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Letter from the Publisher

Reverend Sun Jo Hwang



Let Us Become the Final Victor

DEAR loving family members! How have you been? We are now living in the last corner of 20th century. Sooner or later the last weeks of 1999 and of this millennium will be in our far distant memories. On one hand we will miss this millennium, but on the other hand we feel full of hope for new the opportunities that arise though giving up all previous attachments.

First of all, I deeply thank you for your hard work throughout this year for the victory of 400 million couples' blessing campaign and for the culmination of God's providence. Although I have many shortcomings, I have felt so deeply the responsibility of this important position to attend True Parents, to carry out God's current providence, and to serve all members.

Although I often confessed my honest heart in my letters I have never carried such an oppressed and desperate heart as now. During the year of 1999, True Parents have presented God's tremendous blessing to all of humankind. From the middle of January, True Mother personally stood in the forefront of the world tour for the international conventions of the global True Family Movement in 80 cities from 35 nations including Korea, Japan and America. On February 7, the 360 million couples blessing ceremony was conducted by True Parents. There have been a number of providential proclamations this year. Amongst these, I would choose the proclamation of 9.9 (Ku Ku) Jeol of September 9 as the most historic milestone of the providence. From that day on we could throw off the six thousand-year-old yoke of indemnity. Since the fall of Adam and Eve, the history of mankind progressed on the basis of the two principles of indemnity and restoration. However the new age of no indemnity has begun after the proclamation of the Realm of Liberation of Cosmic Unification for the Parents of Heaven and Earth, which we refer to as Ku Ku Jeol. A great turning point has been transcended.

Other proclamations have followed. By the proclamation of the Double Ten Day* on October 10 and the Liberation of the Blessing for the Entire Cosmos on October 23, the age of the restoration through the natural way has opened, in contrast to the age of restoration through indemnity. The age of the realm of the fourth Adam has just begun. For the first time since the beginning, we have entered the age of the realiza-

tion of the substantial Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven.

For this reason, True Parents set the motto for this year as the Cosmic Expansion of the True Blessing and the Rooting Out of the Satanic Blood Lineage, fulfilled with their full investment, and they are now, by whatever means, going to bequeath all their victorious authority to us.

Dear family members, we have to check ourselves seriously on this occasion how much we have fully recognized the enormous blessing from Heaven and how much we have had an attitude of being grateful

in our lives. We have to check whether we have internalized all of True Parents' messages, for which True Parents have sacrificed their bodies and even True Children, and passed them on to others. We have to check ourselves to see whether we have fulfilled our mission as the messenger to deliver those messages. If we have not, we should first confess that we have been dying in our life of faith, and then try to revive the strength with which we can truly feel the change in the providence. Those who have the power to joyfully experi-

ence the great providential changes will remain as the final champions.

Dear loving families, we are now on the threshold of the new millennium. Let us welcome the year 2000 with honor that is not shameful in front of True Parents. Let us more boldly accept a sacrificial life for the sake of others who are in the wilderness of heart. Sacrifice is one of the keys for victory. Sacrifice means a life of service. A life of service is that of Abel. Only through the life of Abel will Cain obediently submit. When we practice such a life we will become the final champions.

Sun Jo Hwang

* This was referred to as Ee Ship Jeol (Day of Two Tens) in the previous issue, but it is now clear that Sang Ship Jeol (Double Ten Day) will be the official name.

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CONGRATULATIONS...

*...to our True Parents, and to Hyo Jin Nim and Yun Ah Nim
on the birth of their son Shin Chul Nim (pronounced "Shin Chool")
on November 21, 1999 (10.14 by the lunar calendar)*

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THE ERA OF THE REALM OF THE FOURTH ADAM

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

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Excerpted from notes by Dr. Tyler Hendricks based upon Rev. Peter Kim's interpretation.

SUPPOSE we are a tank that stores the words of God. Is your tank keeping the words inside, or are the words in your tank flowing out for the sake of others? Do you want a small tank or a big one? [Big!] There may be different sized tanks, but if you receive more words, thousands of speeches, they must flow out of your tank in many directions to help other people. The size of the tank does not matter; they can flow out from even a small one. This must happen because you are responsible to raise up the lives of everything around you. As water flows out of your tank, it will provide water for plants and all things, and evaporate and form clouds, giving rainfall to all things; this cycle will take place. It will sustain the life of all things.

THE WORD FLOWING

How many of you Japanese sisters understand English? [None.] Without knowing English, it is hard for you even to beg for food. But without such knowledge, did you come to witness to people, to win their hearts? How absurd. Your answer as to why you came here was that you came to witness, but you can't even beg for food. Are you crazy or not? You are crazy. (Laughter) Think about it from a secular point of view. One morning you leave your husband and children and home behind, and go to another part of the world, and appear, and then leave again; it's crazy. Between crazy and strange is a paper-thin distinction. Crazy is just one step beyond strange. It means that I am the king of all the crazy people. If you understand the real meaning of king, you have to go through the stage of being a crazy king. Standing as a king and going the king's way requires being crazy here and there.

So you know the meaning of hoon—"the word is flowing." The symbol representing "word" is composed of God and two or three people, with the people's mouths being united into one. This makes the letter, hoon. If we study Chinese characters, we see that each has a deep meaning. People usually think that Chinese people came up with Chinese characters, but there are many scholars who believe that the Tong-I tribe, which was an ancestral Korean tribe, invented them. They were noted as archers. This original Tong-I tribe were brave and always won their battles, but they got tired of fighting and retreated to the northern part of the Korean peninsula and settled there. Because of that tradition, Koreans win archery events in the Olympic games. I am good at aiming also, aiming with words, the truth, shooting the contents of God's will at every target.

I have mastered all the books of prophecy, and my mind and body are completely one, so I know all those things. How

many times did I test my words before I give them to you; you do not know that secret. So, can you say that you know me? [No answer.] Quiet, huh? If you know or don't, you should answer. Do you know Father? [No.] Then if I give you a high level of teaching, can you understand it? [No.] So, keep yourself humble in front of the word; then you can absorb it. You have to be like a sponge that can absorb water. Your eyes can absorb, utilize all five senses to absorb the teachings.

I have 300 volumes of speeches, covering 50 years. In those books there are detailed directions for your lives. Do you know them? Can you recall ever living according to my teaching 100 percent? Do you think my teachings are just my own creation, based upon my intelligence, or that I am delivering the original message of God that has to be stored and practiced by humanity? [The original.] But you don't know what the original is and what God desires.

We are still on the meaning of hoon dok hae. The first letter is "the word of God flowing." The second has "the word of God" and "under the scholar, four people's eyes are being supported." It means, "selling." It means that whatever I give you is a sure thing that can be sold. Everyone likes it. We like a cheap price. If there is only one in the world, no matter how expensive, everyone will like it. What is it? The things we sell are a condition to find our partner. Have you sold a lot? While you are doing this, if there are more people who are happy after buying from you, that is good, but if it is a small number of buyers and you are the happy one, then you are a thief. The meaning of hoon dok is the word of God being sold for others. *Hae* means "gathering."

THE PROBLEM IS WITHIN US

Is there anyone who can claim that, ever since your birth, you have had oneness of mind and body your entire life? (No answer) Even in one single day, think of how often your mind and body are separated, struggling, then united again, back and forth. It is a big problem. We usually blame other people or the environment, but the fundamental problem is in myself; I am the cause. My mind and body should be one. No matter how much you long for happiness, if your mind and body are not one, you cannot achieve it. Can you say your mind and body are like bright sunshine? Like high noon? When the sun is above your head, there is no shadow. That is noon. Like that, between your mind and body, in balance, if they are unbalanced there is a shadow created. In this light, you realize how much falsity is in you and how miserable you are. No one really understands that the real problem exists within himself.

Before you think about family, tribe, nation and world, you have to solve the problem within yourself. So if your mind and body are not united, even if you go to spirit world you cannot match the rhythm of the spirit world. It is a world of

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bright light, like an x-ray that reflects even your bones. If you bring any remnants of shadows, you have to retreat from there because you do not belong. Then there is only hell. No complaint is accepted in hell. Its king is "myself." But it is myself that is the roadblock. The destroyer of my ideal is myself.

ERA OF THE FOURTH ADAM

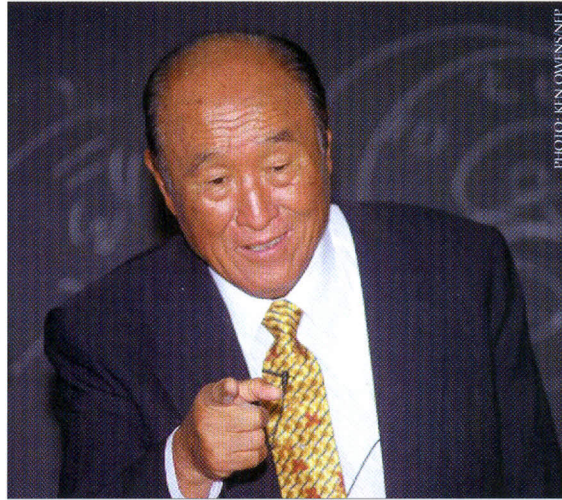
The real sermon begins now. Here is the title and conclusion. *Jae sa gwa Adam kwon shidae dora:* "The arrival of the era of the realm of the fourth Adam." In general you understand what this means, I think. Are we talking about the realm of the fall? No. We are speaking beyond the realm of the fall. What is the first Adam's realm? It is the realm of Adam and Eve who fell. How can we characterize the era of the second Adam? It was the realm of the chosen people from the time of Jesus.

The third Adam is the time of the Lord of the Second Advent. It is an era requiring indemnity because there is conflict between God and Satan. What can we say of the era of the fourth Adam? Because of the fall, the original world was turned upside down. Therefore the right side started climbing up, step by step. God was in the lower position and Satan the upper, but gradually the right side has been rising up to the right position through the eight stages from the individual to the cosmic levels. Because of the fall, the mind and body became separated to begin with. That is how Satan took the upper position. But after the crossing point, God's side will gradually take the upper position and Satan the lower. This represents the entire 6,000 years of the history of restoration through indemnity. At this crossing point, the point at which God's side starts to take the right position, the blessing begins from the level of family, tribe, nation and so on. Then the left side will be erased.

It required my 40-year wilderness course, and what should have been established then has now been established. The Lord of the Second Advent is the ancestor of the first, second and third Adam. In order to secure this position, the Lord of the Second Advent should liberate the entire spirit world and physical world.

ENTERING THE ERA OF NO RELIGION

Yesterday, October 23, was the 13th day after October 10, which I declared to be Double Ten Day [Sang Ship Jeol]. The number 13 is 10 + 3. Jesus died at age 33, but by adding 10, 10 and 13, we reach 33, which is the restoration of Jesus Christ and the start of the era of the fourth Adam. In America, 13 is the number of bad luck. The 13th was the day of Jesus Christ's crucifixion, but the number 13 has been completely restored, as well as the unification of the physical world and spirit world, and east, west, north and south. All the world-



wide blessed couples are in the position of not only restored Adam's family that did not fall, but are connected to thousands of years of history's restoration. Satan has been completely neutralized. So liberation is accomplished and I declared the 9.9 day and 3.10 day. By doing so, all these things are concluded. So in the era of the fourth Adam we pray in our own name. In Eden there was no religion; we are entering into that era.

That is why the Unification Church sign came down. We have transcended it with the Family Federation. There is only one thing of which we can be proud, and that is

the liberated, completed, God-centered families. Our tradition is to love the blessed couples worldwide before we love America. It is the same for every nation's people. Ever since I came to America, I have been educating Americans who are in the midst of conflict between white and black and among denominations. I finally sent the leaders of America to Japan and even Korea. They learned the tradition and loved the mother nation, and came back to America and practiced this, and loved their enemies more than their own families and own nation of America. They have returned. Did you learn to love your enemy nation more than your own family and nation? [Yes.]

THE SEVENTH MILLENNIUM

Originally mind and body were divided, but here in the fourth Adam's era they are united. Once we reach the perfection of the individual level, it is equal to the perfection of the world level, and of the family level and cosmic level. Each level of perfection has the same value. This is the territory of true love, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven. True love territory. I made up that term. Whose territory is it? [God's.] No, no. Yours. The individual sacrifices for the tribe, and so forth until you get to the point of sacrificing for the sake of cosmos and God. God is for the sake of whom? You. God is yours. The history of restoration was carried out for your sake, not Jesus' sake. For you. This is the realm of liberation. Centering on True Parents and God, the fourth Adam era began and the realm of liberation is here. Your family represents God, heaven and earth. You act on behalf of God, loving all things. The seventh millennium begins from January 1, 2000. So we have to liberate all things, the world and spirit world. So what do we do?

Because of the false lineage, everything is in the world of lamentation. So we need to liberate all things, the world, spirit world, man and woman, mind and body, children, including three generations. We have to create families representing the world, which is why I am mixing up families worldwide. You can build brother-sister, parent-child relations wherever you go. We can be totally free. If Americans go worldwide,

Air flows wherever there is a crack. The power of life has this power to penetrate and infiltrate. It flows wherever it can to create new life.

you will be in the elder brother's position. So keep the tradition of the Father and Mother nations and practice it as elder brother. This is the meaning of the era of the fourth Adam. We need to reach the smallest units of village and town, to the precinct and neighborhood (*tong* and *ban*). Three stages—family, village and town. By doing so we can conquer the town. In our towns, there will be no liquor store, no homosexuality, no free sex, no incest, only absolute love and absolute sex, absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging. We are not living for ourselves or by ourselves. We have our ancestors and descendants with us. So three generations should live there.

THE HEART OF AN OWNER

Without being taught we have to know where to go and what to do. In our world there are no obstacles anymore and no complaints. That is why we pray in our own name. But without results, we cannot say a word or pray. We can pray only with that result, because the prayer is our report. No more begging to God. God gave us everything. No we have to utilize it properly. It is not ours. It belongs to God, history and eternity. We should not waste it. Do not use it all necessarily.. Be conservative, even with water. Have you thought about loving and conserving water? Have you loved grass? For whom did God create grass? It was for us. It is like a treasure for them. The masterpieces of art worth millions of dollars are not as valuable as one blade of grass created by God. Nature is immeasurably valuable. These are things God created by Himself as a gift to humankind for us to be proud of for eternity. If we go to bed, we should be able to say to the sun and all of nature, "Good night, I have to take a rest until tomorrow morning, so please take a good rest." As owner, we have to give more love than God. God always loves them, but our love should be added to that. Appreciate the grass, trees and weeds in your garden, even more than the animals. Be full of that gratitude when you go to sleep. Have you been feeling that way?

When you look at the sun, you should be able to ask, "Oh my dear sun, how many of those Israelites' faces have you seen? How many suffering faces? No one could understand your sorrow looking at those people, but I can and I will comfort you." When the winter comes, the sun goes far away. Have you really been waiting for it to come back closer, counting the days on your fingers? The sun is going south, but what about you? Have you been longing for the sun? Even though the trees and grass are longing for it, are you as a human being? They are not owners, but they are longing. You are the owner, aren't you? Whose sun is it? Does it belong to Adam

and Eve? Through restoration, God wants you to be better than Adam and Eve, so can't you claim those things? When you look at a mountain, if you have a heart of ownership, the mountain will open its arms and welcome you.

I cannot be responsible for everything. So you need your spiritual children. Your grandparents may become your grandchildren, and so forth. Everything is turned around. So all those people who are ready to receive the blessing will be treated equally, having the same value. Without the fall, the perfection of the individual and family could have been done in Adam's family. Therefore in the last days, everything should be restored in my lifetime, one generation. True Parents' holy matrimony took place in 1960. If we add forty we reach 2000. This is one generation. No matter what, this is the era to straighten out the entire world, including the spirit world. So I am giving the opportunity even to people in hell to do *hoon dok hae*. Air flows wherever there is a crack. The power of life has this power to penetrate and infiltrate. It

flows wherever it can to create new life.

True Parents came and gave this precious blessing to the entire world, to everyone equally. From yesterday on, the entire 6 billion people are now privileged to receive the three stages of blessing. This year's motto is the Cosmic Expansion of the True Blessing and the Rooting Out of the Satanic Blood Lineage—from the infant stage onward. Those who participate on earth will not go to hell, even though their positions will be diverse based upon their actions on earth. The fourth

Adam era is that in which we can love our own people, tribe and nation. Until now, in the course of restoration we had to love the satanic world, but now we can offer our love to our immediate family members to begin with, and our relatives and tribe.

By declaring the Double Ten Day, I have done everything for you. All the rights, privileges and blessings have been given you. You can even bless your own children in marriage. What else do you expect from True Parents? The Korean peninsula is still divided, but reunification will come naturally.

Yesterday, October 23, I declared *chong chun joo chuk bok hae bang il*, literally, "total cosmos blessing liberation day," the Day of Liberation of the Blessing for the Entire Cosmos. That is why I have explained about the fourth Adam era today. We have, so far, about 430 million blessed couples around the world. They all represent Adam's position. They each should bring at least one unmarried candidate to the next blessing. Thus the blessing will be done not by True Parents, but by our own blessed couples. ♦

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AT SHIN PAL NIM'S FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
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I want all of you, especially the senior blessed couples, to understand clearly about the reality of life in the spirit world. First, make sure you conduct hoon dok hae in the family, especially between husband and wife. Doing hoon dok hae with children is vital as well, but I stress the importance of husband and wife doing hoon dok hae everyday. As a couple, through hoon dok hae, you can recognize the sins you have committed compared with the standard, and together you can set up a goal for the level of spirit world into which

you would pass on that day. Between husband and wife there should be no secrets, and you should clearly know based on the truth where you will go. If you judge yourselves to be bound for the mid-range spirit world, then you can set a goal to build up toward a higher level of spirit world. Build up your hoon dok life everyday, then you will have the chance to be promoted to the higher level of spirit world.

To do that, we have to absolutely accept this message from Sang Hun Lee, because it is based upon his real experience in spirit world. I also strongly urge you to make sure that your life is aligned with the contents of Dr. Lee's messages and the hoon dok hae books from Father. By studying this, you will come to know the providential declarations I have made. Recently I have proclaimed many special providential days, and you have to know the meaning and significance of these. By knowing these things, we will be able to move forward, because they are like planks in the building of a bridge. These proclamations are planks or concrete slabs connecting together, on which you have to step one by one to cross the river. And you have to understand why I made these proclamations, because as we begin the fourth Adam's era to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, we have to be sure our life is pure and clean before God.

I strongly emphasize the importance of daily hoon dok hae. Doing it is our choice, but you must understand that the hoon dok hae material shows you how to follow the course of indemnity. I have set all the indemnity conditions necessary to continue the history of restoration, and hoon dok hae is the record of this victory enabling that history to continue. You therefore have to study this history to be able to carry it on. Then you can continue to drive along the super highway with



God. The goal is to live with God forever, and the condition to do that is to be one with True Parents in the physical world.

As a blessed couple, you love to have children and grandchildren. But these children will become much brighter and wiser than their parents. So, unless you set up a heavenly example in your family life, your children will not follow you, because they have a keener sense than you about the quality of your life of attendance. You cannot fool them. To convince them, you have to really enjoy doing

hoon dok hae, more than secular people enjoy dancing, drinking and having parties. That is the attitude we should have, and if we do, we will secure our relationship with our children. Four years ago, I spoke about hobby life and a hobby world. What is the standard or paradigm of hobby life? It is the reality of the spirit world. Our focus should be the spirit world, the kind of life we expect there. Based on that, you

cultivate your life in the physical world to match your future life in the spirit world. By experiencing and practicing this in the physical world, you will have the same joy and happiness in the spirit world. So cultivate your hobby life. Eventually, your eternal hobby life will be in the spirit world. Once we know the goal of hobby life, we can develop our plan for the physical world, and we will thus pay more attention to the



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Hyung Jin Nim and Yun Ah Nim pose informally together at the celebration of the first birthday of their son, Shin Pal Nim, held on November 1, 1999

areas of practicing hobby life properly in the physical world. From now on, therefore, if anyone in the movement is doing an excellent job in his hobby life, witnessing, or fundraising, and if you are

interested in what he is doing, you should go and join him and gain from his experience. Then you will be in the same realm as he is in the spirit world.

THE HOON DOK HAE SUPER HIGHWAY

So, do hoon dok hae. We have to long and miss it as a hobby, more than we desire three meals a day. Once we study the hoon dok hae books thoroughly, we will understand our

responsibilities, even our official donations, such as the indemnity fund and family fund. The hoon dok hae books explain these things. Up to now, we neglected or even just forgot our obligations. If we do not fulfill them, we cannot even pray. In whose name are we praying these days? In the name of ourselves as blessed couples. But without fulfilling our responsibilities, you cannot open your mouths and say empty words in prayer. It is better to fulfill what you have thus far failed to fulfill before your relatives and family members come to know it.

I have taught you everything. I myself have the responsibility to look after my own family, just as you look after your family. Because of this, the True Family has been affected a lot. Just make sure of one thing: do hoon dok hae more than True Mother and I do.

To prove that the hoon dok hae material is the only truth humanity needs—even just to prove it to you—I invited all these international and interreligious leaders to Washington, DC, to attend the Hoon Dok Seminars. We saw that they really follow and align themselves with the hoon dok hae teachings. Since the non-Unification Church members are taking hoon dok hae so seriously, you have no excuse. You have to read and practice it everyday. It is the super highway going to the Kingdom of God.◆

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HOON SOOK NIM HONORED BY KOREAN MINISTRY OF CULTURE



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left: True Parents with Hoon Sook Nim and son Shin Chul Nim after attending a Universal Ballet performance in Seoul (at left is Oleg Vinogradov, Universal Ballet Artistic Director); above: Hoon Sook Nim receives the "Today's Young Artist" award for 1999 (dance category) from Minister of Culture Jie Won Park in a ceremony on November 26

DEDICATION OF CHEONSEONG WANGLIM PALACE

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

NOVEMBER 7, 1999

CHEONSEONG WANGLIM PALACE, CHUNG PYUNG, KOREA

Prayer at the Sanctification (Holy Salt) Ceremony

BELOVED Father, today, November 7, 1999, I would like to hold the sanctification ceremony for the dedication of Cheonseong Wanglim Palace. I am so grateful to have this ceremony. All blessed families from the spirit world and the physical world are united to celebrate this occasion to dedicate the victorious foundation of this palace where they can make their pledge, spiritually and physically, for the realization of the victorious sovereignty centering on God.

Please, God, remember this day and determine it as Your own. May it become a base of loyalty from generation to generation, and the starting point of the realm of heart that is from a unified mind and body centered on love. May it become a palace that is loved and longed for by everyone, and a palace of adoration where the ties of blood lineage will be respected. Please allow me to bless this place as the starting point that will work for the expansion of a global movement of love to establish the eternal sovereignty of love centering on the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Please permit it to become an original holy place where all things will be sanctified based on unity among God, True Parents and all things from heaven and earth. Through this sanctification, please also permit it to become an originating point of blessing through which all nations of the future will be connected and dedicated to Heaven.

I sincerely ask that this holy salt, wherever it rests, will purify the environment of this sanctuary and erase all traces of Satan from within its walls. I pray that through



PHOTOS: SEIL STUDIO, SEOUL



this sanctification it may become the original place of tradition in the dominion of God's love and guidance of True Parents' blood lineage from the outset and forever.

Here, now, national messiahs representing 185 nations, and the representatives of the providential nations symbolizing Adam's family, Korea, Japan, America and Germany, are gathered together. I sincerely pray that

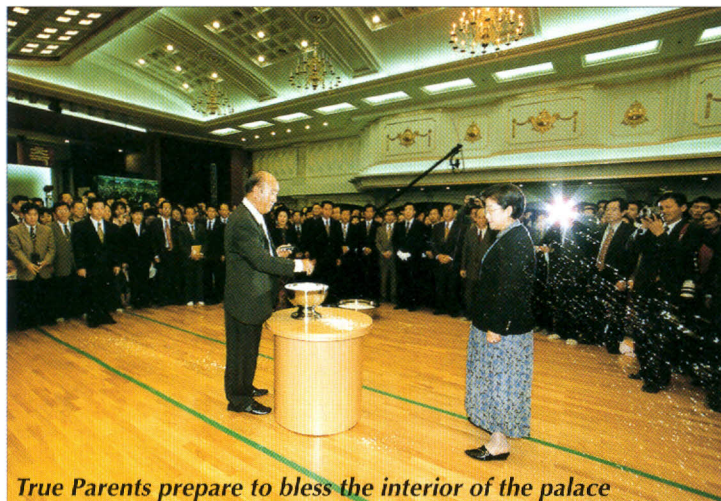
You will bless this place to become a victorious base where they can restore all their faults and accomplish again the ideal of Adam's family. I would like to ask Jehovah to directly sanctify this sanctuary together with True Parents.

I now offer this benediction in the name of True Parents that God will protect this place eternally with His blessing, authority, respect and love when it is sanctified by the hand of True Parents. Amen! Amen! Amen!

Prayer at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

LOVING Heavenly Father, Today on November 7, 1999 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, I would like to offer You this dedication ceremony of Cheonseong Wanglim Palace. Please personally guide and direct all aspects of the procedures.

We know well how the history of restoration has been complicated in its course to resolve all problems in paradise, the intermediate spirit world and hell. We also feel deeply how miserable the providence has been in its course to restore the original consciousness, life and lineage through



True Parents prepare to bless the interior of the palace

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*Cheonseong Wanglim Palace
"The heavenly palace that descended"*

liberate the gates of hell in the spirit world and on earth, and so that all families can enter the Kingdom of Heaven following the Parents of Heaven and Earth. On account of Your leadership and grace, the Unification Church has passed through all kinds of tribulations so as to victoriously conclude the battle on earth. This has been the battle through which You have suffered to realize the unified realm in heaven and on earth and to expand the realm of the Kingdom of

God's love and to purify the contaminated fallen lineage in the satanic world. It was inevitable that people would inherit Satan's blood lineage. No matter how they have longed for the Kingdom of Heaven, enduring suffering and crying out in the present world that stands opposed to God's ideal world, their lives have been destined to enter hell. Everyone has been roaming around the chaotic world of evil without knowing anything of the cause.

I know that walking the path of trials and tribulations in the history of religion, You had to reorganize all of God's lineage from the individual, family, clan, tribe, nation, world levels up to the cosmos, by eventually sending True Parents to this earth as a center of the providence of salvation. You chose this nation so that You could send True Parents to this earth. I know how much You have loved this land and the people of Korea, and how carefully You have trained and protected them through the five thousand years of its history so as to keep its identity as a unique lineage, and to keep its purity, although its history has been miserable and the nation powerless. I know how deeply You have been proud of this nation, the so-called gentle nation of the orient, the purification of whose lineage is successful, honored the way of filial piety, loyalty, sainthood and holy-sonship, and harmoniously accepted all historic religions such as Buddhism, Confucianism and Christianity, based on this prepared foundation.

Based on this historical background, the Unification Church was established in this nation in order to connect all religions to God's heart and to eventually unify them. It has dedicated itself to liberating God and humankind, and to establishing one nation under God's true love lineage on the worldwide level, and even on the cosmic level, by expanding the blessing to the spirit world centered on God and True Parents. For this, the Unification Church has initiated the international blessing campaign and has blessed 440 million couples. Now we would like to fully open the gate of the blessing in heaven and on earth through the accomplishment of the 400 million couples' match-making and blessing. By so doing, we can

Heaven to the cosmic level, the ideal of creation. The Unification Church has prepared the realm of the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven and on earth, spreading the blood lineage through the blessing

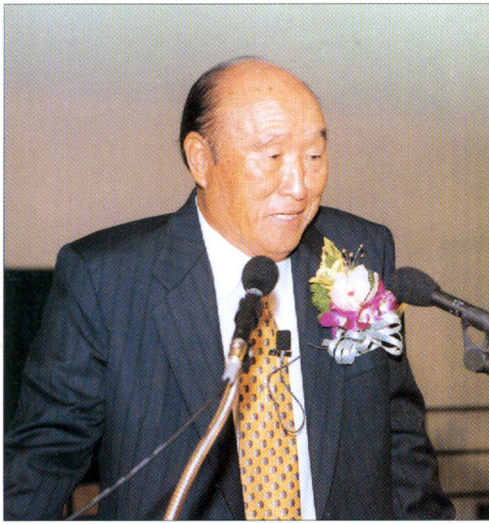
*Above: Cheonseong Wanglim Palace from across the inlet at Chung Pyung Lake
Right: Father writes a special calligraphy to commemorate the dedication of the palace. It reads, "The realm of the fourth Adam, the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven and on earth"
Below: Members at the dedication ceremony take part in a treasure hunt in the palace grounds*



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beyond the level of the nation and world to the level of the unification of the spirit world and physical world.

Based on such foundation and devotion, the entire temple of the Heavenly Kingdom could descend to this earth as the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace. This primary sanctuary is to be the spiritual starting point for attending God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth. I convey my deep appreciation to Heaven for the construction of this sanctuary over the past two years. We can say that it has been built mainly by the spirit world centered on Heung Jin Gun, Dae Mo Nim, Chung Mo Nim and Dae Hyung Nim, rather than by people on the earth. Based on the cooperation and filial piety of the entire spirit world, people on earth were spiritually guided and organized so that all the Unifi-



Photos: top: Father speaks to the members; second: Shin Chul Nim accepts an award from True Parents in honor of Heung Jin Nim's contribution to the establishment of the palace; third: True Parents receive a gift commemorating the occasion; bottom: Father turns to wave as True Parents exit the main auditorium; bottom right: The dedication ceremony concluded, families begin the journey home

cation Church's blessed families throughout the world could gather their tearful donations with internal devotion and finally build the palace. I am so grateful to You for this amazing occasion.

We are going to organize one global nation of the heavenly lineage by uniting every nation in the world, including Korea, centered on God, and will organize the world of independent sovereignty under God's love. We have built this palace as a training camp that will show the example for this purpose beyond the barriers of the nation and world.

Dear Heavenly Father, please take direct dominion over this place. I pray that the palace will be a center to unify all blessed ancestors from heaven and blessed descendants on earth, and thus to open the age of the liberated Kingdom of Heaven in heaven and on earth for all of them to go forward to the world of unification, equality and peace.

I offer this sanctuary to You, Heavenly Father, as a training palace where all people can inherit God's will and unite with each other through the connection of life and love. On the occasion of all spirits and beings in the heavenly nation observing this moment, I eagerly request that You accept this place as a victorious base which You can make Your focus on behalf of all mankind and all things, and as a sanctuary where we can train victorious liberators with the authority of the princes and princesses of God's Kingdom of Heaven. Here, thousands of people have gathered from throughout the world to celebrate this dedication. Please accept this sincere, unified heart. I pray that it will become a beautiful sanctuary that emits a sweet fragrance in the Kingdom of Heaven, among all things and in the heart of people. Please bless it to be a primary sanctuary where we can honor and respect each other as the substantial representatives of love

I pray for Your permission to educate all people in this place, so that they become people liberated transcending the entire realm of heart, together with all spirits and angels who are connected to all things of this realm, and all people, including the Koreans, and so that they become the leading people in the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven and on earth. Please declare this great blessing in the name of True Parents and the Principle. Please allow this to eternally be a victorious palace and sanctuary of which we can be proud.

There are blessed families throughout the spirit and physical worlds who were mindful of this day and devoted their offerings for this time. I pray that all of these, including their second generation children and all descendants, will unite. I pray that they will unite North and South Korea, and eradicate the cultural gaps between East and West, the distinction between the rich in the North and the poor in the South, and between the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. I pray to our Great King, Creator of all things in the name of True Parents, centered on Jehovah, that we can all go forward to the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen! Amen! Amen!◆

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FORTIETH TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
NOVEMBER 8, 1999
CHEONSEONG WANGLIM PALACE
CHUNG PYUNG, KOREA



WHAT day is it today? It is the 40th Children's Day. This number 40 makes it a historical day. When the time comes for you to die and you go to the spirit world, it will take you 40 days to find your place. Only after 40 days will you be able to depart for the spirit world, and your ancestors will guide you to your place after they have verified at your level.

Judgment of the servant Jesus thus resurrected after 40 days. It took 40 days. Because of the failure of the four position foundation, that became the origin. I am the only person who knows the secrets of all the obstacles in front of us. Satan and God know that Reverend Moon is the only one who knows God and Satan's secrets. Do you understand? The authority of this knowledge is the authority to qualify as True Parents. What kind of knowledge? The knowledge of God and Satan's secrets makes one a witness who can solve everything. If a judge were to know all the secrets of the case he was dealing with, he could certainly solve it. Do you understand? No matter how hard Satan may try to cover the sins he has committed, when the time comes, he must face the proof and must surrender. Do you understand? Because of this, God and Satan are fighting and the entire historical course has become a manifestation of confusion. The true way to resolve this is the historical path True Parents are teaching and walking themselves. It is coming to a conclusion. Do you understand? Are you blessed couples the descendants of fallen ancestors or are you True Parents' descendants? [True Parents' descendants.] You are True Parents' descendants, but why did the false parents become the enemies of God? Because of their false marriage. They received the wrong lineage. Do you understand? Even though Eve should have married the prince, she married the servant. She threw away

her virginity. In order for everything to be resolved, the servant should be judged and be put in a position of utmost suffering, hundreds of times worse than that of a servant of servants, and he must admit that this is the punishment he deserves. Without taking a position of gratitude, the servant has no way to survive.

Because the false father caused the problem, the person who becomes the true son knows and can draw attention to all this and will not give Satan a chance to move.

BLESSED FAMILIES FOLLOW THE PARENTS' LEAD

The 40th True Parents' and Children's Day have now been celebrated and I felt longing with their passing. They were both in the year 1999 and the number nine has been Satan's number since the beginning of history. Isn't it said that going beyond 9 hills is difficult? In this year of 1999 there have been so many strange disturbances. As the last Parents' Day and the last Children's Day passed, bidding farewell to the 20th century, parents and children go over the hill.

There have been gaps between all parents and children, gaps among heaven, humankind on earth and God. However, centering on True Parents who are now walking the course of indemnity in relation to the parent-child relationship, True Parents have established the correct relationship between heaven and the world, its object. During the 40 years of the course of restoration, True Parents have walked the courses of individual and family restoration and climbed up to the peak where they are standing now. Do you understand? Centering on the 40th Children's Day and the 40th Parents' Day, Parents have established a parent-child relationship with the individual, family, nation and the whole world, all of which were

Now an end will be made to the history of misfortune, and no one will be able to occupy or violate anything in God's absolute nation, which will be a nation centering on true love.

brought into a position where they were horizontally equal to each other. Amen. [Amen.]

Restoration goes up the reverse way. In fact, when Father becomes 80, everything will become one and must be harmonized. After that oneness, where will one have to go? Does one have to advance further or retreat? The 21st century will be an age in which one goes beyond the realm of the ideal family, where the final preparation enabling one to enter the era of the liberated realm of the fourth Adam will be complete. Do you realize how intense that moment will be? [Yes.] In the Kingdom of Heaven, all heavenly prosperity is centered on the king and God who built the temple on the foundation of liberation from Satan's invasion, centering on billions of blessed families and on 430 million families on earth—thus going beyond 3.2 billion—and centering on love and unification. After 40 years everything goes back to the time when the world had to pay indemnity and then progress until now.

From here everything has to be cut and go in the opposite direction. The fall led to a fallen world that insists on the self, putting priority on individualism. The fallen world puts priority on the self. In the satanic world, everything revolves the wrong way. The archangel insisted on his own viewpoint and because of this he deviated and committed the fall with Eve centering on himself. They should have lived for the universe, centering on the universe; instead, that core family, which should have lived for others, was completely cut off. The lives of people on earth and Father's life are different. Father has developed because he lived for others even while receiving opposition. I have even loved the enemy like a brother, shedding tears. Because of this way of life, everything became even and level, and because Heavenly Parents, Earthly Parents, God, and the Parents of Heaven and Earth could be integrated, the children of the Parents of Heaven and Earth in the spiritual world can come through the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

So who has to take the lead and make a new beginning? Who has to take the lead in the 21st century, when it is time for a global, morally ideal Kingdom of Heaven on the basis of an ideal family? God and Parents have to take the lead. And the blessed families on earth have to take the lead, connecting with blessed families in the spiritual world—even though Adam's family is only one family that has completed the family formation in the original Garden of Eden. From such a viewpoint all nations of the world have come to possess equal rights and equal value. Thus, centering on the equal value of all brothers and sisters, all fallen sinners from families around the world who follow God and True Parents, blessed people on earth, blessed people in the spirit world and also the realm of the archangels and Satan, can enter the original Garden of Eden. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Therefore phenomena such as Lucifer's liberation, and the liberation of heaven and earth are necessary. Furthermore, if Adam's family had not fallen, the history of tens of thousands of years up to the present, throughout which heaven was empty, would be erased in an instant. This is because the era



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is now at hand in which Father has taken that which has gone in the wrong direction since the first generation, through the 2nd and 3rd generations and in the course of thousands of years, pulled it back in the exact opposite direction and set it straight. Therefore he can jump beyond the history of Satan's world as the greatest son of filial piety, initiating the proper form of the original heaven, the greatest patriot, the greatest saint who corresponds to the unfallen, original form of the Kingdom of Heaven and thus introduces the era of filial piety, most loyal patriot, saint and a divine child on the family level. Only in this way, when all nations center on the heavenly nation, can the liberation of heaven and earth and the completion of the Kingdom in heaven and earth take place.

If restoration through indemnity is accomplished, our hope will be realized and liberation will occur. This must come to pass; do you understand? (Applause) Until now, all the people of the world stood without a nation, not knowing when they might be destroyed in the course of the history of misfortune.

However now an end will be made to the history of misfortune, and no one will be able to occupy or violate anything in God's absolute nation, which as a country of goodness with a history of joyful fortune for tens of thousands of years, will be a nation centering on true love. Because God's characteristics are absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, such a nation is also absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. You have to know that the greatest hope of any existence amongst all created things is the desire to become an object in such an ideal nation. You should know that because all of this was lost, the owner of the ideal nation had to search for this again and proclaim the liberation of the entire cosmos. Amen.

ERADICATING THE BAD, INHERITING THE GOOD

Today is a good day. When we all cross over the 40 hills, the children must be clearly ready to receive Parents' Day and Children's Day as they would receive the original Parents' Day. From now, the blessed families on earth become elder brother families, and the blessed families in the spirit world

Filial piety emerges based on the family. You have entered the era of the realm of the fourth Adam, the era of God's direct dominion. Everyone should first be filial children on the family level.



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take the younger brother position. Heaven and earth become one centering on God. Then, wherever your ancestors are located in the spirit world, they will be organized centering on this land. Every ancestor from throughout history, without exception, will be liberated and will cross the heavenly bridge to relocate into the original realm of heart. If all of the spirits are liberated and enter the original realm of heart, will God be happy or not? How wonderful that will be! For they were all fallen ancestors.

Since we have established a total realm of victory through the family, tribal, national, world and cosmic levels in history, we have entered a new age where the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven and on earth are opened and where all of heaven and earth, and even God, will be liberated. Blessed families should know upon what the filial son stands. Filial piety emerges based on the family. You have entered the era of the realm of

the fourth Adam, the era of God's direct dominion. Everyone should first be filial children on the family level. What is next? The person who is loyal on the national level. Each family must be able to reach this level. If Adam's family had not fallen, it would have become a family with individual filial sons, a family with loyal people representing the nation, a family with saints representing the world, and a family with holy sons and daughters representing heaven and earth

If the family that has not fallen expands its realm of victory, all people will enter this realm and inherit filial piety. They will gradually fulfill the paths of filial son on the family level, family-level tribe, people, nation, filial son on the tribal level, and loyal subject and saint on the family level. Then they will fulfill such a path in the tribe, nation and world. Eventually they will obtain the authority of filial son, loyal person, saint and holy son at the top of the world. There is no hope in the fall. When you shed your blood and tears for Heaven, such dedicated public service will be valued for tens of thousands of generations. This time you should completely eradicate the satanic blood lineage from your family so that God will be proud of your family and no regrets or resentment are found within you when True Parents realize their ideal in the new Kingdom of Heaven. Amen. [Amen.] By doing so, we can liberate God. The time is approaching when the heavenly clan register will be filled out all at once. It will be like a dream. We are living in such a time now. You have heard about Dr. Sang Hun Lee's report that light is shining in hell, have you not? The sunlight that glows in paradise will permeate the first nation on earth, the second nation, third nation and on to the bottom of hell. In the future no one will enter hell, the satanic world, even though he is a sinner

Instead, if you sin and go to the spirit world, your ancestors, your elder church members and brothers and sisters will come down to your place from the Kingdom of Heaven. They will try to bring you up to their level, offering indemnity conditions day and night, covering the shame instead of you. If you have absolute faith, love and obedience, you will quickly pass through all ages from the individual and tribal age to the national age, and then finally with the beginning of total liberation, you will meet the age of God's *jeon-chae*, *jeon-ban* and *jeon-kwon*. The fact that we dedicated the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace at the time of the 40th True Children's Day means that we have now entered the age of blessing when everything can be directly connected both vertically and horizontally. Amen. [Amen.] (Applause)

PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES

Unless you follow me with absolute faith, love and obedience in the absolute zero position where you deny yourself, you cannot go over to the new level because you are not united with me centered on heart. The nation we have longed to establish is the ideal Kingdom of Heaven centered on God's love. It is the absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal nation. In order to register as citizens of this nation, you should first become absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal sons and daughters centered on God's love. [Amen.] Furthermore, to establish the Heavenly Kingdom on this earth, such

The sovereignty of God's love is to be absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging. Therefore a nation having that sovereignty...should also be so.



absolute sons and daughters should prepare the territory as well as becoming citizens of this nation and obtaining sovereignty. When you become that nation's citizens, you should be responsible for loving the nation and national environment rather than destroying it. You must multiply all seeds created on this land, as God created everything. Knowing of this duty, we Unification Church members should make effort even in the spheres of agriculture and forestry, sowing seeds and planting roots in the same way that God created all things on the earth, because the land has been devastated and the deserts have expanded

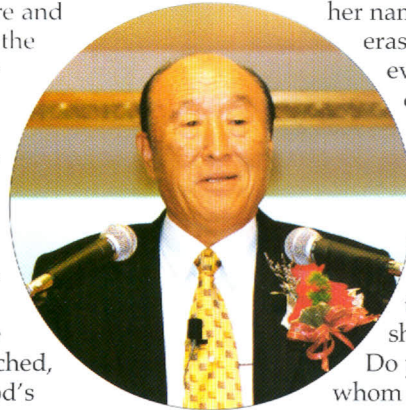
We should preserve the national environment. Three main aspects—plants and trees, animals and people—live on the land. If these are destroyed, human life and the progress of human history will automatically be devastated. Being aware that our destiny is created in circumstances in which the purpose and ideal of creation will be entrenched, we should recreate all things that protect God's environment, and we should love God, His nation and people, and His sovereignty. We should restore, for all liberated people, the world of nature where the ideal of God's creation can fully blossom.

I am conducting a global campaign to preserve the good seeds of plants and animals that were originally created by God. Will you help me or not? The fall occurred due to Eve. So the national messiahs from Japan, the Eve nation should boldly proceed at the forefront with all of these projects. Is this something for which to be grateful, or to have regrets about?

AN ABSOLUTE, UNIQUE, ETERNAL AND UNCHANGING LAND

In our nation, which God absolutely loves, the sovereignty will be absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging. Amen. [Amen.] Its land will also be absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging. Amen. [Amen.] In this nation, all God's expectations, which originated from His four great characteristics, can be realized. Then who will be registered as the people of this nation? They must enter the nation on the family level. That family should be qualified as an absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging one. As everything exists and works reciprocally, the principle of reciprocity should be absolutely kept. Am I speaking the truth or not? [It is the truth.]. If you say, "my spouse is an absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging spouse," I ask you, is that decided or not yet decided? [Decid-

ed.] Is it decided? [Yes.] Say once more clearly! [It is decided.] If you are such a family, all belongings which your family inherits from God will be absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging. You are not permitted to change their position. From this point of view, will you dispose of all the factories that were built in Korea by companies founded by Father for the sake of the people of the absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal Heavenly Nation? Or you will keep all of them? [We should keep them.] If Japan does not take her role as the Eve nation, she will perish. You can watch over Japan. The more she opposes Korea and the Unification Church, the more depressed her economy will become. Japan has been revived economically due to Korea. Actually, Japan was an aggressor nation that invaded Asia, including Korea, China and the USSR. Therefore Japan was the enemy of Asia. How, then, can such a criminal atone and be forgiven? When Japan liberates Korea from its difficulties and pays back its debt to Korea, her name as an aggressor nation will be completely erased. Nevertheless they still oppose me and even pray to God that Reverend Moon will go down.



The sovereignty of God's love is to be absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging. Amen. [Amen.] Therefore a nation having that sovereignty, its people and all things should also be so. There is a need to reorganize the people and all things for this nation, therefore. When you have your nation, you should pay some taxes. That is necessary, isn't it. Do you need a national Kingdom of God? Then to whom should you pay the taxes for this nation? Will you not pay them to God, our Heavenly Father? If you dedicate something on the individual level, you will just attain the realm of the individual object. If it is on the family level, the existing realm will be expanded to the family level.

If you dedicate your entire nation, you will be raised to the engrafted position of the heavenly nation. You are living in a





True Parents at the True Children's Day cultural evening at Cheonseong Wanglim Palace

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of Father? You must establish reciprocal conditions. Isn't that the Principle?

Father's Benediction

Dear Beloved Father,

When I reflect upon the historical path of indemnity which has always been dark, although all beings have been restored centered on Heaven, it was a sorrowful path. Yet now cutting away all of history's past sorrowful ages, You opened for us the gate to the bright promised land of the Heavenly Kingdom in Heaven

different age when the salvation of the units of family, tribe, nation, and the world take place. It is the age when all of heaven and earth can be restored at once through the condition of absolute faith, love and obedience to True Parents. Whatever you invest yourself, will bear fruit according to your effort as to the portion of your responsibility.

ESTABLISHING HEAVENLY SOVEREIGNTY

I warn you that the day is coming soon when the believers of established Christian churches will join the Unification Church. That day will certainly come.

They will try to dash into the narrow gate. Then you should lead them by disposing of your material attachments. If you make the total living offering on the tribal level and the national level, then you will have nothing that belongs to Satan, even if you are poor. No one knows where the Kingdom of God will be established until the time comes. You should be prepared. When you return home, you should each first make your foundation for this nation. That is the family.

Just as a nation is made up of sovereignty, citizens and material wealth, in the family—which is a miniature Kingdom of God—there are parents representing its sovereignty, sons and daughters representing its citizens and belongings representing its material wealth. When you enter the Kingdom of God, everything you have should first be dedicated to that nation. Then we can build a foundation on the larger scales of nation and world. Do you understand me? Adam could not become a true adult before receiving the blessing. Ownership begins from Adam's family where there are relationships of love, and which is the center of love and of the great path of heaven's law. Trying to own property before having the foundation of a family is the wrong path. All things that belong to the nation should first be offered to that nation. Otherwise they will be taken (by Satan).

Today, therefore, all the economic resources of history must be owned by the nation and the world, as the world is to be united. You should know that the time to be united has come. If you do not follow such guidance in practice, in spite of knowing how history is progressing, you will meet difficulty. From now on you cannot come to Father at any time. I may send Unification Church blessed families to North Korea. Go out to the misery of the 38th parallel, a place of life or death. If you could be moved to do such a thing even once, do you not think that would set up a condition of indemnity in front

and on Earth in the age of the realm of the Fourth Adam. I am very grateful for this before God, True Parents and the entire cosmos. I have said today that the nation desired by God and True Parents should be loved by absolute love, unique love, unchanging love and eternal love; and it should have absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal sovereignty.

And now we again are aware that we should unite ourselves in mind and body, centered on the absolute, unique, unchanging and Eternal One, and unite families in which husband and wife, parents and children become absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, and finally unite seven generations centered on such families in order to contribute to establishing a tribe. I pray that with Your liberated authority You can fully open the heart of those who hesitate and remain still in the past, and that You will let those people stand in the center by establishing the tradition of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. And thereafter may You liberate hell and prepare the joyful realm of liberation for God and True Parents on the worldwide stage to indemnify the heavenly realm of the liberation of Adam and Eve which people have sorrowfully not been able to inherit through thousands of generations. May You accept our total commitment, for which the precursor is our anticipation of the future blessed Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the unique land of sovereignty in the love of heaven and earth. May You bequeath us Your full authority and power to accomplish all of these things. I pray You will be free in this world and will light it so that it becomes the independent heaven and earth.

On the occasion of this 40th celebration of Children's Day, all beings wish to meet the day when the satanic world submits to the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven and on earth, based on the unique sovereignty of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. This will be the day when, before God and True Parents, the commandments become one between the earthly blessed families and the heavenly blessed families and between the angelic world and the satanic world, and therefore they all pass over the realm of death. I deeply pray that such a day will come soon when all joyful beings will be able to offer honor to Heaven by accelerating these works. Offering gratitude for Your acceptance of our desires, I pray once more that You will accept all of True Parents' words that have emphasized the liberation of heaven and earth.

This prayer I offer in the name of True Parents. Amen. Amen. Amen. Mansei!◆

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SEUNG HWA OF MOON YOUNG JIN NIM



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It was when Peter Kim received a call from the Reno police and came up to inform Father. I was doing something in the room and they called for me, so I went out. They were crying, unable to talk. These men were crying and could not speak. So I knew at once.

With Heung Jin, when I heard about his accident, tears kept pouring down. I cried so much. But this time I felt inside my heart, "Thank you, Young Jin." And I felt very peaceful and secure, although people around me were weeping continually.

So I actually told True Father quietly that I have sent off my son, but I have earned you so I am happy. I spoke these words and had this kind of heart, "Thank you and I wish you a good journey. There must be many things to be done by

your elder brother Heung Jin and you before True Parents go there. Whatever you were not able to do on this earth, become one with your brother in the spirit world and unfold your will." With such heart I have spent these days. Although I spoke in this way, I cannot express how it has been in the physical sense. My energy left me and I could not move.

I had seen the photograph of Young Jin, but seeing him today [at the Wonjeon], I thought "Can this be my son? Oh, this really is my son. Young Jin, you are so wonderful. I hope you will do great work in the spirit world."◆

*From True Mother's Testimony at Hannam-dong
November 12 (evening)*



WORLD SEUNG HWA CEREMONY FOR YOUNG JIN NIM

SEUNG HWA CEREMONY MAIN ADDRESS
NOVEMBER 12, 1999, 10:00 A.M., LITTLE ANGELS ARTS CENTER, SEOUL

*Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman
Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace*

THE providence of God has changed entirely since the inauguration of the Family Federation. We have moved from the age of faith in the Messiah to the age of attendance of True Parents, and from the age of the individual level to that of the family. The holy mission of True Parents has expanded more rapidly and diversely with the globalization of the blessing.

In 1999 True Parents began this year determined to realize the motto of 'The Cosmic Expansion of the True Blessing and the Rooting Out of the Satanic Blood Lineage.' True Parents offered the blessing prayer for the Liberation of the Cosmos,



in the Pantanal on May 14. The Declaration of True Parents' Cosmic Victory (June 14), and the Declaration of the Realm of Liberation of Cosmic Unification, (September

9), were subsequently celebrated. Finally, from the Declaration day of the Liberation of the Blessing of the Entire Cosmos (October 23), True Parents opened the era of the realm of the fourth Adam.

The era of the realm of the fourth Adam is when the original status of Adam and Eve who can establish a family without falling has been completely restored. The blessed family has become the centerpoint of this age. There is no need for the messiah in this age. It is the time when all families live independently as the children of God. It is also the time when parents can marry their children with their own blessing. Based on such proclamations and decisions by God and True Parents, the glory of Heaven is pouring down on the cosmos.

In particular, on account of Ku Ku Jeol, Satan obediently submitted to True Parents. He is repenting for his sinful mistakes after returning to his original position of archangel, as a servant. However there are cliques of the evil world who have followed Satan have not yet submitted to True Parents. Although they know that they will have to surrender, they are still resisting and accusing. They behave badly and impatiently, claiming indemnity conditions from the good side. They condemn the unconditional blessing of the entire world including the spirit world, by True Parents. They claim the amount of indemnity paid throughout history is not enough and thus demand additional indemnity conditions from the heavenly side.

True Father has said that it is a great challenge and revolution to liberate these evil murderers from hell and to bless them together with the saints, and that there is no greater challenge

Photos: Facing page top: Young Jin Nim's casket, covered with the Unification flag, rests on the altar before the Seung Hwa Ceremony; bottom: Rev. Kwak gives the main Seung Hwa Ceremony address; This page top: recent portrait of Young Jin Nim; bottom: True Family members pay their respects and offer their love to their departed brother



than to liberate the hell. He said that God could not even challenge this, but True Parents made such a resolute determination. True Parents know precisely the great changes that will take place on this earth and in the spirit world because of this astonishing providential decision. They also know how very great and bitter is the resistance of the evil side.

When Satan claims some indemnity, he usually forces Abel to sacrifice. Whenever he found some condition by which he could attack someone, his aim was always directly toward True Parents. When he could not hit his first target, he attacked the True Children instead. He knew True family is the most precious family to God. True Parents' family is a model of the micro cosmos to which all matters of heaven and earth are connected. Therefore, even with no fault in True Parents' family, Satan has always tried to attack them whenever the condition to strike was established in the main or minor stream of providential history.

True family has paid such enormous indemnity through sacrificing themselves, that all humankind cannot afford to pay back all debts to True family. True family's difficulties and trials were caused because the blessed families could not fulfill their responsibility to protect them. Satan has always accused even a small condition that remained unfulfilled through our responsibility and desperately looked for a chance to strike at True family. We were unable to become a good protective barrier. Rather, we often fell into being the object of Satan. As we established insufficient condition of indemnity, True family had to bear it in our place.

Young Jin Nim was born as the sixth son in the True Parents' family and the second son born in America. From his young age he was very intelligent and a top student in school. He had many talents, and was healthy and masculine. He had deep views yet was a man of few words. He was always dutiful to True Parents and tolerant toward his brothers and sisters.

The knowledge that Young Jin Nim went to the spirit world as a sacrificial offering to indemnify the mistakes of both the first and second blessed generations is still more painful. The evil side targeted Young Jin Nim for payment of indemnity when humankind entered the age of the realm of the fourth Adam without paying enough indemnity condition. True Father once said, "How good it would have been if

True Parents could have raised True Children directly. Yet I had to first raise the side of Cain and of the archangel until I established the foundation of cosmic victory opening all gates of providence."

To liberate through indemnity God's original sorrow, caused by the tragedy of his only begotten son and daughter, True Father carried on with the heart to sacrifice everything from himself and his family to the Unification Church. True Father expected us to protect the True Family as long as we grow according to the teaching of Divine Principle and fulfill our responsibility. However, we certainly did not fulfill this responsibility. This world failed. This nation failed. The central religion failed. And eventually the first and second generation blessed families failed. The protective shield was weak because of our insufficient indemnity and our additional mistakes. The evil power accused True Family again. Such an awful and sorrowful event occurred because of this. Young Jin Nim was sacrificed as a divine living offering in this cosmic transition period. He was sacrificed in place of the blessed families. He was sacrificed to indemnify all the mistakes of second blessed generation. True Father said "Young Jin Nim will go to the same place as Heung Jin Nim, Hye Jin Nim and Hee Jin Nim and help in the completion of God's providence. I do not have any sorrow in my heart. He has gone as a holy offering."

We should realize how serious are our mistakes before such True Parents who have always walked only the public course. How could we console True Parents heart which bear unfathomable. On the occasion of this Seung Hwa Ceremony we should thoroughly repent again for our disloyalty such that we could not protect the True Family. At the same time we should make a resolution to increase our filial piety toward True Parents and loyalty to God's will. At the beginning of the age of the era of the realm of the fourth Adam we should check ourselves and our families, and should be resolute to being living offerings.

Dear Young Jin Nim! We are so sorry to you. We repent ourselves and determine our filial piety and loyalty. Please forgive us. As True Father said, please be joyful and free for True Parents' providence in the heavenly world, together with your brothers and sister. Under the wings of true love, please serve True Parents with devotion! May God and True Parents' true love and protection be eternal for Moon Young Jin Nim! ♦

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THE WONJEON CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 12, 1999, 1:30 P.M., PAJU WONJEON

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YOUNG JIN NIM's body was brought to the Unification Church special cemetery in Paju. Church members who had arrived on buses immediately following the Seung Hwa Ceremony surrounded the grave site where Young Jin Nim's casket was to be laid to rest.

At 2:15 p.m. True Parents and the True Children arrived as those gathered sang "Song of the Garden," led by international president Rev. Sun Jo Hwang. After offering a brief, silent prayer, True Parents opened the lid of the casket resting at the side of the grave. They placed flowers and three volumes of Father's words in the casket.

Following this, flowers were offered to Young Jin Nim by the True Children, representatives of the providential countries, the 36 blessed couples, representatives of the respective organizations, then the relatives of the True Family.

As the lid of the casket was about to be closed, Father said, "We must give him applause so that he can go joyfully." So everyone saw Young Jin Nim off with a round of applause. Father also told Sun Jin Nim, who was in tears, not to cry.

Next, Father asked, "Which way is East?" and stood to the east of the grave while the True Children were told to stand to its west. Then he spoke to everyone present. "We will all go in this way. If you cannot make preparations on earth, there will be great difficulty. If you live well, you will go to a holy place." Regarding the heart with which to see Young Jin Nim off, he stated, "If you shed tears and grieve, you will be brought down. In the spirit world, they are giving him a big welcome as a member of the Parents' family. I ask all of you to send him off with a joyful heart."

Following this, the casket was lowered into the grave with the help of several people. True Parents said, "Let us pray, bringing our hearts together," and offered a prayer:

"At 2:45 p.m., November 12, 1999, Young Jin Kun, a child of the True Parents, will return before Your respected presence. I dispatch him as a child from my direct line, so please help him to form a four-position foundation with the future family of his sister Hye Jin, the family of his brother Hee Jin and the family of his brother Heung Jin." Father also offered his gratitude for the fact that the True Parents were able to appear in the history of restoration, which is a history of *han* in which failures were repeated, and through their manifestation, welcome the age in which anyone among mankind can



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receive the blessing and the change the of lineal connection. Father especially thanked Heaven that the time had come in which the earth and the heavens are to be liberated by the equalization of the blessing.

Regarding the significance of Young Jin Nim's Seung Hwa, he prayed as follows [summarized excerpts]:

"Hye Jin passed away as an offering in place of all the sorrowful *han* that Eve nailed into the heart



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siblings must also become one," and further, "At this hour, you must pledge before Young Jin. You must promise. If you can promise, raise your hands." The Children raised their hands.

Upon confirming this, Father then faced Young Jin Nim's photograph beside him, and spoke to him saying, "Now, go well," and at 3:10, Father and Mother placed the first soil on the casket.

Following them, the Children, and relatives placed soil on the casket. Rev. Jae Suk Lee, National Messiah of Taiwan, then led three cheers of Mansei, and the close of the Ceremony was declared.

Father said, "Please offer thanks. Let us give a round of applause in gratitude." All those gathered offered applause and a bow to True

of the Heavenly Father. Hee Jin passed away representing the Old Testament Age, Heung Jin passed away representing the New Testament Age, and this time, Young Jin Nim passed away representing the Completed Testament Age...

True Parents have walked the path of risking their lives to clarify all the secrets of history arising from Satan, for the sake of Heaven and God's will. Now, upon True Parents pioneering a path of suffering, humankind has greeted the era when people can respect and attend the True Parents. Thus I am sending Your beloved Young Jin Nim into Your embrace...

Today, through the occasion of this Seung Hwa Ceremony, which is being watched by all of heaven and earth, may all blessed families in heaven and on earth from the domain of the Unification Church in the spirit and physical realms, and their descendants throughout eternity, be brought into oneness. On this occasion I am offering before You, Heavenly Father, the authority of my victorious son, a child in the direct lineage of the heavenly family. On that basis, and by Your intimate love and great heart that can embrace even Satan, please allow Your blessing to be received, and the liberation of the heavenly and earthly worlds. Offering up before You my sons and daughters, who are able to act independently, may there be a base of peace in True Parents' family that smooths over this chaotic world. As it is True Parents' wish, please permit those those who offer devotions, centering on the tribe and for the sake of the individual, family, tribe, people, nation and everything, to be connected to the original palace and to the royal family able to attend Heaven."

Father also prayed to Heaven regarding Young Jin Nim's family in relation to the restoration of the world of evil.

After the prayer, Father spoke in a serious manner to the Children standing before him. "As the three brothers who are in heaven working together as one, you

Parents. True Parents then held hands and, led by Father, everyone sang the "Song of the Garden" once more. Finally, Father said, "May there be infinite glory before Heaven." True Parents then faced each other and, at Father's command, "Kyungbae," True Parents bowed to each other, and all those gathered also offered a bow to True Parents.

As with the Seung Hwa Ceremony, the heart of sorrow and repentance at parting with Young Jin Nim, and the love of the True Parents constantly filled the air at the Wonjeon Ceremony, and the participants shed tears repeatedly. With renewed determination and heart arising from these tears of repentance, the participants departed to make a new start for the victory of God's providence. ♦

Katsukiyo Muto (30,000 couples) publishes a monthly newspaper for the Japanese members resident in Korea. Additional content from Father's prayer at the Wonjeon has been added to his report.

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To God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth at the Preliminary Wonjeon Ceremony of Young Jin Nim in the United States

OCTOBER 30, 1999, 10:00 A.M., SIERRA MEMORIAL GARDEN, LEMMON VALLEY, NEVADA

Chang Shik Yang

Continental Director for North America

ALMIGHTY God! Victorious Parents of Heaven and Earth! We kneel today at the Seung Hwa ceremony of Young Jin Nim, a child in the family of the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

Young Jin Nim was born on the seventeenth day of the fifth lunar month of 1978 in New York, USA, as the True Parents' twelfth child and sixth son, the second son to be born in the United States. He demonstrated a keen intellect throughout his studies and was a model of love among his siblings. Around 10 o'clock in the evening on October 27, 1999, he departed for the heavenly world at the age of twenty-one in circumstances that are known only to Heaven.

Oh God, our Father! Words cannot describe the pain in my heart when I first learned of the incident of Young Jin Nim's passing. Even for me to dare define such things in my imagination is a serious act of disrespect that violates my filial duty to You, our Parent in Heaven. Still, as a witness conducting this step of Young Jin Nim's departure, and in my public capacity as Continental Director for North America appointed by order of the True Parents, I offer my observations on the Seung Hwa of our beloved Young Jin Nim in the form of this fervent request and report. I pray You will forgive the inadequacies of my thoughts and words and that You will open wide the gates of heaven so that all the saints may surround and protect Young Jin Nim on his journey. I pray You will allow Young Jin Nim to have a peaceful path abounding with love and new hope under the guidance of Heung Jin Nim, the supreme commander of the spiritual world.

True Parents have recently declared the Ku Ku Jeol, Sam Ship Jeol, and Sang Ship Jeol in accordance with the providential timetable controlling the spiritual and physical worlds, for the purpose of accomplishing the total indemnity restoration of the six thousand year history of the Restoration Providence. On October 23, 1999, the True Parents declared the Day of Liberation of the Blessing for the Entire Cosmos, thereby liberating all the creation and the cosmos. On this foundation, they have finally declared the beginning of the Age of the realm of the fourth Adam, that is, the age of the original ideal in which You exercise direct dominion.

Young Jin Nim has gone as a righteous offering representing the True Family to save all humanity in the spiritual and physical worlds who are unable to converge with this Providence directed by True Parents and are unable to stand in a providential relationship with the True Parents through their absolute faith and accomplishments. The True Parents, by their profound true love for humanity in both the spiritual and physical worlds, have brought liberation and blessing indiscriminately to a humanity that is terribly unprepared and lacking in merit. They have superseded the Principle teaching that a person may receive the Holy Blessing only while on Earth. They have even opened the gates of hell to give the Holy Blessing to more than seven billion spirit peo-

ple. I believe Heaven has permitted the sacrifice of Young Jin Nim from the True Family as dispensation for this tremendous grace given to us by True Parents. Almighty God! In conclusion, Young Jin Nim has passed into spirit world when we are approaching the completion of the six thousand year Providence through the Holy Blessing of 400 million couples under this year's motto, "The Cosmic Expansion of the True Blessing and the Cutting off of Satan's Lineage." He goes when True Parents—through Ku Ku Jeol, Sam Ship Jeol, and Sang Ship Jeol that followed—have cleaned away even the final vestiges of Satan. It is no longer possible or allowable for conditions to be established for Satan's accusation. Thus, Young Jin Nim's passing has no relation to Satan. Young Jin Nim goes as the final righteous offering that is required for us to move into the conclusion of Heaven's Providence, and as a living sacrificial offering for the total liberation of all Heaven and Earth. He goes for the sake of the entire Cain-type realm.

Young Jin Nim's passing from the physical world took place on October 27, the 66th day prior to the close of 1999. Thus, the sixth son of the True Family went into the spirit world as indemnity to restore the number six, which has been under Satan's dominion, for the sake of six thousand years of Providential history. In this sense, he has gone as a symbol of the total living offering, as a sacrifice for the total liberation and blessing of all creation and the cosmos, and for the opening of the Age of the 4th Adamic Realm. Clearly, this is because all blessed couples in the Cain-type realm—from the 36 Couples to the 360 million Couples—have not been able to fully accomplish for Heaven our portion of responsibility. Young Jin Nim has gone as the representative sacrificial offering that was required of the Abel-type realm because the children in the Cain-type realm could not come together and thus were inadequate to carry out Heaven's Providence. Thus, this is a pure and noble sacrifice brought about by the failings of all of us who are blessed couples. Young Jin Nim passed into spirit world four days ago during October, the tenth month, the month of blessing and liberation, at 10 o'clock at night, and this morning, we observe this heavenly ceremony at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Oh God, who is the Almighty Jehovah! Victorious Parents of Heaven and Earth! From all this, the Seung Hwa of Young Jin Nim is something You have permitted as part of the process by which the True Parents and the True Family are themselves indemnifying and accomplishing the portion of responsibility of the Cain-type realm that is required in order that Heaven's Providence can be brought to its final conclusion. Following the Seung Hwa of Heung Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim has become another sacred sacrifice of the True Parents and the True Family for the sake of the redemption of humankind. Even the investigators of the Cain-type realm have remarked on the absence of any major external injuries to his physical body and that he looks as though he is only sleeping. Please open wide the gates of heaven and receive Young Jin Nim, who goes as the first pure offering after the beginning of the Age of the 4th Adamic realm.

Beloved Young Jin Nim!

How perplexed you must be to have begun this journey so suddenly. But, Young Jin Nim, you have come, and you continue to go now, on an internal course of the Providence about whose nature even you are not fully aware. In accordance with the words of the blessing that True Parents have already given for the path on which you have departed, please make unity centering on your older brother Heung Jin Nim and with your older sister Hye Jin and older brother Hee Jin, form a four-position foundation in the spirit world centering on the True Children so as to become a guardian spirit for True Parents on Earth.

In the unlikely event that you experience difficulty on your path, light your way with the holy item True Parents have handed down to you and which has now been placed on your right hand. You are going as a prince of the heavenly world, so you can boldly command the angels to light your way. When you finally reach your rightful place and are able to settle there, please become a cornerstone for the eternal victory and glory of the True Parents.

Jehovah God! Parents of Heaven and Earth! On the basis of this report, I pray that You will shine Your light on Young Jin Nim's path. I pray that his way maybe as soft as heavenly silk.

As a representative of all the Cain-type children throughout the world, I earnestly pray all this to You, Jehovah God our Father and the victorious Parents of Heaven and Earth in the name of Continental Director for North America, Chang Shik Yang, President of the Korean Education Foundation of the Americas, Hyo Yul Kim, and National Messiah Robert Smart, blessed couples who have received the True Parents' realm of victory through the blessing. Amen, Amen, Amen. ♦

[The holy item placed on Young Jin Nim's right hand was True Father's wristwatch, which Father gave for that purpose on the departure of Dr. Yang, Rev. Kim and Mr. Smart from East Garden to Nevada.]

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OBSERVANCE OF SAM OOH JAE

November 14, 1999, The Wonjeon, Paju



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(Photos) top: Young Jin Nim's tomb; middle: The observance of "Sam Ooh Jae", a prayer and offering service on the third day (by Korean reckoning) after someone passes into the spirit world, at Young Jin Nim's tomb, on November 14. Members gather to pray and offer their love and support; bottom: Sam Ooh Jae observance by senior members

PRAYING IN MY OWN NAME

Rev. Sun Jo Hwang
Headquarters Church, Seoul, Korea

This sermon was given to Korean church members (Rev. Hwang is also president of the church in Korea) in September of this year. It is included in this issue of Today's World for its clear exposition of the grace of the new providential era True Parents have declared, and which continues to unfold.

"It is the source of our han and our sorrow that we are in a position where we must grab hold of Jesus' teachings and shed sorrowful tears, to have to grab hold of Jesus' teachings just to live our lives. It is actually a sorrowful thing that we have to pray using Christ's name. Whenever you pray, you say, "I pray these things in Jesus' name," don't you? This is really a pitiful thing, to live one's life shackled to some term or expression like this. The time must come when we all can pray in our own names." *Father's Words; September 27, 1959*

HELLO everybody. I'd like to speak to you today about a few points, focusing on these words that our honored True Father has given us.

Who are we? It goes without saying that we are people who are attend True Parents and walk the central course in a providence that will occur only one time in history. This definition is a kind of providential stipulation of our role in the providence.

There is no doubt that God's providence and the history in which God has carried out His providence are together a revelation through which God allows us to diagnose our own situation; history is a revelation from God. We can be sure of this fact; the world of God's creation is a body of revelation that reveals God as the Creator, and history is a body of revelation that reveals God as the Savior.

Understanding the present through Jesus' time

So, how has the providence unfolded up until the present? We already know the answer to this quite well. However, in order to diagnose the reality in which we find ourselves today, we need to go back to the situation in which Jesus was working 2000 years ago.

Jesus was alive on this earth for about 33 years. He was born in Bethlehem and grew up in Nazareth, then spent three years walking a public course in Galilee. After a special summons from God, he met John the Baptist on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, where John the Baptist was busy baptizing people. John's activities basically consisted of standing at the waterside, performing a simple ceremony and conveying the word of God to other people.

This is in fact the origin of baptism, an important Christian tradition that has continued up to this day. Jesus received baptism from John and then proceeded to begin his proselytizing activities. The first person he succeeded in witnessing to was the fisherman Peter. Jesus simply approached him and said, "You should stop being a fisher of fish. Become a fisher of men." This was the start of Jesus' missionary activities. After a three-year public course, Jesus met his death on this earthly plane.

One week before Jesus was put on the cross, he held his last supper with his disciples. Of course, Jesus didn't do this in order explicitly for the purpose of passing on to his disciples a special ceremony. He was just thinking, "We will be separated in a short time; what can I leave them with?" With such worries in his heart, Jesus, at the dinner table, shared one glass of wine and a piece of bread, and said, "Think of this bread and wine as my flesh and blood. In the future, you should share bread and wine together like this, and share your brotherly love; unite into one and put effort into your missionary work." These simple actions, this one simple ceremony has been passed on down through history and now exists as the important Christian ceremony of Holy Communion.

In this way, the changes that take place in the providence of God are just one small part of the life in that particular era, but when God's will becomes connected with these changes, they become huge events, and remain as significant traditions after the history has passed on to the future. This is the revelation of God that history can reveal to us.

Everyone, if you take a look at God's providence as it has unfolded up to this point, you can see there have been many changes that took place, both for individuals and for groups. Even one small event expands to become a monumental event later on. I myself have no doubt that these are actually providential changes.

Changes in the providence that we can observe

Then what is our reality today? Today we have come to the final time of fruition for the providence. Things may look as if they are simply small events, but as God has shown us in the history of Christianity, each of the different aspects of our lives, each of the historical events we carry out today will become commemorative events that will be passed on for eternity. We can understand, then, that are without a doubt, they are shimjung traditions that constitute significant providential events.

So what kinds of changes have occurred in the course of the providence that we have been walking? There have in fact been innumerable changes. And along with the providential changes, we have been many visible changes that are clearly observable. The words that we read today were spoken by Father in the year 1959. At that time, most of Father's speeches concerned the "han" of Jesus and the "han" of God. Also, every time Father prayed, he prayed in the Lord's name. However, after the holy wedding of True Parents in 1960, the content of Father's speeches began to change. His sermon topics began to change. Also, praying "in the Lord's name" changed to praying "in the name of True Parents."

Then why do we pray in the name of True Parents? And why did we pray in the name of Jesus before that? Also, how were prayers made even before that? In the Old Testament era there was no messiah, and when there was no messiah, it was the same as if there was no bridge between God and us. The Old Testament era was one in which the only prayer we humans could offer to God was the symbolic sacrifice made through an offering; in that age, we could not approach God directly. However, after the advent of Jesus, an age dawned in

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True Family at Chung Pyung



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**Left: True Family gather for a commemorative photograph in the main auditorium of Cheonseong Wanglim Palace
Right: True Family and Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim (right) in front of the stone bearing Father's inscription of the name of the palace**

REV. HWANG'S SERMON CONTINUED...

which we could approach God through Jesus himself. In that era, one could not stand before God in one's own name, so supplication was made to Heaven in the name of Jesus. Then, later, with the advent of True Parents on the earth, we entered the age in which we could pray in the name of True Parents.

In the words of True Father, which we read today, Father explains that I pray in the name of Jesus because I am unable to stand before Heaven as a subject in my own right. Of course, there was a time when we couldn't pray in the name of Jesus, but Father is saying that even praying in the name of Jesus itself is a sorrowful situation, and a source of *han* for all of us.

The world of the original creation would be an era in which prayer is not a required activity. In such a world, if you are going to pray, you should at least be praying in your own name. The age of the original creation is that when our connection with God is the same as the connection between a child and the direct parent of his or her own lineage. That was what we lost

The age in which I pray in my own name

True Father spoke these words 40 years ago. 40 years ago he said, "In the final days, an era will eventually come when we don't go through anyone to connect to God, but when we pray to God in a direct one to one relationship, and this is the era of God's hope."

This shows the way that the providence has undergone change up until the present. From Old Testament to New Testament, from New Testament to Completed Testament, from Completed Testament to the perfection of the Completed Testament era. This is how the providence is progressing. I think there can be no doubts about that.

In the midst of these changes, the providence is moving forward all the time, from the era of symbolic prayer, to the era of praying in the Lord's name, to the era of praying in True Parents' names, to the era of praying in one's own name. No one knows exactly when that time is, but it is clear from

Father's words that such an important providential change is destined to take place.

We have seen lots of providential changes, and there have been visible changes along with them. On the first of May 1994, at the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Unification Church, True Parents changed the prayer that we made in the form of "My Pledge" to the prayer of the "Family Pledge." Our confession of faith changed from "My Pledge" to the "Family Pledge." In the era of fighting against Satan, the family has taken up the central position, and Father has changed our Declaration of Faith to the Family Pledge, as we greet the new era of peace and reconciliation. On the 10th of April 1997, Father had us take down the nameplate that reads "Unification Church" and replace it with that of the Family Federation.

After the declaration of Ku Ku Jeol on the 9th of September 1999, at 15 minutes past 7 on the morning of the 14th of September, True Parents brought to a close the age in which we pray through True Parents' names. As we can see in the words we read this morning, True Father foretold forty years ago that the time must come in which we pray in our own names. At 7:15 on the morning of the 14th of September, Father opened a new providential level via the era when we pray not in True Parents names but in our own names.

We pray in our own name and the name of our official, public position. Otherwise, when we pray at home, we pray in the name of our family and our own individual name. This is a direct expression of how much the providence is in change.

Inheriting the authority of True Parents

As you already know, the 1990s are the time of complete fruition for the providence. On the 10th of February, 2000, a complete change in providential conditions will occur along with Father's 80th birthday anniversary. By examining the providence, we can observe that True Parents are currently carrying out all the various dispensations required to open that new, perfected era and to completely close the present era.

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JEONG SHIM HOSPITAL GROUND- BREAKING CEREMONY

On November 9, 1999, True Parents conducted the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of a hospital at Chung Pyung. Following the ceremony, Father wrote the name of the hospital, "Jeong Shim Byungwon," in his unique calligraphy



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From the age when we prayed symbolically through sacrifices, to the age when we prayed in the Lord's name, then on through the age when we prayed in True Parents' names to the age when tribal messiahs pray in the name of their own families, we are now in the actual era when we are experiencing the providential conditions that will exist in the original world of creation. By this, we can understand just how important a providential age of fruition and what a time of great transition this current era is.

Brothers and sisters, as I said before, history is a revelation from God. By examining the development of God's providence in the past, we can assess the times in which we currently live. That small ceremony of baptizing with water that was performed on the banks of the Jordan River 2000 years ago became an important Christian tradition for two thousand years. The small ceremony where Jesus broke bread and shared a single cup of wine at the neat and tidy supper table in a widow's home has remained as an eternal tradition over the last two thousand years. These are both examples of revelation that God has given us through history.

We don't actually know just how big a providential event each ceremony and change is when we create them while we attend True Parents. Brethren, how could Peter have known two thousand years ago? How could he have known that the small baptism ceremony would have such a great and historical meaning, or that the simple ceremony that they held at a supper table would be so important?

In the same way, although we ourselves today may not feel deeply and intensely the meaning of the changes we observe, they are nevertheless important perfection events for the providence on a grand scale.

Brothers and sisters, our Parents already made a declaration concerning tribal messiahs about 10 years ago. How

important do you think Tribal Messiahship is? Father has said, "Among the many blessings that True Parents are able to carry out on this earth, the greatest and most amazing blessing is the granting of Tribal Messiahship."

However, we haven't really understood how important this tribal Messiahship is. Brothers and sisters, we are no longer in the age when we have to rely on True Parents' name to pray and receive salvation. Now, the age is approaching when tribal messiahs conduct the blessing, when we directly communicate with God, not in the name of True Parents, but in the name of tribal messiahs. Actually, that age is already here.

So we have to be aware of how precious and how blessed we are to be blessed families and to have our mission as tribal messiahs. And we have to think about how we can completely and wholly inherit True Parents' mission in the midst of all these great providential changes.

How can I make these amazing providential changes my own? What do I need to do in order to be able to inherit the content of these important providential changes? There is always some responsibility attached to receiving this kind of great authority. Just as Isaac inherited the faith of Abraham, we will be able to inherit the authority to pray in our own names, as tribal messiahs who have inherited the name of True Parents, only by placing our lives on the line and offering ourselves on the altar, thus becoming a sacrifice ourselves.

Unless we pass through numerous situations where we offer wholly ourselves before Heaven, we won't be able to connect to the era when we pray in the name of our own families from the era in which we pray in True Parents' names.

Conditions for inheriting True Parents' authority

How can we receive that kind of inheritance? True Parents have requested that we fulfill certain contents in relation to the blessing so that they can give us this inheritance. This is

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Of Historical Interest

Moon Am Kak

HOME OF THE STONE OF THE NAM PYUNG MOONS

The story of Da Seong Moon, ancestor of the Moon clan, according to an ancient record of the Moon family...

IN the fifteenth year of the reign of King Jabi (reportedly 172 A.D.), the king and his ministers of government saw a purple hue in the sky. Thinking it to be a sign of the birth of a wise man, he sent people to find where this would take place. It was the head of one province who eventually found the location after a year had passed. While out on a lake the governor saw a purple cloud gather over a big rock in the middle of the water. He heard the sound of a baby crying. Upon climbing to the top, he found a box made of stone. Inside was a baby boy. On the box, the Chinese character 'Moon' was chiseled and colored red.

As a baby, he had large eyes and long ear lobes (which signify good fortune). The governor was very happy, feeling that the baby must be very special. He took the baby and raised him devotedly. King Jabi came to know of the child, and he summoned the child to come to him. Upon seeing the child, the king thought heaven had sent a wise man. He decided to raise the child himself, and gave him the family name Moon, according to the inscription on the box in which he had been found.

The child was named Da Seong, which means "having many thoughts," since he was very intelligent and thoughtful. He proved to have remarkable intellectual gifts and a great



The rock inside Moon Am Kak is said to be the original Moon Am. In 1975, Father gave financial support for the rebuilding of the structure as it appears in this photograph.

natural courtesy even at a young age, and later married a princess. ♦

From Father's words:

"When I looked into the ancestry of the Moons, I found they began with a child whose parenthood was unknown. I dug into the genealogical chart. One king in the Shilla dynasty had a dream. In his dream he was taught that a special child had been born and that he was supposed to find this baby. He went to the rock, Moon Am in Nam Pyung, and found the crying baby. So it all started from here. This is very interesting from a providential viewpoint...."

[Source: History Committee Archive]

REV. HWANG'S SERMON CONTINUED...

their method for passing the inheritance to us. Sisters and brothers, when True Parents recently declared Ku Ku Jeol, they also instituted the Ku Ku Jeol donation. If we think of this donation in terms of monetary value, it will obviously be a burden. However, what exactly is the method Heaven will use when it passes the inheritance on to us? When Isaac passed on the inheritance to his son Jacob, through what did he pass it on? His method for passing on the inheritance was the food that he had Jacob cook. He set the food up as a condition for the inheritance. Also, when Abraham passed the inheritance on to Isaac, he did that through the condition of sacrificing Isaac.

Then how can we inherit True Parents' mission and True Parents' authority? There are a number of conditions that must be met for us to do this. What are they?

These conditions are the blessing of 160 families, the fulfillment of the *Chong Saeng Chuk* Offering (Total Living Offering), and the giving of the Ku Ku Jeol Donation. These are the conditions. When Father recently made the declaration of Ku Ku Jeol, he said the following: "What is the meaning of the Ku Ku Jeol donation? It has the significance of liberating all of you. Don't act as if it is a burden." Of course, if we view it just as money, it is obviously a burden. However, if you don't have enough, then at least offer a little. You can offer more little by little. The same for the Total Living Offering: if you don't have the means now, keep forging ahead in the future.

But make sure you establish a minimal condition. Work gradually towards the goal. In any case, make a beginning. This is a very important providential condition for you and me to be able to receive the inheritance.

This is not a condition only for us, but rather it is an important condition for the sake of our clans and for the sake of our descendants. When Father instituted the Ku Ku Jeol donation, he said: "This offering is an important offering of indemnity to open up the way that your descendants must go by restoring all the things you were unable to fulfill until the present, and by restoring the missions your ancestors could not accomplish." This is how Father set the donation.

Accordingly, I would like you all to keep it in mind that all of us have to set the minimum condition to inherit True Parents' authority, so that we can move from the age in which we prayed in True Parents' name into the era when we pray in the name of our own families, and when we communicate directly with God in our own names.

And what is the other, final condition? The final condition is bringing 16 unmarried people to attend and participate in the blessing of 400 million. As tribal messiahs, we have to prepare an offering of 16 people meeting the numerical condition of 16. Although it wasn't an offering that could be separated, each of us offered 160 families to Heaven, so on this foundation, we have to bring before Heaven at least 16 people as a separated offering. Through this content we will be able to perfectly complete a substantial condition to inherit

everything from True Parents at the time of the celebration of Father's 80th birthday.

It is very important for us to fulfill our responsibility in order to be able to inherit this incredible providential change. We have already blessed 160 families each. After giving the Ku Ku Jeol donation in this way, we should successfully witness to 16 unmarried persons by February next year.

If we aren't able to fulfill that, we will not yet be able to inherit the era of praying in our own name. It will mean that the fulfillment of the providence has arrived, but it hasn't arrived for "me." The providential spring has come, but spring won't come to "me." Providential spring won't come to "my family." So, together with our families, it is very important that we gain the providential victory.

The reason I must connect with my own victory

I think I've already mentioned it, but True Parents have already prepared a victorious foundation. The 400 Million Couples Blessing will be victorious under any circumstances. The foundation for victory is already being made. However, if that victory is not "my" victory, then I will have no relationship with it. True Parents' victory has to be a providential victory, and that needs to become my family's victory. If I do not participate in bringing that victory, then such a connection is not possible.

Brothers and sisters, let me tell you about one episode I saw at a time when pledge ceremony was held in attendance of True Parents. Everybody participating in the pledge ceremony was dressed in his or her holy robes, except for one particular church official who had come from overseas. I was master of ceremonies for the ceremony, and this particular person was one who had to make a representative *kyungbae* before True Parents. However, because he didn't have his holy robes with him, he was unable to enter the hall for the ceremony. With everyone dressed up in their holy robes and seated formally in the hall, how could someone with no holy robes just walk in and participate? So, just as this person was unable to enter because he had not prepared, a ceremony cannot become "my" ceremony if I haven't fulfilled my responsibility.

Accordingly, True Parents' victory needs to become "our"

victory, and "our" victory needs to become "my" victory. We will surely be victorious in the 400 Million Couples Blessing this coming February.

Today, in order that these incredible providential changes—changes so tangible that you can almost touch them—become *our* changes, become *my* changes, I want you all to really put your hearts into finding unmarried people who wish to receive the blessing. We have never had as many tribulations in becoming tribal messiahs as we have now.

From one perspective, finding 16 people is very easy. Do you know why? Because we have now entered the age in which people can receive the blessing even if they bring along their own fiancé. If you try, there is nothing that you cannot do! True Parents are allowing things to be like this so that we can fulfill our missions as tribal messiahs, and to have us inherit all the things that they want to pass on. Don't you think so? In the past, only Heaven and True Parents knew. But now True Parents allow people to attend the blessing as a couple who have already chosen each other. Thinking about this, just how much easier is it for us to become tribal messiahs compared with the past? This is also a blessing from True Parents. If True Parents had not allowed this, it just wouldn't be possible.

In conclusion, we can do even the impossible if we give all our sincerity and extend our whole-hearted effort. Do you believe this? [Yes!] If you don't give all your heart and effort in the work, you won't even be able to do what is possible. That is because we are creating providential events. That means that anything is inherently possible, no matter how difficult a task it is. Do you understand what I mean? I really want all of you to do your very best to make the great providential results and changes of this time into your own results and your own changes, by witnessing to 16 single persons, in the midst of these incredible providential changes, in the era when we now pray in our own names. ♦

Rev. Hwang and his wife, Sung Sook Moon, were blessed in the 6000 Couples Blessing in 1982. They have two children.

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National Messiah Interviews the President of Slovakia

On September 30, 1999, Rev. Sung Won Kim, in his capacity as foreign correspondent of *The Segye Times* newspaper in Slovakia, interviewed Slovakian president H.E. Rudolf Schuster (here pictured together) about Slovakia's relationship with Korea, and the Korean peninsula. He introduced Father as founder of *The Segye Times*. Rev. Kim, who is National Messiah to Slovakia, said the president was very happy with their meeting. He has plans to develop their relationship.

REFLECTIONS ON NEPAL: THE JOY OF GIVING BIRTH

Ginger Nicholls
London, England

SOME months ago John and I returned from our third trip over a period of three years to Nepal since the National Messiah providence began in 1996. After last year's difficulties, we feel great joy to share that we could leave behind a small but substantial foundation. For the first time in Nepal's Unification Church history, there are four sister center members, actively involved in fundraising and witnessing.

This is a major breakthrough for the Hindu culture, where women historically have been allowed little freedom. Despite being one of the poorest countries of the world, the Nepalese members now take full financial responsibility to maintain three centers in different parts of the country.

Using our own adapted version of the Pure Love material, two seminars were organized by our members to introduce the Pure Love Character Development Curriculum to 42 school teachers and principals and this will continue throughout the year. When our Japanese WFWP sisters sponsored a fifth Nepalese delegate (over a period of five years) to attend the International Blessing and WFWP conference in Korea last February, we had another major breakthrough. Our WFWP delegate, Mrs. Kants Singh, is the daughter of Sri Ganish Man Singh, who led Nepal to Democracy through the revolution of 1951 and the People's Movement of 1990. Mrs. Singh had hardly returned to Nepal from Korea when she was asked to give her blessing to a young Nepalese couple who were refused permission from their parents to marry because of the difference in their castes. As Chairwoman of the Nepal Women's Association, Mrs. Singh

tried to emulate what she had experienced in Korea, though she had little understanding of the blessing, True parents, or Divine Principle. I soon became close friends with her and taught her an overview of the Principle

Soon after, she took a bold step when she added the words "true love" and "family" to a political leaflet used in election campaigning for the Congress Party, which her organization supports. At first the male leaders of the party scolded her. They told her that there is no "love" involved in politics. But as

breakthroughs we have had, and especially through our spiritual daughter, God has given us great hope for the nation as well as comfort to our hearts. We would like to share from an e-mail Saraswati sent to us recently to remind others of the joy of giving spiritual birth:

Dear John Sir and Ginger Madam,

Hello! I'm Saraswati from Nepal. I miss you very much.... I am so happy to learn so much about human life. I really appreciate the teachings of our True Parents. I really do respect them for their contribution for the entire human race and I am also very grateful to you for everything you have done for our country. I thank you on behalf of all the Unificationists and the people of Nepal. Dear Sir and Madam, I hope you will always remain happy. May your hearts be always filled with love and high hopes, I'll pray for you.

When I think of the time we shared, my heart is filled with joy. I feel that I have also changed. In fact, once I learnt about the Principle I have now a new vision of life—a clear vision—I now know the best way to lead and

live my life. How to utilize my time and how to be happy. When I think of all these things, I feel wonderful....

May God always bless you. Please do write back. I'll be eagerly waiting to hear from you.

With love, Yours,

Saraswati Rai

John and Ginger Nicholls are the Abel nation National Messiah couple to Nepal.

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Four Nepalese sisters against a backdrop of Nepal's natural beauty. Saraswati is second from left. PHOTO: COURTESY OF JOHN AND GINGER NICHOLLS

she campaigned throughout the nation, many people responded to the leaflet with positive comments. She now very much wants to use our Pure Love and True Family Values material to educate and counsel the thousands of women within her organization.

Finally, from the first graduating class of the high school that John and I founded two years ago, God gave us a beautiful spiritual daughter. Her name, Saraswati, comes from the Hindu goddess of knowledge. And she is very serious in her study of the Principle. Through all of the members and major

PURE LOVE WORK GAINS MOMENTUM IN HONG KONG

PHOTOS: COURTESY OF FOOK ON LAI



some of whom were friends rather than members, we went to Shenzhen to hand out holy candies to people on the street. In just one or two hours the people in that city had readily sought out all our 3,000 holy candies.

Following this, we started to send letters to the more than 400 secondary schools in Hong Kong, requesting

that they permit us to give talks on pure love and conduct the Pure Love Pledge for their teenage students.

So far 22 schools have confirmed invitations for us to visit them. On these visits I am giving a presentation on "Abstinence as Healthy Love for Maintaining Purity" in the position of FFWPU-Hong Kong chairman. Some three thousand teachers and pupils have already been blessed with the holy candies. The number is certain to increase greatly as December is quite booked up. Concerned school heads and teachers wish to facilitate this education as much as possible before the holiday season.

Our blessed families are to play a crucial role in establishing the founda-

tion for any mission country. Blessed couples are like a magic wand to bring blessings to the world. If blessed couples are breaking apart or are not united as one body this will trigger bad ripples to the people around us and even to the nation as a whole.

Mrs. Hwang strongly felt that as long as we went as a couple to do the Pure Love Campaign in the schools, good things would happen. And they do! Many teachers later expressed to us that they had not expected a couple to be carrying out this meaningful

work together, and that they felt so good to see this.

The way of Heaven, and Father's life testimony, has always been the best testimony of—as every blessed family and member should know—living for the sake of others. Now that we in Hong Kong have been able to gather some results (though as yet small, and too slowly), our desire is to avail ourselves of bigger and wider channels for giving more blessing to not only Hong Kong but also China as a whole. Before

long, we want to behold a new world. ♦

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Fook On Lai is the Chairman of FFWPU in Hong Kong, which is authorized by the Hong Kong government to conduct family services. Mr. and Mrs. Lai are from the 6000 Couples Blessing in 1982. They have two daughters.

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*Fook On Lai
Hong Kong, China*

THERE is a common Chinese saying that the Chinese are half a pace slower than other races. Even Father knows this because some years ago he mentioned it when speaking about the character of the Chinese people. But then, the dispensation is such that when enough conditions are made things will just open up and victories follow after victories. That is what the Hong Kong movement is experiencing especially since the members began their Pure Love Campaign in mid-October.

Rev. Hwang Yub Joo, China's national messiah now based in Hong Kong, has long been pushing us to do pure love activities as many countries have already been doing so successfully. Yet we were not quite ready for God to work through the central figure until an inspiration came to one of our members. He took us to Shenzhen, across the border from Hong Kong into the southernmost part of mainland China. We went there to do pure love work, as Shenzhen is the most open part of China and the city is well-known focal point for many activities. With Rev. and Mrs. Hwang and a team of about thirty people,



Photos: Top: Mr. Lai greets his former lecturer at the college he attended, following a Pure Love presentation to 150 student teachers there; Bottom: Hong Kong members pose in front of a building in Shenzhen after giving out the holy candy.

FISHERS OF MEN

Armando Lozano
National Leader of Spain

GOOD-Go boats are proving to be both a source of revenue and a good way to witness in Costa del Sol, Spain.



Following the request of our True Father, we decided to bring four "Good-Go" boats to Spain in the beginning of 1995. One brother volunteered to go to Alaska for some training. Another brother gave a large donation to pay for the transportation. We started a company in order to import the boats and to do everything legally right from the beginning.

Since Spain has a flourishing tourist industry, we decided to use the boats for rental in places where many tourists come. Several members obtained a license to drive the boats. The boats were put up for rental either on a half or full day basis with or without one of us driving the boats. Most tourists who come to us have a boating license and prefer to ride by themselves. In 1997, we brought Andorra's four "Good-Go" boats from Korea, and also we bought two other (not "Good-Go") boats to enlarge the fleet.

A change of location

We tried different locations in the first three years. The problem was always that rental was very good in July and August, but the rest of the year, and especially in the winter months, it went down to almost nothing. Finally, in 1998, we decided to bring the boats to their present location, Costa del Sol (Coast of the Sun), in the South of Spain. This coast is comparable to Florida or California in America.

The weather is stable all year around. Winter days' temperature is around 15 to 20 degrees Celsius and in the summer it can get up to 35 degrees. About five million tourists come to this part of Spain every year.

To our surprise, since we moved

there rental has maintained a steady level. Of course in winter it slows down, but it never stops. We even had one customer rent one boat for a whole year. We also provide fishing equipment, water skis, and other fun-oriented things to attract more customers. Four blessed couples take care of the ocean providence on a full time basis. Other members help during the busiest times.

Last year there was a fishing tournament in the area and one of the participant's boats broke down just the day before it was due to start. So they were forced to rent our "Good-Go" boat. It turned out that they became the winners catching a tuna fish of 167 kilograms. They thought our boat gave them good luck and praised it very much in front of the other participants. This year we have divided our fleet between two ports about 60 kilometers apart within Costa del Sol. In this way we hope to have our boats fully rented

The warmth of the surroundings is reflected in the good heart with which Spanish brothers Gabriel and Eduardo care for their customers

out for as long as possible.

"Good-Go" witnessing

Besides the financial side of the project, we have found many friends through it. Many customers come back to us. Those who rent the boats are not only ordinary tourists, but we have had famous people, including government ministers of different nations, renting the boats. Costa del Sol is full of millionaires, movie actors and unusual people. The boat rental is gradually opening the door to the kind of people that cannot be reached through normal witnessing activities.

For our members it is also quite refreshing. Many members find all kinds of reasons to go to the South to have a day out in the sea! We also have second generation workshops there, including fishing, dolphin watching, and the many other beautiful things you can do out on the sea. Our dream is to enlarge the fleet and to have a small hotel to continue our activities within the tourist area, and also to use for church meetings and seminars. We hope to have many good things coming out from this exciting area in the coming years. ♦

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Russian Judicial System Vindicates CARP

Jeff Tallakson

St. Petersburg, Russia

THE student organization, CARP, won a crucial court case in St. Petersburg, Russia on November 5, 1999. No one expected they would win.

The city prosecutor wanted to close down ("liquidate") CARP for doing religious activities. (CARP stands for Collegiate Association for Research of Principles and is a student organization within the broad movement for social change founded by Reverend Sun Myung Moon.) The students had been disputing these charges in a long series of court battles beginning in 1995. During four years of trials CARP students made three formal requests to dismiss the judge for prejudice and violation of their rights under Russian law. Recently the St. Petersburg Justice Department bolstered the prosecutor by filing a nearly identical supplementary lawsuit. Thus the students had to defend themselves against two lawsuits at once. (Actually this was the fifth and sixth of eight separate cases launched against CARP in St. Petersburg to date.)

CARP has been defended by two Russian women lawyers, Galina Krylova and Lena Kudiyakova. Absolutely dedicated to human rights, they have distinguished themselves by their resourcefulness, courage and daring in the face of the extremely adversarial Russian justice system. Unbelievably, CARP's lawyers were banned from the final hearings. Next the students themselves were excluded (because they were declared to be witnesses) and were not allowed to attend the final arguments against them. However the two members of a hate group against new religious movements were accorded courtesy as observers. They

were the ones who initiated all the lawsuits; in misguided hysteria they pressed the charges and stoked continual fervor to spur the authorities to prosecute the student movement to extinction, even if laws had to be broken to do it.

The Chairman of the Unification Church Council of Russia (the legal body of our church), Konstantin Krylov, was also expelled when the judge ordered him to be a witness. Despite his absence during the prosecutor's and Justice Department's presentations, he offered very convincing testimony

to the Supreme Court in Moscow.

On Friday, November 5, 1999, all sides assembled for the final verdict. There was no lawyer present for the defendants. Fortunately the judges did allow the solid and convincing arguments of the defense lawyers to be submitted in writing. The judges deliberated for one-and-a-half hours. All those waiting in the courtroom expected the verdict to be against CARP. The prosecutors were self-assured that their four years of litigation and harassment were about to pay off. They had caused landlords to

evict the students. They had caused orphanage directors to reject the charity programs of the students. Then they had accused CARP of having no office and no programs. Finally, they thought, they could liquidate the organization of students who had refused to be intimidated. The two members of the "anti-cult" hate group were savoring their victory in advance. The CARP leaders went over the long list of violations of law committed in the procedures, planning their final appeal and mentally writing their press release for human rights groups worldwide.

The only people who had not given into this fate were thousands of Unificationists throughout Russia who had united in heart dedicating special times to prayer and fasting. Their desperation arose out of their understanding that judicial authorities in the various regions of Russia were closely watching this case as the precedent to follow in their own agendas to eliminate the ever expanding activities of the Unification movement. If CARP students in St. Petersburg lost, then all lost. The movement might be forced underground.

Continental Director Dr. Joon Ho Seuk and National Messiah for Russia Rev. Mrs. Hyun Shil Kang (first South Korean follower of Reverend Moon, from 1951) were concerned along with



Students and their mothers who were called as witnesses in the trial. From left to right, Katya Plaksina, CARP officer Marianna "Marisha" Chernyh, Jeff Tallakson with his wife (holding the CARP brochure signed by True Father in 1991), Nadiya Mikhailova, and Svetlana "Sveta" Obraztsova.

refuting their arguments when he finally appeared as a witness.

On October 4, the last full day of hearings, the chief judge shouted at and berated the five CARP witnesses for not being able to defend against the arguments they had not been allowed to hear the day before. Three students and two of their parents conducted themselves with courage and dignity under grueling and humiliating cross-examination lasting up to two hours for each witness. In Russia judges often interrogate witnesses in a prosecutorial manner. But it is not common for a judge to do this until 9:30 p.m. The panel of three women judges was so clearly prejudiced that the student leaders were resigned to their final option of appeal

all the Russians members over the possible repercussions of the case.

Before the trial, at a leaders' meeting attended by over 300, Dr. Seuk encouraged the Russian students by giving them the very first CARP brochure printed in the Russian language. It was autographed personally by True Father and dated March 30, 1991. Dr. Seuk said, "I give this to the St. Petersburg members because you are defending CARP. Please pray and make strong spiritual conditions. True Father founded CARP to bring moral salvation to pure Russian students. You must defend True Parents' movement in Russia. Russia needs True Parents' ideas. Without them Russia will fall further into chaos. Please do your best to win this case." The original autographed brochure became a focal point for the students' confidence that the movement founded by True Parents could not be liquidated.

When it was time for the verdict to be read, all stood before the judges filed back in. Chief Judge Svetlana Masolova read her verdict: "The two suits...to liquidate CARP for violating Russian law and CARP bylaws...are dismissed."

The room was totally still. Everyone was stunned: the prosecuting attorneys,

the "anti-cult" campaigners, and the three CARP leaders. No one could believe their ears.

The judge smiled thinly as she surveyed the muted effect her announcement had had over those in the courtroom. Unification Church public relations representative Konstantin Krylov and CARP legal assistant Natalia Yankus stared at each other in bewildered amazement. The judges exited the courtroom.

CARP leader Marianna Chernyh quickly followed Judge Masolova into her chambers. "Excuse me, please. I didn't understand. What was your verdict?" The judge replied, "Was my reading style so incomprehensible?" Marianna answered: "No, your reading was fine, but I do not understand its meaning for CARP."

The co-judge, standing next to them, laughed, "They just cannot believe their own happiness!" Judge Masolova asked, "You thought I would liquidate you?" Marianna answered, "Honestly, yes." The judge said, "No. I did not. It means you won. CARP is not liquidated."

The three raced to the phones to tell the world.

This is a great victory for freedom of conscience in the former Soviet Union.

It is a great victory for the Russian people. How terrible it will be for the nation if Russia gives into the temptation to suppress forces for moral and democratic social change.

In the spirit of True Parents, CARP students fought valiantly through police harassment, slander and ridicule in the media. They persevered through personal crises and public humiliations; they loved more, not less. For Unificationists worldwide this is what it means to be a "true parent." In St. Petersburg, CARP students emerged victorious and vindicated, like their model, True Parents.

CARP students felt deep humility before God as they could only understand that grace had descended upon the court room and that hearts and minds had been changed. The tears that flowed were the kind that come after people suffer together courageously with hope, enduring what seems like interminable bitterness and injustice, and at the final darkest moment, receive victory. ♦

Jeff and Seung Hyun Tallakson (1800 Couples) are the leaders of St. Petersburg and Northwest Russia.

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WORLD MISSIONS

South Pacific Sisterly Ties



Han Sub You
Suva, Fiji

ON September 23 this year, a sisterhood ceremony was held for Japanese and Fijian women, at the Central Hotel in the capital city of

Suva. Some thirty missionary sisters from Osaka currently working in Fiji gathered with representatives of the native Fijian community. Twenty-seven women from each country consecrated sisterly ties, and the celebration banquet welcomed seventy guests.

Among those present were Ati Koiria, minister of transportation and daughter of the incumbent president of Fiji, the vice-minister of foreign affairs and his wife, members of congress, ambassadors current and former, and senior educators. The occasion was a tremendous success and will serve as a foundation stone for Family

Federation activities to be carried out in the future. ♦

Rev. You, from the 430 Couples Blessing in 1968, is the National Messiah to Fiji



THE NEED TO EDUCATE FOR CHARACTER (PART 1)

FAMILY BREAKDOWN AND ITS SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES

Presented by Jack Corley, International Education Foundation

The International Education Foundation (IEF) has conducted seminars and educational programs, on the subject of character and moral education, for educators in many nations. The up to date (this excerpt is from a lecture given at the conclusion of the twentieth century), well-researched presentations transcend ideological and religious barriers by identifying universal principles which, when applied, inevitably lead to the betterment of the individual and society. Reproduced here with permission is the first section of a presentation to senior university educators. It is hoped that its contents will be stimulating—and useful—in the lives and work of Family Federation leaders and members worldwide.

PARENTS and educators all over the world are debating about how best to raise responsible citizens in this era of unprecedented change. Family breakdown and the attendant social ills are worldwide concerns. Many had hoped that scientific, technological, educational and economic advancements would bring greater human happiness and contentment, but this has not been the case.

The most affluent and technologically advanced nation in the world, the United States, is experiencing grave social disruption. This disruption cuts across racial, gender and class lines. Teachers report rising peer cruelty among their students, increased ethnic bigotry, and lack of respect for authority. However, these problems are not limited to the United States. Similar, if less extreme, challenges are being faced by parents and educators throughout the world. Effective methods are needed, both new and traditional, by which caring and concerned adults can socialize youth. It is also necessary to present to young people compelling and attractive reasons for living a life of character.

Qualities of good character—honesty and courage, for example—are admired and recognized all over the world. They transcend culture, nationality, language, creed, and race. They are universally recognized as true, good and desirable. Hence, we call such qualities universal values, and consider the inculcation of such univer-

sal values as the key to educating youth for success and happiness in life.

The Promise of the 20th Century

We may begin by looking back at the 20th Century—what it has represented and what kind of foundation it provides for the future. The world has changed dramatically in this century, in many ways for the good.

Modern science and technology have helped raise material living standards. Advances in transportation and communication have created opportunities for people to interact more easily than ever before. Advances in health and medicine have eliminated many diseases that once plagued humankind. These extraordinary developments in science and technology are the bright side of the 20th Century.

At the same time, it is evident that expertise in human relations, the ability to get along with each other, has not kept pace with these external achievements. The dark side of the 20th Century is apparent in its bloody conflicts of unprecedented scale. More people have died in war during this violent century than in all previous centuries combined.

However, one of the greatest “wars” being fought at the end of this century is the war to save and restore the family.

Family Breakdown and Its Social Consequences

The family is in crisis. Spousal and child abuse, infidelity, and divorce are rampant. Youth grow more distant from their parents, respect between husband and wife is on the decline. People are becoming ever more individualistic.

Family breakdown has increased most sharply in affluent countries. Thus, the common assumption that economic prosperity and political freedom would bring the solution to social problems has not proven to be true. Looking at the divorce rates in the United States, Sweden, France and Japan, there has been a phenomenal increase from the 1960s to the 1990s. Certainly, one cannot attribute such increases in family breakdown to the pressures of poverty or social discontent.

Associated with family breakdown is

an increase in youth problems. Without the civilizing influence of strong families, young people are taking advantage of their increased affluence and freedom to experiment with drugs and engage in promiscuous behavior. As a result, the epidemics of AIDS and STDs are particularly widespread among youth.

Family breakdown and the youth crisis take their toll on society, leading to greater alcoholism, drug abuse, crime and violence. In Western nations there has been a decline in civility and trust that threatens the very social fabric.

The crime rate in England had been stable for a full century before it almost doubled between the late 1950s and early 1980s. It increased by 50 percent between 1980 and 1985 and doubled again between 1985 and the present. During much of this time, England was enjoying unprecedented economic growth. Norman Dennis of the University of Newcastle noticed that the only factor that grew consistently with the crime rate was the divorce rate. Dennis states flatly that between 1955 and 1997, “Young men in England and Germany became much more prone to criminality, drug abuse and subcriminal disorder.” He states that the definitive cause for this was family breakdown.¹

In the United States the decline of family strength and its effects on youth in the latter half of this century are dramatically illustrated by a survey from Michigan State University. It shows that between 1950 and 1990, there was an almost total reversal of the influences young people regard as most important in their lives. Fifty years ago, the most important influence guiding young people was parents and home life; second was school; third was church; fourth was peers; and fifth was television. By 1990, peers and television had become the most powerful influences on young people.² It stands to reason that immature peers and profit-motivated television shows are hardly the moral equivalent of concerned parents and warm family life.

During the time period the family declined, from 1960 to 1990, the United States government increased spending on social problems by over 500 percent.

Yet in spite of this enormous expenditure, there was a 500 percent rise in violent crime, a 400 percent rise in births outside marriage, a 400 percent rise in divorce, a 300 percent rise in children living in single-parent homes and a 200 percent rise in teenage suicides.³

Billions of dollars spent on social and economic programs have been of little avail in dealing with these problems, especially those confronting young people. Technological, scientific and economic advances have not been particularly helpful; in fact, they sometimes exacerbate the problems. For instance, the same Internet that gives rural residents access to vast informational and service resources also makes pornography of the worst sort easily available to children.

The issues to be faced at the end of this century—from the relations between nations to the relations within families—are internal problems, involving the mind and heart. They involve discerning what is beneficial for human beings and what is not beneficial; good and bad; right and wrong. They are moral issues.

Indeed, one might say the heart of the human problem is in the human heart. The solution to today's social problems cannot come primarily through new technology or government programs. A good society can be formed only by raising individuals of good character.

The Rise of Character Education

Faced with the neglect of moral education and its disastrous consequences for the lives of young people, many Americans have taken to harsh criticism of the public school system, even removing their children to expensive private alternative schools where traditional moral values are taught or resorting to schooling at home. At the same time, in the 1990s a growing movement for moral education in the public schools has emerged under the rubric of "character education." Character education has been defined as "the deliberate effort to develop good character, based on core virtues that are good for the individual and good for society."⁴ Increasing numbers of educators in the United States have begun to initiate character education programs. At this point, about 20 percent of U.S. public schools are considering or have initiated directive moral education programs.⁵ Many private schools already have character education as an integral part of their approach to education.

One may well ask why moral and ethical education was neglected for an entire generation of Americans. Among the several reasons, one was certainly the cultural dominance of ideas which took root in the 1960s. These included belief in moral relativism: the view that objective standards of truth and goodness do not exist, and that all such convictions are subjective. Accordingly, if no view of morality has any higher claim than any other, a student's values have to be respected, no matter what they are. Consequently, teachers felt they had no authority to impose their views on the students—an idea which also fit well with the 1960s distrust of authority.

The second reason was the increasingly pluralistic nature of American society. If schools teach values, the question naturally arises: Whose values are to be taught? Lacking any agreed-upon concept of universal values, educators adopted the so-called "value-free" position: Teachers should not teach values at all, only facts. The fallacy of value-free education was that it denied the reality that values are inevitably taught, even if only by implication. The implicit values taught through non-directive education are moral relativism, irrelevance of virtue, absolute tolerance, and such.

A third issue that continues to bedevil moral education in America is confusion over whether teaching values is a subtle way of promoting religion, which is forbidden in government schools. Religion has traditionally been an important—but not the sole—foundation for morality and ethics. However, the fear of religion coming into the schools has had the negative effect of contributing to the neglect or outright rejection of any deliberate teaching of moral values.

Universal Values

Character education has as its basis values that can be universally agreed upon; ideals cherished by human beings in every culture and throughout history. An example of a universal value—one that appears in all the major ethical systems of the world—is the precept: "Treat others as you would have them treat you." Most people's common sense tells them that this is a reasonable and right way to behave. Other universally admired values and virtues are honesty, honor, respect and courage. There are many such virtues which no conscientious parent would object to having their child taught. Universal values integrate the best of East-

ern and Western traditions, spiritual and material values, as well as traditional and contemporary thought.

What are the criteria for determining if a value is universal? We can identify four. First, it brings objective benefits to the individual and society over the long term.

Second, it possesses universal validity. One test for universal validity is reversibility: If I do something to you, how would I feel if it were done to me? Respecting another person's property and not taking what does not belong to one meets this test. Another test for universal validity is generalizability: Would it be good if everyone did it? If everyone in the world had compassion, then surely this would be a better world! By passing such tests, a value can be recognized as having universal validity.

Third, a universal value is compelling to the conscience. It rings true to the intuition as well as to reason. Even schoolchildren understand values when they cry out for justice in the schoolyard: "He hit me first!" Instinctively, they know that the provocateur is considered the most guilty.

Finally, as mentioned above, a universal value transcends culture. Resonant with human nature, it has proven itself within diverse human societies. A heroic act of self-sacrifice, such as risking one's life to save a drowning child, is honored in the East and the West, in an industrialized society and an aboriginal tribe.

Recognition of the existence of universal values is the centerpiece of the contemporary character education movement. Answering the objections against moral education, the delineation of universal values permits an effective critique of relativism and opens the door for character education in the most pluralistic of societies. Moreover, these values are the basis for conducting moral education apart from religious scruples. ♦

Footnotes

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