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Dr. Kwak expressed deep emotion in this address given on June 6, 2006, the first day of the festival period preceding the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum Opening Ceremony

Honoring Their Sacrifice



We are holding this ceremony here today to formally open this period of celebration and festivities commemorating the recognition of True Parents and the coming of both the invisible true parent, God, and the visible True Parents into the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum. This is an event totally unprecedented in history. Here, in the presence of True Parents' precious children on earth as well as the True Family members in the spiritual world, led by the Commander in Chief of the Spirit World (Heung-jin nim), the five great religious founders and numerous saints and sages, I would first like to offer everlasting glory and praise to God and True Parents.

As I reflect on the fact that we are able to hold this ceremony here today thanks to the heart-filled efforts and investment of True Parents and members of the True Family in both the spiritual world and on earth, I would like to offer my most sincere and unending gratitude to Heung-jin nim, Dae-mo nim, Choong-mo nim and other members of the True Family. Following the example of our True Parents' incredible, devoted hearts and devoted effort toward God, Heung-jin nim, Dae-mo nim, Choong-mo nim and other precious elder brothers and sisters of the True Family in the spirit world have worked to set up Hoon-mo nim's position.

Despite the fact that we have fallen short of the standard in so many ways, and so often failed to fulfill our responsibilities, on the foundation of our humble efforts, they have worked to make this day possible.

Originally, True Father, who came as the returning Lord, was meant to be the Lord of Glory, and the King of Kings. He is, in the original sense, the one and only root of true love, true life and true lineage and the substance of these values. He comes as the absolute partner of God, who is in heaven... God, who completed His global preparations through one cultural sphere, separated this people and this nation, where True Parents were to be born, and raised the people and nation based on a pattern of goodness. Furthermore, God inspired revival within Korean Christianity, which had received, almost to an absolute degree, the influence of American missionaries, and in particular prepared many spiritualist groups. Finally, God prepared for a sovereign nation that centered on Christianity and God's will, setting up a Christian president for the first time in Korean history.

Within True Father's family as well, God prepared Father's great uncle¹ as not only a greatly admired exemplary citizen and a revered loyal patriot but also as someone highly revered as a Christian minister.

All these things testify to how precious a person True Father is, to the fact that he was destined to be the King of Kings, and that God's original plan was that he receive only glory and honor.

Nevertheless, the foundation collapsed because people did not fulfill their responsibilities in relation to True Father. When this carefully prepared foundation collapsed all of a sudden and in a single moment was reduced to zero, conditions for Satan to attack came about. Father then had no choice but to individually take up the horrifically arduous path of the wilderness course, starting from the very bottom of prison life, all the while with the threat of death staring him in the face.

Furthermore, because the life of the True Parent is not simply one individual's life or a personal matter, the people and the nation treating him in this way were unable to avoid facing tribulations.

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¹ A teacher turned Presbyterian minister, Moon Yoon-kook—Father's grandfather's youngest brother—was jailed for two years during the Japanese occupation of Korea for leading a rally for independence from Japan. Later, he convinced his elder brother to sell the family lands. He lied about losing the money from the sale in an investment; he had given it all to the Korean government-in-exile. Branded a fool by his family, he died alone. The details of his patriotism—for which the South Korean government later honored him—were learned only after his death.



Shin-won nim graduated on June 3 from the New York Military Academy, where the Cadet's Creed reads (in part) "I will always practice good citizenship and patriotism. I will work hard to improve my mind and strengthen my body. I will seek the mantle of leadership and stand prepared to 'Do what's right.'"



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The *Middle East Times*, a web site that is part of News World Communications family, is growing at an impressive rate. Readily available throughout the world via the internet, the *Times* allows us to keep abreast of developments in an area of the world that our movement has become so deeply involved in.

Dear Readers,
The Cheon Jeong Gung Museum, which has required tremendous effort to build in the relatively short period since the Korean government approved the building plans, was officially opened on the last of eight days of cultural and educational events, held from June 6 to 13. We are covering aspects of those events in this issue.

Cover Photo: True Parents singing at the banquet for the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum Opening on June 13.

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Declaration of the Establishment of Cheon Il Guk

Cheon Il Guk is the Ideal Heavenly Kingdom of Eternal Peace

June 13, 2006

Cheongpyeong, Korea



This is the entire speech Father gave at the opening of the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum. His extemporaneous comments, made in addition to the preprinted text, are in a lighter shade.

Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you. Today's speech is entitled "Cheon Il Guk is the Ideal Heavenly Kingdom of Eternal Peace." It has this title because it is connected to the world of happiness, the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven, in attendance of the God of glory, our Lord.

Highest leaders of all of the nations of the world, honored guests of Heaven who have gathered from every corner of the earth to celebrate this treasured historic and providential day, and people of the spiritual and physical worlds who are being reborn as citizens of Cheon Il Guk:

In the name of all humanity in the spirit world and physical world, numbering more than 300 billion, I offer boundless gratitude and glory to God, the Creator of all things, the eternal true parent of humankind and great king of heaven and earth. [Applause]

I ask you to raise your voices high in praise for the victory of the True Parents of heaven and earth, the King and Queen of Peace in heaven and on earth. They have personally completed the entire course of restoration through indemnity in order to save human beings, who, as descendants of the Fall, would otherwise be eternally destined to wander in evil and suffering, ever sliding down the path to hell.

You stand today in the venue of a tremendous event in the history of God's providence. This event is unprecedented and will never be repeated. It is the day when the King of Peace finally ascends in glory. Please recognize that, although they may not be visible to you, thousands and tens of thousands of

your good ancestors of blessed families have come here. They are above your heads now, joining with you in celebration of this awesome moment. All nature is rejoicing, and heaven and earth resound with choruses of *Hallelujah*.

If you truly understood the infinite value of this day, you would not be able to sit still. You would go throughout the world singing hymns of joy and dancing with elation. [Applause] Thank you.

The Coronation of the Kingship of God

Do you know the significance of January 13, 2001? It was the day of the Coronation of the Kingship of God. For countless years, Heaven had been waiting for that event in eager anticipation. It was the greatest and most exalted celebration humanity had ever witnessed. On that day Rev. Moon, who had received the anointing as the True Parent of all humanity and had traveled a path of indescribable suffering and pain until he gained the final victory, offered his entire foundation to Heaven.

For tens of thousands of years, God had endured an existence full of lamentation and grief, even as He conducted His providence with a parental heart. When that coronation ceremony was offered to Him, it marked the moment of His long-awaited liberation and release. On that providential day, we declared to all of heaven and earth that we would attend God as the vertical true parent and great king of the cosmos. We declared that we would unfurl and raise the banner of Cheon Il Guk, and that the new sovereignty of Heaven had begun.

For the next three years, the True Parents held firmly to the helm while the winds of heavenly fortune surged around us like a typhoon. We dashed forward as though each day were a thousand years. Then on the foundation of True Parents' victory, we declared May 5, 2004 *Ssang-hap Ship-seung Il*. On that



At the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum, flags (inset: FFWPU, True Parents; Cheon Il Guk, UPF) rose to strains of *Blessing of Glory*, the Cheon Il Guk anthem, on June 13, 2006, as a crowd of more than 5,000 joined True Parents for the Declaration of the Establishment of Cheon Il Guk

day, the True Parents brought to a close the time before the coming of heaven with its long years of grief, and opened the era after the coming of heaven, the new era when we can build a new heaven and a new earth. This marked the beginning of a great and historic revolution to return the Earth to God as a substantial reality.

Beloved citizens of Cheon Il Guk, today you are receiving amazing grace. You are participating in the acknowledgement of the substantial King and Queen of Peace in heaven and on earth, and you are being registered as citizens of Cheon Il Guk. Not only you, but also your ancestors by the tens of thousands will thank you throughout eternity for the grace they are receiving along with you today. [Applause] Thank you.

The Bible says “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.” (Mt. 6:33) Today you are witnessing the miracle of miracles—the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, the substantial sovereignty in the era after the coming of heaven. God truly works in mysterious ways. By the first day of the new millennium, God had already placed Cheon Il Guk on the horizon. Who could have imagined, though, that they would see the day when the King of Peace in Heaven and on Earth would ascend to his throne? We thought it was just a dream, but we are witnessing it in our lifetime.

The path of the people of Cheon Il Guk

Citizens of the kingdom of heaven, this is a precious and blessed day of victory and glory. Now, as the King of Peace in Heaven and on earth, I will declare, on this thirteenth day of June in the sixth year of Cheon Il Guk, the fundamental duties and mission that every citizen of Cheon Il Guk should under-

stand and live by as they walk the way of Heaven. [Applause]

First, as God is the vertical True Parent and you are true children of God, you will establish the realm of three generations in your family, perfect the Four Great Realms of Heart, and attend God on the vertical axis for eternity.

Further, you will inscribe on your heart the need to uphold the King of Peace in Heaven and on Earth, who is the horizontal True Parent, and to live with absolute obedience on the horizontal axis for eternity as a citizen of Cheon Il Guk. You will make living for the sake of others, which is the practice of true love, the standard of your life. You will establish a true family and raise true children who are sinless and pure, thus protecting God’s lineage and bequeathing it intact from generation to generation. [Applause]

Second, no matter what the situation, you will live with your mind and body united as one. In my case as well, from the day I first determined to follow Heaven’s path, I resolved to keep this as my motto: “Before you desire to have dominion over the universe, you must first have dominion over yourself.”

God has given you a conscience as a guide to accomplishing this objective. Your conscience knows everything about you. It has complete knowledge of every action and step you take; it even knows your thoughts. Your conscience knows all these things about you before your teacher or your pastor knows them. It knows them before your parents know them. It knows them even better than God knows them. So if you place your conscience in God’s position over your life, and go the way of absolute obedience, of “high-noon settlement,” it is certain that you will establish a realm of resonance between your mind and body and perfect their unity. [Applause]

World Peace through exchange marriage

Citizens of Cheon Il Guk, the unification of the spirit world has been completed. That means it is no longer the era of protection through grace and love but the time has come in which the world will be governed based upon the absolute goodness of God. That is not in the future, but in our everyday lives in the present.

The issue now is the 6.5 billion people living on earth in the physical body. They struggle in agony in the midst of sin and suffering, yet they are your brothers and sisters. Your third mission is to educate them and bring them home as people of Cheon Il Guk.

You should educate everyone to understand that all human beings without exception are descended from the Fall and must change their blood lineage through receiving the Holy Marriage Blessing from the True Parents. What I mean by this is that we have responsibility for the spirit world, this world, and our future descendants.

You must continue the work of engrafting people onto the true olive tree, by having them participate in the grace of "exchange" (cross-cultural) marriage, until the day when all humankind, numbering more than 300 billion souls, is restored to God's lineage. [Applause]

Fourth, you are created to spend ten months in your mother's womb, about one hundred years on earth breathing air, and then all eternity in the spirit world.

This was in the design of God, even before the Fall. It was created thus by the absolute and perfect being, therefore it is not something crudely put together like, for example, a children's toy. He created us perfectly, but we, His creation, fell because of Satan.

You should understand that, just as proper preparation in the womb is required for a healthy life after birth, you must devote your earthly life to preparing yourself for the next stage of life in the spirit world. You must know the spirit world.

Never forget that always and everywhere, and no matter what you are doing, your ancestors in the spirit world are with you. Be ever mindful to live in harmony with the spirit world. Communicate in prayer with the heavenly world with sincerity and dedication, so that you may become perfected in your spirit self while you are living on the earth. [Applause] If you understand, clap loudly, loudly! [Applause. Cheers] These are serious words.

Fifth, your talents and abilities are required for the management and governance of Cheon Il Guk. Now, therefore, cut away and cast off your mask of selfish individualism. It is but a remnant of the time before the coming of heaven.

I am referring to everything, ranging from this world to nations and families. They are of the bloodline of Satan, the defiled; they have nothing to do with the bloodline of God.

In order to belong to Heaven...

You are all creating an uproar to possess the right of ownership and do something for your nations, but therein lies the very problem.

...you must change ownership by participating in the ceremony to return ownership, offering everything you own to

God and then receiving it back from God. Otherwise you cannot belong to Heaven. Ask yourselves whether it is possible or not. You need to know that from yourself, to your parents, your grandparents, and, next, to your ancestors, to the progenitors of humanity, and even to God, none are in a good situation.

God did not become the owner of what is in His possession.

The fallen followers of Satan have claimed ownership over their nations, and created the ruling party and the opposition party. What is this two-party system? God does not desire it. Such are destined to ruin, to complete ruin! Just wait and see.

In addition, all citizens of Cheon Il Guk will provide funds for the well being and peace of humanity, not by taxation but by voluntary contributions. They will demonstrate the model of offering the first three tenths of their income for public purposes.

The perfection stage of donation is 34 percent. When you go beyond 34 percent, you enter the era of the direct dominion of God, but that summit cannot be crossed. When you look at the world today, you can see that it is nearing the end of its days. It is without an owner. Aren't your body and mind in conflict?



More than 5,000 people filled the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum plaza for the ceremony, but many times that number were watching from nearby

Aren't husbands and wives quarreling? Aren't parents fighting each other? Aren't siblings hitting each other? God cannot be found there. If you can't believe me, you may as well be dead.

Since I say such things, I've been opposed and persecuted, but all the organizations and nations that raised hands and flew banners to have me come to ruin have met their own before me. In such an environment, I am standing alone in the world. Even so, I am making the proclamation in the position of standing on top of the world, and no one has the strength to stand in my way.

Though I am standing alone here, I am not alone. The world does not know what I am doing. When this gathering is over you will return to your homes in your hometowns, but you cannot claim them as your homes! How can you claim them as yours, when God was unable to claim them as His before you? You will understand these words better after you have studied them.

This cannot be an imposed tax....

Right before coming onstage, Rev. Moon, who is standing in front of you, distributed all the money he had. If I had hoarded all the money that came to me, which would amount to a few billion dollars, I would have become a very wealthy man in Korea. Instead, I used it all for the world. Check for yourselves whether this is true or not.

...it has to be a gift that citizens offer willingly to Heaven with joyful hearts. Lies do not work. Ladies and gentlemen, isn't that so even in the Bible? Ananias and his wife came to Peter after having sold their property and hiding half of the proceeds. They asserted that the half they had was the total amount. Do you know that they died and were buried right there and then? Religious people claim themselves to be the owners representing the nation; these are serious words.

The lives of citizens of Cheon Il Guk

Sixth, beloved citizens of Cheon Il Guk...

Addressing you thus means that I will treat you as the citizens of Cheon Il Guk from this time on.

...in the era after the coming of heaven it is possible to recover



A plaque of appreciation is given to Heung-jin nim, represented by his wife Hoon-sook nim, and Dae-mo nim for their hard work and sincerity

the ideal world of envisaged at the Creation that was lost as a result of the Fall.

Since it was **the time before God created, the time He originally intended before the Fall, no one knows about it. The question is why He didn't teach it to Adam and Eve. He couldn't teach them. Since they had fallen under the ownership of Satan,** He could not teach those who belonged to Satan as He would teach those who belonged to Him. You need to realize that the position of the parent, the owner, is such a miserable and wretched one.

God created all the earth's creatures as our natural environment; they are absolutely needed for human prosperity. Human beings and nature are meant to share a realm of mutual resonance, with humans as the subject partners of love and nature as the object partner thriving under human stewardship and made still more beautiful by human creativity. We can no longer tolerate actions that destroy nature and pollute the environment.

As citizens of Cheon Il Guk, please have the wisdom to

protect and love nature. Return to nature and enjoy a life of liberation and complete freedom. Now that you know the Unification Principle, you cannot help but do so.

To love nature is to love God and humanity. When human life resonates with nature, human character can blossom in perfection. The flowers of a true culture of heart, a true artistic world, will bloom. It will be the Garden of Eden, the original ideal where human beings and all creation live in complete harmony and express their original nature. [Cheers. Applause] If you are not living in such a place, you will have no relationship with God.

If you practice such true love in your daily life, how can God do anything but bestow great blessings upon you?

Is Rev. Moon a blessed man, or a cursed man? If you live for the sake of others more than I have, a blessing greater than what was bestowed on me will be waiting for you.

And that blessing will not be a temporary one, but will last forever with your descendants for generations. And so that nation will not perish.

You will live for all eternity in blessing and happiness.

Republic of Korea, the white-clad race, the *Baedal* race, this race that has safeguarded the right of the first son, you must not come to ruin. You need to awaken, to give all your attention. [Applause]

There are people from all over the world gathered here, but from now on it is up to the *Baedal* race, for the word *Baedal* means to achieve and accomplish everything down to the last detail, doesn't it? The white in the phrase white-clad race symbolizes victory.

It is the lot of the nation having the right of the eldest son to love and serve its ancestors more than anyone. Even when the great uncle is alive, if his nephew is born as the eldest son, it is the task of that eldest son to perform the ancestral memorial rites and attend the ancestors. Do you know this, the tradition of the right of the eldest son? You may have been unaware of the fact that the will close to Heaven was hidden within it, but you need to realize that God has striven with this race embraced in His bosom.

Seventh... Blessed and precious people registered as the citizens of Cheon Il Guk! Those who are present here will be registered as the citizens of Cheon Il Guk. The Cheon Il Guk citizenship card—is there one here? Bring it here. Hwang Sun-jo, show it to everyone. There are many who have had the citizenship cards made and promised to register. The time had not come yet, but they will be used from now on.

If you possess this citizenship card, you can become a citizen of heaven who is completely liberated and freed, requiring no documents to go to other countries. Would you like to receive such a citizenship card? [Yes!] [Applause] Answering "Yes" is not enough. **No king of any nation in the world...not one person has yet received it. We will begin henceforth.**

It will begin with the establishment of the kingship of peace, which should have come about before 1945, when Korea was liberated. Sixty-one years have passed since that time, but it should have been established back then. If the United Kingdom, the United States, and France had attended me then, there would be no need to carry out all this. Why did the Unification Church suffer? It was because people did not know. Since they



At the beginning of the first of eight days of celebration, June 6, on a stage representing the Creation, a second-generation couple led the audience in reciting a pledge that was created by the Witnessing Department to be used only on that day. At the appropriate moments, the multitudes replied in Korean "I do swear." True Parents then took the paper containing the Cheon Il Guk Citizen's Pledge, attached it to balloons and released it to the heavens.

sinned out of ignorance, they cannot be judged.

Seventh... Blessed and precious people registered as the citizens of Cheon Il Guk! You need to be registered. The era after the coming of heaven that God and True Parents have begun is a time of dramatic change. You have the mission to make this era blossom and bear fruit in blessing and glory.

I hope you understand that it was the original God-given responsibility of unfallen Adam and Eve to receive the seed, plant it and tend it, so that it would bloom and bear fruit. They would then offer all the fruits they had harvested as belonging to God, after which their own right of ownership could begin. The history of the wrong bloodline should be reversed through religion.

It was because of Cain's murder of Abel that the history of bloodshed began. God intended to reclaim the younger brother, Abel, and carry out restoration through the religious realm. Satan began to sense that the will of God to reclaim everything would be successful, so to completely destroy that seed he had the one in the elder brother position shed the blood of the younger. He had Cain kill the Abel, to bring an end to everything.

Therefore, who was it that ruptured the very first fraternal relationship in Adam's family? It could not have happened if there were only God and no other. But since His enemy had come into existence, such a thing could indeed occur. Once we come to realize this pitiful and astounding truth, which we have no choice but to accept as an established and reasonable truth, it is up to us to bring the particulars of this matter to light.

The essence of Abel is stone dead; considering our ancestors

who are in the spirit world, how many decades or centuries will it take for it to be reborn? Because the foothold had not been established upon which God could triumph over Satan and the Cain world—the position wherein He could stand superior and in command over them—God had to wait until the present when I could discover this and rectify it. What religion or nation would be required by God who, in misery, has endured through such circumstances until now? In the Garden of Eden there was neither religion nor a nation.

Those who struggle over this will see when they die. What they have taught in their doctrines or scriptures—be it the philosophy of "me first" or the doctrines of heaven or liberation or whatever—are all false tenets. I have met with such people in person to advise them and led many of them to receive the blessing. Some of these were saints from past millennia. No one can enter the kingdom of heaven without receiving the blessing.

You need to know it as a rule that those who harbor enmity towards their lineage and siblings cannot enter the kingdom of God. If this were not the case, restoration could not take place. Because this is a serious matter, and because I know this reality only too well, I have carried out and fulfilled all my work based on an ideological system that is logical and undeniable to all and sundry in the practical realities of daily life, there is no one who can oppose this. All they can do is accept. That is your only means to live.

I am speaking of such subjective ideas to you in public, knowing that you will see them as reasonable, since I'm speaking of them in the name of the King of Peace. Do you understand? [Yes.] Those of you who will accept these words as such,

Cheon Il Guk Citizens' Pledge

We who have been called as the citizens of Cheon Il Guk offer our congratulations on the launch of the era of the kingdom of the peaceful, ideal world on the occasion of the opening ceremony of Cheon Jeong Gung Museum by God and True Parents and the recognition of the victorious King and Queen of Peace, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. We pledge to uphold the heavenly commands of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and to complete the ideal world in heaven and earth that God envisioned at the time of the Creation. To this end we pledge and swear:

- To lead a life that is vertically centered, on the basis of the unity of our mind and body, such that no shadow is cast, and to establish the qualification to become the eternal citizens of Cheon Il Guk.
- To inherit the tradition of true love through the practice of pure, chaste love, and to perfect the family ideal that will convey Heaven's marriage blessing to those around us.
- To create a community that inherits the heavenly tradition through the practice and settlement of a culture of true heart, and to establish the identity of the Cheon Il Guk people that can guide all clans and peoples.
- To create one sovereignty, one people, one territory and one culture centering on the victorious King and Queen of Peace, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and to build the kingdom of peace under the eternal reign of tranquility and prosperity.
- To bring an end to the era before heaven which has been rife with division and confrontation, and to open an era of one global family by becoming the vanguard that can protect the new order and peace in the era after the coming of heaven that God has ushered in.
- To perfect the unity of the spirit and flesh, thus to build a universal family encompassing heaven and earth, which is the ideal God had at the Creation, and to perfect the eternal ideal world of peace in heaven and on earth.

This I pledge and swear. This I pledge and swear. This I pledge and swear.

All Citizens of Cheon Il Guk —June 6, 2006

raise both your hands high up to the sky and make that vow before God. [Cheers. Applause]

Mother, say thank you. Thank you! If there were no True Parents, there could be no true love, and without True Parents, there can be no heaven. Since it is only True Parents who possess the key to liberating hell and bringing to settlement the evil world, I have endeavored to do so my whole life, and so have been cornered and hunted until now. Many elders and clergymen from other churches are present here today. Try praying with your life on the line, hovering between life and death, and see what answer you receive.

Significance of the inauguration of three groups

I will no longer stay still. I will begin everything here. Peace Kingdom Police! Raise your hands. [Yes!] Let me see your hands. Where are you? [Here we are.] Peace Kingdom Corps! Raise your hands. [Yes!] The Peace Kingdom Police, Peace Kingdom Corps, and the Peace Oversight Corps have been established. If members of the first two drink alcohol or do wicked deeds, the Oversight Corps—the women—will take care of them. Women are the mothers and the elder sisters.

Since it was the mother and elder sister who fell, I should therefore place the Oversight Corps in position, and this would prevent those from the Peace Kingdom Police and Peace Kingdom Corps from drinking alcohol and dancing. If there were anyone who damaged his family, he would be instantly taken care of! Since there are many beautiful women on the Oversight Corps, some may hold wrong ideas about them, but they stand in place of your mothers and elder sisters. The mother and the elder sister fell. Are you clear on that? [Yes.]

I failed to give a clear definition of what the Peace Kingdom Police, the Peace Kingdom Corps and the Oversight Corps are.

There were two very serious problems in Adam's family: first that the lineage was turned upside down, and second that the sons of the family, Cain and Abel, were raised wrongly, resulting in the one murdering the other.

How great it would have been if Eve had given birth to the eldest son of God! **How wonderful, if she had given birth to the sons and daughters of God!** The lineage would not have been defiled, and this perverse history, whereby heaven and earth were completely subverted with the elder son murdering the younger son, would not have come about. Do you understand, or not? [We understand.]

The opposition and persecution I have encountered in my lifetime is recorded. What should be done with this? **These records should all be committed to the flames. They should all be burned away.** I have served time in prison due to all the sins you have committed. In order to bless those even in hell, I searched for them and bestowed on them the blessing of liberation. I have blessed the saints and sages, and more than 300 billion people in total.

Would it do for the central figure who conducted the blessing of so many not to know how to forgive that sin? Therefore, by setting a simple condition, through this ceremony you can come forward as the people of the liberated nation on earth and in heaven. This path, by which you can be admitted, is worth more than all you can give, even if you were to sell your own lives, your nations, and everything in them.

Heaven and earth, and the boundless vastness of the kingdom of heaven were brought to ruin. You should realize this, and at the end of this period, after the seventh night has passed, you should leave this land with your minds made up, that you will take responsibility for it. Do you understand? Do you promise? [Yes.]...



On June 13, Father gave "Cheon Seong Gyeong" to representatives of Korean clans and representatives of each of our continental regions. Here father is giving the book to a clan leader and telling him to educate his tribe with what is in the book.

The era will pass in which the fallen people, who are currently prisoners behind bars, can cry out, "God, our savior, our beloved Father, our beloved savior, our beloved king, please show mercy and grace again by saving all these people who are in hell."

I, Rev. Moon, also no longer want to hear the screams of pain coming from hell. But, all the same, I should block them from reaching the ears of God. In this sense, we need the Peace Kingdom Police and Peace Kingdom Corps. **If they should perish, the nation will also perish, the families will perish, and that army itself will perish.**

To defend them, we need the Oversight Corps. They are to rectify, to correct, what has gone wrong. Don't we put things to right? The Oversight Corps is to right any wrongs. Is that clear? [Yes.] Raise your hands, those who are in the Oversight Corps. Where are you? [Here we are.] Why are you seated at the back? You should have sat in the front. [Laughter]

On behalf of the mother; repeat after me: On behalf of the mother! [On behalf of the mother!] It is on behalf of the elder sister. It was violated, sold away to the devil. Over what can those who have sold it away claim their right of possession? They are bound to disappear down to hell.

Know this clearly. [Yes.] When you die and pass into the spirit world, you will not be able to complain that I did not teach you clearly. Everything is bound to happen as I say. Let the sun shine down in this broad daylight, and let the fallen lineage of sin decaying at the roots be uprooted. Though there is a stem growing from it, and flowers blooming on it, they are all dead. You know what unfertilized eggs are, don't you? There are billions of them.

What is the opposite of unfertilized eggs? [Fertilized eggs.] About the unfertilized eggs, if it is the man who has the sperm, who is his opposite? Who is his partner? [The woman.] Woman! She was the chief instigator of the Fall. The Chinese characters for the word "woman" in Korean *yeoja* (女子) can be substituted with "yeo" (與) meaning "to give" and the character

"ja" (雌) meaning "female." The women should rectify their mind-sets and not think that they can do whatever they please.

The time has now come in which it would take less than five minutes to find out the truths of the furthest corners of the globe and even the wrongs people have committed in Washington D.C. in the United States. That is why you need to realize that the prerequisite conditions by which the world can become one are being developed first.

It would take me forever to speak on this topic. A good deal of time has passed as it is. If you think this is taking too long, and wish to leave, just leave. [Laughter] Would you like to stay for the conclusion with me, or leave? [To stay for the conclusion.] Should I conclude or not? [Please conclude.] So, let us conclude. Let us establish the peace kingdom of eternal peace and prosperity

Seventh.... Blessed and precious people registered as the citizens of Cheon Il Guk! The era after the coming of heaven that God and True Parents have begun is a time of dramatic change.

This is not a lie. Will you enter heaven, or not? [We will enter it.] The banner of religion cannot enter it. It is only the banner of True Parents that can, for with the advent of True Parents you can become the true family of true love and true life and will not need religion nor to labor assiduously to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. How pitiful are the Communists who don't know God?

You have the mission to make this era blossom and bear fruit in blessing and glory.

You should become women who can receive the fertilized ova, and what comes after that? What do we say about women? What do we say they have? [The ovum.] Yes, ova, so you know that. In regard to ova, have you received the fertilized ova of God, or of Jesus, church leaders, or true ancestors?

Do you know why the world is in such confusion? Though there may be many false things in this world, there is only one true thing among them. Pure gold is rated as 24-carat. There are other grades below that, such as 23, 22, 14, or 10-carat, but did you know that there is nothing higher than that, such as 25 or 26-carat? In order to become the one ovum, in order to receive the fertilized ovum, you need to form sibling relationships; otherwise you cannot come before God.

Weren't Adam and Eve siblings? These siblings were destined to grow up, become betrothed in love, grow to full maturity and marry. And then the process was to be repeated. The true sperm and the true ovum must become one. The convex and the concave should not be fitted together wrongly. There is only one way to avoid that. It is only on the wedding night that the ovum can meet the sperm. Once this goes amiss, and there are people who deny it, their ova will become defiled ova forever and will be not related in any way to Heaven. They will fall off and disappear in the end.

That is why people are the fallen descendants who do not



At the Dedication and Conferment of Cheon Il Guk Soil and Water, True Parents received soil and water from ten continental representatives, which they mixed all together in one large bowl. After mixing it with soil and water from the Cheongpyeong Holy Ground, (representing the creation of Heaven and Earth) True Parents redistributed it (as mud) to the ten continental representatives. At the same time, True Parents gave a rose (symbolizing man) and a lily (symbolizing woman) to them as the Conferment Ceremony of Cheon Il Guk Flowers, representing the 5th and 6th "days" of the Creation, on which God created animals and plants.

know the tradition of the fertilized ova. Would the fallen people, who do not know what the seed is that is to be planted in the deep, traditional valley of the ovum become owners? They could never become owners. Therefore the Messiah needs to come. The True Parent needs to come. The false parent must vanish. Do you understand? [Yes.] We really should conclude now.

You have the mission to make this era blossom and bear fruit in blessing and glory.

Your husbands and your wives **have this mission!** You cannot enter heaven if you have not received the blessing. It depends on your families. So what are we trying to do? We **have to make the UN into the UN we envision.**

Therefore, please become Heaven's emissaries, fulfilling the dual missions of the Peace Kingdom Police and the Peace Kingdom Corps. Serve humanity under the banner of the Universal Peace Federation, which is working to establish the position of the Abel-type United Nations.

The dual missions... I cannot explain about it now because there is no time. Later there will be the occasion to give instruction on this.

Worthy countrymen and women, if not you, then who, will nurture and protect the blessed families and this blessed planet Earth that God has given us?

Will you stand by in idleness and carelessness, and make way for Satan to create chaos once again? Now that you know that your **homelands are your own hometowns, you should defend them even at the risk of your lives. Taking possession of the fallen world, and shedding blood, you will have to retrace the path of the history of wars that brought about in turn the history of development. Your brothers and sisters and your descendants will again have to shed blood. In order for them**

not to do so, they and you will have to know about all this, for when you are in ignorance you are bound for hell, and will end up at the tribunal of Heaven! Because I am concerned about this, I am doing you this discourtesy of making you sit out in the sun despite the heat. I am doing so, because all has been forgiven.

Please become true princes and princesses who live in attendance to God as your true parent, for He is the peace king of the multitudes. Let us build the everlasting peace kingdom by attending the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and on Earth and fulfilling the dutiful family way of filial sons and daughters, patriots, saints and divine sons or daughters.

Beloved people of Cheon Il Guk, I hope that you truly will celebrate and enjoy this precious and holy day.

Jesus will not come on the clouds. That is illogical; don't believe it. It was prophesied so because people did not know about God, and He had to expand His territory.

Brush off all your cares and worries and celebrate this day in joy while attending your Heavenly Father and True Parents with all your heart.

Applause! [Cheers. Applause] You are not applauding me. I am applauding you.

The sincerity and dedication expressed by each of you brings even more glory to this day. The beautiful mountains, streams, trees, and flowers here in the vicinity of Cheongpyeong Lake are showering their blessings upon you as you prepare to embark on your ambitious journeys. Your descendants, too, will take pride that you participated in this long-awaited day, and they will honor and praise you forever.

I pray that the abundant grace and blessings of God in heaven may be upon you and your families. Thank you.◆

The Mission of the Clan-level Messiah in the Revolutionary Era After the Coming of Heaven

True Father's speech at the Banquet for the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum Opening Ceremony on June 13, which he had also given on June 1 at the Rally of the Federation of the Unified Clans to Save the Homeland of Universal Peace

Distinguished representative leaders of the Association of Unified Korean Clans; ladies and gentlemen: Thank you for honoring us with your presence today. With the powerful proclamation of the new millennium still ringing in our ears, this day marks the beginning of the second year since the declaration of the opening of the revolutionary time after the coming of heaven. This declaration instilled a promise of new hope for a new future in the hearts of the 6.5 billion people of the world. The hectic period of the construction of God's kingdom of Cheon Il Guk, when a day feels like a thousand years and a thousand years feels like a day, is continuing.

As we usher in this precious and providentially significant time, I would like to take this opportunity to convey to you a special message from Heaven regarding your mission in light of God's calling to Koreans and your standing as leaders representing the Association of Unified Korean Clans. The mission of the clan messiah in the revolutionary time after the coming of heaven is the topic of my speech today.

The hope of humanity

Ladies and gentlemen, if there were a dream common to all people regardless of their sex, age, time or place, what would it be? One and all have long yearned and waited for the realization of the ideal of world peace. However, everlasting peace in which Heaven could take delight has never once been achieved in human history. That this has been a constant is the source of our historical sorrow and anguish.

What went wrong? What brought about such a reality? Humankind descended into ignorance of the objective God had for His creation. Perfection cannot be found in ignorance, even if one waits for ten thousand years.

How did human beings, created as the children of the omnipotent and omnipresent God, come to descend into such a state of total ignorance? The first ancestors, Adam and Eve, followed the false parent, Satan, along the path of the Fall. Indeed, this is the first tragedy and the most mortifying and lamentable shame in human history.

God cannot forsake human beings. They were created as His children and absolute counterparts in true love within His grand ideal of creation. Thus, He has borne the long years of history with a heart full of bitter pain and anguished grief. He is the eternal true parent of humanity who has persevered through a situation of imprisonment in the shadows of history.

No one has known this reality.

Limitations of human effort alone in pursuing peace throughout history, humankind has continually inched toward peace on the basis of human effort. The confrontation between democracy and communism is a prime example of this. The core difference between the two is the extent to which individual rights and freedoms are recognized and ensured. Communism and democracy are like children who lost their parents. The two divided into the positions of Cain and Abel respectively and were entrapped in the fetters of fraternal conflict.

Human beings without exception are the children of Satan, born inheriting Satan's lineage. Consider yourself for a moment. In every moment and every affair of daily life, good and evil are fighting within you to gain the upper hand, aren't they? Peace movements have always encountered limitations and failure throughout history, because they are carried out by imperfect human beings. This is the reason that the United Nations (UN), launched with a splendid dream of realizing world peace, today has to confront its innate limitations and confess that it can no longer give hope to humanity. Simply put, the UN was launched during the era prior to the time in which Heaven could be directly involved with the unfolding of history in God's providence.

Ladies and gentlemen, by virtue of Reverend Moon's devotion of eighty some years of his life to the path of Heaven, the times have changed. On this foundation of victory, the revolutionary time after the coming of heaven has been proclaimed. We are now living in the age of heavenly fortune, wherein all people can be liberated and delivered from the quagmire of sin. It is the era in which the world of freedom and happiness, the ideal world as originally intended at the time of the Creation, can be established.

There are several clear reasons why Heaven designated the person standing before you, Reverend Moon, as the True Parent of humankind and thereby opened up a new era. First, it was on the foundation of my having successfully put a lifestyle of living for the sake of others into practice. That is, I applied the values of a life of true love, emerged triumphant, and imputed that triumph to humanity. All human beings are born to live for the sake of others. However, because of ignorance resulting from the Fall, people practice the complete opposite, selfish individualism. I have revealed this secret of Heaven and imparted that knowledge to humankind for the



first time in history. **God is more than aware of the path my life has taken, through thick and thin.**

Second, I have dedicated my life to overcoming all obstacles and laying a foundation of victory. Through the education provided by the actual practice of true love, I have fulfilled all conditions necessary for the recovery and establishment of a parent-child relationship between God and humankind. I have opened the way for human beings, who became the children of Satan, the adulterer and enemy of love—and who have lived as slaves of false love, false life and false lineage—to be reborn into the true lineage of God, the source of true love. In other words, I have opened wide the path for people to reach full spiritual maturity as individuals and the path to the establishment of true families, true clans, true peoples, true nations, and a true world, through lives of true love.

What human beings are to inherit

Ladies and gentlemen, as we make our way in the world, we find that many connections and relationships inevitably influence our lives. Most of these connections come about through our own choices, of our own accord even while they are formed of necessity due to the environment or the conditions in which we find ourselves. These connections are human-based relationships that can be changed or erased whenever we like through human effort.

On the other hand, heavenly relationships bequeathed to us from the moment of birth by God lie outside the realm of choice since they are connections of blood. Even though you may dislike your parents or siblings, for example, you cannot change them by choice or vote them out of office, because they

are connected to you through ties of blood. Once you are born into the family with the surname Kim, you have to live forever as part of the lineage of the Kim family.

What is the reason humankind has still yet to escape from the snare of sin? It is because people are born inheriting the false lineage of Satan from the outset. However, this is not an innate, principle-based blood connection bestowed by Heaven in accordance with the providential will and purpose, but an acquired relationship going against the principle. It was brought about by human error.

In other words, though we have been reduced to the position of orphans who have lost their parents through the Fall, the fundamental parent-child relationship endowed by Heaven remains intact. Human beings have become ignorant beings in a vegetative-like state through the Fall and so cannot recognize their own Parent even though He is right there in and beside them.

Therefore, all human beings belong to the fallen lineage regardless of who they may be, and they must without exception be born again through the conversion of lineage. This is the only way to be restored into the originally-intended blood relationship bequeathed to us by God.

The value of the exchange marriage blessing

Furthermore, the best way to restore humanity to the position of the children of God through conversion of lineage is the inter-cultural “exchange” marriage blessing. It is the greatest of moral acts, creating the Heavenly lineage on an entirely new level, transcending the walls of race, culture, nationality and religion. It is an act that severs all links of enmity. It is the



True Parents bestow the flags of the Peace Kingdom Corps, Peace Kingdom Police and the Peace Oversight Corps to the presidents of the respective organizations at their Inauguration; the ceremony took place on June 12 on a stage erected in the plaza near the Tree of Love.

sacred ritual of the conversion of lineage, through which all can be re-created through the True Parents, the King and Queen of Peace, the substantial manifestation of God who enable Him to exercise His providence in the present world.

Beloved representative leaders of the Association of Unified Korean Clans: **Ponder this in yourself quietly. Is there any other way to deliver this world from the war and conflict we see around us? Is there a way that would be more certain than by becoming one big family, where there is no hatred between family members, through exchange marriage between enemy clans, or, even going a step further, between enemy nations?**

As the representative leaders of clans representing hundreds of thousands, or even millions, you each stand in the position of a "clan messiah." **Your ancestors going back tens and hundreds of generations have been mobilized to watch your every move. Hence, your mission has now been made as plain as plain can be. Primarily, you will need to make it known to every member of your clan that the revolutionary time after the coming of heaven, that is, the era for the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, has now arrived. It means that you have the responsibility to educate them about the providence God is carrying out on a worldwide level in this era, centering on True Parents.**

You will need to teach them without fail that **the exchange marriage blessing is the ultimate means to the realization of a peaceful, ideal world here on earth, so that your families and clans can all join the holy ranks of those blessed through the inter-cultural marriage.**

Ladies and gentlemen, **it is truly regrettable that you cannot sense with your own eyes this precious revolutionary time after the coming of heaven, never before seen and never to be repeated. The reason for this is that you are relying only on your five physical senses. It is my heartfelt hope that you will open your five spiritual senses as quickly as possible, so that you may definitely perceive how the providence of Heaven**

is unfolding in this era. **There is one thing you need to know for sure, however. Because of the providential time, this era of heavenly fortune, which you have received without giving anything for it on your part, will not wait for you infinitely.**

Now the time has come for you to unite into one as the representatives of the Association of Unified Korean Clans who have preserved the spirit of the Korean people and the pride of the "white-clad race." **There is no time to waste. What does it matter whether your name is Kim or Pak? What reason is there for the Gyeongsang Province and the Jeolla Province not to unite in harmony? The pro-Seoul Korean Residents' Union in Japan and the pro-Pyeongyang General Association of Korean Residents in Japan each have their roots in the same Korean Peninsula. How about South and North Korea? Aren't their people all brothers and sisters, sharing a common lineage? At this time, we should bear in mind that we are the descendants of the white-clad race and the kinsfolk of a people called, selected and established by God in this era.**

Our ultimate purpose is to find and establish the nation and the will while serving God as the center. **What nation would be the nation? It refers to the peaceful, ideal kingdom, similar in form to a true family with three generations living together in harmony, trusting, respecting and supporting one another and becoming one in love. In short, the nation is the nation where God is sovereign.**

Then what is meant by the will? **It signifies the heavenly way and heavenly rule. The command has been given to us on earth to judge, with the heavenly authority of true love, this evil world that suffers under scheming, treacherous regimes and to establish the ideal, peaceful, truly loving world, a liberated, free world, based on justice and truth. After all, humanity is meant to become one family. The striking advance of modern science is contributing a great deal to making this world one global village and family. The beautiful, peaceful, ideal kingdom, wherein whites and blacks, and Asians and**



The simultaneous lighting of a dish, not unlike the Olympic torch, with sacred fire represents the first stage of the creation of a new heaven and new earth. Torches were initially ignited at four Korean holy grounds during June 1 to June 4 and the flames carried by lantern to Cheongpyeong. (These holy grounds were those at Mt. Mani in Incheon, the previous Korea Headquarter in Seoul, Beomnetgol in Busan [lower photo], and Mt. Bonghwa in Yeosu.) Four representative runners from each holy ground carried the flames from the main gate of Cheon Jeong Gung Museum and gave it to four representatives, from Korea, Japan, America, and Europe and they passed them on to Hyo-jin nim, Hyun-jin nim, Kook-jin nim and Sun-jin nim on stage who lit one torch held by Father and one held by Mother. Father and Mother walked across the stage, torches held high in the air, and lit fuel in a raised container, flame shot off above the audience and lit a single large bowl-like torch. The torch burned throughout the eight-day period. It was extinguished at the conclusion of the ceremonies on June 13.

Westerners, come together in harmony as one great family will be established on earth.

The advent of the Universal Peace Federation

In this transition, the Universal Peace Federation and the Mongolian People's Federation, which I have founded, will play important roles. The Universal Peace Federation will now stand in the Abel position to the existing UN. It will not pursue the self-interest of any one people or national self-interests as the member nations of the UN have. Instead, it will carry out a sublime revolution for the welfare of humanity and peace on a pan-global and universal level. Rather than the UN clinging to external and perfunctory relief aid, it will fulfill the messianic mission, which is genuinely beneficial to humankind on a more fundamental and substantial level.

With this purpose in mind, on October 20 last year, while in the Ukraine during my world speaking tour propagating the inaugural message of the Universal Peace Federation in 120 nations, I proclaimed before the world the inauguration of the World Peace Kingdom Police and World Peace Kingdom Corps. These two organizations will play the same role as the red blood cells and white blood cells in our bodies. In all corners of the world they will protect blessed families who have made a new beginning by engrafting to the lineage of Heaven. They will also fulfill their duties as sentinels of this beautiful world, for which we must be grateful, this Garden of Eden given us by God, by defending, protecting, and cultivating it.

The Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace

Ladies and gentlemen, the Mongolian race, making up 74 percent of the world's population, is the largest racial group in the world. We should muster all five billion of them and generate a climate of true love on this planet. You and I were born on the Korean Peninsula; we

share the same cultural background. You should therefore become the peace ambassadors and special envoys of Heaven, conveying my teachings and educating others in how to establish exemplary families through true love, true life and true lineage.

The Mongolian birthmark is not merely a physical mark of the Mongolian race. It is without doubt the mark given by Heaven long ago to function as the sign by which True Parents would rouse and unite all humanity with the arrival of the revolutionary time after the coming of heaven. Furthermore, the Korean race, standing at the center of the Mongolian peoples, should be in the forefront of the 6.5 billion people of the world, fulfilling its mission of representing True Parents.

You should join the proud ranks of the Peace Kingdom Police and Peace Kingdom Corps in obedience to the lofty aims of the Universal Peace Federation, for the sake of God and for humanity. People having one of the more than 280 surnames in Korea should unite, regardless of their surname or clan affiliations, and establish a shared prestige as the race chosen by God in this era. Please bear in mind that this is the God-given mission that you, as the leaders representing the clans of the Korean people, the Korean race, have been given.

Please do not forget that the building of the ideal, peaceful world, which God envisaged at the time of the Creation, and that He desired when He created humankind, is now being realized right before your eyes. If this is not a miracle, what is? All over the world, the couples blessed in the exchange marriages are putting down roots of the true love of Heaven. The new heavenly lineage is bearing fruit. The day draws near when the beautiful earth will become the original Garden of Eden, where we will enjoy lasting peace and happiness and for innumerable generations our descendants will shout "Hallelujah! for Cheon Il Guk"

May the great blessings and grace of God be with you, your clans, and the Korean people. Thank you. ♦



Hyo-jin Moon Speaks at Cheongpyeong

June 7, 2006

Hyo-jin nim spoke to the assembled international members in the main hall of the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center on June 7, during the period of festivities that preceded the opening of the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum. (On three subsequent days, three more of True Parents' sons shared their hearts from the podium.) Excerpts from his speech, translated from the Korean, are presented below.

It's been a long time. Hasn't it been about ten years? Nice to meet you all. Thank you for welcoming me so heartily to this joyous occasion. Originally I had not intended to give a speech, but I will do so because I thought it would bring some joy to True Parents.

You don't like to listen to long speeches, do you? We know the Unification Church for its long speeches, so I'll only venture to say a few pleasant words.

When you think about True Parents, you can think of them in your mind as true owners of love....

In defining the concept of love in the Unification Church, we say that the family of True Parents is the textbook, the example and the model. But every model should, in the end, be interpreted with a certain intention, be put in order, and be conveyed to others.

I believe that the foundation will be laid upon which the education we are integrating can be carried out. Therefore, if such an occasion is to arise, the many enterprises carried out by True Parents should become a source of enlightenment transcending religion with regard to the path humankind should follow—even to those who lack faith. For this purpose, True Parents have sacrificed and dedicated their whole lives to the path of the providence, and suffered through life to clarify the various unanswered mysteries and the objectives of God's will, as you know very well.

And finally, it has been put in order in the following way: it is eternal love, which includes lineage, life, faith and belief, and that is where the multiplication of people takes place. You are gathered here at this training center, which in the old days was

a makeshift hut; at that time members used to fish here with Father. On this occasion, to facilitate the education that you and I, that all of us require, and to establish a relationship with God, these palatial buildings were built.

The fact that we have such a foundation, upon which such works can be achieved, reflects that True Parents have worked hard to establish it, to lay down their foundation, and to bestow their words on us. Because they have bestowed on you the words that you can follow as life-giving words, and because they have laid such a foundation, you are now able to become the beacon-bearers. You should never become arrogant or satisfied with yourselves, for it would mean the same as self-abandonment on your part. It is the same as suicide.

This is what I am most worried about. I've seen all kinds of people and things. In the future, education needs to be carried out, and carried out well at that. Wouldn't that education last forever? That is the true love of God, the omniscient and omnipotent God.

Think about it, about Him, who created beings from the dark-like nothingness, who created love from His position in that place of complete blackness, and about all beings in the universe, heaven and earth, from the smallest being to the great universe itself. And what that omniscient and omnipotent God, with such power to create, desired was simply love. That shows how tremendous the concept of love is.

It is very difficult for someone to do something or other on his or her own. Think about it. The fact that God could imagine such beings from within a situation of total darkness and create them, and yearn for them absolutely forever, is truly amazing. It is hard enough for someone to study by himself obstinately so as to achieve some small feat; how much harder, then, would it be for God, whose ultimate purpose is to see the ideal of love realized?

It is because of the light of that love that we can have reflections and shadows. Ponder that open-heartedly....

When you look closely at all things, with their life elements, starting from the most basic level that explains such a love up to the so-called physical level—and even down to the physical phenomena that are requisite for our survival—we always find at the fundamental level that each and every element holds value from displaying to us how love can be stimulated and recognized. For example, everything, from sounds and light to electromagnetism, has wavelengths.... The question is what

should all such things that can engage in give and take actually give and take; everything that possesses life elements, and that is designed to have give and take, can take the form of a wave. As we study these, what is it that we can ultimately learn? Such things were prepared for us by God.

Even in life itself, there is rhythm—like waves. We can know our limits and know ourselves. And since it is only when we know them that we can expand, we come to research and study them. We cannot be arrogant. The more we do so, the more we cannot but abandon selfish desire. Why? It is because we have a conscience.

The molecular world of physics alone will show that, based on the neutron, the one center that acts as the intermediary, the protons and electrons work together to achieve a certain form. It is only natural. When it comes to love, between a man and woman there is a fundamental central concept that governs the union. And they will split up in the end if they fail to recognize it.

From the perspective of the man and the woman, what is most important, and what they both desire, is their union. Though they may be completely different from each other, so much that they are at extremes, they have a common desire, which is their union. They desire to come together; only then can they have children.

Such a joining together, a mutual unification, is what we need to analyze properly. As we live our lives in our own ways, what determines whether one is intelligent or not is the quality and speed by which we live within the dimensions of space and time. These qualities are unnecessary in the world of eternity. It is because of space-time limitations that we confront our own problems.

If we only knew naturally and properly the most fundamental elements necessary to life—those about which we can be certain—I believe we would be able to solve by ourselves the problems that surround us. You would have no reason to depend on others all your lives, and could be independent. That is our desire. To ask honestly, what is the purpose of education? Is it in order that you just follow others all your lives? Of course not. In this regard, we need to make our own effort.

How long can one live? Frankly, you may die violently, through illness, or in an accident, not to mention through natural causes. Life is absolute, even after death. Because it is absolute, its beginning and ending are also absolutes. We struggle through the middle part of it, some to live and others to die, but the time you spend on earth is only for you to truly come to know where you belong.

On some level, we will have to compete with others, for ours is also a religion. There are still many religions in the world. The number of people of faith surpass that of our members. There are other believers plainly to be seen. It cannot be achieved in a short while. It will take at least ten times that duration at least. That is only too true. You need to know your situation.

From some viewpoints, it may look like I have learned many reckless things; whether one has original sin or not, people can learn both right and wrong, goodness and evil. That is an important point. There are some who veil their reckless actions with nice-sounding words. If you have done wrong, openly admit that you have done wrong. That is much better than hiding it.

In your minds, would you prefer that the private wealth of those in church-related offices be the

greatest or the least? No need to answer twice about that, is there? If there are holding positions in church offices who have amassed substantial private assets, they should dispose of them of their own volition.

If you set out to do something, you should do it well, otherwise, don't start at all. That goes for me as well.

I will say what I want to say. And I'm being frank here, because in my own way I hope my words will be of service to you. I'm not a good speaker, since it takes practice to become one. In the end, we all need to love more.

Between the two, of giving when you have a lot to give and giving when you have nothing, which do you think is closer to the act of loving, of true love? How about the person who can love others that are trying to kill him? Isn't that why Jesus is respected by so many? How difficult is it to give love when you are living in abundance? Everything down to the fundamentals of love is like that. It is about living for the sake of others, not for oneself. There are some who rationalize to themselves in this manner, that they will help others when they have a lot to give. Since they cannot trust others, they allow themselves this privilege, to first become well off and then to help others. That should not be the way; such a plan will not last long. It may be possible to do so at present, but those who are exercising that privilege will find that they will not be able to carry on doing so for long after True Parents are gone. It is absolutely impossible. If you really want to attain Father's position, you have to undergo hardships to the point of death. That is a feat that no one else but a crazy person can carry out. It entails suffering throughout your life. To speak frankly, it is not my desire to live like that. Whoever wants to do so is welcome to try.

I, too, have taken responsibility for the wrongs I have done in the best way I could. At one time, to be honest, I lost my faith. Everything was bothersome, I could see nothing. What could I do when I couldn't like it? What on earth could I do to stop being my Father's son? It was hopeless, I was asking for death. I heard

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"Jesus rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. He poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded." (Jn 13: 4-5) On June 10, Hyung-jin nim washes the feet of two participants in the eight-day workshop that culminated in the January 13th events, as other members record the moment on film at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center; after washing their feet, he embraced them.



TRUE FATHERS ON THE EARTH



Thank you, thank you. Thank you very much. I believe that the fruits of our having gone through so many hardships while maintaining our sincerity and good heart has resulted in this providential day of liberation from bitter sorrow. Our members have become one in heart and Heaven has become one with that union, allowing us to offer this day, thanks to the environment created by today's ceremonies.

Our devotion and all the accomplishments that have emerged through Heaven touching us and our moving in alignment with Heaven, and all the people on earth being eternally in a position to relate to the heavenly nation, should be centered not on the spirit world but on the earth. The blessing began from the True Parents on earth and has expanded to heaven. Therefore, in uniting the spiritual and physical worlds, you—in the position of the ancestors—should take the lead, standing at the forefront, ahead of your ancestors and the spirits in

the spirit world, to set the example. You must be aware that this must be done not from the spirit world but from earth.

Therefore, let us clear away the sinful world of the era before the coming of heaven, and let the brilliant sunlight of the era after the coming of heaven shine, with the approval of Heaven, to the ends of the eternal earth and heaven.

It is the earth, not the spirit world, that is centered on Heaven. On earth, your families must become the center of this task, and before the nation does, you must supply the light of heaven and earth eternally, as if it were the perfume of love. This day of commemoration allows us to further enhance our sincerity and devotion in our efforts to allow this light of love from Heaven to shine forevermore. With this in mind, let us further strengthen the oneness of our hearts and our renewed sense of determination, and take this time to once again fortify our resolve and pledge. This we fervently hope and pray together, in unity with True Parents.◆

THE TRUTH'S SPEECH AND PRAYER

THE EVENING OF JUNE 6, IN FRONT OF THE CHEON JEONG GUNG MUSEUM



Beloved Heavenly Father, those who are here are fully aware of the historical facts that have led them to this place. With these people in Your embrace, the incorporeal Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who have raised them until today, have become one in heart. The era before the coming of heaven and the time after the coming of heaven have been divided; the era during which Heaven felt sorrow has been sent away, along with the world before the coming of heaven.

God, the eternal, invisible true parent and the True Parents in substance have become one in order to establish the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who become the center of the corporeal world, and in order to carry out the opening ceremony. Your purpose for creating was to have Yourself positioned at the center of the physical world, but as You are an incorporeal God this was not possible. Therefore, to assume physical form, Your desire and ideal in creating Eden was to take on the body of Adam and Eve and be one with their minds. The core of this desire has encompassed the heavenly world and physical world.

As an incorporeal, harmonious being, You divided Yourself into Adam and Eve. You were to dwell in their physical bodies and create a world of harmony that established the unity of heart, body and core of the incorporeal parent, in the position of the mind, and the corporeal, physical parents, in the position of the body.

On this foundation, You have allowed this occasion for this opening ceremony to completely establish and launch that world. Based on Your hardships, everything belonging to the ideal envisaged at the Creation is being acquired and returned to You. At the time of this opening ceremony, let everything that Satan had occupied be driven away in the name of the True Parents, the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, centering on the Unification Church. On this newly made foundation, let us inherit in our mind what Adam and Eve failed to experience in Eden, everything in that world that they could not live in and the source of that ideal heaven and earth that God had prepared at the time of the Creation.

Serving and attending the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind on earth is indeed what we have done. Yet, let us not forget that we still have to follow a path of fulfilling the way of loyalty that has been further expanded in terms of sincerity and devotion in attending God, the incorporeal, vertical true parent. The mind-body, husband-wife, parent-child relationships have

been divided centering on pure love and the pure lineage. All the relationships between couples, among children and the families of siblings within each clan have been divided and splintered into pieces. To re-create all this, God has brought order to the spiritual world, while the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who are the parents of substance, have brought order to the physical world. Along with these efforts, they have completely wiped out all traces of Satan and have united in mind and body, centering on Your absolute love as if the Fall had never occurred in Eden.

They now stand in a position of having recovered the standard for the way of the family blessing. They are now bringing back unity to the mind and body whose division is left in the world of the satanic lineage, in which Adam and Eve's lineage was unknowingly surrendered to Satan. The parent is bringing harmony and unity to the division between couples, within the family and among all tribes, to consolidate the foundation for true love, true life and true lineage, centering on true love as if the Fall had never occurred—as if Adam had never fallen.

This opening ceremony is to firmly establish that foundation and is being held with the coronation to complete the work of re-creation. We have now entered that era where these events can be established.

With Your all-encompassing, absolute authority and ability, let the sorrow of the days gone by be erased, Father. Let the heavenly world and physical world that remain become one and let us become the children of loyalty and piety that can take part in reorganizing and fulfilling the way of loyalty and piety toward a unified nation and world that begins from the blessing of the perfected original family that knows not the Fall.

These blessed families have gathered here today and stand in a position of complete oneness in heart, body, mindset and central core with the True Parents, centering on the opening ceremony. With this declaration and from the summit of the complete, unified cosmos built on the unity of mind with body, let ideal families be organized in a way that allows them to serve You and sing in praise of Your glory. Let Your all-encompassing, complete and absolute authority be freely exercised from the individual to the ends of the cosmos and further to the cosmos that is to be re-created from now. I pray that You will become the king of glory and love, the master of this eternal reign of peace. This I fervently pray, report, declare and proclaim. Amen, Amen!—All together!—Amen! ♦



A Mother's Embrace for Brother's in Conflict

When Koreans speak about difficulties in their relations with Japan, they sometimes hark back to Hideyoshi Toyotomi's devastating invasion of their country in 1592. At the time of the invasion, Hideyoshi was based in Osaka, where he ruled a unified Japan from a castle, the main building of which had taken sixty-thousand laborers a year and half to build. Today, the largest concentration of Korean residents in Japan lives in Osaka, where a smaller, reconstructed version of the castle keep is as visible a part of the Osaka skyline as any of the city's modern office buildings.

Many of Osaka's 180,000 Korean residents live in the borough of Ikuno in the vicinity of the Tsuruhashi train station. Around the station is a bustling market that was born out of the poverty that followed the Second World War. As a man who came to Osaka from an island off the southwest coast of South Korea in 1933 told the *Yomiuri Daily News*, "The post-war years were a time when we had nothing, so we had to sell everything we could."

Feuding siblings

As our readers are probably aware, there are two groups that represent those Koreans living in Japan that have not been assimilated as Japanese citizens. They are the pro-South Korean *Mindan* (Korean Residents' Union in Japan), which was formed on October 3, 1946 and the pro-North Korean *Chongryun*¹ (General Association of Korean Residents in Japan), which was formed on May 25, 1955. Though on the surface these might appear as little more than ethnic organizations, or even social clubs, the circumstances are quite a bit more complex than they at first appear.

In relation to a peace treaty that Japan signed with the United States and the Allied Powers on September 8, 1951, Japan simultaneously formally freed all those Koreans who had been under her dominion during the occupation period and stripped of their Japanese citizenship all those Koreans who had decided to continue living in Japan after World War II.

This has left Koreans living in Japan in a very peculiar situation. In addition to being ethnic organizations concerned with safeguarding human rights and passing on Korean culture, particularly to children born in Japan, Chongryun and Mindan act as quasi-government representatives. Choosing to become a member of one organization or the other means opting for citizenship of either North or South Korea. Conceivably, a child could be born into a Korean family that has resided in Japan for three or four generations but be a citizen of a country that neither the person's parents nor grandparents have even visited. From the age of sixteen, the child would be required to carry a Japanese government issued identity card that officially listed the nationality of the holder as either *Chosen* (North Korean) or *Kankoku* (South Korean).

Though the leaders of these organizations are not ambassadors sent to Japan from the Koreas, as recently as 2003, in an election of the Korean People's Assembly, at least six members of Chongryun were allotted parliamentary seats. These five men and a woman reside in Japan but are North Korean government officials. In practical terms, this suggests that little is done by the leadership of Chongryun without North Korean government knowledge and approval. Mindan was accepted as an official organization of the South Korean government in October 1948.

True Father has long spoken of the importance of these groups as a microcosm of his divided homeland and has directed outreach activities focused on uniting them. In July 2004, the Federation for Peace and Unification was formed as a body into which the two groups can find harmony and unity. Their activities have included rallies in Seoul at which True Father spoke to people invited from both sides of the divide and seminars for Japanese woman leaders in Seoul that mirror the seminars that have been held in Tokyo for important South Koreans.

¹ This is often abbreviated to "*Chongryun*" in Korean. In Japanese, the Chinese characters that form this organization's name are pronounced "*Chosen Soren*," which is often abbreviated to "*Chosoren*." "*Mindan*" is the same in either Korean or Japanese.

As we have reported in earlier issues a growing number of those woman leaders from Japan are coming from among the ranks of the leadership within the Korean-Japanese community.

A house of harmony

On the occasion of True Mother's speech at the Osaka Hyatt Regency Hotel on May 17, the guest list reflected that Koreans had come out in large numbers to welcome her. Many of them listed their affiliation with Mindan or Chongryun, which have had a fifty-year history of confrontation and mutual disdain.

On that day, as the reflections below show, the people of Mindan and the people of Chongryun came together, harmonized by the love and truth that flow from the True Parents. That unity flowed from Osaka throughout the Japanese isles. On the same day that Mother was in Osaka speaking to many of the leadership of Mindan and Chongryun, for the first time ever, the current leaders of the two organizations met in the Chongryun headquarters in Tokyo and signed a treaty of reconciliation and peace.



the warm consideration they have shown us Korean-Japanese through the Federation for Peace and Unification. It is a great honor for me to see Mrs. Moon in person and to be close to her. I will do my best to study even harder.

REFLECTIONS ON MOTHER'S SPEECH

Mr. Oh Soo-jin, Past Leader of the Osaka Branch of Chongryun

What words could express my impressions of the rally? If I were to venture to express my feelings in a few words, I would begin by saying that my first impressions of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon were that she was gentle, elegant, and graceful. In the first instant, I felt that her character was very admirable. The truth is this is the first time I have seen her. Her voice is so beautiful. I entirely agree that everything should be governed by true love and that the basis for that is the family and the husband and wife.

I had already heard the rumor that Mrs. Moon had come to Japan in person and was delivering speeches as part of a tour. I was also asked many times to participate in the fatherland tours hosted three times by the Federation for Peace and Unification, supported by the Tongil Group, but was unable to do so, because until recently I have served as concurrently as chairman of the Osaka branch office of Chochongryun, the pro-Pyongyang General Association of Korean Residents in Japan also vice-chairman of the Chochongryun Central Headquarters), which is one of my duties as one of the executives of the Association. My position being what it is, indeed I have had to be careful and give consideration to various aspects.

Of course, I was well aware of the renowned Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who have devoted all their efforts to achieving harmony and unity of the world and the peoples in it. I have always been grateful to them for

Mr. Hwang Chil-bok, Past Leader of the Osaka Branch of Mindan

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to attend the rally together with former chairman of the Chochongryun Osaka branch, Oh Soo-jin.

I have devoted most of the eighty-eight years of my life to the development of the Korean-Japanese community and the unification of our homeland. In simple terms, my life has been one of anti-communism and victory over communism. Because of our divided fatherland, although we are all brethren, brothers, we have had to struggle with each other for sixty years in the land of Japan, where there is no thirty-eighth parallel. However, on this day, you have made come true the day of reconciliation here in Osaka. Though we had wanted so much to be reconciled, to become one, we had not been able to find the means. We are truly grateful that you have found it for us. You have

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The audience in Osaka held many levels of leaders from the Korean community. The UPF-Osaka leader's wife, Eydie Hamada, reported that 2,200 people were on hand, and that 57 percent of those who came received the blessing for the first time.



True Mother Spurs Indian Momentum

As a young man, Robert Kittel was sent into the mission field. He was the American representative in the missionary trinity that went to Pakistan in 1975. He was there until 1983, when he moved on to Sri Lanka. In 1986, he went from there to India, where he worked until leaving in 1990 to study at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown, New York. He earned a Master of Divinity degree at UTS, graduating *magna cum laude*. His Doctor of Education degree comes from Bridgeport University and was awarded for his studies in abstinence education.

Though he had returned to Southeast Asia with some frequency to help with important events, when Dr. Kwak asked him a few months ago to return on a full time basis after fifteen years, it must have come as a surprise. When asked about this, Dr. Kittel described himself as “positive and happy.” “It’s great to be back,” he said. He added that he is hopeful, especially since Mother spoke in New Delhi. “Mother’s tour has been a windfall. I think the event was incredibly successful, especially the meeting with the president.”

By all accounts, the president of India, Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen (A.P.J.) Abdul Kalam, is an unusual person. He doesn’t come from a political background. He’s a scientist. He’s achieved international renown armed with a basic aeronautical engineering degree and his native intelligence; his advanced degrees are honorary. A practicing Muslim, he enjoys reading Hindu scriptures. He attended Catholic secondary school. He’s responsible for India’s self-reliance in satellite launch vehicle technology and was a key member of a team of Indian scientists who stunned the world with the detonation of nuclear devices in May 1998. He’s a poet. He plays the veena, a sitar-like traditional Indian instrument. He has also designed a lightweight leg brace for disabled children.

On June 1, before Mother spoke at the Oberoi Hotel in New Delhi, she, Hyun-jin nim and eight others spent about three quarters of an hour with the president. Dr. Kittel described the meeting as “very significant.”

“We had met a longtime friend of the president’s, a Muslim who has known him for twenty-five years,” Dr. Kittel said. “We thought he might be able to introduce us. He told us, ‘You should write to him. He answers e-mail personally.’ So, Amala,¹ the German missionary, wrote him an e-mail. He wrote back, ‘Yes, I’d like to meet Mrs. Moon.’”

1 Ursula McLackland, also known as Amala, the first member to join in Sri Lanka, has been an active member in Southeast Asia for decades.

At the meeting, Dr. Laxmi Singhvi, an ambassador for peace and member of the UPF Presiding Council, who as well as having been a High Commissioner to Britain is something of an unofficial ambassador for Hindu values, introduced UPF to President Abdul Kalam in a way that Dr. Kittel called “just outstanding.”

Dr. Singhvi began by highlighting the significance of some of the publications that Dr. Kittel has produced on the problem of AIDS. He told the president that UPF has important insight in this area that India ought to be looking closely at. Dr. Singhvi explained that initially he was wary of UPF. He told the president that only after he had investigated more deeply, attended some of the events and met Rev. Moon personally did he reach the point where he could fully support the organization. He told the president, who seemed intrigued that Dr. Singhvi had met Rev. Moon on many occasions, that UPF is a genuine interfaith organization.

Dr. Walsh later reported that at that meeting, “with eloquence and grace,” Mother told the president, “The role of India for world peace is very important. You have an important mission to lead the people of India toward world peace. My husband has been sacrificing himself to eliminate all wars—between races, religions and nationalities. Centered on healthy, ideal families, and extending to tribes, nations and the world, we will achieve world peace. Now, we are doing a one hundred and eighty nation tour as a family... to bring peace.”

When Father spoke in New Delhi in November, Unificationists of Indian ethnicity from various countries came to India to help with the event. Rev. Godwin D’Silva, the American state leader for Southern California, was there then and came again for Mother’s speech at Dr. Kittel’s invitation. Godwin worked at times with a former FFWPU national leader of India, Manoj Jacob. According to Dr. Kittel, “Local Indians stepped forward in key areas. Another person that worked very hard was Rahim. He’s actually Iranian, but he’s lived here so long, he’s practically Indian. He did an incredible job with the data management and mobilization. We had too many people for the hotel, so in the last week we didn’t confirm and we didn’t call anybody, but the hall was still packed.”

“At the event,” Dr. Kittel continued, “when Hyun-jin nim began to speak, he touched people’s hearts. [Hyun-jin nim] said, ‘You know this is my first time ever in your country, and on the day I arrive, I met the president of India. I am very humbled.’”

He bowed and he said, 'It was a very good meeting. You have an excellent man who represents your nation with dignity. I'm honored to have met him.' He told them that the message he wanted to read was Father's message, that it had come at a great price, but 'if you understand it, it will solve some of the fundamental problems of your nation.'"

Dr. Singhvi, who has also served his nation as a member of the *Rajya Sabha* (national parliament) and is an elected member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague, gave the chairman's address. While he was speaking, slides of True Mother and Hyun-jin nim at the meeting with the president were shown on the Jumbo-tron. After observing the crowd response, Dr. Kittel later said, "People realized something is happening. India is on the move."

A government cabinet member—Abdul Rehman Antulay—the minister of minority affairs, was there, as were religious leaders, college presidents and vice-chancellors. The event went very well; the hall was packed with people anxious to hear True Mother speak.

India is in need of a message. A lot has changed in the fifteen years since Dr. Kittel last lived there. "The moral fiber of the family and the moral character of this society is starting to go down," he observed. "You can see that on TV in and what is allowed in movies now. You can see that in the way young people are dressing and in AIDS. India is developing now materially and economically and with that there is the need for a remodeling of the spirituality, which is where I think Father's teaching could come hand-in-hand."

As in other established, traditional cultures, India is having a hard time coming to grips with the extent of its AIDS problem. When Bill Gates announced that his foundation would donate \$100 million to combat AIDS in India, some people in the government responded as if they were embarrassed by the attention it brought to the crisis. One official commented at the time that "the efforts to fight the menace should be commensurate with the threat. I think Gates has overdone it." A few months later, Gates' foundation doubled the amount.

"India now has the most people living with AIDS," Dr. Kittel said. "The percentage is small because you've got 1.2 billion people here, but the five and a half million people living with AIDS here outnumber those in South Africa. They just can't repeat the same things again and think that they are going to solve new problems. Father brings new insight, but it has traditional, historical roots that go way back into Hinduism—the concept of man and woman together being the image of God is a deep concept in ancient India. But how do we modernize that? With Father's teachings of the dual system principle, the pair system principle, it becomes renewed."

Indian outreach campaign

As it happens, Mother's visit came in the midst of a great effort currently taking place in India, where some members from other Southeast Asian countries have been investing their hearts into developing India. For the sake of the speaking event, the members were concentrating on New Delhi, but beginning in August 2005, Asian Continental Director Kim Byung-hwa² called for

² Father recently bestowed this name on him. His birth name is Kim Byung-wooh. He also goes by Dr. Christopher Kim.



Audience members pose with True Mother and Hyun-jin nim after the event in New Delhi, the capital of India

leaders from throughout his region to concentrate on different Indian cities. "Six pioneer centers have been set up," Robert said, "in Punjab, Sikkim, Pune, Assam, Bangalore, Cochin and Chennai. One of the leaders from Taiwan is in Bangalore. The national leader of the Philippines, Michael Zablan, spends half his time in Pune. Nepalese leaders have two centers that they're working with, in Sikkim and in Punjab. It's a sacrifice for Nepal to send leaders of this level. They're very dedicated, very sincere people. Credit is due to Dr. and Mrs. Kim; they've basically decapitated their Asia foundation of its leadership and sent them all to India."

Michael Zablan, whom we reached in Manila where he was involved in planning for Mother's visit to the Philippines, confirmed that he spent most of last year in Pune, which is inland from the west coast of India in the state of Maharashtra. Whenever he leaves India, he has to send one or two Filipino leaders to take his place.

There are thirteen Indian members in Pune and eleven foreign students from Nepal and Mongolia, who do CARP activities. There is also an ambassador for peace in Pune, Dr. Karad, who is the head of a university, Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT), one of the best and most expensive universities in India. "Dr. Karad's first exposure to the movement," Rev. Zablan said, "was when Father organized a seven super-nation conference in Washington. It was for guests from America, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, China, India and Russia [April 10-14, 2005]. When Dr. Karad returned to India after this conference, he asked Rev. Kim and Mrs. Kim to lecture to all of his faculty members and all the officials of the school and students. The first time I went there I was welcomed and housed in the school. They also gave me a huge office, as large as the university president's office. It is located in the most prestigious building, which is called the World Peace Center."

Michael Zablan, whose home country is strongly Catholic, said that in the beginning he had to be very careful not to cause misunderstandings when speaking with people raised in a Hindu culture. "I am very careful about that. The first time I went there, I did not really have any idea about Hinduism, but with so many back-and-forth, back-and-forth visits, I have come to understand something about Hindu culture."

In the beginning, he did not speak at all about theology. He
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Korea was reduced to utter impoverishment, having to pass through the sorrow of a nation being divided in half and enduring all the sacrifice and death that war entails. In the end, all its land was denuded and possessions were destroyed. On top of this, the entire world was subject to violation by Communism, an ideology that rejects and rebels against God; the lives of millions of people were either lost or destroyed amidst this cold war system of conflict. Christianity began a slow decline and because of ideological chaos, humanity had no choice but to tread a truly miserable path, unable to find its way ahead. Great suffering ensued and even natural disasters occurred.

Even though True Father was meant to receive glory, even though the greatest glory had been prepared for him, in reality, he had to tread a path that brought him immense suffering, that caused him to suffer pain and intense grief. Yet even in the midst of this wilderness course, True Father clarified and logically elucidated God's truth, and in this way guided and educated fallen humanity, the same humanity who wallowed in faithlessness. In this way, regardless of any of the difficulties that arose to confront him, our most precious True Parent unfailingly walked the straight path, overcoming innumerable tribulations and slowly building up a foundation of solid victory.

True Parents traversed the eight vertical and eight horizontal stages of the course of indemnity, a course of indescribable difficulty. They invested themselves and offered the highest and utmost sincerity in setting conditions, never forgetting for a single moment that they were to liberate God's heart and completely release Heavenly Father from all the pain and burden of history.

I truly wonder how, here, today, I can do justice to all the facts of the amazing and historically unprecedented accomplishments of True Parents, and to the long providential course of restoration which they have traveled down. Even since the beginning of this millennium, Father has carried out a dispensation to return everything to God, to liberate and return everything that was lost through the Fall, both the things in heaven, the spiritual world, and the things on earth, the physical world. At the same time, he began a movement to establish an Abel-type UN, to take on a mission similar to that of the United Nations, which, as yet, has been unable to fulfill its responsibility. The rest of the world has been almost entirely unaware of everything True Parents have done.

Then, even in the midst of a thousand difficulties and troubles, True Parents prepared an amazing altar of victory on January 13, 2001; and on the foundation of their utmost investment in setting conditions, they offered to God the Coronation Ceremony of the Kingship of God. On this foundation, they went on to initiate an astonishing unfolding of events beginning in 2003 with the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk and the Coronation Ceremony of the King of Blessed Families of the

Peace and Unity of the Cosmic True Parent and the True Parents of Heaven and Earth.

In this way, they declared Cheon Il Guk, which is the ideal that God has been longing for in order to realize and make concrete His kingship and sovereignty. Thus, beginning from his coronation as the king of blessed families, True Father has traveled down a course to achieve God's kingship in substance. In order to fulfill his responsibility in the final stage of the providence, the global-level responsibility, he finally declared the beginning of the Fourth Israel in August 2003, centering on the peoples who share the characteristic of having the Mongolian birthmark in infancy.

Unfortunately, we have been rather clueless, and it has taken us a long, long time to realize the fact that the Fourth Israel is in fact the kingdom of peace, Cheon Il Guk, which True Parents have been longing for. True Parents have kept their desire for Cheon Il Guk buried within their hearts for a very long time.

Not only this, True Father established the Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC) to spread the ideals of Cheon Il Guk, expanding God's kingship. On this basis, True Father carried out the coronation of the Lord Jesus, to liberate and

On June 12, True Family members begin mixing Bibimbap, rice with vegetables mixed in, for 6,000 people in front of the Tree of Love in Cheongpyeong; /to r; Kook-jin nim, Ji-yae nim, Shin-ah nim Sun-jin nim, Shin-ae nim, Jun-sook nim, Shin-kwang nim, Hyun-jin nim, Shin-won nim, Shin-wol nim (face only), Hoon-sook nim, Shin-goon nim and Hyung-jin nim. Inset: Later they served the food as well.



release Jesus' heart. Transferring that victory and success to the United States as the Second Israel, he carried out the coronation there, binding together Lord Jesus and Heung-jin nim. Right after that, True Father carried out the Coronation of the King of Peace, bringing together in unity all things, both the Abel realm and the Cain realm.

While True Father attended to all these things, he virtually had no one who could help him, no one beside him who understood all that was required. Nevertheless, even in the midst of individual difficulties, clan and ethnic difficulties, even global difficulties, True Father has had to complete these things all within his own lifetime, during a single generation. Though he has always been under pressure because of time constraints, so that even one day, one hour is precious, he has still found time to admonish us, cajole us, guide and teach us—as well as inaugurate the Universal Peace Federation as a global institution,

which he did last year.

Even risking his own health and life, True Father went on a 120-nation speaking tour, and on that basis built a foundation that connects the realm of religion and the realm of nations to the realm that transcends both religions and nations. In this way, he has already established 78 percent of humanity as the new Abel realm, and also placed those people who as infants had the Mongolian birthmark, this central people of the entire providence, which embraces some 74 percent of the world's people, in the position of the new Cain realm. Now, for the first time in history, having established the correct, original True Parent foundation, Father put True Mother forward, in the position of representing the earth, the physical world—indeed representing all of history. Having to take responsibility for all the ups and downs of historical acts that have called for indemnity, and all the sins that humanity has committed over our long history, True Mother has mobilized her sons and is now on a tour that will cover 180 nations. In the midst of this course, we find ourselves here today celebrating this very august event.

My dear brothers and sisters, the worldwide dispensation centering on True Mother at this time is being carried out for the

and provide a substantial palace here on earth for Heavenly Father, the vertical, invisible true parent. Therefore, we could be looking at these ceremonies based on our own external focus, but True Parents are overcoming themselves and are devotedly attending Heavenly Father, the invisible true parent. We have to realize that.

If we look around the rest of the world, we can find many buildings that are more wonderful externally than this one is; but if we think of all the conditions for this building that True Parents have set combined with those set by Heung-jin nim, Dae-mo nim and other members of the True Family in the spirit world and on earth, how precious is it, each brick of it, each stone even?

In this sense, we are truly blessed to be able to spend this time here over these next eight days observing not just a festival but holy ceremonies celebrating the amazing, astonishing fruit of True Parents' conditions.

In fact, none of us is qualified to be here, to participate in these joyful and holy ceremonies. We should have a deep sense of gratitude that God and True Parents have called us to be here, and be determined to give our best in return. We should

put our best efforts into resolving and putting in order all the mistakes we have made in the past, in throwing off all those past connections with Satan, all the past ties with fallen history, and fallen nature, so that with a light heart, with a pure heart, a chaste heart, we can dedicate the rest of our lives and everything we have to God and to building Cheon Il Guk. In truth, this day should become one on which we strengthen and amplify that kind of determination in our hearts, because in reality it is only that determination that qualifies us to be here and to hold up our heads before True Father, before True Mother and before God.

In this sense, we should dedicate ourselves one more time, ten more times, a hundred more times, to building Cheon Il Guk and substantiating God's original



June 5: True Parents took all the soil and water carried from each continent and mixed it together in a Soil and Water Ceremony. One participant commented, "I felt they were re-creating the original soil, from which God created Adam."

purpose of declaring the details of God's providence to all of humanity. Mother is directly imparting the grace of the blessing to nations and peoples, from a position that prevents Satan from making any accusations. By doing so, Mother is offering earthly victory to True Father and completely clearing away the history that has been trampled on by Satan and all the relationships and bonds of sin. Even now, True Mother is pushing herself to the limit through this tour with the sole wish of ultimately offering every single achievement and result that has been accomplished in her name by her merits to True Father.

Of course, True Father and True Mother will spend time here. In my position, spending so much time closely attending Father, I have never seen True Father display any trace of wanting to stay in a wonderful palace with a nice environment with all the accompanying outward trimmings. Rather, I want to testify to all of you here today about True Father's intense heart of dedication and loyalty to God, his intensely burning heart of piety to God as his Father. Father has had a heart of wanting to prepare

sovereignty, and the sovereignty that True Parents originally have, the sovereignty of the original King of Kings. That sovereignty is not just something that they are seeking now. It existed before, but there was no reciprocal object for that sovereignty.

That's why even yesterday, even last night, Father was saying, "The blessing is so important. Quickly give the blessing, give the blessing to everyone." Through the blessing, we have to create the people, Cheon Il Guk citizens, and through blessing activities, we have to complete our responsibilities as tribal and national messiahs. Through the blessing, we have to testify to the whole world about God, True Parents and the True Children.

With the sincere hope that today we can all be determined to do this and spend the coming eight days of this holy festival with the aim of developing that determination and of returning glory and honor to God and True Parents, I'll conclude my remarks today. Thank you very much. ♦

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Jews and Christians face to face

Even for those of us who have difficulty imagining what symbolic gestures might mean in real, measurable terms, the magnitude of a series of events that took place in 2003 is clear. Readers are likely to recall that a group of prominent American, black, Christian theologians concluded that there were firm theological grounds for Father's view that that the cross is an unfitting symbol for Christianity. On that basis, our members boldly went out to convince Christian ministers that a symbol many had held dear since early childhood is an affront to God. Gradually a trickle of ministers began responding, dragging ladders from basements and removing crosses from their church buildings.

In May of that year, a group of more than a hundred of those ministers went on a pilgrimage to Israel, after Father had instructed the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) to help their Jewish elder brothers atone for having rejected Jesus. There, in the vicinity of Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified, the ministers held a public ceremony at which they placed a cross in a pre-dug hole and threw dirt on it, burying it.

Later, a hundred and twenty skittish rabbis and Jewish leaders—moved by the fact that these were ministers who had rejected the cross—were willing to join those ministers at the Conference for Jewish and Christian Reconciliation and Harmony. The conference led to the signing of the Jerusalem Declaration, which called on Jews to recognize the pain God experienced over the crucifixion of Jesus and on Christians to repent over having inadvertently glorified the moment of God's deepest sadness. Accounts of the conference, such as Dr. Frank Kaufmann's "Testimony on the Jerusalem Declaration," give at least a glimpse of the personal courage necessary for representatives of the two faiths to sign such an extraordinary document. "One of the most dramatic and frightening moments of my life" was how Dr. Kaufmann characterized the reading of the Jerusalem Declaration in front of the assembled religious leaders for the first time.

In December of the same year, a UPI article described a ceremony in Jerusalem's Independence Park, in which a woman and "a man in a red, gold-embroidered, skullcap" approached a pair of yellow armchairs on a raised platform. The man placed a large silver crown on one chair while the woman placed a robe on the other, whereupon Rev. Michael Jenkins announced that the rejection of Jesus by the Jews had been reversed.

The pilgrimages naturally focus on ending the present-day violence and emphasize the commonality of Muslims, Jews and Christians as the children of Abraham. This series of events, however, appeared to deal with historical misdeeds the results of which needed to be disentangled.

From ACLC, the principal organizer of the pilgrimages became IIFWP (UPF), under whom they were absorbed into a general effort called the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI), which includes conferences held outside the Middle East but dealing with prob-



Mr. Hod Ben Zvi
Secretary General, UPF Israel

lems germane to that region.

There have been pilgrimages in which Father called for a particular focus, such as the World Peace Pilgrimages between July and October 2004, where groups came one by one from different geographic areas, from Latin America and the Caribbean, Oceania, Africa, Europe and North America. The Women's Peace Task Force also occurred in 2004. It featured seventy women who joined the Israeli members for a month, going house to house assuaging the grief of families on both sides who have suffered losses.

Most of the pilgrimages, though, have involved American and European members of the Christian and Islamic clergy joining Unificationists in traveling to the Middle East, where they join local, Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Unificationist representatives. The latest, eighteenth, pilgrimage was held from May 18 to 25, 2006.

The future of the Middle East

As a fixture at MEPI conferences, Hod Ben Zvi, secretary-general of UPF Israel, is often asked thorny questions about progress in the troubled region of the world that he calls home. "I put on my scientist's glasses," Hod explains. "I take out my scales and give an accurate report: We have influenced 74.3 percent of the population.

"Actually, it's very difficult. Everybody is moved by Father's heart. He told us he will never give up until the sound of bullets can no longer be heard in the Middle East. We believe that. We are motivated by that, but it's not a simple thing."

One of the themes that emerged from an extensive recent interview with Hod was how—in a region Father has famously called "one of the world's tinderboxes, [where] Jews, Christians and Muslims have found resources in my philosophy of peace"—Unificationists, too, find themselves digging deeper into the resources of their faith and experiences with True Parents as they try to take responsibility for problems the United Nations and superpowers past and present have thus far been unable to make headway with.

"My recent impression from listening to Father," Hod said, "is that our room for taking responsibility is rather big. Often we hear from Father, 'If you had followed my directions, things could have been fixed much earlier,' which I obviously believe, but he's not able to give us a detailed plan normally. There's a lot to explore through our prayer and our internal conditions."

When asked if it is difficult for our own members to avoid choosing sides over the emotion-charged issues they encounter on a UPF pilgrimage, Hod, explained the course his thinking on emotional involvement has taken over time.

My cry for a long time was that people just don't know the reality. I wanted it to be just a fact-finding tour. I was struggling to bring some equality—at least as I saw it—in observing the situation. I don't think I was successful. I've been reflecting on whether it was necessary to show things in the right measure. My assessment at this point is

that we have to go back to the very basics of the Principle of Restoration.

Sometimes restoration has to do with following up undesirable things. This may help change to happen. You cannot do that without being emotionally connected. If you were not really involved, it would be too much like doing an experiment from a distance. "That didn't work. Let's go elsewhere."

Obviously it's different once you get involved—your ancestry, your spirit, your self, your upbringing are in place. Probably there's no way to avoid that. We have different opinions; sometimes strong emotions have been expressed; misunderstandings have happened. It remains our portion of responsibility to overcome them, amongst ourselves. I think that will probably make a condition among others that will help God to work through us. Much of this process of overcoming has to do with our own relationship with God and True Parents... Our dedicated members are also shouldering the fortune of nations, so many of the struggles are not going beside us—they are going through us.



American Indians, who may have personal experience with ethnic conflict and whose own recent history featured racial enmity not dissimilar to what exists in the Middle East today, are frequent participants in the MEPI pilgrimages

Home truths

Hod was born and raised in Israel. His parents emigrated there from Czechoslovakia in 1947. A few years ago, Hod told an audience at a Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, "My family is very small, since my grandparents and all my uncles and aunts died in Auschwitz. I wish to have a big family; please let me embrace all of you as my extended family."

Hod and his wife Mitsuko were blessed in 1982; they have four children. As Hod tells it, "She prayed desperately to God before their matching. 'Please give me someone from the most difficult country on earth. I want to go there.' I would just like to say," Hod adds, "Be careful with your prayers. They are answered."

From a distance, it's easy to overlook or be unaware of

what for locals are basic facts of life. Hod has made the point on several occasions that at the root of the behavior of both the Palestinians and the Israelis is that none of them feels a sense of permanence, all live with an underlying sense that their very existence is under constant threat.

"People mistakenly think that Israel already has identity," he said. "Yes, Israel made its declaration [of statehood] and it was accepted by the UN and so forth, but still the attitude is one of people not sure that their nation is going to be there tomorrow. They see it as an unwanted body in the world around them.

That is why they act the way they do. In a sense the two nations are still fighting for their basic identity and acceptance by the world."

Hod, who is the man UPI described as wearing "a red, gold-embroidered, skullcap," as he placed the crown on the chair in Independence Park in Jerusalem, spoke to us in 2002 about what it was like growing up without Jesus. "In many ways [our] education has been anti-Christian... The same cannot be said regarding Islam. Strangely, there are no such deep emotions against Islam.... It's part of our own heritage; after all Jesus was Jewish. It is like dealing with your own pain. It's a very deep issue.

"We never heard about that period in history [Jesus' lifetime], it was not even mentioned in the school system. The only thing we did hear about were the evils of Christianity during medieval times, the inquisition and so on."

Hod guessed that there has been progress in the Israeli education system since he was a student. A 2003 study on religious holidays as taught in Israeli schools suggests advancement has mainly taken place in promoting Jewish-Muslim understanding. Regarding Christmas, the author, Dr. Zvi Bekerman of Hebrew University in Jerusalem wrote, "In spite of it being a fully religious festival with no national overtones, for Jews it represents a long and problematic historical relationship between Christians and Jews particularly of European descent, whose Diasporic collective memory still dominates Israeli culture today. Christianity in the West, which began as one of a number of Jewish traditions, became a competing tradition which was historically identified by Jews as the reason for anti-Semitic persecutions culminating in the Nazi Holocaust. In this sense, Jesus, the Christian Messiah figure, could be seen as a threat to Jews and had to be neutralized. Thus, in the school event, Christmas is represented as heralding the New Year and a generalized message of peace and good will and not as the birth date of the Messiah."

That Jewish Israelis might feel closer to Muslims than to Christians may explain why when the key rabbi was asked



At the head of the table, sits Dr. Frank Kaufmann, who presided over the Jewish-Christian dialogues; second on his right is Rabbi Shuki Ben Ami, who at a press conference in wake of the furor created by the coronation of the King and Queen of Peace in Washington D.C. declared, "I crowned Father Moon with my ten fingers—with white gloves—and I wish to do it again."

to sign the Jerusalem Declaration, a document that deals exclusively with Christianity and Judaism, he would do so only on the condition that, as he stated it, "my Muslim brother signs it first." Hod has also expressed the view that on the foundation of Jewish-Christian unity, Muslims would be less likely to rebuff the overtures of their Jewish brothers than they would approaches made by Christians.

Recent Christian-Jewish dialogs

The MEPI pilgrimages generally feature Jewish-Muslim-Christian interaction. Some people may wonder why discussions that took place in Israel in conjunction with the last two MEPI pilgrimages, in March and May 2006, involved only Christians and Jews. It is not an indication of a souring of relations with our Muslim brothers and sisters. The need for in-depth dialogue between Jewish and Christian leaders is something that has been on Hod Ben Zvi's mind for some time. Intuitively, it seems, Hod has long felt that the Jerusalem Declaration was an important spiritual condition and "a kind of groundbreaking," but that more interaction is necessary to bring the Jewish and Christian leaders into substantial unity.

"The signing of the Jerusalem Declaration was a providential event for the mere fact that True Parents proclaimed it one of the anchors (along with the Washington Declaration and the Seoul Declaration) for creating the fourth Israel," he said. "That fact itself means God received it as an initial condition."

"My understanding," he continued, "was that the condition was set for Jewish-Christian unity, but that this was on the spiritual level, much as the Washington Monument event was the end of communism, though it took several more years, until 1988, for communism to actually fall apart.¹ In

¹ Father perceived this because on the day—September 18, 1976—and the hour that Father was going up to the stage to speak at this rally in the American capital, the body of Mao Tse-tung was being lowered into the ground in China.



A group of Ambassadors for Peace who had traveled from Japan pose during a march through Jerusalem, where they joined the call for "peace, shalom, salaam alaikum!"

the same way, I felt that proclaiming Christian–Jewish unity in May 2003 was the spiritual declaration, but that it had to be followed by the actual steps to make it happen.”

It seems fitting that the first Jewish–Christian Dialogue, on March 13 and 14, took place at the King Solomon Hotel. Perhaps they were hoping to attract Solomon’s wisdom in dealing with such vexatious issues. The second meeting was held on May 17 and 18 in the Olive Tree Hotel. That hotel, which is located in the American Colony neighborhood of Jerusalem, is actually built around a living olive tree that is said to have been there for as long as there have been both Christians and Jews in Jerusalem. Presiding over the meetings was Dr. Frank Kaufmann,² executive director of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace and editor-in-chief of the highly regarded *Dialogue & Alliance*, a journal that is published twice yearly.

In a report available at www.familyfed.org, Rev. Jenkins described his experience at the meetings, “Please imagine this setting: We sat, Christian clergy with rabbis and scholars, with the Torah, the books of the prophets and our Bibles in front of us. We went through the scriptures verse by verse on key topics. It was incredible.”

I think it’s fair to say that Hod feels Judeo-Christian unity is a necessary first step. There never should have been such animosity between the two faiths, and healthy progress depends on their unity as a foundation. He compares it to the way the blessing is given, where Holy Wine is not simply passed out and shared by everyone at the same time; there’s a certain order. “It goes through very meticulous steps from the archangel position to the mother position, the mother

² For accounts of the specifics of the topics discussed and progress achieved, please visit <http://irfwp.org> and search on-site for “Jewish–Christian Dialogue”

position to the father position, the father position to the wife, the wife to the husband. It’s very meticulous, because it has to undo things, the progress of the Fall.”

Hod explained that overlooking the step of rectifying the failure of Jews and Christians to remain united hampers higher levels of unity from taking place. We are as he put it, “working to catch up.”

After Hod and Rev. Jenkins spoke in depth about this, arrangements were made for the dialogues to take place. “Rev. Jenkins lent his whole support and paved the way. I’m very grateful for that,” Hod said. “It was a process of realization, but once we felt the same way, he supported it incredibly, both financially and in terms of sending excellent people to represent Christianity. We brought some high caliber Jewish rabbis. Europe also brought excellent people—two great professors and a well-known figure from England.”

Hod expressed the view that only a small fraction of the ground that has to be covered between the faith groups can be done by kissing and hugging. “We have to really understand different thoughts,” he said. “We have to really understand different religions. We have to come to grips with different worldviews. Of course, we believe we know better than anyone else, but that’s no different from what other religions say. Until people feel comfortable and feel respected in a real sense, I think it’s difficult for them to move. As somebody mentioned, eventually, unless we really show the standard of living for the sake of others, we can’t really move anyone. This is something I think we have to pursue. Signally, I think it is shows that when we deal with Islam, we have to do it also at that deeper level and not only on the quick path of getting involved; we need to pursue that deeper line.” ♦



The work in Jordan as a case study

One thing that Father has done through the UPF pilgrimages to the Middle East is demonstrate support from people from all over the world for those who sacrifice their own comfort and leisure and at times place their own security at risk in order to take steps toward peace. On the eighteenth round of MEPI (May 18-25) there were contingents of ambassadors for peace from Europe, the United States, Korea and Japan who had traveled thousands of kilometers to express person-to-person interest in vexing problems that have hampered people in the region now for generations. The presence of these foreign faces shows emotional, spiritual support for indigenous efforts to put an end to Middle East violence.

Following conference presentations and visits in Jerusalem, the MEPI participants came to Amman, the capital of Jordan. There they attended a symposium at the Meridien Hotel that focused on the role of Jordan in peace building and human development.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is ruled by forty-four-year-old King Abdullah II, who descends from Hashem, great grandfather of the Prophet Muhammad, the founder of Islam, of whom the king is a forty-third-generation descendant. The king's branch of the Hashemite family ruled the holy city of Mecca from the beginning of the thirteenth century until 1925, though recognition was given to the rule over Palestine of the Ottoman Turks beginning in 1517. It was with the military support of the current king's great, great grandfather, Husein ibn Ali, the Grand Sherif of Mecca, that the British captured Palestine from the Turkish Ottoman Empire in World War I.

Despite the Sherif's reported bitterness over irreconcilable promises having been made about what would be done with captured land in the region, the standing of the family was such that one of his sons was made the first ruler of independent Iraq in 1932¹ and another, Abdullah ibn Husein, became King Abdullah, the first ruler of what was then known as Transjordan in 1946.

In 1948, King Abdullah sided with other Arab nations and committed his troops to war against the newly created state of Israel, capturing territory that became known as the West Bank. Before the 1948 war, the population of Jordan was 340,000. War's end brought a population increase of half a million Palestinian 1 Hashemite family rule in Iraq ended with a 1958 coup, in which both the king and prime minister were killed.

refugees.

Today, two thirds of Jordan's population is of Palestinian origin, many of whom still live in refugee camps for fear that being assimilated into Jordanian society might threaten their right to return to their former lands. The remainder, known locally as East Bankers, are Bedouin tribesmen. Jordanian Palestinians are a barometer of the state of Arab-Israeli relations, making for a sometimes volatile atmosphere.

In 1994, Jordan and Israel ended a forty-six year state of war between them by signing a peace treaty at a border crossing point known in Arabic as Wadi Araba and in Hebrew as Emek Ha'arava. It was an important step that required courage from all those involved. The only other peace agreement between an Arab country and Israel had been signed fifteen years earlier by Israel's Menachem Begin and Egypt's Anwar al-Sadat. In the aftermath of the signing, Egypt became a pariah among Arab nations; its membership was suspended in the Arab League, and Libya began military strikes across their border. Two years later, Sadat was assassinated in Cairo by extremists within his own army who opposed peace with Israel.

The Treaty of Peace between the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan was signed by Jordanian Prime Minister Abdulsalam Al-Majali and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. In a little over a year's time, Rabin, too, was dead, assassinated by a rabbinical student opposed to peace with Palestinians.

The people involved in the 1994 peace process and the crafting of the peace treaty were well-trusted, prominent figures on both the Israeli and Jordanian sides. Two Jordanians went on to serve as prime ministers. Another, Air Force General Mansour Abu Rashid, was chief of Jordanian Intelligence from 1988 until 1994. Following the peace treaty, he headed the Liaison and Coordination Bureau, which was responsible for the relationship between the Jordanian and Israeli armed forces. After his retirement in 1998, General Rashid (60), founded the Amman Center for Peace and Development, which sponsors educational programs and produces publications that are an extension of the peace building efforts of the general's final years as a soldier.

Mr. David Fraser Harris, secretary-general of UPF for the Middle East, explained that UPF's first conference experience with General Rashid was a year ago. "We gave him twenty minutes, and he spoke about cross-border cooperation projects of great

interest, activities involving on-the-ground work to help Jordanians and Israelis move in the direction of peace, not just have a peace treaty." Between the last Middle East pilgrimage in March and this one in May, UPF has held three seminars for ambassadors for peace in cooperation with the Amman Center for Peace and Development.

Jordan's contribution to MEPI 18

The Amman leg of the May MEPI was held under the patronage of King Adullah II's Chief Chamberlain, Prince Ra'ad Ben Zeid (70), which is a gracious way in which the royal family expresses its support and extends its protection over activities in the social sphere.

In the first Amman session, which was presided over by Tageldin Hamad, secretary-general of the World Association of NGOs (WANGO), retired Major General Ghazi Tayyeb, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for operations and current head of Jordan Aviation, represented Prince Ra'ad in greeting the audience. He was followed by a retired Korean Army commander, General Cho Nam-poong, who is an ambassador for peace and a graduate of the seminars for prominent Korean citizens that are being held in Tokyo, Japan. At the conclusion of a follow up forum in Seoul last March, General Cho signed a resolution that called for his active participation in bringing global peace. Dr. Yang Chang-shik then addressed the three hundred ambassadors for peace that made up this MEPI pilgrimage in his capacity as MEPI chairman. The group included a contingent from Europe with several prominent theologians that took part in the Jewish-Christian dialogue in Jerusalem [see page 26], a sizable South Korean party and a group from Japan, led by Professor Masahisa Hayashi, a professor from Waseda University in Tokyo.

Two religious leaders addressed the assembled guests. The first was Archbishop George El Murr of the Melkite Church in Jordan. As Mr. Fraser Harris explained, "Some people use the word "uniate" to describe members of the Melkite church, which means they follow Orthodox rites but also follow the Pope. It's Catholic. There are many forms of this in the Middle East." There are perhaps a million members of the Catholic Melkite Church. They were founded in 1724 in Antioch, in present day Turkey, where they initially suffered bloody persecution under the Ottoman Empire. As well as Middle East countries, the Melkite Church is active in Australia, Canada, Mexico and the United States.

The next religious leader to speak was Dr. Hamdi Murad, a professor of Islamic Studies at Al-Balqa'a University in Jordan. Dr. Murad is a man David Fraser Harris obviously holds in high esteem, "He tries to be modest; he's a very well-known Islamic scholar. He's very active in inter-faith. He is so respected that wherever he goes, someone will recognize him and come to ask him questions or advice. I was in McDonald's with him when someone came up to him and asked, 'Could you advise me what to do about a divorce?' They'll ask him deep, family questions. He is a very spiri-

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Top: An elevated Dr. Kwak with leaders active in the Middle East in Jordan for a November 18 to 20, 2005 meeting of Ambassadors for Peace **Middle:** MEPI visit on May 6 with officials from the Jordanian government. **Bottom:** The head table at the UPF Assembly (January 7-8 2006) in Amman

A Distinctive Voice in the Middle East



Grahame Bennett, left, in a late-night interview during the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly, February 2006

By David Beard

Around the time that I spoke to Grahame Bennett, publisher of the *Middle East Times*, I was doing some editing work on a booklet on the Seunghwa Ceremony that had been translated from Korean. When Grahame said, "We no longer have a print publication. I don't know if you know that," immediately a parallel came to mind. The physical paper no longer exists, only the web site remains in the incorporeal, online world. It's an apt analogy, and for someone like me, who has been getting his news from online publications exclusively for several years now, the paper existence is nothing to mourn the loss of. While it existed, I lived too far away to have it delivered to me anyway.

Mr. Bennett has been with the *Times* since long before it went online. He joined the organization in 1989 as an assistant editor. He was with the paper through the early nineties while they were based in Athens, Greece. When the *Middle East Times* and a sister publication, *Greek News*, split into two companies, Grahame stayed in Athens with *Greek News*, while the *Middle East Times* moved to Cairo, Egypt. After three years with *Greek News*, he began working for the *Washington Times* where he wrote country profiles. He and his Greek wife Zoe are national messiahs to Kazakhstan. He was there doing national messiah work and working on a report for the *Washington Times*, when he was contacted by Thomas Cromwell, the former publisher of the *Middle East Times*, who asked him to come to Egypt to help solve some problems the paper was going through. He's remained with the *Middle East Times* from that point on.

Hard times

As Grahame explained it, the *Times'* years in print were tough ones. "The print publication always suffered because it was very difficult to ship it from country to country. It was very expensive, but also we had to deal with censorship issues. If the paper didn't get stopped altogether or have articles pulled out of it, [government censors] would hold up our newspaper for a day or so. To actually get it out on the street, we had to wait sometimes two days or more. It just became untenable really." Numerous freedom of the press watchdogs and human rights organizations over the years recorded the woes of the *Middle East Times* and other publications at the hands of the Egyptian government. On May 10, 1994, the *Wall Street Journal* reported, "Egypt banned an edition of the English-language *Middle East Times* for the second time in less than a month. The newspaper, which is published in Greece and circulates 12,000 copies in Egypt, said the Egyptian government's censorship bureau objected to articles on Muslim militants and domestic violence and to an opinion piece on security at a conference.... The *Middle East Times* said four of its issues were barred last year for articles on human-rights abuses."

At least as far back as May 10, 1998, the earliest online edition I could find, the paper has posted censored articles on the Internet with an explanation that “in the past, we censored ourselves, but sometimes we pushed the limits and lost three or four issues every year. Needless to say, this was disastrous for our sales and advertising revenue. These days we submit a proof of each issue to the censor in advance. If they don’t like any article, or any paragraph, or any sentence, we take it out and leave a blank space in its place. We are not allowed, however, to mention in this space the reason why it is there.” Whoever in Egypt had internet access in those days could go to the web site to fill in the blanks. It’s that kind of chutzpah that has won respect for the paper from its journalistic colleagues.

Though based in Cairo, they did not just report Egyptian news. They covered Sudan and Libya in North Africa, and Syria, Israel, Lebanon, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, the Gulf, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan in the Middle East. They were not bound to Egypt. Grahame told me he moved the office from Cairo to Athens, where he stayed for a couple of years before moving it to London in 2002. “I went to London, where we shared office space with UPI,” Grahame added. “In September 2003, UPI relocated its Middle East office to Beirut, and I moved the *Middle East Times* to Cyprus, where I’ve been since then. We suspended the print publication a year later.”

When it was a printed paper, it must have been quite an involved and extensive operation. Grahame explained that before they discontinued the print edition, they’d had an international edition that went region wide; they had an Egypt edition and at one time had tried both a Lebanese and Yemeni edition but both fell victim to war-related economic downturns.

When I asked Grahame what, if anything, Father’s recent interest in the Middle East has meant to his paper, he responded by explaining that Father has always been interested in the Middle East. He says that more than two decades’ of support for the paper is a result of the interest Father has always had in the region. “When we talk to potential investors—because we are always on the lookout for anyone who wants to work with us to develop—they respect that Father is committed to the benefit of the region. He’s not there trying to make a quick profit, as a lot of other people are.... The paper has been useful in opening doors, to help set up conferences or to send religious leaders from the region to [events in] New York. The *Middle East Times* has been very important over the last two decades.”

Exclusively online

The news world has changed dramatically since the *Middle East Times* made its first appearance on March 7, 1983. According to the Pew Research Center for People and the Press, which studies American “attitudes toward the press, politics and public policy issues,” the number of people in the United States that turn to the internet for news went from about five million in 1995 to more than eighty-five million in 2004. Meanwhile readership of paper newspapers, during approximately the same period, fell from 58 to 42 percent of the population.

Grahame spent last year studying the nature of the web site, its potential and how it functions. “Until then, we’d been focusing on the print publication and didn’t have the staff to do anything with the web site.... Last year was spent getting to know ourselves, getting to know where we stood, where we were going, who read us and why they came to us....

The last eight or nine months has been a matter of getting to know these things and starting to build a viable business plan.”

I was curious about how they are able to generate income from their web site. “I’ve been tracking the key indicators to see where we’re going. Traffic’s gone up; we’ve been republished in other, well-known newspapers, the *International Herald Tribune* for example—several times—on their online site.”

The online *Middle East Times* is using Google AdSense, which pays web sites to display advertisements that are associated with the topics in the text of the pages the ads appear on. Grahame explained that as their traffic is building this is beginning to return dividends. “We have built up to about 500,000 page views a month—we exceed that now,” he says. He went on to explain that half a million pages viewed a month is the minimum for attracting advertisers. We’re getting companies to place ads for a month of two at a time. We have a link broker who sells links for us. That’s doing very well.”

I asked Grahame how large his staff his. He pointed to himself and said, “Well, there’s me and I have an executive secretary and a virtual sub-editor” in Ireland. “Nevertheless,” he says, “we put out a great web site that we are updating it every day, several times a day.”

He’s not exaggerating. The *Middle East Times* is a quality news source. Even when the paper version existed and not much attention was being paid to the web site, Shawn L. Twing, writing for the Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, called it “by far the most provocative of any Middle Eastern news web site,” and he said it “demonstrates clearly the power of the internet to distribute information freely.”

“We have freelancers in countries throughout the Middle East and North Africa. They send in their articles; we put the thing together in Cyprus. We have global reach. We’re a focused publication that’s rising in the rankings. Our strength is that we have people writing from the country they are in. We don’t have people writing from Washington or London on something that happens in Saudi Arabia, or wherever. We have always presented ourselves as an indigenous Middle Eastern publication and that’s what we try to maintain. People do recognize that and they credit us for that.”

I personally find reading articles from the *Middle East Times* a refreshing experience. There was a bit of discomfort at first. I realized that I had been accustomed to having Middle Eastern news filtered through people who share my biases and national outlook. Now, since there’s no greater online distance between web sites that originate in my own country and web sites that are closer to the news they cover, I’ve come to prefer the unfiltered version.

Today’s World readers can see for themselves by visiting the web site at www.metimes.com. For those who have less time to spend reading online, or who wish to be reminded of key events taking place in the region, by clicking on “Subscribe,” you can sign up to receive weekly headlines as an e-mail message. You may find reading the *Middle East Times* puts you a step ahead of your neighbors. Grahame mentioned that theirs was the only publication he knows of that predicted Saddam Hussein’s invasion of Kuwait and that they were the first to suggest a two-state solution to the problem between the Israelis and the Palestinians. “It is a commonly accepted idea now but it wasn’t in those days. The *Middle East Times* has led in its ideas, because of Father’s vision. We try to apply those values to the conflicts and flash point situations in the Middle East.” ♦

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proven the truth in the old saying that a fight between brothers can only be stopped by the parents.

Who are you? There are no other words to describe you except to say that you are our true parent and the teacher of humanity, leading the rest of the world in all aspects. Thank you so much for letting us once again make the resolution to practice true love in accordance with your teachings, so that the united interreligious and international world long desired can be realized as quickly as possible.

**Kang Hee-man,
Federation for Peace and Unification official**

Without serving the parents, how can brothers in discord be harmonized? On the day the Parents blessed the land of Osaka, brothers bound in mutual enmity came together. Two sons, who can be termed the true leaders of the Korean-Japa-

nese people, came from Osaka—Chairman Hwang Chil-bok, who has lived his eighty-eight years of life as the spokesperson of the South, and Chairman Oh Soo-jin, who has dedicated his seventy-two years to being the spokesperson of the North. On this joyous day long desired, and at this hoondokhae presided over by the True Parents, the true Lords of the cosmos, we offer you the two sons as the symbol of the reconciliation of the Korean-Japanese people. Please solace the deep wounds of their conflict with the touch of true love! Please bless them as the symbolic representatives of the Korean-Japanese people! We will work even harder to have this blessing of Osaka vibrate across Korean-Japanese communities in Japan. It is only True Parents who can unite not only the Korean-Japanese people but also the Korean people living all over the world. With the two heroes called to this place on this day, we will unite Osaka and dedicate it to True Parents. ♦

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showed videos of the many, varied activities that True Parents have directed or inspired. "I showed them videos about Service for Peace and RYS activities, IIFWP conferences, the peace initiative in the Middle East, the CARP convention and the World Culture and Sports Festival," Rev. Zablan explained. "Finally, I show them that even some members of the parliament of America recognize Father Moon and Mrs. Moon as the king and queen of peace. He then introduces the core values that Hyun-jin teaches to CARP and Special Task Force members. "I show them that these are needed," Michael says, "to transform society with a culture of heart and culture of peace."

Only at that point did he begin to organize two-day and four-day Divine Principle seminars. After they have attended a four-day workshop, he introduces the concept of prayer for the first time.

"Basically, in the Hindu culture, when they respect people,

they look up to people almost as they do to God. That's why in India there are many living gods. Once they come to recognize that Father is a good man who is doing great things for the world, they start feeling respect for him. After Divine Principle lectures, some of them were so happy and inspired, they approached me and started holding my feet and putting their hands on their heart or chest. I told them, 'Please don't do that. This is from Father Moon. This is not from me. Do this to Father Moon, not to me.'"

Increasingly, Indian people are coming to an understanding of the value of the work Father, Mother and the True Children are doing. Certainly, there is tremendous potential in India. The members involved in the work there are focused and determined to do their best, for the word has come down from Father through their continental director, "If we can move India, we can move the world." ♦

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tual person in terms of his deep understanding of Father and True Parents. He is also a very dedicated person. When I finish a meeting at 11:00 at night, he's going off somewhere—he has two more meetings to do still."

Dr. Michael Jenkins, as director of the Middle East Peace Initiative, spoke on the history and focus of MEPI at the second session, which was moderated by Mr. Fraser Harris. He was followed by Mr. Sam Hanna Zakhem, former Colorado state legislator and U.S. ambassador to Bahrain (1986–1989). Mr. Zakhem, who emigrated to the United States from the "tiny little village of Didde" in Lebanon as a teenager in 1957, is on the International Advisory Board of the Middle East Peace Initiative.

General Rashid, who welcomed the guests briefly in the first session, gave a full presentation in the second. At the conclusion of the second session, the latest version of the Amman Declaration was read and made available for participants to sign.

Local visits

Later some participants visited the Amman branch of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and one of their schools. There have now been three generations of Palestinian refugees and despite their often dire circumstances, they are among the more highly educated groups in the Middle East thanks in large part to schools run by UNRWA. Another group visited the Jordanian parliament,

where they met with Speaker of the Parliament Abdul Hadi Al Majali, who has held the position for seven terms.

In the early afternoon the groups came together for a visit to the Al Safsaf Rehabilitation Centre, which treats drug addiction and deals with psychiatric rehabilitation. This was founded by Mrs. Haifa Bashir, the head of the Jordanian Psychiatric Rehabilitation Society. Mrs. Bashir is the mother of two government ministers and the widow of a government minister. She is an extremely active force in social action work. At the rehabilitation center, they had lunch and listened to presentations by the Minister for Political Development and Parliamentary Affairs Sabri Irbeihat. Dr. Jenkins and the wife of the mayor the South Korean city of Busan also spoke.

The delegation also met again with Dr. Hamdi Murad. This time, instead of his coming to them, they went to see him at the King Hussein Mosque, which was built by King Abdullah II in honor of his father. The king has appointed Dr. Murad to give the message at the mosque on Friday, the Islamic Sabbath. The mosque, which opened in April, also houses the Hashemite History Museum.

For many of those in the UPF group, it was likely their first time within a mosque. Their presence there seems to express a key element of the MEPI pilgrimages: We are one family and the struggles that so deeply affect the people in the Middle East effect us all. ♦

By a TW Staff member

all kinds of things said about me; I did some things deserving of criticism. Judge me if you wish. I will be judged by God, by history, and by my descendants. I am not afraid of the people sitting in front of me.

But now I have children to take care of again. And in particular it is for Shin-gil, who passed away this year. I began for him. Such a situation came about because of what I failed to do, and so I want to take responsibility on a fundamental level after his death, at the very least. That is why I am here.

I don't want to become a robot. If there is something that must be done, it may as well be done well. And to achieve that, you have to be willing to die for it. That's the truth. I know there are many among you who have worked earnestly. You know it too, don't you? That is only too true. And you lead such lives, taking charge of everything. You do that for your whole life.

This is how it is about love. In love, there are certain responses, and it entails acts of filial piety and patriotism, as well as forgiveness and mercy, and within such a dimension one comes together with others to belong to something.

However, there are times when you don't want to do so, even though you know about it. Why? Because you feel betrayed, or angry. You need to be able to overcome such emotions, since in the end the work is there for you to fulfill. No one else can do it for you. No one will ever do that. If you try to do something in earnest all by yourself, it is really difficult and will take you all your life.

And what will that person, who desires to exercise his rights, do when True Parents are no longer there? On the fundamental level, we don't know how my father founded the church, and their intention and heart in doing so. It is not just in words. If someone consciously, and honorably leads a public life, he will not have such problems. He will have no reason to worry. Why? Because everything will go well. Because the seed will have multiplied properly. In the long run, only when those who can take dominion over themselves play the role of leaders in the Unification Church can it carry on, and can its future be guaranteed. However, that is not easy.

If there is anyone who desires to go this way all his life, he is a greater man than I. I am only doing it because I have no other choice. It is easier said than done. I don't want to become such a machine. In the Unification Church itself, the importance of the individual embodiment of truth can be felt, can't it? We need to find the individual embodiment of truth of the Unification Church. It should be re-established, have much importance set upon it, and placed under our complete dominion. Thus, if one truly knows the heart and intention of the true love of True Parents, and desired to undertake the work, even though it is the path that leads to suffering and even death, and one knows that

the greater it becomes, the more hardships it will bring, then maybe the work will be accomplished. Maybe it will take that much to complete the task...

What's the use of hoarding money? You will not need it even if you were to go to hell; do you think you'll need it if you go to heaven? Even if you end up in hell, you'll still find the way to get by.

People say I'm aggressive, but I still say what's on my mind. I spit it out, word by word. If you think I did wrong, please think to yourselves that it was through my own fault that I did wrong, and forgive me. Thank you.

When you think about it, the obstacles that bar us from placing importance on love are the Antichrist. Our enemies...we do have enemies. On closer examination, it seems to me that the Antichrists in this time of the Last Days are none other than greedy individuals. There is not just one; there are millions, billions of them. Moreover, they have multiplied on a large-scale,

and are acting like beasts, resorting to all means including the European way of the multimedia first giving the illness and then the cure.... When all is said and done, multimedia is there out of necessity, and Satan has already taken it under its control and through it has made you do all kinds of things. That's what is scary. That's the Antichrist, our enemy, and nothing else. Those who bring the illness first and then tout the cure are the devil. And you can't live without it now, can you?

You know what is the most dreadful addiction in the world? It is to be blinded by money and

authority. Everything is addictive. The physical body too is weak against pleasure. People in such a position and possessing such things debate with each other and offer a sense of values to us in their own way, but in the long run they all end up the same....

And in the end, from the secular perspective the world is controlled by money and power. Isn't that so? If you don't think so, you're either crazy or from the moon. That is the truth.

No matter how much you pray, it will not be enough. In the end, we need to also do things with our own hands.

Everyone, think for yourselves. Do you want me to love you? Do you need it? You don't, do you? Don't lie! That's not what's important. You need to live zealously. Study hard, and do many great deeds.

The final thing I want to tell you is that you need to know yourselves. The wisest way is for you to know your limitations, for only when you know them can you develop. Bear that in mind always. If you want to develop further, invest that much more. For what? It is for love. It is more glorious and noble to give when you have nothing.

I said I would not speak for long, so I will conclude here. Thank you. ♦



During the workshop held in conjunction with the June 13th events, members had a day of experiencing of Korean cultural heritage through making kimchi, kneading rice-cakes as well as traditional Korean village games—shuttle-cock kicking, sea-saw jumping, yut, arrow-throwing, Korean marbles, hoop throwing

