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FATHER'S PRAYER

FOR THE BLESSING IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

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EAST GARDEN

BELOVED Heavenly Father! On November 29, 1997, through the completion of the blessing of 39.6 million couples (3.6 million couples and 36 million couples), Your grace permitted the way of unification between the physical world and the spiritual world. Upon this foundation, everyone is allowed to receive the benefit of the opening of the gate to the Kingdom of Heaven. From now on, centering on all the blessed families who have completed the mission of tribal messiah by their own effort, we will register and enter the realm of the age in which we can be approved as the people of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are facing the age of cutting off the blood lineage of Satan in the physical world, the time of liberating families through the Blessing on the family level and of allowing a short-cut to the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth to the blessed families. Meanwhile, centering on Heung Jin Nim, Daemo-nim, Choongmo-nim and Tae Hyung Nim have been working along with the physical world in the spiritual world. All humankind are the descendants representing Adam's family, Jesus' family, and the completed family of the Second Coming, True Parents.

We received the age that the gate can be opened for the descendants to be connected to the ancestors (three families: Tae Hyung Nim, Choongmo-nim and Daemo-nim) from the family to the world, through the blessing of 39.6 million couples. Centering on the physical body, True Parents have solved all the problems connected with the satanic blood lineage established on earth through the fall of Adam and Eve at the age of 16. Because of this, we have come to the age that the entire world can engraft to True Parents' blood lineage after the cutting off of the satanic blood lineage in the world beginning from the age of 16. Heaven has allowed for the same grace of blessing to be connected to the spiritual world based on the request of the age. For this we are truly grateful.

At this time, please allow the benediction given to Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim to be connected to Daemo-nim. Through this connection, please allow heaven and earth to be connected. Through Daemo-nim, please allow the benediction to be connected to Heung Jin Nim, and through Heung Jin Nim, to Choongmo-nim and Tae Hyung Nim in the spiritual world. Then, please allow all the realm of the good ancestors in the spiritual world, saints and sages, and the entire angelic world to be connected to the blessing of liberation. Then, through Your protection, grace and love, please allow them to establish one completed family of love in connection with the physical and the spiritual worlds. With Your blessing to them as

the fruit in the spiritual world through the opening of the gate, I truly pray that Your grace can permit the physical world to receive the same benefit of the blessing given to the spiritual world.

Please bless Chung Pyung, along with the providential development on the worldwide level, to be the mediator to connect the spiritual world and the Unification Church members on this earth and to confirm the realm of benefit of unification. I truly pray that You will reveal Yourself personally and lead us at Chung Pyung.

Please allow the opening of the gate for the spiritual world through the perfected physical world by the entire humankind and their ancestors in the spiritual world to become one, and by the realm of the archangel and the realm of Adam to become one. Please allow the spiritual world to receive blessing through the physical world which can receive the entire benefit of the restoration of elder sonship, restoration of parentship, and restoration of kingship centering on the realm of the second Adam after the opening of the gate of the spiritual world. I truly pray for this.

By doing so, I am allowing all people in the spiritual world who have received a physical body in the world of the archangel (Satan) to make the spiritual world as one blessed family in the same position as the Second Adam, the younger brother through engrafting of the second body in the

same position of Adam. Through their entrance to the spiritual world, I am allowing Abel to become the elder son by changing the elder sonship from Cain's position. By Abel becoming the elder son, I am allowing Abel to inherit the realm of the first Adam and to establish the blessed family in the realm of the liberation of Heaven after the engrafting. Please accept all this.

I truly pray that You will bless the world wherever Your original shimjung of love is spread out without any hesitation along with liberation of the entire humankind on earth, after perfecting the liberation of the spiritual world.

I truly pray that You will allow the permission of connecting the blessing of opening the gate of the spiritual world along with the completion of the physical world in the name of True Parents.

Please allow all these things to be done. I truly ask for the unified proclamation in the spiritual world allowing the opening of the gate of the spiritual world tonight and I receive it in the name of True Parents. I proclaim all these things in the name of True Parents. Amen! Amen! Amen!!!



True Parents pray with Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim, Daemo-nim's medium, at East Garden on December 1. (Photo: Courtesy of Rev. Oh)

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CUTTING OFF SATAN'S LINEAGE, THE ORIGIN OF THE MOST EVIL WORLD

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Human conscience and desire are bigger than the cosmos, so that even after we embrace the entire cosmos, we still have room to reach further. Even though we have all this contained within us, we just act normal.

The human body consists of over 40 billion cells, but scientists have developed a new theory that even within one cell there are billions of new elements, even an unlimited number. That is why even if we embrace and possess everything in the cosmos we still have the desire for more, in the same way that a person may make a certain amount of money but still wants to go after more and more. However, our conscience tells us that we would rather have something other than just money, or even just knowledge. Our conscience would rather keep within it the saints and sages who embody God's love. It wants us to expand more and more so that after embracing all the saints and sages in the spirit world, we still want to expand further so we will turn to the physical world to try to embrace all humankind.

"Centering on love, I want to embrace all existing beings in the world of my conscience!" God will hear you express such contents and will want to join with you and follow you, telling you that you have the power to accomplish whatever you desire. You are a love creator and you can create love everywhere. You have the seed of love to plant everywhere in the spirit world and on the earth.

Who is the creator of love? God. Then you are the second creator, and you have even greater desire than God. You can ask God, "Upon the foundation of the victorious Adam, can You make me to be even better than the original Adam? You

can challenge God like that, and God can do it. You are to be a center of love and a second creator. How wonderful it is that we can realize such an ideal with God. God is happy when we have that kind of ambition. He enjoys it when His son is bigger than Him. All parents have the same attitude, don't they?

Can you embrace London and Africa, the North and South Poles, the Far East and even the entire world? By occupying in a way the whole world through living and working in many different places, you can jump into the Kingdom of Heaven.

The world will become just one huge country. How wonderful such a world will be. Would you like it? (Yes.) Are you following me, or are you following the huge, true love world center? I may stay on the earth while you fly up to the Kingdom of Heaven. I want you to become bigger than me. This is True Parents' ambition, God's ambition, and your ambition also. True Parents, in the center, and every individual all have the desire to reach the highest possible level.

In order to accomplish this special task that I have given you this morning, wherever you go and whatever you do, you must work on cutting off Satan's blood lineage day

and night. Fallen people have stolen everything from God—people, wealth and assets—and used them like thieves. Once you cut off the satanic lineage, you have to return everything to God. Originally, Adam and Eve were supposed to reach the perfection stage without falling, going beyond the perfection level of the growth stage and marrying with God's blessing. But through the fall they were taken away by Satan, and all the wealth of the world has also been kept under satanic dominion. However, through the Blessing given by True Par-



True Parents' Birthday on February 2, 1998 in Seoul, Korea. (Photo: Korean Cultural Foundation)

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ents, the blood lineage of Satan is now being cut off. The entire world, including all things, will eventually go through True Parents and be reborn into the heavenly world.

In order to do that, don't you think True Parents need to restructure this world completely? (Yes.) Until now, God has not had ownership; He lost everything. Satan took everything away. We have to clean up this world and return everything to God. At the time of the fall, everything was lost centered on the worst parents. Upon the victorious foundation of True Parents, everything is being restored back to God's original base upon which God can assume absolute ownership. Centering on blessed, true love families, ownership will be expanded from the True Parents to all humankind.

To whom does the land of America belong, to God or to Satan? (God.) But there are steps yet to take before we can claim that America belongs to God. America is proud of saying that it is one nation under God, but we have to take another step to one world under God. Americans like one nation under God, but Americans do not like one world under God. Centering on itself, America may want to lead and control all the nations of the world forever, but that is Satan's standard, while God is seeking the establishment of one unified world.

How can divisions such as the separation between Catholics and Protestants and the boundaries between all nations be erased, making one world, not one nation? The territory of America is limited to North America. Even if the North American people are happy with that, it is a small place. Does God want to stay in such a small place? No. Centering on love, God's desire is to embrace all nations. His ultimate goal is one world under God.

Centering on the absolute and unchanging love center, we can achieve the unify the world. Subject and object united and connected through true love make up a one body system. Man and woman centering on love are one body; parents and children centering on true love are one body. Centering on true love, each union of plus and minus, connected from the lowest to the highest levels comprises one body with one center. In there is God's eternal dwelling place. It emerges unseen and expands to eventually cover the universe. Such a very, very small one expandd into a very, very big and powerful one, centering on the power of true love.

Once the central point occupied by True Parents starts turning, the entire world will revolve around them, since all different directions have already become one body with True Parents. The spirit world and the physical world, male and female, elder and younger—all these different relationships will form a spherical movement once they become one body. This also represents three generations—grandparents, parents and children—centering on true love. Grandparents' love, parents' love, and children's love all point toward the center of love. It is like a seed: once these three generations are established in your family, it is just a matter of multiplying this foundation again and again so that it will extend generation after generation throughout eternity.

The human fall prevented God from being able to see His own grandchildren. Because the members of the first human

family became satanic children, God could not claim them. We have to erase that history.

You American brothers, where are your grandparents? Are they living in a senior citizens home or in your home? What about your parents? The four levels of grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren create three generations. They also represent the four seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter. These four levels and three generations represent the numbers 4 and 3, and as 4 plus 3 equals 7, the number 7 contains all of these elements. Therefore 7 is the number of completion. From the grandparents' point of view, parents' point of view, children's point of view and grandchildren's point of view, all of the three object purposes are contained within their family unit. There is complete equality among them because they are all united within the boundary of the family system.

Contained within the family across these four levels there are always both young and old. There are also of course different levels of people in terms of their age within nations. Once this basic formula is established, as long as there is the spirit of giving for the sake of others it will expand to greater and greater levels, like climbing up a ladder. Then eventually we will be able to build one world under God.

This is the road we are to follow eternally. If we join the spirit world without doing this, since we are unable to progress there, eventually hundreds of generations later our descendants will come to join us in the spirit world after finally having completed this mission. Think about the shame we will have to deal with in front of them. We will also be ashamed in front of our ancestors because we received all their foundation but did not fulfill this. The place in which we are to reach perfection is the physical world, not the spiritual world. This is the absolute truth. There is no place for unperfected beings in the Kingdom of Heaven. The Kingdom of Heaven is only for those who have reached perfection.

Originally, each person is to stand upon the foundation made by his or her ancestors. If the next generation goes over that foundation, how miserable the first generation has to feel. If the generation after you reaches a higher level, you will be in the position of their servant so that whenever they call you, you have to follow and absolutely obey them, otherwise you will never be able to grow.

We have to realize, first of all, how precious it is to be alive on the earth, then how precious our spouse is, how precious our children are and how precious our parents are: three stages. After uniting and perfecting these three levels we enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only then are we to pass into the spirit world. Is this clear?

THE SECRETS OF HEAVEN

I have taught you all the secrets of heaven, as well as the reality of the physical world and what all human beings are to accomplish during their physical lifetime. If you go to the spirit world without completing your mission here, when you have to face True Parents, where will you hide? A chain will prevent you from coming to me. Think about it. When we

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meet face to face, with chains all over your body, you will still have to greet me. What kind of shame will you feel?

You will feel: "I know that Father devoted his entire life to liberate humanity while he was on the earth, and I know that some people followed his footsteps and completed their mission, but I did not so I am here with chains all over my body." How will you be able to live with that shame? Do you think I will come forward and unchain you? No. I would violate and deny my own teachings if I were to liberate you from those chains. So even though I come there you will not be able to follow me. Everyone else in the spirit world will want to follow True Parents, and will be rejoicing and living with us in the Kingdom of God in heaven, but you will be chained down in hell. What would you do?

That is why we need this physical world. The seventy or eighty years of our life in this physical world are nothing compared to our eternal life in the spirit world.

The expansion of the eternal ideal world, the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven, will be a huge, huge world in which it will be possible for you to have whatever you desire. If you want a diamond as big as a star, or as big as the sun, 1.3 million times bigger than the planet Earth, God can create any size of diamond like that for you. Would you like to wear clothes made of diamonds or gold? Whatever you want to have or to experience can be perfectly realized, centering on love. How wonderful a place that will be, forever! This is the Kingdom of Heaven which God prepared for us, His sons and daughters. Do you want to become that kind of daughter and son? Everybody wants that.

All creation belongs to humankind: [drawing on the board] plus and minus, the spiritual world plus and minus and all humankind plus and minus. This means that centered on God we are all connected together in one place which includes all creation and also ourselves. All things belong to those who love them, therefore, whatever you love automatically belongs to you. All the things of creation can belong to you if you decide to love them. Is that true? How wonderful!

Would you like to be able to travel with me when you enter the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world? After entering the spiritual world, you will be able to hear from God how He originally made each part of the creation, and how He invested unlimited value into each individual creation, centering on love. You will be able to feel the excitement of the feeling of true love God invested into all creation, and you will be able to view everything from the position of God's partner, feeling the same feelings as God. You will feel how wonderful every part of the environment is which God made, for you. You will bow down automatically, feeling deep, deep gratitude forever.

In the spirit world, if you want to give something to your love partner and declare that you want that thing to appear, it will immediately do so. This is not a conceptual phenomena; it is spiritual reality. In the spiritual world there are no food factories, no automobile factories or any other kind of factory; only flowers and green things everywhere. There are no highways; only a natural environment. Snakes, birds and insects do not like highways. The universe itself is a highway.

Do you understand? Centering on love we can do anything. Re-creation will be no problem. When we reach the true love center, we will immediately be connected with God's power, just as when an electric circuit is connected there is an immediate flow of electric power. Think how wonderful and convenient that world will be. You can do anything there, transcending time and space. If you want to travel a million miles it will take just a flick of second. Wherever your mind travels you will be able to go to instantly if that is your desire. As soon as you express such desire your spiritual body will follow.

Think about how many stars made of diamond, gold or other jewels can be available there. If I say, "Let's go and visit a diamond moon," you will be able to go there and hug a diamond bigger than yourself for as long as you want, and you can live there for a thousand years if you want to. But if you like your husband more than that diamond, eventually you will go back to your husband!

Since you can have whatever you want in that world, in what direction will you turn? You will turn to and unite with your spouse and you will enjoy your life together with smiles and laughter. What is more precious than that? It will be a place of excitement, where everything you have will be made of true love—your true love floor, true love furniture, true love bed, true love blanket, true love pen, true love... air! Do you like this? (Yes.) But I'm not sure I do, because if I say I like something, the entire world will follow me all at once like an invasion. If I say, "Come to my home," then you will all run to reach there first.

Will you welcome me if I pay a visit to your home? For how many days? (Forever.) Some jealous American women may say, "Father, why do you stay at that person's house for so long? Why don't you come to my house?" Suppose there are a hundred American families; if everyone demands that I visit them every day, then I would have to travel to a hundred homes each day. So I think it would be better to not start visiting them. As a pastor, I hardly ever visit any congregant's house, but they come to see me. It has been my experience that if I even just feel a desire in my heart to see them, they perceive it through their own hearts and just come naturally.

If I were to visit your home, what would you like to offer me? Suppose I would say, "Give me your savings account, sell your house, your assets and your nation and then offer it to God, because that is the way the road will open before you and all heaven and earth will protect and love you." Would you do that? (Yes.) The more we give, the greater the size of the vacuum which is created. If by giving we create a vacuum the size of the cosmos, a love as big as the cosmos will in turn be poured into that vacuum. How exciting it is to be in the position of the children of God.

This is not a dream; it is reality. Although throughout my whole life my situation has been one of miserable persecution, it has never concerned me. It cannot be compared with this kind of high-level value. The length of time we are on the earth is short, but our life in the spirit world will last forever. If during your whole lifetime you are in a miserable situation, yet you accept it and give love to others centering on God's

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love, you will ultimately return to God in the center, as God's partner. How much happiness you will find there. You have to have that kind of consciousness and understanding.

BECOMING GOD'S LOVE PARTNER

What is the greatest evil? It is Satan's lineage. As long as we are connected to Satan's lineage, we are in the position of being the enemy of God. We are engaged in a war of love, in order to clean up all that was contaminated and separated by the fall of humankind. Cleaning up means first of all to unify mind and body. Upon that foundation we have to unite man and woman, parents and children, all relatives or tribes, all nations, all humankind and the cosmos—all of which were separated when, centering on Satan, Adam and Eve fell. Only when these have been re-united can we welcome God. Every individual has to achieve this kind of atmosphere.

This is the final purpose of the providence of salvation. Every individual has to go through each level of this providential course step by step in order to cross over the boundary into the Kingdom of Heaven. No one can just jump in there. There is a kind of ladder, or rope which you have to climb. You have to clean up everything: your mind and body, your couple, your children and all of your relatives, your nation. Nothing which you possess should be an obstacle to you and you must welcome everything. After reaching this level, all of creation, or the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven which belongs to God, will belong to you also as God's love partner.

Then you will feel: "I absolutely want to invest that kind of power of love, investing and forgetting over and over again. Through this kind of love, that which was lost until now I have perfected. The more love I gave the more love was immediately given back to me." You can say to God, "Ah, Father! You and I are one body; You are the mind position and I am the flesh position. We are united as one body centering on Your love. Through our love we can liberate everything."

Once the center has been liberated, everything else can be liberated without problem. At that time you can proclaim, "I am the king and the owner of love; God is mine also. When I beckon God, He will follow me always." Isn't this how lovers act, pushing and pulling one another, turning this way and that? This excitement will naturally spread outward, with every action resulting in some greater outcome.

All human beings want to reach perfection, don't they? Centered on and connected to that base of love everything will be perfected. This will be our ideal home; not world, but home.

But America does not welcome all people to have America as their home; it is only the American people's home. Many Americans do not like yellow or black people, only white people. That is not good. God's creation has seven colors. Look at one white hair—seven colors are combined harmoniously there. All created beings desire that kind of harmony. It is believed that an artistic creation which contains all seven colors can even contribute to good health. There is not complete color in a place of shadow, only dead color.

I like every color. If we apply this kind of concept to the

different geographical areas of the earth, sometimes we may feel drawn to the North Pole while other times to the tropical South. The day after tomorrow I will go to Uruguay, which is a tropical area. How wonderful it is there.

If True Parents need to go to any country in the future we can do so without any problem. There are national messiahs now in 185 countries. The national messiah is in the position of Abel to each nation's president or king. After they come to understand this, all people will dedicate themselves to following their national messiahs as they would their president or king. Can that kind of atmosphere be established for True Parents without problem or not? (No problem.) The time is coming in which the foundation will have been built up so that whenever I visit any of those 185 nations, hundreds and even thousands of people will want to bow to and honor me, because of the way in which the projects and activities initiated by my ministry have benefited and lifted up those nations and their peoples. Everyone desires to follow such a leader and go the way of truth.

How about you? Really? You have a different shape than me, a different eye and face color, different height, different way of eating; everything is different.

There is one color existing which does not change; that is the color of true love. Every color wants to be occupied by the true love color. Is that true? This means that centering on true love all the colors of humanity can be united as one forever.

How wonderful humanity will feel once they have achieved true ownership. Once we have cleaned up Satan's blood lineage the new world will dawn. When the time comes for all of us to move into the new world which has nothing to do with the satanic lineage, are you going to carry with you all your furniture, land and other former possessions which are stained with Satan's blood, or will you go into that world with a fresh, new body? With your eyes, nose and ears all facing heaven and with nothing else you will enter that world. Until now we have only been thinking about earthly things, but when that time comes it will be completely opposite.

What is the Family Pledge #5? Please recite it. Every day, every second I am thinking about those contents. When I go to South America, every second of time I will not forget the purpose of the 360 Million Couples Blessing.

True Parents are grasping and moving the top leadership of humankind, going all over the world in one circle to accomplish the 360 Million Couples Blessing. We are investing all our power, all our time, all our space, over a vast geographical distance. How can we connect to the starting point, by making a long circle or a small circle? A long circle would take a long time, but a small circle a short time. This is what True Parents are doing. The perfect subject can create the perfect object. That is the perspective of the Divine Principle, isn't it?

Everywhere in the universe we can see the phenomenon of opposites in relationship. Whenever the minus position is perfected, a plus automatically appears; God appears there every time. In the electrical world we can see that where plus and minus elements meet a circular phenomenon results. In the mineral world and the vegetable world we also find plus and minus, animals exist as plus and minus, as do human

You will be able to go on small outings sometimes with a number of insects and birds sitting on your shoulder. When you arrive at your destination you can let them go and play for awhile, then when it is time to go home, you just whistle and they will come and follow you.

PHOTO: KOREAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION



Evening Performance on True Parents' Day.

beings as man and woman. The strong chain by which these opposites are connected is the chain of love. This chain is so strong that the things that are connected by it cannot ever be separated. They will all automatically follow the engine to which they are connected by this chain. Is this true? Unification blessed couples are like a long locomotive train connected together by this love chain, centering on True Parents in the position of engine.

So do not be separated from True Parents. Drop the baggage which you have been carrying from the satanic world; just cut it off. Just have running shoes and a gym suit and just keep following. Once you join the spirit world, everything you want to possess is ready there so you do not have to carry any old baggage with you. Are you ready? There is no national boundary there, no American soil whatsoever. Once you join there, if you want one acre of land or ten acres you will have it. If you want to have a hundred cows, you can have them. There is no owner there.

South America is different from North America in that here in the North, after the Pilgrim fathers arrived the land was cultivated and divided into many different areas and people, but South America is still in many sections untouched. America wants one nation under God, but I want to see one world under God. The world does not dwell in America; it is the opposite way around. One world under God is also what God wants to see.

The Amazon area in South America, with its *pantanos*, has many resources. There are 30 million different species of insect there. Thirty million! How was it even possible to count them? They are flying all over the place. There are 1,500 different species of birds and 3,300 different species of fish.

Since I am the owner of all these creatures, I want to preserve and protect them so that not one species is lost. I am planning to try to preserve all the different kinds of insects in museums within different villages. How many villages would be needed to contain 30 million different species?

There will be more and more people who will pursue Ph.D.'s in the study of insects. These entomologists will spe-

cialize in the preservation of various species. We will not need formal schools for this research and study. We will fully utilize the Internet and other electronic media such as videotape and television. Teachers will just need to check from time to time on the progress of their students. When students have questions they can interact with certain professors via the Internet and present their questions; then the professor who has the greatest knowledge in that particular area will give the answer directly. Specialists will keep a certain number of species at their laboratory or farm; others will be distributed to our homes where we will be able to raise them. Through this we will be able to experience the kind of happiness and joy that God did when He created this world. Our life will be centered on the kind of joy that comes from raising insects, animals and fish. Even when you are far away on a business trip, if you suddenly remember that you have forgotten to feed your insects, then you will take a plane back in order to feed them. That is the kind of life we will enjoy.

When it comes to love, there is no difference in terms of the degree of love you would give to a little insect compared with the love you would give to a big elephant. If you had a choice between creating the smallest possible insect-sized elephant and the biggest possible elephant, both of which could communicate with you, which one would you prefer to create: a small one or large one? This kind of experience with the animal world can be so very interesting, can't it?

There will be thousands and thousands of different levels of hobbies. Just think about it! Among fish, birds and insects, you will be able to select a certain number of those species to raise at your home or on your farm. We can establish natural gardens or parks in the Amazon region, using the natural resources created by God which are there. People will want to visit these parks from time to time, because while at home they will only work with a small number of creatures, to expand their experience or knowledge they will want to visit such places.

Everyone in the family will enjoy visiting these gardens or parks. There will be swimming pools and all kinds of other recreational facilities. If you are the master at such a place of all the insects, birds and fish there, if you show your palm they will all follow you because you are the owner. If your father, mother or others who visit are not familiar with the insects or whatever you might be raising there, following your hand they can choose a creature they like, a particular bird for example. Then they can offer some food to the bird which will come to eat and enjoy together with them. Any kind of enjoyment such as this will be possible there. You will even be able to train your birds and insects to follow your direction. You will be able to go on small outings sometimes with a number of insects and birds sitting on your shoulder. When you arrive at your destination you can let them go and play for awhile, then when it is time to go home, you just whistle and they will come and follow you. The birds will even flutter their wings saying, "Bye, bye."

In this way you will be able to study and carry out research on any creatures you like. Think about it! All of the members of your family can have their own insects and ani-

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mals which they can raise and then you will exchange the knowledge you are gaining experiences you are having with one another. Through this you will all become more deeply connected heartistically.

Suppose your family has a hundred birds of different kinds. Technology today is so advanced that whatever kind of enclosure you would need could be built to house the birds in different sections or cells. It could be constructed so that you could put food in one area, press a switch, and it would distribute a certain amount of food to each cell automatically so the birds could be fed all at once. If there are ten different kinds of birds your wife likes, you can keep those ten birds in a certain room for her. If your children like certain animals, those animals can be kept in the room where the children sleep. When guests come from anywhere in the world to stay with you, you can ask them what kind of fish they like; and if you have a room with that particular kind of fish in it, you can let the person stay in that room.

There will be a town called "Birds Town," which would be home to many different kinds of birds. This town would provide all kinds of grains and feed in a natural way so the birds can flock together and feed. When visitors come, they can enjoy watching the birds and playing with them. When visiting that bird town, if someone finds a particular bird he or she likes, he may be able to buy some and take them a thousand miles away to his home and set up the same thing on a smaller scale.

When God created insects, do you think He poured His love into them or not? Do insects have only one sex? (No.) There should be both male and female insects, because scientists have developed a theory that even bacteria exist as male and female. Do you think bacteria would have reproductive systems also? Suppose we have a microscope which can enlarge objects 3 million times, then the structure of the bacteria can be clearly revealed and we will be able to find some kind of reproductive system there. What about eyes, ears and nose; what about a nervous system? Although it would be to a lesser degree, they must have some part to carry out the same kind of functions as these organs do.

DISTANCE LEARNING

We are living in an amazing era. Recently I heard that the 500 volumes of my sermons and speeches can be contained on one little compact disc, like a library. We can carry a whole library in our pocket. In this sense it can be easy to perform the role of a Unification Church pastor, because you do not have to carry thick books around, only one disk. If you do not have a sermon topic one day, you can play the disk and choose a topic from one of my talks, which you can add a little of your own interpretation to or connect to the current situation, and then you have will have your sermon. Even what I am teaching here today can be recorded on compact disk and sent out immediately around the world via the Internet.

In the future, will decent people including young people of the world want to hear True Parents' words via the Internet, or some politician's propaganda? (Father's words.) Twenty-



True Parents during the Korean Hoon Dok Hae tour '98.

four hours a day every day, even in your bed, you will be able to listen to those words. I know what can be done with modern technology, particularly with the electronic media and computers, and have the foundation to substantialize it. Suppose the Internet itself had the ability to feel desire; do you think it would prefer to carry the true love message of someone who loves and owns the entire universe, or cheap commercial messages?

Eventually the message of true love will fill up the entire world. Even if you are way out in the wilds somewhere, through your computer system you will be able to hear about what is happening in the world and also read and listen to Father's words.

When we have fully developed and are utilizing such an electronic communications and e-mail system we will not have to travel somewhere to take an exam. Someone at the headquarters will choose a topic from my teachings and transmit this to the entire world and its 6 billion people and inform them, "Today, your exam will be on this topic. Study this for a certain number of hours and then when I say go, answer the questions. Whoever scores over 500 points will pass." This kind of exam system can be developed. The scores you obtain will determine the level of the degree you receive. Teachers will not even have to read the entire test answers. They will be able to check the answers electronically for key words and phrases and apply an appropriate grade. This kind of instant scoring will be available. Thus, in the future the formal school system will not exist anymore. In preparation, I have been urging the University of Bridgeport for several years to develop and carry out a distance learning program. We are currently reaching the top level of the world in this area.

You may not be aware that I studied electricity and already have a foundation in that field. A company we developed was hired by NASA to fix a special telescope when it was in trouble up in space. This company worked continuously on the problem for twelve days and fixed it from here via computer without going up into space.

In Washington DC, Atlantic Video creates commercials for top politicians. Even the *Washington Times* Internet page came

HOON DOK HAE AMERICA

APRIL 1-16, 1998

Tour Schedule

April 1	Washington, DC
April 2	Bridgeport, CT
April 3	Boston, MA
April 4	St. Louis, MO
April 5	Atlanta, GA
April 6	Richmond, VA
April 7	Dallas, TX
April 8	Louisville, KY
April 9	New York, NY
April 10	Chicago, IL
April 11	Seattle, WA
April 12	Los Angeles
April 13	Denver, CO
April 14	Oakland, CA
April 15	Minneapolis, MN
April 16	Toronto, Ontario, Canada



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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon speaks at the University of Bridgeport on April 2, 1998.

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Cutting Off Satan's Lineage, the Origin of...

before those of the *Washington Post*, *New York Times* and other high-level newspapers.

THE MEANING OF "HOON DOK HAE"

Because I have the ability to communicate with the spiritual world, I have been able to give accurate predictions over the years in many different areas. When I gave this kind of talk fifty years ago, many smart people thought I was crazy, but my predictions are coming true now. I am excited to find when I read the talks I gave forty or fifty years ago that many of the things I said then are exactly true now or are coming true. That is why I have given the direction to carry out *Hoon Dok Hae* reading sessions every morning.

Hoon means teaching; *dok* means reading; *hae* means gathering. This means through reading we are to learn and teach. The Chinese character for *hoon* consists of one part meaning word and three vertical lines representing river; together they mean teaching. The river represents the real world, and the word represents our internal teaching; thus internal teaching and practical world combined together becomes teaching material. In the second Chinese character, *dok*, the first part meaning word, combined with the second part meaning man, has the meaning of selling. This means that the words which the world needs are available for sale, but not for money; it has the meaning of distributing the word with love.

Are you carrying out *Hoon Dok Hae* in your home now? We must do it. In the future, exams will be given centering on the *Hoon Dok Hae* materials, and those who pass these exams will be qualified to go around the world and visit many families to lead *Hoon Dok Hae* and give their testimonies.

Are you willing to secure the realm of liberation by cutting off the satanic lineage? (Yes.) If you are willing to do that, have the determination that you will complete the goal of 360

million couples all by yourself, just as God alone created the 6 billion people on earth.

True Parents alone have accomplished all this providence. Have you really helped us? Up until now True Parents have been opposed, but now you are welcomed wherever you go.

Are you going to do it? (Yes!) The spirit you need is: "In the place of True Parents, I will do it by myself." Repeat after me: "I will do it! No problem. I have complete confidence."

How many hours has it been? Four hours. Do you feel tired or bored? (No.) Well, some of you took a nap, but while you were dosing was the moment when the most precious message was given, so Satan snatched it away from you.

Do you think I am interesting man? (Yes.) Would you like to see me dance? (Yes!)

[Peter Kim prays: *Our most loving Father. What a message, Father! What a day we start as the beginning of December, 1997! Father, upon the victory of the Blessing of 39.6 million couples two days ago, we have the privilege and blessing to begin this new month, the last month of the historical year of 1997, with Father's blessing—this precious teaching this morning. Father, you have taught us clearly that the most fundamental and critical point is winning the battle between our mind and body. By doing so, we can be reborn. We can go through the ceremony of restoration so that we can have eternal life here and in the spirit world as well. Father, please let us remember these teachings which True Parents have given us this morning, and let us practice them every day of our life. This is the way we can practice true love, Father, with the members of our family, with our neighbors, with our peoples; this is the way we can save this nation of America as well as the entire world, so that True Parents clearly can claim one world under God. This is our goal.*

Also, Father, we have the mandate now to complete the Blessing of 360 million couples all by ourselves. This is the spirit, this is the conviction and determination with which we are kicking off this first day of December. Thank you very much. We pray all of these things in the names of our True Parents. Amen.].■■■

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Introduction to the Blessing

Rev. Ken Sudo
Colle Matia, Rome, Italy
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The purpose of life and the true (ideal) family

We are born once and someday we will die. The time interval between birth and death is called life. We are born only once and we die only once. We have only one life. There is no repetition in life, there is no rehearsal and there is no encore. Then how can we make this precious life really precious?

To be precious means to have value, and to have value means to be centered on a purpose. Our life has been given by God; it is so precious that we should not make any kind of mistake while we are living. We should live a true way of life. The life that we lead is a serious issue. Therefore it is important to understand the purpose of life.

Then what is the purpose of life; why are we born and why are we living? In order to find out the purpose of life, you do not have to be a philosopher or a theologian, you just have to be able to listen to the voice from within you. Ask yourself, "Why am I here, and what am I doing?"

The answer is very simple: it is that all human beings are looking for happiness, whether they realize it or not. Yes, happiness is the purpose of life.

Then what is happiness? To become happy means to become one. In order to become one you need someone else. No one can be happy by oneself. A man needs a woman to be happy, and a woman needs a man. A man can experience the joy and happiness of being a man only in a relationship with a woman, and vice-versa.

As a man or a woman, if you really want to be happy, what do you need? The truth of the Principle that we are learning is that the mind must come first and then the body. Sexual love, when consummated within the bond of marriage, brings about a unity of mind (heart) and body and the greatest happiness. Then when a baby comes, the husband and wife will be even happier and will receive much joy in being parents. There is such joy when your baby smiles at you for the first time. Yes, to be

happy means to be one.

Then what is the force that brings unity and joy between a man and his wife, or between parents and children? It is love. Love is absolutely essential for a meaningful life. There are so many different expressions of love, but there are four primary ones: child's love, brother and sister love, conjugal love, and parent's love. So our purpose of life is simply to fulfill love itself.

The purpose of life is to be happy; to be happy means to be one, and love is the force of unity. Therefore without love the purpose of life cannot be fulfilled. Love is that essential for our lives!

Love is more important than life, but what kind of love is true? A true man can sacrifice his life for the sake of love. Such love is called true love. When we are linked together by true love between husband and wife, parents and children, and brothers and sisters, there will be no need for separation. Love and unity will last forever, even beyond physical death. This is the true meaning of eternal love and eternal happiness; it is the fulfillment of the purpose of life. Then where can these four aspects of love be practiced, experienced and fulfilled? The institution through which all these loves are fulfilled is called the family. When ideal families are linked together, there will be an ideal society, ideal nation and ideal world.

The cause of the suffering of mankind

However, we cannot find such an ideal family, and mankind is suffering. Why is this so? We must find out why we cannot find the happiness that we are all seeking so much. I have said that there are four primary kinds of love: children's love, brother and sister's love, conjugal love, and parent's love; but these kinds of love are not all the same. For example, the third kind of love, conjugal or sexual love, is very different from all the rest.

Let's begin with children's love. In terms of giving love, when the baby begins to smile at his mother and father, it is the beginning of children's love. As

a child grows, its love develops and is given not only to his or her own parents, but also to other people who are like the parents. There is no kind of limit or prohibition to this love. Children's love is freely given. Likewise, brother-sister love and parental love have no limit and no prohibitions.

What about the third kind of love, sexual love? For this kind of love you may have strong feelings, but there are definitely limits. According to God's ideal plan for our happiness, we should not partake of conjugal love until we are married, and after we are married we cannot share this kind of love with anyone other than our spouse. The deepest problems and unhappiness in our lives come from people violating this kind of love: for example, children and teenagers having sex and having babies, adultery, rape and AIDS. The ideal is for us to grow up in families in which our mother and father teach us the difference between this third kind of love and the other kinds. But if you have come from a broken family or had immature parents, if you lost your parents or had some experience of violation of this type of love, who can explain this adequately? Will you learn the right answer in school? From your friends on the street? From your divorced parents? No. But there is one way that God has given you through which you can know. God has given every human being a conscience, a voice that keeps coming to you when you know you are doing what is wrong. This voice of your conscience keeps saying to you, "No!", when your teachers or your friends, or even your parents say: "It is okay to have sex; go ahead and have fun!" Your conscience will tell you what is right or wrong; if you will only listen.

An important question is: "Is that conscience that you have enough to guide you to do the will of God, or in the right way all the time?" No, there is a very clear difference: sometimes you will listen and sometimes you will not. Very often your past experience has made you numb to the voice of your conscience. When your teachers, friends

or someone else teaches you differently and you misunderstand the truth, then your conscience may fail you. But for those who truly want to know God and to do what is right, in order to find happiness, the voice of your conscience can be your guide.

What is the official definition of conscience? The conscience is part of our mind that is from God and is our second God. There is no difference between the desire of God and the dictates of your conscience. Therefore if you only obey the voice of your conscience, you are obeying God. If you always listen to the voice of your conscience you can be truly happy. The voice of your conscience is always saying "no" when you want to hurt someone, be selfish, be cruel to others, or to engage in sex with someone other than your spouse or do anything you know is wrong.

Disobedience to the voice of your conscience leads to all kinds of misery and destruction in your life. So if you want to be happy and to have peace of mind, practice listening to the voice of your conscience. Who can be happy by practicing free sex, adultery, incest, or homosexuality, by doing drugs, or through pornography or child abuse? No human being can find happiness doing these things; they are all a violation of the voice of your conscience. Nor can we find happiness if we are cruel or unkind to others. It is only through "true love" and through following our original conscience that it is possible for us to make this precious life that has been given to us, really precious.

So it is very important to be faithful to your husband or wife.

The story of one family

There is a story about a family from Greece. The husband was an executive in a large company from which he received a substantial income. He was in his late forties and his wife was very beautiful. They had three children: two sons in college and a daughter in high school. They had a beautiful house and two cars.

One day the wife went on vacation. She saw an old boyfriend and they had a passionate sexual relationship. She met him a few times after that. Finally, the husband found out about her affair. They began to fight. The children were disappointed with their parents because they had really trusted and respected them. Their eldest son began taking drugs; the younger son became worried, and in a fight with his brother he was shot to death. The daughter ran away;

she was raped many times while she was gone, and when she came back home she had a baby in her womb. Her young life was ruined.

Where did all this tragedy begin? With the wife; it was her mistake when she was tempted by her old boyfriend. Her conscience was saying inside her, "No! No!" This voice of her conscience was the voice of God, but she did not listen or obey. The original battle was recurring between the powerful emotion of distorted sexual love and the voice of the conscience. When a powerful emotion comes, the voice of the conscience often cannot cope with it. In this battle the voice of her conscience was defeated. This means she went against God; this is why her life was destroyed. At the funeral service of her young son she cried out in despair and regret, but her son could not come back. We have a tendency to accuse others or the environment when we make mistakes, but the battle is really inside ourselves.

Remember, in the three kinds of love we can make no mistakes by loving in the children's, brother-sister and parental relationships, but we can make big mistakes in the area of sexual love. This kind of love must be totally confined to the marriage relationship between the husband and wife. If you violate this kind of love, you can no longer say that you are a moral person.

I would like to tell you a story about a young man from Athens. He had seen some pornography which had stimulated his sexual desire. He began to follow a prostitute to a hotel room. But his conscience suddenly cried out, "No! No!" and he quickly ran away. He ran all the way to the National Park where he lay down on a bench and looked up into the sky. He felt great relief and freedom within himself that he had resisted such a terrible temptation. The sky seemed to be most beautiful. He felt free and pure and truly victorious.

We need to obey the voice of our conscience. The cause of the suffering of mankind is the misuse of sexual love. It starts with the battle between good and evil within each individual, which is the most essential fight; but it goes on to affect the family, society, nation, and even the world. How can we become victorious in this internal battle? We need to have a commitment: no infidelity, no divorce, no free sex. After divorce there is so much destruction for the children, who often go their own way. If you want to be happy, do not violate sexual love. We need absolute commitment, promising ourselves not to com-

mit any infidelity or to be involved in any action that would lead to divorce. Absolute determination and commitment are necessary.

But some people say, "Okay, okay; it's understandable that it is necessary to be faithful to your husband or wife, but what about before marriage? Don't we need some kind of experience or training in sexual love?" The answer is very clear. No! Our conscience knows this kind of suggestion is ridiculous. Which kind of person would you prefer for your spouse, one that is pure or one that is impure? When you buy a car, do you prefer a new or a used car? The true way of life is for a pure man and a pure woman to marry and to carry out no violations after marriage. After death it is the same; even in the spiritual world you should love only the one man or one woman whom you loved in life. That is why we really encourage you to remain sexually pure before and faithful after marriage. This is the only way to happiness, and it can be called, "absolute sex."

This term was originated by the founder of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Absolute sex means that we remain pure before marriage and after marriage and that we are absolutely committed to being faithful to our spouse. When you become this kind of exemplary person, then your children and other people will fully respect you. The key to eternal happiness is absolute commitment to pure love and fidelity to one's spouse.

The deeper cause of the suffering of man

There is one very serious question that we must ask: "If we remain pure and faithful, does this guarantee the purity of our children and grandchildren?" No. Your children and grandchildren still have the potential to lead a sexually impure life. If this is true, then there is no hope for the future. How do we solve this potentiality of impure sex in future generations? We have to find out where this problem originated. What about those of you who have led pure lives, is the potential for infidelity still there?

How do we solve this problem? Where did that potentiality come from? What about your parents; did they have some struggle in this area or not? What about your grandparents; did they have the same struggle between the voice of their conscience and temptation as we do? (Yes.) This problem can be traced

further and further back. There must be one point in human history where one man and one woman appeared who were in the position of the original parents of humankind. That first man and woman must have made a mistake through the misuse of sexual love, and we have inherited that same potentiality. The trouble extends all the way back to the first human ancestors. Recent scientific research is coming to agree with this theory about the first human beings; that there had to be a first man and woman who were the parents of humankind.

Jesus Christ calls a young Korean boy

I would like to tell you more about the founder of the FFWPU. Reverend Sun Myung Moon was born in Korea in 1920. He was praying on a mountaintop early one Easter morning when he was 16 years old, when Jesus Christ appeared to him. Jesus said to him, "I am Jesus, and I went to the cross, but you must take responsibility for solving the suffering of mankind on this earth." This was too much for such a young boy to accept, but finally he accepted. Sun Myung Moon began to search for the solution of the suffering of man; he prayed and cried; he searched all the holy scriptures, he wandered about the land in communication through prayer with Jesus and God, receiving many revelations. Finally, he came to the solution of this potential for evil that is within all human beings. The answer he found is that we can only cleanse this kind of impurity that is inherited from our ancestors through a holy ceremony called "the Blessing."

Thus Reverend Moon began a very important ministry to administer this holy Blessing. The following are the two ceremonies which constitute participation in this Blessing.

I) The Holy Wine Ceremony

This ceremony is similar to the Christian communion or "Eucharist" experience. Through the Christian ritual we receive communion many times, but in the Blessing the holy wine is taken only once. It signifies the purification of the past and means that, for our lineage, our impurity in the area of sexual desire can be changed to purity.

II) Three Day Ceremony

This ceremony, which is carried out by the husband and wife at the start of their family life, means their potentiality for impurity will be cleansed.

The successful completion of the Holy Wine Ceremony and the Three

Day Ceremony is the fulfillment of the Blessing and represents the transformation from impurity to purity and from no life to life.

Participating in these special ceremonies does not mean you can never make a mistake again. It means the root is cut, and the branches are engrafted to new roots. This deep change can transfer to your descendants—your children and grandchildren and their descendants will become pure. Eventually we can change this world—this is the true significance of the Blessing.

Rev. Moon, who began the Family Federation says that this organization is not simply a "new religion." It extends beyond religious affiliation. Through this Family Federation movement we can study and talk about sin, infidelity, or purity, and we can be adherents of any religion or practice no religion. But we need to have two important things: reason and conscience.

If you have reason and conscience you can join the Family Federation. Rev. and Mrs. Moon began this special blessing ministry in 1960 with three couples; and expanding in ever greater number beginning in 1961 by blessing 36 couples until most recently in November of 1997 they officiated the simultaneous blessing worldwide of 3.6 million and 36 million couples.

If one receives this Blessing even at the beach, in a park, or at home, it still means so much. This kind of ceremony is mostly for those who are already married and wish to renew and rededicate their marriages. But for those of you who have no husband or wife, we have a special event called the "Matching" If you are unsure about this kind of practice, I would like to ask you this question: "Who would you trust most to pick your spouse? Who do you want to decide for you, yourself or God?"

In my experience Reverend Moon has some special capability and is very spiritually sensitive.

Story of the jewelry and the suit

In Korea one time, Rev. Moon took three ladies in our movement and me shopping. He bought me a new suit and the ladies each a beautiful gold pin or brooch. Returning in the car, I was driving and Rev. Moon was in the back seat. I felt very happy, but then I began to wonder, "Did those pins he bought for the ladies cost more than my suit?" I was getting a little depressed thinking about it. Then suddenly from the back seat Rev. Moon said, "Don't worry, your suit was on sale, but originally it must have cost

more than the ladies' pins." I felt so ashamed! I learned that our founder is that sensitive to our very thoughts.

Once at a gathering of 5,000 people, Rev. Moon pointed out a woman in the crowd and said to her, "Your fortune is that no man can survive with you!" The woman later confided that in fact her husband and elder son had died. Later, he picked a young man out of the crowd and spoke to him about his impurity or infidelity. The man answered that he had had many affairs, twenty or more. Rev. Moon replied, "All right, at least you are honest; but you must not act that way any more."

I am telling you these things to help you trust that Rev. Moon is so spiritually attuned and makes miraculous decisions. In the early days the matching of couples was done in person, but now it is done by photograph. There is one couple that Rev. Moon matched out of thousands of photos and applications: a Korean man and a Japanese woman who had dreamed respectively of being matched to a beautiful wife or handsome husband. However when they first met each other they did not like what they saw and rejected one another. They each re-applied for the matching the next time. Again, from among thousands of new photographs, Rev. Moon amazingly picked out the same two people and again matched them! This time they were so astounded that they repented and agreed to be blessed together. That couple is now so happy.

Rev. Moon's capability and spiritual sensitivity are beyond any normal human capability. Don't you feel God is working with him? Could you at least try to trust this man to pick your spouse? Actually, it is very exciting.

Everything does not end with the Blessing. Couples need more education and the experience of growing together internally before happiness comes. Maybe you can convince your guests, young men or women who are single, to go to the matching, and those that are already married, to rededicate and renew their marriages by participating in the Blessing. Thank you very much.■

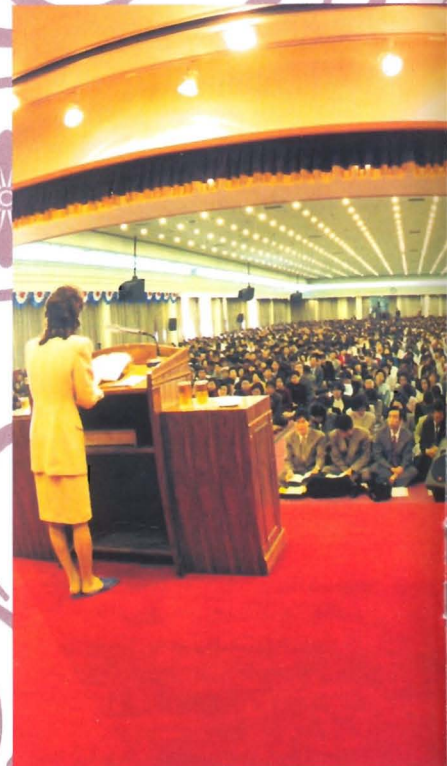
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Gate Opened for Blessing in Spirit World

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ON December 1, 1997 between 11:05 and 11:10 p.m., True Parents prayed with a small number of church leaders gathered at East Garden and made the Declaration of the Opening of the Gate for the Blessing of the Spiritual World. At that time, True Parents prayed holding the hands of Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim, who is the mediator for Daemo-nim. Through this benediction, True Parents bequeathed the authority of Blessing to Heung Jin Nim and Daemo-nim. Through this, at Chung Pyung, Daemo-nim and Heung Jin Nim can now bless the people in the spiritual world.

True Parents have already given the Blessing to persons in the spiritual world. The first time was the Blessing of Jesus on January 3, 1971. The second was the Blessing of Heung Jin Nim and Hoon Sook Nim on February 20, 1984. The third was the Blessing of Daemo-nim, Tae Hyung Nim (Father's physical elder brother) and Choongmo-nim (Father's physical mother) on August 25, 1995 in Korea. The fourth Blessing was for countless couples in the spirit world on November 29, 1997.

The declaration made on December 1 was made on the foundation of the spiritual world Blessing on November 29, 1997 at RFK Stadium. Most of the spirits blessed were spirits who had been detached from participants in the Chung Pyung Training Center workshops. These spirits received the Blessing after attending Heung Jin Nim's workshops in the spirit world. After receiving the Blessing, these spiritual blessed couples returned to the spiritual world and then descended again, this time at Chung Pyung on January 25, 1998, following a 40 day period after the Blessing. Originally they were supposed to descend on January 7; however, because people on earth were not open minded, these spirits finally descended on January 25, only to Chung Pyung. As we repent and the physical world becomes more and more cleansed, gradually our ancestors will come down to us more and more.

Finally, we are living in the age when the spiritual and the physical worlds are

connected. Just as it is indicated in Family Pledge Number 5, we are living in the age of unification between the spiritual and physical worlds. However, Father says that, in the original sense, the spiritual world is the realm of subject and that the physical world is the realm of object. For this reason, it is necessary to know the providential significance of the Blessing for those in the spiritual world.

After the benediction, Father gave Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim the following instructions for giving the Blessing to the spiritual world:

"The proclamation of the opening of the gate for Blessing in the spiritual world has deep meaning in the providence."

"After returning to Chung Pyung, first of all, bless all of Father's ancestors, up to the seventh generation. Then, bless every saint and sage in the spiritual world. You need to sprinkle holy water when you give the Blessing to the spiritual world. If there are 1,000 participants, you do not need to sprinkle every individual, but have a few representatives and sprinkle the holy water on them. To give the Blessing by having people on earth represent the spiritual world is a condition. The spiritual world will rejoice."

The proclamation of the opening of the gate for Blessing in the spiritual world has deep meaning in the providence. The proclamation informs us of the coming of a completely new kind of age that we have never experienced before. We are facing the age when the spiritual and physical worlds are uniting. We have entered the realm of direct dominion. Starting with the cutting off of Satan's blood lineage, all humankind can be blessed in a short period of time with the help of the spiritual world.

The proclamation of the opening of the gates of the spiritual world was accomplished based on the victory of True Parents' foundation of blessed families. This proclamation was possible on the foundation of the victory of the 40

Million Couples Blessing at RFK Stadium and the three previous spiritual world Blessings. The Blessing given at RFK Stadium was the twelfth official Blessing and was given at the moment of transcending the realm of perfection.

With this proclamation, the physical world is facing the age in which it can receive direct help from the spiritual world. Father sees the history of humankind as being more than 25 million years. Countless ancestors who have gone to the spiritual world during that period are now descending to the earth. God, angels, and our ancestors are knocking on our mind so that they can dwell within us. Only when we empty our minds completely down to zero will they be able to dwell in us and eat, dance, and live with us.

Father wants to use Chung Pyung as the mediator in order to do such work. The purpose of Chung Pyung activity is to help us communicate directly with the spiritual world. Father wants us to realize that the spiritual and physical worlds are one through Chung Pyung. We have never before experienced such a world; that world only existed in our ideal.

In order to understand these concepts fully, we must first liquidate our old habits and thoughts. Secondly, we must empty ourselves and open our minds. ■

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Providential Significance of the Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth

PART II

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[Professor Oh's interpretation of the providential significance of the "Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth" as presented at the Unification Theological Seminary. Part I was published in the February issue]

A. Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth

On July 7 (lunar calendar), 1997, at 7:07:07 a.m., while standing at the top, True Parents breathed a sigh of relief, saying that the hill had been finally climbed to the top. Father began his prayer with, "Beloved Father, with the accomplishment of the blessing of 3.6 million couples, we have accomplished all of this year's task pronounced under the motto, Let Us Be Proud Of and Love True Parents." This one phrase succinctly expresses his deep feelings over all his hard work on the path he had been walking ever since his calling on April 17, 1935. His exuberance must have been exceptional, as it was in proportion to his immense previous suffering.

This joy and excitement, however, soon disappeared like an echo, followed by uncontrollable wailing. I surmise that this wailing came from reflection of the past, the current victory, and the hope for the future. The wailing over the past came because Christians after the end of World War I.I. failed to accept Father and postponed the providence, which could have been completed in seven years with a unified world; because for forty years he had to walk the painful path of the wilderness which would have been unnecessary; and because he unfairly had to walk that path all alone.

On the other hand, wailing of joy and hope came because, despite all the hardships, God's eight-step foundation of rest had been created and the realm of cosmic rest could be declared, because upon such a foundation a declaration of new start was possible, and because Korea took the first place in blessing activity

and fulfilled True Parents' expectation as the central nation of the providence.

What is the Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth? Let us first think about the phrase Parents of Heaven and Earth. This means parents of heaven and parents of earth. The Parent of heaven is God, and the parents of earth are True Parents, yet Father understands parents of heaven and earth as True Parents. In this regard, we should understand what it means for God to wear a physical shape, which is the first purpose of creation. God does not have a body, and thus He cannot experience the give and take of love which is the source of highest joy; hence, God cannot experience true love, for true love is attained only through the experience of two becoming one. For the first time in history, however, God has worn a physical body through True Parents. It is in this sense that we can say that the parents of heaven and earth are True Parents.

What, then, is the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath? Cosmos refers to the spiritual and physical worlds, and the realm of the sabbath is a place of peace and relaxation. For Christians, sabbath means one day of rest among seven days, but Father goes beyond this and uses the term "Realm of the Sabbath" to mean a rest for the entire seven days. Thus, the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath means that there is in the cosmos a house where God can rest at all times.

This declaration is not a concept but reality, and this means that things will come to pass as declared, just as in the Garden of Eden things moved according to how Adam named them. To declare is to set the historical standard and to announce to the entire world that the time has come. The fact that the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth has been declared means that the historical standard has been established through which this declaration can become true concretely.

This declaration, then, announces to the entire world that the foundation has been established in the cosmos where True Parents as substantial representatives of God can rest freely at any time in any place in the cosmos. Also, it means that the historical standard has been established for this declaration to come true concretely.

Then why does God need a sabbath? For the twenty five million years after the fall of Adam and Eve, God has not been able to rest at all and had to go through a history of unbearable pain all alone in the satanic realm as if He were in prison. No one in history could understand this pain. Only True Parents understood. Father compares this to a situation in Korean history in which at the beginning of the Lee Dynasty, the founder of the dynasty, Sung Gye Yi, was imprisoned after his retirement by his fifth son, Bang Won Yi.

There is no freedom. In order to gain freedom, Satan's wall should be removed. In order to bring liberation to God, Satan's followers must be exterminated. This task has been accomplished by Father. God has not been able to rest so far because He has not had a house of rest and the entire world has been under the dominion of Satan. Understanding this situation clearly, Father has been walking the path of suffering all alone, trying to prepare a resting place for God at the individual, couple, family, tribe, nation and worldwide levels.

Finally, liberation has come to God. Freedom has come to God. We have been able to prepare a house of rest for God and restore a world of freedom for God. All the tears that have been shed for the last tens of millions of years are finally gone. God has become able to exercise comprehensive sovereignty over the entire universe, restoring a realm of liberation for all humankind. He has become able to love those He loves. This has never happened before since the time of creation.

After declaring the realm of cosmic sabbath, Father said that our ideal families are God's house of rest and that in order for God to rest, His house of rest must be established at eight levels: individual, couple, family, clan, nation, world, cosmos, and God. He said that everyone should create an ideal family and prepare God's resting place at the individual, couple, and family levels, and that as tribal messiahs they should create a resting place at the level of clan.

Father explained that the most important element in establishing God's resting place is the individual house of rest and for this we should unite our mind and body. In order to achieve unity of mind and body, the body must follow the mind as the subject, and the mind should be united with True Parents who are the absolute subject of the mind; for this, however, we should render absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience to True Parents.

B. Conference on Worldwide Activities of the World Peace and True Family Movement

After the declaration of the realm of cosmic sabbath, Father held a conference in Seoul to report on worldwide activities of the World Peace and True Family movement to thirteen hundred leaders from all areas of Korean society, including representatives of the three major political parties. Although the invited guests were all Korean, Father still considered them essential representatives of all the sovereign nations because Korea is the center of the providence.

After congratulatory remarks by representatives of the three parties, Father spoke strongly, reading from the speech, "True Family and True Universe Centering on True Love," while inserting additional remarks reflecting the providential times and the present Korean situation. Towards the end of the meeting, Father gave an unplanned speech for thirty minutes, making special requests and admonitions. The parts of the speech that were added to the written speech generated even deeper inspiration. Since he spoke with such confidence, clarity, and strength, no one came forward to oppose him.

There was no hesitation in his speech, because he was standing on the basis of having declared the realm of cosmic sabbath; he spoke out wholeheartedly what he wanted to say. He unhesitatingly used expressions such as: "I am warning you." "You must know God." "I am telling you this to make you feel bad." "Catholics and Buddhists will all face ruin unless

they get married." "There will be no one left in the Buddhist temples, wait and see." "I am giving you my advice. It is too bad if you feel miserable."

The title of the speech was also very clear. Originally, the content of the speech was three subject ideology: it proclaimed the True Parents to be true parents, true teacher, and true king, for they have lived a life of service based on true love as the bearers of the heavenly seal, because they have taught the path of filial child, patriot, saint, and holy son and daughter, because they have unified the spiritual world, and because they know God the best. Thus, those who listen to their words must serve them as True Parents and receive the blessing, serve them as True Teacher and receive their teaching, and serve them as True King and receive their rule.

Following their example as true parents, true teachers and true king, we should follow the path of filial child, patriot, saint, and holy son and daughter based on true love, and live a life of serving others to achieve one world under God. In summary, the starting point of living such a life is to participate in the work of blessing 3.6 million couples and 36 million couples. Since this came out so clearly, it could come as a great surprise. Furthermore, Father clearly revealed his identity, and clearly and strongly mentioned what kind of attitude Korean leaders should take.

He said that God is the only one who does not change and that he knows God the best; and furthermore, since God gave Rev. Moon the Heavenly Seal and is constantly guiding him, Korea will be liberated from problems if all the parties are united with Rev. Moon and follow him. He also said, "In the women's age, if you do not follow Rev. Moon, you cannot find the way of salvation.

Whether you are man or woman, serve and follow Mrs. Moon as your mother. I have told you such a radical thing; you decide if you will listen to me or not."

Towards the end of the meeting he suddenly rose to the stage and said that he was speaking this way because he wanted them to guide their children to him. He said that if Rev. Moon is real, who has come to lead the world with his bare hands, they must help him. He asked them to help him while he is alive on earth in order to build the heavenly kingdom on the earth. This way, he clearly told them who he was and showed the way in which they should proceed. It remains for them to make wise decisions and to take corresponding action.

After the speech, one monk who participated said, "Rev. Moon seems to have reached beyond all the spiritual levels of Buddhism." One congressman said, "I was moved by his frank speech." Finally, Mr. Han, vice president of a political party said, "The Korean situation is so unpredictable. I am curious what kind of seal Rev. Moon received. This kind of message should be shared with all the leaders of our country."

What would have happened if this message had been proclaimed in 1950, or even 1980? In fact, this is the message that was supposed to be proclaimed before 1952. We should understand Father's heart of waiting for fifty years to proclaim this message. Father could proclaim it because of the worldwide foundation of victory and the arrival of heavenly fortune. It was possible because as God's representative he was standing with comprehensive authority on the foundation of declaration of the realm of cosmic sabbath. Through this, we can reflect on how the providence has moved to a new level after the proclamation and what it means to make a new start.

On the "Downward" Path

Through the accomplishment of the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing and declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth, the providence has moved beyond the watershed point, and there is no more upward path or hill to go over; only a downward path remains before us. In other words, all the difficult hills of the providence have been climbed. From now on, no matter how complicated and difficult things may seem in the providence, they will in fact be resolved quickly and with ease.

We have made one step forward from the top along the downward path. Since it is the downward path from now on, we are to walk the path, even when we would not like to. Just as a snowball rolled from the top of the hill rolls down unless there is an obstacle, our providence will proceed easily towards the purpose. Now is the age when the road that required fifty-two years to walk through can be finished in three years.

I suggest that the providence will unfold on the downward path in the following direction: First, the blessing of all humankind, in which even unborn babies within their mother's wombs will receive the holy wine and change their lineage, will be accomplished during the lifetime of True Parents. Second, the FFWPU will expand into clan federa-

tions, national federations and a worldwide federation. One world under God will be realized, and God, True Parents, people and all things will enter into a liberated realm of sabbath, thereby ushering in the age in which we can move freely through the eight stages from the individual to God. Third, such a world will assume a systematic structure like the United Nations and form a society ruled by the heavenly law of true love.

A. Blessing of All Humankind

Father said, "In extirpating satanic blood, if Divine Principle is a prescribed drug, the blessing is an injection." Also, he said that the blessing is a ceremony of transformation of lineage and resurrection for the sake of eliminating the original sin, to be regarded as receiving a ticket to heaven. It is like attaining citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven. True Parents expect that all people receive this ticket and become citizens of the heavenly kingdom.

When all humankind has received the blessing, the corporeal and incorporeal worlds will automatically become heaven. Heaven is where the blessed families reside. In heaven, holy salt is no longer needed. This is because only people who are liberated from Satan can live in heaven. Only the liberated created things can remain in heaven. The corporeal and the incorporeal worlds will have no relationship with Satan. In such a world, man can travel freely between heaven and earth. This world must continue eternally. The most important thing is that we must not dishonor the blood lineage. Therefore, Father said "The highest standard of value in such a world is that we do not dishonor the blood lineage."

Father said that the restoration process would begin on the national level when we accomplish the blessing of 36 million couples. When the restoration of nations is established, True Parents' thought can be taught freely. When the blessing of 36 million couples is accomplished, restoration on a national level will be realized. Then we will send out ambassadors to all the countries in the world.

Father hopes to complete the equalization of blessed families. This equalization can be understood as to mean that the entire humankind realizes equal value as children of True Parents. When we accomplish the blessing of 360 million couples, practically all of humankind who are old enough to marry will receive the blessing.

Father understands that the era after

the blessing of 360 million couples will be that of blessing 3.6 billion couples. In reality, the entire population in the world involves less than 3.6 billion couples. Accordingly, the blessing of 3.6 billion couples means that all humankind, including the embryos in pregnant women, will receive the blessing. When this era comes, Father said he would hand over the blessing right to the parents of each family. That is to say, the parents of each family can bless their own children, resulting in the era of open blessing.

B. Providence by Means of Tribal Formation

Father said that the providential time for restoring families came after the providential time for restoring individuals, and the time for restoring nations will come after the time for restoring clans. On April 12, 1997, centering on the clans of Moon and Han, the Federation of Clans for World Peace was established. Father wishes to form tribes centering on the Federation of Clans for World Peace. On August 11, 1997, the family names of Moon, Han, and the twelve families who had received the most blessings, were announced at the world leaders conference. Centering on these family names, Father intends to form tribes. In other words, Father will form tribes including all 275 family names in Korea through sons-in-law and daughters of these twelve family names.

Centering on the twelve tribes, a race will be formed, and then a nation will be automatically formed. The Federation of Clans and these twelve tribes will have a central function until the nation is restored. When the foundation of the restored nation is realized, True Parents' children will lead the tribes as the chief of each tribe.

Centering on these restored nations, a federation of nations will be formed, then upon this base the world and cosmic federations will be established. These federations will have the same function as the United Nations today.

Rule by Cosmic Law

We can see that the day in which cosmic law will be declared by which to rule the world according to God's will is not too far off. The fundamental spirit of cosmic law is true love. True Love is "the unconditional love which invests and forgets, invests and forgets, and invests and forgets." Therefore, it is "the love which begins from the thought that one will sacrifice and invest one's life at least three times even after one's resurrection."

Based on the cosmic law, the palace law of the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven and on earth, and the law of the kingdom in heaven and on earth will be made and declared. When the cosmic law is declared, and the above four types of law are declared, the entire world will be ruled under them. The patriot may only follow the law of the nation. However, to become a saint, not only the law of the nation but also the law of the palace must be practiced.

All humankind must know the fact that the phenomena of making all humankind blessed families, the providence of establishing clans, and the rule under the cosmic law on the downward path will be realized in a much shorter period than the upward path. We have to know that the time is near. Also, we have to know that the downward path will be much easier. It will be unbelievably easy.

Conclusion

The Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth was a significant ceremony that could be done only once in the history of the providence. The declaration, which was made on the foundation of the completion of the pre-blessings of 3.6 million couples, was the moment that announced the new beginning that can be recognized as the Age of the New Creation by the recall of the past providence and by the Declaration of the Realm of Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth. The new beginning does not mean that this declaration is the end but that it is the moment of going over the top of the hill in order for God, mankind, and all things to completely enter the realm of sabbath by passing beyond the eight stages.

The upward path leading up to the declaration was extremely long and difficult. The final path before the top of the hill of the 3.6 million couples pre-blessings was extremely steep. This extremely difficult path required the best effort to the last moment. True Parents in particular were standing on the line of life and death, because this was the moment that the providence might have been changed. This is why True Parents wailed and spat out their feelings with trembling limbs.

Looking at the past from the top of the hill, there was not only grief on the upward path. The excitement was also huge because Father could declare the realm of the liberation for parents of

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Youth Federation for World Peace in Zambia

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THE Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP)--Zambia Chapter, which started as the New Hope Youth Movement in February, 1992, became the Youth Federation for World Peace in 1994. It is registered with the Registrar of Societies, the Ministry of Youth and Sport, the Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare and the National Youth Development Council, and it networks with many NGOs and Churches in Zambia. It has branches in all of the major cities and towns in Zambia.

Since its inception in 1994, the YFWP-Zambia Chapter has held many conferences, workshops and seminars and has been invited to many national conferences in Zambia. This has helped the organization to advertize itself nationwide. The last of these conferences was the brain-child of the 2nd World Congress. The conference, dubbed "World Youth Transition: Roles, Vision and Responsibilities," gathered people from all throughout our region. Altogether 250 people attended from different walks of life. In this report, only a few recent activities will be cited.

Peace Campaign Mission Project 2000

Since its establishment in 1996, the YFWP-Zambia Chapter has initiated and participated in numerous activities that promote peace. In 1996, the YFWP was one of nineteen independent organizations that constituted the Committee for a Clean Campaign (CCC) advocating for a peaceful campaign and for free and fair elections. The same year, a program of activities under the theme: "Peace Campaign Mission Project 2000" was launched with the following objectives and aims:

To establish Peace-Makers clubs in learning institutions (secondary schools, colleges and universities) in the country and also in the communities.

To assist in the peaceful resolution of local and international conflicts.

To render service to victims of conflicts.

This project has drawn the attention of many organizations and young people. We are the hope, the cure and the

future of our nation. Our aim is to reach the ear of every Zambian youth. To achieve this, under the Peace Campaign mission, the YFWP-Z has adopted the Free Teens program which we believe is the answer to the sexual problems of youth in Zambia. It is in this perspective that we are looking in all ways possible to bring Mr. Panzer to Zambia to train us and other NGO's and churches that share our vision.

To increase awareness of the Peace Campaign Mission, the YFWP embarked on a project early this year to disseminate information through an office to office and street collections campaign. Through this fundraising campaign we hoped to motivate people to find out about our organization. By the end of the campaign which ran from March 13 to April 13, 1997, many people had learned about the YFWP and close to US \$500 had been raised. From March through May 1997 a debate contest was held in Lusaka Province schools, covering a variety of topics including morality and ethics. This laid a foundation for YFWP-Zambia Chapter to open peace-makers clubs in those schools.

YFWP-Zambia Chapter is also involved in programs for children living on the streets which involves providing shelter, food, clothing and education to those children. These street children are from families where both parents have died from HIV/AIDS or whose parents are handicapped or disabled and cannot provide for the children's needs. Since the number of street children is always increasing, we have found it hard to carry out this program on our own, so we involve businesses as well as well-wishers from our community to sponsor some of the street children to attend schools or for whatever support they can give, which includes even adoption of the children. Our aim is to do the very best possible for our communities here in our country as well as for the entire region.

The YFWP-Zambia Chapter has been working with the Women's Federation for World Peace to support the work of the FFWPU. In January, 1997, the whole executive committee of the federation was mobilized to support the blessing and education of families.

From 1995 through June 1996, the YFWP was sponsored by USAID to carry out democratic governance lectures in four provinces in Zambia. We are not sleeping. The dream of the YFWP founder to bring true and everlasting peace to Zambia and the world will be made true by us, the youth of today. We want to make sure that all youth organizations in Zambia join us to bring about a complete success.

The following is a chronology of some of the other activities that YFWP-Zambia carried out during 1996 and 1997.

1996 Activities

January: Opening of clubs in four secondary schools and one college in the Copperbelt Province, followed by a meeting preceding the Copperbelt University Youth Conference.

February: Opening of two more YFWP branches in Copperbelt Province.

March: Two meetings held at the Savoy Hotel on the role that YFWP-Zambia can play in civic education. Elections were also conducted in the newly opened clubs.

April: YFWP-Zambia held a dinner dance in collaboration with WFWP. AIDS education seminars were held in schools and one for the staff of the Zambia National Provident Fund, followed by a 2-day workshop for YFWP members.

May: Fellowship meeting with rotary club at Savoy Hotel in the Copperbelt Province, followed by another fellowship attended by members of the YMCA, the Red Cross Society, Zambia Forestry College and Ndola School of Nursing Students. Topics presented were on HIV/AIDS education.

June: HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns were carried out in learning institutions, on the streets and in offices. Most of these activities were done through video presentation. A conference on youth unemployment was also held in Lusaka. This was sponsored by Southern University under the USAID Democratic Action Fund. All major political parties were invited.

July: AIDS video presentations and lectures were given at the offices of the Zambia National Provident Fund and at Deluk High School (for teachers) in the Copperbelt Region.

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From Korea to Asia to the World

Universal Ballet

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IN the summer of 1984, Universal Ballet was founded in Seoul by the True Parents as a memorial to Heung Jin Nim and featuring Hoon Sook Nim as its leading ballerina. In its first few years the company had only a few dozen members, and each time a performance was scheduled, many students from the ballet department at the Sun-Hwa Arts High School (formerly the Little Angels School) rehearsed and performed with the company, along with guest dancers from the United States.

For several years the company worked in offices and studios borrowed from the Little Angels, the children's folk dance company that had been founded by True Parents in the early 1960s to help introduce the world to the beauty and grace of Korea. Hoon Sook Nim, better known professionally in the West by her performing name, Julia Moon, performed and toured internationally as a member of the Little Angels during her years as a student at the Little Angels School.

Since the Universal Ballet was founded, its fame in Korea has grown steadily, and the company has won the respect and recognition of the entire dance world in Korea. During 1992, which was designated as the year of the dance by the government, Universal Ballet's Swan Lake was chosen as the best dance production of the year. In 1995, the company's Korean story ballet, Shim Chung was chosen as the best ballet work produced in Korea since the country's liberation from Japan in 1945. Julia Moon was chosen as MBC-TV's artist of the month for April 1996. Numerous other members of the company have also won prizes in dance competitions both in Korea and overseas.

Now, in its fourteenth season, Universal Ballet has grown to a strong troupe of 52 well-trained dancers. Under the direction of artistic director Bruce Steivel and prima ballerina Julia Moon, who has now also taken on the position of general director in addition to her dancing, the company now offers

about eighty performances a year, including regular seasons in Seoul, overseas tours, and performances in other Korean cities.

Julia Moon studied ballet in her native Washington DC, before traveling to Korea to attend the Little Angels School. After performing with the Little Angels, she resumed her ballet studies when ballet was added to the curriculum of the school, and later continued studying ballet at the Royal Ballet School in London and L'Academie de Danse Classique de Princesse Grace in Monaco. Her career as a dancer began in the United States at Ohio Ballet, followed by the Washington Ballet. When Universal Ballet was founded in 1984, she returned once again to Korea, where she became one of the company's founding members. During her years as Universal Ballet's featured principal dancer, she traveled to numerous cities around the world, including St. Petersburg, Russia and Bucharest, Romania, to perform as a guest dancer, performing the lead roles in Giselle, Swan Lake and other works.

Universal Ballet is currently in rehearsal for a tour of North America scheduled for April and May of this year, presenting Swan Lake and Shim Chung in twelve cities. This will be followed by a tour of Japan in June, where performances of Shim Chung are scheduled in sixteen cities. For the last several years, the company has carried out a tour of Japan every year, and has also toured Italy, Austria and Taiwan, in tours organized by the International Cultural Foundation. UBC's future plans call for a possible tour to Europe in 1999, and the company hopes to continue to expand its international touring schedule in the coming years.

Since the first season in 1984, the company has added many other works to its repertory, both full-length story ballets and one-act works. Focusing its attention during its early years on the well-known classic masterpieces of ballet, the company has performed Giselle, The Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake, Don Quixote, La Fille Mal Gardee, La Syphide, Coppelia, The Nutcracker, and others.

Beginning in 1986, and continuing through several revisions until the current version was completed in 1988 for the Seoul Olympics Arts Festival, the ballet Shim Chung - The Blindman's Daughter, based on a favorite Korean folk tale



Mrs. Julia H. Moon

was created especially for Universal Ballet, with choreography by Adrienne Dallas, and new music by American composer Kevin Pickard which was commissioned for the project. Shim Chung and The Nutcracker, which has become a holiday classic in Seoul as it is in so many cities around the United States, have been joined by Swan Lake, unquestionably the best-known ballet in the world, as the company's three most often performed ballets.

The ballet Shim Chung is based on an old folk tale which is as well known in Korea as the story of Cinderella is in the US. The story tells of a young girl, Shim Chung, whose mother dies soon after she is born. Her blind father raises her alone, and they survive by begging for food from the local villagers. Learning that an offering of three hundred bags of rice to the local temple will restore her father's sight, Shim Chung contracts herself to the captain of a sea-going ship as a sacrifice, to be thrown into the raging sea in a storm in order to protect the ship from the anger of the Sea Dragon King. Receiving the money from the ship captain, she gives it to the monk at the temple and leaves her sobbing father to accompany the sailors back to their ship.

A storm arises, and at the peak of the ocean's rages, Shim Chung prays and jumps overboard. Immediately the sea is calmed. Although she is received with great ceremony by the sea Dragon King, Shim Chung is concerned when she dis-

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New Hope Farm in Brazil

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Europe

ON returning to Europe from "New Hope Farm" Brazil, I came to realize that not so many members know much about the farm, or how it is developing and what we are doing in the surrounding area.

I joined the church as a full-time member in England in May, 1994. From the very first day I remember struggling not only with fundraising but with just about everything else concerning church life. As the first year was drawing to an end, I found myself reflecting on what had been my contribution toward the development of the church. My answer was "close to zero" or even less. I thought of becoming a part-time member again; but before doing so I shared some of my thoughts with one Japanese sister, Akiko.

We set up a 40-day prayer condition between us. The two points of the prayer were 1) to see things from God's viewpoint and 2) to meet True Parents. Halfway through this condition my national leader (then Mark Brann) asked, if I would like to go to South America to help with a new project Father had started.

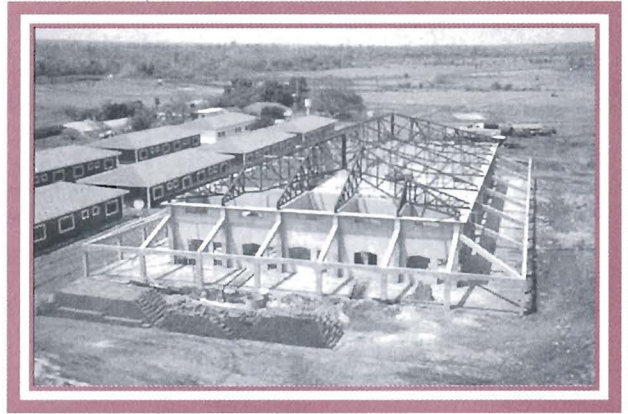
I finally concluded the final day of that condition on my own at over 10,000 meters in the sky. I remember looking out the window and seeing the sun rise over the Atlantic Ocean, thinking what an incredible, beautiful world it is and how mankind had messed it up so much. I was wondering if we could ever put it right again.

I felt the first part of my prayer con-

dition had been answered. It was as if God had literally put me up in the heavens to see the world from His viewpoint. I felt the joy of creation, the sadness of the mess the fall had brought about, and the hope that one day things will be restored back to what they should be. On arriving at the farm the following day, the second part of my prayer was answered (again literally): I met True Parents for the first time! I will share more about this later.

I think that many people imagine the New Hope Farm to be a place in the middle of the Brazilian outback with a handful of members from around the world. They think that we are all living in tents, plowing the fields by hand, using buckets and old paint pots to irrigate the crops with water taken from the river. If I can help your imagination along a little, maybe you can see a handful of us digging with pick-axes and shovels four or five meters into the ground looking for drinking water, or a number of us going to the forest area to drag out bamboo, stripping down and making bamboo houses to replace the tents and all this activity taking place while fighting with mosquitoes under the sub-tropical sun. If this is your imagination of the farm, it is not wrong — just eighteen months out of date. We have come a long way since then. Moving out of crowded storm-battered tents into bamboo houses and the coming of hot showers were only the beginning.

I think a better name at present for the New Hope Farm would be "New Hope Construction Site." By the end of this year we will have enough houses completed to sleep 600 or more people comfortably, a hall that can hold over 3,000 people or more, a two-store restaurant, a university complex consisting of six buildings—each with six large classrooms. The university will be connected to Bridgeport Univer-



New construction site.

sity in North America. In addition to this there has been extensive roadwork as well as the current construction of a new bridge, which will make the farm more accessible.

Alongside these projects, the landscaping on the farm is now beginning to take shape: The area put aside for a large sports-field is being leveled, a large lake which we are digging out with heavy machinery is close to being completed and a number of further lakes are planned. These lakes will not only be used for landscaping, but also for fish farming. In addition to this there is a large-scale tree-planting project which is still in process.

Living on the farm there are about 300 outside workers from the surrounding towns who are helping to realize this project. As each week passes, more and more of them are becoming members (pre-blessed couples). Who knows—by the end of the construction work it may be possible to say that all the work was done by members!

I found Brazilians I came to know both on the farm as well as in the local town of Jardim to be proud people, not rich (some very poor) but with generous hearts. The language difference was no barrier in making new friendships.

Father is not only investing on the farm itself but in the whole of the surrounding region (Matto Grosso do Sul). Father has already given one ambulance to each of the 33 towns in the area. A few of these towns did not accept the ambulance and a few of those who had accepted took the Unification sign and Rev. Moon's name off the ambulances.



British, Canadian, Argentinian, Italian, Australian.



Father talks to the members after Pledge Service. New Hope Farm, Brazil.

This backfired because when the people see an ambulance, regardless of whether it has a Unification sign or not, they speak of it as being an ambulance given by Rev. Moon, knowing that the authorities had taken the Unification markings off. This actually leaves the impression that we have given more ambulances than we actually have.

The UTS students who graduated from Barrytown last year were sent to pioneer the 33 towns around the farm. Part of their mission is to acquire land to build schools within these towns, which will be connected to the university currently under construction on the farm. The local authorities have already donated much of the necessary land. As well as UTS graduates being involved in their own mission towns, they are also responsible, with the help of other members, to build one of the university buildings on the farm.

Just recently, Father has sent a medical team comprised of Koreans, Japanese and American members to give free treatment within these 33 towns. This team also spent two days on the farm treating members as well as the many outside workers.

Within the region surrounding the farm, an incredible amount of land is being bought. On top of this, Father is personally researching both the land and rivers in South America, trying to find ways to develop and bring prosperity to the South America countries as well as to find solutions to end world hunger.

All this is taking place under the eyes of the media. At the farm we have had a number of newspaper and TV crews visit. Not all their reports have been good, but as the farm is developing more and more it is becoming harder not only for the media, but also for those who have been opposing the project from the beginning, to speak against us. The

rumors are losing ground as ordinary people come to perceive a different reality. The last TV crew that was on the farm gave very good coverage on national TV during peak-time viewing. They not only reported on the farm and the surrounding projects, but

also showed Father speaking at conferences alongside former President Bush.

My own experiences on the farm

In the time that I have spent on the farm, I have been involved in ploughing the fields, digging for water, building bamboo houses, working with cows, driving trucks, helping with the building of the university and creating a lake. I also had the chance to see the Little Angels performing while on their South

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American tour. But what I remember most are the times that True Parents have been on the farm. I remember standing alongside other members in the early hours of the morning holding a stick with a flame to give light as True Parents crossed the river and sitting at the feet of True Parents after Pledge or late in the evening. I remember spending time as a driver at Salobra Hotel, where True Parents have been fishing, working at night on the construction while Father walked around checking the progress, or the holy day spent with True Parents at their house in Salobra. I knew these moments to be precious and yet each time I was close to True Parents, I began to feel more and more that as our time comes to an end in this world, it will not be the time we spent with True Parents that counts, but what



View of an Amazon waterfall; (inset: an Ecuadorian parrot).

we did for them.

During the last two weeks of my time on the farm my wife came to visit. I am not sure whether she came to see the farm or to bring me back to Europe (a little of both, I hoped). While showing her around, I felt this project to be in good hands (those of Pres. Yoon Sam Kim, to be exact). I trust that it will continue to grow and that one day in the not-too-distant future it will become too big to be called just a farm.

On flying back over the same Atlantic Ocean about two and a half years after I first flew to Brazil, some of my final thoughts focused on Thomas in the Bible. He could not believe in the resurrected Christ until he saw proof. A week later Jesus appeared to Thomas showing him the proof of who he was, saying to Thomas: "You believe because you have seen; blessed are those who believe and yet have not seen." I think I know something of what Thomas must have had felt at these words.

My lasting impression of True Parents is that not only is it true that they sleep very little and work incredibly hard, but the longing the members have in wanting to meet and share with True Parents is surpassed by the longing that True Parents have to see and be with the members, particularly those they have not yet met. ■■

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The date of the quote on the back cover of the February issue of Today's World is December 1, 1997. (not January 1, 1998)

IRFWP Congress: "Founders and Shapers of the World Religions"

Dr. Frank Kaufmann
New York

1997 was a challenging year for Unificationists, but a rich one for those who held tough and saw it through. The fact that the World Culture and Sports Festival III (WCSF III) was held in Washington DC with Blessing '97 at RFK Stadium created even greater challenges to America-based Unificationists.

One reason the venue for these core providential events placed a unique burden on seasoned American members was due to the confluence of labor that hitherto had been equitably divided. Past WCSF's took place in Asia, allowing the Korean family to concentrate on the awesome demands of orchestrating city-wide logistics involving stadiums, housing, travel, and hosting a vast international community, while leaving the "departments" (all based in America), namely those small administrative pockets of brothers and sisters, to the job of creating quality conferences.

This year was different. With WCSF III in Washington DC, the manhunt for skilled and experienced personnel turned quickly to those places where one finds brothers and sisters who do such things

"for a living." Such was the case, for example, with the IRFWP. By God's Day 1997, the IRFWP had been reduced to a conference staff of zero; a mild version of "wilderness." From this nadir arose an event much blessed by God, and one which from all reports seems to have provided some solace and brightness for the WCSF founders, Reverend and Mrs. Moon. Under such circumstances one sees God frequently, and when the job at hand is of the sort that pristine organization is an absolute must, then one sees God most often through the brothers and sisters whom He provides, and through whom He works.

The Fourth IRFWP Congress took place November 25-28, 1997 as part of WCSF III. All Congress participants were invited as guests of honor to "Blessing '97" in RFK on November 29, 1997 and all but a very few enthusiastically attended. The Congress was host to 117 full participants, with a total of 183 guests counting observers and spouses. This fourth Congress convened leaders and scholars under the concept of "Founders and Shapers of the World's Religions."

It was essentially an academic affair with deliberations transpiring in seven committees around five sub-themes. A

powerful spiritual anchor was present throughout in the form of Committee 7, called the "Religious Leaders Forum." These small groups took most of the conference time. They were in ways the more "immediate family" for the participants, which allowed more intimate engagement, and alleviated the anonymity which might otherwise characterize participation at a large conference.

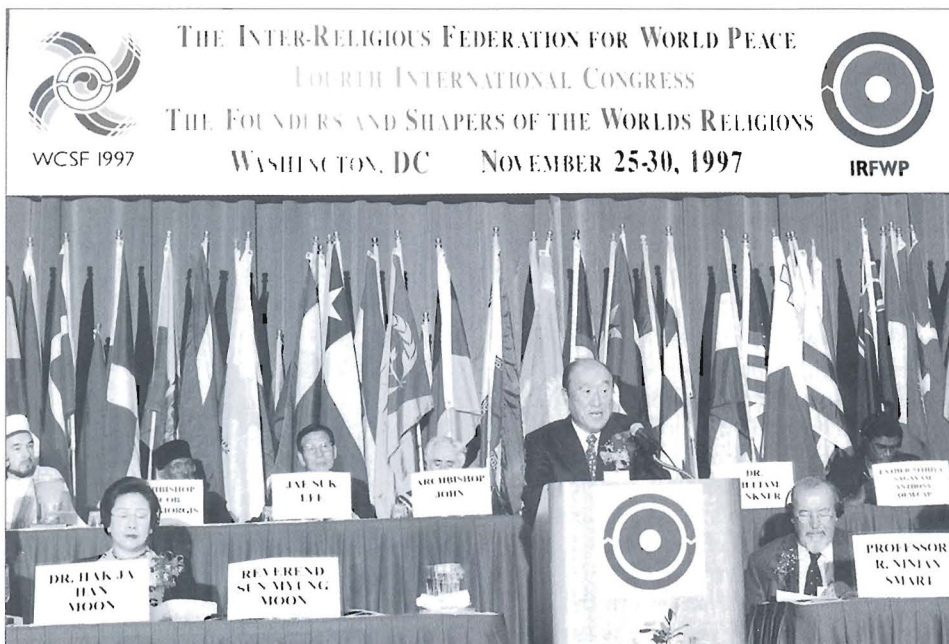
The four themes into which the six academic committees were organized were: 1. Founders and Shapers of the World's Religions (just the same as the Congress title itself), 2. Ethics and Social Visions of the Founders and Shapers, 3. Women Founders and Shapers, and 4. Founders and Shapers: Soteriological Significance and Millennial Expectations.

A scholarly word or two (forgive me all who need it not). The primary interest for this Congress was founders, The Buddha, Confucius, Jesus, and so forth. The concept of shapers however was included for a number of reasons. Many believers identify strongly with a shaper within a major tradition. For example, a Lutheran may be so fond of Luther that it is possible for her or him to be actually hostile to non-Lutheran followers of Jesus Christ. Paul, for example, might be considered nearly as influential in forming the nature of Christianity as Jesus himself. Also, as religions persist through millennia, oftentimes the modern manifestations we see today can be traced to reformers and other figures who exert vast influence on given major traditions.

Concerning Committee 4 (above), the term soteriological refers to questions concerning "salvation," and millennial alludes to matters involving the return (e.g., second coming) of founders.

In these committees all participants presented scholarly papers. A total of 87 papers were created for this conference which will yield a number of publications including journal articles and books. (Committees 1 and 2 were divided into two sections so that the discussion groups would not be too crowded.) The seventh group consisted of 26 top religious leaders who operated under a slightly different format than the scholars.

Scholars look to their colleagues to



Reverend Moon addresses Congress participants at Opening Plenary.



Reverend Moon greets Professor Ursula King and Durwood Foster.

critique their research and theories and in this way advance more rigorously the study of religion. Critique and criticism are actually welcome. Scholars look to the intelligence and acuity of their colleagues to improve their work. Leaders, however, have somewhat of a different demeanor in their exchange. Leaders are sensitive to matters of protocol. Because each holds a high position, and represents a religion, his or her colleagues do not freely criticize as scholars do.

Instead the leaders adopt an atmosphere of shared interest and mutual support, each offering to the group whatever they know, and whatever they have achieved in areas of religious leadership. Leaders report: "concerning the problems of youth, we do things this way," or "our seminary and training of the priesthood is like this," and so forth. For these leaders whose lives are lonely and isolated under the great burden of spiritual responsibility, forums like this in which they can exchange and learn from their peers in other traditions is cherished. It is virtually nowhere else to be found on such a grand scale.

In the four days of deliberations the religious leaders discussed a total of 18 issues facing their respective ministries. A small sampling of the matters under consideration is: "the matter of extreme poverty and the role and responsibility of religious leaders," "the role of religious leaders with relation to international, geo-political developments," "the

challenge of consumeristic materialism and its spread through communications technology," and so forth.

The congress program also included a vital spiritual element. Each morning a variety of worship and ritual experiences were made available to all participants. The format for this is that the ceremonies and services must be authentic, not a teaching or display version of the worship in any given tradition. Each service was conducted simply as it would have been if a group of Buddhists, Catholics or members of some other religious group were gathered for their morning devotions. The only difference was that the services were open to all participants from every tradition. This provided a rare opportunity for participants to experience directly the worship traditions of their brothers and sisters in other religions. Morning worship services were offered in Catholic, Native American, Buddhist, Zoroastrian, and Sikh traditions.

In addition to the small group sessions which constituted the significant majority of working time, plenary sessions were held each day. Plenaries included the opening plenary in which Reverend Moon was the keynote speaker and presented an address entitled "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation." Also in that session, prior to Reverend Moon's address, Professor Durwood Foster presented a history of the interfaith activity initiated and sustained

by Reverend Moon throughout the decades.

On the second day the afternoon plenary included Mr. Taj Hamad speaking on "The United Nations Declaration of Religious Rights," and Mr. Abdurrahman Wahid speaking on "Religion in Indonesia and Southeast Asia." That evening Minister Louis Farakhan spoke on the conference theme "Founders and Shapers of the World's Religions." On the final working day of the conference plenary speakers included Sri Swami Satchidananda presenting the talk "Truth is One, Paths are Many," and Kamba Lama Jojilav Dambajav speaking on "Religion in Mongolia."

The final point to note concerns the key role

played by IRFWP guests at the Blessing event itself. For the first time ever, the Blessing ceremony began with invocations and prayers of blessing from six major religious leaders representing as many traditions. The prayers were heartfelt and profound.

Great love poured out from these exceptional men of faith and religious leadership, as they beseeched God's love and blessing to preserve and ennoble the young couples before them and the millions around the world sharing in the ceremony. These prayers and spiritual messages of warmth and encouragement came from Swami Satchidananda (Hindu), Archbishop John (Russian Orthodox), Venerable Duk Soo Jeon (Buddhist), Minister Louis Farakhan (Muslim), Father Francis D'Sa (Catholic), and Professor Bhai Kirpal Singh (Sikh). These gentlemen joined Reverend and Mrs. Moon together with other dignitaries for the remainder of the festivities and celebration throughout the day, and later that evening.

While much more should be told, hopefully this report provides some sense of this IRFWP Congress. ■■

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Providential significance...

heaven and earth and the realm of the cosmic sabbath for parents of heaven and earth. It was because Father could direct a new vision to gathered members. It was because the circumstances were established for Father to speak freely to the top leaders of the Korean government as representatives of the world. It was because as True Father, True Parents, True Teacher and True King, Father could clearly and with confidence reveal the way that Korea must go.

The expectation for the future looking

from the top was also huge. It was because the future can be gone down fast and easy. By simply thinking about making all humankind blessed families, the providence based on the establishment of clans, and the rule under the cosmic law, Father could not stop bursting with excitement. At that moment the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven and on earth was seen not in concept but in reality.

Accordingly, the providence of the higher dimension has come near us. As the downward path, it is much easier than the upward path. From now on, we must take our given mission not as a burden, but as a blessing. It must not be taken as something forced but as a

hobby. We must do it with joy and willingness. We must return absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience to True Parents within the revolutionary thought that has been changed 180 degrees and by throwing away the past faulty thought habits.■

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YFWP Activities in Zambia

August: Opening of clubs in secondary schools; a signature campaign against condoms in collaboration with WFWP; a picnic for members in a ranch in the Copperbelt Province; re-introduction of the Copperbelt University branch of YFWP.

September: Opening of clubs launched in Lusaka; YFWP workshop in Lusaka; interview on TV on the present and future activities of the YFWP-Zambia; 140 people attend launching of Mufulira branch of YFWP.

October: Opening of clubs and sexual purity campaign in schools in collaboration with WFWP; 250 attend International Youth Conference; Miss Peace beauty contest in Ndola. Money raised

was used to donate bottles to Arthur Davison Children's Hospital.

November: YFWP-Zambia members workshop in Lusaka.

December: Carwash fundraising held for AIDS education; two more branches opened in Lusaka and Southern Provinces.

Since January of this year YFWP-Zambia has been involved in pre-blessing activities throughout the country. Arrangements are underway to bring the Free Teens founder, Richard Panzer to Zambia for a workshop to train us as trainers in our region.

Late this month we intend to re-start sexual purity education in schools, and in October we will go on national television to talk about the future of education. It is our dream that YFWP-Zambia will be able to secure funding for the "Peace Campaign Mission Project 2000."

We also wish to see a youth exchange program established worldwide within the YFWP. This would promote the development of shimjung culture and the feeling that we belong to one family.

This should not just be our dream, it should be the dream of all chapters of the YFWP. If we can accomplish this, then the YFWP will be able to spread the kind of positive influence worldwide which will affect not only all young people, but also all those who are young at heart.■

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From Korea to Asia

covers that her father's sight has not been restored, and begs to return to the surface to find out what went wrong. In the final act, she is finally reunited with her father after a long search, and in his joy at seeing her alive, his sight is finally restored. The choreography used by Adrienne Dellas in transforming this folk history into a ballet in combination with Kevin Pickard's music has produced a wonderful evening of ballet which has moved audience members to tears both in its native Korea and in all the other countries where the company has performed it on tour.

Swan Lake has become classic fare for every major ballet company since it was first performed in 1894 in St. Peters-

burg. Swan Lake tells the tale of a young maiden, Odette, who has been turned into a swan by the magician Baron von Rothbart. She is discovered, along with her swan maidens, by the young Prince Siegfried, who falls in love with her. Returning to the palace from the lake, Siegfried's eye is caught again by the daughter of von Rothbart, and he pledges his love to her, too. Suddenly remembering Odette, Siegfried runs back to the lake, where he and Odette reminisce over their time together, until they are interrupted by the reappearance of von Rothbart. They struggle with him, finally killing him and breaking the spell.

The company's preparations for the tour are currently underway in new rehearsal facilities built adjacent to the Little Angels Performing Arts Center and dedicated in May of 1995. A pair of

40 foot ocean freight containers will carry the hundreds of costumes, ballet barres, special dance flooring, Korean houses and other props and equipment that are needed to produce the two full-length ballets that the company will perform on the US tour. They will leave the port of Pusan in early February for their month-long journey to the port of Long Beach, California, while the dancers and musicians remain behind to continue rehearsing the ballets until every step and phrasing is perfect.■

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Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II

[Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II died November 15 at Georgetown University Hospital after suffering a stroke and a heart attack. He was 88. Amb. MacArthur was a long-time friend of the Unification movement and had supported True Parents on numerous occasions, particularly through the Summit Council for World Peace and the World Media Association.]

This is the eulogy for Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II given by Dr. Bo Hi Pak, Chairman of the Board of The Washington Times, on November 20, 1997 at the Christ Church in Georgetown, Washington, DC]

MY dear Laura MacArthur, esteemed guests, ladies and gentlemen. We gather together this morning to remember and to give tribute to the life and accomplishments of one of America's most respected diplomats and public servants, a great champion of freedom and democracy. He was a righteous man, one who used his abundant God-given abilities for the sake of others, and to accomplish God's will as best he understood it.

We gather to say farewell to this great gentleman and friend to us all—and to send him onward, to be with his beloved wife, Laura—whom he never referred to by any other name than "Wahwee," her nickname from childhood.

Patriotism and principle was the determining force and guiding light of his entire existence. It originated in the long-standing tradition of his family and from his early youth; it inspired all his actions and determined all his decisions. Whether he was a diplomat, a peace-negotiator, a prisoner of war or a distinguished member of society, his love of country was foremost in his mind.

There was an innate nobility in his demeanor and in his will to action. There was no act of his that did not have the imprint of his character. Whether he was sitting in the high councils of state or in the intimacy of his home, that nobility transcended his action and gave a characteristic tone to his whole career.

We who loved him know he never forgot his heritage. "If you were a MacArthur," he once remarked, "from the time you were in your cradle, the

responsibilities of duty, honor and country came with your mother's milk." He took great pride in the accomplishments of his celebrated "Uncle Doug"—as he always referred to him—and to the place in history occupied by the famous general whom the Korean people think of as the savior of our freedom and our lives. I can testify that I am alive today only because of a timely rescue by one of General MacArthur's armored divisions.

During the spring offensive of a massive Chinese Army during the Korean War in 1951, I was a company commander who was left behind the enemy line for seven days. I was saved by the U.S. 3rd Division. I literally kissed the American tanks and shouted, "Thanks, General MacArthur."

Ambassador Douglas MacArthur lived and served his country through the most tumultuous and yet promising time of human history, from the rise of Nazi Germany through the post-Cold War era. The namesake of his uncle and great war hero, Amb. MacArthur II will especially be remembered, both here and in Asia, as the man who raised postwar Japan to an equal footing with the United States after 15 years of subordination following its defeat in World War II. The U.S.-Japan mutual security treaty, signed in 1960 while he was U.S. ambassador to Tokyo, remains today the bedrock of American policy not only toward Japan, but toward all Asia. Time magazine then called Amb. MacArthur "the principal architect of present-day U.S. policy toward Japan." Without his painstaking efforts and patient diplomacy, the very foundation for Japan's postwar economic miracle—and in turn Asia's economic miracle—would not have been laid. For this we all owe Amb. MacArthur an enormous debt of gratitude.

Ambassador MacArthur played an instrumental role in the Summit Council for World Peace of which I serve as president emeritus. He was a key player in the formulation of the Summit Coun-

cil's International Commission for the Reunification of Korea. The work of the Commission included several historical trips to North Korea and meetings with former president Kim Il Sung and the current leader, Kim Jong Il. It allowed the Summit Council to work behind the scenes and help unlock the nuclear stalemate that existed between this country and North Korea.

As chairman of the Washington Times, I personally owe a debt of gratitude to Amb. MacArthur for his immense contribution as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Washington Times at the inception of the paper and the World Media Association. I worked with him for ten years as founding president.

It is quite natural, for those of us left behind, to lament the loss of a departed loved one. But in the case of Amb. MacArthur, the sadness is eased by a large measure of gratitude, and even joy. That's right, joy—for death is a tragedy only if one's life has been misspent in selfishness or if one has died so young as to be unable to fulfill life's promise.

Neither of those cases apply to Amb. Douglas MacArthur II, as he passes on to be greeted amid cheers and welcoming embraces by Wahwee, his Uncle Doug and so many others who were companions in his enviable life—rich with adventure, interwoven in intimate detail with the history of the world of the twentieth century.

Ambassador MacArthur has begun his everlasting life in the righteousness of the Almighty with abundant peace, tranquillity and joy.

The greatest praise one can pay him is to say that in the highest sense he was a true American, a great patriot; he was also my personal hero. The name MacArthur is inscribed twice in world history—once by an Uncle Doug, and now by his nephew, Doug II.■

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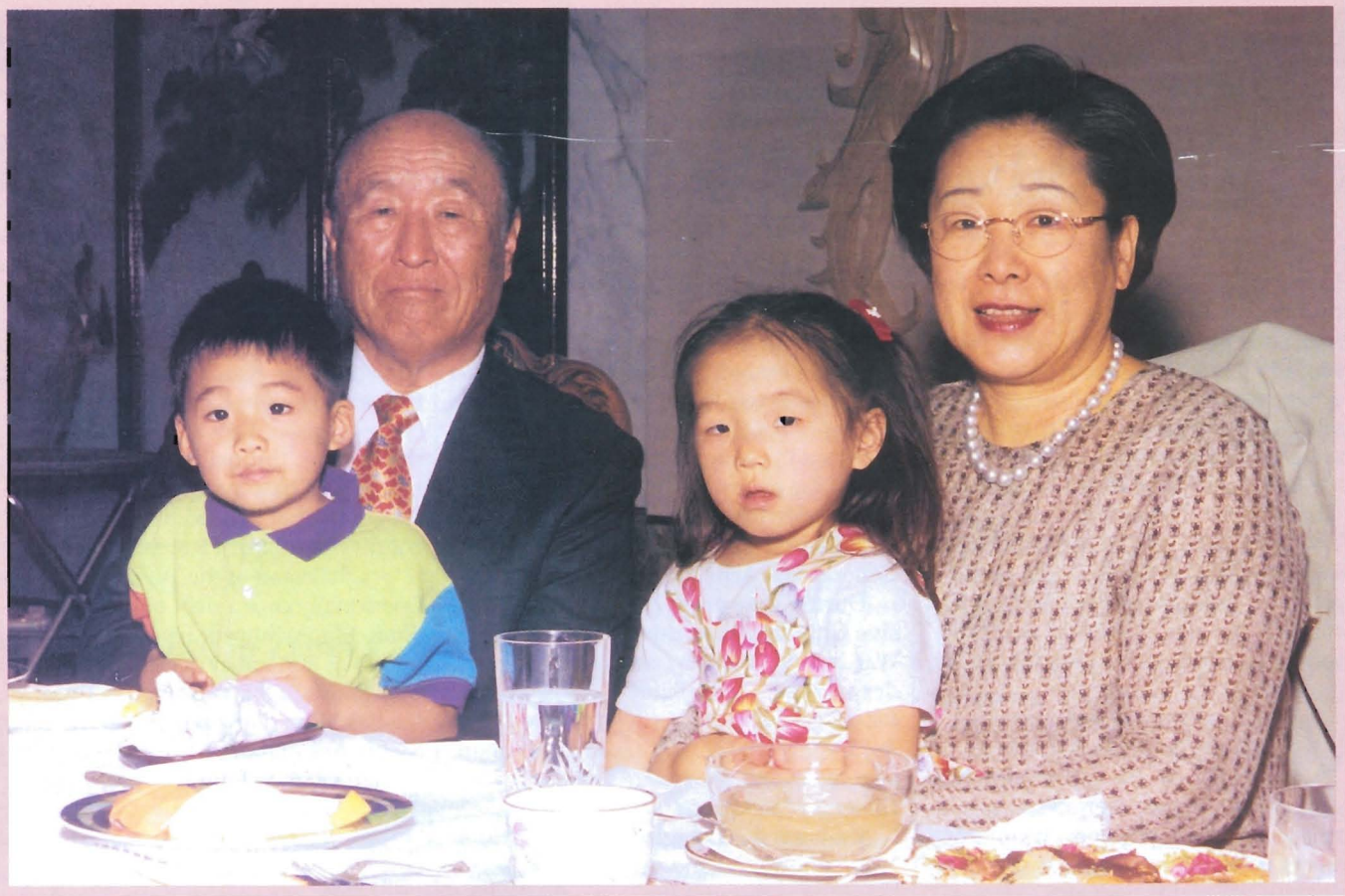


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Our conscience would rather keep within it the saints and sages who embody God's love. It wants us to expand more and more so that after embracing all the saints and sages in the spirit world, we still want to expand further, so we will turn to the physical world to try to embrace all humankind. "Centering on love, I want to embrace all existing beings in the world of my conscience!" God will hear you express such contents and will want to join with you and follow you, telling you that you have the power to accomplish whatever you desire. You are a love creator and you can create love everywhere. You have the seed of love to plant everywhere in the spirit world and on the earth.

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