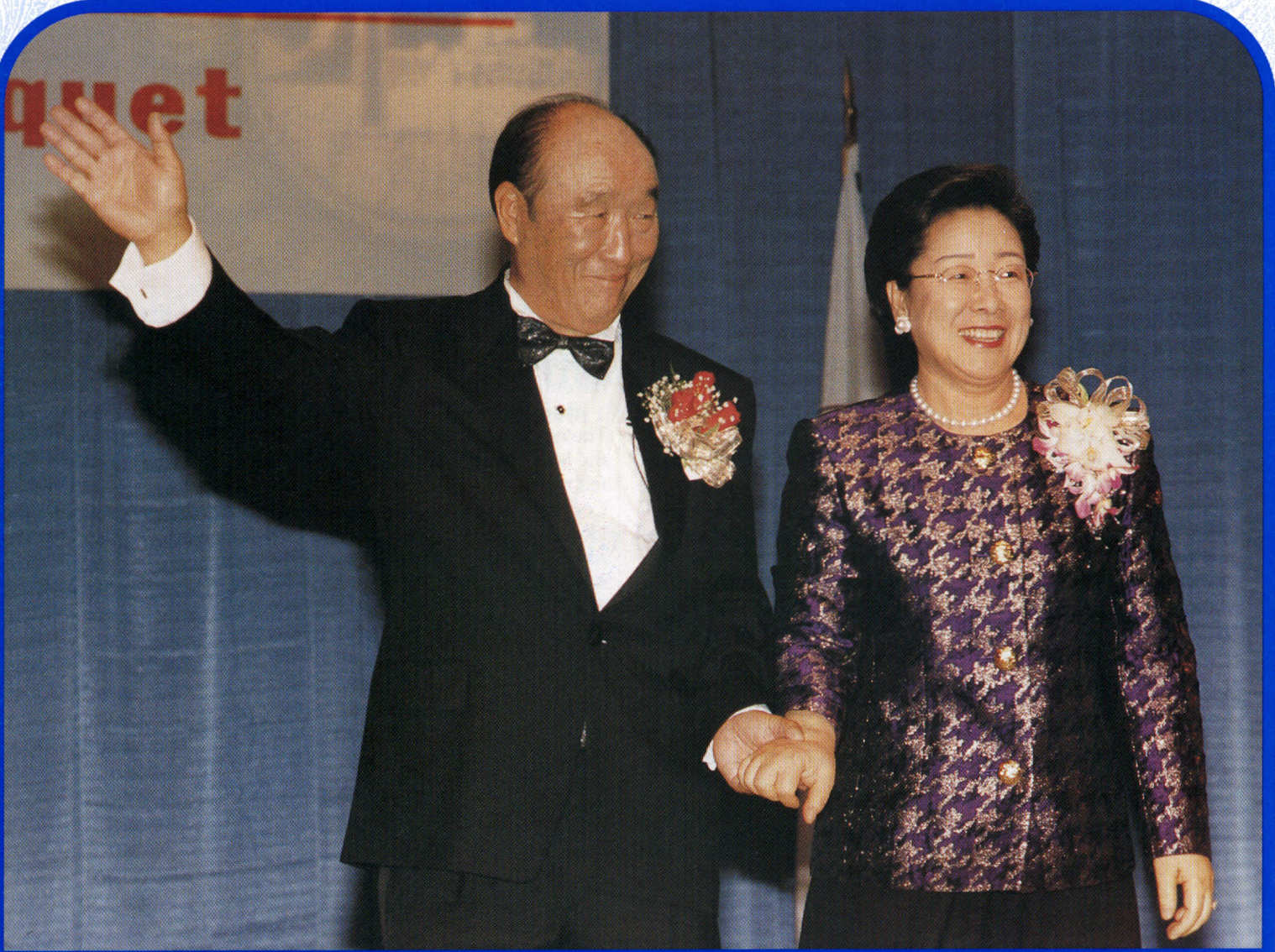


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WHEN we think about last year, 1996, and the historical efforts of our True Parents, we can say that the center of their victorious foundation was the sending of the national messiahs to 185 nations.

We are now working with this new concept of many messiahs. Christianity has only the concept of a single Messiah. More than half the population of this world has no idea about the Messiah. Among the half of the world's population who believe in a religion and some concept of the Messiah, only Christianity truly expects a single Messiah. This means that their salvation and path of restoration is only centered on the individual level.

However, because of True Father, a revolutionary new step towards the salvation of the family has been made. Even humble local Unification Church members understand this point very clearly. We recognize the Messiah as the True Parent. Salvation is not for individuals alone, but for families. This is the fundamental difference between others and us.

God Himself took 4,000 years to send one Messiah. Since the human fall this world has been completely under Satan's dominion. The Messiah has to be born into Satan's world and has to fight strongly to achieve his most difficult mission. Since the fall of Adam and Eve, Heavenly Father's deepest desire has been to save mankind, and that is why He sent the Messiah. However, without a strong enough foundation, the Messiah can never be born. The conclusion of 4,000 years of human history is the coming of Jesus. These 4,000 biblical years were actually much longer than 4,000 calendar years. It was so difficult even for Almighty God to send the Messiah.

Even God Himself is amazed!

After Jesus came on the earth, victory could only be achieved through his incredible life of misery and sacrifice, which ended in his crucifixion and resurrection. Even upon Jesus' foundation, it still took another 2,000 years for the Second Coming to appear on the earth. If we can understand how difficult it was for God to send one single Messiah to the earth, then we can begin to

understand the precious value of True Parents who have now sent out 185 groups of messiahs throughout the entire world. Even God Himself is amazed!

Since the beginning of history this has never happened. The next amazing point is that Heavenly Father sent the Messiah as a single person, because humankind fell as two individuals. For this reason, the Second Coming also had to take place on the individual level. However, True Parents have now sent out families as national messiahs. Even the national messiahs themselves have not thought about this point so deeply. True Parents now have the foundation to send out messiahs to the world because of the incredible developments that have taken place in the providence.

Father sent missionaries out to the world in 1975 (actually, the first missionary was sent to Japan in 1958, and the second missionary was sent to the United States in 1959). Father sent them out as single members. In fact, all the missionaries Father had previously sent out were single members. Only now are the national messiahs sent out as a family unit. You have to understand the significance of the national messiahs. They are not just missionaries; they are not just individual messiahs but family messiahs. There is a big difference between single messiahs and family messiahs.

Father inherited the mission of the Messiah at the age of fifteen, but he could only physically accomplish the position of family Messiah (True Parents) when he was 40 years old. It took him 25 years to stand in the position of True Parents and establish the heavenly blood lineage. Without Father's victory in his own family, world salvation on the family level would not be possible. Satan always tries to accuse our dispensational activities because the mission of the Messiah and Satan's desire are 180 degrees opposite. Without solving Satan's accusations, without a completely victorious foundation in front of Satan, True Parents cannot stand in the position of Messiah. Father could send groups of national messiahs to 185 nations throughout the world only after his victorious fulfillment of historical indemnity conditions in front of Satan.

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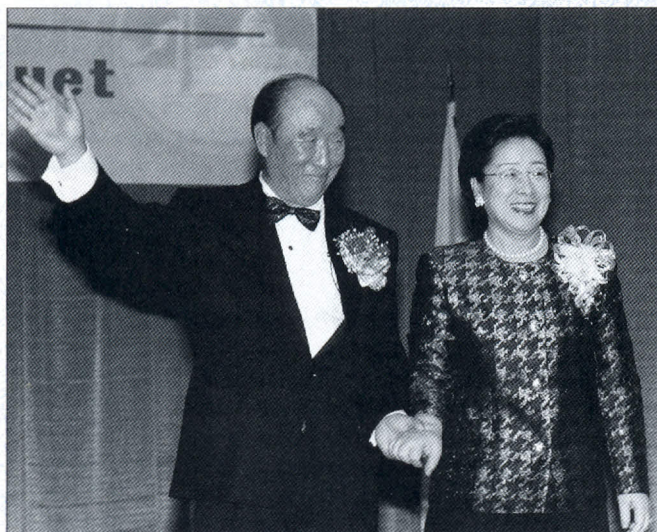
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TRUE FAMILY AND TRUE UNIVERSE CENTERING ON TRUE LOVE

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
JUNE 16, 1997
WASHINGTON DC

RESPECTED guests from Washington DC and abroad, dear staff of the *Washington Times*, eminent world literary leaders, ladies and gentlemen. I deeply appreciate your taking time from your busy schedules to attend this meeting.

Today, as we celebrate the *Washington Times*' 15th Anniversary, I cannot help but feel deep emotion. Fifteen years ago, when the world was adrift on the stormy waves of the Cold War, I established the *Washington Times* to fulfill God's desperate desire to save this world. Since that time, I have devoted myself to raising up the *Washington Times*, hoping that this blessed land of America would fulfill its worldwide mission to build a Heavenly nation. Meanwhile, I waged a lonely

struggle, facing enormous obstacles and scorn as I dedicated my whole heart and energy to enable the *Washington Times* to grow as a righteous and responsible journalistic institution.

Today the *Washington Times* Corporation can be proud of its development into a world class global media enterprise. Since the end of the Cold War, the world began to realize that the direction taken by the *Washington Times* was correct. History will not forget our contribution. The efforts of *The Times* to revitalize the moral and spiritual values of the United States and the world are being recognized as absolutely urgent and necessary at this time.

I want to convey my warmest appreciation to all the *Washington Times* staff who have worked so hard together with me

to develop *The Times*. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to the American and world leaders who have offered their unwavering support.

The most precious thing that I can offer from the bottom of my heart as a token of my appreciation on this special day is to introduce you to what I consider to be the two most significant lectures that I gave during my most recent world tour.

I refer to "View of the Providential History of Salvation" and "In Search of the Origin of the Universe." Today, we need a complete solution for the problems of sexual immorality, family breakdown and alienation among our young people.

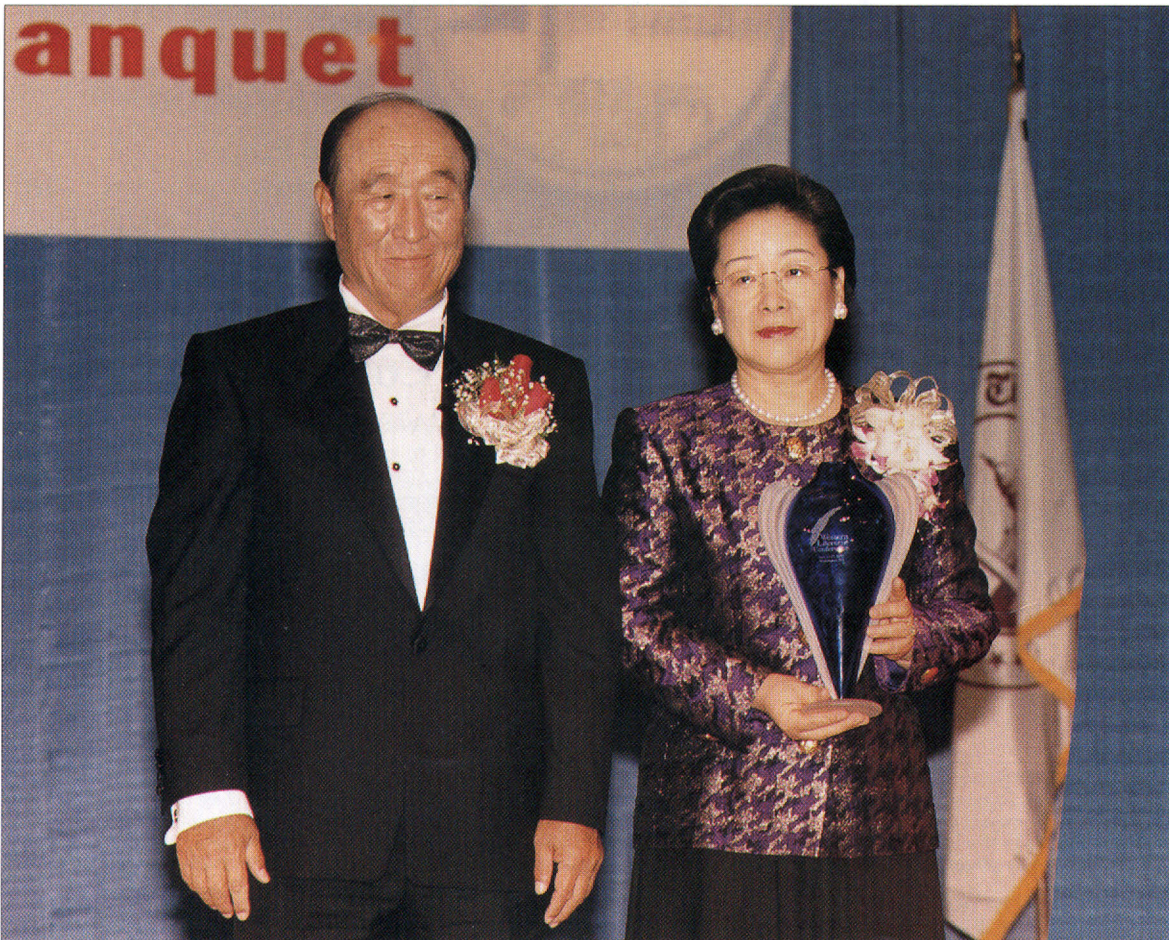


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True Parents hold the gift presented to them by the participants of the Western Literary Conference.

When I say you should become True Parents, True Teacher or True Leader, what do you think is the highest standard or central model for those three positions? That is God. God is the True Parent among parents, True Teacher among teachers, and True King among kings.

These two speeches provide fundamental solutions for these problems. When each one of you goes back to your home, I hope you will take some time for self-reflection. Whenever you want to bring more love into your family, read these speeches together with your family and think deeply. I believe this can help you and your family to achieve harmony and real happiness.

I suggest that you read these two speeches as many times as the number of your age. If your age is over 80, then read them more than 80 times. The more you read these speeches, the more heavenly blessing and fortune will be with you. The more you read them, the more peace will flow in your family naturally and automatically. I invite you to read more!

The title of the first speech is "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation." To summarize: Because of the failure and Fall in the family of the First Adam, Jesus came as the Second Adam to restore the failure of the first family at the national level. The First Adam had become fallen Adam. Thus the Messiah, Jesus, came as the Second Adam. However, since Jesus was not able to realize a family based on being True Parents, the Messiah needs to come back as the Third Adam and restore the mission of True Parents on the world level. This is the mission of the Lord of the Second Advent, who is coming as the Third Adam. This speech also introduces the fact that the fundamental issue of salvation is the restoration of the original lineage.

The title of the second speech is "In Search of the Origin of the Universe." Since the human fall originated in the misuse of love, humankind lost true love. Thus the problem arises: How can we recover true love? The loss of true love means falling through adultery. In other words, true love became degraded by misusing the sexual organs, and in order to restore it, we need to use these organs in the right way. Just as the seed of fallen love was planted in the Garden of Eden during the first ancestors' youth, so in these final days, mankind will harvest the fruit of the fall among our young people. That is the reason why today we find so much chaos and confusion, centering on the issue of sex. This problem can only be solved with what I call "absolute sex." Only the concept and practice of absolute sex can prevent the destruction of the family and reverse the corruption of our youth.

This evening, because time is limited, I would like to share a speech with a new title: "True Family and True Universe Centering on True Love."

Everyone here has parents and teachers, and you also have the leader of your nation. Correct? These are things everyone undeniably needs. However, when compared to the true standard, there are many different levels of parents. What do you think? To what extent have you, yourself, become True Parents? In the same way, if a person is a professor at an Ivy League university such as Harvard, Yale or Columbia in the United States, or Oxford and Cambridge in England, does this mean that he or she can be called a true teacher? Similarly, there are different types of leadership in a nation compared to the true standard of leadership. Even if someone is the president of a superpower such as the United States, does this mean he or she is a true president?

In fact, today in the family, children do not trust parents.

Between spouses, there is no complete trust. Brothers and sisters also do not trust each other fully. Furthermore, students do not trust the teachers in the schools, and the people do not trust the leaders of their nation.

So the problem is, how can we attain the true standard of even one of these three most important positions of parents, teacher and leader?

When I say you should become True Parents, True Teacher or True Leader, what do you think is the highest standard or central model for those three positions? That is God. God is the True Parent among parents, True Teacher among teachers, and True King among kings. God is the Eternal True Parent, Eternal True Teacher, Eternal True Leader and King. If we are children of God, we need to become true parents first, just like God. We should also follow the way of the true teacher, just like God. And we need to follow the way of the true leader, just like God. This is the idea of the three primary positions. The ultimate model is God.

Who is the Messiah sent to the people of Israel, promised in the Old Testament? The Messiah is the one who comes as True Parents, True Teacher, and True King. However, because Jesus was prevented from establishing the True Family and uniting his people, he needs to come again. In other words, because he did not accomplish the national-level foundation, the Messiah of the Second Coming will come as the Third Adam and teach the way of the True Parents, True Teacher and True King at the world level. This is the messianic concept. Wherever the family, nation, world and Heaven exist, the idea of the three primary positions of parents, teacher and leader should always be established.

To exist in the spatial dimension, human beings need to stand in relation to what is above and below, right and left, front and back. In this way, one's position is determined. One's shape and situation depend upon where one stands relative to above and below, right and left, and front and back.

This same formula that applies in the relation of above and below, right and left, and front and back also applies to the family, the nation and the world. Just as there are above and below, right and left, and front and back centering on the individual, in the family there are parents and children, husband and wife, and brothers and sisters. Similarly, in the nation, centering on the leader, families should embrace all the civilizations of East and West and all the civilizations of North and South. Then they can embrace all people of the world as brothers and sisters. Ultimately every level will form a family pattern. All these models have the same pattern and the individual self is the central model. In the same manner, one's existence expands to the level of the family, nation, world, heaven and earth, and eventually reaches God. Each person has the desire to live as the center of the cosmos and the potential to make this a reality.

Thus, the core concept of the universe is the concept of the family. Heaven represents parents. Earth represents children. In the concept of East and West, East symbolizes man, West symbolizes woman. When a woman gets married, she usually follows wherever the husband goes, but they have equal value. When the West side reflects the sunlight, it has the same value

Therefore, people should exist in the relation of parents and children, husband and wife, and elder and younger siblings. And these three relations meet at one central point. There can be only one center. Above and below, right and left, and front and back should not have different centers.

as the East side. The relationship of brothers is the same. When the older brother works, the younger brothers naturally help him.

Therefore, people should exist in the relation of parents and children, husband and wife, and elder and younger siblings. And these three relations meet at one central point. There can be only one center. Above and below, right and left, and front and back should not have different centers. If the central point is different, then the balance of the relationships between above and below, right and left, and front and back will be broken. Eventually above, below, right, left, front, back and the central point all together comprise seven positions. Thus, the number seven represents all elements uniting to become one centering on God, with perfect true love. Together, these seven elements form a complete sphere and eventually a family structure of harmony and unification. So, as you can see, seven is truly a lucky number.

When this sphere completes itself and revolves, it becomes a new entity based on the number eight. As long as true love remains unchanging, the central point can revolve without change. But because of the human fall, God was expelled from the central position. Since God's true love was expelled, the True Family ideal collapsed.

There are many differences in lifestyle between East and West. In many ways, they are totally opposite. For example, when Koreans call someone to come to them, we motion with the palm down, like this. But if we do this in the West, people go the other way. We often misunderstand and wonder if people do not like us, because they go away from us when we are actually asking them to come closer. Also, Western writing has a horizontal structure, proceeding from left to right. Oriental writing originally is vertically structured, starting from top to bottom and proceeding from right to left. So Western books open from left to right. But in the Orient we open a book from right to left. Thus, Western civilization is more horizontally-based, while Oriental civilization is more vertical. As another example, shaking hands is a horizontal greeting, while bowing is vertical. In the Orient, there is a tradition that the ancestors are the core of the family system. But in the West there is no strong concept that considers the ancestors as the core. There is mostly a concept centered on the self.

Because everything is connected through the core, without the movement of the core, the whole entity does not move. Therefore, all the positions of one, two, three, four, five, six and seven, the central core, have equal value. Once they are divided, they comprise twelve segments. These twelve will fit wherever they are placed. Whatever the grandfather wants, the grandchild is not against. The children of the grandfather also want whatever their parents want. Ultimately all three generations become united in one desire. All of the elements—grandfather and grandmother, father and mother, husband and wife, son and daughter—resonate with the center. Let us look at the family, centering on love. Since the relationship between parents and children is one of unity, they are said to be one body. The relation between husband and wife is also said to be one body, as is the relation between brother and sister. In the family, all are one body. Centered on what are these

relations called one body? They are one body centered on God's true love, which is the center of all love. Centered on true love, parents and children become one, husband and wife become one, and brothers and sisters become one. Through this process, the value of each element becomes equal.

Then what did God want for His children? To become billionaires? To have more power than anyone else? What God wanted for His children, Adam and Eve, was for them to grow to become children of filial piety, loyal citizens, saints, and a holy son and daughter. Did you ever consider that, in accordance with God's desire, we should become children of filial piety in the family, loyal citizens of the nation, saints in the world, and holy sons and daughters before heaven and earth? In history, the saints and sages have taught that we should become children of filial piety, loyal citizens, saints, and holy sons and daughters.

This evening, do you think you have mastered the way of filial piety, loyalty, sainthood, and holy sonship which is needed to become an ideal human being and to complete the human personality? Without knowing this, you cannot perform the function of True Parents in the family. True Parents need to teach their children progressively to complete the way of the filial child, loyal citizen, saint, holy son or daughter, and eventually even to reach God. If there is someone who truly teaches and exemplifies these things, then God will see that person as the ultimate True Parent, True Teacher and True Leader.

When you are qualified as true parents and true teacher, you also will be qualified as a true leader; and furthermore, you will be qualified to become a true king or queen. Fallen man lacks this concept of filial piety, loyal citizenship, sainthood, and of becoming holy sons and daughters. That is why this world is perishing. Who wants holy sons? God does. Who wants saints? The world does. Who wants loyal citizens? The nation does. Who wants children of filial piety? The family does. This is the way of truth.

The truth centering on love continues eternally in one direction. We did not know this, and that is why we could not be true parents, true citizens, true saints, and holy sons and daughters. When Jesus came to this world, there were no true parents in the family, no true leaders in the nation and the world, and ultimately there was no true king in all of heaven and earth. People did not know how to follow the true way. However, now you should know.

True Parents do not tell their children, "Once you become children of true filial piety, do not become loyal citizens." True Parents should teach children of filial piety to sacrifice their family by following the way of a loyal citizen in service to the nation, and to sacrifice the nation to fulfill the way of saints in service to the world. And then parents should teach their children to sacrifice the world in service to heaven and earth, and to sacrifice heaven and earth to come to God.

To achieve this, individuals should sacrifice for the sake of the family. By sacrificing for the family, a person becomes a child of filial piety. To become a patriot, a person will sacrifice even their entire family to save the nation. That is the way to become patriots. To be a saint, you will sacrifice even the nation in service to the world. The holy son should establish

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the Heavenly Kingdom on earth and in heaven, even sacrificing the world. Therefore, among all parents, those who live more for the sake of their children are true parents. Teachers who do more for the sake of their students are true teachers, and the president who sacrifices more for the nation will be the true president. We did not know this concept of investing and sacrifice. But without it, we will never have one eternally peaceful and unified world.

What is the basis of individualism? One cannot claim anything as "mine alone." When the child, through the love of its parents, grows from an egg in the mother's womb and is born, 99.999 percent of its existence is from the mother's bone, blood, and flesh, which was combined with the 0.001 percentage from the father's sperm. There is no concept of "myself alone" in nature. Nobody had a concept of "myself" when they were born.

Anyone who considers that they are the best cannot say they became so by themselves, including Reverend Moon. Bone, blood and flesh are all received in the mother's womb. We should recognize that the important parts of our body are the extension of our mother's body. All the essential elements of our body were included in the egg and sperm. There is no excep-

tion. Therefore, there is no basis for self-centered individualism.

When we say the word "above," that word automatically recognizes "below." Can individualism stand only with the concept of "above" by itself? There is no way that a being can be only individual. Talking about the "right" side presupposes the existence of "left." In the relation between front and back, "front" presupposes "back." The word "man" also cannot exist by itself. It presupposes "woman." This is not just the claim of any one person, but a cosmic fact.

Why was man created? Usually men say that they can live by themselves alone, so they don't care why they were created. But man was born for the sake of woman. Without woman, there is absolutely no need for man. Actually, nothing was created for man by himself or for woman by herself alone.

Look at our five senses. Were my eyes created to look at my eyes? Nose, ears, mouth, hands—all of them were created for the sake of the object. The force that mobilizes and focuses all five senses is true love. Eyes, nose, ears, mouth, and hands were created for true love as a tool for the use of true love.

Nothing is created only for myself. On the contrary, a person who says that what belongs to others is "mine" is called a thief. When someone takes the things of others and uses them

as his own, isn't he a thief? Therefore, any man who uses his five senses and his body as he wants for himself alone is a thief, since these exist for the sake of woman.

What is the difference between man and woman? Their bodies, including the sexual organs. Then to whom is man's sexual organ absolutely necessary? Man's sexual organ exists for the sake of woman. The human sexual organs are shaped as concave and convex. Why are they shaped that way? Both of them could be pointed or both could be flat. Why are they shaped differently? Each is for the sake of the other. Woman absolutely wants what is man's. And man absolutely wants what is woman's. Until now, we did not know the fact that, absolutely, woman's sexual organ is man's and man's sexual organ is woman's. By owning each other's sexual organs man and woman come to know true love.



True Parents kiss Young Jin Nim (19) and Jeung Jin Nim (15).

Absolute sex is centered on God, and free sex is centered on Satan. Historically, world literature and the media have often stimulated free sex. But from now on, you literary figures and journalists should lead the way to prevent free sex. Free sex should completely disappear.

Only through the experience of two becoming one can we know the highest level of love. No one can absolutely deny these facts. Everyone should recognize this. At the place where husband and wife become completely one, the ideal couple will be created. In that very place, absolute love exists. That place of love, which is absolutely unchanging, is the dwelling place of God.

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Now that you have heard Reverend Moon's speech, you can change your current position 180 degrees and become a new person, new nation, and new world. Definitely you are being changed. It is an absolute necessity to change this evil world. This world must be transformed.

People in the evil world, including Satan, don't like people on God's side. Therefore everyone in the world has opposed Reverend Moon; even at the level of the nation and the world they opposed me. But because Reverend Moon belongs to God, God has protected me. Satan doesn't like Reverend Moon; but

God likes me. No matter how many times the world pushed Reverend Moon down or ignored me, I did not care. Reverend Moon never went down. Rather, he came up to the highest position. Therefore, now nobody can oppose me.

How could I establish this worldwide foundation even under all kinds of persecution? With what kind of power could Reverend Moon create these foundations to teach eminent world scholars and leaders? That was possible because God gave Reverend Moon a special kind of power. God has protected me and directed me, and even now God continuously protects and teaches me, so I am moving toward the way of success all the time.

Throughout history, there have been numerous religious leaders who could communicate with the spiritual world. You should know there is only one, Reverend Moon, who fully understood and unified the spiritual world and commenced work in this world. Since unifying the spiritual world, I received the heavenly seal of recognition from God. Otherwise unification on the earth cannot be done. You should know that in the same way that God has trained me and raised me in the spiritual world, He continuously leads me on the earth.

For more than 20 years, since I came to the United States, I received enormous persecution. But I knew that God's plan for Christianity has endured through bloody sacrifice for 2,000 years, ultimately settling in the United States. Therefore I could not give up on this country. Please consider, if America had accepted Reverend Moon even 40 years ago, how would this country be today?

Then from where does true love begin? This is true love: After you sacrifice your own life and are resurrected, you try to invest again, more than three times. Since we have inherited fallen lineage, even at the cost of our own lives we have to persevere and overcome. Therefore, "whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it." (Luke 17:33) Jesus followed this way when he came to this world. That is why he could lead the world, not by selfish individualism, but by altruism. Therefore, although I have created great wealth during my life, none of it, not even one penny, is mine. I invested everything for the world and then I forgot what I had done for others, and then I sacrificed and invested again. I repeated this process again and again.

Which do you prefer, "One Nation Under God" or "One World Under God?" Among Americans, some people do not like the concept of One World Under God. Some white people do not



PHOTO: KEN OWENS/NFP

Father delivers the speech "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation" at the Western Literary Conference.

In the future, please follow the way that in the family you offer filial piety to your parents, become a loyal citizen before the nation, become a saint before the world, and become a holy son or daughter before God.

like black people. White Anglo-Saxon Protestants occupy dominant positions in the United States. America, led by this group, should have the idea that this country exists for the sake of the world. If America lives only for its own sake, America will ultimately perish.

Now the times are changing. The coming time is the age of One World Under God. God is working for this kind of world and will always help those people who also are working for that kind of providence. But there is a problem with many people wanting to lead the world but not wanting to participate in that providence.

In order to make one peaceful world, I have poured myself into various efforts. Let me give a few examples. We need to establish an ideal, worldwide academic institution like a U.N. University, transcending the barriers of race, religion and language, in order to complete the foundation for the future world. Also, to exchange knowledge globally, we need a university system for distance learning. We also need to develop a unified medical science. We need not only to cure the diseases of the body caused by the Fall, but also to end the conflict between Orient and Occident through harmonizing Eastern and Western culture. By unifying Eastern and Western medicine we can cure formerly incurable diseases, such as AIDS. In Korea, among the people of the countryside who never had formal medical education, there are many gifted healers who can cure serious diseases that are incurable through modern medicine. These healers have received teaching from the spiritual world about special treatments. Without recognizing certain realities of the spiritual world, problems will continue to grow.

Already these projects are being implemented at the University of Bridgeport and Sun Moon University. I have also created the *Washington Times* and other newspapers to cover the entire hemisphere, and I am expanding this media foundation into 185 countries to help all the people of the world learn from each other and cooperate as one.

Since I came to America, I never had any debt to the American people. Rather, America should feel indebted to me. I shared the blessing I received from Heaven with America. I didn't receive any blessing from America, but my entire blessing was given to her.

Regardless of the degree of opposition, the person who loves the most will become the owner. Those who love more, invest more, who give more and forget what they have given, will become central figures. This is cosmic law.

In the future, please follow the way that in the family you offer filial piety to your parents, become a loyal citizen before

the nation, become a saint before the world, and become a holy son or daughter before God. Whoever can stand without shame before the family, nation, world, and heaven and earth, will be protected in the center of the cosmos and can then realize a family that receives God's highest love.

Such a person shall transform this world into the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, being registered in the Kingdom of Heaven in the spiritual world and entering into an era of kingship both spiritually and physically centered on God. Such a person shall receive the International Ceremony of Holy Blessing, which is to establish a world of victory, freedom, happiness and unity. I invite each of you to participate in this year's 3.6 Million Couples Blessing Ceremony, and so become a person welcomed by heaven and earth and find the way of eternal life.

Today, literary leaders from all over the world are gathered together here. I hope the staff of the *Washington Times* and all the world literary leaders will become major figures to create a true family and true world (cosmic) culture centered on God's true love, ushering in a world of peace and unification in the forthcoming 21st Century.

May God bless you, your family and all your endeavors. Thank you.■

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Father speaks to prominent Brazilian business leaders who participated in the Western Literary Conference in Washington DC. Alejandro de Souza translates.

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Make True Love Your Daily Life!

Rev. Won Pil Kim
April 13, 1997

[Excerpts from the personal notes of Angelica Selle from a sermon given by Won Pil Kim at the Columbia Road Church in Washington DC. Over 170 Korean national messiahs were in attendance.]

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LOOKING at you all here this morning, I realize how great the investment of our True Parents has been in you! After Adam and Eve sinned, they did not know how to apologize to Heavenly Father. Do you see any indication in the Bible that they talked to their children about their sin? When you have made a mistake, before repenting, you stand on Satan's side and you do not feel so good. After repenting, you come to be on God's side.

Who is Satan? He is the one who hurts God. Satan does not know how to repent. How important it is to express your thoughts right away!

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The same applies to the conjugal relationship. It is not easy to be husband and wife in substance. How can we obtain more substance in our relationship? It is when we recognize each other as the best husband or wife for each other.

This principle applies to hell and heaven as well. You might think that you have the right to heaven. But you need a qualification for that, just as you need to be recognized as qualified for hell. The same thing applies to the Messiah.

What must we do to gain recognition? We must walk the path of parental true love and service.

What kind of love did God give to the archangel? The love of a servant? If that was so, then Lucifer would have only understood the love of a servant. Then how could he have served and raised Adam and Eve? God gave Lucifer the love of parents so the archangel could understand parental love, so he could teach Adam and Eve to embody true parent's love.

When Jesus loved his disciples and when God loves humankind, they invest everything so that the children in the future can become God. They love them as the second God. God became a servant. Where do you think the concept of servant of servant comes from? From God investing everything into Adam and Eve.

Thus, practicing true love is the key to recog-

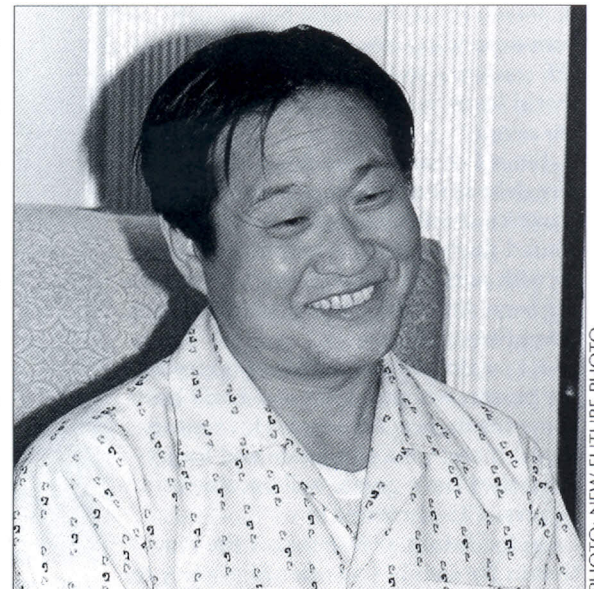
niton. We need to see and recognize true love. For example, if the wife prepares food for the husband, even though she is very sick, but feels if she doesn't give him the food he will starve, then he should appreciate it and thank her. That way we can make a great contribution to the providence. The husband should see the heart behind the food and eat the love that is within the food.

On the other hand, there are also many troubles the husband faces at work. At some point, he might feel like leaving his job, but thinking of his wife and family he goes back to work and sacrifices himself. Sometimes the wife is not satisfied with his small salary, but if she can appreciate the husband's heart behind his work, she will serve him and use the money more wisely. Many times we fail to see the eternal, invisible realities. We see only external things.

Let us see the invisible! If you hit God, if you strike the rock twice, you are the one who will be destroyed. Sometimes we quarrel and we say things when we are upset that we do not really mean. Unfortunately, the other person might take the unreal things as the truth.

Do not take literally what you hear in anger, and do not say anything when you are angry yourself. Ignore it. Have nothing to do with it. If you hurt someone in anger, you have to pay for it. Say it to the tree, the sky; say it to God, but share your heart. This is important if we are serious about True Parents' teachings.■

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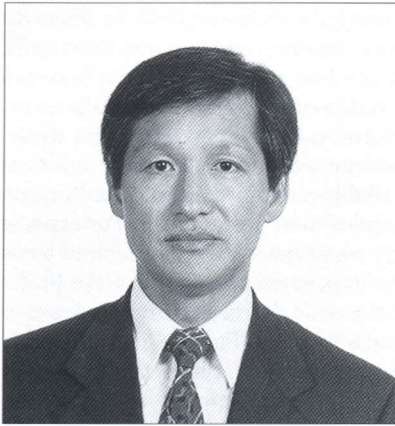


Rev. Won Pil Kim

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The Providential Significance of the Inaugural World Convention of the Family Federation for World Peace

Part 2



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[This is the continuation of Rev. Oh's study of True Parents' speeches at the inauguration of the Family Federation for World Peace. Rev. Oh first analyzed the proclamation of kingship. Part 2 covers the liberation of the han of God, Jesus and Mary.]

IV. The Liberation of the han of God, Jesus and Mary

At the closing banquet speech, True Father said that God, Jesus and Mary have abundant *han* (love, longing, sorrow, sacrifice, hope, urgency, etc.) Countless historical events were never recorded correctly in the Bible, and many tasks which should have been completed remained incomplete. True Father mentioned that "their *han* can only be liberated on earth, and it can only be liberated by True Parents." True Father also said that only when the truth of their situation is revealed can their *han* be liberated and the spiritual world be mobilized. Indeed, on August 2, True Mother said, "Today is a very joyful day because today the *han* of God, Jesus and Mary is relieved and they have become liberated." We will study the *han* of God, Jesus and Mary, and learn how it can be liberated.

A. God's Liberation

To understand God's *han*, we have to understand His purpose in creating the

world. God's purpose of creation is "The absolute, ideal world of love united between God and humankind" in which God can dwell in the body of Adam, the ancestor of humankind, to perfect the ideal of true love by having His bride through the marriage of Adam and Eve, and to multiply generations of descendants of goodness. Therefore, when mankind establishes one global family under True Parents, God becomes True Parents of humankind. God was to become the King of the physical and spiritual heaven. Indeed, the purpose of God's creation is to become True Parents and True King of humankind, and He wanted to establish this through Adam's family.

However, due to the Fall, God could not establish the purpose of creation and the ideal world of true love. He fell into sorrow, pain, and suffering. In addition, when Adam fell, God lost the elder sonship to Satan. Furthermore, humankind fell into ignorance and didn't know that God wanted to dwell in the body of humans, grow and perfect Himself through the growth and perfection of humankind, get married, and become the True Parents and True King. This has been veiled throughout the 6,000 years of human history. All these contents form God's *han*, and to relieve such *han*, God has carried out the sorrowful history of restoration. When the veil is removed and when the Messiah who embodies God restores the true elder sonship and rises as the True Parents and True King on earth, God will be liberated from His *han*.

God's providence of restoration which began with Adam's family peaked at the time of Jesus, who came as the Second Adam. Born with no original sin, Jesus embodied God Himself. Therefore, Jesus has to reveal the purpose of God's creation and become the True Parents of humankind through marrying the younger sister of John the Baptist, having children, and restoring true parentship. When Jesus established the spiritual and physical heaven by absorbing the kingship of the Roman emperor, centering on Israel and the Jews, God would have been lib-

erated from His *han*. However, Jesus could not receive a bride, become True Parents, or restore kingship. Furthermore, due to the betrayal of John the Baptist, Jesus could not restore the global elder sonship nor fully reveal the origin of the universe. Thus God's *han* remained.

God called True Parents to be the second Messiah 2,000 years after Jesus' ascension. God could embody Himself again in True Parents because of their Holy Wedding on March 16, 1960 (lunar calendar). God has established the True Parents' position by receiving a physical bride. Subsequently, True Parents have substantially proclaimed the restoration of global elder sonship (July 1, 1991) and global true parentship (July 6-9, 1992). They proclaimed kingship in front of world representatives on July 31, 1996, unveiling the origin of the universe in relation to God's purpose of creation. Thus, through True Parents, God's *han* has been completely liberated.

God's *han* should be explained in relation to Jesus' *han* because God sent Jesus as the second Adam (Rom. 5:12-21; I Cor. 15:44-45) to fully embody God Himself. Thus, we will study Jesus' *han* and how it was liberated through this convention.

B. Jesus' Liberation

Jesus came as the second Adam, a human being with no original sin. As God's embodiment, he went the way of the cross with indescribable *han* because he could not personally proclaim his identity as the true elder son, true parent, and true king. The providentially important contents of his birth and life were veiled. People have understood Jesus' *han* based on the Bible record; however, the life of Jesus as proclaimed by True Parents is fundamentally different from what was recorded in the Bible.

True Parents' speech is the direct proclamation which is approved by the spiritual world based on the principle of the creation. However, the Bible is not the direct proclamation of Jesus. True Parents speak from the position of God and with the right of True Parents; they focus on the original principle of the

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The Foot Washing

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"Now before the feast of the passover... Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'"

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.'

John 13:1-17

THE title of today's sermon is "The Foot Washing" and I have chosen the well-known passage in the Gospel of John. Here we find Jesus and his disciples for a short while gathered together in one of the most significant moments in his life and theirs. Jesus knows his time is up but even at this late hour he decides to teach them about the nature of true love.

All of us want to experience love. Especially as religious people, we are more or less supposed to experience the love of God. But the fact is that often we do not. The truth is that often, perhaps

more often than not, we find ourselves incapable of experiencing the love of God, and since we do not feel it, we cannot give it. The question we need to ask is why? Why is it so difficult? One of the reasons so few people experience the vibrant love of God is that they are looking for it in the wrong places! This is why I have chosen this beautiful story. Here in this scene Jesus shows some fundamental lessons about the nature of true love which can be applied to all mankind at all times.

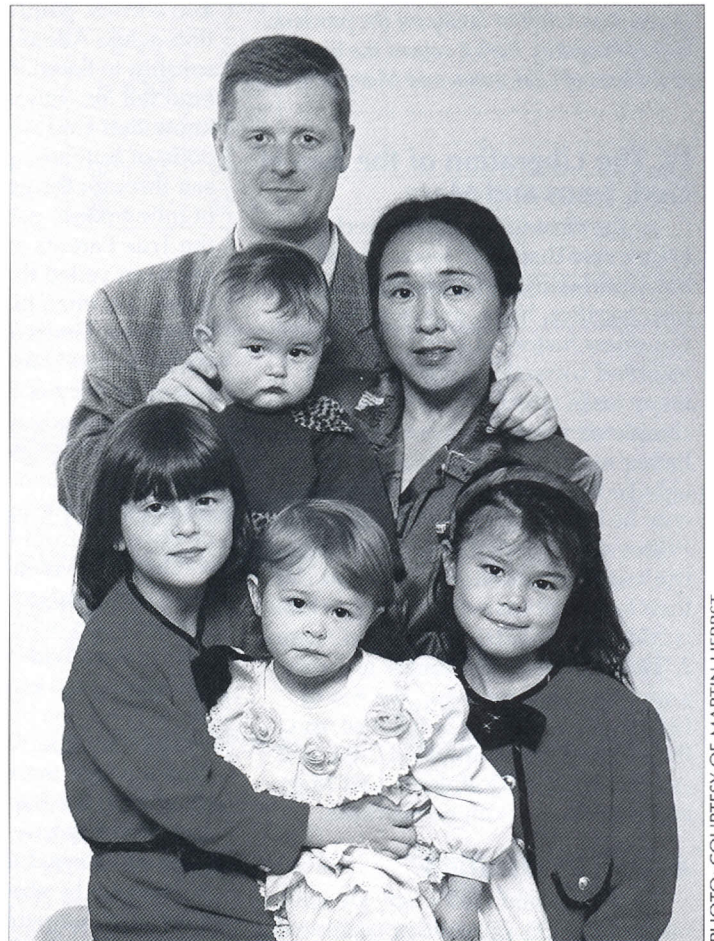
True love begins at the lowest possible place

We usually reason, "The love of God must be found in God." And since we assume that God resides in a high place up in heaven, we strive to go up. End-

less are the ways through which we try to promote ourselves, prove ourselves and even vindicate ourselves. But after having reached that high position of respect and prestige we sadly realize, "Oh, God is not here. I am now a leader and supposed to feel the love of God, but I don't. What is the reason?" The reason is that God is hiding where no one would look! Yes, true love begins at the lowest possible place. This is the first lesson we should learn from this story. In order to connect to the vibrant love of God, we all must make that internal step down, down to the lowest place, the most unexpected place.

Jesus exemplifies this principle by bowing down and

washing the disciples' feet. In those days it was customary for people to have their feet washed as they entered a house, for the roads of Palestine were both dirty and dusty. But such a thing was done by a servant assigned to the task, not a master like Jesus. By willingly washing the disciples' feet, Jesus did the unexpected. They must have been astonished to see their master and teacher act like that, yet this was the very principle Jesus always lived by. For the love of God does not begin in a high place up in heaven. It starts actually at the lowest place here on earth. This is why God created man on earth, not up in heaven. In the very act of creation, God began by creating the lowest elements first, such as particles and inorganic matter. Jesus Christ, the most beloved Son of



Martin and Yuriko Herbst and family

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God, came into this world in the lowest, most unexpected place. Indeed he was born among animals, in a country which did not rank highly among its neighbors.

All of us want to encounter the love of God, but we need to know this secret or else we will dry out and our efforts will not bear fruit. We have to go to that place where we normally would not go and there, miraculously, we will meet God. By willingly and unselfishly embracing the lowest, we will attain the highest.

This principle is also reflected in God's creation of the human body. After thinking a long time, God decided to place the love organ, the sexual organ, where? As close to the toilet organ as possible. So close that it is hard to distinguish between the two if you are not an expert. For centuries people have expected that the Kingdom of Heaven starts up in heaven or in a totally spiritual realm, but the amazing truth is that it starts here on earth through the sexual organs! Thus it was with almost brute honesty and conviction that Reverend Moon, in his speech entitled "In Search of the Origin of the Universe," mentions the sexual organ no less than 27 times! Some of the dignitaries gathered for the historic inauguration of the Family Federation for World Peace where the speech was delivered were astonished, if not downright shocked. They had found themselves participating in an event of the most unexpected kind.

To understand the deeper significance of this, we need to see it in the light of the historical unfolding of God's revelation to the world.

Let me ask you a question. What was God's central revelation for the Old Testament Age of Judaism? Of course it is possible to come up with many suggestions, but we can put it this way: God's central revelation to mankind through Judaism can be summarized in the following words: God is God, and man is man. With this a great problem had been solved, for God is now seen as One Being, not many, and He is personal and good. But with this great revelation we also find a limitation. For although God is God, man is still just man, far removed from the presence of God. In Exodus 3:14 God answers Moses, "I am who I am." Here God definitely reveals Himself, but the deep, intimate personal relationship is missing. There seems to be a huge gulf between God and mankind, between heaven and earth.

With this in mind let us move to the New Testament Age. What is the essence of God's revelation for the New Testament Age centered on Christianity? If

we were to reach a consensus between all the Christians in the present world, the saints in the spirit world and God Himself, what would we conclude? The essence of God's revelation through Christianity is that "God became man." Don't you agree? In Jesus Christ we find the love of God, the life of God and the lineage of God. Jesus expressed the very heart, love and personality of the living God. With Jesus' coming the gulf between heaven and earth was bridged. God could now communicate with man in the most intimate way—not as a master from a distance but as a father right here. But it is precisely here at the very heart of the Christian revelation that we also find its limitation. For even though God crossed the bridge and became man, man did not become like God! Saint Paul lamented, "So I find it to be a law that when I want to do good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am!" (Romans 7:21-24)

The truth is that Christians struggle as did Paul. Often we are no better than other people and sometimes, perhaps many times, we are even worse. Today all over this country millions of Christians rejoice over the fact that God became man, and they are right in doing so. Yet we see violence and sexual perversion growing in our midst. Yes, this is our great blessing and problem, that God could become like man but man could not become like God.

What then will be the essence of God's revelation for the Completed Testament Age at the Second Coming of Christ? Again God will become man, but this time so that man can become like God. At the Second Coming of Christ, God's central revelation will guide man to become like God, God-like in our love and character. John knew this intuitively and explained, "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when He is revealed, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is." The expectation that man will be elevated to a divine stage is fundamental among Christians who are preparing themselves for the Second Coming, but we also find it among the hundreds if not thousands of new religious sects, meditation groups and mystical movements which have seen the light of day during the last hundred years. They all claim that the time has come for human beings to realize their fullest potential, but their explana-

tions are vague and repetitious. They have heard the whispering in the wind, but they do not know from where the wind is coming and to where it is going.

At the Second Coming of Christ, God will open up the way for man to become like God. But how? Through a supernatural rapture away from this earth which God Himself created? No. By ignoring the body and just focusing on the spirit? No. How then? Through the proper use of our sexual organs! How provocative! How offensive! How barbaric! How completely unorthodox! And yet, how genuinely consistent with the human condition in space and time. For it is precisely through the union of the sexual organs that we become something we could never become on our own. We become one being, creators of life, parents of love; like who? Yes, like God. This is the magic. It is through the unity with the only beloved one here below that the way opens up to become one with the only One up above.

It is thus inevitable that at the Second Coming of Christ, God will initiate a worldwide movement to purify that part of the human body which was meant to be the basis of all goodness, happiness and life, whereas the dark luciferian forces of the cosmos will descend to keep that area surrounded by confusion, misuse and vandalism.

It is for that purpose that we see the Rev. Sun Myung Moon appear on the stage of history in the 1940s. Precisely at the time of the Second World War—when in the East the Japanese leadership with Emperor Hirohito claimed that God had become man, and the Western leaders under Hitler acted as if man had become God, when worldwide Christianity had reached its zenith and was in the descendant, and the collective anti-Christ movement of God-denial and free sex was in the ascendant—precisely at that crossing point in time, Rev. Moon appeared with the revelation that has the potential to guide all mankind to complete salvation and a God-like love.

But due to his seeming lack of authority and foundation, established Christianity found it impossible to take him seriously. So he locked up this secret in his heart until the stage was set properly for a new sharing of the message that was revealed to him. It was thus with a deep sense of gratitude to God and enormous conviction that Rev. Moon shared, nay, shouted out his message in front of dignitaries representing the entire world at The Inauguration of the Family Federation for World Peace in 185 Nations

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Happy Birthday!



*True Parents celebrate Young Jin Nim's 19th birthday and Jeung Jin Nim's 15th birthday in Washington DC.
(Photos: Ken Owens/NFP)*

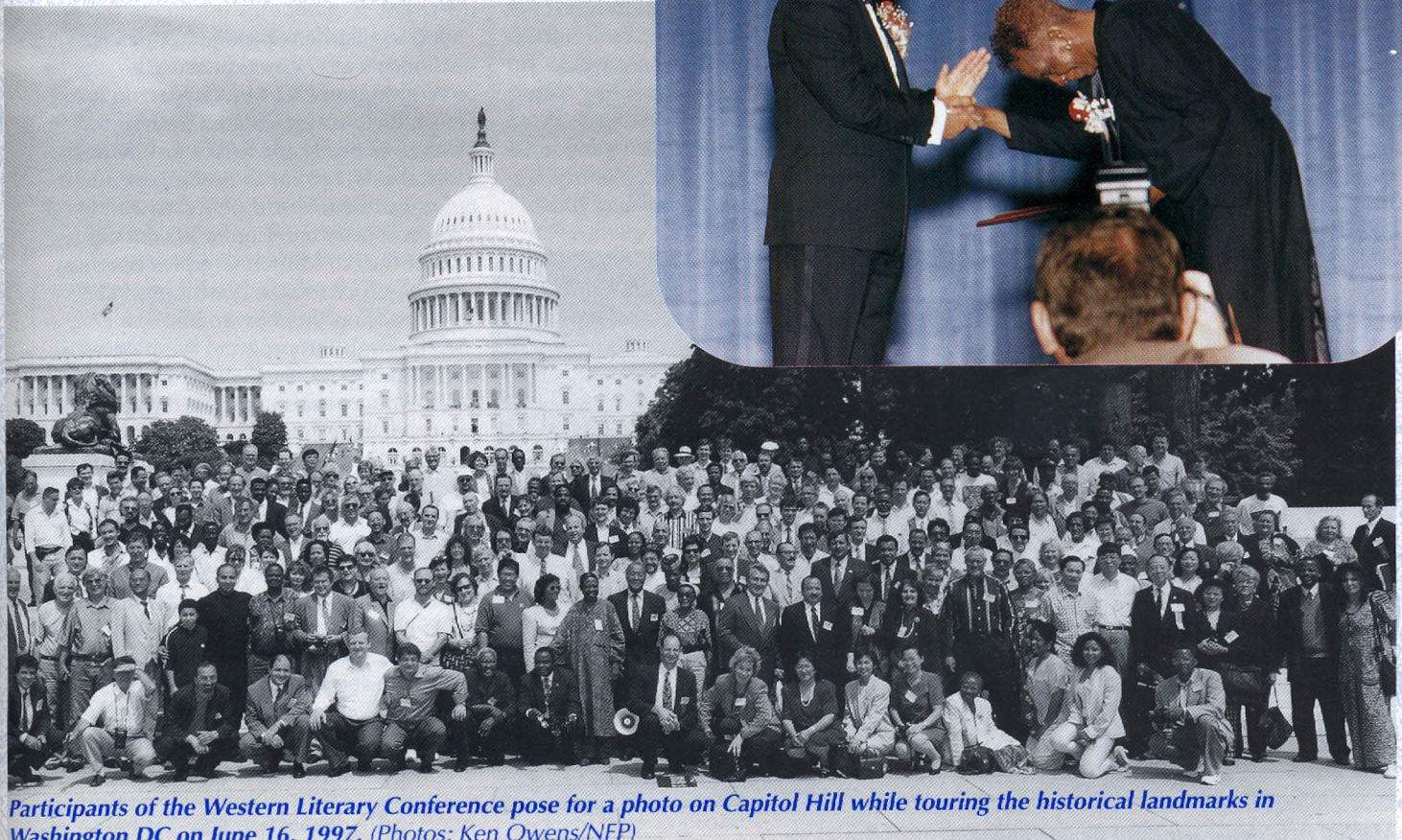


Happy Anniversary!

Father delivers his message "True Family and True Universe Centering on True Love" at the Celebration Banquet of the 15th Anniversary of the Washington Times on June 16, 1997 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington DC.



Father shakes hands with Mrs. Hanna Hawkins who received an award from the Washington Times Foundation for Outstanding Community Service.



Participants of the Western Literary Conference pose for a photo on Capitol Hill while touring the historical landmarks in Washington DC on June 16, 1997. (Photos: Ken Owens/NFP)

Martial Arts Federation Packs a Punch for Peace

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The Martial Arts Federation for World Peace held its Inaugural World Convention in Washington DC on March 23-27, drawing together more than 400 leading martial artists from 120 nations to discuss how their disciplines can cooperate to provide moral leadership and contribute to the establishment of world peace.

MAFWP founder, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, told the delegates: "The tradition of martial arts has much in common with the path of the spiritual warrior to which [Mrs. Moon and I] have dedicated ourselves. The purpose of religion, after all, is to inspire and discipline the body to obey the mind, centering on God. Is this not strikingly similar to the tradition of the martial arts to train its students in the physical and spiritual principles of self-defense based on the highest moral standards?"

Some of the convention's highlights included: meetings at which participants shared their vision and experience on 1) the potential of martial arts as a college curriculum, 2) martial arts as a tool for building human character, and

3) the common ground among the various martial arts.

There were three separate addresses by Father, including his two most recent official public speeches and an inspiring, spontaneous closing talk. All speeches were translated into six languages simultaneously through headphones. A series of lectures entitled "True Character and Family Life Education" presented a model that martial artists can use in their own capacity as teachers to "instill good character and build healthy families that lead to true fulfillment and prosperity."

From our viewpoint, one of the most impressive things about the conference was the way that the martial artists, many of them holding the rank of Grand Master, responded to Father.

Being trained in the martial arts discipline, these men and women showed Father a high degree of respect as a spiritual teacher. They listened attentively to his speeches—three of them over a four-day conference. Many of the participants commented about how impressed they were by him.

"He is one gutsy guy. That's my kind of spirituality!" commented plenary session chairman Stephen Hayes, a 10th-

degree Senior Master in the Japanese Ninja tradition who has served as a bodyguard for such notables as the Dalai Lama and South Africa's Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

The committee meetings were very valuable for the participants, enabling them to meet and exchange views with other martial artists from various disciplines from throughout the world. "I never realized so many martial artists were concerned about using martial arts for moral education," one participant commented. "This is by far the greatest interdisciplinary gathering I have ever attended or heard about" said another.

Finally, came the grand finale—an evening of martial arts demonstrations, the likes of which many never saw before. This evening was opened to a broader audience, and a standing-room-only crowd of more than 1,500 people filled the Hilton's Grand Ballroom for the event.

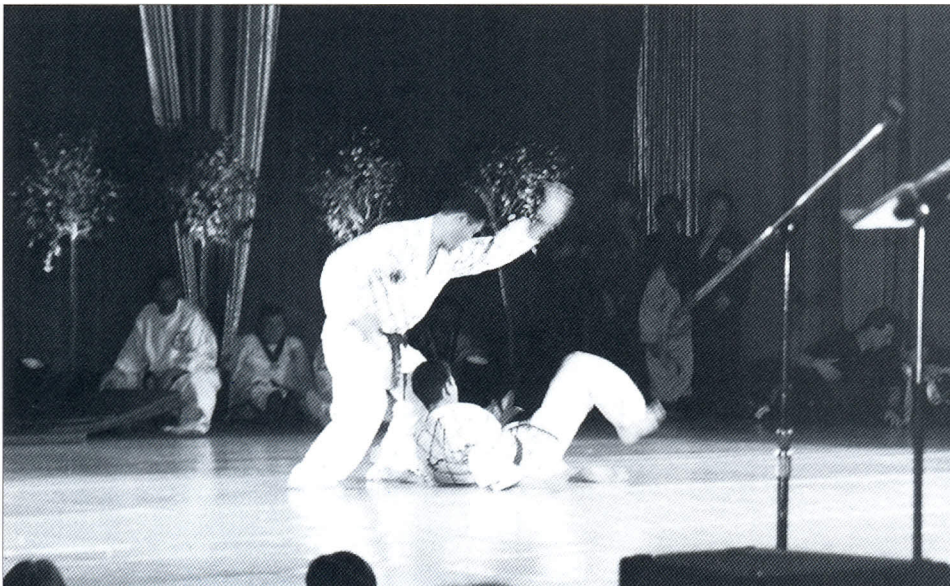
Joining Father on stage to open the festivities was none other than the mayor of Washington DC, Mayor Marion Barry. He publicly congratulated Father and Mother, not only for their work with the martial arts, but for their various other federations for world peace as well. And he specifically mentioned his anticipation of the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing which will center on Washington DC's RFK Stadium this November.

Although the program went on until about 10:00 p.m., the evening was far from over. Father was so enthused over the results of the conference that he consented to give one final talk to the participants.

This time, he spoke completely from his heart, with no text or prepared notes. The participants thus had a chance to see not just the "formal Rev. Moon" of the conference, but the True Father that all of us know and love.

Father was absolutely "intoxicated" (his own word), and gave over two hours of excitement to the group. He spoke about the relationship between martial arts and the religious discipline of uniting mind and body. He chal-

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Martial Arts demonstration by participants.

Tiempos del Mundo in South America

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CONVINCED that the breakdown of the traditional family is the prime cause for the moral degradation of our modern-day society, Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS), has embarked on a media crusade involving the worldwide establishment of pro-family newspapers.

Eventually, Rev. Moon plans to open daily newspapers in 185 countries around the world through a print media network that will take advantage of recent technological advances, such as satellite communications that permit the rapid transmission and exchange of data.

Because Rev. Moon's main concern is to promote "true family values," he has called on a number of representatives of the Family Federation for World Peace (also founded by him), as well as a number of UTS graduates, to become actively involved in this ambitious media project.

Especially, several graduates from the 1995 and 1996 Classes were invited to participate in the launching of *Tiempos del Mundo*, a newspaper targeted to the Hispanic communities in the American hemisphere. *Tiempos del Mundo* is slated to become the first Pan-American newspaper, through its publication in at least seventeen different countries (ten in South America, five in Central America, one in the Caribbean, plus the United States).

Tiempos del Mundo reporters in each country send their articles through the V-SAT satellite system to the Buenos Aires editorial headquarters, where the stories are gathered, edited and then, in turn, "broadcast" simultaneously to each country.

The international news that is thus shared by the various countries, however, is not the only coverage that will be provided by the *Tiempos del Mundo* affiliates. Each affiliate is also responsible for the gathering and publishing of local (national) news, which will provide the editions of *Tiempos del Mundo* in each country their own distinct national news and advertising pages. This combination of an international edition and a local one is unique in the print media industry, where newspapers with international editions (such as the *Wall Street*

Journal and the *Financial Times*) are targeted to certain regions (such as Asia and Europe), but not to specific countries. Other publications with international distribution, such as *Newsweek*, *Time*, *Reader's Digest*, publish editions in various languages, but all editions basically have the same content.

The uniqueness of *Tiempos del Mundo*, hence, is its potential to compete in the local publishing markets, while at the same time emerging as a major regional and international newspaper.

Interest in international news has increased dramatically over the years, as television (for example, the CNN worldwide news network) and the worldwide-web information explosion have made the "global village" concept a reality more than ever before.

Although *Tiempos del Mundo* has been published as a weekly since its inauguration on November 23, 1996, the newspaper is preparing to go daily sometime this summer.

Coming back to the issue of family values, *Tiempos del Mundo* is dedicating a lot of its attention to issues affecting the well-being of the family. Such issues deal with political, economic, sociological, cultural and other topics, as the problems that our communities and families are faced with are the result of a complexity of factors.

In this regard, *Tiempos del Mundo* recently published an extensive series of articles analyzing the plight of millions of children in Latin America whose abandonment and marginal existence have come to symbolize the economic malaise and gross inequalities typical of many Latin American aspiring democracies.

Also, *Tiempos del Mundo* has started a special supplement entitled "The Family" which is dedicated to helping parents in their challenging task of creating healthy and better families.

Apart from its role in defending family values, *Tiempos del Mundo* also seeks to help in promot-

ing greater cooperation and unity between the two Americas. This aspiration of inter-American cooperation is nothing new, of course, as evidenced by the existence of such international institutions as the Organization of American States (OAS), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, not to mention the efforts to expand inter-American trade through NAFTA and Mercosur.

North and South America seem to, indeed, have a common destiny, as symbolized perhaps by the mountainous chain, which, like a spinal column, interconnects North and South America from the Rocky Mountains in Canada and the United States to the Andes Mountains extending all the way to Argentina and Chile.

For your information, below is a list of the Latin American nations where *Tiempos del Mundo* will be published: Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile. ■■

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Luis Patiño promotes Tiempos del Mundo at a private meeting with President Menem of Argentina.

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Asian Writers Come To Washington DC

Michael Marshall
Washington DC

WHO else but Reverend Sun Myung Moon could bring over 300 writers, poets, critics, and literary scholars from thirty different countries of Asia halfway around the world with only a few weeks notice to a remarkable and successful literary conference? That is what happened in Washington DC last month when writers and scholars gathered at the Omni Shoreham from April 23-27 to consider the theme: "The Search of a New World Culture for the 21st Century: Asian Literary Perspectives."

They came from East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Central Asia and from cultural backgrounds that included Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Christianity, as well as contemporary secularism. Father greeted the participants, then challenged them by asking them, "Of what use is literature?"

His point was to show that literature cannot exist for its own sake. It can influence human hearts and imaginations greatly, but to do so in a way that can encourage a new culture of global harmony to emerge, it needs to be guided by eternal values and principles. The purpose of the conference was to introduce the writers to those principles and encourage them to reflect upon them.

This was done through the "True Character and Family Life Education" presentations developed by the International Education Foundation and taught extensively in Russia, the former Soviet Republics, and mainland China. They introduce the Principle, right up to the Blessing, without heavy reliance on Judeo-Christian scripture, and so were ideal for such a culturally mixed group.

Eternal principles were conveyed most intensely, of course, through Father's addresses at the opening plenary session and at the closing banquet. Father spoke passionately about Jesus as if he were reliving before us the bitter and misunderstood experience of Jesus with his family. While some participants, coming from different religious traditions, found it hard to follow, most were impressed by Father's conviction, and several realized how remarkable were



True Parents, Mr. Dong Moon Joo, Neil Salonen and Michael Marshall pose with VIPs of the Western Literary Conference.

the revelations about Jesus' family and wanted to learn more.

The conference featured several prominent speakers, most notably, the Nobel Prize-winning poet Derek Walcott, whose keynote address was rich in poetic language and images. We also heard from William Bennett, Dr. Orville Schell, Dr. Francis Fukuyama, Chinese-American novelist Bette Bao Lord, and Le Ly Hayslip from Vietnam.

There were also several committee sessions that considered topics such as "The Persistence of Classical and Religious Tradition in Asian Literature," "How Asian Literature is Responding to the Modern World" and "The Merging of East and West." What became clear is that while good writers can be very perceptive about the features, good and bad, of the contemporary world, they do not have a vision of how to transcend it and enter a new level of culture.

In this respect, many participants were most impressed by the presentations on the Principle. They found it clear, logical, and useful, and four of the six sessions were attended by more than 250 of them. Dr. Aner, Azerbaijan's most famous

living writer, said that after hearing these lectures he would have material for his writing for the next ten years.

At the closing banquet, Professor Yen Chu from National Taiwan University presented Father with a gift of Chinese calligraphy brushes on behalf of all the participants. Father proceeded to write a memorial scroll of seven Chinese characters. They translate roughly as:

"The literature (word) of heaven and human literature united through love and heart"—a fitting motto for such a conference.

A second conference on the same theme will be held in Washington DC from June 13-18, this time for writers from North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, and Oceania. ■

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Western Literary Conference

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I HAD the wonderful opportunity to be part of the staff of the Western Literary Conference held in Washington DC from June 13-17 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The theme of the conference was "The Search for a New World Culture for the 21st Century: Western Literary Perspectives."

Around 360 participants from more than 100 countries, and 30 business leaders from Brazil, participated. True Parents gave them a written warm welcome of words encouraging them to aim toward specific goals.

"As writers, you have an important role to play in giving shape to the culture that will emerge from our present turmoil. Literature is part of the essence of culture. The writer is the one whose antennas are sensitive to the movements of the human heart, who penetrates the world of external aspirations. We urge you to take up this challenge and responsibility. Can you build bridges between cultures based on the universal values we share? Can you feed the imaginations of your readers with a hope that is not superficial, but is rooted deep within the true human essence? We sincerely trust that through your deliberations at this conference and through your reflections on the True Character and Family Life Education presentations that we offer to you, you may be encouraged to answer those questions with a life-affirming YES."

In spite of the busy schedule, participants seemed to be inspired most of the time during the conference. At the opening plenary, Father gave the speech "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation," with simultaneous interpretation to English by Mr. Peter Kim. There were also Chinese, Russian, French, Portuguese and Spanish interpreters as well.

The conference was divided into three committees to discuss themes like "Traditions and Modernity in Western Literature: Writers and Family," "The Writer in Face of the Modern World: The Writer and Human Rights" and "The Interaction of Cultures: Who is Influencing Whom?" At the end of the day, the committees gave inspiring reports about

their discussions.

Father invited celebrities like Dr. Paul Johnson, British historian author of "The History of Christianity," Dr. Richard Rubenstein and his wife, and other VIPs to a private lunch. During such meal, I had the privilege to translate one conversation between Father and Dr. Oswaldo Cueva, Vice President of the Latin American Parliament. Father asked Dr. Cueva to gather all the members of the Parliament and to set up a three-day seminar to inspire them about Simon Bolivar's dream of uniting the Americas. Dr. Cueva assured Father that he will try his best to do that. Dr. Cueva reiterated his support to Father saying that his wife arranged the meeting with the President of Ecuador, that he had read the Divine Principle, and that he is in complete agreement with Father's goals. At the end of the meal, Father gave a personal invitation to all the VIPs to participate in the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing in November.

On the second day of the conference the participants heard Father's point of view about education. Our brother Jack Corley presented "The Need for a New Values Perspective" and "True Resolution of Conflict." Rev. Phillip Schanker presented "The Foundation for Universal Values" and Tony Devine gave the participants new hope by presenting "True Marriage and Family Values." At this point Michael Marshall read Father's second speech entitled "In Search of the Origin of the Universe."

A session was set up in which participants had the opportunity to ask Jack Corley and Tony Devine questions about the new educational material. To our surprise, several questions were of a very personal nature, that which is for spiritual counseling. This demonstrated how well they listened and related to the lectures in a very personal way.

According to Jack Corley, educational materials regarding

"The Need for a New Values Perspective" will soon be available for those who would like to learn how to teach it. It is truly a Divine Principle highway to the Kingdom of Heaven.

After a short tour of the historical landmarks in Washington DC, the participants had the opportunity to visit the *Washington Times* and to hear Father's vision for the media in America from Mr. Dong Moon Joo, the President of the *Washington Times*, and Mr. Wesley Pruden, the Editor in Chief.

Overall, there was a high rate of attendance to the lectures, but most of all, we all made eternal friends. "The people from this conference were able to relate to Father's vision on a more heartistic and spiritual level than many other conferences" commented Susan Reno, Editor of the *World and I*. "They could relate with anyone; most of them spoke English, French or Spanish; they felt no barriers, instead they felt Father's love and concern for the world." That is also my personal opinion. I also want to commend the staff who worked diligently around the clock to create such a smooth and high atmosphere for these people. Thank you all.

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Jack Corley delivers his presentation at the Western Literary Conference.

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The Providential...

universe, rather than the audience and readers. The Bible, however, was written with the readers in mind.

The New Testament was written so people could receive life by believing in Jesus as the Son of God and the Christ. (John 20:31) Historical facts of Jesus' life were changed so that people could easily believe that he was the Son of God and the Messiah. The Bible was written 40 to 90 years after the crucifixion and was based on the realization and the confession that the crucified Jesus was the Messiah. Therefore, God's fundamental purpose in sending Jesus and the original purpose of the Second Coming cannot be easily found in the Bible. Therefore, to correctly understand the *han* of Jesus, we have to reconstruct Jesus' life based on True Parents' proclamation, which is the final revelation and key to understanding secrets.

Many times Jesus revealed his identity with the phrase "I am." (John 6:35; 8:12; 10:9, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1) However, these expressions of his identity are the confession of the faith of Jesus' disciples put in Jesus' words. The fact that Jesus could not proclaim his identity as true elder son, true parent, and true king signifies that he did not have any foundation for making such proclamations. In addition, it shows that he could not complete his mission to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in Heaven.

According to the "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation," Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Mary should have kept faith in the original revelation and God's support. They should have helped Jesus marry Zechariah's daughter, the younger sister of John the Baptist. Also, John the Baptist should have fulfilled his responsibility to attend Jesus. (Luke 1:75; 3:4) If all these had occurred, Jesus, who was standing on the foundation of the restoration of a womb, could have proclaimed the restoration of the global elder sonship and true parentship. Then he could have restored kingship and could have completed his mission in seven years. However, since Zechariah and Elizabeth lost faith in Jesus, Mary opposed Jesus' marriage (John 2:4), and John the Baptist did not have faith in him. (Luke 3:2) Thus Jesus did not have the foundation to proclaim true parentship.

Obviously, the fact that Jesus was supposed to marry Zechariah's daughter, the younger sister of John the Bap-

tist, is not recorded in the Bible. To say that John the Baptist did not fulfill his responsibility violates traditional Christian doctrine. However, Jesus' marriage makes sense in light of God's purpose of creation and the providence of restoration. God sent Jesus so He could become True Parents and True King through him. That was only possible through marriage. Jesus was supposed to marry the younger sister of John the Baptist, "because John the Baptist was in the position of an archangel, and it was Jesus' mission to restore the fact that an archangel caused the fall of Eve, who was Adam's sibling."

The fact that John the Baptist could not fulfill his responsibility is related to Jewish concepts of the Messiah. First-century readers generally understood that Elijah was supposed to precede the Messiah. According to Jewish tradition, Elijah had two missions as the predecessor of the Messiah: one was to have the Israelites confess in preparation for the Messiah, and the other was to establish peace and harmony in the world. Elijah should solve all the legal difficulties and problems for the Messiah. He will appear three times with the archangel, Michael. Then Jews will believe in Elijah as the promised one and in the one he introduces as the Messiah. During the period of peace, Elijah will establish the cabinet of the Messiah and become the premier among eight ministers. Thus, John the Baptist came with the mission of Elijah not only to witness to Jesus as the Messiah but to be the premier in the era of kingship. For these reasons John the Baptist had to attend Jesus.

However, John the Baptist did not serve Jesus. First, because he did not know that he had the mission of Elijah (John 1:21), and second, because he knew the genealogy of Jesus. When he baptized Jesus, John witnessed to him as the Messiah. Also, Jesus had said that John the Baptist was Elijah. However, John the Baptist began to have humanistic thoughts and judged that it was impossible for Jesus, his half brother, to be the Messiah. Therefore, John the Baptist could not attend Jesus.

Next, let us think about two aspects of Jesus' birth: one, the virgin birth and the other, the conception by the Holy Spirit. These issues were clearly explained in True Parents' speech. This also could not get correctly recorded in the Bible, because of popular beliefs at the time when the New Testament was recorded. The birth by a virgin recorded in Matthew 1:35, was taken from the Greek LXX translation of Isaiah 7:14, which predict-

ed the birth of the Messiah. The Hebrew word "almah" in Isaiah 7:14 means a young woman. This includes both virgin and non-virgin women. However, the writer of Matthew did not quote the Hebrew Bible but rather the Greek translation, and he used the term "virgin" because of the awareness of the readers.

The heroes of Greek and Roman mythology ascended to heaven without experiencing death. Through the record of Moses, we can clarify the fact mentioned above. Moses died and was buried, but no one knew the location. (Deut. 34:6) However, according to the "Life of Moses," written by Josephus or Philo in the Graeco-Roman era, Moses was changed into a "divine being" and ascended to heaven. Graeco-Roman heroes were highly regarded, so it is said that they ascended to heaven without dying. Furthermore, most of them were supposedly born from a relationship with gods and earthly women. Readers of that time were used to such myths and heroic tales. Therefore, to introduce Jesus as the Messiah, the hero of heroes, Biblical authors presented Jesus in a way that the readers could easily understand and accept. Therefore, the Gospel writer quoted the Greek translation and emphasized Jesus' birth by a virgin and conception through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' crucifixion can be understood along the same lines. What would have happened if it were recorded that Jesus' crucifixion was not the will of God and brought only an incomplete salvation? Suppose people quoted the Old Testament to prove that Jesus' crucifixion was the curse of God? (Deut. 21:23) It would not have been easy for the people of that time to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. Therefore, the writers claimed that Jesus' crucifixion brought complete salvation, and they even recorded that Jesus came to be crucified. (Mark 10:45) As a result, Jesus' life was not explained in the light of God's purpose of creation and Jesus' purpose in coming. Thus, the biblical accounts added to Jesus' *han*.

Jesus got liberated from *han* through True Parents' proclamation of kingship. As the secrets of the birth and the life of Jesus were revealed in terms of restoration of lineage, Jesus' pent-up *han* was released. Because Jesus got liberated from his *han*, God was also liberated. This was possible because the time has come. (Gal. 4:4-5)

C. Mary's Liberation

Mary's *han* is that she could not fulfill her responsibility on earth. What people have understood about the his-

torical Mary is incorrect. First, let us think about the responsibilities which Mary had to fulfill. True Mother said that "Mary's responsibility was to indemnify and restore the position of Eve and Tamar."

Eve's responsibility, before the Fall, was to become one with her father, God, and His son, Adam. After the Fall, her responsibility was to save Adam, Cain, and Abel, who inherited Satan's blood lineage due to her fall. To do so, she first had to position the second son, Abel, in front of God and then have the elder son, Cain, naturally surrender to Abel and unite with him. "On this foundation, together they have to find and attend the true mother and go forward to the true father." Eve fell by deceiving God and Adam; after the Fall she failed to make Cain and Abel unite, so they could not find the true mother. In other words, Eve failed to fulfill her responsibility not only before the Fall but also afterwards.

From this began the long quest of the providence of restoration for 'the baby seed of true life' which will perfect the ideal of creation. The one who brings the baby seed is the Messiah, God's son who has no relation to the original sin. The Messiah can only be born on the foundation of Eve indemnifying and restoring the Fall which resulted from her deceiving God and Adam (father and son). Since the false life was born by planting the seed of Satan's false love in Eve's womb, the Messiah must be born on the foundation of restoring the womb. For a son to be born with the seed of such new life, there must first be a mother. Tamar was the great mother who carried this responsibility.

True Father said, "Tamar, living with the grandmother, was thoroughly educated about Jewish tradition." Through the education by the grandmother, Tamar was able to understand God's providence focused on the chosen people. Thinking only about continuing the lineage of the chosen people, Tamar disguised herself as a prostitute, deceived Judah, and gave birth to twin sons, Perez and Zerah. Furthermore, Tamar helped the second son, Perez, make the first son, Zerah, surrender within her womb. This historic moment restored within the womb the blood lineage of the elder son, which had been lost to Satan. Through the deception of father and son and the cooperation of mother and son, Tamar restored the position of Eve with a faith and bravery impossible to imagine under the circumstances. Because of the cleansing of the womb by Tamar, the national level was established upon which the Mess-

ah could be conceived and born without Satan's accusation. On this foundation, Holy Mother Mary appeared in the mainstream of the providence.

True Mother said, "Mary, like Eve and Tamar, was an important and revolutionary woman who was called in the process of re-creation of Adam." What was the responsibility of Mary in indemnifying and restoring the position of Eve and Tamar? She was in the position to deceive the father and son and help the second son restore the elder sonship through mother/son cooperation. Also, she was to help the Messiah receive his bride and attend them continuously until they became True Parents and True King.

Mary was "the heroine who accomplished restoration through indemnity in the position of deceiving father and son by becoming absolutely one with God."

Mary fulfilled the responsibility of deceiving father and son. Just as Adam and Eve fell while they were engaged, Mary deceived her father-in-law and her fiancé, Joseph, to conceive Jesus. Since the fall of Adam and Eve, this was the first time a baby seed of true life was conceived in the prepared womb without Satan's accusation. For the first time in history, a son was born who could inherit God's full love. At the risk of being killed for having a baby without a husband, Mary was "the heroine who accomplished restoration through indemnity in the position of deceiving father and son by becoming absolutely one with God."

Next, her responsibility as a mother was to indemnify and restore the elder sonship through making Jesus and John the Baptist unite as Abel and Cain. To do this, Mary was to maintain a close relationship with the family of Zechariah. If at all possible, Mary was supposed to raise and educate Jesus within the family of Zechariah. If this was impossible, Mary had to pour her heart into raising Jesus as the son of God and do her best to restore the relationship with the family of Zechariah. True Father said, "Elizabeth introduced Mary to Zechariah through a revelation from God." Within Zechariah's family, Jesus

was conceived. Mary should have waited to restore the relationship with them and kept her position as Joseph's fiancée. However, Mary had a sexual relationship with Joseph, and they had children.

By having a sexual relationship with Joseph, Mary repeated the mistake of Eve. At this moment, free sex was planted again. At this moment the cross of Jesus was foreshadowed. At this moment God's providence of restoration was prolonged again. With this condition, Satan invaded Mary and she lost her spiritual support and inspiration, as well as her confidence in God and gratitude towards Him. Mary began to see Jesus through human eyes. With this condition, Satan was able to invade the families of Zechariah and Joseph; not only did they see Jesus through human eyes but they opposed the providence instead of helping it. Jesus was alone on God's side. Therefore, Mary failed her responsibility to unite Jesus and John the Baptist.

Due to Mary having a sexual relationship with Joseph, the foundation for Jesus to receive a bride, based on the restoration of elder sonship, collapsed. Nevertheless, Jesus knew that he had to receive his bride and become the True Parents to accomplish the providence of restoration. Three times Jesus strongly asked Mary for permission to marry the younger sister of John the Baptist. However, Mary rejected Jesus' request. Having five children with Joseph, for Mary to accept Jesus' request might not have been easy. Also, Mary probably thought that it was impossible for a priest's family and a carpenter's family to become in-laws. Furthermore, she might have thought that to marry one's half-sister was unthinkable. In spite of all this, if Mary had not lost the spiritual support and the inspiration she received at the time of Jesus' conception, she could have overcome such difficulties and helped Jesus receive a bride.

The fact that Mary did not fulfill her responsibility to help Jesus restore the elder sonship and receive a bride is indicated by Jesus' question, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" (Mark 3:31-35; Matt. 12:45-50; Luke 8:19-21) People have understood Jesus to be emphasizing spiritual family relationships more than physical family relationships. However, True Father said that Jesus' first goal was to start the providence on the foundation of the family. Mary did not help Jesus begin his providence upon the family foundation. In that sense, when Mary, the one who has not helped Jesus, came with Jesus' brother

to ask for his help (Mark 3:32), how would Jesus' heart (*Shim Jung*) be?

After asking "Who are my mother and my brothers?" Jesus stated that "whoever does the Will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother." (Mark 3:33-35) If Mary had helped Jesus accomplish his mission, Jesus would have praised his family and told people to follow them as examples of helping God's providence. Therefore, this verse may be interpreted as Jesus reproaching Mary and his brothers for not helping him fulfill his mission.

"Woman! My age is over 30. I have asked your permission to marry the younger sister of John the Baptist three times. However, you have rejected and opposed these requests. What are you doing now? You refused to help the Messiah marry, but now you are helping with the wedding of a relative and are telling me to help them too. This has nothing to do with me. This also has nothing to do with you, mother! The time will come only when I get married."

These words express Jesus' heart-break toward his mother for not helping

her heart for not fulfilling her responsibility. Also, she must have felt guilty about people's lack of understanding. In many places in the world, statues of Mary are shedding tears of blood. Since the facts have been revealed, Mary's heart is liberated from *han*.

This turning point reveals past mistakes and hidden secrets. The mistakes of the past can only be corrected by True Parents. Their speeches correct the misunderstandings about God, Jesus and Mary, cleansing the darkened past and starting a new and bright era through the inauguration of the Family Federation for World Peace.

Most of what True Parents revealed at this convention is not written in the Divine Principle. This is the time for new revelations. On February 7, 1977, Frederick Sontag of Harvard Divinity School asked True Father if there was any possibility that the Divine Principle would be changed. At that time True Father answered that the main structure of the Divine Principle (Creation, Fall, and Messiahship) will not be changed. "Certain contents among the revelation that I have received are not revealed in the Divine Principle." Father said that those contents were being reserved for the proper time. However, through this convention, all the reserved revelations have been revealed.

True Father used an onion as an example. "An onion has many layers. If those layers are restoration through indemnity, the main seed is God's family." However, "Through this convention, all the skins of the onion have been peeled." Like the core of the onion, God's family has been unpeeled. The last secret hidden for 6,000 years was God's family. God's family is, indeed, the physical heaven. The physical heaven can only be possible when God becomes the True Parents and the True King of humankind. Now is the time. This is the turning point, the era of great change. The era of great change means the new era centering on the new elder sonship, parentship, and kingship.■

[To be continued in the next issue. For more information, contact Prof. Oh at UTS]

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Second, let us study Jesus' use of the term "woman" in John 2:4. The Greek word "ginai" until now has been interpreted as the word which does not imply reproach nor disrespect based on how Augustus used it for calling Cleopatra. Thus, it was understood as Jesus used the word to his mother with a respect at the wedding in Cana. However, with the understanding of Jesus' question, "What do you have to do with me? My hour has not yet come" does not seem to show respect.

According to NRSV and the Nestle-Alan 26, this verse is translated into "What concern is that to you and to me?" R. Brown interpreted this as "This has no relation to you and me." In other words, Jesus is saying that to help with the wedding has no relation to Jesus or his mother.

Jesus said, "My hour has not yet come." In this verse, the correct understanding of "hour" is very important. Since people understood the crucifixion to be the culmination of Jesus' work, they interpret "hour" to refer to Jesus' crucifixion, or perhaps to his resurrection or ascension. However, Jesus' mission was to receive his bride and become True Parents. On such foundation, Jesus was to proclaim the true elder sonship, true parentship, and true kingship; he was to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. For all of the above, the most important task was to receive his bride. Nevertheless, Mary did not help him do this. Because Jesus did not receive his bride and did not become the True Parents, he said his "hour" had not yet come. Based on the above interpretation, John 2:4 can be understood as follows:

his mission. Although the word "woman" itself has the meaning of a respect, his use of the word at the moment implied reproach and disrespect. Therefore, this passage should be interpreted as Jesus revealing a reproachful heart to a mother who helped with the weddings of others but neglected to help Jesus receive his bride, the most important requirement of the providence.

For 2,000 years, Christians believed that Mary fulfilled her responsibility. Mary has been recognized and worshipped in a position almost equal to Jesus by the Catholic church, which upholds Mary's eternal virginity, her conception without original sin, and her ascension.

Mary had five children with Joseph. According to the Gospels, Mary was only a virgin until the time of Jesus' birth. (Matt. 1:25; Luke 2:7) To emphasize Mary's virginity, the Catholic church has interpreted Jesus' brothers, indicated in Mark 3:31 and 6:3, to be his cousins or the children of Joseph's ex-wife.

The belief that Mary was conceived without original sin began in the seventh century and was settled as dogma in 1854. The ascension of Mary was fixed on November 1, 1950 by Pope Pius XII. Ever since, the Catholic church has observed August 15 as the day of Mary's ascension. Thus, the faith of Roman Catholic has applied many of the miracle stories of Jesus' birth, life, resurrection, and ascension to Mary.

Although Mary was actually in the position of Jesus' enemy because she opposed the restoration of elder sonship and Jesus' marriage, she has been worshipped as almost equal to Jesus. How would Mary have felt? Mary had *han* in

The Foot Washing

on January 8, 1996.

With this I want to conclude the first point of my sermon: to find love let us remember that God's true love begins at the lowest, most unexpected place. That is where we will meet God.

True love is given for history and the world

A second lesson we can learn from this story is that God's love is given for history and the entire world. It is, in other words, universal. Whenever God does something His motivation is universal. When God created the very first human beings, Adam and Eve, it was with a universal purpose in mind. If Adam and Eve had understood the cosmic significance of their existence and relationship, would they have fallen?

To truly connect to the vibrating love of God, our motivation and attitude must resemble that of God's. When Jesus bowed down and washed the dirty feet of the disciples—even the feet of the one who was to betray him—he did it not just for them but for all mankind. Jesus saw in them the representatives of all mankind and all human history. This heart of universal love created a very solemn atmosphere, which made it possible for them to sense the presence of God. But at first Peter does not really catch this aspect of Jesus' heart. Perhaps in an attempt to demonstrate his faith, or afraid that he would have to do the same, Peter exclaims, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet... You will never wash my feet." When he finds out that his connection to Jesus depends on this act he changes and says, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Again Jesus has to correct him for Peter has entirely missed the point. For the point is not just little Peter, it is the whole world. It is not just a question of individual salvation but a matter of universal restoration; it is a matter of setting a tradition of love.

My concern is not to judge Peter but to share a lesson with you. If we just look at Christ from our own personal perspective we will, simply speaking, not catch his heart and we might even lose our connection to him altogether. Many are the people who have lost faith in Christ out of personal reasons, but our connection to the Messiah must be historical and universal beyond everyday reality. Here Jesus is revealing a fundamental aspect of God's love. In

order for us to connect to it we must likewise look at our spouse, children, neighbors, friends, and strangers with more than just a personal viewpoint.

When I came to America, I realized that many brothers and sisters have lost their faith, or if not their faith then their inspiration. When I analyzed the matter deeper I found that usually these breakdowns were motivated by personal reasons. Personal reasons and emotions are important but they must not rule our relationship to God's providence and True Parents. Many times we have to go beyond our own personal perspective and see the Messiah and our lives in a historical perspective. We are historical beings with historical motivations.

Today I came here to deliver this sermon but the real question is, to whom am I speaking? Am I speaking to a group of faculty members, students and guests who are more or less supposed to be here? Or am I addressing the very representatives of all mankind, God's holy sons and daughters, my beloved brothers and sisters? With what kind of mind set did I prepare this sermon? And when I go home, do I look at my wife as a representative of all women, even of God, or do I just see my wife? That is the question, isn't it? And only I can answer it. Each one of us is called to decide. It is a decision made in secret within our own mind but it makes a world of difference. To truly encounter the explosive, liberating sensation of God's love we cannot drag him down to our level. Instead we must take a step into the darkness, over the cliff of our own limited world into a realm of a different mind set—a universal motivation. As much as Jesus saw God and the whole world in his disciples, we must attempt to do the same. This is the way of a disciple of Christ.

On page 209 of the *Exposition of the Divine Principle* which contains the fundamental aspects of God's revelation to Rev. Moon, there is a passage concerning Abraham's offering. It states, "These three sacrifices symbolized the cosmos, which was completed through the three stages of the growing period." How on earth did Rev. Moon come to the realization that these three offerings actually represented the entire cosmos? Did he read it somewhere in a theological journal? I doubt it. Or did some angel whisper it into his ear during an early morning prayer? I don't think so. The reason he could sense this motivation behind God asking Abraham to bring the offering is that he lived precisely with this motivation himself. Living with this

motivation made it possible for him to discover God's universal heart in the smallest of things. It is the same for you and me. Our motivation and purpose must be for more than ourselves. We too must live our lives with a sense of history and for all mankind.

True love is shared on a deeply personal level

The third and final lesson we can learn from this story is that as much as true love is universal, it is also shared on a deeply personal level. The love of God is universal but the universal finds its expression in the personal. There is no contradiction. Here in our story there is a moving conversation between Jesus and Peter. Jesus is very well aware of Peter's character but in a loving way he guides him to the proper perspective: "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me" and, "So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

It is interesting that Jesus criticizes Peter. It is often through critique that our personal relationships are developed, for it takes both courage and personal concern to point out a friend's mistake as well as humility to receive the guidance. Despite Peter's obvious lack of understanding, let us not forget that he of all the disciples was the only one who had the trust and courage to speak out what the others might have felt.

Again and again I have come to the conclusion that what really makes relationships or an organization work is the depth of personal relationship, not just the loyalty to abstract positions. There in the personal exchange of ideas and feelings we make it possible for God to work in the most profound way.

Think about how True Father would care with all his heart for every single member in the early days in Korea. Through these personal bonds the roots were made for what we now see unfolding on the worldwide level. We must remember this element in True Parents' ministry and apply it in our own lives.

During my years as a pastor I have had a recurring experience you perhaps have experienced in your own life. It has to do with counseling. Often I would counsel a person and the person would thank me ever so much for the advice I had given which he would express he never had heard before. But the fact is that I had repeated exactly that same advice at least a hundred times in my sermons! Why was he never able to catch

it? Because sometimes, indeed many times, we only discover the truth when it is brought to us in a deeply personal way.

We need to nurture heart-to-heart conversation, or else we cannot create the environment for things to grow and bear fruit. This is especially true if we want to save the world. Let me illustrate this with an example. Most action movies follow a similar pattern. There is a hero or heroine, a terrible devil of some sort, and usually the fate of the world or perhaps even of the entire cosmos is at stake. Naturally our hero must have universal, unselfish motivation, but when you watch closely you will find that his real strength lies in his ability to establish personal connections with people, be it a friend, a son, or a father, or even with animals. In other words, the final power and secret to winning the victory over evil and the liberation of the cosmos lies within one's personal commitment and relationships. This is also true in our daily lives. When someone remembers us or discovers aspects of our character that we thought only we knew, we feel moved and invigorated.

I want to share a little story with you which you may perhaps find silly, but to me it means a lot. Just recently I had a birthday. It was remembered by some, but given my modest reputation, it was as you might suspect forgotten by most. But then this little letter came in through

the mail. It was a birthday greeting from the president of the European Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. I was moved, for there is no reason why he, who is responsible for so many projects and people, should remember my birthday. My critical mind began to operate and I had to check if this was just a printout. But after having scrutinized the letter and the signature, I came to the conclusion that this was indeed a real card with an authentic signature! I think all of us have had similar experiences. Yes, we humans are sensitive beings and will never forget it when we are loved in a personal way.

To truly meet and live with God we must remember these three points: 1) We must not be afraid of going to the lowest possible place; 2) when we give we must give to God and all mankind with a sense of history; and 3) we need to practice this in a deeply personal way.

The final question you might ask is: "But where? Where can we practice these three dimensions of love?" Can we do it alone? No. A person working alone might feel he has a historical mission or responsibility, but he will find it hard to develop personal relationships, and he is in constant danger of being swallowed up by arrogance and pride, especially if success comes his way. Both Karl Marx and Rousseau felt they had a historic calling but lacked humility and

depth in their personal relationships. On the other hand, if a person is too centered on personal relationships and opinions he might never get started. He might never discover his true potential.

The only place where these three dimensions of love can be completed and balanced out against each other is not in some formal organization or church, but in a couple and family that truly lives for a God-centered public purpose. In such a family we have the ideal training ground for all three dimensions of love.

In the day-to-day reality of family life inspired by a higher purpose, we find ample opportunities to go to the lowest possible place, to look at our spouse and children from a universal and historical perspective, and to do this in an atmosphere of personal trust and intimacy. The continuous practice of such a way of life will lead us and our families closer to the love of God.■

Martin Herbst began to study at the Seminary in January of 1997. Before that time he served for three years as the national leader of the Unification Church in Slovenia. He and his wife, Yuriko, participated in the 6000 Couples Blessing in 1982. They have four children.

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lenged the group to go to new levels of dedication in the moral and spiritual realms. He spoke of God, true love, and

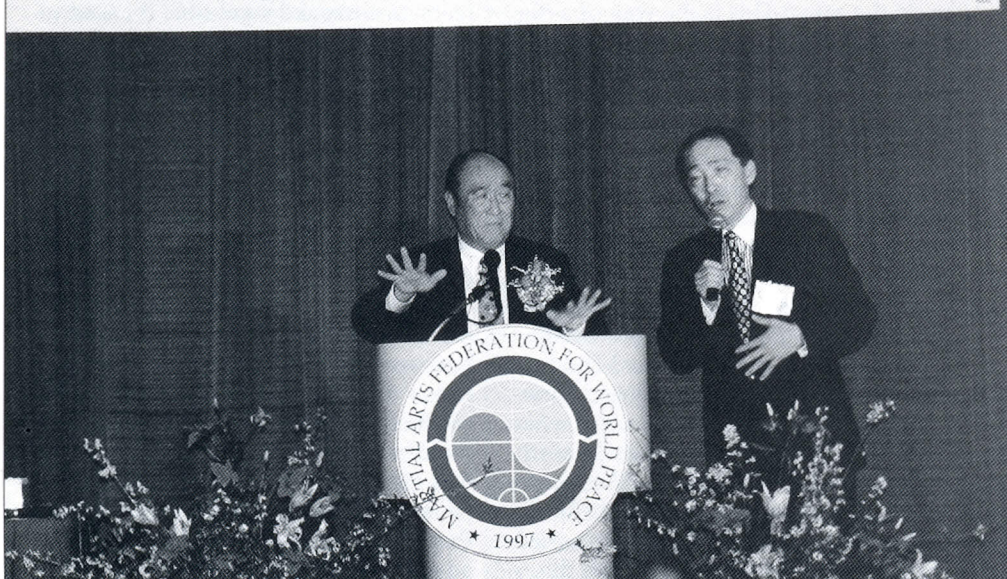
absolute sex. He testified to the Blessing and invited them all to participate. Finally, he declared that he is ready to support the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace with a generous amount of matching funds.

The traditional victory cake was then cut. Mr. Hayes and Mr. Myung presented Father with a beautiful, clear diamond-shaped trophy in gratitude for his support of the Inaugural World Convention of the MAFWP. Each participant received a miniature version of the trophy as a memento to take home.

Bowie, Maryland-based Cuong Nhu teacher Jhon Annen has been on fire ever since. He said: "That kind of conference is truly unprecedented! Nobody ever thought of bringing together martial arts teachers and masters in one place to talk about such a creative vision for the 21st Century. We have a lot of work to do!"■

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Father explains his new vision for the world of martial arts. Mr. Peter Kim translates.

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Speech to European Leaders

In 1995, Father asked me how many mission countries we have in the world. I told him we had 162 nations. Father ordered me to quickly increase the number to 185 nations. In 1955, Father already had a plan to send national messiahs to 185 nations, but first he needed a victorious condition to use in front of Satan. Only in 1996 could Father finally send out national messiahs to the world, after he established a historical victorious foundation in front of Satan.

From Satan's viewpoint, 1996 was a very miserable year. In the past, when the Messiah appeared on the earth, Satan completely opposed him. Jesus could only work as the Messiah for three years. Jesus proclaimed his messiahship when he was 30 years old, but he could only work for three years because Satan attacked him so much. At the Second Coming, Satan attacked Father in a similar way. True Father had to walk through a sacrificial course of indemnity for forty years. Satan never wants to accept the foundation of the Messiah and his activities.

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Before Father sent the national messiahs to the world, he made sure that all of them attended the special 40-day training sessions at Chung Pyung Lake together with Heung Jin Nim and Daemo-nim. We are unworthy national messiahs. The minimum conditions we need to lay in order to work as a national messiah are to have an open mind, be spiritually reborn, and make a new determination.

All 185 nations now each have a group of messiahs. Each nation has four messiah families. This is really an urgent time for Satan. It is difficult for Satan to survive in front of one individual messiah, and Satan is always defeated in front of one messiah couple (True Parents). But now Satan has to face four families of messiahs in each of 185 nations through-

out the world! This is already beyond Satan's accusation. This is because single messiahs and family messiahs are different.

The family messiah is above Satan's accusation. You received the Blessing at the top of the growth stage, and Satan's dominion and accusation cannot pass beyond the growth stage. Blessed couples who followed heavenly law (the law of the Divine Principle) after receiving the Blessing can automatically be freed from Satan's accusation. But if after receiving the Blessing we live an unprincipled lifestyle and keep our old fallen habits, Satan will continue to follow us. If blessed couples trust and always follow the way of the Principle after receiving the Blessing, then Satan's accusation will never follow them. It is the same for the Messiah.

Once the Messiah has a family foundation, Satan cannot accuse him. For this reason it is important to have families as national messiahs. Because of this, Satan's foundation is becoming weaker and weaker.

Father has accomplished his role as True Parent on the worldwide and cosmic levels during his lifetime. Furthermore, True Parents have now made hundreds of national messiahs and sent them throughout the world. These 185 nations represent the world. The United Nations has 185 nations. The number of our mission countries exceeds 185 because Switzerland and Taiwan do not belong to the United Nations. In reality, we have 187 mission countries. However, Father officially uses the number 185 because it equals the number of member states of the United Nations. Since this number represents the world, it means that Father has sent out families as national messiahs to the entire world.

Sometimes Father speaks proudly in public,

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Mother, Rev. Kwak and Mr. Sa in Vienna, Austria.

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but this is not out of arrogance. Heavenly Father absolutely needs a physical body through which He can realize His will. True Father can accomplish Heavenly Father's will with his physical body and Satan cannot make any accusation. True Father has multiplied his foundation through the national messiahs.

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Father has already accomplished his own mission and is now spreading throughout the world through the national messiah families. Heavenly Father is so grateful and happy for True Parents' achievements last year. No one had ever been able to send national messiahs to the world. True Father was the first person in history. No one could ever imagine that such a thing would be possible.

Special training for spiritual beings

The second great achievement of our True Parents for the year 1996 were the special spiritual activities at the Chung Pyung training center through the work of Heung Jin Nim and Daemo-nim. You already know about the amazing phenomena that have been taking place at Chung Pyung. Daemo-nim is calling the angels, instructing them, giving them missions, and sending

them to many places. Daemo-nim has also been working with the physical bodies of our blessed couples, removing evil spirits from us and separating them from us.

In addition to this, a special training center to educate spiritual beings has been opened in the spirit world, centering on Heung Jin Nim. This is truly amazing. According to the Principle, we can only study and grow our spirit self on the earth. The spiritual selves that are separated from the body can never learn and reach perfection on their own; it is impossible without the use of a physical body. However, it is now possible for spiritual selves to join special training sessions in the spiritual world. After they graduate from this training, these spirits can elevate their position in the spiritual world to an amazingly high degree.

This workshop is not just occurring in the spiritual world but is also very connected to the physical world. Once spirits are separated from our bodies, they can join the special training sessions in the spiritual world and elevate themselves. We can be liberated from spirits that have invaded us in the past. This is an amazing grace for which we should be grateful.

This was only made possible through the work and sacrifice of Heung Jin Nim and Daemo-nim. However, you should understand that behind Heung Jin Nim's and Daemo-nim's foundation was True Parents' foundation which was laid through many victorious conditions in the physical and the spiritual worlds. Only based on this foundation is it possible for such spiritual phenomena to take place. You should not focus on just Daemo-nim and Heung Jin Nim, because behind their spiritual works is a foundation laid by the sacrifices which True Parents made especially for this purpose. ■■ [To be continued.]

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LET US LIVE TOGETHER ATTENDING TRUE PARENTS

Kwang Yol Yoo

Chairman of the Romanian Unification community

**If True Parents and we
had begun and continued
in the true original relationship
Then the path we walk
from the beginning all its courses
would have been the same
connecting to the one determined path.**

**But unfortunately they
have been as different as heaven and earth.
No, it is more proper to say they have been opposites.**

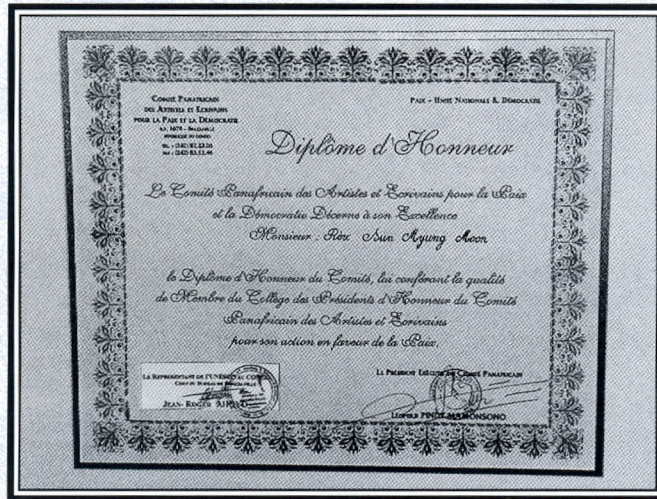
**It is late now, but we must
straighten out our minds and bodies
which have gone the wrong way
and go back to the starting point
from which True Parents began
and take our first steps
with that same content and value.**

**We the children
must absolutely fix our eyes
on the same heaven which True Parents see.**

**With no need to give a reason,
we must walk the same land, the same path
and put our anchors down in the same port.**

**Our freedom,
like that of True Parents
must have endless peace and be straight.**

Father Receives an Honorary Diploma



The Panafrican Committee of Artists and Writers for Peace and Democracy honored Father with an Honorary Diploma.
The translation from French reads as follows:

The Panafrican Committee of Artists and Writers for Peace
gives to His Excellency:

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

the Honorary Diploma of the Committee, thus giving him the quality of "Member of the College of Honorary Presidents
of the Panafrican Committee of Artists and Writers" for his action in favor of peace.

UNESCO Representative in Congo
Chief of Brazzaville Bureau

Jean-Roger AHOYO

Executive President of
Panafrican Committee

Leopold PINDY MAMONSONO

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| 1) WORLD LEVEL | - REV. SUN MYUNG MOON of the Unification Church (Action in Favor of Peace) |
| 2) AFRICAN LEVEL | - Mr. Nelson MANDELA (South Africa)
Mr. Amany Toumany TOURE (Mali) |
| 3) CONGO LEVEL | - 13 Political and Social Leaders |

With True Parents' heart
we must live the same lives as they do,
and express True Parents' purpose
the same way in our daily lives.
All of us together
using True Parents' words
and if True Parents like something,
we like it too.
And if True Parents dislike something,
we must dislike it too.

In such a world, what sins would there be?
What wrong idea could come to our minds?
There, if our lives become one united in love
Above that, would another signboard for
heaven be needed?

Then if we are living together with True Parents,
walking the same path, and enjoying together,

isn't it enough?
Whether it's something we like, or something we dislike,
until the Will is realized and
After that too, we must live together with True Parents.

How is it that the True Parents
were born here and now?
Who can understand the deep meaning of that Will?
It's enough if we unite our hearts
and live together around the Will.

Praising that glory and
dancing to that rhythm,
We should live loving one another,

Attending God
Attending True Parents,
Let us live together in joy!

[Translated by Lynne Kim]



True Day of All Things at Belvedere International Training Center in Tarrytown, New York, June 5, 1997.

Only through the experience of two becoming one can we know the highest level of love. No one can absolutely deny these facts. Everyone should recognize this. At the place where husband and wife become completely one, the ideal couple will be created. In that very place, absolute love exists. That place of love, which is absolutely unchanging, is the dwelling place of God.

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
JUNE 16, 1997