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Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

In Honor of True Parents on Their Birthday

[Rev. Kwak gave this speech at True Parents' Birthday celebration in Sutaek-ri, Korea, February 21, 1999. He requested that it be published as his message for this month. Rev. Kwak was himself deeply moved when he spoke these words, which at many points have the feeling of a repentant prayer.]

BELOVED brothers and sisters who have gathered from around the world! And beloved brothers and sisters who are offering their congratulations by attending at this location together with us from the spirit world! Today, most blessed in all the world, we are gathering to celebrate the occasion of True Father's 79th birthday and True Mother's 56th birthday, directly attending the high and noble Parents of Heaven and Earth.

With God sending True Father down to this earth as the Lord of the Second Advent, the Savior and the third Adam on the sixth day of January in 1920 by the lunar calendar, human beings finally came to discover this hidden legacy of hope and turn toward the completion of the providence of restoration. Moreover, thanks to His sending True Mother to the earth on January 6, 1943, human beings received the opportunity to attend the precious True Parents and thus realize and inherit true love, true life and true blood lineage as a blessing.

Being the most precious people Heaven has ever granted the world in the history of humankind, they are the perfect object of God's heart, unsurpassed in value. Accordingly, a life of glory, nobility, joy and blessing was foreordained for them.

For this purpose, God had prepared Christianity globally as a foundation upon which True Parents could be attended. In particular, immediately following the Second World War, when True Father was starting the providence on a full scale, God had prepared for him a strong and solid Christian foundation worldwide, such as no religion nor any other person had ever had in the history of humankind. God had made all kinds of preparations; notably, He had established Abel-type and internal spiritual groups and prophets within Christianity in Korea to enable it to attend the True Father closely with its passion of faith. They were the very foundation of Christianity, in the role of John the Baptist, whose responsibility was to bear the course of restoration through indemnity, make everything clear and attend Father well.

Unfortunately, however, due to Christianity's failure to fulfill its responsibility, True Father had to carry the two-fold mission of not only realizing the ideal of creation, which was his original mission, but also of going the road of restoration through a course of indemnity in the real world of evil. Because this foundation collapsed, True Father, who was then in the position of having been thrown out into the wilderness, had to confront Satan head-on while walking that difficult road of indemnity to restore sinful history in place of all of fallen humanity.

True Parents had no other way than to always become the target of Satan's attack and go the road of suffering. They have walked a truly challenging course of hardship during which they had to surmount the eight stages of indemnity both vertically and horizontally. Externally and horizontally, they carried upon their shoulders the heavy burden of individual indemnity as if climbing to the summit of a mountain, and then going down and up once again, this time carrying all the burdens of familial indemnity in place of humankind. Each of these stages was a difficult road—like conquering a peak by walking a road of the harsh cross of indemnity up to the levels of tribe, nation, world and universe. Internally and vertically, they have stood at the stages of servant of servant, servant, adopted child, illegitimate child, son and daughter, Eve, Adam and True Parents. Facing all the false charges of Satan at each and every stage, while at the same time continuing under hard conditions, they walked a course over which they had to win completely. Father alone has walked the course by which True Parents could become Parents. He has emerged victorious, despite a bitter and bloody battle. How hard it must have been for him to walk that course while preserving the precious internal and original position, and the original and substantial value God had given him! Though he has not explained all of his life in detail, throughout which he strove desperately to maintain that original position in all circumstances, I think we must reflect painfully and offer our appreciation.

However, we do recall from what Father has said that while he was in Hung Nam prison, in circumstances so desperate that he was not even given enough water to drink, he would wet a towel with more than half the cup of water he was allowed, get up alone quite early in the morning everyday while the other prisoners

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were asleep, and clean his body. He said that, no matter how tired or uncomfortable he felt, he could not rest before other prisoners did, and always arose earlier than them. According to the testimony of fellow prisoners, they never saw Father sleep. Satan rained an all-out attack to the death. He did not just appear at the finite place where Father was. Since Satan has external sovereignty over everyone—all families, tribes and nations, and he has external power, True Father fought unsupported against him. We can understand that he succeeded step by step, surviving and enduring amidst dire circumstances. Father said that no matter what happened, he had to walk the road of indemnity with true love that is sacrificial, gives until the end and endures until the end. He has always been beaten or suffered injustice first and has managed to survive through being spiritually compensated.

That Father had to go this harsh course all alone is already deplorable enough; however, Father walked that thorny path of indemnity with us tied to him as if by a rope, in order to raise us as his disciples, and to establish us, who have become the children of Satan with whom he has no relationship at all, as Cain-type children and thus to save us—this despite our lack of

qualification. Whenever I think of this, I feel so ashamed. I am also sorry that although True Father appears as an ordinary person in front of us, comes down to the level on which we stand and receives us at any time in accordance with our standard of heart, the fact is, Father is the incarnation of original goodness and love, and exhibits the original character of God. Therefore, it is not difficult to see that, while Father is in a position of being connected with God's heart when he meets us everyday, we are nonetheless inadequate sinners. Even we, who are deficient, find it hard to deal with people who do not match our standards. This is my experience. If we think of this, when we reflect on how distasteful and painful it must be for Father, as the embodiment of goodness, to deal with us who are repeatedly sinning and unprepared, how can we fully offer our thanks for the fact that he has endured us who, despite being educated and guided by him for decades, did not appreciate this? Because of these unprepared disciples hanging onto him in clusters, and because of us, blessed couples, who are the Cain-type children, Satan directly launched an attack on True Parents and their family on the basis of that condition. We must

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WORLD SPEAKING TOUR 1999



Left: For some venues in Korea, the Messiah was indeed coming on the clouds—on this occasion accompanied by Rev. Kwak, Korean Church President Sun Jo Hwang, and other leaders and staff

Below: Father's speech in Inchon at Puchon indoor gymnasium; the theme of the tour is written in large white syllables on the banner (Photos: Seil Studio/Seoul)



IN January, True Parents began what will be a four-tier public speaking tour that will take them to eighty venues around the globe: 8 in Korea, 16 in Japan, 24 in the United States and 32 other nations. Rev. Kwak mentioned that this tour is related with the cosmic foundation for the blessing, the substance of this year's motto. Rooting it in the Father and Mother countries, Korea and Japan, True Parents will then take this foundation out to the world.

From January 17 to 25, Father spoke in Seoul (Jan. 17), Kwangju (Jan. 18), Choongju (Jan. 19), Suwon (Jan. 20), Pusan (Jan. 21), Taegu (Jan. 23), Inchon (Jan. 24) and Seoul, again (Jan. 25). The theme of the tour in Korea was "Advance the Global Expansion of True Families," and Father spoke on (official English rendering) "The Path of Life for Humankind." This speech will be adapted for the

other segments of the tour.

Mother firmly took over the baton from Father to speak in 16 cities in February and March in Japan: Kobe (Feb. 11), Takamitsu (Feb. 12), Nagoya (Feb. 13), Osaka (Feb. 14), Hiroshima (Feb. 15), Fukuoka (Feb. 16), Kumimoto (Feb. 17), Tokyo East (Feb. 18), Sapporo (Feb. 25), Sendai (Feb. 26), Fukui (Feb. 27), Nikata (Feb. 28), Nakano (Mar. 1), Chiba (Mar. 2), Kanagawa (Mar. 3), Tokyo West (Mar. 4).

The United States segment of the speaking tour runs from March 19 to April 11. Mother will speak on the same theme in 24 locations across America, in as many days. Immediately upon completing this, she will commence the final, international segment, which will take her to 32 countries before the end of May.

May God bless many hearts to be touched by her words. ♦

TRUE GOD'S DAY MIDNIGHT PRAYER

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
 JANUARY 1, 1999
 PUNTA DEL ESTE



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BELOVED Heavenly Father! We have just now passed the last moment of 1998, and have begun 1999. In 1998 we had made an historic beginning centered on the incredible assignment which was "To Be Proud of and Love True God Absolutely is to complete the 360 Million Couples Blessing and Eradicate the Blood Lineage of the Satanic World." During 1998 we longed in our hearts and in our dreams for the realization of this assignment, and there was Heaven's support for our achieving the glory of victory at every moment of difficulty. Therefore, we are grateful for Your

grace in that we can face this glorious new year in the victory of which we can be proud before all mankind for eternity.

We immature couples and children are truly, truly, truly, grateful for Your hard work last year. We have put such a blessed year behind us, and we are now facing the morning of the beginning of this new year of 1999. At this moment, heaven and earth are watching this very moment and place. All the congratulatory voices that long for this new year, God, thousands and thousands of saints and sages, our ancestors who have been blessed by God, and over 400 million blessed families who have received on earth the eternal blessing of liberation with the permission of Heaven, all are longing in their hearts for this very place, and are greeting the new year. It is at this moment and in this place that True Parents are able to give enormous blessing. Aware of this circumstance, and with the attention of Heaven and the entire blessed humanity, whose concentration is focused on this place, I am able to report to You with a deep desire to achieve all of my plans in this new year, and I am able to proclaim these plans for this new year and, Heavenly Father, I am sincerely asking You to accept this moment as a moment of glory and peace.

Heavenly Father, Your heart has been burdened with *han* because Heaven lost the family in the Garden of Eden. Heavenly Father, please forgive us for not knowing Your deep inner *shimjung*, which no one has ever known: the fact that You went through such tremendous difficulties to establish the family of True Parents which can represent the true family of Heaven's restoration of the earth; that you have longed for the day of liberation from the painful history of *han* by seek-

ing after and establishing the figure of True Parents on this earth; that Heaven was going throughout such painful difficulties that True Parents' bones and flesh were consumed; that all of our historical ancestors from the time of Adam until now were ignorant of all these things. Heavenly Father, please forgive us for not knowing all these things.

The time when True Parents first manifested Your realm of *shimjung* on this earth, drew our attention to Your *shimjung*, and proclaimed every strategy by which Heaven wants to establish the law of love, of victory, and the law of the liberation of all mankind, and finally began a public ministry—that beginning time of my course was so difficult. And yet, I am truly so very sorry that even today, after fifty years have passed, I have still not been able to hold a victory celebration wherein I could offer the entire nation and world to Heaven through establishing Your will on this earth.

Now, in this year, centering on 1999, going beyond the ideal standard of Elder-sonship, beyond the ideal standard of Parenthood, and beyond the ideal standard of Kingship through offering their *jungsung*, blessed families will kneel down in front of Heaven, which, having been initiated from the individual level, can now, therefore, be actively involved beyond the level of all humankind. With the desire to receive the grace of blessing, which is Your eternal desire, and which will remain eternally in the history of liberation, National Messiahs newly gathered from all over the world, the world level Messiah who has come to this earth, and the Messiah of the cosmos, are gathered here. I sincerely pray that the blessed families, together with all these Messiahs, through this workshop in Jardim, can achieve the highest standard, the standard by which they can qualify themselves to pass through the entrance to the Kingdom of Heaven. By connecting their victory at the Jardim workshop to Uruguay, they can then go to the world level and, in so doing, proclaim the liberation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the opening gate of the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven. Heavenly Father, I sincerely ask that You bless all these steps of the blessed families so that they can become the families of which You can be proud and for which You can say that the ideal of creation is achieved through Your finally facing the day of joy and glory, the day on which You can welcome the accomplishment of Your liberation. Heavenly Father, please bless the families and allow them to truly feel, and to carry, Your longing expectation deep down in their bones and flesh.

Now we have come to welcome the new year of 1999. Through their offering of every possible *jungsung* let each individual stand before Heaven and attentively face You, Heavenly Father. Let each and every individual family become unified as one single *shimjung* and let each become a shining, glorious family who can truly say that they want to attend and serve You in their family. Heavenly Father, please allow all of these families to become such a qualified family through this process of their offering *jungsung* to You in their family.

On this earth, centering on True Parents' family and on True

Heavenly Father, in front of You I am establishing the motto of this year, which is "The Cosmic Expansion of the True Blessing and the Rooting Out of Satan's Blood Lineage."

Parents' Day, True Parents have established a blessed nation which is able to establish the liberation of Elder-sonship. I truly ask for Your permission, Heavenly Father, to unite all these days, and to establish the system of nations that is the extension of the one family of humankind in the world. I truly ask that You may allow these nations to become the ones who can attend to the ideal of Kingship before Heaven.

True Father has set all the conditions necessary to accomplish, through directing the work of Heung Jin Nim and Dae-mo Nim, the liberation and blessing of all the ancestors, in the spirit world, of the blessed couples. These blessed ancestors are now allowed to become one with the blessed families, their descendants on earth. True Father has also made the angelic world, and all of these ancestors of blessed families in the physical world, to stand in the archangel position. True Father has also perfected Adam in the position of the archangel, thus liberating the entire world of *han* related to the fall because, due to the fall, Adam could not accomplish this family, and this remained as Your *han*. True Father has established a distinction between the ancestors of ordinary, non-blessed people, and the archangel realm, which now includes the angelic world and the ancestors of blessed families in the physical world. Now, because I have accomplished all of this, Heavenly Father, I sincerely pray that Your blessing can allow the blessed families to establish, on earth, the unified Cain and Abel family which Adam's family was not able to establish. Please allow them to establish this realm of Cain and Abel through their each becoming a family of filial piety, and of loyalty, and as saints and sages, and divine sons and daughters, unifying the physical and spiritual worlds. Please allow them, by doing so, to become families who can truly, truly, truly attend You and True Parents, and to proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven.

Heavenly Father, I sincerely ask that you allow every blessed couple: the 3 couples; 36 couples; 72 couples; 124 couples; 430 couples; 777 couples; 1,800 couples; 6,000 couples; 6500 couples; 30,000 couples; 360,000 couples; 4 million couples; 36 million couples; and more than 400 million couples; please allow each of them to successfully establish *Il Shim* (unity of mind and body), *Il Shin* (unity of husband and wife), and *Il Chae* (complete envelopment by You). In doing so, I sincerely pray that You may allow them to bring victory, an ever more glorious victory which they can offer to You by their completely achieving the realm of liberation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. I also ask sincerely that You may allow them to perfect the opening of the gate of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and the foundation of victory of the Kingdom of Heaven.

As we face the beginning of this new year, Heavenly Father, in front of You I am establishing the motto of this year, which is "The Cosmic Expansion of the True Blessing and the Rooting Out of Satan's Blood Lineage." I proclaim, before heaven and earth, our pledge to You to root out, not just cut off, Satan's blood lineage, as the motto of this new year. Thus, I deeply and sincerely ask for Your blessing to be bestowed upon blessed couples this year, and for them to truly become *Il Shim* (unity of mind and body), *Il Shin* (unity of husband and wife) and *Il Chae* (complete envelopment by You), centering on this proclamation. Please, Heavenly Father, I sincerely

ask that You allow them to march forward by attending You and True Parents, and to march on to the world of the liberation of the dominion of love in heaven and earth, and of Your qualities of *jeon-chaе*, *jeon-ban*, *jeon-kwon* and *jeon-neung*.

At this moment, Heavenly Father, please let there be Heaven's unlimited blessing in every corner of the earth, wherever blessed couples, who are offering *jungsung* with their mind and heart dedicated toward where True Parents are, may be found. I sincerely ask you to bless the blessed couples, who are the ones directly connected between God and the physical world, along with our ancestors in the spiritual world, and along with thousands and thousands of saints and sages, and along with the angels of Heaven's power, to hold hands with True Parents and march, march, march toward one unified world, a unified world of the spiritual and physical worlds, and to march toward the liberated Kingdom of Heaven of victory.

This I proclaim in the name of True Parents.

Amen! Amen! Amen!◆

[Editor's note: *Jeon-chaе* ("the whole," expressing an inclusive perspective, possibly indicating God's transcendence of everything), *Jeon-ban* ("everything," expressing a horizontal, outward-spreading perspective, possibly indicating God's presence in everything), *Jeon-kwon* (having all authority), and *Jeon-neung* (all-powerful in the sense of all-capable).]

[Translated by Prof. Taek Yong Oh and edited by Dr. David Carlson]



Father's Prayer: "Heavenly Father, please let there be Heaven's unlimited blessing in every corner of the earth..."

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WITH JUNGSUNG AND LOVE

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

JANUARY 5, 1999

PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY

[Recognized as a landmark speech for its profound content on spiritual life, these words of Father's were selected for translation by the Unification Theological Seminary.]

BECAUSE none of you knows the reality of the spirit world, all of you get tired even though you offer *jungsung* (true and sincere devotion) throughout the course of your life of faith. However, all of you must know that the center of the spirit world is God and that God is our Father. More than anyone else, our Heavenly Father stands in the closest, and most unbreakable and fateful relationship with us. The desire of the Heavenly Father is the liberation of your family, and yet not just your family alone. The issue of liberating the family of the whole of humankind is what is clogging Heavenly Father's mind, even at this very moment. I can say that it is like a wall, or even like a wound that gives God acute pain because He is unable to circulate freely (like blood through the body).

Now then, what do I mean by telling you that you must offer *jungsung* in everything you do? When you offer *jungsung*, you must not offer it merely for your own work. Do you realize this? If you come to offer *jungsung* merely for your own work, it turns out to be just that; then, although God tries to make the sunlight of the world shine over all the earth, you are asking Him not to shine it evenly for everyone, but to have it shine only on yourself.

Hence, you must have the presence of mind that you are praying while representing all of humanity, even representing God. When you pray representing God, when you offer *jungsung* representing God, you must try to imagine how much *jungsung* God himself, even now, has offered throughout providential history. This situation is true for today and tomorrow. If you did not know about God, who has offered *jungsung* on earth for the sake of the world, and if you could not follow God's will at all, then when you go to the spirit world, and God, who offered *jungsung*, sees you, you will not be recognized as one who has accomplished the dutiful way of a child, or of a blessed family. In that case, you will continue to experience your pain in that land [spirit world].

Therefore, you must be God's co-worker and comforter, one who prays that every fundamental root that is connected with the fall of man is rooted out from the heart of God. When you stand in such a difficult position, you will come to realize how precious is your spouse as your partner of faith. Such preciousness will be realized because God's *shimjung* of love will be reflected. Because God's *shimjung* of love is reflected, you will long for people, you will long for villages, and you will long for nations. Therefore, you must always remember that God cannot be liberated from his worries or from his *shimjung* of pain until His hope is fulfilled; that is His ultimate purpose for the liberated kingdom of heaven on earth transcending the level of the nation. At the same time, you must think about what you can do as a co-worker with God.

I am one who offers such devotion as to liberate God who

does not sleep or rest while continuing along His eternal path of circulation...As one man in a small country, Korea, offering *jungsung* in order to enter the heart of the Father who represents heaven and earth; when you feel that your offering is even only one millionth of the heavenly standard, although you may be offering endless *jungsung*, and when your heart wants to offer even more *jungsung* instead of retreating satisfied when more blessings come, that heart is what is so precious.

What is that heart? That heart is something I have prepared for the sake of the liberation of the eternal world. One who cannot prepare such a heart will have to remain at his own level. There is no way to liberate him even if someone should lament and go through difficulties for his sake. There cannot be liberation unless one pays his own indemnity in the spirit world. This will necessitate even more indemnity, once one is in the spirit world, than one would have needed to prepare while on earth for that liberation. You absolutely must realize that preparation for the realm of liberation is thousands of times faster on earth than in the spirit world. Therefore, it is a fact of immense significance that you, as a mere finite human being and co-worker, can offer *jungsung* and build an inseparable relationship of love with God's highest standard, that is, His desire of *shimjung*, before the end of your life on earth. Do you understand? This is the way you should think.

Therefore, your life is not just yours. Think about God's situation, and about the degree of God's *jungsung* which He will continue to give until the eternal liberation of humankind. When we think about this, we cannot help but be concerned about God, and continue to pray, and to pour out our own *jungsung* to God. By doing so, even when we die, we are going to the spirit world where, bound with God, the realm of liberation in the spirit world will have been broadened because we loved, and poured out our *jungsung* while in the physical world. When we think about this, we realize the fact that the path after knowing God's will will not be easy or comfortable.

JUNGSUNG FOR THE SAKE OF ONE'S FAMILY

You offer *jungsung* for the sake of yourself and your family; however, your family in turn should be an offering of *jungsung* as a representative of the whole world. You must always keep clear in your mind that being in the position of a living offering is the way for all blessed couples to achieve the realm of the liberated perfection. Therefore, this is not a way on which you can get tired.

Thus, you have entered onto the restoration course which gradually elevates your heart and along which you then cannot go without shedding tears. Whatever good things you may have, when you eat, don't think about yourself first. It is supposed to be like this along the paths of a filial child and loyal citizen. In this way one should think of heaven and humanity; so, when you eat, don't eat as if you were eating alone, but always eat as if you were eating through God. The realm of

If you develop an unbreakable relationship with God, and connect it with your tribe, then your tribe will grow because they will inherit the level of destiny that was expanded and prepared by you.

liberation will be attained on the day when God's clan can return back to Him; just as every little drop of water—although one or two drops seem like nothing—flows and flows and flows down from a mountain to become a stream that runs down to the ocean, turns into vapor, and finally returns to the mountain. How difficult could that be?

The life course that I must go on this earth, as a descendant of fallen man, is to weave the web of love centered on endless *jungsung*, endless prayer and endless *jungsung*. You must think in such a way. Those who are not prepared will fade away. Those who cannot prepare cannot become heirs. This is important. Therefore, the heart whereby you want to offer *jungsung* again and again, and want to live for the sake of others again and again, and want to love others again and again, and whereby whenever you think about the position wherein, even for a short moment, you can share heavenly grief together with God and inspire His heart with whatever you may have, with this heart you will be standing in the same position as the heart of a parent.

Unless you clearly know that this is the Father's heart of the Kingdom of Heaven, and establish a reciprocal standard in His presence, and become the reciprocal standard, "give and take action" will not occur. Movement will not occur. If movement does not occur, the course of eternal life will be cut off. If you realize this, think about it, and begin to like it after being cut off, you will become a failure with no relation with God for eternity. This is why you must always prepare this heart. Do you understand?

All of you, and all of those people and those families that have been living in the dark world, must come to the bright world, centering on True Father. This bright side has become a realm of liberation centering on True Father's order, so it turns automatically. What's the problem? Do you have a financial problem? How long has it been since I told you? I have been telling you since July 1st. You should offer *jungsung*, even do fundraising and stay up all night, to be able to come. If you have mobilized your whole family, your tribe, your parents and in-laws and all your relatives to prepare for the day of your coming here, then the fact that you have mobilized them this way, because of the fact that they helped you, seven generations will receive blessings.

JUNGSUNG IS TO BE OFFERED WITH LOVE

If you go back, all will become well along your providential line; you will return together with the sun even in the night. Therefore, if, for the sake of heaven, you develop an unbreakable relationship with God, and connect it with your tribe, then without your realizing it, your tribe will grow because they will inherit the level of destiny that was expanded and prepared by you. This is a reality, and not a mere fantasy. That is why you must pray with *jungsung* and love. Prayer, *jungsung*, and love! Do you understand?

What did I just say? [*jungsung* and love.] How much did God offer *jungsung* and love? You must follow that! All you women, do you not laugh and smile for your own joy when you put make-up on? Instead, think about how much you have loved God! Do not forget that it is your blessing and the

foundation for the blessing of blessings, and never resent that.

You say this is so hard. You complain that I recognize someone else, but not you. What will happen if I do recognize your *jungsung*? What will happen if I recognize your love? If I recognize it and sympathize with you, then you may be more captivated by me than focused on God. Then your love to God may become blocked.

Through the method I have spoken of, everything flows into the cracks and holes in the heart of God. If there is a crack at all in the heart of God, how deep can that crack be? How big can the hole be? How about the condition of low atmospheric pressure? There is no path more blessed than a life on earth as a son or daughter who can compensate the world of God's heart with a heart of love that can fill the void in God. There is no higher happiness. That is the ultimate happiness. If so, then heaven will recognize its value at that moment, at the moment when God says "I am in happiness".

For this reason, it is the loyal citizen, more than the filial child, who lives for the sake of the whole and who greatly loves and devotes *jungsung* for the nation. I am saying that he loves. The same holds true for the saint. It is centering, not on the nation, but on the world, that the saint tries to offer *jungsung* and to love the people of the world. The way of the divine son is to offer *jungsung* centering on heaven and earth, and he is to love heaven and earth. It is from this that the stages and differences between the way of the saint and that of the divine son emerge. You must understand that this leads us to the way of *jungsung* and love, and if you have some precious things, if you have some property, how wonderful it would be if there comes God's order to offer all of them for the sake of the world. Have you ever thought like this?

Then God will give you blessings. God will bless you before the time comes, if you desire blessings to such a degree. However, when the time comes and you receive heaven's blessing, if you say, "Wow! Oh my, I received the blessing, so it is mine," then you are a thief. Then, despite your having received the fortune, it becomes instead a disaster. I am saying that you will fall down to the dungeons of hell. Although you have waited for the time that was to come, even if you all waited based on the immediate moment for the time that was to come, that time, which you expected to come, in the end does not come. In such a situation, the one who works to pour out all his energies to build a bridge and thus open the way for the expected time to actually come, will follow the national fortune, and this becomes a foundation where all the blessings of the world can accumulate. You must know this.

This is what I think: this is the path that God will follow even if it is a miserable and a difficult one. It is amazing that God, the Heavenly Father who suffers such a path of ordeals follows me and comforts me in everything. I move around now, holding all the fortune of God. If I show my appreciation for this and desire for something much greater, that is, if I go out seeking for something greater, then I should share the heavenly fortune that I have with others. I am telling you to please advance on this foundation. That is the way to give blessings.

Isn't it the same with the heart of the parents? If you visit them to labor, they will give all the money that they have in their wallet. However, since the parents know that it is a path

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that you must go even further on, they will want to sell all their belongings in their house; that is the heart of parents. Can you become exhausted? No, you cannot. Oh, humanity is in such a state; how can you be exhausted? If one comes to know the will of God, he will not be able to live in ease for the rest of his life. What is this way of thinking? This is the way to liberate God.

In order to fulfill and to walk toward the eternal world, the realm of God's liberation for millions and billions of generations, you must throw yourself into it, invest and forget, invest and forget, and invest and forget. If you go forward by doing so, even if you retreat inside the realm of the heavenly royal family, the limitless liberation, God will find and position you. What am I talking about? *Jungsung* and love.

To devote *jungsung*, you must constantly pray. You must not let it flow away. Prayer is precisely a proclamation. 'I am doing like this and like this. This is how it is.' It is reporting and proclaiming. Satan cannot plunder what is reported and declared to God. I have been making a lot of proclamations, haven't I? What I have been doing is making proclamations after going over each ridge.

The heart of *jungsung* and love... I should not come to South America and say, "Ah, I miss my hometown. I miss my parents. I want to go home." There is a heart that heaven desires to give to me through this place. Do not just consider the small nation of Uruguay. God desires the realm of liberation that transcends four countries, thirty three countries, all these and both South and North America; it is natural that people who attend such a God must offer *jungsung*, and sacrifice themselves for the sake of what they love.

When there emerge many brothers in the family, parents desire each child to love his brothers more than he would love his parents. When you go out in the streets and meet a miserable person, if you desire to love him more than his mother and father would, then God would come and sympathize. Understand that it would be a position related to the kingdom of heaven. And what was that, *jungsung* and...? [Love.] You must love.

TRUE PARENTS AND JUNGUNG

Church leaders here, when you take care of your (members) and see their shortcomings, do not directly criticize their faults simply as their own. Rather, observe how you can forgive them.

People who live like this will never perish. If they try to perish, then heaven will protect them. Heaven protects and saves them in potentially life and death situations. From now on, this year is the best year. What is the true blessing? Cosmic expansion, and the rooting out of Satan's lineage. *Jungsung* is necessary. Without the heart of *jungsung* and the heart of love, such rooting out is absolutely impossible. So, how can I completely root out all the roots—the roots deep in God's heart, the roots that God suffers that are related to our grievous history, which became rooted at the time of the fall of Adam and Eve? Because you want to root them out, the more you want to root them out, you more you should feel the pain of the history of bitterness.

Even though God may rest, I must rise up again. You have to think that you cannot receive the blessing without being in the most difficult position, without being in a position even hundreds of times more difficult than God's *shimjung* at the time of the human fall. Do you understand?

This is why I go to the Pantanal and follow all the lonely paths. I am walking the lonely path alone. All alone, all alone, the lonely Arirang. There is no one in front of me. Wherever I go, there is only nature. I gaze at nature and animals. God offered *jungsung* for humanity and unified everything for love. The emotion of the *shimjung* of destiny is the field; everything, from small to large, is always connected by such relationships of destiny to original love. All must be planted in that field. Your training is for that purpose.

For this to succeed, you must think that you will attend the Father in that field of the emotion of the *shimjung* of inevitable destiny. You will become the beloved child that the Father can love, you will become a friend of God's heart, a friend to liberate His world of heart. You must think of such a heart. If I think in such a way, the more the days pass, the more I ascend. So, by the time I transcend what I have set as a standard, liberation is fulfilled automatically almost beyond my imagination.

True Father's whole life, including his present life, has never been easy. For hundreds and millions of years since the creation up until today, how expansive has the fallen world become? We have to embrace all of this. With what are we supposed to embrace it? It cannot be done by force. It cannot be done by knowledge. It can only be done by a heart of love. In order to shed tears, what do you have to sacrifice? In order to devote *jungsung*, by what means do you do so? You absolutely need these things. With such a heart, you do not need to worry, about whether it is possible or not. The question is whether you followed the direction with the heart of *jungsung* or not. One will not succeed if one makes effort without *jungsung*, but only with greed.

The question is how much you have longed for people. Suppose no one wants to go to sleep when the leader is in the church. None of the church members want to go to sleep. Even at midnight they regret having to leave. They would think of coming back even before they reached their homes. This is because the heart of love continues without pause. This is the way it is supposed to be.

Longing for people; isn't that what it is? When you love, even though the word of love is hard to listen to because of tears, if you say words of love through the motion of the lips' tears, such an expression of love is truly more precious than mere words. Tears do not just burst out when you are so happy to see someone? I tell you, you cannot go to the Kingdom of Heaven without tears.

Therefore, the way of God's will is not a path along which you can eat and live well. It is a path along which you cannot eat and live fully, and a path along which you receive criticism behind your back. This is the path along which you can feel closest to God, and hence, when there is someone who has that kind of circumstance, God will try to reveal to him His secrets and all other things. God alone cannot liberate human

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REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

RESPECTED President Kim Dae Jung, leaders of three parties and distinguished guests from every walk of life: I would like to offer my appreciation that so many of you could attend this occasion to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the founding of *The Segye Times*. In particular, I am deeply grateful that President Kim Dae Jung, who is already so very busy with national affairs, has consented to grace us with his presence.

Ten years have passed since I founded *The Segye Times* under the motto "Love God, Love Humankind, Love Your Country." I would like to take this opportunity to tell you some of my ideas related to the media in Korea.

The prosperity of humanity and a peaceful, unified world are not only God's desire but also that of all people. Whether it is an individual, a nation or the world, true peace is realized through the practice of true love in which a "subject" and an "object" live for the sake of others, centered on God. However, love does not manifest by itself alone. It appears within a relationship. Parents' love bears fruit only in having children—through the children. Children's love bears fruit through their parents.

Likewise, in God's creation, the parent-child relationship centered on true love was established so as to make substantial the ideal of true love, which cannot be initiated by itself alone. God is the True Parent among parents, the True Teacher among teachers and the True King of kings. God is the eternal True Parent, True Teacher and True Owner (*Chuin*) who always gives out for the sake of true love.

Human beings, as sons and daughters of God, should first walk the path of true parents, true teacher and true owner—like God. These paths are to perfect the ideal of love since they establish the position of the partner with the help of true love, which is for the sake of the other.

In this regard, the great principles of heavenly law are meant to enable us to find genuine self-fulfillment in selfless true love. An ideal family is established where the "upper and lower" relationship of parents and children, the "left and right" relationship of a husband and wife, and the "front and back" relationship of brothers and sisters are in harmony centered in true love. Families expanding to realize the perfection of a nation, the world and the universe are also themselves established through the same principle and formula.

The worldwide foundation I have created, including institutions in education, the media, the arts and relief work is all with the purpose of the realization of the ideal world according to the same formula, and through the investment of true love.

Education that is aimed to instill the character of a true parent, true teacher and true owner, and that teaches true love, achieves its ideal when it is realized first of all in the family. I believe that school education should be the extension of this.

Also, I believe that the socio-educational function of "living for others"—that is, true love—will be effective only when it is demonstrated worldwide through media organizations. This is because the media flows like air and can stimulate the broadening of relationships of true love for the sake of others by guiding society as a whole.

It was because of nothing less than true love for the sake of others that I founded *The Washington Times*, Atlantic Video,

Nostalgia Cable Television Co., the Free Press International wire service and others, all in Washington, DC, America's capital city, long before I founded *The Segye Times* in Korea. The same motivation was behind the establishment of more than twenty media outlets, including *Sekai Nippo* in Japan, *Noticias del Mundo* in America, *Tiempos del Mundo* in several countries in Central and South America, and *The Middle East Times* in the Middle East. In addition, preparations have begun for the establishment of newspaper publishing companies and image media in some 120 nations. My purpose for all these things is the same.

Over the past ten years, while conferences have been regularly held for distinguished media representatives from around the world, I have been educating the media in its responsibility and have been emphasizing the media's original mission of true love for the sake of others.

Distinguished guests, as we already declared in the founding articles, *The Segye Times* promises to be a media organ exemplifying true love for others—something that the nation and the world really need. It will accomplish this by fulfilling its role as a tool for the public good and for the promotion of world peace and human welfare. At the same time, it will aim to become the "Ideal Newspaper in the Global Era."

Thank you very much.◆

[Translated by Soon Young Kim.]

HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT KIM DAE JUNG

As we all know, *The Segye Times* has a unique character and background. Through *The Segye Times*, and its sister newspapers around the world, up-to-date news of Korea is sent worldwide. And in the other direction, news of the world is brought to our doorstep. There are many newspapers in this nation, but *The Segye Times* is uniquely positioned for this role.

We are entering the twenty-first century, and it is most important that we interest ourselves in the affairs of the world—and bring the world within our embrace. This means not having merely a national-level ideology, but, rather, a global one. We must work and cooperate together within our global reality to live well in the next century. It is with this mind-set that we must greet the new century.

The Segye Times has the crucial role and mandate to bring enlightenment to the people—for ten more years, then a further ten years after that, and so on. There is a role for such a righteous media organ in our nation, and, looking outwardly, in the world. In accomplishing this precious purpose, *The Segye Times* will fulfill a need of the Korean people, and will become our most important newspaper.

We must grasp hands tightly with the world and march forward into the twenty-first century. This is what the Korean people need in this era of globalization. We must reach out into the world, become global people, and embrace humanity. The role of the media in this is vital—especially that of *The Segye Times*.

I congratulate you once more. I will conclude my remarks by wishing great success for *The Segye Times*, and on that basis, great success for the Korean people.◆



At the podium: (l. to r.): President Kim Dae Jung, Father, Mother, Seung Hun Han (Head of the Judiciary in Korea), Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak; (Inset:) Father and Segye Times president Sang Hwe Lee welcome President Kim

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The Segye Times in God's Providence

WHEN Hungary tore down its border fence with Austria in the spring of 1989, one could feel the imminence of a new age. This was not long after we, as an international task force of thousands, began promoting *The Segye Times* in Korea, and about the time Father expressed that the newspaper had been launched to create a condition for the world, not just for one nation. We wondered how. Then when the Berlin Wall shattered later that year, we understood the power of God in quelling the ideological divisiveness of that time. Yet, the most poignant manifestation of that rift was in the *Times'* native land. Father's wisdom was that his position as a media magnate, committed to dealing compassionately with a divided peninsula representing a divided world, would catch the interest of Moscow. It did, and the way was opened for True Parents to meet with the Soviet president. And then with the North Korean premier. We saw Father's faith in the power of providence, his knowledge that his own offering for the Korean people, and for the world, was establishing the conditions for world change.

The Segye Times has graduated from its infancy. It has placed its founder on the map in Korean society and in its corridors of power. Now, at the tenth anniversary of its

founding, the *Times* has surmounted many trials to win the endorsement and goodwill of the president of the Republic of Korea, Kim Dae Jung.

Spurning those who would dissuade him, the president not only came himself to the anniversary celebrations at the Hotel Lotte, he brought with him the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the leaders of political parties, and other figures central to the administration of the nation.

As a historical figure in the often violent battle between tyranny and democracy in a divided nation, perhaps few men are better placed to judge the value and potential of the work of True Parents in connecting the destiny of their nation with that of the world.◆



UNDERSTANDING LIFE AND DEATH

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
 FEBRUARY 4, 1999, SEOUL, KOREA,
 DECEMBER 19, 1998, WASHINGTON, DC

[Father gave this speech at the WCSF 1999 Special Convocation opening banquet on February 4, as well as at the IRFWP conference banquet in Washington, DC, in December last year. This is the second half of the speech (the first part is in the January issue), and includes the minor changes made for the Convocation.]

CROSSING THE FINISH LINE

As I have already said, we cannot avoid death. We have to be prepared to suffer in order to establish the good that is in us as our second self in the eternal world. A fetus in its mother's womb must receive proper prenatal care if it is to be born healthy and strong. In the same way, we need to prepare ourselves properly while on earth. We need to grow by modeling ourselves on the image of God, the heart of God and the divinity of God.

Once we are grown, we need to invest our lives to pass over the line of life and death. We must pass over even if we have to brave the fiercest storm. It is not enough if we do well most of the way and then fall just short of the finish line. What must we do when we find ourselves approaching life's finish line? Even if we run with our mind focused totally on the goal, we can't be confident we will make it all the way. If we wander aimlessly at the end, we will be ruined. We win victory only as we dash across the finish line.

It is an effort worth making for everyone born as a human being. No matter how much opposition there may be from behind, no matter how much persecution comes from the side, you just have to push forward one step at a time. There is no time to get entangled with the opposition. You have to keep going as quickly as you can, even if just one step at a time, in order to traverse your path of destiny to its end and finally cross the finish line. We all must go this way.

THE VALUE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

We often say that a person's heart is upright. What does this mean? When a heart is firmly vertical, we say it is upright. If a tree is lying on the ground, we do not say it is upright. The same is true when we refer to a heart as upright. The expression means that the heart is standing vertically.

There is one thing that makes me sad: God gave me responsibility to accomplish His will, so during my lifetime I need to accomplish His will to a level He finds acceptable. Until I have done that, I cannot die. For that reason, when I am in the valley of the shadow of death, God leads me out of danger.

Whether I am eating or fasting, whether I am asleep or awake, I am always praying for the world and humankind. My suffering is not for the sake of a particular country or people. My objective is the salvation of the world. I have worked to this day and I am ready to die if necessary. I have sacrificed my life so that this objective might be achieved. You, also, should live and die for the sake of the world. If it is for the sake of world salvation, you even must be prepared to die with your wife, your family, your clan and even your entire people.

Some day in the future, you will die. When you stand face to face with death, you will look back upon your life. You need to think what final words you will leave behind at that moment.

In history there have been many people who upheld and established God's will. They did not retreat when they faced death. Instead, they laughed in the face of death and valiantly

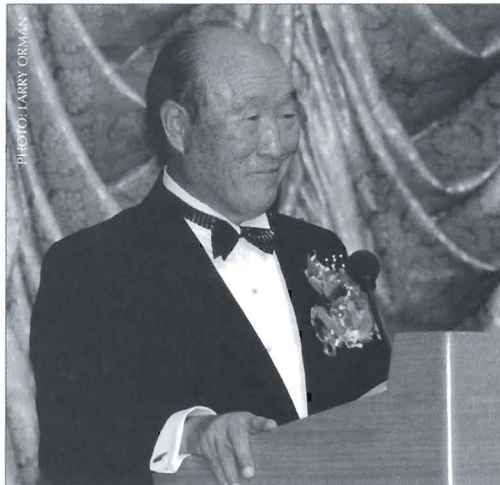
transcended death. We know well that these people paved our way to Heaven. What kind of person is it who is joyful even when passing over the hill of death, the moment that drives most of us into heartfelt sorrow? This is the kind of person who has heartfelt hope and aspirations for Heaven. For this reason, we must not reproach the world and lament when we face death. Instead, we should feel joy as we stand before heaven with pride in the value of our death.

To what kind of death does the Bible refer when it says that those who seek to die will live and those who seek to live will die? (Luke 17:33, John 12:25) This does not mean that we should lose the eternal life given us by Heaven. It means that we should lose

the life that is connected to the satanic world, inherited through the fallen lineage. That is why those who seek to die for the sake of God will live. This seems paradoxical. But from the perspective of the fall, this is the only way restoration can come about.

Success or failure in life is not determined over a period of decades. Rather, it is determined in an instant. If you look at the entire course of life, it does not take very long for a baby to be born. Of course, there is a period leading up to the birth, when the fetus is in the womb. Those ten months in the womb are a time of preparation. The birth takes but an instant. The preparation may go well for the entire ten months, but if something goes wrong at the decisive moment of birth, the infant will meet a tragic end.

After living out our life on earth we come face to face with our moment of fate. We will see our entire life flash before our eyes. The one who can say, "There was truth in my life" and "I am leaving behind something more valuable than my life," is



Father addresses the Convocation participants on the first of three official occasions

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A wise person tries to live in partnership with history, in partnership with the present world and in partnership with the future.

a person who has spent his life in a worthy manner. On the other hand, the person who starts to recall the past, and begins to shake his head over things he would rather not remember, is a tragic person. For some people, the more they remember, the greater the expression of joy on their face. If all their problems can be buried in the ideal, death will actually be a comfort. The moment of recalling the past will not be filled with fear. If they are leaving something behind, then that past record will not die and its reality will not die. Instead, these things will be made manifest. The people whose past allows them to do this are without a doubt people whom the nation can follow. They are the ones whom the people of the world can follow.

We need to consider whether we can stand alone before God. Truth and goodness begin with a particular individual but they do not end with that individual. Once truth and goodness have begun in a particular person, they must bear fruit in another person. Or, they can begin in another person and bear fruit in me.

If a person spends her life giving to others, then she will have no fear on the path of death. She has given everything and sacrificed herself for others. She has led a life that is close to truth; she has shed tears for others and she has invested her life for others. If a man's aspirations are for others, all the life force coming from his pulse is focused and invested for the sake of others. If this is the case, then this person's past is one of glory.

The path taken by the wise is different from that taken by the foolish. A wise person tries to live in partnership with history, in partnership with the present world and in partnership with the future. A foolish person lives for the self and tries to make the world exist for his or her own sake. There is a global environment characteristic of the spirit world, and within it are nations, clans, families and individuals. An individual cannot enter Heaven without a self-motivating character by which he or she is absolutely indispensable as an individual. The family or clan cannot enter Heaven unless they can say that they possess a self-motivating character that makes them indispensable on the family or clan level.

Compared with spirit world, Earth is but a speck of dust. The spirit world is an eternal world, transcending time and space. If a spirit person commands, "The person who lived in such and such an age with such and such a heart, please come forward," then that person will appear in an instant. It is a world in which feelings and intuition turn into reality. There are no factories there to produce food. There are no automobile factories. There is nothing like that.

To register yourself in spirit world, you need a certificate based upon your life on earth. How are you going to obtain it? I'm talking about a certificate of life that will let you say: "This is what I became. This is what I did." You cannot just make your own certificate. First, Satan has to write one for you. After you receive that certificate, you have to receive one from Jesus. Finally, you have to receive a certificate from God. You will need these three certificates.

When you go to spirit world, you will find that it is made up of three very large realms. Those who lived for others will go to the highest level. Those who lived for themselves, how-

ever, will find themselves on the lowest level. They will find that everyone is opposing them, whereas everyone will welcome those who lived for others.

Once you are in spirit world, your parents and spouse cannot help you. The people in the highest levels are those who lived for the sake of others. In the uppermost tiers are those who traveled throughout the world living for others with a heart that expanded their love for their mother and family. With a saintly heart, they always are looking for ways to save the people of the world from evil.

The one who lives for himself goes to Hell, and the one who lives for others goes to Heaven. People separate into these two worlds at death. So, we must live for the sake of the whole, for the sake of the greater good. Live for the sake of the world, for the sake of God and for the sake of human liberation. Someday competitions will take place to see who can live for the sake of others to a greater degree. In the heavenly world, the person who has lived for the sake of others will go to the higher position. So you can leap to a higher position by living for the person who is higher than you are. Living for that person is the same act as God bringing forth His own object through His creative act. Thus, that person comes to stand as your object partner of love.

THE VALUE OF LIVING FOR OTHERS

In the spirit world we live for others, centering on true love. If you encounter a person who has dedicated 100 percent of his life for the sake of others, then you have to say, "Please move past me, go ahead." It doesn't matter how great the United States seems. A person who dedicates his life for the people of America to a greater extent than your President does can move past the President and be welcomed.

When a person only cares about his own interests, he is everyone's enemy. It is the same way in spirit world. When a person says he will live for something greater, then he will naturally move past others. One who lives for the sake of the world does not need worry about living for America, because America is included in the world. All countries are included in the world. The conclusion can only be that true love, by which a person lives for the sake of others, is the only content and direction that everyone can welcome.

When you die, you must take with you three accomplishments. One, that you loved God. Two, that you loved yourself and worked hard to establish your essential self. And three, that you worked hard to expand the love you shared with your spouse and your family to the entire world. This love for humanity and for God will remain forever. It will define your right to ownership in the next world. When you enter spirit world, the number of people you evangelized will determine your right to ownership.

In the spirit world, pride wells up over the extent to which you longed for people with your life. You do not need anything else in the next world. The only thing you need is the record that you loved God more than the world, more than your country, more than your spouse and more than your children. If a wife wants her husband to love her with godly

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The International Blessing of 360 Million Couples

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WCSF 1999 SPECIAL CONVOCATION True Parents: Loving and Beloved



Above: VIP reception prior to opening banquet, Feb. 4



Above: IIFWP Inaugural Assembly, Feb. 6



True Parents receive flowers at the opening banquet

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Farewell banquet, Feb. 7,
Little Angels Arts Center



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Inaugural
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GUIDANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERS

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
 FEBRUARY 8, 1999
 CENTRAL TRAINING CENTER, SUTAOK RI, KOREA

[Father convened a leaders meeting on the day following the Blessing Ceremony. Several hundred western members who were in Korea to receive the blessing or work as staff for the ceremony also attended. The following excerpted from Father's guidance that day.]

THERE are not many couples left beyond 360 million, so we will leave them alone and they will come naturally. You have your tribes. You can officially give the blessing. I am making this announcement right now. As the king of your family and tribal messiah, you can give the blessing to previously married couples. I bring the olive tree engrafting power to you, and you can serve as the king in your village. The biggest diamond in the world is 57 carats, from Africa, housed in London. At one time children played with it on a beach. Now it is recognized as valuable by the world, but it had no value to those who did not know. The same is true for the blessing.

Now we need to institutionalize our victory. Work on the grass-roots level (*tong ban kyok pa*). The whole family receives the blessing; the young people receive the matching. In Canaan they should follow a righteous second generation. The ancient Israelites failed because of their second generation. The second generation wanted to earn money with the Canaanite tribes.

Blessed families need to establish a new tradition. The time of the Second Coming is the time of no fall. Centering on the grandfather, God, Adam, Eve and children, and centering on Eve, son, husband and God, moving in every direction to fulfill the three object purpose, we should bless whole families so that three generations become one. The whole family should be embraced. The entire village has to come into the environment. Make a movement in each village. Through this blessing, over half of humankind came to God's side.

RALLIES FOR PURE LOVE

We will have rallies for true parents, true families and true lineage. This is now our worldwide motto. Everyone will enter the liberated realm of the blessing. All the families in the world will be in the position of unfallen Adam and Eve through the blessing. The country is included in that process, because all human beings will come up to the level of unfallen Adam and Eve. Now is the time to witness and give the blessing to your tribe. This may not take so long. In Korea, two million households have been blessed. That is virtually everyone. There is no more factionalism; all are one. If we have rallies, children will follow us with joy. High schoolers can join in. You can bring rice cakes or something good to eat when you hold a rally. Then everyone can join you happily. In each city

of a small country you need only two venues, representing the two gates of heaven.

Sa-du means the leader (or literally "head") among priests. Who are the *Sa-du* of the Unification Church? They are the leaders of 180 families, with 60 for the Old Testament Age, 60 for the New Testament Age and 60 for the Completed Testament Age. Often we say we need 160 families rather than 180. Let's vote on this. [The majority approves 180.] We are now over the hill and on level ground. Offerings used to be divided between Cain and Abel, but now God can claim everything in the Ceremony of the Total Living Offering. Do you want to pack up and go home to live a comfortable life? The *Sa-du*, the head of the priests, will bind together seven generations. Educate your tribe any way you can. Bring them together to make

a big rally. A grandson will tell his grandfather that he saw something great on February 7. Can anyone find fault with this? Such a time has come. Tell the president he can entrust family problems to you. You have a patent on the solution. So we can bring life and save people from sexual immorality everywhere. The age has come to organize seven generations through the 180 families. Those who do so are called *Sa-du*. Organize a tribal meeting. Give gifts.



Bringing his message to the members

BECOME A SA-DU FAMILY

Sa-du families have the power to make judgments in place of God. The three powers—priest, king and prophet—will no longer be divided. The offering need not be divided. Instead, offer the undivided whole on the living altar of resurrection. This is the position of *Sa-du*. When you go back, hold a tribal meeting. Show them the video of the blessing. Bring the young people who have been following the path of ruin. Ask relatives if they are able to discipline these wayward young people. Point out that they themselves drink, smoke, have affairs and beat their wives. You don't, and your children don't fight. This will influence the entire village positively.

Who can oppose such a family? Are you confident? You have spiritual children and grandchildren. There are members who have seven generations of spiritual children. Through the tribal network we can reach all Koreans. Enemies can be connected and reconciled through marriage. You can hold rallies on the various political levels: local, state, and so on. It is crucial to save the country. You cannot say you do not know. *Sa* means priest. It also means four, and it means to die. Centering on the two cities, hold rallies. The motto for the rallies is: "True Parents, True Family, True Lineage." How wonderful this is. If you are successful at your tribal work, then you easily can bring success in every arena. You can establish yourself

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The International Blessing of 360 Million Couples

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It happens every time at a stadium event: the moment you enter into the sunlight. From the outside, a stadium is a formless, too-big-for-any-use massive, gray monstrosity. You park miles away. You struggle to find the right gate. You pass through the dark cold tunnel, seeing in front of you a television screen's worth of green and light and brightly colored seats. Then you enter and gaze upon a new world. A private sky is captured for you, and only you, by the tremendous bowl.

You feel the energy from the hum of activity on the field in preparation for the event, an event that is drawing multitudes, an event that is worthy of a stadium. The world of the event opens up before your eyes. New sounds, new colors, a world enclosed unto itself for a time. On February 7, 1999, at the Seoul Olympic Main Stadium, some 150,000 people shared that illumination of a stadium entrance. I am quite sure the stadium had never held so many, because even the Olympics did not have thousands of people on the field. And I am not counting the myriad of spirit men who were in attendance.

Our group was housed in the Tower Hotel on Namsan ["South Mountain," the large hill in the center of Seoul], a scant fifteen minute drive from the Olympic Main Stadium on a Sunday morning. We had attended the rehearsal the day before, arriving early. At that hour, because we were the only participants there, the staff had allowed us onto the stage, where we digested the sunlit atmosphere.

Sunday morning, the day of the Blessing Ceremony, we departed our hotel at 10:30 and were engulfed in the flow of buses arriving from throughout the Korean peninsula. Some had begun their journeys from far away as early as 2 or 3 in the morning to be there on time. We heard that the church leaders of Korea who prepared for the event expected some five thousand buses to converge that morning. We found our parking place and indeed, rivers of people, literally rivers, flowed past us. These were hardy country folk, taking on several hours in the frigid weather with a simple suit or sweater. It was an overcast

day, although a sun filtered by haze broke through after the event started. It was as warm as anyone could hope for on a Seoul day in early February.

By the time we got into the stadium, it was hard to find a seat. Our matched couples found their way to the to the field where they had seating reserved from the day before. Those carrying their spouse-to-be's photograph went to the upper tier, and I headed for the observers area where a seat was fortunately available. The members in the upper tier told me later that those arriving there even at 12:30 (the event began at 2:00) had to stand at the very top. All the seats were taken. I heard that about 40,000 people could not get into the sta-



dium, even though they had arrived a mere hour and a half early.

The preliminary entertainment ranged from Korean folk music to contemporary pop. Well, I reflected, that's what the growing churches in America are doing, inspiring the people through contemporary music.

The main event began with Dr. Bo Hi Pak's sonorous baritone resonating in Korean and English, announcing the start of the event to heaven and earth. He introduced the one man "on the ground" most responsible for the overflowing stadium (at 30-days' notice), Rev. Sun Jo Hwang, president of the church in Korea. Moments after his prayer to open the ceremony, representative leaders of the world's religions ascended the stage. Each gave their blessing on the couples according to the tradition of their faith.

Among them, Chicago pastor T. L.

Barrett's prayer in particular was powerful. He gave his entire heart and soul, lifting up God and True Parents to the world. The Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo's prayer and counsel on stage was also extremely meaningful. He is head of the Pontifical Council for Refugees, and one of the first, if not the first, active Vatican leader to play a major public role in a Unificationist religious event. When we consider that on the same stage with these two spiritual leaders were an eminent American rabbi, Herzl Kranz, Sheik Alamin Osman, the Grand Mufti of Eritrea, together with major leaders from Buddhism, Hinduism, Eastern Orthodoxy and Sikhism, we can see that the convergence of humanity's spiritual paths is finally a substantial historical reality. It is happening in one place, beyond the conference room tables and academic journals, in the midst of God's holy blessing of marriage. This can only be the hand of God. In the hand of God is the hope of the human race.

The ones who set this all in motion, our True Parents, then entered the stadium in glory and with a light spirit to the strains of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." They performed the ceremony as they have done many times. It is at its heart very simple, with a sprinkling of holy water, the reciting of the marriage covenant, the benediction and proclamation of the blessing, the exchange of rings, and congratulatory remarks and songs. Former Zambian president Kenneth Kaunda gave the remarks, and the musical ambassador of Paraguay, Gloria del Paraguay, presented a lovely song.

At the conclusion, as thousands of balloons ascended into the sky and fireworks exploded from the stadium roof, I truly felt the resurrection of the spirit world. As the crowd began to dissipate, people were hugging and greeting each other everywhere. We journeyed home, and from far away we saw the Korean old folk dancing in the aisles on their buses. May the entire cosmos become as one village, dancing and singing, young and old, all races together in the same world hometown. ♦

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Special Convocation and IIFWP Inaugural Assembly

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ON February 4-8, 1999, in Seoul, Korea, as part of the World Culture and Sports Festival 1999, a Special Convocation of more than 400 international participants from 97 nations was convened to address the topic of "Family Ethics and World Peace." The participants included 20 former heads of state, 5 United Nations ambassadors, more than 40 religious leaders from a wide variety of faiths, and numerous scholars, scientists, journalists, leaders of women's and youth organizations, and artists.

Building on the Special Convocation held in New York in June of 1998, which also focused on the family and world peace, this convocation offered in-depth exploration of the ways in which family ethics play a critical, if not central role in the establishment of world peace. It is difficult to imagine any other occasion in the world, if not in world history, where so many world leaders, from such diverse areas of expertise, are brought together to deliberate on the significance of the family. No institution rivals the World Culture and Sports Festival in this respect.

This convocation, despite difficulties related to the determination of the venue (only established a few weeks before the event began), was blessed with very good fortune. This was due in part to the unity among the leadership and the members of the Steering Committee. In addition, however, there seemed to be a great wave of spiritual support, a guiding hand which seemed to com-

pensate for any particular shortcoming. Most importantly, the quality of the participants was extremely high, representing not only the best which the co-sponsoring organizations could offer but, indeed, representing many of the world's great leaders. Furthermore, while these many leaders are accustomed to attending international gather-

ings among peers and members of their own respective professional groups, this conference brought everyone together in common collaboration and shared experience. This enriched the experience for everyone. In fact, the response of the participants was overwhelmingly affirmative. While initially there was great concern about proper care of special VIPs, by the end of the conference considerations of class, status, or position seemed to fade in favor of the general concern with working together to improve our world.

Sponsored by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International, under the leadership of Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, the Special Convocation was chaired by Ambassador Phillip V. Sanchez, Publisher of *Noticias del Mundo* and *Tiempos del Mundo*. The Vice-Chairman was Edward Schreyer, former Governor-General of Canada (1979-1984).

The Convocation opened on the



Convocation participants were fascinated by Father's traditional calligraphy skills, which he demonstrated in writing the IIFWP motto

evening of February 4 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Lotte, Seoul's premier hotel, with more than eight hundred guests—both international and local—in attendance. After a wonderful performance by the Little Angels of Korea, welcoming remarks were offered by FFWPUI Secretary-General Neil A. Salonen, Amb. Sanchez, and

experience, and particularly her concern with breast cancer awareness. Dr. Wally N'Dow, Special Advisor to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), spoke based on his wide experience with international issues and particularly the work of the United Nations. Arnaud De Borchgrave, President and CEO of United Press Interna-



At a special reception immediately preceding the WCSF opening banquet, Father shares his heart

Rev. Kwak. Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Founder of FFWPUI and WCSF, then offered his Founder's Address, exploring the meaning of life and death and, in addition, proposing the establishment of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace.

The convocation program consisted of plenary sessions featuring distinguished speakers, and concurrent panel sessions organized by the several co-sponsoring organizations and federations, which included the Federation for World Peace, Professors World Peace Academy, Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, International

Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, Women's Federation for World Peace, World Media Association, Youth Federation for World Peace and Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (United Nations Office).

The first plenary speaker was Hon. Albert Reynolds, former Prime Minister of Ireland (1992-1994) who spoke on the breakthroughs in the work for peace in his country. Susan Ford Bales, daughter of former United States President Gerald Ford, spoke on the significance of her own family

tional (UPI), and Editor-at-Large with *The Washington Times*, gave a penetrating analysis of the promise and perils of modern technology in relation to the pursuit of peace.

There were ten separate panel sessions, each with a roster of highly distinguished speakers, including Hon. Kenneth Kaunda, former President of Zambia, Hon. Rodrigo Escobar Navia, former Minister of Government for Colombia, Dr. Christine Durbak, Vice-Chairwoman of the UN's Department of Public Information, Mr. Armstrong Williams, host of the Armstrong Williams Show, Dr. Gwendolyn Mikell, Professor of Anthropology and Director of the African Studies Program in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, Hon. Jin Nam-Kung, Member of Korea's National Assembly, Dr. Hanifa D. Mezoui, Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the United Nations, Ven. Phramahacharya Khongchinda, Director of the Panyananda Institute in Thailand.

Other highlights complemented the basic program—for example, the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace offered a demonstration of a martial arts technique used in the training of blind people. An Indonesian practitioner enthralled people with his ability, while fully blindfolded, to find hidden objects, identify people at a distance and break metal bars with his hands, head and feet.

IIFWP Inaugural Assembly

On February 6, the day before the International Blessing Ceremony, the Inaugural Assembly of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, was convened. Neil Salonen opened the event, and introduced the convenors, Dr. Ninian Smart, R.F. Rowney Professor of Comparative Religion at the University of California, and Dr. Nicholas Kittrie, Chairman of the Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for Justice and Peace. Both Dr. Smart and Dr. Kittrie gave very inspired presentations, emphasizing the great work of True Parents for the cause of world peace. Dr. Smart reviewed the history of the interfaith projects Father has initiated, not to mention his love for fishing. Dr. Kittrie even put forward the idea that Father should be awarded the Nobel Prize. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak then introduced Father, underscoring a number of the Founder's works and speeches over the years which foreshadowed the establishment of this new organization.

In his inaugural address, Father said, "The time has come for us to seriously reflect even on such a matter as restruc-

turing the United Nations. Might it not even be possible to imagine a UN as adopting a two-house structure? What if the existing UN, comprised of national representatives serving in one house that speaks for national interests, [were supplemented by] a religious council or UN senate...comprised of distinguished religious leaders and leaders in those fields of society pertaining more to the heart, for example, culture and education....Through mutual respect and cooperation, these two houses would be able to contribute enormously to the realization of world peace."

Immediately after the inaugural address, a "Declaration of Support" was presented by Mr. Giulio Murano of the International Human Rights Federation, and at this time the participants indicated their support by signing the declaration. Father then closed the Inaugural Assembly by creating and signing a large calligraphy that constituted a motto for the new organization. The motto can be loosely translated as "World peace has been that for which humanity has longed throughout history."

In all likelihood, True Parents will be introducing the IIFWP vision during their 32-nation tour this spring, and initiating the process to establish chapters worldwide. The involvement of the international movement, particularly the national messiahs, in recommending participants for the WCSF 1999 Special Convocation gave a major lift to its overall quality. Their sacrifice and labor is beginning to bear fruit in significant ways, and this will no doubt provide a substantial foundation for the development of the IIFWP, along with other projects already underway.

On the eve of the Blessing Ceremony, all the participants were presented with an "Introduction to the Blessing" presentation by Mrs. Nora Spurgin and Dr. Gordon Anderson. They spoke from personal experience as well as with theoretical sophistication. At the conclusion everyone joined in a blessing toast, and of course everyone was warmly invited to attend the following day's Blessing Ceremony at Seoul's Olympic Main Stadium.

Given the sub-freezing temperatures that had been constant throughout the entire week, we did not expect many participants to attend the blessing Ceremony in an outdoor stadium. We were most pleasantly surprised, however, to see not only the temperatures rise on the blessing day, but to see the vast majority of convocation participants bravely and excitedly boarding the buses to the stadium. We were all treated to a most mov-

ing and beautiful experience. The very presence of a huge stadium packed with couples was awe-inspiring, particularly in light of the fairly harsh weather conditions. One participant described the event as a "life-changing experience."

That evening there was a concluding Congratulatory Banquet at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center. Father spoke to the participants one final occasion, presenting a speech entitled "True Family and True Universe Centered on True Love." After the speech, several gift presentations were made to the Founder on behalf of the convocation's co-sponsoring organizations. The evening then concluded with a stunning and beautiful performance by the Universal Ballet and the Kirov Ballet. As one inspired participant stated, "To build such a great foundation in the arts, with the Little Angels, the Universal Ballet, and the Kirov Academy, of itself would be a huge accomplishment over a single lifetime, but Rev. Moon's great achievement in the arts is only one part of a global network of achievements in all fields."

At the close of the Special Convocation there was a sense that participants were indeed inspired to continue to work together for world peace. When, at the concluding banquet, Rev. Kwak asked whether the attendees could support him, as Rev. Moon's representative, in the work of the new Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, there was overwhelming support expressed. This conference represented in many ways a great breakthrough, and bodes well for the future.

In particular, in the late stages of True Parents' ministry on behalf of world peace, many are coming to recognize the scope and scale of their accomplishments. Not only are the prejudice and resistance fading, but many of the world's highest leaders—both political and religious—are beginning to acknowledge this fact. Several participants were seriously discussing the prospects of nominating Father for the Nobel Peace Prize. What is most significant, however, is that, as the unjust discrimination is overcome, the opportunity for the fair dissemination of Father's ideas can proceed unimpeded and be assessed freely and openly by people throughout the world. The power of those ideas can then be unleashed to help fulfill the universal human quest for world peace.◆

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In Honor of True Parents...

be deeply repentant that although we were to become a shield against Satan, a big hole was made in the line of defense through our mistakes, which in turn caused True Parents to suffer indescribable hardship.

Because of the heavenly law by which True Father cannot love Abel without loving Cain first, and because of the rule of Heaven by which the road of restoration through indemnity must inevitably deal first with the unqualified people on the side of Cain, he has worked hard during his 79 years of life in the body of a servant and that of a servant of servants, not taking care of his precious self. Furthermore, in the position of not being able to take care of their own beloved children, True Parents had to just leave them out in the open. In the same way as they, being the incarnation of goodness, bear the pain that they feel from us who are sinful, how profound would True Parents' genuine care and pity be toward the precious and beloved True Children who are the substance of love and goodness? We have to remember that True Parents still have not manifested this way, and have, instead, devoted their 79 and 56 years of life respectively to nurturing and raising us.

We have to engrave in our hearts once again that we, and all the world's blessed families, as well as the blessed families in the spirit world who stand here today, when we received new life thanks to True Parents' course of such sacrifice and devotion, are truly in disgrace and indebted to True Children. We are people with no face who took True Parents' love all for ourselves, and who still snatch away their Parents' love. We took up our Parents' time, attention and sincere effort ahead of others even though we did not have any qualification to do so. We have a debt which we truly cannot pay back by any means. Moreover, even though we should have been a protective barrier for True Children, and attended them, Satan invaded owing to the conditions of our sin, piercing a hole in the defense line. Therefore, in turn, even True Children have had to walk a road of trials. We are all the sinners of sinners who created these circumstances.

You know, the highest hope in the hearts of True Children is to receive True Parents' love. We tend to think that since they are True Children they will naturally receive True Parents' love; but they say that the thing that they hope for so desperately, deep in their hearts is to receive the love of their father and mother. True Children miss that one word from their father and mother that they love them, and they live in hunger for that word. Dear members, please look at the True Children. How wonderful they are! They have outstanding qualities and special aptitudes in many fields. They have capability and remarkable leadership ability. We are moved with admiration to find in True Children, beginning with Hyo Jin Nim, such conspicuous leadership ability as to be able to catch the heart of any group or any situation. I think we should feel deeply in our hearts how indebted we are to, and stand in the position of being sinners before, such precious elder brothers and elder sisters.

Hyo Jin Nim, Heung Jin Nim in the spirit world, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Kwon Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim, we are so sorry. Ye Jin Nim, In Jin Nim, Un Jin Nim, Sun Jin Nim, Yeon Jin Nim, Jeung Jin Nim, we are very sorry. Please forgive us. We believe, we believe that you will become our eternally proud *Hyung Nim* and *Nu Nim* (elder brothers and sisters) and filial sons and daughters in front of True Parents.

Hyo Jin Nim and all True Children! You are the hope of us all and the hope of tens of thousands of coming generations of humanity. *Hyung Nim* and *Nu Nim*, we are truly sorry. Please forgive us. We pledge in front of you that we will go forward with loyalty and filial piety. Please therefore accept our pledge.

Father said, "Now that the period of restoration through indemnity is over, I will take care of the children." Do you think there is anything True Parents, with the victories they have gained, cannot take care of and cannot put to rights with their ability and power? Father and Mother, who pardoned and gave blessing to us sinners and thus raised us up, your Cain children! True Parents, who gave the blessing even to devilish murderers at the bottom of hell, snatching them from Satan! True Parents, so capable and powerful, who enabled us who are inadequate, to become family messiahs, tribal messiahs and national messiahs! What limit would there be in embracing, in your two big arms of love, to your heart's content, the True Children whom you have deserted in the wilderness up to now? Though you may bestow on them a grace that is hundreds and millions of times bigger than the grace you have given us, fallen human beings, heaven and earth will alike offer greetings, all people will send thanks and praise, and even Satan will bow his head and not dare falsely accuse.

True Father, how sorrowful, lonely and painstaking your lifetime of 79 years has been! There are mountains of things that we still have to realize, but now we have realized some, though few, and see that True Father's life was for our sake and for nothing other than the will of our True God who desires to save all humanity. This being so, with what can we give you comfort? Please live long to a great age and receive glory!

True Mother! Our hearts ache indeed to see fine wrinkles increase in your fair face and white hairs increase in number. Father said that True Mother was originally supposed to live lightheartedly, brightly and happily with purity and joy, not knowing of the worries, winds and waves of the world. However, because we who followed Father failed to fulfill our responsibility, we ended up causing her to suffer all kinds of hardship. How can we expect to receive forgiveness for our inattention to duty? Mother, may you return joy to Father through maintaining your loveliness and becoming even more beautiful, and live to a great age!

In reality, Father's life has been a truly thorny path. On that way he had to first solve, from the ground up, the miserable history of the human fall stretching back over hundreds of thousands of years, and the sins, twists and absurdity of all humankind who inherited the false life and blood lineage through the history of the fall. Secondly, he had to clear away the darkness of death. Thirdly, he had to achieve restoration through indemnity.

It was a road with no alternative routes that he had to take with true love for the sake of others, while carrying out a bloody fight against Satan who would not let go of anything. Father has been teaching humankind by doing his best in front of God on the path of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience and by showing an example of life according to the Principle, which he found by inquiring into the essence of the universe and life. Not only did he establish and teach a theory, he also actualized it concretely and gained victory in fundamentally changing the world and humankind. He restored elder-ship and parenthood on that difficult course so as to realize heaven on earth and in heaven, which is the will of God; and he has advanced until now while succeeding in each and every

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truly serious crisis so as to realize the restoration of kingship. Mother, also, has borne the pain of taking care of the Cain-type children spread in clusters throughout the five oceans and six continents. How are we to fully comfort the heart of True Mother? From 1992 on, in particular, she became such a praiseworthy Mother, traveling around the world in place of True Father, guiding members on the front line and educating world leaders. We, who have the Mother of the universe, who is worthy of praise and pride at all times and in all places, are indeed intoxicated with happiness. Most especially, our limitless thanks flow from our hearts to Mother who gives Father endless comfort and joy. For us, who have come to witness Father and Mother becoming one and experiencing happiness, this is an unforget-

table grace among graces in our hearts. Frankly, who do you think can really console True Father, whose heart was frozen in the suffering and loneliness each and everyday of his 79 years of life? Who would be qualified to console the inner reality of Father who is pierced with pain, not being able to say all that he should say, but instead holding it in his heart? Confirming and feeling in our lives that Mother alone is Father's perfect object of infinite love, consolation and joy, we offer True Mother all the more appreciation.

[This is the first half of Rev. Kwak's speech. It was translated by Soon Young Kim and edited for Today's World]

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Guidance for International Leaders

and your children as examples to persuade your tribe. Husband and wife are one, so you can also work with your spouse's tribe and create a network. Use this network to change society and build our church. Try three times, formation, growth and perfection. Perfection is the realm of direct dominion. Hold rallies in 2, 36 then 360 cities. Twenty times in one place. Talk to leaders. Will they kick you away? No, they will want to receive the blessing.

THE PRINCIPLE OF FAMILY FIRST

The principle of family first: if it is not first, it cannot be offered to God. Have your family be one that others can imitate. Think of a curse from someone as a cool breeze coming at you on a hot day. If you welcome your elder's curse to you, you won't make a mistake. The family should be eternal, unchanging and absolute. You can establish your family as a model family for others to emulate. That is the *Sa-du* family. Then you can move to the principle of country first and world first. Sacrifice the country to serve the world. Then reach the principle of the cosmos first. Inheritance happens only when you are divine sons and daughters on the cosmic level, as a cosmic *Sa-du*, standing in the same position as God, and receiving your inheritance. Those who die on the family level

will reach that level in the spirit world. You receive your inheritance after you liberate God, through the filial piety, patriot, saint and divine son and daughter stages. You cannot just do whatever you want. You have to receive that inheritance in order to control the universe. This is possible only when you become a man of true love in the family, nation, world and cosmos. Then you receive the blessing from God. To be a person of true love means to be a person of the liberation of heaven and earth. You become the master only after inheritance. To do this, you must hold rallies from now on. This is the age of globalizing and "cosmos-izing" the rallies.

Hold rallies in the spirit world too. If you do, you will turn the country upside down. People will never get tired of becoming True Parents. So people will welcome you and will bring your relatives to join. Shall we begin? You should reach out to unmarried young people. You will become their ancestor. Will you bring 100 or 1,000 couples? That number is possible. Spirit world will help; Jesus will announce it. Ask elders if they can take responsibility for the youth problems. If they can't, tell them you will take care of them. Try to convey to them what inspired you. A rally can include dancing and beating drums. Invite the elders and make harmony. Go forward toward the world of liberation.

Are you happy? I want to see you dance. I want to sing for you. What shall I sing?

(Father sings, then cuts the congratulatory cake)◆

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Blessing participants and members attend a rally for pure love in Pagoda Park, central Seoul, February 5

If you feel that the taste of Hoon Dok Hae is better than the food you eat or the things you love, then you will experience limitless development.

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With Jungsung and Love

beings. He has to liberate them through human beings, and the representatives of humanity are the True Parents, in a word, the Messiah.

JUNGSUNG AND BEING CLOSE TO GOD

If all of you become children of the Messiah, with the same heart, then, if you think about the liberation of True Parents, human beings will be liberated. If you come to think about the liberation of God, you will enter a higher level in God's will, to that realm of love. Are you qualified for this? You cannot just enter the realm of love as you please, without some effort. You have to jump up to God's level to make a balance horizontally. If you do so and even just stay there, it will create a region of low atmospheric pressure of love in the spirit world, so that a return to equilibrium will occur in order to seek out love. When there is high atmospheric pressure, it will fill in the low atmospheric pressure, right? The pressure will push you from behind even if you say not to. It will push for you. This means you will move forward. In order to have this kind of motivation, what you need is, "Jungsung and love."

There is no individual, family, tribe, race, nation, world, or universe which hopes for *jungsung* to end. Each follows the way wherein *jungsung* is offered. For love, everyone follows the way. This is the way of righteousness. So, you have to report and declare what you do. When you say "Father, I will do such and such today," then you must report later on that "I have accomplished these things today." Without reporting, it will not be horizontal, and the balance will be lost. Reporting is to establish the vertical relationship on the basis of the horizontal. If you do so, the result will remain.

Therefore, if the horizontal is established through a balance, then naturally, a center will be necessary. The center will never change its vertical standard love because it reports to heaven. The person who goes such a life course can lay the horizontal as much as the level of the established central standard in the eternal world. This means that the realm of possession in the eternal world emerges depending on the degree of one's relationship with heaven. Depending on that level, they work freely in the eternal world. Liberation emerges. This is a very important point. Do you understand?

My life has been one of *jungsung*. I cannot be hostile to my enemies. Do not hate at all. You have to know how someone could have become your enemy. If he came to have greed like that, all his greed emerges from his new desire to feed and foster all the members of his family: mother, father, sons and daughters. Evil men and thieves do not emerge all at once. They stand in an impossibly difficult situation that they cannot get away from, and their behavior turns into a crime when it radically transcends the environment. Their motivation is love, centering on the love for their own wife, children, and parents. Since they cannot do as they wish, they turn to crime while destroying their own circumstances. None of them start out with a bad motivation.

So, *jungsung* and what? [Love.] My entire work is *jungsung*. However, in order for that *jungsung* to manifest substantially, love is necessary. The same is true for you, too. You might think I might not manifest good enough somehow, but when I get through to the Words in this kind of place, the more I am connected to them, the brighter the level of *jungsung* becomes, and the heart of love dwells there. Therefore, all of you should carry out Hoon Dok Hae with my words every day.

If you feel that the taste of Hoon Dok Hae is better than the food you eat or the things you love, then you will experience limitless development. My words are words of declaration which I have gathered in each moment of my life through all the serious situations. Since the declaration remains, if we think about our lives based on how to fill in the gap between that declaration and our own life standards, there will be no time for rest.

When you go to the spirit world, you want to go near where True Parents are, don't you? Yes or no? [Yes.] The answer is simple. It depends on how much you have devoted your *jungsung*. It means how much you have liberated the heart of Heavenly Father and how much you have pulled True Parents' heart and digested it. Then you have to make sure whether you have done all of these with love. Those who have done so thinking they will get promoted or receive the blessing and fortune [for their own sake], will go to hell, all of them.

If you had a chance to talk to all those martyrs, they would say, "If I believe in Jesus like this, and die in faith like this, I will go to the Kingdom of Heaven." However, such a person cannot go to the Kingdom of Heaven. We must enter into the sorrowful world of Jesus and live for that sake. God raised up all the numerous saints and heroes in order to liberate God's heart and to liberate His children. Since we are connected to the heart that desires liberation, this is the principled way for a son or daughter to go, and the stage wherein sons and daughters can live; that is, to go to our environment of liberation, no matter what happens. You must not forget that.

As you return home now, if you continue on without forgetting this, the path you take will prosper very much. Without your recognition, your surrounding or even yourself know it, you will feel it. You will feel it. Since human beings are spiritual beings, they are able to feel it. The person passing by may follow you, and with a glance, you feel something familiar about him even though it is the first time for you to see him. You think, "Did I see that man before?" Never miss connecting with such a person. You know that there are such people. When you just glance at the person, you feel as though you have met them, but actually you haven't. Yes, you should never miss such a person. That is the person who is absolutely necessary for you. At such a time, devote your *jungsung*; if you have a heart toward him more than you ever did toward God, you will bond together at once. This becomes an inseparable relationship. This is the method by which to expand the foundation of heart that bonds all of your companions. With grace, it lets everything stand in the position of the blessing that is close to the Kingdom of Heaven.

What I love with hardship and *jungsung* belongs to me. However, blessing is held by God. God's heart, which over-

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whelms His *han* and which desires to give blessing, is stored within Him. That is why you do not need to worry whether you will receive it or not. Blessings are to come automatically. When you go home, apply this to your life with such a heart, and just see for yourself the result.

Regarding whatever I start to be involved in, I think, "I was born for this. My birth was for this sake." Then I do it because I like it. It is no good unless you live with fondness. It is love that can stand after overcoming the deep barrier. I never start anything that my heart does not feel good about. My heart knows everything.

God goes and extends His blessing to whatever it is you do with pleasure. After fishing, I am now starting on the marine product industry, and since it has almost come to the time for a fish-raising industry, I have removed the focus of my mind from fishing. That is why I can cut off and turn around suddenly. Because the policy and direction change without an irresolute attachment, and because the direction to love has changed, I must cut off without regret and neatly reorganize. That is the way that Satan cannot catch up. Never have regrets. Do you understand? [Yes.]

INTERNAL GUIDANCE FOR LIFE IN 1999

Now then, with *jungsung*, in your activities this year, you must experience God's emotion [love] for giving us the blessing. Do so with the devotion of *jungsung* and with a heart of loving as well. Your prayers are to be offered in the same way. I am saying that if it turns out that you are to go to some area, then compare and find where it is most difficult to live and where it is the easiest and most prosperous. Then find a way in which you can level them and make it possible for them to exist at the same level. That is what you will do for them. That is how the realm of liberation for that country appears. If the two become leveled and the center appears, then their liberation will appear.

Knowing all this, look at this year, 1999. The number 9 is Satan's number. If all the formation, growth and perfection are number 10, it will be all right. Since the number 1000 has a representative character, it is like the number 10; it becomes the number of liberation. That is why we are giving blessings. Think about it. It is the true blessing. True blessing means that it is perfected. It is not just any ordinary blessing. What is this true blessing? The true blessing is cosmic expansion. This means let us give blessing to the true family where the settlement of universal liberation that is completely connected to the bosom of God can completely settle at last. Isn't this it? I am saying that this is the last ridge.

Then what are we going to do with the root of Satan? [Root it out.] It is the final requirement. Absolutely the last necessity. If you do not miss your chance, but spread the blessing by expanding the heart of *jungsung* and love over the universe, the world will naturally follow you. I became plus, so minus will naturally follow.

With this kind of heart, when you receive the new nation next year, there cannot be anyone in your town who has not received the blessing. There cannot be anyone who rejects it. There is no family that I have not connected with the destiny

of love. Through God, and with God as the subject of heart to love, liberation will occur shining love like the light of the sun. This is theoretical, but it is not a wild fantasy. Even though you may know this theoretically, if you fail in going to that realm but instead fall away, then you will not even be able to grieve. Even though you say what must be done, if you do not practice it, then the spirit world will think of you as a complete fake.

If your mother in-law treats you badly, try responding to her with nothing but humility and joy for about three years. If you do this, your mother in-law will become your servant. There is such a way possible. Is this a lie or the truth?

The whole nation rejects you with this and that. You become lonely because of the accusations. If things get better, you don't say a word. Where would you live after criticizing the nation? Where would you stand? Your nation would spit in your face. All through your life, you should treat your enemy as if you meet him for the first time.

With such a condition wherein you do not think of him as an enemy, if you are ready to treat him with the heart of a parent, then the enemy will bow down before you. Heavenly fortune will enter and then he will not be able to behave any other way. If you go in front of those elders with big names, you become humble before them. This is the natural reaction. You feel that, don't you? It is the same concept. There will remain a record on the path, if you deal with such issues with an attitude of absoluteness, that is, treat them not with evil, but with goodness. What you have done will remain. So, absolutely do so with a heart of joy.

When you go out in the morning and return in the evening, do your job with a heart of joy. If you train yourself to live this way in your family, then wherever you go, the world of darkness will be moved to the world of light by you. There are boundaries in the world of light also. You must know that there is a principle of rising up for twelve hours, half a day, and descending back to the foot of the mountain. When you breathe, isn't it easier to inhale and then exhale? Since there is a darkness to climb, there must be a brightness to descend.

Whatever you dislike the most will stay for eternity and you will come to like it. When you come to like it the most, then all the dark things in you will rise to the horizon of light. Therefore, if you dislike everything you are in darkness; you would not like darkness, would you? Never treat anything with a negative expression, but unify it with an expression of joy. I hope that you will come to know that living with such a life philosophy is an ultimately good path, which enables you to live with God, and that you can then go home and work with enthusiasm.

This is the preparation which fallen man has to go through. The person who does not prepare will be forgotten. No matter how great you may say you are, heavenly fortune will flow away like water. I earnestly ask that you become those who can attend heaven by attaching [yourselves] to victorious results like a root of a tree or a brick. Do you understand? (Yes.) Somehow you must try to digest the year with joy and enthusiasm. God will sympathize and dwell with you there.

Jungsung and love! When you have food, apologize to all

those miserable people before you eat it. "Father, please sympathize with them and let them be with us..." This is the way that the children of the heavenly kingdom must go. You understand, don't you? [Yes.] Would you try this then? [Yes.]

So, women, don't chatter as you please. The way of *jungsung* is a tough one. Do not act thoughtlessly. Women act quicker than men do. You try to act with all of your face and words. How is that? Never treat your husband and children in such a way. You should speak as a mother who offers love and *jungsung*. When one tries to become a queen, who will become one?

If you want to become a saint, you need to become a king to your ears and mouth. Women, especially watch out for your ears. You fell with the chatter from your mouth. Since the ear and mouth caused the fall, if you can manage all these, then you will become a queen. Women should especially be aware of those aspects. When you say something to your husband you just say it straight and you feel good. But at such a time, when you want to say something toward your husband grab your handkerchief tight if you would have any,

[and hold those words in]. Train yourself like that. When you love your husband more than anyone, then you need such a condition. Buddhist monks chant and beat the gourd, don't they? We would listen to Father's words and sing songs, wouldn't we? They are all conditions.

Understand all this, and know that this year is a good year of your life that you can offer to heaven. So, if you raise ten to the third power—three is the number of perfection and ten is the number of returning—it is one thousand. A unit of one thousand. The unit of one thousand is formation, growth and perfection. It transcends all the number threes both vertically and horizontally

If you shed tears with the heart of *jungsung* and love, you will be remembered in the heart of God, and this will never flow away [and be forgotten]. Do you follow me? If you say you will do that, raise your hand. (Everyone raises his or her hand.) Thank you.◆

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love of a higher order, then she has to say, "Please love God more than you love me, and then love me."

THE FAMILY AND SPIRIT WORLD

I often preach about the realm of the heart. The foundation for the realm of the heart is the love of true parents, the love of true brothers and sisters and the love of true children. The world of the heart is one in which we universalize these types of love. In this original world, a person can live by the standard of husband and wife love, but theirs must be a husband and wife love that gives primacy to heaven and earth and to the cosmos.

So, where do we go in order to establish a foundation to qualify for that world? We must lay this foundation in the physical world. We are not to spend our time here for the sake of all those things valued by this world. We are here to qualify ourselves for the next world.

That is the basis for the principle that we live as families in the spirit world. Why do we need to have children? The vertical love of God and the horizontal love of parents bring descendants into this world. This is a vertical and horizontal mixing of the blood of God and the parents. Thus, people who were unable to have descendants on earth will not be able to harmonize Heaven and earth in the spirit world. They will be unable to keep step with the rhythm of north, south, east and west. A person who has no descendants will have no place to rest or play in the next world.

In spirit world, there is no need for religion, much less for denominations. There is no need for entities such as the Presbyterian Church or the Catholic Church. People there are in the realm of life together with God. In that realm are people who loved the world, patriots and loyal subjects, women of virtue and saints. As far as I am aware, however, there is as yet no one who lived his or her life in the original love of God, centering on the tradition of the realm of the heart.

Whenever you begin a task, you should begin it centering on God. Whether you go to Hell, the middle spirit world, Paradise or the Kingdom of Heaven, is determined by the extent

to which you harmonize with this principle. The most precious path on earth is that which endures the greatest amount of suffering and sheds the most tears for the sake of Heaven. That is the path that will bestow the freedom to enter the next world.

In the next world, people of different nationalities cannot live together, but true followers of all religions can live together. The religious sphere is one of longing for one world and believing in one God. So people of true piety will be together. The uniqueness of people of faith is in their living their entire life based upon the standard of the spirit world. Religion teaches us how to relate with each other centering on the eternal world, the transcendent world, the dwelling place of the Divine Being, whether we call Him God or by some other name.

GOD'S CALL TO WORLD LEADERS

Respected leaders! Human beings have strongly pursued prosperity and world peace on a national level and through international organizations. The reality shows us, however, that political, economic, and technological efforts alone have not effectively achieved those goals. Only if these efforts are supported by the more internal ones of religion, education, and culture, can ideal results be secured.

This is because the true happiness of mankind is not realized by external, physical and material prosperity or comfort alone. The true ideals of humankind are realized through a more internal, spiritual and mental perfection and satisfaction.

This can be possible only within the framework of religious teaching and the cooperation and unified action of all the world's religions.

On this occasion today, I would like to advocate the establishment, in relation to the UN, of a structure amounting to a United Nations of world religions, whose representatives would be the major faiths and their leaders.

Today, for the sake of the future of the world and of humankind, I am sincerely asking all of you—and world leaders in every field—to seriously discuss, from this point on, the establishment of a United Nations of world religions and the importance of that organization's role.

Thank you very much.◆

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Faith and Interfaith

(Part Two)

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I am not quite sure at exactly what point I committed myself to attempting our first RYS project in Birmingham. Anyway, not long after returning from Kerala, in February 1996, I was grappling with the problems of finding a suitable project, together with enough participants and the money necessary to carry it out.

The project came in a most interesting way. During the final moments of a

the hostel accommodation for our forty-five RYS participants. It was £360, and I had only about £200 in the RYS bank account at the time. I took our personal check book with me, determined to use our own money for the downpayment, but as I was leaving the house I noticed an envelope had just come in the post, and inside was our first check for £500, from a charity. My faith went up several notches!

Shortly after that, CSV asked me if the Religious Youth Service could contribute anything towards the purchase

of tools and materials needed for the projects we were going to tackle! It seemed crazy at the time, as we still had to raise several thousand pounds ourselves, but I decided to donate £200 of our money to their costs. This investment was repaid handsomely. Not only did money begin to come in, such that we had a little left over at the end of the project in

the major faith traditions, with great support from our international RYS staff.

Six of the participants came from Birmingham, and the most rewarding thing about this was that they were all children of women who had become part of Patricia's women's interfaith group, which had been growing steadily since 1993. In particular, the monthly "Prayer for Peace" meeting was attracting anything from twenty to fifty ladies, coming together to share concerns, make friends, and learn about one another's culture, religion and values. Many times a speaker would give their own first-hand experience of real-life drama in countries such as Sudan or Rwanda, which we usually only hear about in the media. In fact, the group had become so big that we had to convert a double garage into a meeting room in order to accommodate everyone! Often the group would consist of more than 20 nationalities, truly representative of Birmingham's international cultural mix, with black, white, brown and yellow sitting side by side.

To keep this going, and growing, for more than five years has required a substantial investment of time, money (especially 'phone calls) and heart on Patricia's part almost ten days of spare time out of every month. Also, our children had to be pushed aside so many times, which is never easy as all parents know, and of course we have seen the supreme example of that in our True Parents. However, the rewards somehow always seem to justify the sacrifice, and



Patricia with sisters from one family the Earles blessed

40-day street witnessing condition she was doing, Patricia met a young woman who connected me to an organization called The Prince's Trust, who in turn put me in touch with another wonderful organization called Community Service Volunteers (CSV). I met several times with representatives of CSV, and we arranged to collaborate on three separate environmental projects, also working with Urban Renewal, a local government initiative focusing on the task of reclaiming pieces of derelict land in the inner city of Birmingham, engaging local residents in the process. After several planning meetings together, there was no turning back!

Having written to numerous companies and charitable trusts for financial support, and checking anxiously every morning for letters on the front doormat, I can never forget the day in June 1996 when I had to pay the deposit on

September, but in preparing a follow-up project in 1997, CSV helped us to find £2,000 towards our costs, a ten-fold return on our investment. My faith continued to climb!

The three environmental projects we completed in 1996 were quite successful and two of them, a nature trail and a tree nursery, were subsequently adopted by primary schools to give inner-city children the opportunity to have some contact with nature. Forty-five international RYS participants completed these three tasks, representing almost all



The RYS participants at work on the construction project

in particular all of our children have learned the joy of being a public person, and also learned to relate to so many different kinds of people.

The women's group provided us not just with moral support, but very real financial support for our three RYS projects to date. After the comparative success of RYS '96, "Building Racial Harmony," I was approached by CSV and Urban Renewal to see if we would undertake what came to be RYS '97, "Building the Community through Interracial Harmony and Action." After taking a deep breath or two, I said "Yes," and so the fundraising, organization and planning began again in earnest. This time, just over 40 participants from all faiths laid the foundation for a park for mothers and children in Small Heath, a predominantly Asian area of Birmingham. The park was designed by three groups of local school-children working with a city architect, and we were able to involve them in the actual work program, as well as in sports and cultural activities. At the end, one of the strongest images etched in my memory is of my eldest daughter, who was then just ten years old, sobbing as our RYS members left to go back to their respective countries—beautiful tears of sadness and joy.

Early in 1997, our interfaith activities came to the attention of Rev. Wilson Singham, a Christian minister who had come to study for one year in the Selly Oak Colleges in Birmingham. Encountering him at a meeting of the Birmingham Council of Faiths, Patricia and I shook hands with our first 'untouchable'. We were to meet many more.

Rev. Singham, a very radical 'untouchable', felt that the kind of approach being pioneered by True Parents through the Women's Federation, Inter-Religious Federation and RYS could help his own cause among people of different castes and faiths in South India. So January of 1998 found Patricia and myself flying out to Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, for three of the most dramatic weeks of our lives to date. Not only did we meet mayors, police chiefs, political leaders, religious leaders, and go into schools, churches, temples and homes, but we could journey several hours by land-rover, through rivers and along dusty, bumpy tracks to remote villages where we could embrace, and be embraced by, the 'untouchables' in Rev. Singham's village communities. Most precious of all, literally everywhere we went, from the top to the bottom of Indian society, we could give the blessing!

And, having been touched by the Holy Spirit at an interfaith blessing in our home, Rev. Singham always gave a beautiful explanation of its significance, appropriate to the people and the situation.

We left India exactly one year ago with treasured memories and the germ of an idea to create an interfaith children's home for orphaned children from those 'untouchable' communities. Some of these children had lost their parents through suicide, unable to repay debts to money-lenders through the failure of cotton crops, resulting from the simple fact of their being unable to read fertilizer and pesticide instructions. Over 100 farmers committed suicide in less than a month last year in that part of India.

I returned to Andhra Pradesh on a



A Muslim prayer is offered prior to the ground-breaking ceremony, which was attended by a member of parliament

planning visit for three weeks in May and June last year, accompanied by Margaret Ali of the Family Federation in Britain. Enduring daytime temperatures of 45°-53° C, we succeeded in making an Interfaith Advisory Board and Action Committee to help begin the process of bringing this Family Federation Children's Home into reality. This is no simple matter in India, particularly to have people of different castes and religions cooperating together. It has been fraught with problems, and many times we felt the pioneering spirit of True Parents coming to our assistance in times of difficulty. However, we now have Hindu, Muslim and Christian people working side by side, and also people from opposite ends of the caste system help-

ing each other. While Singham is 'untouchable' for example, his close friend Amba Prasad, a successful Hindu businessman who has donated the land for the Children's Home, is Brahmin.

Six months later, after a lot of planning, soul-searching, faxes and phone calls, and with incredible support from our dear brother John Gehring of RYS in New York and the Women's Federation in Britain, 36 young people arrived in Hyderabad on December 9, 1998, living and laboring together to build the foundations for the main structure of the children's home, laying 3,000 bricks, planting numerous trees, and making a volleyball court, all in the space of ten action-packed days.

After this "Building Communal Harmony" RYS project, we held an IRFWP conference in Osmania University, Hyderabad, to promote the same theme, bringing together some very special people, Hindu, Muslim and Christian scholars and activists, who are currently engaged in similar lines of thought and work to ourselves. They, in turn, received encouragement and inspiration from those of our young RYS participants who managed to stay on for the conference.

We are currently trying hard to raise the money necessary, another £4,000 - £5,000, to complete the building work so that the FFWPU Children's Home can begin to operate sometime later this year. We hope to accommodate at least thirty children, and our goal is to raise them as world citizens. It is truly a project to take us into the next millennium, on the front-line of True Parents' pioneering activities for world peace.

Who knows where the next seven years may lead us? Perhaps all we can say for certain, from our shared experience, is that, in spite of our considerable shortcomings, as long as we continue to reach out to others and allow the balance of life to always tilt in favour of public over private, as long as we continue to proclaim an inclusive rather than an exclusive Kingdom, and as long as we try to remain rooted in the Principle, and in its application into daily life, following behind the example of our True Parents, then we can have hope that God will honor our efforts and continue to lead us ever deeper into His, and one another's hearts. ♦

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Orders and Disorder

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As an American, it has often seemed to me that Koreans tend to use words less seriously or at least in a different way than Americans. This has the result that people listening also seem to take words less seriously or to react differently than Americans would. Americans tend to be much more strict with small children than Koreans, but Koreans tend to scold much more.

Perhaps some examples of different incidents can make this clearer. Let's take the example of a child standing or jumping on the sofa. If the child had been told before not to do that, Americans would very probably go immediately to the child, whack his bottom, and take him off the sofa with a statement something like, "I told you not to stand on the sofa. Don't do it!" If the child had not been warned before, an American would probably tell the child to get down, and when he got down he would be told that he shouldn't stand on the sofa because it was dangerous and it could also break or ruin the sofa.

In view of such a background, imagine my reaction to the following scene. My son, who had been told clearly several times that he was not to stand on the sofa or jump on it, was standing on the sofa using it as a kind of combination trampoline and jungle gym. My mother-in-law was sitting on the floor folding laundry. She saw what he was doing and said something like, "Get down. You know you shouldn't stand on the sofa." He kept playing. She went back to folding. It seemed almost as though she had done her duty by having said something. When he became even more active, she looked up again and said, "Come on. Get down. Be a good boy. That's dangerous. You might get hurt. You'll ruin the sofa. etc. etc." He kept on playing and she went back to folding. A while later when he became even more rambunctious, she spoke again, "I don't know what's gotten into you. You don't listen to a thing I say. Now get down right away, or I'm going to get the stick, and you'll be sorry." He kept playing, and she went back to folding. After a few more jumps

and a final headstand, he went in the bedroom to play with toys. Upon finishing her folding my mother-in-law got up and left.

Such scenes left me very worried in view of a few American books I had read on raising children. One of the books that had impressed me most had recommended clearly that a parent should never say anything to the child that he is not ready to enforce physically. For example he should not tell the child to get off the sofa unless he is ready to make him do so, after being told only once. Through such actions, the child is taught that the parent's words have meaning and will be enforced immediately.

I think this ethos pretty much permeates American culture. If someone tells or asks us to do something, we feel immediate pressure from it. We feel like we should do it now, almost immediately. Because of that kind of innate pressure of the word, I often was very frustrated by things my husband would tell me to do. For instance, let's say I was doing dishes and still had a lot to do. My husband might comment that the floor had a sticky spot and needed to be cleaned, the living room was in disorder, the children needed a bath and the letter from so and so needed to be answered, etc. etc. By the time he would get that far, I would nearly go wild, saying I had only two hands and wasn't finished with dishes and how did he expect me to take care of all of those things at once, etc. etc. This would surprise him so much. He would look at me with such a puzzled, innocent face and say that he didn't mean I had to do them all now. He was just making observations of real situations. Well, I was reacting to each thing as a judgment and immediate mandate. It's almost as though adults in Korea feel a duty to comment on things in order to fulfill their duty. But there usually is not the kind of follow through to immediate execution that can usually be assumed in America.

This has the effect that the children hear so many scoldings, that they seem almost immune to them. Sometimes my husband will scold my children's friends who don't greet him properly or who come to play computer games. He

even tells them to go outside to play and not to spend so much time at the computer or the game set. Then he goes into his room, and the children continue to play at the computer. As a child, if one of my friend's fathers had talked like that, I would have been out of that house in a minute never to come back! But these Korean kids are resilient, far more thick-skinned than I ever was.

I believe that is the training that makes the following story possible. Early in my stay in Korea several Korean people and I gathered for a planning meeting. It was to last from 11:00 to 1:00 and then we would have lunch together. Around 12:00 one of the women closed her notebook and put her pen in her purse. The head of the meeting looked at her and said, "You're not planning on leaving, are you? I want everyone to stay for the full meeting. We need everyone's opinion." The lady smiled and said, "Yes." She sat for a few minutes and then put her notebook in her purse and put her purse on her lap. The leader looked at her again and said, "You can't leave now. You have to stay at least until 1:00." The lady again smiled and said, "Yes." A few minutes later she got up quietly and took a few steps towards the door. The leader said, "What are you doing? Sit down immediately. I told you everyone should stay at least until one!" The lady smiled again, said, "Yes," and backed out the door smiling, bowing, and saying, "Yes." And the leader went on with the meeting.

Witnessing that as an American put me in severe culture shock. An American would have to say something like, "No, I'm sorry. I have to go. I have a previous appointment which I can't miss, and I had made before you called the meeting yesterday! If you give me more advance notice, it'll be easier to attend the meetings." But in Korea the explanations are not required or desired, it seems. But that is worth a whole column itself. ♦

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In history there have been many people who upheld and established God's will. They did not retreat when they faced death. Instead, they laughed in the face of death and valiantly transcended death. We know well that these people paved our way to Heaven.

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