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Message from the Publisher

Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

The Importance of Hoon Dok Hae

DEAREST Brothers and Sisters throughout the world: I deeply appreciate the hard work you are doing to accomplish the blessing of 400 million couples. We all should do our utmost to realize God and True Parents' desire to cut humankind off from the satanic blood lineage.

The rapid increase in moral corruption, juvenile immorality, and the breakdown of the family in modern society has resulted in drawing the attention of many leaders to our pure love movement and the true family movement. In a number of countries, the true family blessing campaign is receiving encouragement as a movement operating on a level to save their nation.

From today I would like you to think of the importance of Hoon Dok Hae as strengthening the foundation for the blessing and for the accomplishment of the 400 million couple blessing.

True Father has given us many words revealing God's heart and will and the entire content of the divine providence. Some three hundred volumes of his speeches have already been published.

Father has personally selected some of these speeches as required reading for us, and those specially chosen works will increase in number. These words are the true record of Father's victories in the battles he has fought against Satan. It is a record of the Principle in practice. Father has instructed us to read his words diligently on a daily basis in order to perfect ourselves, and to teach and guide our juniors and neighbors.

We have been truly blessed to be able to attend True Parents and to receive their love and words of life during our lifetime on earth.

Through the practice of Hoon Dok Hae we should try to resemble True Father in character. True Father's words are words of recreation for fallen human beings. Through his words we can connect to God's heart and finally realize our individual perfection. We can restore ourselves as true children of God. Through Hoon Dok Hae, when we cleanse our hearts by repentance, we can feel our inner selves being uplifted and becoming brighter.

Second, through reading Father's words, we can instantly connect to his heart 20, 30 or 40 years ago. We can understand Father's depth of heart, and the circumstances of God's Providence at that time. What could be a greater blessing than this?

Third, through Hoon Dok Hae, blessed families can establish a family tradition.

Blessed families are to establish true families following the example of True Parents. A good atmosphere can be created through family meetings centering on Hoon Dok Hae, during which the tradition can be inherited directly from True Parents. This is especially helpful and valuable for those who seldom have the chance to see True Parents in person. There is no better way to educate younger members and families whose hearts and faith are still in need of guidance. We can thus create the tradition and the true family ideal through Hoon Dok Hae. The very foundation on which families are built is collapsing in the modern world. No one can deal with this tragic situation. However, we can find solutions to the problems of

modern society in True Parents' words.

Fourth, through Hoon Dok Hae we can learn again and again how precious True Parents are to us. As we increase the amount of our Hoon Dok Hae, we also increase our

opportunities to realize the value of True Parents. The words themselves inspire the core of the human heart, awakening the spirit. They energize and motivate us to be reborn and resurrected.

Beloved leaders, brothers and sisters!

It is my hope that you will invest yourselves thoroughly in holding Hoon Dok Hae, and in creating a great Hoon Dok Hae momentum. Hoon Dok Hae is a meeting through which we receive grace, a time of sharing that grace with others and an occasion through which our original mind is enriched. Through our diligent participation in Hoon Dok Hae, we should be so filled with gratitude and grace that we eventually realize the perfection of our heart as an individual. We should also educate and guide younger members and families correctly through Hoon Dok Hae. In so doing, let us all take pride in the preciousness of God and True Parents for the whole world. Let us also be proud of the true love and true life of God and True Parents for all humankind. Let us enable all people to realize true love, and establish a true lineage and true family tradition.◆

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Toronto, Canada: the first of Mother's 32 international engagements

World Speaking Tour 1999

True Mother's Itinerary in the United States

Mother spoke in the following 24 cities between March 19 and April 11, 1999:

Mar. 19, Washington, DC; Mar. 20, Louisville, KY; Mar. 21, New York, NY; Mar. 22, Norfolk, VA; Mar. 23, Miami, FL; Mar. 24, Columbus, OH; Mar. 25, Providence, RI; Mar. 26, Philadelphia, PA; Mar. 27, Chicago, IL; Mar. 28, Atlanta, GA; Mar. 29, San Francisco, CA; Mar. 30, Seattle, WA; Mar. 31, Minneapolis, MN; Apr. 1, Denver, CO; Apr. 2, Los Angeles, CA; Apr. 3, Portland, OR; Apr. 4, San Diego, CA; Apr. 5, Dallas, TX; Apr. 6, Poughkeepsie, NY; Apr. 7, Bridgeport, CT; Apr. 8, Baltimore, MD; Apr. 9, Detroit, MI; Apr. 10, Boston, MA; Apr. 11, Secaucus, NJ.

One might have expected Mother to take a day or two to recuperate after scheduling a public speaking engagement every day for three and a half weeks across America—and then hosting a meeting for members late into the night on each occasion. Yet, the very next day Mother flew to Toronto, Canada, to begin the international section of the World Speaking Tour, and immediately after her speech that evening flew on to Southeast Asia. This issue carries Father's words at the conclusion of the United States tour, plus testimony of the profound guidance Mother gave to members during her time in America.

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Front Cover: True Parents prepare to cut the victory cake following Mother's successful conclusion of her 24-city speaking tour across the United States, April 11, 1999 **Background:** True Parents listen to reports during the celebration (Photos: Ken Owens/NFP)

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THE COMPLETED TESTAMENT AGE AND THE COMPLETION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
 APRIL 11, 1999 (MORNING)
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On April 11, the final day of True Mother's speaking tour across America, Father spoke on two occasions on matters of such significance that we are including the main content from both speeches in this issue. The following is excerpted from Rev. Peter Kim's interpretation of Father's five-hour speech at Belvedere in the early morning.

WHEN the fall took place in the Garden of Eden the original family ideal was lost. The unique, first family was lost. Therefore, in the Last Days, when we restore the standard of the original family where all family members will live together and the entire world will live as one family with absolute unity centering on God, that will be called the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven. Our lineage will be connected with God.

There are billions of cells in the human body. As these cells are the inheritance of generation after generation, it is just as if we are the descendants of God. There is a connection of blood lineage. What is the purpose for which a man or woman consists of 40 billion cells? We have those cells

because we are like a field to receive the seed of God and multiply, inheriting God's lineage.

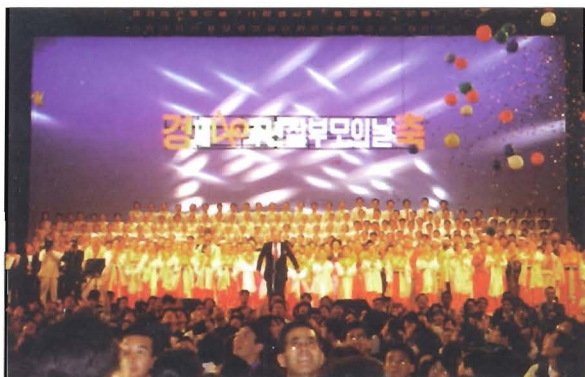
[Father speaks about the bloodshed in the history of the Americas, and the responsibility of the white race.] If God knows what happened in North and South America, then how could He



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Father and Mother finally meet after a period of dedicating themselves separately

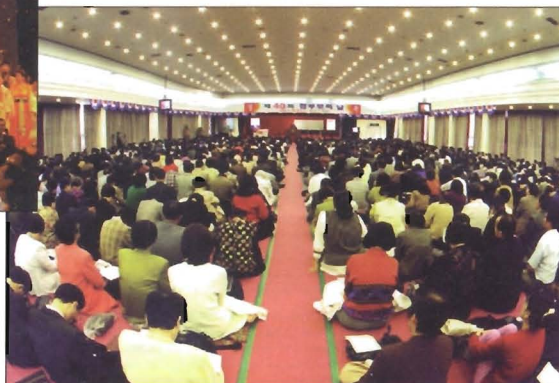
Fortieth True Parents' Day Celebration in Korea



Above: Singers and audience alike join in greeting True Parents at the cultural evening
 Right: Members listen to the commemorative sermon at Sutaek-ri main auditorium

(Photos: Courtesy of Seil Studio)

April 16, 1999, saw the official celebration of True Parents' Day held in Korea. Departing from usual custom, the Main Pledge Ceremony was held in conjunction with the commemorative service at Sutaek-ri main auditorium, beginning at 8:50 a.m. Father spoke on the theme "The 40th



True Parents' Day Opens an Era of Catechismic Change for Heaven and Earth," saying that these were the best and yet the most fearful of words. He indicated this would mean great upheaval in the cosmos, and challenged members to be resourceful in the fulfillment of their responsibilities.

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give so much blessing to America that it became the most powerful nation in the world? Of course God wants to see His original ideal fulfilled. That is the reason, centering on Christianity, God chose this nation. But certain early leaders, who became like robbers and thieves, derailed the process.

A BRIEF LESSON IN PROVIDENTIAL HISTORY

Who do you think brought the victory to the American people and George Washington's troops? Did Washington do it alone, or was it with God's help? [With God's help.] Why do you think God helped him? God had a plan to work through Protestantism in America, represented by George Washington and his troops. This is because Protestantism in America was in the position of Abel in relation to Catholicism in Europe. God sided with America to restore Catholicism and to remove the false monarchies of the world, and then to help George Washington in America to build up democracy, the ideology of "brotherhoodism." But before thinking about "brotherhoodism," we have to think about "childrenism." Then we need to talk about "husband and wife-ism," then "parentism."

Democracy is based on the relationship of love among brothers. As elder son, America is meant to offer love and care for those younger brother black and yellow race nations in the world. Yet America has just been focusing on "one nation under God," on its own benefit and survival.

On the continent of Europe there were power struggles and conflicts led by dictators and characterized by brutality. God therefore turned in a different direction and tried to find a nation among oceanic countries such as England, Spain and Portugal. For a time there were conflicts among these countries who were fighting over new territories. They went out and colonized lands such as India and South America. Eventually from among those countries God blessed Great Britain, which then in a way unified and became the leader among the oceanic nations.

If you look at the two American continents they are like large islands. God selected these continent-sized islands and chose the United States as the central nation, representing Protestantism. To the north was Canada representing Great Britain and the Anglican Church, and to the south the Spanish territories, representing Catholicism. So on the European continent as well as out on the ocean, Great Britain centered on the Anglican Church and Spain and Portugal centered on Catholicism, were fighting. Therefore, God selected these continent-sized islands and brought representatives from all those fighting factions together there to unite them as one country. During the last 200 years God has brought the essence of all the religions and faiths on the European continent and had them settle here in America. God had a purpose in doing so. He wanted to bring these different cultures, religions and faiths to America and unite them here. If that had been accomplished, don't you think the American continent could have been unified and become one nation? This would have represented uniting half the earth. Would Americans still have said "one nation under God"? What do you think they should say? ["One half-world under God."] If everyone

had lived in that spirit, don't you think the North and South American continents could have been unified?

There has always been conflict between Protestantism and Catholicism. But God must bring them together. When God brought all that good essence from the European continent and implanted it here, uniting all those different nations, cultures and civilizations, if they had lived here in the spirit of one world under God, these two continents would have had the capacity to feed the entire world. If we fully utilize this beautiful hemisphere, produce enough food and materials and then extend our hands to the rest of the world, don't you think the entire world can be unified? God's ideal is to see one world under God. Had America had that kind of attitude and spirit, don't you think America could have united the entire world? But instead, Americans brought our black brothers and sisters to this country and used them as their slaves. Was that right? [No!] After having perpetrated evil to that degree, do you think God would still bless this country and expect it to do God's will, or would He give America a strong punch? Looking at world history, this is the proper perspective from which to answer the fundamental questions it poses.

THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES

God's original plan for America was that it become the elder son nation, uniting all those sea-faring nations and playing the role of elder-son to the entire world. But America has instead become self-interested. When God looks at America, do you think He expects this nation to flourish and prosper? If you are just centered on extreme selfish individualism you lose everything beyond that—familyism, societyism, nationism, worldism, even Godism. Everything breaks down completely. The world becomes a place with no hope in sight. Who created individualism here in America? Satan, the enemy of the ideal of God, humankind and all creation.

God can see that there is no way for humankind to survive without help. That is why God sent Reverend Moon as the True Parent. Do you think I came to America to rob this country? On the contrary, I am feeding America, giving life back to the American people. Since coming here I have been teaching you not to become indebted to America. You have to be self-sufficient and independent. Beyond that you have to reach out to and save the entire world.

In the early days I proclaimed that America was on fire and in need of a firefighter to come not from within your house but from somewhere else. I said that America was in deep trouble, with a fatal disease and in need of a medical doctor who could not come from within your own family, but must instead come from the hospital. I came as the firefighter to extinguish the fire and to save this people who are sick with a fatal disease. I took hold of all 240 million American people and admonished them to repent. With whose power do you think I did this? [God's!]

In terms of sheer physical strength Mother is weaker than Father. Yet I sent Mother on a nationwide speaking tour in this country. Wherever she went she was in the position of commander. It does not matter what level of VIP came, Mother was always in the position of subject. Sometimes she even

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scolded and strictly educated them, but everyone obeyed and fell in love with Mother. What if Reverend Moon himself were to go around America doing all these things? Do you think those who have opposed me in the past would come forward and greet me or would they hide somewhere?

[Hide.] Yes, some of them would hide themselves away. But when Mother comes they feel a little bit more at ease, saying, "Well, Reverend Moon is a very controversial figure, but let's go and see what kind of person his wife is." Then they find she is very beautiful and very good. Since Reverend Moon is now almost 80, and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has given birth to thirteen children and has more than 20 grandchildren, many must have expected to see Mother coming out on stage with a cane and a wrinkled face. But when they see Mother so young and beautiful taking the stage, they are in total shock.

Mother is great because she has a mother's love for all humanity—she is an Oriental mother who can love and embrace all 6 billion people of the world. Do you think I am treating her properly or improperly? You western women are more stubborn and more opinionated than oriental women. You have stronger guts than other women in the world. Isn't that true? How can this strength be used for a great purpose and to bring about a great result? Guided by True Father, will these strong American women bring a great result or a bad result? A greater result than mine. American women have great courage. (Father speaks in English for a few sentences. Peter Kim summarizes: Father sees American women as having strong guts, even stronger than Mother. If Father gives you instructions and you can obey them completely, he can work with you for the sake of the entire world. Can you have hope to do that? [Yes!])

Coming as the True Parent and Lord of the Second Advent to all humankind immediately after World War II, I wanted to mobilize the power of Anglo-Saxon Britain, a nation headed by a queen, but the British and American people, centering on Christianity, stood against me. I therefore selected another nation, Japan.

In following Father, Japanese women have surmounted all levels of obstacles, from the individual to the world. Therefore, it is natural that they be in the position to educate American women. In the past, the proud western women might have thought they were in the position of queen and looked down upon Japanese women. But now the Japanese sisters have come here in the position of elder sisters, so western sisters should take the position of receiving education and become humble. You might have been in the relationship of enemies in the past, but you have to get rid of that feeling.

If we compare those purely Japanese couples who came here from Japan and live in America with white American couples, which are stronger in life of faith and spirituality and closer to God? [The Japanese.] Are you American sisters ready to follow the Japanese families residing in America? What position does Japan have in God's providence? [The mother position.]

American sisters or blessed couples may say, for example, "We are doing as much as the Japanese couples and families are doing." But let's look at just one practical point. The Japanese couples are not rich, they are just getting by, one day

at a time, but they save money in every possible way so they can make a donation every month. American blessed couples, however, have the tendency to say, "Why should I give money every month? I want to use it for my own sake for this and that..." I requested that the American members offer a substantial sum for the sake of America, your country. Do the American members contribute to this fund? You American members should mobilize the American people and support this offering. You should not be indebted to Japan and the Japanese people. America should do three times more than the Japanese. America has received financial support for projects such as *The Washington Times*. In turn it should come up with more than the amount it has received.

Many different religions are now coming to True Parents to be united and to solve the problems of youth, the family, and the nation and to rebuild them. Everyone needs the words, "True Parents." The individual needs True Parents, the family, tribe, nation world and cosmos need True Parents. Even God needs True Parents. Reverend Moon needs True Parents too. Everyone and everything wants True Parents, who alone are connected to God's blood lineage.

God's tradition and lineage were lost through the fall, so without re-establishing that connection we cannot stand as real sons and daughters of God. The connecting point for the lineage is the father-son relationship. Why were Adam and Eve chased out after the fall? It was because of the mistake made in the lineage. If parents have God's lineage, don't you think the children are in the position to follow their parents thinking, way of doing things and whatever education they give?

You may have come here expecting some praise or pleasing words from me, but instead you are now receiving smears on your face. Am I saying these things for your sake or because I don't like you? [For our sake.] Following these words will ultimately save you.

The time is different now. If at the time of the Exodus the Israelites had remained in Egypt, don't you think they would have been killed? It is the same for us now. We are reaching a crossroads. We have to make a new determination to cross that line.

After having established enough foundation in North America I went to South America to embrace Catholicism. Because America could not fulfill its responsibility in this regard, I finally went to South America, established a foundation there and then brought this foundation and victory to the world level so that God's providence can embrace even the original mother nation of Great Britain, Germany and other nations. But eventually I gave the blessing of elder son nation to America, because America must still extend its arms to embrace the other nations in the world. Since the United States is in the position to embrace both North and South America, we are working to bring technology to South America and develop that continent's technology.

THE MISSION OF HOON DOK HAE

After the 360 Million Couples Blessing leaders around the world started asking for money and time to provide proper education to all those blessed couples. That is why I initiated

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the Hoon Dok Hae tradition. Do you know the meaning of "Hoon Dok Hae"? The first character, *hoon*, means the truth: God's word is flowing like a river, becoming bigger and bigger and more powerful and influential—from a small stream, to a river, and all the way to the ocean. As a body of water, in order to reach the biggest ocean in the world do you want to do Hoon Dok Hae every day for just one hour and gradually become bigger, little by little, so that it takes perhaps a hundred years to reach the final destination? Or do you want to do Hoon Dok Hae for ten hours every day and reach the destination within a year? [Within a year!]

What is the Completed Testament Age? It means possessing the knowledge and conditions with which we can complete the building of the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. Whose father is God? Absolutely, God is our father. How wonderful is God who belongs to me! Have you had that kind of appreciation of God? Have you ever thought about grabbing God's ears and kissing him? When you hug your spouse, have you really thought, "Oh, I am hugging God"? How enjoyable is such a deep feeling of love! How amazing! When we embrace God, the power of this kind of love emerges.

The second character, *dok*, consists of the word, and man. That means selling. So we have to sell the truth. Or in other words, spread it. If you cannot promote and spread the word you are committing a sin. Satan will visit where the word is not spread. Dark power will destroy you. Since you learned the Principle have you been spreading its words? [Yes.] What kind of sales pitch did you make? Like one for an expensive display in a department store, or did you just keep it in a wastebasket? What do you keep on the top of your dresser, your cosmetics or a Divine Principle book? [Divine Principle.] When you have some very good, healthy cosmetics items don't you feel like recommending them to your friends?

So the word should flow like water in a river, and should be promoted and sold everywhere. If we are taught good words by our parents we have to be able to bequeath them to our children and they to theirs. The entire world should be full of the truth, the word of God. Then do you think Hoon Dok Hae will be welcomed only by the people on earth, or also in the spirit world? God may have a plan to implement and accomplish certain things within a hundred years, but Reverend Moon may come up with a plan to do it within ten years. That is why now I am spreading this Hoon Dok Hae tradition swiftly. Do you think God will be happy to see this, or get upset with me? [He will be happy.] That is because the Hoon Dok Hae material includes all the educational content you need to learn from to accomplish God's will within ten years—which otherwise may take hundreds, thousands or even millions of years. Do you believe this? [Yes.]

Do you wish to read all 300 volumes of my words and study even more deeply into the meaning of my teaching? [Yes.] Suppose I gave a prize to those who read my speech volumes the most. Some people may say they read the 300 volumes 10 times, and some 100 times. Do you want to become one of those or do you just want to sit and watch? There is one elderly woman in our movement who came to me and confessed, saying, "Father, I read all 100 volumes of

your speeches. Then I realized that I have sinned so much in my life, and I realize that, Father, you know everything. How could you know all those things and offer all these different aspects of education to people? I am so amazed. Now I really know the taste of studying your word. I would rather skip eating and sleeping and read your books."

If we want to liberate God, we have to liberate humankind first. Do you think God can witness to people? If there is a textbook teaching how to educate and witness to people, do you think God has to come down and read it for the sake of all humanity, or do we have to do it? God is the origin of this truth. Because of that God found and chose True Father through whom He has been giving these words. Now we have to take up the responsibility to do it.

Is there anyone who does not want to restore his or her country and offer that restored country to God? Those who want to do it, raise your hands! I will take your pledge as a sincere one.

America has 240 million people. Has each American person here today gained more than 24 spiritual children out of that 240 million? If so, are you content with it? What about 240 people? Are you content with that? [No.] What level would give you the confidence to say yes? It should be at least half the American population. In Korea and in Japan the truth and the name of True Parents are being spread widely. In Korea, for example, even the people in every small village have heard at least several times about Reverend Moon. In America there may be people who do not remember the name of their president, yet they know the name of Reverend Moon.

HOW TO LOVE YOUR SPOUSE

Do you wish to receive love from your spouse more than the amount of hairs on his or her head, or do you want to give more love to your spouse? [Give more.] In the husband-wife relationship, who is supposed to give more love than receive it, husband or wife? Usually in Korea when a woman marries a man we say she is going to her husband's house to live and to receive love. If we can speak of the shape of love, something protruding is like something offering, giving, but the concave shape is more like something ready to receive. Which of the two is the woman's shape? [Concave.] What about man's shape. [Protruding.] Women can expect that even in the morning after they wash their face and sit down in front of the mirror, their husband will come forward and touch and caress their hips. That is why a woman's hips are bigger than a man's, so that the man can find them. (Laughter.) I am giving you a serious sermon now; don't laugh! Most women will welcome it if, when their husband comes home, he touches her body. Do you agree? As a woman you need to understand that a man is created in such a way chemically that throughout the day he will frequently have the desire to embrace or touch a woman. This is neither a bad thing nor a good thing. It does not mean that he will go after another woman. If he carries a photo of his wife, each time he feels like that he can take out her photo and look at it and feel satisfied. Discounting sleeping hours, your husband will take

If your wife is passing away, at that time—at her death bed—you should be able to kiss her; you should be able to love her, and she is then sent away with that kind of feeling.

out your picture and look at you at least 12 to 15 times a day. After that much longing for and missing you all day long, he finally returns home with that kind of burning desire and tries to touch and embrace you. But what if your reaction is “Don’t touch me like that”? When you are sleeping in bed at night, if your husband puts his leg over you because your body is so soft, and then you immediately pick up your pillow and run into another room, is that the right attitude? Do you think your husband will be happy to see you run away? If a wife has such an intolerant attitude, rejecting and refusing her husband, he may go out and play around with other women. You wives have the responsibility to keep your husbands intact so that they cannot run away from your love.

Do you need such education as this? I am not a pastor. You are my children, my daughters, that is why I am giving this kind of education. Are you grateful or upset? [Grateful!]

Wherever you go, make sure you carry a small photo album with your husband’s portrait. If his face is not so handsome straight on, take a picture from the side, or back, or of his hands. Every time you look at the photo you can kiss every part of your husband’s body. Even when you go to the bathroom, take it out and send your love to your husband. Suppose, because of your deep love for your husband you look at his photo ten or twelve times a day, yet that is still not enough. Then without realizing what you are doing you end up going to your husband’s company and waiting for him to come out. When he comes out after work and sees you there, will he be angry with you if he understands why you are there, or will he be happy? He will be very, very happy. Have you really tried to show that much love to your husband? You have to enjoy your married life. There is no boundary. It is not a place of denial, but of welcoming.

Do you want to give unlimited love to your husband? When God created Adam and Eve do you think He expected them, after they became mature, to make love once a month, or did God expect to be dwelling within them and that they would be making love as many times as they wanted every night? How many instances of lovemaking do you think God wanted to see between Adam and Eve as a couple? A thousand? [Unlimited.] Yes, that’s true, unlimited. Forever. What is there to do in the spirit world? You do not have to make money, or build automobiles or do any other work. The only thing you can enjoy is living together with your spouse! There is a boundary over which you can step and enter into the realm where God belongs. Then you can do whatever you want, freely, just like God. When you make love, have you thought about making love with all the different cells of your spouse? Eye love, ear love, nose love? If you reach that degree of love before you make love, immediately when you join together as husband and wife there is a huge explosion. Just as when hot and cold water are mixed together steam immediately comes out, that kind of explosion will occur. God will watch you and say, “That’s good!”

Humankind has not understood that everything was lost by the fall and that history has been a course of restoration until now. God’s position has been so miserable. We are working to liberate such a God. If God comes into your family, He should be in the position of the king of love for your

family. If you pick up your pillow and run away in the middle of the night do you think God will be happy to come into such a family? So now you know how to invite God into your family. Even if I never repeat this kind of education again, you have to make sure you become mothers who are qualified to give proper education to your children and prepare them for their marriage.

THE PERFECTION OF MARRIAGE

We are all born for the sake of love. We have to prepare ourselves in how to send our spouse away into the spirit world. If your spouse goes there before you do, you should be able to send him with the feeling of the first love relationship you shared—that feeling should be planted within him, and he should be able to leave you with that kind of feeling. Such a feeling should be regenerated in you by sending him away. If your wife is passing away, at that time—at her death bed—you should be able to kiss her; you should be able to love her, and she is then sent away with that kind of feeling. During our physical life here we have to make the preparations to be able to do that.

What is the meaning of the Completed Testament Age? It is the perfection of married life. Man represents heaven and woman represents earth. So, the perfection of our love is the process of unifying heaven and earth. If you realize that degree of love as husband and wife, and your conjugal relationship is built upon such ideal love, yours will be a family in which you can find happiness, peace, love, hope and your dreams. And God will come there and dwell with you. The next generation will be the same. This will continue forever—this ideal world, the horizontal plane on which stands the vertical pillar. Man is the right hand and woman the left, creating the horizontal plane for the pillar upon which God can be King. This is the center, connecting with God’s love, eternally unchanging. That is the Kingdom of Heaven. The family is the center. The original, unfallen Adam and Eve’s family, when expanded, becomes a tribe, nation and world. The original true love seed was lost. How can that be restored? This is the principle of salvation. If you cannot establish an ideal family, everyone will be unhappy and miserable—yourself, your family, even all the animals around you. And this will make God miserable too.

You have to hang on to your spouse tightly. That is the source of your life, even in the spirit world. Your conjugal relationship with your husband or wife will be the source of your pride. Although a woman may appear to be small, in her heart there is a man. And vice versa, a man also has a woman in his heart. You cannot take him or her out of your heart. Love is the owner of your heart. Can you cheat your own conscience? [No.] So your mind naturally welcomes love the most. As a woman you go through four different stages: infancy, then sister or children’s level, daughter, then wife and mother. Your level of devotion and love as you live your life and produce your children will allow them to prosper and become your ideal descendants.

Jesus came as the ideal father for humankind. But because of the circumstances, he returned to heaven and in his place

Once you start building a true love relationship with your parents, your children and your spiritual children, all the different directional relationships will be established.

the Holy Spirit came and did her work. Heaven and earth could thus be combined. But the Holy Spirit does not have a physical body. Jesus lost his body because of the crucifixion. He has to restore it back. That is why we expect the dawn of the Second Advent. The Second Coming will rectify all the failures from the times of Adam and Jesus, and all other eras, and build the Kingdom of God on earth as well as in heaven. This signifies the completion of the Completed Testament Age.

YOUR FAMILY AS A SOURCE OF TRUE LOVE

Neither God nor Satan can build the Kingdom of God on earth. Only True Parents can do it. God could not interfere at the time of Adam and Eve's fallen act. Similarly, the world in the Last Days may be rotten, and becoming even worse—yet God cannot directly intervene. Even Satan put his hands up in surrender when True Parents appeared and gave the blessing across the barriers of race, not just on this earth but also in the spirit world.

Without having God involved in your love, there is no way you can claim to be a true man or a true woman. When a true man and a true woman unite, they create a true couple. When you form a 90-degree relationship between husband and wife, and then with God, you will be able to raise such children. When your children observe your life as a couple, they should feel, "My father and mother are sharing such a beautiful and ideal life as husband and wife. I want to grow up quickly so that I can find my spouse and enjoy my life just like my mother and father." Your children should feel that if God needed the pure, original seed for humankind, their mother would be the first one to be chosen; that if the king of the nation needed a pure woman to receive the seed, my mother would be qualified for that. They should feel that "my mother is so good that the country may need her, the entire world may need her, but I have my mother here just for me. How happy I am, therefore. Even if the entire world were given to me, I would not want it in exchange for my mother." Have you become such a father and mother? Should I leave you alone, then, or keep pushing you so that you can do better?

Jesus wanted to secure twelve disciples and eventually see twelve families come from them. What about you? Are you thinking that you want to have twelve children of your own and build ideal couples and families as God and Jesus wanted to do?

If there are ten thousand families living in your town, and one Unification Church couple moves in there, then everyone will be watching you. Even the animals and birds will pay attention to you. As a blessed couple, you have to build an exemplary family such that everyone will envy it—so that all the people will say, "I hope my grandchildren will build such a beautiful family." Suppose that in that particular couple one is from America and one from Japan. When you move into that village, everyone might expect you to last for a few years and then separate because you are from enemy countries. But instead of doing that you live there happily for twenty or thirty years as an exemplary family. Then what do you think the neighbors and the people in your town will say about you? They may want to build a memorial to you.

If your family life is at such a level of extreme beauty, then everyone will envy you. Even passers-by will want to stay with your family. Suppose your family is practicing such a high level of love that you always serve elderly people as if they were your grandparents. Would your village prosper or perish? What about the nation—if every family became like that? [It would prosper.]

Because of my efforts to save America, I could not really extend my help to Korea even though Korea has been enduring an economic crisis. Suppose I had mobilized all the resources I poured into America for the sake of Korea. That country would be in a totally different situation now. Then why did I do this? For the sake of reviving Christianity.

True Parents are the essence of true love, so wherever they go, the true love axis moves. If we leave America and go somewhere else, you all feel as if America is empty. In your relationship with God and True Parents, they symbolize the vertical relationship. But as soon as they leave you, you are left with only horizontal relationships. You do not know how to set up this vertical relationship on your own. You have to mobilize your physical parents and relatives, teach them the Principle and restore them. Then you will automatically build such a vertical relationship. Once you start building a true love relationship with your parents, your children and your spiritual children, all the different directional relationships will be established—so you will not have time to feel sorry or empty at all. Do you keep the Hoon Dok Hae tradition in your family? [Yes.] Who usually initiates Hoon Dok Hae in your family? Your father, your mother, your daughter or your son? Who should be the center of setting your family tradition? The mother or the father? [The father.] Why the father? The man represents God. God always has to be in the position of owner and center.

THE CURRENT PROVIDENCE OF THE BLESSING

Beginning with the 36 couples, Unification Church blessed couples are categorized into three different types: Adam-type, Noah-type and Jacob-type. The second category is like legally married couples, and the third category is the young men and women who are not married yet. Millions and millions of these different types of people are in hell in the spirit world. So we have to liberate the spirit world. That is why I have established all different types of blessed couples. When these people who live their lives as married couples just in the legal sense go to spirit world, they find themselves separated again. Some of those people who had been married and who are now in the spirit world are like saints and prophets, and some are very evil. But I mixed them together and blessed them. That took place on June 13, 1998. After the 360 Million Couples Blessing, I opened the door to those people who are in spirit world and belong to the second category. There are billions and billions of people waiting there—now I will bring them down to the earth plane, and by having them relate with this plane, give them the blessing. The basic condition they must establish is to help the Unification Church members.

Just prior to my departure from Korea last time, I gave

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TEXTBOOK INHERITED FROM TRUE PARENTS FOR OUR ETERNAL LIFE

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

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EAST GARDEN, NEW YORK

For the victory celebration at the conclusion of the American leg of the World Speaking Tour, Father invited leaders and members to East Garden immediately following Mother's speech in Secaucus, New Jersey (just across the Hudson river from New York City). True Parents cut a congratulatory cake, and testimonies were heard from those who had played central roles in the success. Father himself spoke, and further developed the themes of that morning's speech.

BLESSED couples are now being educated at the international educational headquarters in Jardim so as to qualify to enter the Kingdom as a family unit, not just as individuals. As you know, Korea and Japan used to be called the Adam and Eve nations but I re-positioned them as the father nation and the mother nation. On April 19 last year, prior to the Madison Square Garden blessing, True Parents invited all the good Christian ancestors from America and all Christianity to receive the blessing and to work with their Christian descendants in this country. Thus on June 13, 1998, we gave the blessing to hundreds of millions of people in the spirit world including, as you know, more than thirty important providential figures—good as well as evil. I assigned them to come down and work with their descendants in this physical world, centering on True Parents.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WORLD SPEAKING TOUR

Upon this foundation, America, which has been like a black sheep nation for many years because of its failure to welcome the Lord of the Second Advent at the end of World War II, could finally be blessed as the elder-son nation. Although Korea, Japan and America all failed from the standpoint of the providence, upon the victory of the 360 Million Couples Blessing that took place in Korea this year, True Parents could finally bring a new level of blessing to all humankind. That is why we initiated this 80-city global speaking tour.

I spoke in eight cities in Korea, and on that successful foundation, Mother went to Japan where she spoke in sixteen cities, winning victory after victory. Upon this victorious foundation of the father and mother nations, Mother then came here to America where she has now completed a 24-city nationwide speaking tour. This means a new level of blessing for humankind.

The significance of this 80-city speaking tour Mother is now undertaking is that all the failure of the Adam nation of Korea, the Eve nation of Japan, and of America and Christianity has been indemnified by True Parents' victory initiated and won by True Father in the father nation and True Mother in the mother nation. True Mother then brought this victorious foundation to the elder-son nation. According to the Principle, mother and son should completely unite and then go together to the father and unite with him. Mother won the 16-

city victory in Japan and 24-city victory in America, a total of 40 victories in 40 cities. Through this success, as the True Parents of all humankind, Mother and I have now established a new starting ground to restore and liberate all humanity. That is why together with True Parents, you in America, the people of the Elder-son nation, have to reach all the Cain and Abel nations of the world centering on Christianity and save them.

Upon this victorious foundation, as you remember from this morning's service at Belvedere, I declared "The Completed Testament Age and the Completion of the Kingdom of God in Heaven and on Earth." This proclamation was made to all humanity. I explained that the meaning of the Completed Testament Age is the perfection of married life. Accordingly, I have already given the blessing to people in the spirit world.

THE BLESSING IS UNITING HEAVEN AND EARTH

There are three different categories of blessed couples, reflected in how the 36 Couples are categorized. The first group are Adam-type—those who received the blessing from God and True Parents as already married couples. The second group are Noah-type blessed couples, or Jesus-type from the world viewpoint. These are couples who had in some way experienced married life prior to the blessing—perhaps just a contract for marriage, or who had lived together. The third group we call Jacob-type blessed couples who are those receiving the blessing as single, virgin young men and women. These three types of couples have expanded from the 36 Couples and are being brought together now in both the spiritual world and the physical world.

This year we must secure our goal of 400 million couples. But even prior to completing this goal I have already directed that at Chung Pyung the blessing should be given to all the young men and women waiting in the spirit world. Can you imagine how many billions of children and even infants have passed into the spirit world since the beginning of human history?

Through this, we will finally be able to liberate God, because since the beginning of history God has been, in a way, confined in a cell. No one has ever understood this. We must make sure that with the 1.6 billion couples from the spirit world we accomplish our goal of securing 400 million couples for blessing by February of next year. Then the physical world and the spiritual world will become one. There will be no difference, no separation.

As you know, these blessings known as the spirit world and physical world blessings are now taking place regularly. Through this we will be able to inherit God's vertical lineage—by utilizing these couples in the physical world and spirit world. That way God will be able to move back and forth between the spirit world and the physical world. In addition, those blessed partners in the spirit world will be



Shin Pal Nim relaxes with his grandmother during the celebration. Father spoke from his seat at the table to share the insights recorded here.

able to move freely between the spiritual and physical worlds, so that they become one world.

The time has come in which once we reach that goal, even without setting indemnity conditions, and we will be able to push all humanity in the direction of God and True Parents' desire—the restoration of all humankind. In other words, every single soul should be able to receive the blessing from True Parents.

The question is what degree of determination we have. We have to make sure that we go forward with the determination of absolute faith, love and obedience. That is the key.

Had there been no fall, Adam and Eve could have been in the position to give directions to the archangels. If the archangels did not listen to them, Adam and Eve would have had the authority to punish them immediately. If Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden had become one with God through their love relationship with Him and through God's lineage, they would not have needed to possess anything, but at the same time all things would have become their possessions. One thing we must remember eternally is that the most precious thing we can possess or own is true love and the true lineage from God and True Parents. As long as we have this, there is nothing we should be envious of or desire, because this is what can solve all our problems, give us complete satisfaction and provide us with whatever we need. Because Adam and Eve lost this, we should not pursue material wealth or possessions in our daily life here. Every-

thing should be given back to God, even every penny.

In the position of world-level messiah True Parents have already sent out national messiahs, tribal messiahs and family messiahs. All these different level messiahs should be totally united with True Parents, the world-level messiah, and follow them. It will be like a large movement of these messiah families.

The time is coming when True Mother will have to focus on restoring our spiritual fatherland. By then, Mother may say to all blessed couples worldwide that it is time to actually start registering in the Heavenly Kingdom's registry. It may mean you would need to sell your property to go there, register your family and also help in

the restoration of the homeland.

As a blessed couple and family you go to Jardim and participate in the educational program our True Parents are offering there, make a conditional and symbolic offering and also receive the proper education to be qualified as a family with citizenship in the Kingdom of God. Registration begins at that place.

I may invite all the blessed couples to pack whatever they have, sell whatever they own and move, perhaps to Korea. Then everyone could come and work together for the re-unification of Korea, and once unification takes place, we will for the first time be able to claim that we have our own homeland. The entire world will eventually follow our footsteps and such a national-level foundation can be expanded to the worldwide level. Then all humankind can be restored.



Father welcomes Mother back to East Garden following her final speech in the United States. Shin Won Nim is at left with flowers.

*With their total authority True Parents have rebuilt
the foundation for Korea, Japan and America. Now
True Mother will take this out to the entire world.*

So again, the providential countries such as Korea, Japan and America all failed. But if I abandon this way, eventually all humankind will perish. Therefore, with their total authority True Parents have rebuilt the foundation for Korea, Japan and America. Now True Mother will take this out to the entire world, laying a brand new foundation. This is the significance of True Parents' worldwide speaking tour.

God never ordered me to give the blessing to all the murderers and evil people in the spirit world. But in accordance with the Principle, in order to save this satanic world, isn't it the right way? Therefore I must give them the blessing. I have to liberate them. This is how I could open the gates of hell.

I have given permission to Daemo-nim at Chung Pyung to allow couples who have received the spiritual-physical world blessing to have their three-day ceremony. Although one of the spouses is in the spiritual world and the other on earth, they must still participate in the three-day ceremony.

There could be enemies of the Unification Church and of mine in the spirit world, but I have given a blanket pardon to all those people. They could therefore receive the blessing with their spouse still alive in this physical world, and can now also have their three-day ceremony. I have opened the gate for every level of the spirit world. The saints and sages as well as the evil people in the spirit world are permitted to receive the blessing, and then later also to have their three-day ceremony. Because of this foundation, all those who went to the spirit world and who are over sixteen years of age are also now able to receive the blessing. A providential revolution is taking place.

So again, there should be no single soul either in the physical world or the spirit world who does not receive the blessing. True Parents have paid the indemnity to restore the ground upon which all the people who have passed into the spirit world since Adam and Eve's fall can now receive new life, and receive the blessing. It is like the building of a super-highway for every human being to enter the Kingdom of God. This is the foundation True Parents have laid.

THE KINGDOM WILL NOW BE BUILT

God has almighty power in His hands again, from the very smallest level to the cosmic level. He can do whatever He wants with no resistance and no accusation. What is happening now is "the cosmic expansion of the true blessing and the rooting out of Satan's lineage." In this way, by the year 2000 when I reach the age of eighty, all blessed families in this world should be ready to enter the Kingdom. Satan must be cast out from both the physical world and the spiritual world.

Just as the Israelites made an exodus from Egypt at the time of Moses, now all the blessed couples in the world have to be united with True Parents and follow them to Canaan to build the Kingdom. Just as the Israelites had to follow Moses, by the same token the Unification Church blessed couples must be ready to follow True Parents who will lead us. You have to establish the right condition, however. If necessary you might need to sell everything and carry whatever wealth you have with you so you can build the new Canaan together

with True Parents. If the time comes, you may want to carry just one backpack.

After the Israelites who followed Moses tasted life in the wilderness, many of them remembered the easier life they had enjoyed in Egypt. Some wanted to go back. But what happened? They all failed.

As blessed couples and tribal messiahs you should be able to mobilize your tribal families and go together with them. Then the entire world can be turned around immediately. The ideal is for all the people in the world do this, so that all that belonged to God to begin with can be returned to God centered on True Parents and can be distributed fairly to all the blessed couples and families in the world. That will be the beginning of life in the Kingdom of God.

That is why one title of True Parents' speech this time is "The Textbook Inherited from True Parents for Our Eternal Life." It means if you study these words and follow them, the entire spirit world will be mobilized and the resurrection of Adam's original family will take place in your lifetime. In other words, the entire world can be united and restored, from the individual to the cosmic level. If anyone objects and refuses, they will be left out. When the time comes that you are to enter the Kingdom of God, it should be together with your entire tribe. I have given you blessing as family messiahs, tribal messiahs and national messiahs. You must therefore make sure that you restore your tribe so that you can all enter together into the Kingdom. Do you understand?

Please remember that the significance of this 80-city tour being carried out by True Parents is a condition on the basis of which, once successfully completed, they can actually start building the Kingdom of God. It will become the era of God's *jeon-chaе*, *jeon-ban*, *jeon-neung* and *jeon-kwon*. We have to work with and inspire Christianity.

Do you understand what kind of providential time we are living in now? We should not just focus on our own individual life or family life. We have to make sure that our focus is always on the cosmic level and on what God is planning to do in this particular time. This is the time that God wants to build the Kingdom of God here on the surface of the planet Earth.

Up until now you may have taken it easy in response to instructions that came. But from now on you have to take them seriously. You American blessed couples—and all other blessed couples in the world—should therefore hurry to Jardim for the 40-day education so that you can be qualified to enter the Kingdom and also have your family photo taken with True Parents. This is my direction. It does not matter who says something to the contrary—even the president of the church in America, or regional or state leaders—just follow my direction to go through this 40-day workshop. If a father cannot go, then the mother should go with the son in the father's position. We must do this; the sooner the better. That is the step you have to take in order to register.

We have to know that liberation is taking place now in both the spirit world and the physical world. This realm of liberation is the realm of God's love. This is the time that God can use His total authority for whatever purpose He chooses. ♦

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True Mother's Guidance to Members

Michael Jenkins
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This testimony comes from our brother who fulfilled a crucial role in the success of Mother's speaking tour in the United States.

FROM March 19 to April 11 True Mother brought the victorious 80-city World Speaking Tour to America. She came to America standing on the foundation of True Parents' victorious blessing of 360 million couples at the Olympic stadium in Seoul, which was supported by key leaders of all the world's major religions. She also stood on the foundation of True Parents' 8-city tour in Korea which reestablished Korea as the "Father" nation. Then True Mother was totally supported in the 16-city tour in Japan, re-establishing it as the "Mother" nation.

One of the purposes of her 24-city tour in the U.S. was to reestablish America as the "Elder-son" nation. True Father proclaimed this victory on April 11 at the conclusion of the New Jersey event. He explained that True Father reclaimed Korea through the 8-city tour of Korea. Mother spoke in 16 cities in Japan and 24 cities in America for a total of 40 cities. This expanded the success in Japan to America. Now, beginning in Toronto, Mother is expanding this victory to the world through the 32-nation tour. For the second time I was invited to join the tour as the Master of Ceremonies. I can never express enough gratitude for the blessing that I received from True Parents.

The following are some brief reflections on my experience, centering on Mother's guidance.

Our party included Rev. Peter Kim, Mrs. Won Ju McDevitt, Dr. Tyler Hendricks, a dedicated video and photography contingent, and myself. On some flights some members of True Family joined our group, and in many cities Rev. Joong Hyun Pak was invited by Mother to join our tour. Traveling together with Mother was an experience that cannot easily be described in words. Every moment was a chance and opportunity to learn directly from God and True Parents about God's heart, true love and the lifestyle of heaven.

First, I want to convey my gratitude to our Korean elders—both the former leaders who suffered to bring True Parents' tradition to America and the current regional leaders. Also I want to give special thanks to the Continental Director, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, and also to Mr. Dong Moon Joo who directs many world level providential activities for our True Parents. Both have taught me many internal points about True Parents. Each leader has been hand-picked by True Father to convey some aspect of True Parents' heart. If we can pay the indemnity necessary to unite together then the greatest gift is given to us—a connection to some element of True Parents' heart. This also holds true for our elders from Japan as well. As I found that we could relate directly with True Parents in some areas of the heart I realized that such sensitivity was passed on by the Korean elders whom I have worked together with. The Korean elders are the gateway to True Parents' heart.

The Hoon Dok Hae Tradition

Just before 6 o'clock each morning without exception Mother would arrive for Hoon Dok Hae. Mother's party drove back by car after the Washington D.C. event, and we arrived at East Garden after 3:30 a.m., leaving little time to rest before six. However at three minutes before six Mother appeared with True Family members for Hoon Dok Hae in True Parents' dining room. True Mother never missed Hoon Dok Hae—no matter what.

During these Hoon Dok Hae sessions much was revealed about True Parents' heart. Mother decided that our Hoon Dok Hae reading would consist of True Father's prayers from the 1950s. Rev. Peter Kim would first read in Korean and Dr. Hendricks would then read the same prayer in English.

Through these prayers Mother taught us many things about True Father's heart: that Father always prayed to comfort God, and that no matter what trial or difficulty he faced Father never prayed for God's help. Father never

prayed to God concerning his personal situation. One of the most amazing qualities of True Father's prayers is that you cannot easily distinguish between his prayers from the 1950s and today. They have the same historical quality and content; always repenting for humankind and the suffering that we have caused God while humbly asking God to "allow us" to be the victors in His will.

Moreover, his prayers are expressed like the most beautiful poetry that is most lovingly conveyed to God. Hearing the prayers, you feel that between True Father and God there is such a deep and peaceful flowing "river" of communication. I realized that our prayers must be so dry and unattractive to God compared to Father's.

As we listened each morning to Father's prayer, our own hearts would come to feel peaceful and comforting toward God. Then one morning Mother shocked us. After one of Father's most beautiful prayers of love and comfort to God, Mother revealed the circumstances that had occurred on that particular date. Earlier on in the day when that particular prayer was offered, True Father was ruthlessly driven out of the church five times!

If we can pay the indemnity necessary to unite together, then the greatest gift is given to us: a connection to some element of True Parents' heart.

Christians, who were opposed to our church, and others physically attacked and would even follow him to the next location and begin again! Mother testified that each time the members would return the church was destroyed and Father moved on. In war-torn Korea at that time there were no telephones and only a few followers of our church but somehow, within hours, the spirit world guided our members to the next location. It was in that

impossible and life-threatening situation that True Father offered a prayer of great hope, love and comfort to God.

Even though Mother had very little time to sleep each morning she would appear looking so beautiful, peaceful, calm and totally vibrant. True love, patience and endless kindness were ever present around her. However, through the Hoon Dok Hae reading

some aspects of True Parents' anguished heart would be revealed.

One element of great sadness in Mother's heart was revealed. Each morning as she heard the prayers in both Korean and English, she could see that no matter how good the translation into English was, it would not convey anywhere near the depth of True Father's actual words and heart. She asked, "How can you really know the depth of Father's heart and thought if you don't understand the original language?"

Mother had planned to use book number 6 of the newly published prayer books on filial piety for Hoon Dok Hae on the American tour but she couldn't because it had not yet been translated into English. This also saddened her. She wanted to convey the depth of Father's prayer on filial piety to the Elder-Son nation but due to our inability to understand our Parents' language we could not receive it.

One morning at breakfast, Rev. Peter

Kim translated as Mother said, "True Parents have a deep desire to speak directly to their children. We have many things to share with you." With a kind heart she conveyed, "If we are truly to become children of filial piety to True Parents, shouldn't the children learn the Parents' language" We all knew the answer.

Each morning Mother would introduce to us a new book published in Korean that was leather bound. It was entitled The Completed Testament Age and the Ideal Kingdom of God. It was a new source of Hoon Dok Hae reading material. This book was published in Korean over one year ago and contains the essence of True Father's most essential teaching. She said the answers to all the problems facing mankind could be found in this book.

In each city Mother would encourage us to read this book. However, like so many other words of True Father, it also has not yet been translated. She said that America is lagging far behind on the most current published words of True Father. She concluded that it will be faster for us to learn Korean than it will be to wait for the translation. Mother

was so serious about our learning Korean. I myself have to repent about this.

True Parents have learned English and can understand it quite well. Mother's mastery of English received compliments from both scholars, journalists and VIPs across the country. True Parents learned English while fulfilling impossible providential schedules. At True Parents' table it is now very awk-



Rev. Jenkins shares his heart at the victory celebrations on April 11

(Photo: Graeme Carmichael)

ward and inappropriate to ask for translation. Times have changed. In the past True Parents did everything to reach out to us. English was always spoken at True Parents' table. Our Parents have truly fulfilled their responsibility. It is time for us to reach out to our Parents.

At least we should all be learning basic conversation and communication. Our lack of ability to speak even basic Korean made us feel very sorry to True Parents. However, True Mother still gave us so much love in spite of the sorrow we have caused our True Parents. Whenever we attempted to speak in Korean, no matter how childlike or poor our words, Mother would become so warm and happy. While smiling she would encourage us the way parents would encourage their children who are just learning to speak.

However, when it came to the reciting of the Family Pledge True Mother made the standard absolute. To joyfully participate in pledge service with True Parents we must be able to recite the Pledge in correctly pronounced Korean from memory. The conclusion is simple: to achieve filial piety we must be extremely serious and quickly learn Korean.

Elder Son

Throughout America, Mother consistently taught the standard of heart of a true "elder son". One of the main responsibilities and duties of the "elder son" is to inherit and follow True Parents' tradition. Upon that foundation, the elder son must teach the tradition to others. America has now been chosen as the Elder-son nation and, upon the

foundation of True Parents' tradition, America must lead the rest of the nations of the world into unity centering on True Parents.

The heart of a true "elder son" is one of filial piety that bursts into to tears when he sees his parents' hair turning gray and wrinkles developing on their faces while they continue to sacrifice so much. Such a son is overwhelmed with a feeling of sorrow and repentance that he did not do enough to alleviate the sorrow and hard life of his parents.

Mother told us a Korean legend that best conveys the heart

of the elder son: an elder son's parents passed away and were placed in their tomb. The tradition of the elder son would be to then build a shack at the entrance of the tomb to pray for his parents. Leaving his wife and children at home he would put on very humble clothes and live in the shack for three years while enduring the harsh winters and extreme weather, while just living on rice. The elder son would cry and repent everyday during those three years that he did not do more for his parents while they were alive on earth.

After telling this story Mother said, "As an elder son we should have the heart to comfort our True Parents and take care of their concerns. Daemo Nim has prepared a holy temple in Chung Pyung and raised the money through the workshop without help from the church. She did this because of her absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to True Parents. She did this because of her heart's desire to comfort and give joy to our True Parents. The elder son should have built this holy temple." She said that Father

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Inaugural World Tour

"The time has come when cooperative and mutually supportive relationships among the world's statesmen and religious leaders is desperately needed....Since the root of human problems is not merely political, social and political solutions alone will always be insufficient." Reverend Sun Myung Moon, Founder's Address, IIFWP Inaugural Assembly

TRUE Mother's tour not only presents the opportunity for many nations to directly receive the words of True Parents, but also for them to announce or progress toward the official inauguration in each nation, of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP).

The vision for the establishment of IIFWP was first presented in Washington, DC, on December 19, 1998, to participants at an international and interreligious conference sponsored by the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP) and the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International (FFWPUI). Just a few weeks later, on February 6, 1999, the Inaugural Assembly of the IIFWP was held in Seoul, Korea, with over 500 in attendance, including more than 30 former heads of state, several United Nations Ambassadors and religious leaders representing the world's major faiths (see February issue). In response to the Founder's inaugural

address and representing all participants, Mr. Giulio Murano of the International Federation of Human Rights offered a statement of support for the inauguration of the IIFWP. Concurring with the many statements welcoming the initiative, he spoke of the "need to organize conferences, educational

projects, media campaigns, and parliamentary actions to establish a worldwide movement to promote a universal culture of tolerance and human compassion which affirms human rights, fundamental freedoms and lasting peace." A written Declaration of Support, outlining the concerns leading to the conception of the new organization and alluding to its envisioned role, was then distributed to participants—who were thus given the immediate opportunity to indicate their support with their signature.



Giulio Murano voiced the enthusiasm shared by many

IIFWP inaugural events currently being held internationally are providing a platform upon which the global community can similarly show its solidarity with the IIFWP mandate.

Declaration of Support

We recognize the important role of religions, institutions of higher learning, of the media and other non-governmental organizations in guiding individual lives and addressing world problems.

We also recognize the responsibility of religions, along with academic, cultural and other voluntary institutions to work together to address the social problems arising from family breakdown and civil conflicts and unrest.

We further recognize the role of political, economic, and media leaders in promoting social values that encourage family and communal well-being. As we approach the twenty-first century and face the globalization of society, we believe that the mission of the United Nations to pursue peace, reconciliation, and human welfare should be enhanced by support from the unique resources of religious, educational and other non-governmental organizations.

We believe that the world's diverse religious, cultural and communications institutions have a responsibility to support the ideals of the United Nations.

Because spiritual and widespread communal support is so important, we believe that a council of religious leaders, responsible educators and other opinion-shapers from the worldwide community need to be brought together for a joint commitment and effort. We also feel that this best can be

done through the creation of a forum through which the world's moral and spiritual voices can be shared with the United Nations and other international organizations.

We, the undersigned, therefore express our support for the proposal of Reverend Sun Myung Moon: To supplement the existing United Nations by establishing a structure in which the UN and leaders of the world's religions and other major cultural organizations can participate together.

We, further, concur: That [those participating] and all nations of the world should give serious consideration and the appropriate implementation to this proposal to establish a structure encompassing cooperation between the world's religions and other major cultural bodies and the United Nations. ♦



“The new federation being inaugurated today is designed to bring additional support and energy to the United Nations and related organizations...to help in the international effort to prevent war, further peace and improve the human condition.” Dr. Nicholas Kittrie, Chairman, Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for Justice and Peace, Washington, DC



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The Inaugural World Tour was conceived as a means to facilitate the introduction of IIFWP internationally, and to solicit support for its vision as well as input and suggestions for its programs. Going a step further than the Declaration of Support, an IIFWP statement of purpose was released in advance of the tour. It further outlines the worldview and ideals of the new organization, and defines its general mandate in relation to these. ♦

Participants at the Inaugural Assembly represented a diversity of cultures

IIFWP Statement of Purpose

THE Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) is a worldwide, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of world peace through education programs, workshops, conferences and publications. IIFWP seeks to encourage and support the efforts of world leaders from all disciplines and to build coalitions with a wide-range of non-governmental, religious, cultural and educational institutions in advancing solutions to pressing world problems.

Of particular concern to the IIFWP are two particularly serious and growing problems. The first revolves around family instability and breakdown, and the serious social, economic and cultural problems which the family's decline generates. The second revolves around the growing ethnic, racial, and religious intolerance in all parts of the world. There is a critical need, in our opinion, for political, religious and educational institutions to work together more vigorously not only to reverse the decline in the socially nourishing functions of the family, but also to promote greater understanding and collaboration between diverse ethnic, racial and religious communities for the common well-being of humanity.

The IIFWP affirms and lends support to the mission of the United Nations to pursue peace, reconciliation and human welfare. The IIFWP intends to be in active collaboration with the United Nations and other international and regional organizations similarly dedicated to the cause of achieving justice, world peace and human prosperity.

The IIFWP strongly affirms the principles of world unity and will work for greater harmony, mutual respect and coop-

eration among the world's great religious traditions, as well as among ethnic and racial communities. Overcoming religious intolerance has been one of the twentieth century's great tasks. The IIFWP promotes ongoing interreligious dialogue, as well as cooperative interreligious activism on behalf of world peace. The world's religious leaders, IIFWP maintains, have a responsibility, not only to work diligently for interreligious harmony, but to support the ideals of the United Nations and other international, regional and non-governmental organizations dedicated to world peace.

The IIFWP supports the involvement of religious communities and organizations worldwide in cooperative efforts for global peace. The IIFWP holds, furthermore, that international efforts for world peace on the part of the United Nations and other non-governmental organizations need to be enhanced by support from the unique wisdom and insight of the world's great religious traditions, as well as from leaders in the arts, the sciences, the media, and other disciplines. In effect, the IIFWP seeks to establish and serve a broadly-based, interdisciplinary, interreligious and international network of institutions and individuals dedicated to the tasks of local and worldwide peace.

Through diverse programs, including publications, conferences, workshops and seminars, the IIFWP seeks to serve as a bridge of peace that transcends conventional barriers of culture, language, race, religion and creed. By means of broad-based dialogue, mutual understanding, respect and commitment to service, the IIFWP is dedicated to advancing the cause of peace.

“Not only are we called to break down the barriers that separate religions, but religious, educational and political leaders should be fully and responsibly engaged in the affairs of the world, particularly in working selflessly to provide solutions to pressing global problems.” Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman, IIFWP

A Taste of Heaven

Michael and Maria Kiely
New York

*An Open Letter to Unification Families
about the Ideal Family Workshop in Jardim,
Brazil*

"Pledge you will buy her a new dress after this workshop," said Rev. Jeong Rho Yoon, director of the Ideal Family Workshop at New Hope East Garden in Jardim, Brazil. Not just a nightgown or a slip, it had to be a "nice dress," he said.

This is one of numerous down-to-earth ways Rev. Yoon guided couples attending the workshop to practice true conjugal love.

In the forty-day program, which True Father has urged all Unification families and couples to attend as soon as possible, Maria and I and two of our three children sensed we had experienced the shimjung of the Kingdom. It was just a fleeting taste perhaps, but for years to come we will savor the love we received and practiced there, the truth we learned and the sincerity in others we encountered.

"Don't worry!" Rev. Yoon said over and over as he explored a variety of marital and family challenges with workshop participants. Money, education, clothing, shelter — we need to stop worrying about them all, he said. He said that worry is not at all a trait of the Kingdom and encouraged us to leave our worries back in Egypt and to bring our unique character and our skills to Jardim "with a smile" to help build the Kingdom there. We spend so many hours sleeping, eating and taking care of practical details, he told us, that only a few hours are left each day to smile. Not so in the Kingdom. In fully developing our uniqueness and our practice of true love, we bring God joy and become citizens of the Kingdom, he said. He encouraged us to practice smiling in front of a mirror. "Raise your lips at the corners of your mouth and smile," he told us.

That development of our love and our unique value is the purpose of this workshop. We are to perfect our unique character—"smile!"—and our love of parents, spouse, kin and children. We are also to delight in and learn to care for the spectacular creation in the Pantanal, a vast virgin and sparsely popu-

lated area in Western Brazil which True Father intends to develop. Then we will be welcome in Eden.

"The meaning of True Father calling us to this 40-day workshop is that True Parents will become our eternal parent," Rev. Yoon said. In order to become True Parents ourselves, we must perfect the four realms of heart and become qualified to enter into True Family as True Children. Then we, in turn, receive a license as parents. "The significance of the 40-Day Training," Rev. Yoon continued, "is for us to earn and be given the certificate as good parents."

Graduating from this workshop and taking a photo with True Parents raises our blessing to a new and higher level because it brings us closer to the fulfillment of the purpose of creation. "If you were blessed, but you never register with True Family, your blessing will not mean anything," Rev. Yoon said.

True Father, the only lecturer

During the Jardim workshop for the first 21 days we read Hoon Dok Hae intensively with brief discussions of the content after each session. Our reading began as a daily five-hour ordeal of struggle with our own errant minds possessed of a three-sentence attention span! But with repetition and practice we gradually became able to focus and our reading became a nurturing, life-giving activity we looked forward to each day. The clarity and purity of the atmosphere at New Hope East Garden, as the workshop site is called, encourage mental focus and spiritual receptivity. In time, we each began to have a stream of first-time realizations and inspirations as well.

As our sessions continued, it seemed it was no longer each of us reading in turn, but True Father speaking to us individually and as couples with the words we personally needed to hear at our own levels of growth and faced with our own particular challenges in life. It was a one-on-one tte-a-tte with our personal True Father giving each of us the guidance we needed to prepare for entry into True Family. "True Father is the only lecturer here," Rev. Yoon said. Other speakers "are just here to explain what the lecturer, Father, has said," he said.



Michael and his daughter, Kotun, with their match couple, the Yanagitas from Japan

As a result of this and other special experiences, couples who hated each other broke through old barriers and began to love each other. Distant and long forgotten hurts were repented for and forgiven. Tears of conciliation were shared, in some cases for the first time. And many prayers were offered in the evening near Father's house. As the workshop progressed, more and more couples held hands and went on long walks. Second generation young people saw their parents and, in some cases, the church in a new, more positive light.

Mind and body on the altar

After Hoon Dok Hae, for ten days we participated in service projects digging ditches, doing farm work, caring for children, cleaning the grounds, cutting hair and doing sundry other tasks that made Jardim a little more heavenly. During the first 21-days our naughty, wandering minds had been laid on the offering table; during the service projects our bodies took their place. In the hot summer sun brothers wielding shovels shed t-shirts and glistened with perspiration. A Japanese team donned hard-hats and built a new dining room at True Parents' house. Other brothers and sisters rolled up their sleeves and cleaned out long concrete troughs in preparation for a new shipment of escargots at our snail farm.

During these activities, no one checked to be sure that people did their share or criticized anyone for taking frequent breaks. There were no bus-team captains, only brothers and sisters and parents. How well one served was an individual matter of conscience.

"In the Kingdom of Heaven there are only parents, brothers and sisters, no one else," Rev. Yoon said. "The older brother's mission is to love younger brothers and sisters. In the Garden of Eden there is only love."

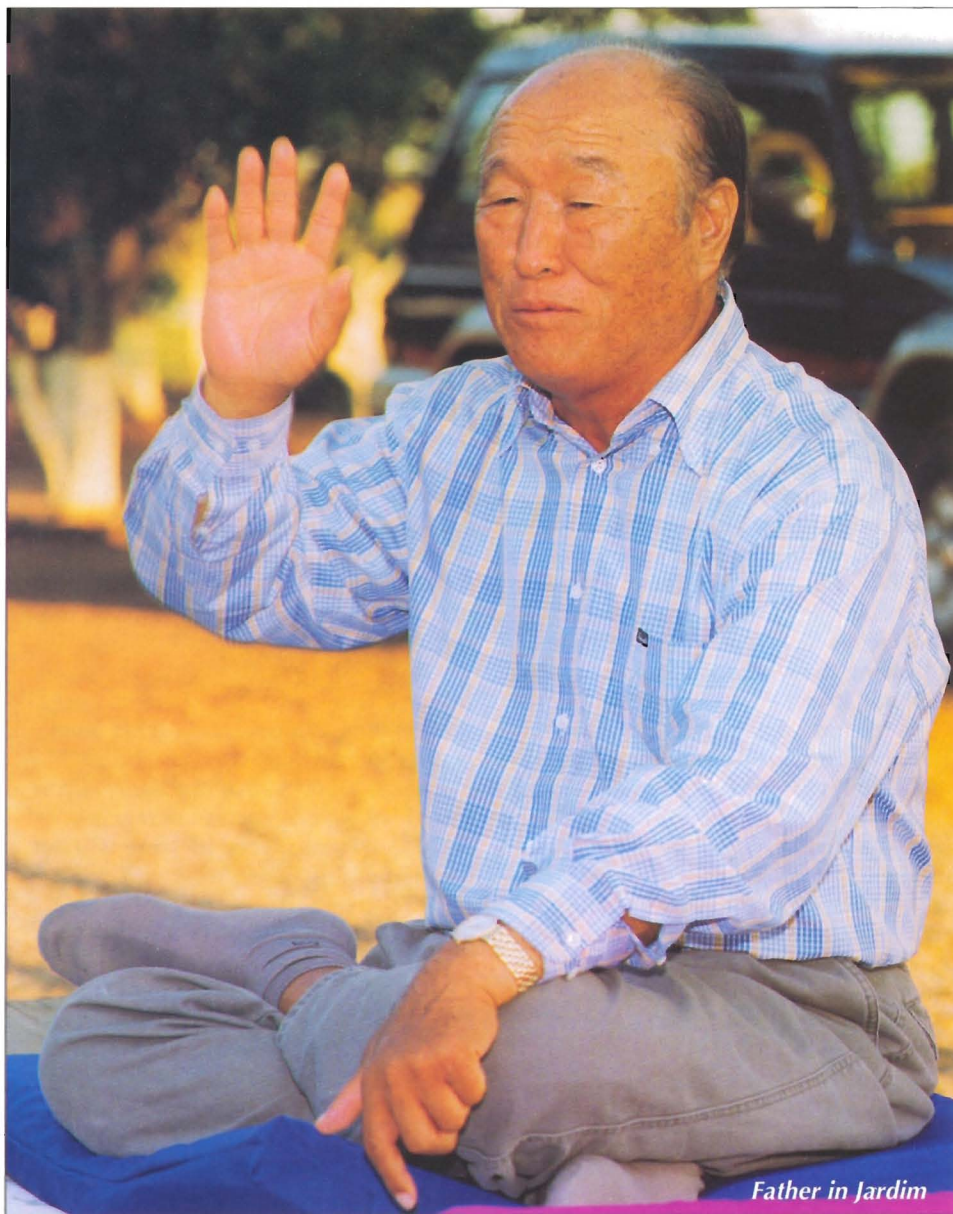
During service periods those who led were more parents than central figures, guiding and encouraging but not commanding. There was also much give and take among brothers and sisters, couples and families as we worked, took breaks, ate meals and rested. This give and take was easy, free and uninhibited; sometimes it was just banter, sometimes deep sharing. We made new friends, and people whom we had known for years we got to know better.

One special set of new friends we came to know, a whole family, was our matched couple, nearly always Japanese. True Father matches two families together "for eternity" in a matching ceremony at the workshop. "Once you receive your matched family, ideally you should live with them on the earth," Rev. Yoon said. At the workshop we also take a photo with True Parents and this family. "This is not an ordinary photo," Rev. Yoon said, "but a photo to register your family with True Family."

Three pilgrimages

During the final nine days of the workshop with our minds fat with truth and inspiration and our bodies tamed through service in the autumn sun, we had an opportunity to embrace the awe-inspiring creation of the Pantanal. We fished the lake at the farm for Dorado, Baku, Surubi and Poga, the four species of fish True Father has asked us all to catch—forty of each.

Also, Father sent us on excursions to three "holy places." On these trips we



Father in Jardim

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first traveled by speedboat up the jungle-lined Salobra River with crocodiles, piranha and abundant wildlife, and then on the second trip visited a series of thunderous, breathtaking waterfalls along the Perdido River which Father plans to develop into a tourist area. On the third trip, we chugged seven long hours in a noisy excursion boat up the Paraguay River to Port Olimpo in Paraguay.

These three trips were not tourist outings, but rather pilgrimages to places made holy by Father's sacrifices in two of them and in the third, by his love of beauty. In Olimpo and Salobra, despite his age, he made conditions beyond the limits of endurance, conditions that humbled those of us dozens of years his junior. For example, he sat in

his boat all day in the blazing tropical sun, refusing even to get out to eat lunch on shore. "I cannot get out on the bank of the river, because I would then want to rest and not get back in the boat," True Father said. The hot tropical sun can become unbearable after a few hours. Most people, including locals, don't stay out in it all day. As one African put it once, "The sun becomes like a hammer on one's head." When few of us see it, Father puts himself through hell for our sake day after day.

In a lecture at Father's house in Salobra, Mrs. Myong Song Kim, Director of Father's Salobra Hotel and wife of the former Brazilian church president, told us about these arduous fishing conditions. She said True Father did them in order to bring victory in the recent blessings and to free the spirit world from hell. Those long conditions sometimes left him temporarily crippled, she said,



Kotun Kiely fishes the beautiful Salobra River

PHOTO: COURTESY OF MICHAEL KIELY

so that he had to be assisted or even lifted out of his boat at the end of the day.

Also, he often left so early in the morning and returned so late at night, Mrs. Kim said, that his seasoned boat captain pleaded with him to shorten his day. The captain, a non-member, told Mrs. Kim he was worried that in the dark he might hit an object, capsize the boat and dump his passengers and himself into the piranha- and crocodile-infested waters. So he asked her "to ask True Father to come back earlier, at least before sunset." But instead, Mrs. Kim told him about Heung Jin Nim in the spirit world and asked the driver to pray for help by calling on Heung Jin Nim. "He will come from spirit world and help you," she told him. The driver followed her instructions and later testified with amazement that "Heung Jin Nim himself skippered my boat."

In Olimpo True Father also fished long hours and often prayed all night, night after night, for the blessings and for other key providential events—ignoring the pleas of Mother and others around him to moderate his conditions because of his age. Last year, Father called Olimpo "the center of the providence" because of the difficult conditions he had made there in preparation for the recent global blessings and the building of the Kingdom.

One such condition he offered in order to be able to forgive and pardon Maria Park, who had close family ties with South Korean president Syngman Rhee's administration. Mrs. Park had expelled Unificationist professors and students from Ewha University, of which she was vice-president, and had prevented the government from cooperating with Father. In this way she had single-handedly blocked world restoration and forced Father to go the long way of suffering via Hung Nam prison and the forty year course. Father fished and prayed in tears for a week in order to free Mrs. Park and other historical criminals from hell in order to bless them in the June 13, 1998 Madison Square Garden Blessing. In Olimpo Father went through suffering in order to forgive and love his worst enemy—reminiscent of his life-risking trip to North Korea some six years earlier to embrace the late President Kim Il Sung.

In contrast to Salobra and Olimpo, the Perdido River represents True Father's delight in the extraordinary beauty of God's creation. On a tip from a hunter, President Yoon Sang Kim, Father's director of the Pantanal Project, visited the river to discover a series of

hitherto unknown waterfalls of exceptional beauty. With Father's consent, they were bought from the owner, a farmer who was happy to sell the land at a modest price because he was convinced the area was bewitched.

Father's vision is to develop these falls and a number of other beautiful parts of the Pantanal into tourist areas to generate public interest in the Pantanal area and income for members. He wanted to share that beauty with us by having us visit the falls.

These three trips allowed us to experience True Father's heart of seeking—at great cost to himself—to comfort God, to wrest victory from Satan on earth, and to restore humankind and the creation. For us they were pilgrimages into the *han* and hope of Father, into his suffering and intense love for God and humankind. Like many other experiences at the workshop, they provided us an opportunity to inherit Father's heart and tradition in preparation for entering into his family as new true children.

A new coat

On our return from Olimpo, the third trip, a curious, quiet phenomenon occurred for many of us: we came to realize that there was a special characteristic of this workshop that we only became sensitive to toward the end when we had completed most of the required conditions. It was a quality that seemed to become substantial only with President Kim's registration sealing prayer at our graduation. His words in a speech to workshop participants capture the essence of it:

"This is the best place for the Kingdom. You don't have to worry about your life. People still worry where to buy a house and land. They are only thinking of their own situation. Please go beyond your family. Otherwise, you cannot enter the Kingdom. You have to stand before God with an absolute standard."

For years we had heard Father speak of absolutes: absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, absolute standard, absolute good and absolute sex. Even as our lips said, "Yes, yes," in the back of our minds was a voice asking, "What can I ever have to do with

the word absolute?" We felt hopelessly relative and unperfectable.

But toward the end of the workshop it dawned on us that the ground we stood on was no longer relative to other places like a dot on a map among many such dots. Jardim had become a kind of spiritual Greenwich, England on the Prime Meridian, the reference point for other geographical locations. The experiences we had been blessed with at the workshop, like the sense of being taught personally by Father during Hoon Dok Hae, had their own permanence. As a

poet put it once, "the words hung in the air long after they were spoken." We sensed we were experiencing another frame of mind that gave one a sense of permanence, timelessness, and fundamental standards.

Each experience at the workshop was like an invitation to try on a new coat to replace our old tattered one, but our old coat was a comfortable friend we hesitated to leave behind.

"When True Father calls you for registration and you say, 'I cannot go

because I have sin,' then, indeed, you cannot go," Rev. Yoon said. "Don't think, 'Because I have fallen nature and sin, I cannot register as a true family.' That is not right. Say, rather, 'I have no sin! I have no sin!' If you think you have no sin, then you can go to heaven," he said.

At this workshop we were given an opportunity to slough off the mentality of a fallen person much as a butterfly sheds its chrysalis before taking flight for the first time. We had received absolute truth during Hoon Dok Hae from our absolutely personal father who also revealed his absolute heart to us in the trips to Olimpo and Salobra. We even began to experience the absolute sincerity of our brothers and sisters as we ourselves felt inspired by Jardim's holy and positive atmosphere to be genuine with them, risking to make ourselves vulnerable to them and to share intimately.

Lords of Creation

We also lived day by day with the absolute, often breathtaking beauty of the Pantanal creation. Every day we witnessed a celestial drama of ever shifting



Rev. Yoon Sang Kim, President of New Hope East Garden and Rev. Jeong Rho Yoon, Director of the Ideal Family Workshop, pose informally together

pillars of clouds parading peacefully across a panoramic sky playing hide-and-go-seek with the sun as we feasted on homegrown organic meals on the veranda of the large arched dining hall. Sometimes the shifting clouds opened up large canyons and caves in the sky with myriad recesses that invited us, if we had wings, to explore them.

Then, in a sudden capricious moment, the same clouds grew dark, blotted out the sun and poured down sheets of rain driven by garrulous winds that rattled our windows and drenched us sideways if we chose to venture out. At that moment, lightning splattered across the whole expanse of sky, and an instant later, clapped us with thunder so loud our spines tingled with what Emily Dickinson called “a zero at the bone.”

Within minutes of beginning, the storm disappeared, the sun came out, and the clouds resumed their peaceful parade across the sky as if nothing special had happened at all. Then after a multi-hued sunset, the full moon rose and cohabited a pollution-free sky with myriad stars hung so low and bright despite the moon, it seemed they could be plucked and harvested.

Day after day that resplendent creation performed its magic on us and awoke in us our sense of beauty. We sensed somewhere in the back of our minds—not a thought, but a sense—that we, who are to be the lords of that nature, must have our own capacity for appreciating, managing and enhancing that beauty.

Perhaps most importantly, we each in our unique way had some experience of absolute love, possibly through Rev. Yoon’s workshops, or with our spouse or our children, or with brothers and sisters. Maria and I, and nearly everyone I talked to, had some breakthrough in love. We learned the qualities of love and the elements of the practice of love. We learned that by absolutely practicing love, we can give absolute love and thus become people of absolute love. Rev. Yoon taught us the specifics of true conjugal love.

The seal of Heaven

In short, in this workshop we had a taste of the absolute, both around us and within ourselves. We sensed this was not just a workshop run by members for members; rather we were somehow just facilitators of a happening that was larger than the sum of our combined efforts. We sensed there was a certain destiny that unwound itself within us, within our families and within our groups as we fulfilled the workshop requirements. Heaven had its own agenda in Jardim.

I am reminded of the Islamic expression for destiny: *Maktub fi jbin*, “It is written on one’s forehead.” In Jardim, we, too, had something that was written on our foreheads. We were changed, different, new; our robes were washed clean. We came to realize that our previous fallen mentality was too small a mantle for a citizen of the Kingdom to wear. Now we knew better what Father meant in the First Declaration when he called on us to have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

As a result of this workshop, we felt indelibly marked with a kind of heavenly brand—not like the biblical mark of Cain in Genesis intended to protect the miserably fallen from the enmity of vengeful peers, but more like the seal of heaven’s acceptance in John’s Gospel and in Revelations. It serves notice to the cherubim with the flaming sword that we are qualified to enter Eden. But we also knew that with that seal came added responsibility.

“Registered families are so precious,” Rev. Yoon said. But “after you register your family to True Parents, you can never betray them... There is no forgiveness if you do,” he said. He explained that while fallen man has 5% responsibility, registered families have 100% responsibility. We have entered into a fearsome realm of full, absolute responsibility without having become absolute beings yet; on the one hand, we cannot make mistakes, but on the other, we still have fallen nature to mop up which inclines us to make mistakes. To fill that gap, we will have significant spiritual help because our ancestors have been liberated. “Because of our registration 120 generations can receive salvation,” Rev. Yoon said.

While there is still much yet to understand about the significance of our Jardim experience, it did mark us indelibly. We had a taste of the Kingdom and know we are headed there, construction tools in hand. At East Garden on April 11, during the victory celebration for Mother’s 24-City American speaking tour, True Father said that Jardim training allows whole families to enter the Kingdom of heaven. The registration seal we need to pass by the cherubim is in our hands, and we are registered as a true child, a true spouse, a true parent and as a member of True Family.

Debtor at the gate

On a practical note, for most of us the cost of the workshop seems prohibitive, even impossible. We simply don’t have that kind of money, so we have to go into

debt to get it. But once we are in Jardim, we realize that the benefits of the workshop far outweigh the discomfort of being in debt. At the portal to the Kingdom, we debtors are grateful we paid the price, however high, to get there.

Father has made it clear that this workshop is the priority of all blessed families now, saying that all should go there to take a photo with True Parents so they can be qualified to enter the Kingdom.

In Jardim, while a child, son or daughter, is allowed to substitute for either parent to fulfill the workshop condition, the workshop is clearly a much better experience if both parents are present. Rev. Yoon’s practical lessons in conjugal love, for example, are a must for husband and wife to experience together.

Share the news

Finally, Father wants all families to attend the Jardim Ideal Family Workshop. We in the small Western Group realized how unfortunate it was that so few Westerners have heeded Father’s call thus far, albeit for understandable reasons. We determined among ourselves that we would all make an effort to spread the word about the importance and preciousness of the workshop.

Please seriously and prayerfully consider attending the workshop with your family as soon as possible, despite all the difficult obstacles to your going. Rev. Yoon spoke of those who attended as a select group whose seriousness about attending True Parents had allowed them to overcome all difficulties. Most of us who did attend are substantially more in debt than before. In many cases taking more than 40 days out of a busy life was quite disruptive, and some members attended knowing they would lose their jobs as a result. But to a person we are convinced we made the right decision. What’s more, many of the Japanese came to the workshop with their complete offering of \$16,000, although this is not a requirement for coming to Jardim. In light of these examples of sacrifice, for most of us attending the workshop is do-able, though difficult. Our prayer is that you and your family will find a way to break through and go to Jardim. Once there, you will realize what a godly decision you made. ♦

Michael and Maria Kiely were blessed in the 1800 Couples Blessing in 1975. They have three children.

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Moments of True Encounter

Tom Conneally
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Tom Conneally is one of few among us who met Father personally prior to joining the church. He is to be commended for his courage in allowing his remarkable story to be published (with the help of his wife, Ina).

It was the weeks before Christmas, in the year 1959. Our third grade was to perform The Nativity, the birth of Jesus, Savior and Messiah—a topic dear to the heart of Mrs. Moonie, our art teacher at Our Lady of Solace Elementary School. “And when you pray, ask God if Jesus will come again,” she suggested. I might have followed her advice, for I clearly remember (even though other memories have faded away over the years) that a voice told me: “Reverend Moon is the Messiah.” Somehow I knew that I had to convey this message to the audience—I was a shepherd in the play, first to be on stage, kneeling down and crying out for my lost sheep. Just these five words, “Reverend Moon is the Messiah;” and then other things would follow, the voice told me—things that I could not comprehend with the mind of an 8-year-old.

My parents were hard-working Irish immigrants. For them, a Catholic education for their three children was essential. On the other hand, I spent most of my afternoons on the streets of Bronx East, absorbing the multi-cultural mix of Irish and Italian families. On the afternoon before the play, I was out in the snow, sledding with my friends. Somewhere inside I felt it would be better to stay at home and get prepared, but the snow was so fresh and soft...My mother picked me up from the park.

When the curtains opened, grave anxiety came over me. I had not much confidence. The voice inside me assured me that if I just said my five words I would receive the power to heal. Right in front of me, in the first row, sat all these important, grave looking Fathers, Monsignors and Nuns that I respected and feared so much. Hanging over me was a huge stage-prop moon, and now I was to kneel down, cry out for my lost sheep and say, “Rev. Moon is the Messiah.” I was confused. Was it maybe me, because the moon was right above

me...that whole moon thing, it did not make much sense right now. Better to just stick to Mrs. Moonie’s (what a name!) instructions, not to what that strange voice inside told me. When I left the stage I had made a decision that I would regret later on, more than anything else in my future life.

It was twelve years later—the little boy had turned into a long-haired, drinking, marijuana-smoking hippie with a “don’t trust anyone over 30” attitude,



Tom and Ina at home with their first child

and a lot of liking for Che Guevara and Mao Tse Tung. I was at taxi driver on the hectic streets of Manhattan.

One morning, two Oriental men flagged me down. Only one of them could speak English, taking the passenger seat, next to me in the front. “Where do you want to go?” I asked. “Drive,” the well-dressed man said, “just drive.” Now that was kind of unusual, but maybe these guys were tourists, wanting to be taken around...But it was not that at all. The man in the back turned out to be more interested in me personally than any other customer had ever been before. How I felt about life, its meaning...Did I believe in God’s existence? What did I think about communism? I said that I liked the ideology a lot—equal rights for everyone, the brotherhood of all humankind. He told me through his interpreter in the front that he had spent time in a communist concentration camp in North Korea. I doubted that. We kept driving for a while, then parked near the UN building. Now this intense, soul-searching backseat person wanted to hear a song that would somehow express my life phi-

losophy. So I sang, “I Am a Rock,” one of my Simon and Garfunkel favorites. My listener wanted to sing in response, too. “No Man Is an Island,” was his choice, and he sang it in Korean. I was told that he had never had even a drop of alcohol. I turned around and stared at him, incredulously. He had said he was in his early fifties, but to me he looked like a kid, big cheeks, big smile—the picture of bursting health and innocence. There was something in me that really liked him; he was so earnest, so idealistic—not like those other tourists or business people that I usually met, people who were already part of the “establishment.”

Then, on the other hand, he angered me. I had accused him of being responsible for the Vietnam War—he and his generation. “No,” he responded, looking me straight in the eyes as I turned around, “you are responsible—God gave you a mission.” Then he just talked about things that blew my mind. My mother, he said, had been praying in the spiritual world all through those years. That is why today we could meet here, in the taxi. All those years ever since I had been called by God to testify to the Messiah. Did I remember? In school, playing the role of a shepherd boy? Bits and pieces of my memory appeared dimly, reluctant to be revealed, one part of me couldn’t, the other part did not want to remember.

“Master is the Messiah,” the translator in action declared to me now, very solemnly. I felt somewhat awed, but at the same time it all sounded like a joke—and not a good one. If he is the Messiah, then I’m John the Baptist,” I replied. I had intended to lighten things up a bit, but instead I was getting more and more tense.

“Come with me,” the man in the back urged. “Come and meet my wife and children.” He suggested I could become his driver, thus helping him in his mission. “I’m not gonna be your rikshaw boy,” I told him angrily. First you tell me I have this grand mission, and now you want me to just drive you around...And,” I snapped at the other man, “why is it that you keep calling him Master? We are all the same here, with no masters and servants around!” Fury overcame me. I stretched my right arm out and made the nazi sign. “Heil Hitler,” I shouted, “seig

heil to the master race.”

“You should pray, said the ‘Master’ now. “You have evil spirits around you a lot.” I realized I had gone too far with my emotions, so I started to say those words that I had been taught, words that I sometimes used myself, without anyone knowing. “Our Father, who art in heaven...” Then the Master prayed—and it was truly a masterpiece of a prayer, for even though I could not understand anything he said, it all sounded so deep, so much from the heart. By the time he had finished, I felt peace inside: as if I had been cleansed of all my previous anger. But no, I did not want to go with these two people whom I barely knew, even though they seemed to be very well informed about my past. A new surge of suspicion arose in me—maybe they were from the CIA and had followed me around all along?

“If you don’t come with us now, you will join us in the future. But a lot of indemnity you will have to pay...Your Father will die.” I was prophesized to by my messiah-passenger, shortly before I had to drop off both men. They told me to wait for them for they had to run some errands. As I had my cab parked wondering what to do next, a very attractive woman approached me and asked whether I was free to give her a ride. As if awakening from a strange dream, I rubbed my eyes. Welcome back to life, I thought, with real people and real business! As it had been when I was a child, I again was ready to give up moments of true encounter for years of regret later on, still not understanding the “real” game of life, and how I was supposed to play it.

It was five years later, September 17, 1976. I was working in Sante Fe, New Mexico for a drilling company. I had been working all day long drilling a hole into the dry ground. Feeling dry myself, I went to my favorite bar hoping for a drink or two. Unfortunately, my paycheck had not been cashed yet and I only had small change in my pocket. It was good to have the week behind me, but without money what was I supposed to do? Leaning against the bar counter, I saw a few girls come in trying to sell flowers. When I went outside after a while, there was one little Japanese “flower girl” standing at the corner, smiling at passers-by and holding out a bunch of roses.

Curious, I asked her, “Whom are you selling those for?” “Oh,” she answered, extending her smile, “we are fundraising for an event. Tomorrow there will be a rally in Washington DC and the main speaker is Rev. Moon. Have you heard

about him?” I shook my head. She took a closer look at me and continued smiling and extending the roses. “Well,” she continued after a few minutes, “he must have heard about you. You are the one who met Rev. Moon in a taxi years ago. I was told that I would see you here tonight. Listen,” she said in a low voice, “I was also told that you should come with our team tonight to Washington. It’s just an hour’s drive from here to Albuquerque. We’ll fly from there. If you can’t go, you should at least offer something. If you don’t,” she now spoke very distinctly, as if to add weight to every word, “your father will die.”

I didn’t know what to think. I was shocked and somehow impressed by this “Rev. Moon” whom I had met, as I remembered now, in the taxi years ago. How did he know I was living here right now? But then, all that pressure with having to either join some trip to Washington or giving money...It seemed so extreme, almost threatening. I only had some change in my pocket anyway, and the check. I needed it myself. On the other hand, it sounded exciting to travel across the country over the weekend and be part of an event that “could be your re-birthday.”

“Since it is one hour to Albuquerque,” I asked the girl, “can I smoke in the van? See, I’ve got to smoke...” She told me that I could not. The sensitive balance of decision-making now visibly turned in favor of me not wanting to go.

I noticed a van approaching, and the Japanese girl told me, “You have to make up your mind right now.” I explained my feelings to her, much to her disappointment. As the van drove off, I got lost in thoughts about her and some other “encounters” that I had had a few weeks earlier. One had been with a girl named Josephine in that same bar. She had told me she had studied some kind of principles with a church, and that she had been told by people in the church that there was someone of Irish descent living in New Mexico who had met the founder of their movement in a taxi in New York. “Hey, Fitzpatrick,” I called over to one of my bar-friends, “here is someone who knows you.” But it turned out it was me that she was talking about. What was so special about me, anyway? Why were people that I had never seen before so eager to have me join them? For instance, these other fundraisers, whom I had met on “fiesta-day” at the end of the summer. I was sitting on a park bench when suddenly some eight people were dropped off nearby by a van. They put a decorat-

ed, long cloth over their heads, then they lined up, one after the other like a huge caterpillar! “Cute,” I thought to myself. They moved all over the place, back and forth, and to my surprise approached me in their collective costume. They asked if I wanted to join them. Later it turned out that they were selling flowers. Flowers, caterpillars and some important trip to Washington... The reality of things was that I still had not cashed my check, and a whole weekend lay ahead of me.

During the beginning of the next week, I received a call from my sister. She told me that my father was in a coma. I went home immediately. After 21 days he passed away, on October 10. Now that I had lost both parents, feelings of deep grief and loneliness overcame me. Being back in my hometown, I went to church again, to “Our Lady of Solace.” I also started reading the Bible. These high-spirited activities were unfortunately overshadowed by my drinking and smoking habits. Bars in the evening, prayers during the day. I was torn inside. That ongoing contradiction within me made me crazy. During one especially intense afternoon, I remember reading a Bible verse that spoke of the devil crawling on his belly like a worm.

I went up to the rooftop of our apartment. Laying on my belly, I felt like a worm myself, crouching in the mud of guilt and shame. “Is Christ coming back?” I asked, as if talking to myself. In my mind, I heard the answer: “Christ is here—Sun Myung Moon.” Sun and Moon was very easy to understand, but what was that middle name? It sounded like the mung in mung bean. Where can I find him, I further probed. “On 4 West 43rd Street,” came the immediate answer. Having been a cab driver for many years, I knew almost exactly where that was. Suddenly I felt grace; grace flowing all over me. I stood up, looking towards Manhattan. Just then, the sun broke through the clouded sky, spreading a rake of sunbeams over the city. Again I heard the voice inside me, saying: “This is the city of my Kingdom!”

Another Bible passage came to my mind: “Let him who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house...”. But I still went back into my parents’ apartment, where I took a shower. I wanted to cleanse myself, make a new beginning.

After my father’s death I had become more serious about life—life here and life “over there.” I felt that my father was suffering in the spiritual world and that I was the one who could help him in his pain. I now was determined to

quit smoking. One day I went to the East Bronx park where I used to play and sleigh ride in the snow as a child. There was a hollow tree trunk, into which I crept. We were both hollow inside, the tree trunk and I. I prayed to God, "Please help me to come back to life." I left my last pack of cigarettes there. I also started fasting—from my mother's birthday on December 4 to the date of her death (January 12) it was exactly 40 days. Through reading the Bible, the life of John the Baptist had made a strong impression on me. He had lived on locusts and honey for long periods of time. Reading a pamphlet about fasting, I decided to live on honey and lemon juice only, and water of course. I also went to the Botanical Garden frequently. In the hectic and often brutal jungle of the Bronx, here was an oasis of peace. I had discovered a gazebo, close to a small forest area. Twelve pillars supported a small roof. It looked like a little temple combining the Holy Trinity with Jesus' twelve disciples. I prayed often on the stony floor, feeling connected not only with John the Baptist but also with St. Francis of Assisi. Sometimes it would even snow a little bit, since winter was approaching. Nature was so pure, especially these clean and white snowflakes, each one a crystal creation of its own.

It was two weeks later, on December 17. I had just arrived at Penn Station, wanting to get more copies of my parents' death certificates. Suddenly a young woman approached me. "Do you believe in God?" was her unexpected question to me. Of course I understood that this was meant to be the overture to some longer discussion, and so we both went into a coffee shop nearby. She introduced herself as Vina Lopez, saying that she belonged to a Christian church which was persecuted. I was amazed. What kind of church could possibly be persecuted these days?

She invited me to visit her where she was staying at a building on 4 West 43rd Street. I was impressed by the way members treated each other; the terminology "brothers and sisters" was truly filled with meaning. I especially could experience the spirit of togetherness during one of their "international nights," with lots of singing, testimonies and speeches. Meanwhile I studied what these people called "the Principle" It was supposed to help me understand the Bible better—the main reason I had gone there with Vina.

Then on Christmas Eve Vina invited me to watch a film about the founder of

her movement, Rev. Moon. It was, she said, the first presentation about an event at the Washington Monument on September 18. I was very impressed and decided to go to a 3-day workshop.

The workshop site at Barrytown was a beautiful, formerly Catholic seminary. It felt like returning to my spiritual roots, surrounded by stone saints and living saints as well: the "brothers and sisters." Outdoor walks in the beauty of nature, Principle lectures, prayer...the three days passed by quickly. I was still in the middle of fasting, which made some people wonder. When Vina drove back with me, she too wanted to know why. I explained to her that it was a condition to help my father in the spiritual world. "This is not the time to fast," she told me. Later she asked me to break my fast at 43rd Street, which I did at the end of the 40 days. Vina had convinced me to offer it up for a higher purpose other than just a member of my family.

After the workshop at the seminary I read the Divine Principle book all the way through. Vina invited me again, this time to hear Rev. Moon himself speak at Belvedere. The topic of the sermon was "To Whom Do I Belong?" I remember clearly how much I felt the truth of it all: being divided between God and Satan, and the suffering that comes from that internal struggle. Until then I had had a beard, but after the speech I shaved it off. I stopped smoking also and so made a new start in my life of faith having gone beyond my own limitations and temptations.

Afterwards I went through a series of workshops. Originally starting with 7 days, it extended into a 21-day workshop. On the first Sunday I heard Rev. Moon speak again. He talked about someone whom he had met in a taxi years ago, in Manhattan. I had been a taxi driver, too, so I could relate well to that story. The Reverend concluded by saying, "I am happy to say that this young man is here with us today."

After the lecture, everyone was curious to know whom he had meant—who was that mysterious taxi driver? "Did you ever drive a cab?" was the question that went around. Theoretically it could have been me, but I didn't remember anything. During that night I prayed: "God, please restore my memory." And slowly bits and pieces of long-forgotten situations flashed back, showing me that I indeed was the one who had met Rev. Moon. I was shocked: did I have a brain of bricks? How could I have forgotten something so important?

But the crucial question still

remained whether Rev. Moon was really the Messiah or not. During the second Sunday of the workshop, he publicly spoke about things I had done in the past: my personal sins. He did not mention my name, but I knew everything he brought out was true—and only I could know those things.

He also talked about John the Baptist figures and Elijahs of the providence, saying that there had been someone who had lived in England, whose son was given a mission to bear witness to him—and that this person was here today. As he said that he pointed in my direction I turned around, thinking maybe it was someone sitting behind me. I just could not imagine myself being this John-the-Baptist figure. It was too much to live with, and I had just started my new life.

It took me some time to come to the conclusion that it was all true, from beginning to end: Rev. Moon was the Messiah, my father, and I had failed to recognize him from the beginning. I looked back at my life, from childhood up to now: how I had always missed those moments of true encounter, when God had, over and over again, given me a chance to be part of his providence. I could clearly see how he had worked in my ancestry to make a foundation for the coming of Christ; and how I, as the final fruit on the tree of that lineage, had not fully ripened. I promised in one of my prayers that one day I would give testimony of my life, as a warning to those who are shaken by external circumstances, losing sight of their own path of faith, and where it leads to.

A final word: My husband and I participated in the 1275 Couples Blessing in Yong-in, Korea, in January 1989. Immediately after our matching, Tom told me his testimony, so that I could choose, as he put it, whether I wanted to be blessed with someone from so difficult a past. At first I thought he was joking or trying to impress me. As the years passed, however, I came to understand that his story was true.

There is something about miracles and revelations that make everyday life special, as if God and the spirit world were the movie-makers and we the main actors. I think we all have stories to tell, some more extraordinary than others. Yet to me what really matters in the end is not what happened to us in the past but what we ourselves make happen in the present, precisely from this moment on. —Ina Conneally

Tom and Ina Conneally recently celebrated the birth of their second child.

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The Completed Testament Age...

permission to the spiritual world-physical world couples to do the 3-day ceremony. Through this, the spirit world and physical world can become one. The husband and wife can travel back and forth freely. This is possible because the level of 400 million couples has been reached.

The only category remaining is the unmarried young men and women. In the spirit world, those who died in their infancy or at a young age and have remained in the spirit world until at least sixteen years of age are the ones who will receive the blessing this time. In two days' time, that blessing ceremony will take place. There will be 1.6 billion couples. This will multiply to ten times and twenty times in the future. *[1.6 billion couples were indeed blessed in the spirit world on April 13, 1999—Editor]* Once this blessing takes place these 1.6 billion young spirit couples will be sent down to earth and they will work with all the young men and women throughout the fallen world and help them to receive the blessing.

I also gave instructions to Chung Pyung Training Center to carry out ancestor liberation for the seven generations above us, and subsequently stretching back to even 120 generations and 180 generations. In so doing, all humankind, including those in the spirit world, will be blessed.

Once we accomplish the blessing of 400 million couples, we will enter the era of the fourth Adam. When the spirit world is filled with blessed couples, hell will not be able to exist. (Applause) That is why, at the time of the Madison Square Garden blessing, I gave the blessing to the saints and sages at the same time as to killers, murderers and robbers. Because of the blessing of the spirit world now, there is no separation between the two worlds.

With the authority of perfected Adam, I opened the gates of hell and chased Satan out of the spirit world. At the beginning time, Satan connected to our first ancestors, Adam and Eve. The worst parents thus appeared. Originally, God's lineage should have connected to the perfection-age Adam's family. From there, the lineage would have expanded to embrace the tribe, the nation and the cosmic realm, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. That's the Principle viewpoint. When True Parents appeared, Satan's power was eliminated completely. How can Satan's root be eliminated? True marriage. The cosmic expansion of the true blessing and the rooting out of Satan's blood lineage. Who can do that? God cannot do that. Satan cannot do that. The time of the Second Advent will bring the perfected Adam, who represents God's side. The false parents built an upside-down family. True Parents are the opposite way—the original way. This is the starting point for connecting with God's lineage—starting from the family, and expanding to the tribe, nation, and world. The physical and spiritual worlds. For the original people of God, there is only one nation on earth, not two. One culture, background and country. This is Adam's ideal world—directly connected to God's blood lineage. All people will connect to God's blood lineage through the blessing. All

resemble God's next generation, and have that value. This is the equalization of value, centering on God. Everyone can go into the Kingdom of Heaven. Who can accomplish restoration? True Parents. Satan cannot win over me. He will bow down. Our worldwide foundation of heavenly citizens will connect with the spiritual realm and achieve the completion of unification.

As a woman, you are in the position of mother. So every woman should be able to give lectures. You have to have a different presentation for a one evening lecture, three evenings, one week—all different levels. If we train someone for six months to be a lecturer, she can go anywhere in the world and give Principle lectures. Hoon Dok Hae is the next stage. In Korea, I am utilizing woman power. Centering on Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu I am training 1,200 women. They will be sent out to Japan and other countries.

You just have to read the Divine Principle book with a tearful heart. When you read the Divine Principle book or the Hoon Dok Hae books with tears for your parents, do you think people will dislike it?

Eventually, those 400 million couples whom we find will be the central force to unite the entire world, including the spirit world.

One family represents three generations—the grandparents' couple, the parents' couple and the children's couple. God could not meet those three generations. God's side doesn't have those three generations, which were taken by Satan with Adam's family. In this time True Parents are giving the blessing. Then the three generations are restored and combined representing Adam's family, Jesus' family and the Second Adam's family. Satan used strong power, a hammer, to hit those three generations. Using that power hammer he broke everything down. But through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, Satan's world will be completely wiped away. After that God will have no problem gaining control. This is the Principle viewpoint. All the problems, barriers in the physical and spiritual worlds can be cleared away.

Sixteen billion people in the spirit world have been blessed and mobilized—altogether 36 billion couples have been mobilized in the spirit world. About 2 billion couples have been mobilized to help us here. They are moving back and forth freely. When they come down to our level, if there is an evil force within us, they will eliminate it so that we can find the right direction. At present I am in the process of cleaning up the entire spirit world so that there will not be a single person left who has not received the blessing. Right now, our goal is 400 million couples.

The completion of the building of the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven will be achieved through the perfection of the marriage blessing. Once the blessing of 1.6 billion couples is accomplished in the spirit world, they will be totally mobilized to help people in this physical world to complete the 400 million couples blessing this year—our goal. Do you think it is a possible task, or an impossible task? [Possible!] God is marching with us. He is working on the earth and He has great power. He can do anything. The problem on earth is that your concepts stand in opposition to God's viewpoint. You don't have that kind of victorious perspective. Father is

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the only one who believes.

WHAT WE MUST ACCOMPLISH

As blessed couples in this critical time period, if you cannot fulfill your responsibility you will have to face grave consequences. Even if you have to sell everything you have, you should do so. Your house, your land, your assets, nothing belongs to you. They ultimately belong to God. Have you heard of the total living sacrificial offering? Nothing is to be held back. That has been my life all these years. As the True Parent, I realize that my children are ignorant. They do not know what to do. So I shed all these tears and sweat all these years by myself.

Do you think God can liberate hell? The cause was the false Adam, the false parent figure for humankind. Therefore, only when the True Parents appear do they have the right to convert hell into heaven. This is the unique, patented power of True Parents. So is this now the time of the liberation of the spirit world, or not? [Yes.] Once the spirit world is liberated, the spirits have the responsibility to restore their descendants all the way back to Adam. So they will come down and eliminate all these evil forces from us.

Once we become true, ideal blessed couples, when we look at even this physical world, it will be filled with ideal families. Up in the spirit world, there will be all the ideal blessed couples. Then where can Satan find his place? Nowhere. Youth problems, family problems, and the unification of the Korean peninsula will all find their solutions in our teachings.

Blessed couples are not yet qualified to be claimed as blessed couples. That is why I am bringing all of you to Jardim international education headquarters, educating you and giving you a special privilege, a special seal as heavenly blessed couples. If we neglect our mission, sooner or later, ordinary Christians and others will stand in front of you and do your work—the 400 million couples blessing—and they will take your position. That is why I am encouraging you to bring your entire family to Jardim and go through this special education, and so secure your position and your authority there. The sooner the better. [Amen!] If you do not listen to me now, I cannot take responsibility. So I am now declaring that the time has come for the completion of the Kingdom of God on earth as well as in heaven. The consummation of the Completed Testament Age is here. (Applause) As blessed couples, we have to understand that we must all be united, become one family and build the Kingdom of God on earth

and in heaven. We must work together to liberate the lamenting heart of God, and save all humankind.

What a privilege you have! You can establish true parents in your family. That means representing True Parents' family and being blessed with the same value. This means that God can guide all the world's families. True Parents have brought all things back into God's possession and control.

So today is an important day. This is the last day of True Mother's 24-city speaking tour. There are only a few months left before my eightieth birthday. During this time, I will keep focusing on unifying the North American and South American continents through the unification of Christianity. Don't you think that True Parents' ancestors, and the ancestors of the Korean people, want and expect True Parents to return and help Korea prosper, and also advance the reunification of

Korea? [Yes.] Everyone in Korea, whether North or South, believes that Reverend Moon can provide a solution for the peninsula's division. They say, "Well, Reverend Moon, you have reached eighty years of age. That is old enough. It is time for you to return to your homeland." So by staying away, do you think I am a symbol of failure or a victor? [Victor!] As a victor, therefore, I must bring this victorious foundation to Korea and offer it to the Korean ancestors and my own ancestors. From that point on, therefore, we can expand the victorious foundation to the worldwide level. To accomplish this, once I return to Korea I may never leave Korea again. The time may soon come when I



Mother prepares to leave Toronto, and North America, for Malaysia, the second country of her international tour. With her on the airstrip are Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins and Dr. Hendricks.

bring all my children to either Korea or South America and live there. You are in the position of elder son now. Originally America, along with world Christianity, was on the front line in opposing me in the 1940s. But now, as Elder-son nation, America should take the initiative, and stand on the front line to restore Christianity so that it can support and follow True Parents. Compared with the earlier years of Christian opposition, we now have greater power to restore this nation, and to restore Christianity for the sake of God and humanity. As Elder-son nation, can we do it? [Yes!] America's prosperity and blessing did not come just because of the American people. You received German brothers, British brothers, Japanese brothers. The resources from all over the world came here and built this foundation, so that you are now sitting on this pedestal. You therefore have to give something in return. [Yes.]◆

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Mother's Guidance...

was so inspired by the work of Dae Mo Nim that he has decided to hold his 80th birthday celebration at the temple at Chung Pyung. She asked, "Where would a true elder son want True Father to celebrate his 80th birthday? Would a true elder son want Father to rent the ballroom of the Lotte Hotel?. Would that be the appropriate place for the such a celebration? In Europe stand some of the most magnificent cathedrals in the world, built as temples for Jesus. Do you think Jesus would have wanted them built during his life or after his life on earth? They were built after his life on earth so their value is vastly different—Jesus could not enjoy them directly while he was alive on earth. Therefore God could not enjoy them directly through his True Son. Do you want to build temples for Father after he is in spirit world? As the elder son we should be desperate to give joy to Father while he is here."

Therefore, Mother emphasized that to correctly convey True Parents' tradition we must have the same mind and heart as our True Parents. How do we have the same mind and heart as our True Parents? We must fulfill our responsibility and take on the burden of our True Parents heart to heart. What is our responsibility? The Mother nation of Japan has borne the burden of True Parents' financial responsibility. It is now time for the Elder-son nation to take such responsibility. Secondly we must lead the way in the 400 million young couple blessing providence.

The elder son's responsibility is to unite the brothers and sisters and teach the tradition of the parents. America is now the Elder-son nation and therefore must stand in the position of the parents to do their will. A true elder son will know and fulfill the parents' desires because he knows their heart and doesn't need to be told. Mother expressed that now America as the elder son must make sure that True Parents' teachings are translated as soon as they come out. She told us that Father's prayers have been published in Korea and Japan and

are "selling like hotcakes." The responsibility of the elder son is to see that the Parents' words are translated and conveyed to the nation as soon as possible.

We should have the heart to accomplish ten years' work in one year. That would be the heart of the elder son. What does the elder son need? Responsibility and a relationship of heart with

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True Parents. On the tour I learned so much from Rev. Peter Kim about filial piety. His heart is absolute to respond and fulfill True Parents' desire. His presence brought a great deal of protection to True Mother. Mrs. Won Ju McDevitt demonstrated such an example of attendance to our True Parents. Dr. Hendricks also showed a profound depth of understanding of our True Parents, and became a solid bridge between our True Parents and the large numbers of professors and scholars who were in attendance on

this tour. In fact, everyone that chosen to be on the plane with True Mother was there for many special reasons. However, I realize that such a team became so harmonious because we were living in the realm of True Mother's love.

True Mother of all Humankind

Mother is truly the True Mother of all humankind. No woman in history has traveled the whole world conveying the message of True Parents and true love for all races, religions, nations, ethnicities and peoples. True Mother did not just convey words of love to the world through America but she literally practiced true love for all humanity. In every city her kind loving embrace was given freely to all without any hesitation.

Naturally, the tension was thick in every city until the event was proven to be victorious, however Mother did not become tense—when things were more tense she gave more love. When she was sick in the beginning of the tour, she never demonstrated anything but true love. She never once became short-tempered or tight-hearted. She never had give and take with negative expressions or difficulties. When times were difficult she patiently and silently endured.

True Parents are the True Parents, and True Family is the True Family of all humankind. I saw with my own eyes the outpouring of love for True Mother

and True Father as every dimension of humanity came, and were even yearning to show True Mother love. I saw the beautiful dimension of True Family members and how serious they are about attending True Parents—even Mother's grandchildren, city after city, giving total support and love.

I can never forget the time when we had just arrived at the airport and it was announced that Father, who had just returned from the deep jungles of Brazil, was waiting for Mother on the airstrip. Mother expressed jubilant excitement at such news. She quickly unfastened her seat belt as the plane taxied to a stop and jumped up to look out of the window to see True Father—only to see the car and other leaders, but Father wasn't there!

Such an expression of disappointment appeared on Mother's face. The person who made the announcement was frantically calling the ground crew. Could it have been a mistake? Where is Father? Then Father jumped out of the car. He was there! Mother almost jumped with excitement again. As she walked down the stairs True Father was waiting with his arms outstretched and gave Mother the most wonderful tender loving hug I've ever seen.

God's love is now so great as it is manifested through True Parents and True Family that I saw the transformation in every city of both young, old and in between into one family and children of our True Parents—children of our one True God. Jesus and the Holy Spirit are now totally rejoicing as Jesus' prayer in the Gospel of John has now come to be fulfilled, "That they may all be One."

African Americans, Whites, Hispanics, Asians, Indians, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Jews and Gentiles...from both the physical spirit worlds: all God's children have come together in the name of True Parents and true love. America was the soil upon which God prepared for this great turning point in human history. One day history will mark Mother's eighty-city world tour as the transformation point at which all humankind became one family under God. The American movement did well. Let us fulfill the cosmic expansion of the 360 Million-Couple Blessing and the rooting out of the satanic blood lineage. True love reigns! True Parents forever!◆

Michael and Reiko Jenkins were blessed in the 2075 Couples Blessing in 1982. They have five children.

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Putting Your Feet Up

IN this column I have already addressed the different customs in relation to the eyes and the hands. I would also like to discuss some differences with regard to the legs and feet.

The greatest differences in the posture of the legs show up when sitting. A while ago the head of a new American company in Korea was being interviewed on TV. I cannot understand how the producer of the program allowed it, but the interviewee was sitting back in an arm chair with his right ankle crossed over his left knee so that the bottom of his right foot was facing the camera, and consequently the entire television audience. Apparently he did not know that this is extremely impolite in Korea, and the director did not care.

The crossing of the legs, while often considered demure or even chaste in the West is considered impolite in front of one's superiors in age or position in Korea, irrespective of sex. In Korea, when sitting in a chair, ideally a person should sit upright rather than lounge back in the chair. One's knees and ankles should be together with the knees bending naturally to make a 90 degree angle or the feet should be a bit more inward toward the chair or body. The feet definitely should not extend out allowing a view of the soles of one's feet, nor should the legs or even ankles be crossed. The contrast with American finishing school training where women are instructed to cross their ankles to guarantee closing their knees is self-evident. It is also very different from the frequent American admonitions for one to sit back in one's chair. Americans are expected to have their back resting against the back of the chair, and if they are at a table to pull the chair well in under the table. Since Koreans are not to lean back on anything, they often sit straight on the very edge of the chair with the chair sticking way out in back of them. But this is considered very impolite in the West in restaurants or other crowded areas because the chairs block the way.

There are also many manners involved when sitting on the floor.

Because Korean culture was traditionally a "floor culture" where people sat on the floor, there are many expectations in this area. First of all, as when sitting on a chair, it is considered extremely impolite to extend one's legs out and lean back while sitting on the floor. This of course makes life very difficult for Westerners.

I remember one incident when True Parents came to America in 1971 and True Father spoke each night at Upshur House, our United States headquarters of that time. There were desks and chairs set up for people to take notes, but one sister sat very near Father against the wall. As any American might do, she leaned against the wall with her legs and feet sticking out towards Father. He spoke for a while, but then looked displeased and began pushing at her legs with his foot. She didn't know what to do. She turned her legs a bit more towards the audience side, but he still pushed her. None of the Americans could imagine what was going on. What was Father upset about? She became bright red. Father looked displeased. Finally one of the elder American girls in the audience who had been in Japan said to her, "Quick. Bend your legs." As soon as the girl bent her legs in towards herself, Father smiled and began speaking again. Without knowing it, we had experienced an intense inter-cultural misunderstanding!

Even Dr. Young Oon Kim once commented to me that she had had a difficult experience in relation to sitting on the floor. She was extremely ill when she first heard the Principle and had had to lean against the wall while listening. Consequently, everyone in the room thought she was very arrogant. But after hearing the Divine Principle she became well and could sit up straight, and that improved the impression people had of her.

Once on the floor, the issue of what to do with one's legs becomes important. In Korea, the men usually sit cross-legged. This is fairly common in America, too, and children in kindergarten or girl scouts or boy scouts also frequently sit on the floor this way. However, traditionally the women in Korea are to sit with their knees together and their feet folded under and over to one side.

Koreans do not often sit as the Japanese do, with the lower legs completely tucked under the thighs. If a Korean woman is wearing a long full skirt or slacks, they sometimes do sit cross-legged or one leg can be folded inward on the floor with the other knee up. I have personally found this latter position the most tolerable. Since Americans are raised sitting on chairs we do not have the flexibility in our joints of people who have been raised sitting on the floor, and sitting on the floor for long periods of time is a bitter form of torture for all except the most limber. Even after 25 years in Korea, I still have to change positions every few minutes or the pain becomes unbearable!

One technique that Korean women use, however, is to carry a scarf to cover their legs. It seems that in large group settings as long as one's legs and feet are covered by a scarf or long skirt, or even slacks, it is less impolite to stretch out one's legs. If one is wearing a skirt, it is considered proper to cover the parts of the legs not covered by the skirt when sitting.

When people lived in houses with heated floors, a blanket would often be spread on the floor to keep it warm. It was a wonderful thing to come in from the cold and stretch out one's legs under the blanket. Because they were covered by the blanket this was not considered impolite.

It is also interesting to note that since traditional Korean culture involved much sitting on the floor, one's height when sitting was valued more than one's height when standing. Now, however, in the more active culture of today, long legs have come into fashion. In fact today most Korean children are raised sleeping on beds and studying at desks while sitting on chairs, so that young Koreans have more trouble than their elders sitting on the floor. And even most of our churches now have pews. It is only at the gigantic gatherings where space is limited that we still sit on the floor, but when we do the manners remain the same. ♦

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