to quickly bring several copies of my newly published "21 Winners for Young Pianists." This phone call meant Father was ready to see it. In record time, I managed to get ready, thinking "I mustn't keep Father waiting" as I ran up the hill. Seated in the Garden Room, Father and Mother were just finishing lunch. Mr. Peter Kim showed Father the book and especially pointed out the Dedication page by reading it to True Parents. As Father leafed through the book, he would stop now and then to chuckle. He especially smiled when he saw "Being Crazy." As he looked up, his words were, "Make

more and it will go to the world."

I was impatiently waiting for another book in which the printer had, in his hurry to finish, smeared the notes. Later that day, I fell—hitting the top stairway, flying across the hallway and finally banging my head against the corner of a bookcase. I ended up getting four stitches above my right eye. My black eye helped tremendously when I confronted the printer, telling him all the pages had to be reprinted. Because of this delay, I was unable to present the second book to True Parents before they left for Korea. A few months later, after True Parents arrived back at East Garden, I was able to show the book to Mother. She smiled as I handed it to her in the hall-

way. Later, Mr. Kim told me that both Mother and Father were very happy. I then promised myself I would publish one more book. I only needed to replenish the funds with which to do it.

During Christmas vacation, True Parents took all the younger True Children to Korea. I had about two weeks with no teaching to do. Many members had been asking me to make a tape of the Holy Songs and this seemed an opportune time to do it. How inspirational it was for me to work at the beautiful 7-foot Steinway grand piano and express deeply the profound meaning in the Holy Songs. The tape was called "Silent Prayer" and went on sale on True Parents' Birthday in 1989. This produced



Hyung Jin Nim plays the trumpet, with Jeung Jin Nim (left) and Yeon Jin Nim (right) accompanying him, at a recent True Family birthday party.

enough money for me to publish again.

A year later, with Father's 70th birthday being held in Korea, I went with Jeung Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim and the Gracemere children to perform the "Hûngbu Nolbu" operetta. Mother had asked me to write the music for this operetta, which proved to be a testing ground to see whether I could put music to Korean words written by Mr. Jin Kon Oh. It was a demanding but exciting time for all of us. For the Gracemere children and myself, it was a memorable first time being in Korea. For the True Children, it was one of many trips, so they stayed home when summer vacation arrived four months later. With no homework to do, this time allowed the children to focus on music and me to start composing again.

Music blossoms

Young Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim and Jeung Jin Nim were studying the Suzuki method of playing the violin so my job was to help them; however, I noticed their sight reading needed much improvement. Knowing the notes would help them in discovering and enjoying music on their own, I introduced piano

as a "fun" means to help them in this area.

Yeon Jin Nim, the only one who seemed to prefer the piano to violin, was assigned the Bach Minuets by her teacher who was going to be away for the summer. She worked very diligently on these two very difficult minuets, so I needed to do something to ease her tension. When Shin Jung was having her lesson with me, Yeon Jin Nim would watch curiously while I was writing simple pieces for her. Soon the two girls would be involved in thinking up titles and words for the pieces. They would giggle every time they sang Yeon Jin Nim's idea of "dancing with daisies." With this kind of imaginative spirit flowing from them, I wrote "Music Making and Note Parade." Yeon Jin Nim, relaxed and happy, played this music as if she were inside the notes, bouncing rhythmically and catching Jeung Jin Nim's ear. I could hear them singing together. Later, Jeung Jin Nim asked whether she could also play them.

Because Hyung Jin Nim has a strong competitive spirit and an outgoing leader personality, I wrote a piece for him

called, "Let's be No. 1." Usually impatient to understand quickly, I was relieved when he took the words of the song, "It takes concentration to win" seriously and worked hard to learn the piece. Somehow this "working hard" spirit permeated the music room for the entire summer. Yeon Jin Nim conquered playing the Bach Minuets and Jeung Jin Nim matched Yeon Jin Nim's desire at the keyboard. They played a duet I wrote for them called "Togetherness" which emphasized, "Two heads are better than one."

Ye Jin Nim's children, Shin Bok and Shin Goon, arrived in America in the fall and I began to teach them. They had been studying piano in Korea. Shin Bok, two years older than Shin Goon, was bogged down with homework and coping with a new language; but, he still wanted to continue piano lessons. Indian songs were his favorite and the concert piano sounded like a real tom-tom. I was grateful to have Book 1 ("21 Winners") to bring out another side of him. Shin Goon's hands were steady at the keyboard and he looked so cute when his body would shake with laughter as he mimicked the sounds of "Gallop-



True Family standing in front of the offering table are from left to right: Shin Ok Nim, Shin Bok Nim, Shin Myung Nim, Shin Young Nim, Shin Gil Nim, Shin Jung Nim, Shin Won Nim, Shin Kwon Nim, Shin Goon Nim, Shin Hwa Nim.

Horse." When his lesson was over, I would hear "thank you" and then receive a hug like a football tackle.

A winning audience

The time before printing is always a nervous time for me, not knowing if everything is as it should be. Changes depended on so many factors, the most important being, "Will all children enjoy playing them?" As if "on call", Sun Jin Nim came unannounced one night and promptly offered her quick and clear response. Thus she again served as my final check, as she had in my last two books.

The "frosting on the cake" would be to have an audience for this music. One Saturday, after teaching Jeung Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim, all the little grandchildren of the True Family converged on the scene to pay us a surprise visit. Shin Gil, Shin Won, Shin Myung, Shin Kwon, Shin Young, Shin Ok, Shin Eh, and Shin Yeon became that audience. Hyung Jin Nim promptly took over as their happy "king" and performed for them on his fun instrument—the trumpet. After he finished, Shin Gil and Shin Won received Hyung Jin Nim's instructions on how to buzz into the trumpet to create a sound. They both squeezed their lips and tried with all their might. On his first try, Shin Gil produced a sound, while Shin Won, with a little urging, got it on the second try. We all clapped.



M. J. Yasuko Tashiro stands at the East Garden piano with Jeung Jin Nim (left) and Yeon Jin Nim (right).

Shin Eh and Shin Yeon, the babies of the family, came close to the piano when I started playing "Carousel." Seeing them smile and clap their little hands while moving their heads side to side with the music, made "Carousel" a definite winner!

Right after the introduction of "Christmas is Wonderful", Kwon Jin Nim walked in singing as if I were to embark on a popular song like "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire." Instead,

I played the song I had written. I sang the last phrases of the song which are, "Giving love, giving love—giving love makes Christmas wonderful, you know." After Kwon Jin Nim realized it was my song, he squeezed this grandmother composer as if I were a balloon. That was the crowning blessing of the day!

Harmony emerges

I knew that everything was now ready for publication. Bill Miho, having just finished Father's 70th Birthday songbook, did the engraving. He was of enormous help to me musically and while engraving the music. His standard was very high and the give and take we had was invaluable to me. The final excellent quality of the book is the result.

On February 11, the final copy was delivered to the printers and now, as you are reading this article, it is available for all future

pianists. My privilege is to be able to say on the dedication page of the book, the following lines echoing Father's desire, "This music is dedicated to the new era of harmony emerging in the world and to those working to bring about true love." □

"21 Winners" is available from HSA Publications at 4 West 43 Street, New York, N.Y. 10036.

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Unification Church and Angel Garden Opening

us for nearly two months. On August 31 True Father established Pal Chong Sik.

True Parents' extensive vision

Soon it became clear that even North Garden would not be large enough to meet True Father's vision. In 1988 planning for a church and daycare was started, to be built on part of the three acres around North Garden. Originally planned with a second floor sanctuary for 200 people and a first floor daycare for 50 children, True Father requested that it be doubled in size. Work was stopped and then regrouped to the new size.

The new plan incorporated a training center for 100 people in addition to the

church for 200 people. Of particular interest are the large Oriental baths that can be used by guests after fishing in the cold waters around Kodiak. In addition Rev. Chai had always been concerned that the 50 blessed children in Alaska have a Principled education. He fought very hard to have a beautiful daycare and pre-school facility, to allow the mothers to continue with a public mission. Rev. Chai recalls the story: "When Father and Mother left Kodiak on October 1, 1989, I was driving them to the Kodiak airport. I asked Father for a name for the day care/school, and after a minute Father replied, 'Angel Garden'".

Now, the Unification Church and Angel Garden are finished. The architecture is one-third Korean, one-third Japanese, and one-third American. Building planning was led by Rev. Joo

Chan Chai and Mr. Matthew Doherty, then president of the Kodiak Blessed Family Association. Architecture was done by Mr. David Rogers, General Manager of International Seafoods, and construction was directed by Mr. Martyn Byrne, general contractor and Plant Manager of International Seafoods.

Kodiak's Church is the first Unification Church built new from the ground up in the United States. Along with the World Training center and Angel Garden, it is dedicated and built for God's Providence and the Ocean Dispensation. Rev. Chai and the 30 blessed families working in Alaska are grateful that Heavenly Father and True Parents inspired and supported the providence here in Kodiak. All of this will be bequeathed for the second generation.

As the Bible says, "Do whatever you do for God's glory." □

In the Light of True Love

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

After attending a planning meeting in Rome for a worldwide Christian-Muslim Dialogue to be coordinated by the Council for the World's Religions, Dr. Frank Kaufmann traveled to Alexandria, Egypt to visit a Muslim conference participant. The following article is his testimony of that meeting and some reflections on his interreligious experiences.

The gentleman I visited had attended a 1989 Muslim conference one year earlier. At the beginning of that conference he was suspicious and negative. Eventually that changed, however, and in the course of the conference he experienced a spiritual transformation. Somehow, he acquired a Level 4 Divine Principle book and before the three day conference was over he had read it entirely! I remember the last breakfast at that conference. As I approached his table he was lecturing to other participants about Level 4 and its likeness to Islamic thought. He spoke about the greatness of the Principle and urged other Muslims to understand the importance of Reverend Moon. All this occurred entirely on his own. He bought all the books on our display, and as he drew out the cash to pay for them he inadvertently mentioned, without boasting, "I'm rather well off." I commented to him, "That's a beautiful wallet." "Do you like it?" he said, taking all of his money out of it. "Here, you keep it," and he handed me the expensive wallet. I keep it as a symbol of our cooperation in the future. It was at that time that I also learned of his plans for a school. In his intoxication with the Principle, he made me promise to provide Unification teachers for his school.

A year later I went to Alexandria to see the school and become familiar with his economic foundations. When I arrived he personally picked me up and for the next three days, he brought groups of people continuously for me to teach the Divine Principle. I taught until 3 a.m. each night. He would interrupt the lectures at 1 a.m. to serve dinner. On the first evening, prior to and during dinner, he taught me the Muslim ritual purification and how to eat properly. By 1 a.m. I was beginning to wonder what I was doing there and what was going on. After dinner, I would teach more. The evening would end with my host asking his guests, "Is there anything else you want to ask Dr. Kaufmann?"

After three days of this, he said to me, "You have been very patient talking to all of these groups about God, but that's not why you came here. You came here to do business." He continued to explain every detail of the purpose of my trip! I had never uttered these thoughts to anyone. "I have news from certain planes or spheres of reality as to why you are here," he explained. "Tomorrow we will see what you came to see." We spent the next day travelling throughout Alexandria. To my surprise, I discovered that the groups of humble spiritual seekers whom I had taught were actually the financial and power elite involved in extensive high-level enterprises.

We visited the villa of one of his associates one evening, and got caught up in a game of soccer on a field adjacent to his home. Suddenly, barely audibly, someone said, "Salat", which means "prayer". The game dissolved within seconds and everyone lined up to say their evening prayers. After prayer, more Divine Principle talk was held in the villa.

In the course of our travels, my host showed me all his financial holdings, especially the grounds where he is building a school. As he described the layout plans, he said, "...and this is reserved for your villa, for your home that we are building." By evening, he had gathered 80 of his fellow Sufi devotees for me to address. At 1 a.m., he dismissed everyone, but 12 people remained, as though they had not heard him. He and I sat side by side, with these 12 gathered around. "Frank," he said, "this is the inner group. You should make yourself

familiar with these faces. Each one has a unique spiritual power. This person is clairvoyant, this one does this, or that," and so on. He described the spiritual powers of each person sitting there. "This fellow specializes in the news," he explained as he pointed to a simple, humble-looking man. "He is the one who explained to me the purpose of your visit." The man looked up at me with a playful smile and a knowing look in his eye. He then turned to the group and asked, "Do you have any



Dr. Frank Kaufmann visits his friend's home in Alexandria, Egypt.

questions for Frank?" and turned to me and whispered, "Frank, be careful how you answer these people, they can see you clearly." The first question was, "It seems to me that your group is just like ours, preparing itself for the second coming of Christ." A million questions and cautions rushed through my head, "What do Sufis believe about the Second Coming of Christ? What do I say? Be careful, they can see," and on and on. That moment was agony. I finally ventured my best answer, "Oh yes, we are oriented toward the second coming of Christ, etc." He then translated my answer into Arabic. As soon as he stopped, all the women, including the one

who had asked the question, silently stood up and walked out of the room. "My God," I thought, "What have I done?" Later I asked him, "Did I say something wrong? Why did they leave?" "Oh, no, no," he answered calmly, "I simply translated what you said and then asked them to go prepare dinner."

As I prepared to leave the next day, he interrupted his meditations to bid me farewell and explain what he had seen in his meditations. He told me of three spiritual experiences I had during my life of faith, about which I had *never* spoken to *anyone*. He explained that my interpretation of them was wrong and outlined what they really meant. He ended with, "Such experiences are very unusual; we are very impressed with you. Thank you very much, good-bye, have a safe journey home. We will be doing business shortly." With that I left.

The highest option

The reason I am giving this testimony is that through the course of my work with religious leaders I have had several such experiences with spiritually advanced people who recognize that I have a unique spiritual status. In contrast, most of our church members deal with people who are spiritually obtuse or dull, even though they may be using their talents to serve as national presidents, lawyers or media leaders. Only a small percentage of the world's population devotes its lives to fine-tuning spiritual powers, including the ability to see into peoples' characters or to see the past and the future. But this small part of the population is the one for whom my mission is especially designated.

In addition to encountering people capable of telling me the results of the path I have followed, or the spiritual status I presently occupy as a disciple of Father, I encounter other followers who are seriously committed to a variety of principles of restoration in their own right. Depending on their religion, they have principles of absolute obedience, loyalty or self-sacrifice. I encounter many comparable avenues for people who are serious about God. I often meet those who, as spiritual masters, lead others on the path of restoration back to God.

Many of us live our lives in a spiritual vacuum, unaware of the religious and

spiritual world around us. We, who are trying to perfect ourselves by obedience to our own leader, tend to think that we have no competitors among other religious traditions such as Islam, Catholicism, or Hinduism. However, in every type of world spirituality there are people like ourselves, who dedicate their lives daily in rigorous efforts to perfect themselves. Ours is one of many spiritual paths to which God-seekers are invited, and our leader is one of many claiming to offer insights which can guide us on the path.

My work among religious leaders connects with just one sphere of the world's leadership—a peculiar and unusual sphere in which people develop spiritual power and spiritual insight. As members of the Unification Church, our course is not oriented towards making us magical or mystical people. Our course is the perfection of true love. The wisdom of our response as we perfect ourselves is the most finely tuned of all the religious options. If a Unification person is a good devotee and lives the Unifi-



Rev. C.H. Kwak, accompanied by Dr. Kaufmann, visits a Muslim college in Syria in October 1990.

cation life well, then of all the options presented in any given moment, he or she will select the closest choice to perfect true love. The spiritual power which we develop is that we become reflexively "true love choosers." This type of spirituality is not easily recognized by people who are not spiritually open, and we ourselves often do not recognize it. Unification Church members tend not to regard themselves as being on a particular path of spiritual discipline. If you followed a guru, you may develop capacities of spiritual self-discipline which are more showy; but the highest spiritual power is true love. We do not realize that true love competes well with other religious or spiritual pursuits. It is not until we encounter our peers in the

world of human spirituality that we suddenly realize our master has put us on a path of superior human development.

I know this through my mission. Upon seeing me, spiritual leaders are bewildered at my spiritual status. And this is just from seeing me: a very average member, full of my own struggles

to be a good person, a good husband, a good father while overcoming my family difficulties, my prayer life difficulties and my Cain/Abel difficulties. Like many other members, I often feel lost in a life where I constantly struggle to follow instructions and the directives that my religious life asks of me. Nevertheless, in spite of being a common Unification member like most brothers or sisters, some aged master of irrefutable spiritual power will consider me to be a wonder of sorts. It is not merely because I am religious, for such masters have their own followers who have pursued their path or discipline for years. Even with their own adept and strict disciples, they are still bewildered at my status and ask, "Where do you get all this understanding and spiritual nature?" I am just another member trying to follow Father and his instructions, and to study the Principle. Yet, such questions come from people who have tremendous spiritual insight and power. I wish all members could have these experiences, because through this they would know the value of our path.

Self-denial and surrender

Each form of spirituality in the world produces people of a given specialization. A Jain cultivates the spiritual qualities, or disciplines himself according to

Father is changing the inherent destiny of our future lineage. His spiritual mastery is incomparable.

the worldview of the Jains. For the Jains, the ultimate stance in life is called "ahimsa," or "non-violence," meaning no violence to any living creature. Jain masters wear masks over their mouths so as not to breathe in any living being and cause it harm. Devotees sweep the path in front of an enlightened Jain, so that the master does not walk on any living creature. It is ritualistic, but it expresses the essence of their spiritual life. A person who disciplines himself in the worldview of Jainism will perfect a certain quality or commitment. Hence, his or her spiritual insight will grow from having emphasized one element of God's nature such as compassion or non-harm.

The outlook of a Muslim spiritual giant is entirely different. He has a powerful awareness of satanic activity in the world and of the importance of communicating God's truth. In him you encounter a spirituality that seeks out the frontline of God's activity. A Muslim disciplines himself with a spiritual understanding of reality that reflects entirely different aspects of God's character than a Jain. But both the Jain and the Muslim masters have surrendered themselves to God and to God's desire as they understand it. They devote themselves to the point of complete surrender and self-denial. This means a denial of ego centering on the Muslim's truth of God, for example, or the Jain's love of God's entire creation.

On one occasion a particular spiritual master suddenly turned to me and said one sentence which answered something I had tried to find out for six years. A seemingly idle chat with such masters frequently provides spiritual insights that are exactly meant for me. In such instances, I believe they are vehicles for God, they are finely "in tune" without trying.

Although the emphases of their spiritualities are worlds apart, they share one universal quality: each of these masters have lost themselves—they have disciplined and trained their beings to be without self, so that they may glorify God.

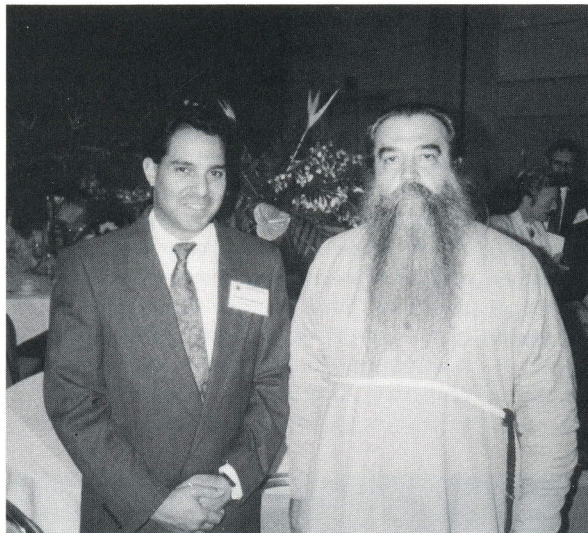
Even though our life may sometimes look mundane in terms of spiritual gifts, actually following the principles of giving ourselves for true love is the surest way to be close to God. This is also a spiritual power; because spiritual power, in my opinion, means attuning oneself so finely that one spontaneously acts correctly. For example, the reason

karate and ninja movies are so attractive is that the person does not have to reflect before acting in exactly the right way. That is what spiritual power is: the momentum of God living in you, so that pure correct spontaneity is present.

True love is clearly the highest spiritual power, and it is the essential quality of Unification spiritual discipline. The famous Bible quotation, I Corinthians 13:1-13, "I have faith to move mountains," is taken literally in the world of spiritualists. Some people can develop faith to move mountains. There are spiritualities so highly oriented and impressive that Paul needed to explain that they are not all equal and that the greatest of them is love. So we are being trained in the greatest of disciplines.

Trained in true love

Father, our spiritual master, has trained us to respond to all situations and to all other human beings with only one thought in mind: "In what way can I truly love?" We are being trained in the



The Metropolitan Philaret represents the Russian Orthodox Church tradition.

highest spiritual gift or power. Most members do not have anything to which to compare; yet because of my mission I am forced to develop skills in understanding the religions and religious leaders of the world. Consequently I have come to see my own life in the context of devotees of other religious traditions. Some of them, for example, have to wear certain costumes which have a more absolute significance in public. So it seems to me they are giving up more than I am. Any of these things that I am not required to do forces me to examine my tradition.

In my work I meet many influential people who follow me because I represent Father and the Principle. Father has fulfilled the conditions which enable this to happen. I am sharing this testimony to help us examine how we think of ourselves and to evaluate how we understand Father. We intellectually say to ourselves that we follow the Lord of the Second Advent. We have a leader who the entire creation has been groaning in travail to see. All of the universe and every human being that was ever born is waiting for this person.

Throughout history there have always been spiritually advanced people. But if you consider the single individual who will completely reverse the nature of reality, there is no accurate comparison to Father's significance.

Father has the capacity for all the spiritual gifts I have witnessed in my mission, many times over. After a point we can only speculate about what Father can do and what he does. There are many around who would be fearful in

the face of far weaker spiritual gifts; yet we arrive in front of Father in a spiritual mess and think nothing of it. We sit and listen to him for hours without having made any spiritual preparation. We may not be able to change easily, but at least we should recognize what Father feels when he sees us.

As a result of my work, I can examine both our spiritual path and our master in the context of other religious options. A very good spiritual master is capable of helping you change your own life. Father is actually changing the inherent destiny of our future lineage. His mastery is truly incomparable.

I encounter people with spiritual powers that would make one nervous to be around; yet their position in history and the parameters of the realm which they have mastered are minuscule compared to the parameters of what our True Parents have conquered and restored. This will become increasingly apparent to both ourselves and the world. But those of us who can recognize our enormous advantage and the true nature of our Parents can move at a far more rapid pace in their own restoration and that of our families and tribes.

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Experiencing God's Divine Love

by Tony Devine

The International Leadership Seminar, sponsored by CARP, held a 21-day Divine Principle Workshop in Hungary from January 23-February 10, 1991.

The largest 21-day workshop ever held took place in the first two months of 1991. A total of 420 Soviet students attended a 21-day workshop in Hungary and a companion workshop in Leningrad. Simultaneously, 250 Soviet students and professors came to the United States for a ten-day Divine Principle seminar. Nearly 700 new people listened to the Divine Principle all at the same time, in three different countries.

Dr. Joon Ho Seuk had been very concerned about following up on the students after the International Leadership Seminars in America, so he sent our best CARP lecturers to Moscow and Leningrad to teach advanced Divine Principle lectures. All the universities and institutes in the Soviet Union have school six days a week, so it is impractical to have weekend workshops. The only time to have an advanced 21-day workshop for the students was during their winter break in January and February. We had scheduled 200 more Soviet students to come to America at the same time. We thought it was impossible to do both, so we asked Father if we could

concentrate on the advanced workshop and postpone the ten-day workshop in the United States. Father's response was "Do everything!" How were we going to do this? We didn't have enough staff, no workshop site. We had looked all over the Soviet Union in December for a workshop site and we couldn't find anything anywhere—not in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Minsk, or Tashkent. Tashkent State University had offered us an auditorium, but there was no heat! You had to wear your wool coat, scarf, hat and gloves during the lectures! We wanted a better atmosphere than that.

Logistical Nightmare

It was such a battle. Before the students came, we had to go through so much suffering, headaches and tribulations. It was like a spiritual tornado. A lot of the students had not been to America and did not have international passports, and all of them needed exit visas. Just at that time, the Soviet passport office ran out of paper—and in the Soviet Union, something like that takes a long time to resupply! After weeks, we got all the passports and visas, but then we had to

get permission for each student to be released from their university or institute. We had to get personal permission from all 360 students' deans.

A CARP member, Brian Stott, searched all over Poland and Finland for a workshop site and had no luck at all. Finally, in Hungary, a friend of our movement who used to be a tour director, found us the Hotel Ezuspart—but things were so touch-and-go, Brian didn't close the deal with the hotel until two days before the workshop!

We needed staff, accommodations, and teaching supplies for three simultaneous workshops: one in Hungary, one in Leningrad to accommodate those who could not come to Hungary—and one in the United States.

Seven hundred people had to be served, loved, taught, housed, fed, and transported, in three different countries at the same time—a logistical nightmare. Fulfilling the staff requirement was difficult but God miraculously intervened.

"It was an international effort," said Dr. James A. Baughman, President of the Unification Church of America and Co-Director of the Hungary workshop. Reverend Won Pil Kim sent 21 European national leaders to staff the Hungary workshop. Ten American Constitution Committee (ACC) people came, including three regional coordinators. For them to come was a big sacrifice because ACC was having rallies supporting the troops in the Gulf. They told their wives, "You do the rallies—we're going to Hungary!" Ten seminarians, on special leave from the Unification Theological Seminary for field experience, with the permission of President David S. C. Kim, rounded out the American ILS staff.

Rubles and a rented train

The students had nobly accepted the burden of paying 300 rubles each to travel to Hungary on a rented train. In the Soviet Union, the average monthly wage is 250 rubles, so it was a great sac-



Dr. James Baughman leads a spirited sing-along session before the lecture.

rifice for the students and their parents to make, but 91,000 rubles sat in a knapsack in the Moscow CARP center apartment and the staff thought they could breathe easier now. They would take the money and rent the train and the workshop would go on as planned.

The next morning, the newspapers announced in big headlines that as of that day, by presidential decree, large-denomination ruble notes were useless and void. Although the Soviet people were given three days to change their bills into smaller ones, there were limits on how much one individual could change—only 500 rubles a month.

The CARP staff just collapsed. Everything else was completely prepared! By an absolute miracle, however, the students and their parents pitched in and helped. The next day, the doorbell of the Moscow CARP center kept ringing and ringing with students bringing small



Students gather into a grand assemblage for the seminar photo.

A Soviet woman who had been helping us called up a friend of hers who had a cooperative and convinced him with her tears, to attach the rest of CARP's train rental money to his and get it changed through the bank.

Art Humbert, who is now working full-time in Moscow CARP, waited in line all day with the owner of the cooperative and finished changing the notes at 4:45 p. m., fifteen minutes before the

with Dr. Seuk. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of this workshop, that it was the first 21-day historical workshop for Soviet students. He made the analogy that we were the true United Nations fighting the heavenly Gulf War, and that our mission was to carpet-bomb everyone with truth and true love.

Because of the large number of participants, the Hungary workshop had to be divided into two groups to fit into the resort's conference centers. Dr. Baughman taught one group and Nate Windman taught the other. There were 36 "teams" of students for discussions and organizational purposes. Including staff, about 450 people gathered together for every meal! To give an idea of the largeness of the workshop, for our one day of sightseeing in Budapest, we had to use ten buses to transport everyone.

There were so many beautiful testimonies. As the train departed home for the Soviet Union, Mr. Ittetsu Aoki, Co-Coordinator of the Hungary workshop, said it was like the end of a very good movie when all is resolved and the hero and heroine ride off into the sunset.

Many of the staff members found their own thinking "perestroikaed." Bento Leal, an ACC Regional Coordinator, said, "For many years, Father has talked with great love about the Soviet Union and its people. This seminar was a chance for me to meet these Soviets person to person. I quickly grew to love them. Prior to this seminar, I pretty

Many of the Soviet students prayed with tears—the main contents of their prayers were repentance for their weaknesses and requests for the guidance and the strength to be good people.

denomination bills and exchanging them for the larger notes they had originally given CARP. Jack Corley said, "Sometimes the doorbell would ring and there would stand a mother or father at the door clutching an envelope and inside was a note explaining that the student had exams, but the mother or father was coming with the small denomination notes. The parent humbly gave the money and took the large notes away.

"Many of the students and parents who came and took the larger notes had no guarantee that they could exchange them. Some of them might have lost a month's wages in trying to help us. That was one very beautiful aspect of how they gathered around and tried to support us."

Intour Transtrain office closed. He leaped into a taxi and flew across Moscow and arrived seven minutes before the office closed. He dumped the contents of his blue backpack on the desk and affirmed CARP's desire to rent a train. It took the Soviet personnel several hours to count the money, but in the end the train was rented.

Impressions from the Staff

The Hotel Ezuspart is in Siofok, Hungary on beautiful Lake Ballaton, 108 kilometers outside Budapest. It is a very popular resort among Austrian and German tourists, especially in the summertime.

On the day before the workshop, all of the staff gathered for an orientation

much had an enemy feeling for the Soviet people in my heart, as I had a hard time separating Marxist ideology from the people themselves. This seminar showed me my 'enemy' with a human face and heart—they're my brothers and sisters."

When he was preparing to leave to return to America, several of the students in his group from Leningrad came up to him individually, looked him deeply in the eyes and said, "Please don't forget us!" Bento said, "This moved me very deeply. I realized that they would now be going back to the harsh circumstances of their homeland and I would be returning to prosperous America. I promised them I would never forget them and I would see them in Leningrad as soon as possible."

Both he and Howard Self, an ACC Regional Coordinator, were impressed by the fact that Americans and Russians look so much alike—like twin brothers. Howard Self said, "It is clear that we (the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.) are brother Archangel countries."

Dr. Baughman, who grew up in a very patriotic, anti-communist home, testified that he had a hard time over the years separating his hatred of communism from his feelings for the Russian people themselves, but from work-



Dr. Joon Ho Seuk addresses an auditorium full of Soviet students.

"He also asked if such a marriage might somehow downgrade the purity of True Parents' lineage and how that might be overcome. This is just one small example of the penetrating and curious minds of these students."

Howard Self said, "The caliber of the students is very high. They are very smart—and are studying the highest philosophy (Divine Principle) in a sec-

Soviet students began to try prayer for the first time in their lives. Some of them began asking their group leader if they could meet at night and pray together. Many of the Soviet students prayed with tears. Chris Hempowicz testified that the main contents of their prayers were repentance for their weaknesses and requests for the guidance and the strength to be good people.

Tom Iversen testified that the "class clown" of his group noticed him going out one night with his hat and coat and, when he found out he was going out to pray, shyly asked if he could accompany him. Tom prayed by the lake and afterwards, they stood silently for a moment in the still night. Suddenly the ice on the lake cracked, with a loud report. Arseny, the student, became very excited and jumped onto the ice to inspect the crack.

The next night when Tom went out to pray again, Arseny was waiting for him with his coat on. A sister from their group noticed them and asked what they were doing. She was astounded that the comical Arseny was actually praying. Arseny began speaking excitedly in Russian and waving his arms. When Tom heard him imitate the sound of the crack of the ice, he knew what Arseny was telling her. She then asked if she could also join in the nightly prayers.

One staff member said that "relationships in the Soviet Union are like an ice-covered lake." It is difficult for them to see hope for change. Having been betrayed by the "cult of personality" surrounding Lenin and Stalin, many stu-

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ing directly with them, he said, "I fell deeply in love with the Russian people."

The students all participated in a Divine Principle test and passed with flying colors.

"I'm amazed at the depth of the questions posed by the Soviet students. They penetrate the meanings of Principle much more quickly than any group of Americans I have ever worked with," said David Tebo, ACC state director of Wisconsin. "An example of such a penetrating question occurred when one young man asked me about the family of True Parents. He was concerned that the children of True Parents have appropriate spouses to marry when they were old enough. He wondered if other true families could emerge in time for their children to be old enough to marry True Parents' children.

ond language!"

But, of course, it was much more than an intellectual experience. Prayers were said in the True Parents' Name and none of the students objected. For many of the students, it was a rebirth experience. The staff members, too, found themselves deeply touched by these spiritually thirsty, curious and humble children of God, buried so long under such a dehumanizing system.

Staff member Greg Hanson of England testified that one sister said the Unification movement was "like the Messiah" to herself. "She now recognizes sin within herself. However, she feels more pure the more give and take she has with us. Her life has changed a lot since meeting us."

At the workshop in Hungary, many



Students pack each row to attend the Divine Principle lectures.

dents are wary of messianic figures and universalist movements.

One student even wanted to go back to Moscow. He confided to Claude Aubert many complaints. Claude talked with him for a long time and learned of the young man's painful childhood in foster families. Claude began to weep, until the young man had shared his whole life story. After two hours, the young man hugged Claude and said he would think everything over. In the morning, he appeared with a calm and peaceful face and said he would stay until the end of the workshop.

Impressions of the students

"It was a celebration of our souls," said one Soviet student named Denis.

A Soviet sister had a deep spiritual experience with God, feeling a strong "invisible force" within her, propelling her to reach perfection and to teach others how to reach perfection. She had not had much hope at the beginning of the workshop, but by the end she said the only goal of her life was to build true relationships. Another sister, when asked what she thought God wanted her to do with her life said, "He wants me to fulfill the Three Blessings."

Another Soviet sister wrote in a reflection, "These lectures give me food for my mind. So I need time to think and understand more deeply. I would like to say that I do believe in all of you, because when I'm looking in your kind eyes, I feel I can trust you."

"God bless you, Reverend Moon," wrote Anna from Tver State University.

"I maintain that the Principle is the only thing to right the unrightable wrong, to show us the right direction leading to the fulfillment of the Three Blessings and establishing the Heavenly Kingdom on earth."

Another student wrote, "The atmosphere of this workshop creates harmony in my soul. Listening to the lectures, I find the answers to the most important questions for me; that is, how to find true love and how to create a true family.

"The political reality of my native country is very complex. We have great difficulties and it is easy for many young people to become cruel. Many people in my country begin to forget about perfection, mercy, true love and true friendship. It is a great problem for our nation. Especially in this time, it is important for us to feel your support.

"I think that my friends who take part in this workshop and listen to our lectures will never become cruel because many of us are impressed by the ideals of the Principle and we will perfect our souls."

Some of the sisters from Jack Harford's group wrote a letter to the True Parents, stating in part, "This workshop made us think about the problem of our souls and spirits. Reverend Moon, our thanks to you, and

we'd like to prove to you that now we'll change our souls and never be able to cause harm to our universe.

"Let God give you enough strength to fulfill all your wonderful and important deeds."

The students also felt a sense of urgency about preaching the Divine Principle to their countrymen. Several of them suggested that the only way was through the mass media; others volunteered to help CARP and the Church get a printing press to disseminate the information, stating that Russian people love to read.

One student, Natasha, said "The Soviet Union is not the happiest country in the world, but we were born in the Soviet Union and must live in the Soviet Union. There is no way out but to change our country...the seeds were planted among us and now it is our responsibility to take care of them...Thank you for teaching us the truth. Thank you for giving us hope."

One male participant stated concernedly, "All other religious groups are increasing their activities now. I don't think they are all very useful for Russia. Now is a very important time—it is a

Poem and Prayer to Heavenly Father

Heavenly Father,

Help us to erase from our hearts the consciousness of that horrible time, when the darkness came and covered our country, when good people suffered, when honesty was considered a crime, and crime became normal. This darkness came from generation to generation as a lineage disease, making the honest people suffer. Sleep calmly honest people, you'll never be forgotten! Eternal memory for you, those who did not give up, who stand with open eyes, who never turned their head, who suffered from the Lord of Darkness. Your suffering will be remembered forever, because you died for the sake of others; you cried your whole lives. But nothing bright and pure disappears.

Father, thank you for giving us such people. Give us power to follow their example; help our people to open their eyes. We all really wait for the time when something will change our lives and the kingdom of darkness will leave us forever, and all the people will live in joy and harmony, giving You our love. We promise You, Father, that we will be honest and kind. We beg You, Father, give us power to overcome the hell in our souls. Our one and only desire is to come close to You, to feel your love and to feel You. Thank you, Father for being so tolerant toward our sins. Thank you, that You gave us the opportunity to change ourselves and become better people.

Andrei (Leningrad) Team 22

great battle for the Russian soul. I would like Unificationism to win this battle... Everyone must know about the Divine Principle. It is necessary to begin now. Others are not waiting. I am not sure that this unique spiritual situation in the

True Parents, and in her dream she received so much love from them that she decided to sever her relationship with her boyfriend to pursue this greater love. She joined the movement.

When it came time to decide whether

she was to sign up for membership and did so.

Another participant dreamt that he went out from the building and a strong wind pushed him back inside. Then he found himself in a classroom, a lecture room. He understood that this dream came from God and then signed membership.

Half of the Hungary workshop participants signed membership and the other half requested more time to think about it. But two thirds of the participants agreed to go on to "actionizing" or "formula course" activities, signifying that their hesitancy was over codifying their commitment, not over making one.

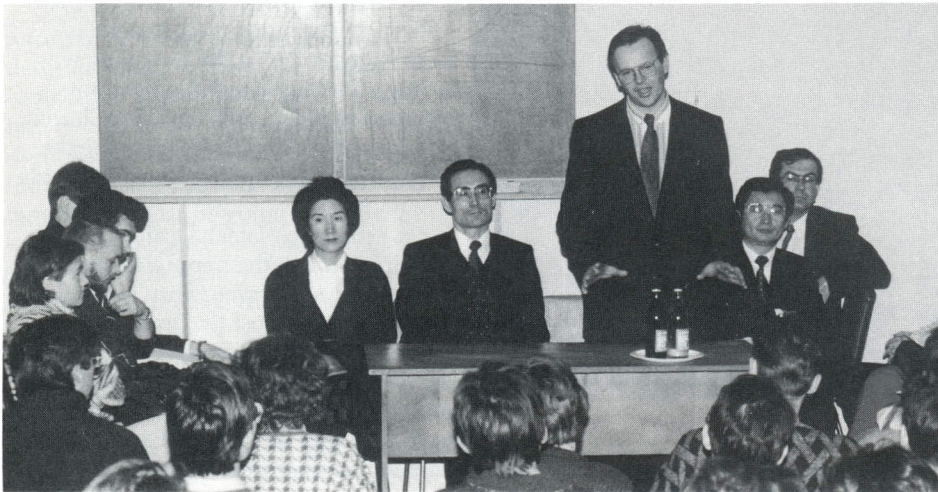
Many of the Soviet students are 19-21 years old, so they are very young for marriage, but they were avidly interested in the Blessing. On an outing to Budapest, the students were given a small amount of spending money, for rubles were not usable there. One Soviet sister returned with obvious satisfaction with her purchase. When asked what she had bought, she brought out a box and drew from it a beautiful pair of white, lace gloves. "These are for Korea, this coming August," she said.

"Make noise!" Father tells us. Disrupt the slumbering silence of the fallen world. One of our inspired students, Alexei from Moscow, asked the Church and CARP to "organize some noisy action" to awaken his spiritually somnolent country, saying that already "the actions and the deeds of CARP and the Unification Church in the Soviet Union surpass all expectations."

The *Los Angeles Times* recounted the spiritual journey of Sergei, a Soviet student who has moved into our center and is now spending all his free time learning how to be a lecturer of the Divine Principle in Russian. "I'm totally convinced," he told the newspaper.

Some of the seeds planted by our True Parents' tears and sacrifice are now beginning to sprout up as young champions for God in that most unlikely place—the Soviet Union, the country Satan used as the birthplace of world communism. Now the Soviet Union appears to be becoming the birthplace of a new people—people of sacrifice, discipline, and piety—who are ready to carry the flame of faith to their countrymen and to the world. □

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Mr. Tony Devine introduces Dr. Seuk to Soviet students.

Soviet Union is eternal. We mustn't lose it. We can lose a great historical chance or we can win. It is our responsibility. I want the world Unification Church to help. I'll pray for it."

Another student, Alexi, said, "The Russian people will follow the Messiah immediately when they understand with all their souls that he is here."

Support from the spirit world

"We don't convert people," Dr. Baughman said. "God and their ancestors convert them. Dr. Seuk told us this at the beginning of the workshop. They cannot yet make conditions for themselves, so we should pay indemnity for God and the spirit world to work. That is the role of a parent. And it was when we did this—through prayer, fasting, little sleep—that the spirit world descended and students began to have dreams and spiritual experiences."

Many of the students had dreams directing them toward this way of life. One brother named Ilya dreamed of the universe finally being put in order and the reasons for everything explained. Once during the workshop, he dreamed of a broken mirror which came together and he knew it was the whole picture of truth. He interpreted the dream as showing him that he had only broken pieces of truth through philosophy and research, but now he had the whole picture.

A sister dreamed of Hyo Jin Nim and

or not to sign membership, many students hesitated because of the uncertainty of the political situation in their country. To commit oneself on paper required great courage as well as spiritual commitment. Several students were encouraged by dreams.

One participant dreamed that she was in prison and suffering. Unless she signed something, she could not get out. In the dream, she signed the document. When she woke up, she realized that

Bhai Vir Singh International Award

On January 29, 1991, at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in Delhi, India, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, President of the International Religious Foundation (IRF), was presented with the 1990 Bhai Vir Singh International Award.

by Dr. Thomas Walsh

His Holiness the Dalai Lama, presented Rev. Chun Hwan Kwak with the Bhai Vir Singh International Award for his work in support of inter-religious harmony and cooperation.

Bhai Vir Singh was a very famous Sikh religious leader and in honor of his contribution to the Sikh religion, an international award was set up in his name. Each year a select group of people is given this special award. Rev. Kwak was selected for this award by the Sikh community because the IRF has worked extensively with the Sikh community in India, since the first Assembly in 1985

up through the second Assembly in 1990. Sikhs all over the world are aware of the IRF's work; they are very appreciative of the opportunities they've been given to be respectfully represented in many international, inter-religious events. In addition, IRF has sponsored meetings in Delhi that have addressed the split between Sikhs and Hindus in India, as well as Sikh, Hindu, and Muslim interaction.



Rev. C.H. Kwak and His Holiness the Dalai Lama meet prior to the Awards Ceremony.

The Dalai Lama's speech, from unofficial notes:

“Essentially all religions have the same message: be a good human being. Guru Nanak [founder of Sikhism] showed respect for all traditions. This is a necessity at this time in history. Whenever I come into contact with great personalities I always check myself, asking whether I myself have done enough. Every human being, regardless of religious or national background, has the potential to be a good human being. It all depends on our responsibility. While we admire people of the past, it is always useful to check our own daily life to see if we too benefit others.

We have two hands and we can use them in different ways. If you hit others with your hands you will be lonely. If you bring them together to hold others, you will make friends. We are social animals. Whether we are created or not, we are this way. Give more smiles and make more friends. In daily life examine yourself.

We enjoy a peaceful atmosphere here; there is no danger and we feel secure. At the same time in other parts of the world [the Persian Gulf] there is great destruction going on. I tried to communicate to George Bush, Mikhail Gorbachev, and Saddam Hussein to avert war. Now the war has started. Still we can avoid destruction. We can destroy the war machine, but we should avoid destroying human life.

The present crisis is very, very bad. Still this event can be useful to remind us how dangerous are the modern weapon systems and how terrible is the military establishment.

I have visited Costa Rica, which has demilitarized. They have survived. They also have extra money for agriculture and education. This is a nation which succeeded in demilitarizing for 40 years now.

The Sikh community is appreciative of our inter-religious work, because they themselves are a religion that sought to combine elements of Hinduism and Islam, when Sikhism first emerged in the 15th and 16th centuries. Even their scripture incorporates readings from other sacred texts.

Dr. Mohinder Singh, who served as a planning committee member for the 1990 Assembly of the World's Religions, organized the Awards Ceremony and arranged for a private pre-meeting with the Dalai Lama for Rev. Kwak, accompanied by Metropolitan Paulos Mar Gregorios, Metropolitan of Delhi, President of the World Council of Churches, and one of the three presidents of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP); Dr. Francis Clark, an ac-

tive consultant to the IRF for nearly ten years and the first Secretary-General of the IRFWP.

Meeting the Dalai Lama

The Dalai Lama is the spiritual leader of the Tibetan Buddhists. The Chinese, after the Maoist Revolution, overran the peaceloving Himalayan Mountains Buddhist kingdom. They subjected it to great oppression, murdering monks and destroying monasteries and temples. The Dalai Lama was forced into exile in India, and as the spiritual leader of one of the most highly respected Buddhist traditions throughout the world, has come to symbolize the spirituality and purity of Buddhism. He is an international figure who travels throughout the world as an ambassador of Buddhist compassion and peace.

A recent winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, the Dalai Lama is currently starting the Foundation for Universal Responsibility. One of our purposes in meeting with him was to discuss his own foundation and introduce him to the IRFWP. During this meeting Rev. Kwak indicated he wanted to make appeals on behalf of the Tibetan Buddhist community whenever he travels to China, as well as offering IRF's willingness to support his new foundation. Rev. Kwak also invited



His Holiness the Dalai Lama (second from left) presents the Bhai Vir Singh awards.

him to become actively involved with the IRFWP. The Dalai Lama is a very genuine man who gives off a deeply spiritual presence. He seems to be a simple man from the mountains and yet is not someone to be underestimated for the spirituality that resides in him.

The Award's Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony was beautifully organized with an audience of very dis-

tinguished people, including members of the Sikh community as well as representatives of many international interfaith organizations. It was a tremendous occasion for Rev. Kwak to be honored in the presence of people representing some of the major interfaith organizations.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama gave the principal address at

the Awards Ceremony, followed by Rev. Kwak's acceptance speech.

The Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace was introduced on January 29, 1991, at the Maurya Cheron Hotel in Delhi, India, during a luncheon and press conference. Over 80 people attended the luncheon which featured a presentation by Rev. Kwak and Metropolitan Paulos Mar Gregorios. Since it was first announced at the Assembly of the World's Religions in August 1990, IRFWP has been expanding rapidly. There are currently three founding presidents: Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Metropolitan Paulos Mar Gregorios, and Sheikh Ahmad Kufaro, Grand Mufti of Syria. Other presidents and members of the Presiding Council are currently under consideration. In addition, an international and inter-religious advisory board has been established. □

Dr. Walsh is the Director of IRF and the newly appointed Executive Director of the IRFWP.

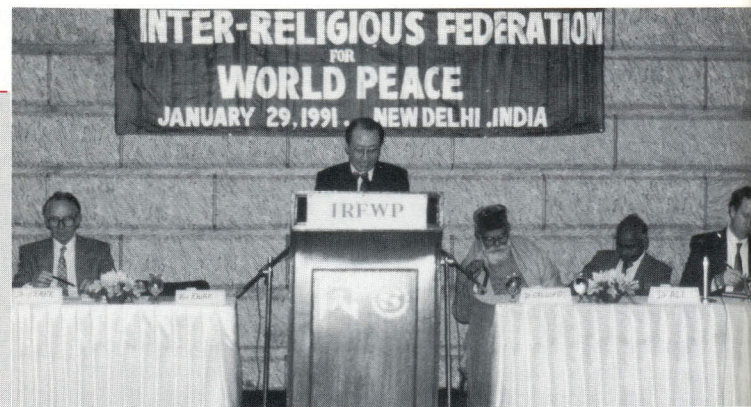
Rev. Kwak's acceptance speech:

"It is indeed an honor to be presented with the Bhai Vir Singh International Award in recognition of my work with the International Religious Foundation in promoting inter-religious understanding and cooperation. For the worldwide accomplishments of the IRF, I cannot take all the credit. In this respect, I view myself as representing IRF's Founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, and all the dedicated staff and associates of IRF who have over the years committed themselves so selflessly to world peace. On this great occasion and on their behalf I would like to take a brief moment to express my appreciation.

First of all, I want to thank God, who I believe has planted in each of us both the ideal and the possibility of unity, peace and brotherhood. I also want to express the deepest respect for all the Founders and prophets of religions, and for all the men and women of faith, through whom the great religious traditions have been transmitted to all humanity. The Founders of all the world's religions have always presented a universal vision that inspires men and women to the highest ideals of both spiritual and worldly practice. Unfortunately, the followers have not always been able to maintain the purity and universality of the Founders. For

this reason, I believe, we encounter hostility and competition within and between religions. This situation can be overcome if we each work to keep alive the original vision of the Founders of our respective traditions. In this way we will always be called to show the greatest respect toward one another.

Each of us is painfully aware of the conflicts and divisions that separate the peoples of the world. In particular, since the end of the "Cold War" between the United States and the Soviet Union, we have witnessed the proliferation of ethnic, communal, racial, and even inter-religious conflicts. This is a deeply disturbing matter, particularly in cases where religion becomes the cause of conflict rather than the basis for a solution. Rev. Sun Myung Moon founded the International Religious Foundation, and more recently the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, in order to address this problem. The essential principle is as follows: inter-religious peace is the basis for world peace. Since religious commitment most often serves as the very foundation of cultural and so-



Rev. Kwak inaugurates the IRFWP in Delhi, India.

cial identity, even in the so-called secular societies, we cannot expect to resolve problems without addressing the religious questions. This insight, coupled with the dedication of all those involved, has been the key to the success of the work of IRF.

I realize that you are very aware of all that I am saying. This is a land of great spiritual awareness, with the religious resources to transform conflict into peace. May you come to shine as an example of inter-religious harmony to the world.

I have great respect for the religious dedication of my Sikh brothers and sisters and I sincerely appreciate being presented with this great award. May we all work together with the greatest determination to exemplify the harmony that should exist among all the peoples of the world and to create world peace.

May God bless you all."

Towards Religious Pluralism in Spain

by Jane Sharpe

On September 20-23, 1990, the Council for the World's Religions and the Spanish Unification Movement co-sponsored an inter-religious dialogue among 22 influential figures in Spain's religious world.

Our 2-day conference was held in the medieval town of Avila in the quiet hills south of Madrid, birthplace of mystics Saint Teresa and Saint John of the Cross. The meeting was conducted in Spanish and entitled "Advancing Towards Religious Pluralism: Reflections on Church and State Relations in Spain."

Spain, dominated for 40 years by the conservative Catholic Church under the government of Franco and isolated from most of Western Europe, now confronts dramatic change. Where once the Catholic Church influenced social and government policies, a new socialist government is making far-reaching secular reforms. Disillusioned with the Catholic Church and preoccupied by material prosperity, the youth are turning away from traditional religion and morality. North African Muslims immigrate in larger numbers; Protestant churches and new religious movements prosper. In less than one decade, Spain faces a new reality.

People of different religions have a great deal about which they may potentially differ, or even enter into conflict.

In Spain that potential is heightened by the need to secure political influence and legal advantages with the socialist government. The temptation to act in self-interest, to exploit political advantages for one's own faith, without consideration or even at the cost of other religious groups, has become a frequent pitfall. It has added to existing hostilities, fueled new and counter-productive controversy in the media and, in the long term, damaged the cause of all religions. Add to this the persecution of underground Protestant churches by the Catholic Church until the 70s, its hostility and suspicion towards Islam and its ignorance of and alienation from other religious groups.

Ecumenical dialogue in Spain is a new field. Although being hosted by Unificationists was threatening to some, conference participants arrived in Avila filled with curiosity and a deeply serious desire to express their views, learn about each other and seek solutions to the existing discord.

Influential liberal and conservative Catholics, traditionally opposed to each other, found themselves in dialogue with Protestant ministers, representatives of Islam and Spanish Tibetan Buddhist monks. There were leading figures in Catholic education, specialists in national and ecclesiastic law and representatives to the government's commission on minority religions.

Discussions centered on four areas:

religious pluralism and freedom of conscience; the situation of religious minorities under contemporary Spanish law; the impact of the socialist government on religion, especially religious education in schools; the effects of media in relation to religion and society.

As participants became involved in dialogue, their initial nervousness faded. Later they were uplifted to learn about the interreligious vision and activities of the CWR and its founder Reverend Moon, presented by Dr. Frank Kaufmann, CWR's Executive Director. They also were reassured and encouraged by the warmth, respect and openness which participating Unificationists Armando Lozano, Enrique Sanchez Motos and Marcia De Abreu fostered during the two days.

Some commented that the event could not have worked as well had it been organized by a more established church. In conclusion, they expressed enthusiasm for similar events in the future to foster lasting religious cooperation in Spain.

The process of building peace and fostering spiritual integrity requires a greater commitment on the part of those involved and takes place one step at a time. For Spain, with a history that has witnessed some of the most profound and intimate cooperation among religions, as well as the worst kinds of persecution, this conference in Avila was such a step. □



Religious leaders and specialists on national and ecclesiastic law discuss religion and the law in Spain.

New Foundations

In late October 1990, the Unification Church of Zambia was invited by the Zambian President to participate in a government sponsored inter-religious conference. This event marked the beginning of a new era in the history of our church in Zambia.

by John Phiri

Zambia's independence from British colonial rule was commemorated on October 24, 1990. To celebrate the occasion, the government organized an interdenominational religious night, inviting all the religious groups in the country to join in the spirit of brotherhood through songs, prayers, presentations and fellowship.

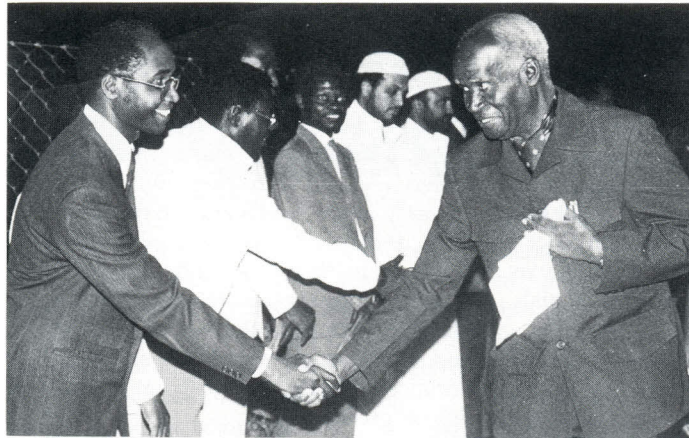
This event took place on October 28, at St. Paul's Church of the United Church of Zambia in Lusaka. Among the religious groups invited were the Muslim society, Hindu association, Bahai faith, Unification Church, United Church of Zambia, Seventh Day Adventist Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), Reformed Church, Catholic Church, Anglican Church and several others.

The Unification Church Choir was chosen to open the religious night activities. Just prior to the event the three main Christian organizations, namely



Our Unification Choir helps create a heavenly atmosphere during the evening.

the Christian Council of Zambia, the Evangelical Fellowship, and the Episcopal Conference issued a press statement stating they were boycotting the event and had instructed their member churches not to attend—the reasons given were they didn't want to share the same platform with "Eastern cults" and that the organizing of such events was the responsibility of the churches and not the



John Phiri greets Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda on his arrival at the interdenominational religious night.

government.

The government was saddened and disappointed by this attitude, but preparations for the event had reached such an advanced stage it couldn't be called off. To the delight of everyone, the Christian church members defied the orders of their mother organizations and showed up in great numbers the day of the event. It was indeed a memorable evening to see all the religious groups in the country on one stage in the spirit of unity. The President of Zambia, Kenneth David Kaunda, and the entire government leadership attended this historic occasion. He later chastised those Christian church leaders, telling them their press statement was unfortunate and contrary to the Christian spirit of love and unity.

The Unification Church Choir opened the evening program by singing two songs, "By the Spring of Life" and a popular Christian song, "Africa will be Saved." They sang so well that the President could not help but join in with them. Our choir's uniforms were outstanding: the women wore white shining dresses, with the men wearing white shirts, melon ties and blue trousers. It was an excellent presentation both internally and ex-

ternally. I felt they were truly the ambassadors of True Parents.

Hope for Unity

On the following day, the television news only showed our choir singing at the religious event. It is my hope that this spirit of unity among the religious groups demonstrated at this religious

event will usher in a new era conducive to the unification of religions in Zambia.

For the first time in the history of Christianity in Zambia, church leaders and pastors of all denominations put aside their doctrinal differences for four days to discuss "The Challenges facing the Christian Church in Zambia." This was done in the spirit of unity and reconciliation.

The conference, held from October 29—November 2, drew 400 participants, including all the major Christian denominations: Catholic, Baptist, Anglican, and many other Protestant churches. It was also the first time since our inception that the Unification Church of Zambia had been invited to participate in such a



John Phiri reports to the plenary session on behalf of the panel group. To his right is Mr. Toshiaki, the Unification Church Japanese missionary to Zambia.

major Christian meeting. This conference was organized by the three major Christian bodies in the nation: the Christian Council of Zambia, the Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia, and the Episcopal Conference, and was sponsored by World Vision International. It is interesting to note that two years ago our application for membership in the

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Unification Church and Angel Garden Opening

prepared by the Kodiak Staff

On Saturday December 15, 1990, the congregation of the Unification Church opened its doors to the community of Kodiak, Alaska. On the morning of the Grand Opening, a winter storm had blanketed all of Kodiak with two feet of snow, and the dawning high-latitude sun finally lit up the grey skies at 10 a.m. With daylight only lasting about five hours at this time of year, final details were being set in place and the congregation waited for all those invited to arrive. With full page invitations in the local papers and messages sent all over the world, the Kodiak families prayed that the snow would not make it too difficult to travel.

The brilliant sun finally broke through the clouds just after the opening prayer at 11:30 a.m., reflecting off the newly-fallen snow through the church windows. The 300 guests, friends and family members who attended felt the immediate presence and purity of God's heart and love. Into this small fishing town, located on a rocky island in the North Pacific, had finally come the first newly-built Unification Church in America.

The whole Grand Opening day was a deeply moving and festive occasion. Rev. Joo Chan Chai gave an inspired message and bid farewell to everyone after his 11 years in Kodiak, having been asked to take on responsibility for fish operations worldwide. Congratulatory messages from all over the world were read. Distinguished ministers from Anchorage and Kodiak welcomed the new church. The whole congregation experienced a high spirit throughout the ceremony. Afterwards a luncheon was served featuring foods from all over the world. Preparations for this day had begun months before, with our sisters cooking foods the final night for a dining table 40 feet long.

People came at 11 a.m and some did not leave until 7.30 p.m. Even the Governor of Alaska was invited and although he wasn't able to come, he and his wife received a personal report on this occasion from a close associate.

History of the Alaskan Providence

The story of the new church actually began in the summer of 1979 when True Parents came to Kodiak to visit the new fish processing plant with Rev. Joo Chan Chai. In those first years, True Parents would come to Kodiak and stay with Rev. Chai in a small home, known as the Bancroft House.

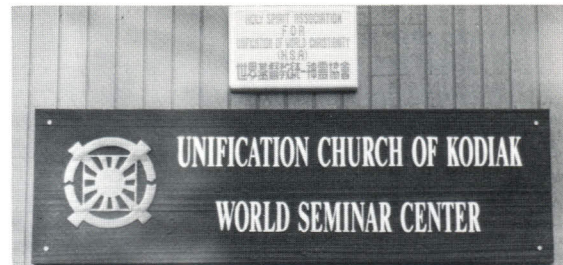
The Bancroft House became the spiritual center for the Kodiak Providence from 1979 until 1986, with Rev. Chai



The newly built Kodiak Church was dedicated on December 15, 1990.

hosting the True Parents and True Family many times. However, it soon became too small. True Father challenged Rev. Chai to provide a place where thousands of people could come to experience God's creation in Alaska. Rev. Chai then challenged the Kodiak Family to build a new home for the True Parents halfway between Asia and America where they could bring world leaders.

True Parents' new home in Alaska was begun on January 16, 1987, and was built under the direction of Rev. Chai for the benefit of our True Family and the Ocean Providence. Built in just six months by the Alaskan Family, our



True Parents first came to stay in July, hosting a workshop for 180 Korean professors and their guides. With the generally stormy weather taking a break for summer, the professors visited the fishing boats and processing plants, with plenty of time to experience sport fishing halibut. In the evening True Father would teach them the Principle. From its opening in 1987 until 1990, North Garden became the center of Principled life for the Kodiak Family.

For 12 years, International Seafoods of Alaska has been processing the millions of pounds of fish landed by the fishing boats of the U.S. Marine Corporation. What began in 1979 with one new bottomfish plant on shore has grown to two large freezing plants in Kodiak and

a fish-buying operation on Bristol Bay in the Bering Sea. From one pioneer fishing boat—the Green Hope—came Ocean Hopes One, Two and Three, followed by the One Ocean and Alaska Spirit. From the local waters of Kodiak to delivering to Russian, Korean, Polish, and Japanese factory ships in the middle of the Bering Sea, our Alaskan fishing fleet was started for the Ocean Providence and the benefit of mankind.

The year of 1989 was especially unforgettable, when

Father and Mother spoke so deeply to us about our growth and responsibility toward Heavenly Father. Father explained that Alaska is special to God in that it is near to the North Pole, which is where man and God are closest. In fact, True Father told us that he wanted to have a Unification Church built on the North Pole before going on to the spirit world.

On July 16, 1990, the Kodiak Family welcomed the True Family back to North Garden and celebrated the birthdays of Kook Jin Nim and Sun Jin Nim. That year the True Family stayed with

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WORLD PIONEERING CONDITION

A Need for God's Healing

Nicosia, CYPRUS

by Mrs. June Kiburz

Our family was assigned to Cyprus, a most fascinating island nation in the Eastern Mediterranean, a part of the Middle East. This is one of the last divided nations, now that the Berlin Wall has fallen and the Lebanese are dismantling the line between Beirut's Moslems and Christians. The continuing enforced division of Cyprus is an anachronism amid the new spirit of cooperation prevailing in the world today. The Green Line, established in 1964, separates the Muslim Turkish sector and Christian Greek sector. At this point, movement by Cypriots across the Green Line is forbidden and there is no sign that the situation will soon change despite renewed efforts by the United Nations to reconcile ethnic Greeks and Turks. The history of this struggle is a long, complex affair. Even after considerable study of the nation's history, I felt I had only begun to understand the people's hopes and resentments in this land of much suffering of the heart.

Our church has had only limited success in this land of 700,000 people. Missionaries had been sent in the 1970s. Apparently, not one member joined—the Greek Orthodox Church has held a very traditional, religious system not so open to accepting other religious movements. There is one blessed couple now living in Cyprus. They are native Cypriots who joined our church in Italy. They live in a small, rural farming community in Southeast Cyprus, close to Larnaca. Also, one blessed family arrived in Larnaca to work on *The Middle East Times* while I was there.

Upon arriving on November 10, I discovered that four other Unification Church members from America had already arrived and had gone to their assigned cities. My city was the capital, Nicosia, a large, bustling city of com-

merce. Each of the members who came from America was essentially pioneering a city and serving in home church areas. Since Cyprus is a small nation, we often would arrange meetings and thereby coordinate our activities—this was good for spiritual support as well. Developing our unity as brothers and sisters centering on the national leader was essential for our success.

An international crossroad

Cyprus has absorbed all the tourist industry from Lebanon and also has acquired much investment from the prosperous Persian Gulf area, hence the economic development of this nation has been quite successful. Cyprus is quite an international crossroad, ab-

Lebanese refugees, all eager to learn the Principle. Without Arabic, the language barrier was a problem. For the most part we could get by with speaking English, but we weren't always sure people fully understood the depth of the Principle. Forty days is not enough time to learn Greek, Arabic or Turkish!

Several of us had the spiritual experience of St. Paul walking with us, just as he had done 2,000 years ago, travelling the entire island. Cyprus' claim to fame is having more saints per capita than any other nation—it truly does have a long, strong Christian foundation, one of much faith.

When I first arrived in Nicosia, I was spiritually led to the Archbishop Chrysostomos' Palace. Even though the Cypriots never get the chance, somehow the doors were opened to me and I was able to meet with the Archbishop for one hour to share with him many things about Father, the Principle, and the

Unification Movement. I felt much spiritual presence. I gave him literature, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace recommendation, as well as several gifts. I felt it was a beginning for much continued dialog, as he was inspired when he recognized one of his colleagues in the New Vision book. I could feel his sincerity of heart and also how bound he is to his 2,000-year-old religious tradition based on a long history of monastic lifestyle. Hearing about True Family is not an easy concept for this tradition of celibacy. I will continue to remain his friend and write him. When I finished my visit, which I felt was one of the main things God wanted me to do in Cyprus, I looked up at the sky and a full, gorgeous rainbow

appeared, arching from one side of Nicosia to the other. I felt it was truly a gift from God—an expression of His eagerness to bless this land. I tried to visit the Archbishop again before leaving, but his Christian duties would not al-



June and Archbishop Chrysostomos meet at the Archbishop's palace in Nicosia.

sorbing refugees from Middle Eastern nations, the Soviet Union and East European bloc nations. Many of these people are sincerely searching for truth and a better life.

One brother in Larnaca met many

low any open time in his busy schedule.

Finding a bridge

Each of the American members met wonderful, prepared people—many were literally led to us—Cypriots, Russians, Bulgarians and others. One Russian sister who is a refugee studied the Principle and very easily accepted. She is presently witnessing to her entire family, the Christian churches in Nicosia, and is translating the Principle into her native tongue, Estonian. Another Russian sister with a Kuwaiti husband is studying the Principle and a Cypriot family in Nicosia, as well. In Nicosia, I met many Filipino people who are eager to study more about our Church. We also met a professor friend of Dr. Tsirpanlis, a Unification Theological Seminary teacher. He knew many of our members in New York City. He is a well-educated person who can be a bridge between the two cultures. Also, I was able to meet the wife of the mayor of Nicosia and the cousin to the wife of the President. Forty days is merely a beginning, but many people were so eager to develop friendships with us and to begin their study of the Principle. We tried our best to serve by street sweeping, cooking meals, giving gifts, songs, and helping with tasks as we could. On that foundation of service, we hope we could allow God to work. We also tried to attend the Orthodox religious services



Jane shucks beans with home church friends in Frenaros.

and some Protestant and Catholic services as well, and meet a number of church leaders.

We began a prayer condition at the Green Line for the Soul of Cyprus—for unity in this divided land and for God's Will to be done. There is a Catholic Church right at the Green Line whose altar is actually in the Turkish sector, so we began our prayer condition there.

Together with three other members, the opportunity came to travel on a Cypriot ship with other Cypriots to visit the Holy Land for a weekend. That was a wonderful experience, to see Jerusalem and Bethlehem first hand, to pray at the Holy Shrines—the Church of the Nativity, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre

and at the Wailing Wall. We could literally feel the long history of blood, sweat and tears of the three great religious traditions coming together there. We also had the experience of our bus being assaulted by some Palestinians throwing large rocks. Fortunately no one was hurt. It is a land of considerable resentment and sadness. We pray for the healing of these lands.

Only a few days before our 40-day period was finished, one brother and I received permission to cross the Green Line and visit the Turkish sector for

five hours. I'm so glad we did: visiting a Muslim land is such a contrast to visiting a Christian land. Also, there was considerable poverty and lack of education. Few people we met spoke English. Much more preparation would be needed to witness well on the Turkish side of Cyprus.

Our 40 days in Cyprus was a wonderful, life-giving experience. All of the American members experienced renewal of our faith and the great hope that lies ahead for the Middle East and for the world by following and attending our True Parents. We are all so grateful to God and True Parents for this experience. □

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New Foundation

Christian Council of Zambia was rejected because the Council considered us non-Christian. They issued a 24-point statement of negative, false and prejudiced allegations against the Unification Church. Our participation in this conference seems to confirm that all this is now in the past. A new chapter in our relationship with other churches has now been opened in Zambia.

The theme of the conference was, "The Challenges Facing the Christian Church in Zambia," and the topics included: "The Poor, the Unreached, and Youth Problems," and "Youth, Unemployment and Social Environment." The conference was divided into six panels for discussions. I was elected by my panel comprising 60 clergymen to be their spokesman and charged with the responsibility of reporting to the plen-

ary conference the various feelings, and suggestions expressed in the group panel discussions.

Differences brought hatred

President Kenneth David Kaunda was inspired by this gathering and came to officially open the conference. In his address, the President cautioned the clergy against sectarianism. He said in the past he was saddened by the divisions among the churches as a result of doctrinal differences. He added that these divisions brought so much hatred into the lives of the people, such that the Bible was being used to justify hatred of others, which contradicted Jesus' teaching of love.

The President was so inspired that he invited the conference participants to a reception at the State House in honor of the conference cause. Perhaps my deepest experience during these four days was the opportunity I had to freely share with the top religious leaders the Princi-

ple view of the various topics discussed. Indeed, at the end of the conference I felt that the meeting was a foundation for the future unification of Christianity in Zambia.

During the reception at the State House, I had an opportunity to have a personal talk with the President about the activities of our church and the current political state of the country. Listening to the conference deliberations I could not help but appreciate deeply the power of the Principle and to realize more clearly, that only through True Parents can mankind be guided in resolving the problems facing the world today. Based on the foundation of the contacts we established through this conference, we plan to hold a national Introductory Seminar on the Unification Movement (ISUM) to give them an insight into the world view of the Divine Principle. □

Sûng-hwa Ceremony of Mieko Yoshizawa Konto

by Jean-Marie Konto

Mieko Yoshizawa Konto was born, one of twin girls, on March 5, 1956, in Aomori Prefecture, Japan to a Buddhist family of four children. According to Mieko's father, Mieko was the only daughter interested in God and His ideal. She was a brilliant student completing her A-level examination. She then went through further training specializing in accounting, which she would later use in financial missions.

On September 18, 1974, she joined the Unification Church in Japan after having discovered the existence of the Lord of the Second Advent on earth and that she could dedicate her entire life for the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven. Throughout her different activities she always gave the best of herself, always keeping purity.

In October 1982 in Seoul, Korea, Mieko was the second sister to volunteer for a multiracial (Japanese/African) marriage, and was matched and blessed with me. When we wanted to speak to each other we had to call an interpreter. After several days we decided to converse without an interpreter and from that I discovered Mieko's purity of heart. On leaving Korea, we promised to be true to God, True Parents and one another.

Five years later in October 1987 she arrived for the first time in Africa, in Ivory Coast, which she had longed to

see for so long. She seemed to adjust quickly to the environment and culture. Then just a few days after arriving she flew again to Liberia, a neighboring country, to work on a forestry project. It was there that she discovered African countryside life. She had many good experiences, especially with the Baatenburg and Orr families, in caring for their blessed children.

In January 1990 we started our family life in Ivory Coast. In February we joined a fundraising team in Italy. Often people were amazed to see a Japanese raising funds for Africa. Mieko never complained of the difficulty of any situation or mission. Her attitude and devotion have always inspired those who knew her. Then the good news came that we were expecting a child.

On returning to Ivory Coast in November 1990 I was appointed as city leader to Bouake, a city containing our second largest church community, with responsibility to also manage our "Restaurant of Fine Food." In that small town, Mieko won the hearts of not only the members but also the restaurant's customers and our neighbors.

On Thursday January 24, 1991, Mieko had an attack of malaria as well as other infections and upon arrival at the hospital she was given intensive care. On Saturday she went into a coma and on Sunday, January 27, in the 8th month of pregnancy, she passed into the spiritual world.

It was like an electrical storm at

Bouake. Just days or even hours before people had been talking with Mieko—they could not believe it.

On Saturday, February 2, the Sûng-hwa Ceremony of Mieko Yoshizawa Konto took place at the Unification Church headquarters at Abidjan, Ivory Coast. My own parents and Mieko's parents from Japan, representatives from the Japanese embassy, professors, army officers, Unification Church leaders and



Mieko Yoshizawa Konto

members, family and friends were all in attendance.

Mieko never thought of her own benefit, but always followed God's Will, unconditionally united with True Parents. We can gain strength from her life and see her death not as something tragic. I believe that her spirit will be more free to lead us now than when she was on earth and limited by her physical body. Her example of passionate devotion to True Parents will live forever.

Already her parents have promised to seriously study the Principle. In the course of their visit to her workplace at our restaurant, her father had a spiritual vision where he saw Mieko dressed in white, looking at her parents and smiling.

Another spiritual experience was received by a missionary, Lorette Elias, during a unison prayer at the time of the Wôn-jôn Ceremony. She saw Mieko bowing before Heung Jin Nim, as in a ceremony, with Jesus and an older Korean woman standing beside him. At the moment of bowing, Heung Jin Nim placed a crown on Mieko's head as for a princess. Many spirit people were attending this ceremony, including many Africans. Mieko was very happy to encounter Heung Jin Nim. The ceremony was very warm and respectful.

I would like to thank the Korean, Japanese, and American World Mission Departments, and our brothers and sisters for all of their support. □



Kevin Winter addresses brothers and sisters at Mieko's Sûng-hwa Ceremony.

God's Day Midnight Address

and his den of villains." In the United States we are fighting crime, drugs and immorality, and the Mafia has become our enemy. Now they talk about the "Moon-Mafia."

In order to guide the direction of the United States and the established churches, the Unification Church sent Divine Principle videotapes to 350,000 ministers. Among them 7,000 visited Korea to receive further education. So in America established Christianity has given up opposing Father. This year the One World Scripture will be published. It is edited by theologians from the various world religions and contains essential doctrines of respective religions of the world. The Divine Principle is its constitutional backbone. Views on creation, history and the future ideal are only found in the Principle, so they are indispensable.

I have restored the elder brother's birthright. If Adam had not fallen, he originally would have had the right of the elder to inherit heaven and earth, but lost this right due to the fall. Because of Satan, we never knew until now that Adam lost the authority to become True Parents, and that we should have been born into the eternal blood lineage of God, our Parent, centered on the heavenly love, life, and blood lineage.

Democracy is fraternal. To elect the one who can serve and sacrifice more and set the tradition among brothers is the democratic way. Now the era of democracy is passing away, and the Era of Parentism is coming. Are Parents elected? Can the second coming of Christ be elected? Is God elected? No way! The world of democracy and the world of communism should be united centered on headwing. Because they have fallen nature due to false parents, they must turn around 180 degrees. Theism and atheism, representing mind and body, fought each other but now must be united.

THE UNIFICATION OF ONE WORLD

You must know how much it cost to establish this foundation. This year's motto has been the hope of God for thousands of years. It means the unification of one world. This is the breathtaking time to establish God's hope since the beginning of providential history. So many religious people shed blood and wished for the day when their hope would be fulfilled. Now that day is right before us. "The Unification of My Country" is not only for the Korean peninsula, but represents the nations of the world. Originally it should be, "The Unification of My Country and the Unification of My World, but "My World" is just omitted. Each nation must become engrafted. You must fight the storm and become true patriots.

Going over one mountain after another, we must create a new history that can appear as one line of recorded material in the book of heavenly tradition. Only when we heartily devote ourselves to leaving a tradition based on our blood, tears and sweat, will God's blessing be linked to our future lineage.

The conclusion is, inherit the elder brother's birthright! Receive the dominion of the first son, the ability to fight and be victorious over Satan. Become the proud sons whom God and the whole spiritual world will remember, and who have the key to the providence. We must clean out the fallen world, purely inherit the dominion of the first son, and then establish the parents' position.

Men should become strong, not moved by their wives' de-

mands. Unification Church women must not say, "Honey, God's Will is to go to college and earn money." Money will not solve the problems. Only the one who has true love can enter Heaven. Those who sought money will go to hell. The Bible says, "God and material cannot be served simultaneously." Material and knowledge centered on love can belong to Heaven, but anything without love, centered on self-interests, is futile. Only true love power can be taken to the spiritual world.

We have to turn around 180 degrees. The secular world must not dominate the blessed families. We should clearly remove the habits of the evil world. The Heavenly Kingdom will be connected to the axis of tribal messiahship. The liberation of the nation is not something that occurs afar. The family is established on the basis of individual, the tribe is on the basis of the family, and when the tribes are united, the nation is formed. Father took care of all the opposition, now you need to break through on the local level. Three generations must become one, centered on True Parents. Every family should put up photo in the name of True Parents and God.

Before, because the spiritual world was in the position of Cain and the physical world was Abel, Abel was exploited by Cain. It was the time when Abel needed to sacrifice to save Cain. But with the elder son's birthright restored, the spirit world is in the position of archangel and should help Adam. Satan is expelled. When we march forward with an uncompromising strong and bold standard, the evil forces will plummet off the cliff.

To enter through the 12 gates of Heaven, what matters is how many people you have restored from Satan in the physical world. Without investing tears, sweat and blood into them, giving more love than to one's own son or daughter, one cannot restore citizens of the heavenly nation. Each of you must restore 120 spiritual children. How close one can go to God in Heaven depends on the number of persons he restored.

Grandparents represent the past, parents represent the present, and children represent the future. Those who cheat their children, spouse, or parents will go to hell. The family, nation, world and universe can be linked only centered on the core of true love. The secret key to the "Unification of My Country" is how many heavenly people you restored with true love.

All the worldwide missionaries who are here should try to devote their respective nation to God. We should invite God on earth. Mankind separated from God due to the fall, and served Satan. Now we should link all mankind to God.

Communism appeared as an imitation of the heavenly nation. We must build the ideal world, not by intimidation and threat, but by law. If Kim Il Sung and his son do not surrender even though the time is ripe, God will take them overnight. We must prepare for the unification of Korea. A prepared person will not fail. We must unite South and North Korea, and we must unite Adam and Eve nations. Japan must help with the unification of South and North Korea.

Father's hometown is in the northern part of the 38th parallel. Christianity flourished more in the northern part of Korea. Now it is time to return. It is time to march proudly, participating in the frontline of this historic objective. The ones who vow to participate, please pledge to God on this New Year's morning! God bless you. □

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