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## LETTERS AND REPORTS

Los Angeles, California

Susan Miller

Dearest Family,

We were very excited to receive the news from Seoul in last month's Newsletter. Our Leader's motto for 1968, "Full-Scale Advance" expresses our Father's urgent desire for us to arm ourselves with the Principle and go forth to crush and defeat Satan quickly, allowing nothing to stop us or get in our way. With the new year has come a great change in the world situation and in the lives of individuals. This is becoming more and more evident in the responses we receive from those we witness to.

During the past month, we have increased our activities, and the Center itself has undergone a change in preparation for the "Full-Scale Advance" we are undertaking this year. Our Center is open day and night for lectures and meetings, and we now have two rooms for this purpose. We have new people here almost every night as a result of our new witnessing campaign, which includes team witnessing as well as individual witnessing. At present, we have five good people finishing our lectures this week.

Today, Sunday, we held an open house with a fairly good response. We invited people to come and see our Center and the way in which we live and work. Refreshments were served, and Jon gave an introduction to the Unified Family. Jon is becoming such a dynamic speaker that people just don't dare to reject us. We are scheduling another open house for the near future with better ideas in mind for attracting more people.

Gary Fleisher and Lisa Martinez spent a few weeks in Berkeley with Edwin Ang and Farley Jones last month. The main purpose for their going was to witness and help Edwin and Farley in establishing a Center in Berkeley. Lisa will be reporting on their experiences there soon.

Gary and Lisa are now going to Los Angeles City College full-time, and Ray, Marge, and I are going there to night school. This gives us countless opportunities to witness there, and the Unified Family is fast becoming well known by the students there. Linda Jarmin will be attending UCLA shortly, and so we have plans for that campus too.

We were happy to have David Flores with us for a few days before he left for Vietnam. His love, strength, and dedication were a source of inspiration to each of us. The experiences he shared with us made us realize how fortunate we really are to be able to live in a Center with brothers and sisters to help us. Our love and support are with David in Vietnam.

Jack Korthuis from the Denver Family was also able to spend a day with us while visiting Los Angeles on business.

We wish to share with you our joy in having Gary and Linda Jarmin's parents, Bruce and Opal, join our Family. They are both beautiful people. Our Father has been working hard, preparing and bringing more and better people to us.

Proud to be a part of our Father's dispensation, and privileged to be working to establish His kingdom, we send our love to you. Let us all be determined to make this year one of triumph and victory for our Father and our True Parents.

In Their Name.

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New York City

Betsy O'Neill

My dear Family,

I felt like I was propelled out of the door last week. I could not go fast enough. The strain of the hazy vision has been cleared, and I could see the reality of Father's truth. In one week, I had been shown so very much. It struck me then that I must begin. I hope I did not knock anyone over on my way out!

I had felt so divided for so long. The truth was true, but my heart remained complacent. To respond totally would mean responsible action. How can I act with such mixed feelings? I can't; therefore I won't. Satan must really have been delighted with my reasoning.

I know now that a Unified Family is not a dream. It is a reality, and we have the privilege of hastening its establishment. One week with you has shown me this.

Thank you, my brothers and sisters, for just being yourselves. Selves that have directed their wills and concerns to our Father. The Kingdom is a reality in your hearts, in your actions, and on your faces.

It would be wonderful if we could all live under one big roof, sharing in the strength, inspiration and knowledge of true womanhood actualized in Miss Kim. We cannot physically, but we can spiritually. Let us unite, then, with our brothers and sisters all over the universe by giving our all to Father's work. The more we do, the closer we are to Him, to our True Parents and therefore to each other.

My love is with you in Their Name.

(Betsy recently returned to the New York Center after spending a busy week -- her vacation? -- at the Washington Center.)

Berkeley, California

Farley Jones

Dear Family,

Hello! No matter what we do, Father is always doing so much more. The past two months in Berkeley have been filled with "coincidences" and many other indications of the ceaseless devotion of our Father. We continually have met people we have met before, or are guided through seemingly unpromising paths into fertile fields. An instance of this was on paying a visit to a prospective witness and ending up lecturing the first chapter to about twenty people. On this occasion, we were aided by Lisa Martinez and Rusty Fleisher, who were visiting from Los Angeles Center. Rusty was here for about three weeks, and Lisa for two. It was wonderful to have them.

A really interesting aspect of our work has been the continual encounters with strong Christians -- Campus Crusade types. We have run into the same ones over and over in unexpected places. We have befriended them and are trying to pry open their orthodoxy. They readily admit a missing dimension in their lives and work, yet are now closed to new understanding. Doubly tragic, for there would be no problem in getting them committed if they understood. Possibly, though, their day is near.

We are working steadily, but there are no definite results. Several people are reading the book and are generally positive. If only they knew what a threshold they stand upon. I pray that all, everywhere, may cross it soon.

In His Name.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

George Fernsler

Dear Family,

We have had a most wonderful month this January, starting right with New Year's Eve. While Barbara and I were in the New York Center on New Year's Eve, Mr. Won Pil Kim, our Leader's first disciple, and Miss Lan Young Moon, visited the Center. After spending many hours listening to Mr. Kim speak about the very early movement in Korea, and our Leader himself, we had a special New Year's Eve worship service led by Mr. Kim. This was very beautiful and inspiring. We heard much later of the great things of cosmic import taking place at the same time in Korea: The Day of God, our Leader's declarations and announcements, and his proclaiming of the motto for 1968. We were happy to hear of the coming blessing of 430 couples in Korea.

Only Mr. Kim and a man with a broken leg followed our Leader through the incredible hardships of the time just before, during and after the flight from North Korea. Of these two, only Mr. Kim remained a full disciple from that time on. To have Mr. Kim with us was like having a part of our Leader with us. What he said is reported elsewhere in the New Age Frontiers.

On New Year's Day, we saw some of New York and tramped over hills in the snow to the Holy Ground there, trying to keep the pace set by Mr. Kim. That afternoon Mr. Kim and Miss Moon went with Barbara and me to Philadelphia. There we were blessed to hear from him more about the early movement. We kept ourselves and Mr. Kim going!

On the day after New Year's, Mr. Kim and Miss Moon, Barbara, and I visited Independence Hall, the Philadelphia Art Museum, and Holy Ground in Philadelphia.

The month of January continued active, with much teaching, witnessing and other activities. We began a weekly worship service. At the end of the month we held a weekend training session here for the New York and Philadelphia Families. Miss Kim spent several hours with us during the training session -- a wonderful surprise! Philip visited the New York Center and spent the weekend here helping and observing. From Philadelphia were the four of us plus Jubal and two students of Principle who were interested. Diane, Helen, Betsy, Wesley and Gladys came from New York, bringing bedrolls and all by bus. The Center in Philadelphia was overflowing. The theme of the session was "The Heavenly Personality."

Saturday morning of the training session we divided into two groups. Each member practice-taught parts of the first chapter. With each section, we discussed the main points and methods of bringing them out clearly in teaching. We also discussed improvement of teaching methods or manner in general.

In the afternoon we had an exciting session with Miss Kim, who spoke on the nature of God and His personality. Thus, with the theme of the heavenly personality, we found the center of discussion to be on the personality of God. The two interested students and a young man who found himself here from Cleveland -- before knowing anything about Principle -- had an especially large earful!

That evening Barbara spoke about preparation for worship service, describing the form of preparation in Japan. Philip spoke about preparation for the worship in heart and dedication at all times. Also we enjoyed several Principle games in the evening: 1.) A game with two persons in roles, one the spirit man, and one his physical counterpart. 2.) A game with sudden reversal of mimicking between two persons, subject and object at one simple level, so that they might begin to seem as one person. 3.) A game of 21 questions with objects and such mentioned in the Divine Principle.

On Sunday we held a worship service. Philip then spoke to us about our financial goals and needs. We sent Diane and Helen back on the bus with half a mountain of luggage and bedding. They made it back, but it took four or more men in blue uniforms to get the bus started by pushing, since it refused to start on its own.

Since then we have had some ups and downs -- and some storms. But I feel that in united effort we will build a strong Center and foundation in Philadelphia.

We are preparing to teach Principle through the Free University again this semester. We put up posters on the University of Pennsylvania campus and a large neighboring campus advertising the Free University course and giving our number. At least one from the first try at Free University is still interested.

In our True Parents' Name.

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Washington, D. C.

Vivien Barron

Dear brothers and sisters in all Centers,

Greetings to you all in the love of our True Parents. We think of each one of you every day and pray that we may all give our strength more and more to work for Father, for America, and for the whole world, to bring it to its true Lord.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Judy Barnes last weekend. Judy came from the Denver Family to spend six weeks with us in Washington. It is always such a privilege and gift to share our life with a new brother or sister. There is nothing better than this strong give and take of love with so many brothers and sisters -- and in Miss Kim's presence -- to give us new strength and to revitalize us to go out and give everything for Father.

This has been a busy month with witnessing, teaching and studying. We have quite a few people who have heard the Principle all the way through and who come regularly to study and read. One new sister is Marie Leckrone, who is Linna Miller's cousin. We are overjoyed to have her in the Family. Some of our other new members are Bernie Price and John Stevens, and Gene Bennett. It is our sincere prayer that the Divine Principle may grow deeper and deeper into the lives of each new member, and into our own lives. It must soak into each cell of our bodies, as Miss Kim says, so that the Divine Principle and we become one.

The grave international crises in past weeks show us that the forces of good and evil are becoming more and more marked and more clearly separated. Because God has established a firm and unshakable foothold in the world, we know that Satan

will now be trying to hold his last stronghold. This is why, more than ever, we must work on the side of God, throwing all our forces, our prayers and witnessing, talents and money to the good side, so that evil must be finally overcome by God's newly revealed Word.

We know that a conflict between the powers of good and evil is inevitable, but through the Divine Principle we have a weapon to lessen the suffering and to truly overcome evil. We must work hard and fast to win people to God's side. Evil will never be fully destroyed through war, so it is our serious responsibility to spread our work throughout the world. The forces of the world -- our material resources, money, people, and time, must not be wasted in such long drawn-out battles, but must be used for God's work quickly.

We ask you all to remember our brother David Flores in your prayers. David is now in Vietnam and is serving in the Infantry, combing rice paddies and carrying a gun. We who are so far away from the agonies of battle and who are so comfortable and safe cannot conceive of the danger, heartache and agony that war brings. We pray that Father's love surrounds him and keeps him safe; that here too David will be able to do our Father's work. Our love goes out to him in these hours of crisis.

Our Parents' birthday came at this most serious time. At our Saturday prayer meeting Miss Kim talked to us about many things concerning our Leader's life and our many serious tasks for the world and for America.

Miss Kim also told us how the birthday is celebrated in Korea. At 7:00 or 8:00 a. m. our Leader has a brief ceremony with his family and the 36 couples. Our Leader prays, talks with his family and shares food from his table. Then he goes down to the congregation and talks to them as he did to his family. At 11:00 a. m. there is a public worship service. After the service there are games and contests in speech, music, poems, etc., and our Leader awards a silver cup.

Miss Kim went on to say that we will not have a special program here in America as it would be only amusing ourselves. We celebrate the fact of what a great privilege it is to be born at this time, the same time our Leader is on earth. Here in Washington we started the day by meeting at the Holy Ground at 7:00 a. m. for prayer. At 11:00 we had worship service and then a luncheon celebration for which many of our guests stayed. We had a birthday cake with a large golden sun and moon on it, symbolizing the True Parents. We sang "Happy Birthday" to them. The afternoon ended with door-to-door witnessing. What a joyful day!

Now, in conclusion, here are some of Miss Kim's words to us, which we want to remember and take on ourselves seriously and responsibly:

One of our Leader's conditions for blessing has been that one must be in the Divine Principle for three years as a faithful member, following with utmost devotion. This is not just the symbolic number three. You can never trust people until you have lived with them at least three years. Also, you need at least three years' experience to change every part of your personality. The Divine Principle must soak into every cell of your body. It must settle in your life. The Divine Principle and you must become one. If the Divine Principle is the truth, you must see if you can live with it; otherwise neither you nor Father nor anyone else will be happy.

Our Leader's blessing means that he is removing you from Satan's territory and giving you to God's kingdom forever. This is a great responsibility our Leader has; therefore, he must really be able to trust us, that we may be qualified members of the Father's house.

We have to pay indemnity for our sins. Also, we have to pay for our nation, and restitution for the world. The foundation members are required at least to pay restitution for their nation because they are to be the fathers and mothers of the new America.

We cannot be complacent! We think we have come to the end of the world! We haven't even started! We sing, "Have Thine own way, Lord!" Do we really mean it? God's way may be completely different from what we think.

I want you to be different from the average American. We are reforming America in the truest sense, through love and sacrificial prayer. We must come out of the average way of thinking and living, yet be wise as serpents and gentle as doves. We must meet people at their level, yet we must also get along with God. Spirits can't do this. Human beings can get along with the Spirit Father and Satanic people. We have a magic power! We must say, "I will! I will! Therefore, I can!" When we are determined, we can do everything.

We need organization, a pattern, tradition -- an organization founded on eternal goodness. We need to establish this very firmly; then any person can be a leader in that institution. Jesus was the greatest leader on earth, but he didn't have the organization or tradition behind him.

We must be the ones to establish the pattern, which must be an eternal and absolute one and must be perfect. If the tradition is weak now, ten years later we will still be struggling. If we make it perfect now, it will be easier and easier as time goes on, and the movement will really grow. You must live, think, and act exactly as you want your posterity to be. You must look ahead -- you must maintain this pattern. The pattern itself will teach them. This is what our Leader is working so hard for. Very conscientiously and genuinely we have to do this .

If people don't do their job, God must intervene. In the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham prayed for God to spare the cities if even ten people were found

righteous. How God trusted Abraham! So you must be trustworthy. Each one must pray to God in this way, to become one of the ten righteous people for America. Then we can ask Father to withdraw His wrath.

God's wrath will come in different ways than in Biblical times. It may drain the gold of America. Your dollar should be used for the highest purpose, the purest work. Ask God to use yourself as a ransom to restore America. Any sacrificial offering must be clean, pure and perfect to be acceptable to God. Use your years to save America. You can relieve Father. Our Leader can't do much for America directly. It is you God is using. Will you work hard from now on?

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Duc Pho, Vietnam

David Flores

Dear Miss Kim,

Greetings to you and to all the Family in D. C. and area. I send my love to you and pray for your further success in that area. I hope all is well and that those who live there are growing well.

As for me, I am in excellent health, though a little tired. For the past three days we have been wading through rice paddies and searching out small villages. Our area of operation is in and around Duc Pho, a small town about 350 miles northeast of Saigon.

The areas we have covered are very green (rice) and there are many gardens in the midst. At present I am sitting in a garden where squashes, onions, tomatoes, pumpkins, cocoanuts and eggplants and hot peppers are grown. Here and there are stalks of corn along with banana trees as well. We are flanked by green mountains to the west and north. There is a small river which runs by here and the whole area is just beautiful. I am really surprised.

Now, the main reason for my writing: Again, it is to request advice from you. As you know, I am no longer working as a clerk but as an infantryman. There was absolutely no way for me to avoid this assignment. Had I been more insistent in Germany about changing my MOS to clerk, I might have avoided this, but as it stands I will be combing rice paddies and carrying a gun for a year. Though we have had no actual encounters with VC, I don't expect that we can go a year without this. Already we have found many storage areas of excessive rice, black cloth, ammunition, etc. in our small area of operation.

My question is, what should my attitude about killing be? Regardless of how one looks at it, it is immoral and against God's law. Can I really proclaim God's message and carry a gun in my hand? Though some may think that we are defending our country

and way of life, to include religion, I don't think murder is ever a part of God's plan. On the other hand since I am here, should I shoot back in self-defense or in defense of my comrades? To disobey an order to shoot could mean five years in prison or life imprisonment. Were this a declared war it would mean death. One fellow I know is already in jeopardy of this course of events because he believes it is against God's law to kill.

It is a farce for one to think he is defending his country. Our nation needs no defense against North Vietnam by means of this illegal, immoral and unjust war. Will God forgive me if I kill in self-defense? If not, then I might as well decide a course to take -- either prison or spiritual death. Please give me your thoughts on this matter.

I long to write and say more but time does not permit. I hope and pray that all is well with Family. Please give my greetings to Phil, Rebecca, Linna, Nora, Sylvia, Marty, and everyone else.

Once again I bid farewell and wait for your reply.

In His Name, Dave.

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REPLY FROM MISS KIM (Excerpts)  
Washington, D. C.

Yung Oon Kim

Dear David,

I have been rather worried about you since the street fighting started in Saigon and major cities in Vietnam. I am very happy to hear from you and am thankful to know that you are okay. Thank you for your previous letter, which I shared with others, and we appreciated your report.

In both letters I see two major questions: One is, why do we not explain the Divine Principle differently from the textbook, to appeal to the people more broadly? You wonder why it must be so conservative and Biblical and Oriental. This is why many have asked in America and in Europe as well. Many working in America have tried to find a more broad method to appeal to the American populace.

I encountered the same problem many times, and I felt that I would like to change the terminology which seems to be distasteful to the ears of ordinary people. I often felt that we should not include the conclusion in our lecture, which again stumbles many people. I have been rather stubborn in maintaining the original text of the Principle, and because of this there has often been a strong feeling of rejection toward me.

I face this problem time and time again. In fact, our Leader himself is facing this problem. Divine Principle is as strange a language and concept to Orientals as it is to Americans. Certainly it is not a modern concept or language to them at all. Even though their thought is less sophisticated and their heart is less hardened by worldly things because they do not have physical amenities like the West, it is not easy for them to accept the Principle either.

There is less distraction in their search for God. Their hearts are hungry, their spirits thirsty for God and His care because there is little physical comfort to please them. But certainly the Divine Principle is not a readily acceptable message to them. Even though there are less material comforts, scientific knowledge and awareness of latest developments in all fields sweep the world through the mass media. There is no gap in their understanding of current discoveries and events, and therefore no cultural vacuum into which Divine Principle can slip easily. Besides journals and translations, many Orientals were educated in the West and receive scholarly publications and news magazines directly. If the Divine Principle is distasteful to the ears of urban Americans, it is just as distasteful to urban Koreans.

If we are to change the presentation of the Divine Principle to suit the American thinking, certainly it can't fit the thinking of the Germans. If we modify it to fit German thought, it will be distasteful to the French mind. If it is pleasant to the French ears, it will be distasteful to the English ears. And the English presentation may not appeal to the Italians and Spanish. The Latin approach would not fit the Japanese. The Japanese method will not appeal to Hindu thought. The Hindu approach will antagonize the Moslems. The Moslem approach will be Greek to the Chinese.

Which method should we choose, then?

If the presentation of Principle is to be modified so that the scientist can agree, it will not be agreeable to the artist. If we are to modify it to appeal to artistic sensibility, philosophers will disagree. If we use the philosophical approach, pragmatic people like farmers and businessmen won't understand. We cannot present the Principle to please the social scientist and psychologist without alienating the fundamentalists. If we please the fundamentalist, then liberally-minded people will be upset.

Toward whose viewpoint should we modify the Principle?

My thought traveled in these areas many, many times and I discussed this matter also with our Leader. Each time he insisted that we should use one textbook for every country and person, and standardize our teaching. Sometimes I feel I am torn between him and you all. But considering all these above-mentioned difficulties, I see why our Leader insists. Not only is a universally acceptable modification of the Principle impossible, but any attempt in this direction will be disastrous because the true content will be lost in the change. Therefore, I think our Leader is most wise to insist on one method.

Japanese people after World War II experienced a spiritual vacuum. Our members are, in the majority, born during or after the War. Divine Principle had meaning for them where Japanese religion had none. Therefore, the membership has increased in number somewhat abnormally there. Also, it is their national characteristic to follow absolutely once they accept a leader. They identify themselves wholly with the teaching and each one is dedicated and active. There are no members who didn't take part in trash collection and street preaching. Even now a great number of them sell flowers, whether they are undergraduates or have master's degrees. Every day they sell flowers and preach on the street. Like the army, once it is decided, they perform without question. This is a unique national characteristic.

Their obedience to orders, cooperativeness, and sacrificial spirit are the main factors of their success. Do the Westerners have the same qualities in their national character? Westerners are so individualistic. They must rationalize every command and they always try to find the easy way instead of straight suffering. This kind of attitude may bring success in the Satanic world, but not in the heavenly world. It was not different presentation of the Principle but their attitude toward the movement that brought their growth in Japan.

Last year, when our Leader could not obtain the American visa, he decided to bless the Japanese members anyway, though he could not come to the western world. The Japanese members refused to be blessed. He had chosen certain candidates, but they refused for this reason: The work in Japan has just started. If some married, the work would regress in the resulting check of progress. Can this attitude be found in the western world? I often hear the expression of desire for marriage when one is absolutely not ready in spirit and one has no concern about the progress of the whole movement, but just wants to be blessed in marriage. This is a most selfish attitude. But it is one I hear expressed.

Such people place the blame for the movement's not progressing fast enough either on me or on the Principle, without examining themselves.

Some members seem to think that it is an easy message for the Koreans to accept and therefore they were able to get many strong members. This is not true. It is just as difficult there as here to get strong members.

I have seen members who attempted to dilute the Principle and who lost spiritual power and gradually declined and dropped out, one by one. However, those who teach faithfully according to the textbook get successful results and spirit world works through them, not through those who are diluting. The depth of the Principle is not known to many people. Those who do not know the depth have no right to change the expression.

However, I have been encouraging members to use diverse, creative methods in contacting people and introducing them to the Principle. I encourage people to

lecture each chapter straight. However, I also encourage them to bring all their knowledge and experience to bear on answering the questions which their students raise after the lecture. In this way we can standardize the lecture and give full explanation to insure understanding.

The concept and the feeling of God is so distant from the mind of modern people. Hence, to bring anything about God into their thinking cannot be easy. It is not just the Principle that is remote, but God Himself is also.

As I have said many times before, we are now building the foundation of the new America. If we make all effort to obtain great numbers of wishy-washy people without true understanding of the Principle, we can never build a firm foundation. God can never trust those people. Do you think this is the success of our movement? We are to establish an unwavering tradition and a precise, clear pattern of life for our posterity to follow unmistakably so that things can be established. When our vertical relationship with God and with our Leader is firmly established our movement should expand horizontally. Can this be done with half-baked people?

I will attempt to answer your second question. I am convinced that any ideology can be destroyed by a higher ideology, not by weapons. Here I feel great responsibility of expanding our movement and spreading this message as widely and quickly as possible. Communists will change their ideology only when they hear the Principle.

But when they use military force and threaten people in order to bring them to their side, the innocent people must be protected in some way and be allowed to live as they would like. Is this not the reason American soldiers are sent to Vietnam -- to check the Communist invasion and protect the free people? When military means are successful, the Communist invasion will be checked, just as Hitler's Nazism was checked by military force.

You said this war is not declared. Declared or undeclared -- this is a political matter. To check evil, whether it is declared or undeclared, the war has a just purpose. The sad aspect of this war is its great prolongation. Because of the guerrilla tactics the end cannot be brought quickly enough. Moreover, the Viet Cong conviction seems stronger than the conviction of Americans. For the Viet Cong it is an immediate, life-and-death matter. But for the American GI -- well, it is a fire next door -- no, across the street. We say, "a fire across the field" -- far in the distance.

All wars are tragedy. You have read about it, heard about it, but now you are facing it for the first time in your life. You are now placed in the midst of the most tragic scene of human life. Sitting in a comfortable room, I have no right to advise you on this matter.

In a sense, physical death is not an ultimately serious concern. To God's eyes, the physical death is no more tragic than the spiritual deaths of innumerable people.

It is true that by dying physically the Vietnamese loses the chance to hear the Divine Principle, but how remote he was from that possibility anyway! Millions will be born and die without hearing it. The great mass of Chinese are under the Communist ideology. India is under false teaching and many there are starving. Even in America-- is there not much tragedy? If we are in communication with the heart of God, our sorrow will be unbearable.

David, since you understand God's new dispensation, your life is precious to God because God can restore many lives through you. He would like to preserve your life at all costs. You must cooperate with the Father in the preservation of your life, not only for your sake, but for God's sake.

Killing anyone in battle cannot be compared to murder under any other circumstances. It will not bring the same effect on your spirit. If I hate someone and kill him, it is my evil will and desire to kill that particular person. But if two nations are in battle, no one kills from personal malice, but from the will of the commander, whether it is a nation or an ideology.

If you are confronted by an enemy and preserve his life, if he then immediately turns to good, then it is good to save him. But, supposing you preserve his life and then he ungratefully kills numerous people on your side. What is gained? You must transcend your personal feeling and avoid thinking in terms of person-to-person, or you will suffer from constant inner conflict and even risk your own life by your indecisiveness.

You must pray -- and I will pray for you -- not to encounter a difficult situation. Commit your life completely to the hands of the Father and be close to Him. I only pray that you will avoid all danger under His protection. All of us in our Family here remember you in our prayers.

Our door-to-door witnessing every Sunday afternoon is quite encouraging. In December and January we received some forty new members throughout America.

Keep in touch with us, even with short letters and cards. We just want to know you're alive. I just hope that this war will quickly end. I send my prayer and love to you.

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POSTSCRIPT: As the New Age Frontiers was about to be printed, Washington Center received letters from David which we would like to share with all the Family:

Beloved Family,

Excuse this rushed and somewhat ragged note, but in the midst of the chaotic situation in which I find myself, I can do no more. Please, for all of you who have written me, accept this as an answer to all your letters. I will try to write you individually if I have time. I give thanks to our Father and praise Him for this opportunity to serve Him here in Vietnam. I am proud that He chose me for this mission but pray that His humility will be in me as I work for His kingdom here.

Let me first inform all of you of what I am doing — just briefly. I've been assigned to an infantry unit which, as you might have guessed, is utilized completely for search-and-destroy missions. We are operating in the area of Duc Pho, which is about 150 miles south of Da Nang. I am presently being utilized as a rifleman. We comb rice paddies, mountains, and villages — and whatever else comes in our way as we search for "Charlie." The unit is relatively new in Vietnam, having arrived in December. This area is reasonably safe though we have encountered Viet Cong at least three times since my arrival. Mainly we just spend a lot of time searching, which means walking, and walking, and more walking. Generally we go out for a week at a time carrying rations for three days, our bedding, water, and about 240 rounds of ammo each. On the average we carry about 40 pounds on our backs. It isn't bad but when you walk about 14 miles per day with this weight your feet really ache — and, oh, your back! We've been out for eight days now and last night we climbed a mountain which was so high it took us two and a half hours, upstream. Other than that, our work is the same routine. We go into base camp maybe once a month, so you can see we haven't much time to write, except at times like now when a squad pulls perimeter security.

Now, as the Father's work goes here, I haven't had a great deal of time to do anything but pray. And so I've asked the Father to accept all this as indemnity. I don't know yet what my ultimate purpose must be here, but I am certain that my Father can use this to His advantage.

In the infantry, the morale and spirit of the men varies quite widely. I find that only the thinking people are still the ones who seek spiritual understanding. Too many of the men are very narrow-minded and cannot comprehend thoughts beyond themselves — very selfish and ignorant. I say ignorant because they don't realize what life beyond self would be. There are men, however, who think somewhat in universal terms.

While in Chu Lai I spoke with two fellows who were really interested in Divine Principle. One even told me he believed that the original sin was the "sin of

origin, " sex. Another fellow is facing court martial because he will not shoot — the war is immoral, illegal, and unjust. Three fellows here already have asked me today what I believe and what our church teaches. I just gave them a short introduction since they were playing pinochle. The pinochle players are the thinkers. (I'm learning to play the game!)

The NAF serves as a point of conversation. Everyone is curious what it is. I feel more and better opportunities for witness will come up. With your prayers and Father 's energy, I will be an adequate channel here for Him.

Your many letters have served to push me onward and the NAF has encouraged me more. And I am proud that I am a part of Unified Family and that so wonderful a family is mine. Only the love of the Father led me to you and it is such that will maintain me, I feel, as St. Paul expresses — that trial and tribulation make me more steadfast and nothing will separate me from the love of the Father.

Brothers and sisters, continue the fight, support your leaders and praise the Father for this great truth.

In an earlier letter, David wrote:

I flew out of Oakland 13 January and arrived RVN 15 January. I arrived first at Long Binh and then went to Chu Lai. While at Chu Lai, we came under mortar fire and rocket attack — one ammo dump destroyed, six jets demolished. No personnel at our camp were killed, and only three injured. More damage was done to hooches and tents. I also received six-day RVN training while there. Unfortunately, I've been assigned as an infantryman to this unit. I've been out humping hills and rice paddies for about two weeks now. (February 16.) My platoon is nice. I'm not sure where to start witnessing. A great deal of the men seem too dense to even care about the world situation, which is ironical since they are here. The intelligent ones aren't necessarily the best choice either. I'll just have to "hunt and peck" for a while. I look forward to the day when all men will seek spiritual values and not materialistic.

Our hearts are with you, David!

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## ARTICLES

## The Spiritual Family Tree

Nora Martin

The true nature of man has now been discovered. Through this greater understanding of man we can also understand more about God and the teachings of religions.

According to Genesis, man is made in the image of God. Prior to today's revelation this image was never understood. In fact, the question has frustrated people throughout history. There has been an innate sense of a higher possible standard than man has ever been able to live up to. But when the standard was unknown, man continued to fumble in search for it. Why? Because there was never a true pattern of perfect man on earth; man never had a standard person against whom he could judge himself. He had only a vague concept of a God.

Today, through the Divine Principle we know that the image of God in man was to be spiritually perfected man. This is the unknown standard which had been frustrating man. It was like trying to bake a new kind of cake without a recipe and with no cake with which to compare it.

Let us take a look at what we now know about ourselves' being made in the image of God. According to the Divine Principle, we are a physical representation of an infinite, invisible Spirit. Not only are we finite visible beings, we have spiritual counterparts made in the image of God which can, upon growth to perfection, become united with God's own Spirit — infinity. This means that we also become united with the divine will and purpose.

You have heard all of this before. What does it mean to those who are a part of this growing to perfection? For the first time in history, we can know the reality of our spiritual personality, being and character. Suddenly we discover that, just as our ancestry and everything in our environment has affected our physical being, we have had comparable influences on our spiritual being.

For example, if my great-grandfather was extremely wealthy and this wealth was cared for by my parents and grandparents, I inherit it. The wisdom they used in investing and increasing it is passed on to me, even though I have done nothing to merit it.

Thus, we can say that our spiritual inheritance has also accumulated debits and credits throughout the generations. In the physical world the pattern is concrete and tangible and can be substantiated by findings. However, in the spiritual world we have never known the spiritual laws which guide the pattern of debits and credits. Consequently, we have lived lives of spiritual trial and error seeking those things which make us "feel good" and eliminating those which do not. Now that we know the laws guiding the pattern, we can trace it, correct it, overcome it, and grow.

Principle tells us that Adam and Eve were to represent the spiritual essence of God's masculinity and femininity. Therefore we can say that man's spiritual nature was to carry our balance of spiritual debits and credits and move toward the goal of perfection.

This is the same manner in which our physical nature carried a composite of our physical ancestry. Because our spirit man was given potential for growth and expansion, it was small and immature. It was to be filled with more and more of the essence of God's Spirit until such time as it was perfected and completely united with God.

We can say then that when man is perfected, he can trace his spiritual ancestry directly back to God in whom it originated, or in whom is our spiritual parentage. Adam and Eve were to reflect the nature of God, or to become the divine Ideal or Word incarnate. Because they failed and united with Satan, we now trace our spiritual heritage back to Satan.

There remains in man the void which was to be united with God. This left man still searching for perfection and he sought by trial and error to find the standard of ultimate perfection. It was never found. So he searched for substitutes and found the combinations of substitutes which may or may not have come close to filling the vacuum.

For example, we meet the person who fills his life with activity, a certain number of human relationships, entertainment, service, education, prestige, religions, challenges, adventures. He may feel less of a vacuum than that of the deprived person who finds himself unable to fill his life with substitutes and subsequently continues on his meaningless search to find something to fill the gap. He is like a lost child going from family to family searching for the ideal one. We have spiritually inherited the vacuum.

In relation to God's original plan for man, we are like children who have been kidnapped from the king's palace and have grown up in a deprived environment raised by the one who has stolen us. We have grown to love much of the inferior environment because we've known no other. We have tolerated Satan because he deceived us. He stole us, raised us in his house, taught us his false laws; and we knew nothing of the complete perfect standard, nor of our true parentage.

As we trace our physical family tree back through our ancestors, so we can trace our spiritual heritage back to the beginning in which Satan intervened and became our false parent. Now that he has been discovered, what does this mean?

Jesus came to save us from our kidnapper and restore us to our true parentage in God, by himself becoming the first true son of God. He could then trace his spiritual

lineage back to God rather than Satan. He therefore taught that we too could transfer our spiritual lineage by being grafted into his, becoming heirs to his heritage. He said: "I am the vine, ye are the branches."

Jesus' promise was that we were to receive his inheritance — or that through his work we could be brought to the same stature as his with God. Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount as a standard for the kingdom of heaven he came to establish. Throughout the Christian era his followers have been frustrated because they have been unable to live up to it.

Paul too spoke of the coming inheritance. In I Peter 1:5 he speaks of those "who by the power of God are protected through faith for a salvation to be revealed in the closing period." He states in Ephesians 3 that "the Gentiles are in Christ Jesus through the Gospel joint inheritors and share the same body and are participants in the promise of Jesus Christ."

Paul continues to speak even more directly of our due heritage in Romans 8, saying:

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then the resurrection of Christ Jesus from the dead will through the Spirit that dwells in you make also your mortal bodies live. It follows then, brothers . . . that as many as are guided by God's Spirit — they are the sons of God. This Spirit bears witness jointly with our spirits that we are God's children; but if children, then heirs too, in fact God's heirs jointly with Christ, presuming we suffer jointly, so that we may also enjoy glory jointly. We wait for freedom of God's children . . . . we sigh within ourselves as we await the right of sonship that involves our bodily redemption.

Jesus, because of man's lack of cooperation, could not complete the right of sonship for all of mankind. This left man groping and striving to carry out the ideal Jesus taught, and often not knowing that man was still of the family of Satan in his physical bondage. To claim the heritage of Jesus would have appeared presumptuous to most men. All again waited until the day when man is adopted back into the family of God and can claim his inheritance.

Through our Leader and our understanding of the Divine Principle, our True Parents have been revealed and our false ones have been exposed. How could we but respond? They are calling the orphans to return to the true parents, true home, true family. We are like children being reunited with our natural parents after having lived in a foster home all our lives. The break isn't easy. The adjustment isn't easy. Though we have found our rightful place, we've become so accustomed to the wrong one that we hesitate to take the first step away from it and step into the new life.

Our True Parents want us to grow into perfect children by their standards now. Cutting off the old family ties is painful, yet beautiful. So all emotions are intensified during the transition period. It is now possible to be adopted back into our true family; the inheritance meant to be ours is established with our right of sonship. We shall no longer live in the inferior home, in deprivation, but have been returned to the king's palace. In the palace we learn the new graces befitting royal life.

And then, we sometimes long for the old life with which we were so familiar. Every child loves most that to which he is most accustomed. Have you ever seen a little girl hug her ugly rag doll tightly as she looks with tears in her eyes at the beautiful new doll on Christmas morning? Always separation with the familiar is painful — no matter how ugly the familiar was and how beautiful the unfamiliar. So as we adjust we feel the pain of having been severed, and of becoming polished to live in a palace. Sometimes it is easier to remain crude, and we miss the beautiful potential. Yes, there are growing pains.

Now let us recap the process of gaining sonship of God. Because Satan united with Eve, taking the unlawful position of father to mankind, the spiritual lineage we should have been able to trace back to God instead goes back to Satan. Having original sin means our spirits inherit the disease of evil.

Our Leader and his bride (our Father and Mother) represent the first physical true fatherhood and motherhood which exists in God. They now invite us to join their Family as adopted, not foster, children, making us heirs to God's kingdom and to a spiritual lineage which goes directly back to God.

The struggles and pains we feel are those of breaking off the ties of our Satanic parents (Satan and his followers) and being adopted or grafted into a new family tree. Only in this way can we be truly free of original sin.

Truly, Paul spoke of this day when he spoke of those God appointed to share the likeness of His son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. He spoke of our inheritance when he said, "What is to hinder His favoring us with everything along with him (Christ)?"

A new day has dawned. Its significance is that which we are willing to give it. With grateful hearts let us approach our new Family — God's Family through our Master.

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Apple John and Marshmallow Joe

Linna Miller

I have in my hands an apple and a marshmallow — Apple John and Marshmallow Joe. My question to you is: Which are you, Apple John or Marshmallow Joe? Let us take a closer look, first, at Apple John.

First of all, he began as a bud on a tree and bloomed into a flower and grew into an apple. He is a product of growth, of life. Then as we look at his characteristics, we notice a protective outer covering — not too tough to get into, but not so tender it doesn't do any good. Inside the covering can be found a treasurehouse of nutrients and tastiness. Even the color is pure. As we sink our teeth into him, we notice a good, firm quality about him and a very pleasant and refreshing taste. Almost everyone enjoys eating a good apple. "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." In other words, it is good for us. We receive something worthwhile from it and we cannot too much. It does not harm us in any way. When we have finished eating it, we are not sorry we ate it. In fact, it leaves a rather refreshing taste in our mouths, not too sweet, not too sour.

Then we notice we still have the core left in our hands. The center remains, containing the elements of eternal life, for here we find the seeds which can form new trees, which can, in turn, bear more delicious, nourishing fruit. There are many different kinds of apples — different tastes, different sizes and shapes, different colors. They have quite an individuality despite their limitations. And finally, they can be used in many different ways — cooked, chopped, sauced, dried — and yet throughout those changes they remain nutritious and tasty.

Now let us take a look at Marshmallow Joe. A marshmallow is a cute little pure-looking object. On the surface it looks quite perfect and appealing. Inside it looks just the same. When we eat one, it is nice and sweet and we think we would like to have more. However, as we sink our teeth into it, we begin to notice other things. First, it becomes evident that the only covering it has is a film of sweet flour, which is not exactly protective. Then we notice the lack of body. Our teeth meet with no resistance or firm quality, only softness and sweetness. If we decide to indulge in a second or third, the sweetness begins to be too much, and we find we can take it in small doses only.

After we have swallowed the last bit, we notice the taste left in our mouths is rather sickeningly sweet and heavy, and we have a sudden urge to brush our teeth before decay sets in. We receive little nutritive value from it. "A marshmallow a day keeps the doctor away?" NEVER! Furthermore, upon finishing it, there is absolutely nothing left as evidence it ever existed. One or two soft bites and the entire marshmallow has forever vanished. There is no life in a marshmallow. It is man-made and has never known life. It has never grown, and it cannot reproduce. There are no seeds for starting a marshmallow tree.

When we hold a marshmallow in our hand, we soon notice a sticky mess forming, which we want to get rid of as soon as possible. As for individuality, aside from the miniature marshmallows and the more recent chocolate ones, they're all alike — formed in the same mold. Yes, they can be fixed in different ways, but when heated, what happens? They lose any form they did have and completely go to pieces.

Who will you choose to be, then, Apple John or Marshmallow Joe? After all this, I doubt that you are going to choose Marshmallow Joe. But what, exactly, is the depth of that choice?

Looking at the apple again, we see that we must grow. We bud, blossom, and grow to maturity. We must have a good, firm quality and yet not be too tough to get one's teeth into, and inside we must be pure and full of nutrients. Our effect on others must always be to their good. If we are sweet on the surface, we may be popular initially and attract a lot of people, but if we leave a sickening taste in their mouths, a sticky mess on their hands, or a cavity in their teeth, how can we expect them to come back for more?

Our aim, then, is to become so strong and so deep in our understanding of the Divine Principle, and so close to Father's heart and so full of His love, that we are truly walking storehouses of truth and life. People must be able to come to us to learn about God's truth, and we must be able to guide and help people along the path to restoration. This means much suffering and heartache and requires great strength and firmness.

Jesus was bold and daring. He demonstrated such qualities of true leadership as conviction, courage, decisive action and willingness to risk consequences. Paul in turn was inspired to similar leadership. He overcame fear of criticism and possible persecution. He once said, "If God is for us, who is against us?"

Becoming a leader does not come naturally or easily to most of us, but requires day-by-day plodding, struggling, and praying, and utmost commitment. In our prayers we ask that nothing stand in our way to full service and growth. We express our gratitude and our desire to be used. We sing of our devotion and commitment. We are no doubt sincere in this, but do we always think really deeply about the implications of such prayers and songs? If we truly wish to follow him and lead others to him, we must be willing to do everything in our power to become the kind of people who can do it. We must have the character and personal qualities which will physically accomplish this.

To perform big assignments, we must necessarily begin with small, mundane tasks. When the prayer or song is over, what can we do the rest of that day to help us achieve our goal? Those few minutes before dinner or the half hour after dinner, how could they be better used? When we read, do we read unnecessary news

articles or interesting novels when we could be studying for our tests or outlining the Principle? When we perform even lowly tasks about the house, are we reverent and wholehearted? The last minutes before going to sleep, are they spent in prayer? Are we taking a look at our shortcomings and trying our absolute best to overcome them?

It is true that many of us have left behind our former dwellings, material possessions, certain leisure time activities, and, perhaps, old friends; and this is good. However, this was only the first baby step. The first step in reaching perfection, as you may recall, is understanding and accepting the truth of God's new dispensation which enables us to enter the first level of the Perfection Stage. Judgment of wisdom follows, which means the application of the Principle in our own lives. The third step, love, comes when we feel with God's heart, and love rules both our knowledge and our application of the Divine Principle. The question for many of us at this point is not whether we accept the Principle, but how intensively and wholeheartedly we are willing to work to apply them in our lives. Every act and thought will indicate the answer to this question. We must keep in mind that the call itself is not fulfillment. The call is only the beginning; the opening of the door. We have yet to fully learn what our Leader meant when he said we must give of our tears, sweat, and blood.

Today we have more difficulty, more obstacles than we had at the time of Jesus. To fulfill God's will today, we will have greater battles to struggle through. Even at Jesus' time, he had to deny eating, the established formality of the society, and his life. How much more do we have to deny in order to fulfill God's will today? How many young people are there who can forget to eat because they love the will of God? How many of you have the revolutionary spirit to overthrow the existing formalities in order to establish His kingdom on earth? How many of you are prepared to give up your lives as Jesus did for his cause? If you are not ready to do this, then where is God to find the young people to whom He can give the inheritance of creation?

(Leader's Address, Dallas, February 28, 1965)

As we read the addresses of our Leader, we notice this recurring theme. It is urgent that we take our talents and abilities and multiply them. We must overcome the things that stand in our way. We must give our whole selves, withholding not a mite.

As you probably know, Norman Vincent Peale believes that the reason most people do not succeed is that they limit themselves by their own lack of confidence and belief in themselves, and he tries to help people free themselves to do great things. His main emphasis is on positive thinking. He is convinced that we can overcome many of our problems through a change in our way of thinking. If we would couple his advice with our own knowledge of the Divine Principle, we would certainly see fantastic results.

Expecting the best means that you put your whole heart (i.e. the central essence of your personality) into what you want to accomplish. People are defeated in life not because of lack of ability, but for lack of wholeheartedness. They do not wholeheartedly succeed. Their heart isn't in it, which is to say they themselves are not fully given . . . .

A major key to success in this life, to attaining that which you deeply desire is to be completely released and throw all there is of yourself into your job or any project in which you are engaged. In other words, whatever you are doing, give it all you've got. Give every bit of yourself. Hold nothing back. Life cannot deny itself to the person who gives life his all . . . .

A famous trapeze artist was instructing his students how to perform on the high trapeze bar. Finally, having given full explanations and instruction in this skill, he told them to demonstrate their ability. One student, looking up at the insecure perch upon which he must perform, was suddenly filled with fear. He had a terrifying vision of himself falling to the ground. He couldn't move a muscle, so deep was his fright. "I can't do it! I can't do it!" he gasped. The instructor put his arm around the boy's shoulder and said, "Son, you can do it, and I will tell you how." Then he said, "Throw your heart over the bar and your body will follow." (The Power of Positive Thinking, pp. 109-110)

Yes, we work for that which we most want and what we most want is to become the type of people God can really use and fully trust, for the hope and desire of God will be fulfilled through us. God alone cannot do this work. To become this type of person, we must give everything we have. Every moment of every day must be properly used. By going this path, we can have a deeper heart; a heart more like Father's. Then we become in turn even more the type of solid, dynamic, trustworthy person He needs. The Apple John type and much, much more.

. . . You must become a person, a real person to whom God can trust His secret. You must be like a safe, in which God can deposit His secret, then forget it. He knows He can trust you, He doesn't have to worry . . . . Be a somebody! Set your own individual goal of perfection, your own standard of achievement. Decide what you best can do, and what you need to achieve your goal — physical, educational, financial needs. Then fulfill them. Prepare yourself, be really ready for a mission . . . . How much room can you make in your life for your Leader? Upon the amount of room depends the thrusting power you will have . . . .

(Leader's Address, May 1, 1965.)

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## That We Might Be Trustworthy to God

Barbara Mikesell

Lastly man has to reach a stage in which he unconditionally loves God and serves Him sacrificially even when God's love is not demonstrated. When man comes to this final stage, he becomes trustworthy to God. In this way, God wants to be in man and man in Him.

(The Divine Principle, p. 7)

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines although that was near; for God said, "Lest the people repent when they see war and return to Egypt." But God led the people around by way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people went up out of the land of Egypt.

(Exodus 13:16-17)

I always loved to read the Old Testament because God was so evident in His works among men. I felt that if He were so intimately involved during those times He must be just as involved since the time of Jesus and in the modern world. Yet I could not hear His voice, and no one could show me in what way He was working. I did not know that at that very moment our Leader and elder brothers and sisters in Korea and the world were struggling and working — many times exhausted, hungry and ill, mingling their sweat, blood and tears with those of the Heavenly Father. It is their dedicated lives that made it possible for me to find the answers and bring my heart to the Father. Also, on this foundation they laid, the questions and search of the world now and through history are being answered and fulfilled.

Through Principle we now know that God has never paused to rest in His labors through history to this very day. We know this far more than we ever could have understood from the recorded lives of Moses and other great men and events of God's history. He has been crying and tediously working in the face of His children's rejection, rebellion and ignorance of Him. Because of His need and love for us the pain has been unbearable, especially when so often — before His very face — we have chosen death and destruction rather than yielding to His summons. Who could stay alive in the midst of such pain? Yet our Father has never turned His back; He has never deserted us but ceaselessly worked toward the victory of this day.

In a previous sermon we read, "Those of us who have been led to this Family are the product of His worry and hope, His sorrow and love over thousands of years. So we are very precious to Him." If we can come to feel in our hearts that "It is for me alone that our Father has searched and labored for 6,000 years," we will be on the way in comprehending the Father's feeling for each one of us. Once this knowledge becomes a part of our lives and heart through living Principle, we can never again hesitate in our belief in God in terms of entrusting our complete faith to Him.

Since mankind has now entered the Completed Testament Era, we have the blessing of the freedom to obtain a fully matured, unconditional, even sacrificial love for God. The question that I would like to ask, then, is not, Can we trust God? but, Can we be trusted by God?

The foundation of the heavenly Father's victory was laid by our Leader in 1960. But all nations and all mankind must be united with God before He can feel complete peace and joy. For this great task our Leader and those who have joined this battle with him have called us. The victory has been won, this is sure. It is only up to us to manifest it. The degree of our dedication and sacrificial work will decide the speed at which we move the world to the kingdom of heaven. Will it be sooner or later? God desired to lead the Children of Israel from Egypt to their homeland in 21 days following the dispensation of Jacob. But because He could not trust their faith in Him, He could not risk the hazards of the shorter route and led them instead through the wilderness toward the Red Sea. This alternate journey should have been accomplished in 21 weeks. We know that this 21 weeks stretched into 40 long-suffering years because of the continual faithlessness and rebellion of Israel.

Can our Father trust us enough to lead us by the fastest possible route in accomplishing His plan for our lives and for this nation and the world? This way will be most beset by dangers and most open to the attack of Satan.

Wisdom gained through knowledge and application of Principle is absolutely necessary. Also, God is searching for those of a totally dedicated heart. God in His anger over Israel's faithlessness told Moses:

I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people: now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; but of you I will make a great nation. (Exodus 32:9)

But Moses cried out with all his heart to God:

Alas, this people have sinned a great sin: they have made for themselves gods of gold. But now, if thou wilt forgive their sin — and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. (Exodus 32:31-32)

Even when Moses was overwhelmed by the faithlessness of those that he sacrificed so much to lead, still he gave all, his very life to the mission which God had given him. It was this heart that God could trust with the responsibilities of a nation. It was with this man that God could share His deepest problems.

In this final dispensation, we must be able to stand where even Moses could not stand. To what degree can the Father trust in our lives? Let us be determined.

Our Father is looking to us as He wonders if our nation will stand or fall. And the world is looking to our nation. Can Father accomplish His goals by going the short route or must He painfully wait amid the suffering that His wandering children choose for themselves and the world?

Many will ridicule our role and doubt our stand, but we are not concerned with them. May we live our lives in longing that we might quickly come to the point where God will never doubt our faith and trust the stand we have chosen to take, by His grace.

Let us dedicate ourselves 101 percent so Father can come to trust our loyalty, our wisdom and our love. Upon this foundation He can quickly reveal through our lives the calling of each one of us, of this great nation, and of His world and universe.

Let the American Family realize what you have been expecting them to do. Let them realize this fully and help them to fulfill their mission as the leading nation of the world in this last dispensation. Let the Americans realize and be aware of how much your heart grieves and heaven grieves with them because of their ignorance of their own mission and course to follow in this last dispensation. In order to fulfill this mission to awaken the Americans, you have called the Unified Family. Let them realize how heavy their responsibility is.

(Our Leader's Prayer, Los Angeles, February 19, 1965.)

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## TESTIMONIES

Essen, Germany

Narayan Bihari

On March 7, 1947 I was born as the second child of my parents. I have two more brothers and one sister. My parents live in a small industrial colony near Calcutta in India.

I was brought up according to the strict Hindu traditions. My mother is a strict Hindu. She has a strong belief in God and His love. We four have inherited this belief. Hindu tradition emphasizes virtues like obedience and respect for older ones rather than mutual love. But in spite of this, love is still the binding factor in a Hindu family.

At the end of 1960 I came to Switzerland for practical training. This was for the first time I was separated from my parents. Anyhow, my elder brother was at that time in Germany, and I was placed under his loving guidance. I owe a lot to him.

I found the life in Europe pretty easy and pleasant. People in Switzerland were very nice to me, and I was very soon accustomed to their way of life. I like the social life very much. Afterwards I came to Essen and started my studies in a local engineering college. Student life is very pleasant. For a long time, I was not interested in my studies, and I used to go to college only when I had nothing in particular to do. This continued until October, 1966, when my elder brother left for home. I decided to follow his example. I was fed up with my old ways of life, and I broke all my connections with most of my friends.

Until that time, I thought very little about God and also about my country. After that time, I very often used to compare the ways of life in Europe and in India and was trying to find out, what has helped Europe to this material wealth? What should I take with me to my country which will be of real value? I came to the conclusion that what I was doing, or had achieved so far, was surely not the right thing to take home. Wealth alone does not make one happy, though it is a good means to achieve a certain degree of happiness. People in Europe have got money. But most of them are still unhappy. Why? Well, that was the question.

On December 17, 1966, I met Miss Elke Klawiter in a dance party in the local youth center. I invited Elke to come to "Holiday on Ice" with me. She accepted my invitation and after the show she invited me to come to the center for dinner. In this way I came to know the Principle and started studying it. I didn't have a good opinion of Christians, so at the beginning I was very critical and thought a lot about it.

For me, God is the truth and love. If anybody says that he is near to God, that means he must reflect these two elements in this or that way. The Principle is the truth

which was reflected by Elke and others. I was surprised by the flow of love among the members living in the Center and also toward the newcomers. This was for me the ultimate proof for the correctness of the Principle. So I joined the Center in Essen at the end of July, 1967.

I thank our Father for all this and pray to Him to help every one of us studying Principle at present to come to the right conclusion and to bless all of us with more and more energy to serve Him.

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Los Angeles, California

Judi Culbertson

My dear brothers and sisters,

My love goes out to each of your hearts and my prayers are for your strength in building Father's kingdom.

Father chooses those who can best prepare the way for the fulfillment of His will. He prepares them in many different ways. He has prepared me and given me the knowledge of His Ideal and how it is to come to pass through the Divine Principle. It is now up to me to show God and our True Parents that I am willing to fight for them.

I have only been in the Family for two months and ten days, but with the help of all who live at the Center, I have been able to learn much. With the application of the Principle within the house and at work all of us are able to help the others in some way with our growth.

There are three events which mark the path by which I was led here. The first occurred just before my twenty-first birthday. I experienced what it felt like to break somebody else's heart instead of worrying about my own hurt so much.

The second event took place one month later. I had finally ended up with no possessions and no place to go. I spent three days and nights in a car with no food or sleep. At this time I accepted Jesus Christ. This was quite a step for me, for I had never been a Christian. I had believed in God, but not His son.

The third event occurred two days prior to my introduction to the Family. All my hopes of trying to help my friends had vanished from reality. All my friends were lost and didn't even want help. They were content to exist in a false world created with drugs, and I had no ability to change that because I was a part of it -- though I knew it had to stop. With sleeping bag in hand, I set out to follow the will of God. I told God I had complete faith in Him that He would lead me wherever I should go.

Father led me here, and my growth has just begun. The battle will become much greater, but the source of my energy and strength lies with my forever-growing love for Master and Father. My determination is becoming much stronger as I realize the importance of our mission from the outcome of my mistakes -- determination to fill Father's heart with joy and comfort as the realization of His Ideal becomes known throughout the world.

This testimony is to let all my brothers and sisters and our True Parents know that God has another warrior on His side. And this warrior hopes to bring forth greater warriors that we may expand the love and truth which is needed to end the today and bring about tomorrow.

Also, I would like to give my deepest thanks to my brothers and sisters here in the Los Angeles Center. Especially to Jon and Sandy Schuhart, the leaders of the Center. Their growth is also seen by everybody here in the Center as their love and ability to establish a Family relationship with strong feelings toward accomplishing our mission is being proven each day.

All my love.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT

With this issue of New Age Frontiers we are enclosing a copy of the latest list of available publications.

We are happy to point out to you that you will find on this list the new Fifth Edition of The Divine Principle, by Young Oon Kim. This edition is called The Divine Principle Study Guide and is the revised edition recommended for study and lecture. It will replace current editions.

The new Study Guide has been especially bound in one volume, so it will not be possible to order individual chapters separately. We expect that we will be able to fill orders in a few weeks. The cost is \$3.00. Checks should be made payable to HSA-UWC. Please include payment with your order and mail it to Department of Publications, 1907 "S" Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20009.

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**Brightly beams...**

**ST. LOUIS**



The St. Louis Center probably was started when the Oswalds (Bob and Vivian) became members of the Unified Family in October, 1964. Their testimonies were presented in the New Age Frontiers in 1965.

On March 4, 1965, the Leader and his party visited us in St. Louis. He blessed ground in St. Louis' largest park, Forest Park. (See Bob's map, enclosed.)

At present we have nine active members: Tom and Ginger Crabtree, Ruth Gauthier, Bob and Vivian Oswald, Paul (Pat) and Martha Pattengale, Fred and Jacque Stock. During most of 1967, Leonard and Wilma Edwards were very active. We were saddened by their departure and wish them all good things in Columbus, Ohio.

St. Louis Family has lectured the Divine Principle to many, some of whom have become active members but who have withdrawn. Some have not joined our Family but continue friendly cooperation. All who have heard the message cannot forget and will eventually find it vitally useful. We have observed at first hand the divine acts of good and the acts of evil and temptation.

Classes for new "clients" are arranged to meet the clients' convenience. We are always available to tell about Divine Principle and our Leader.

Our regular deep principle meetings are held at the Oswalds' on Sunday evenings. The usual format is singing, opening prayer, announcements, program, and closing prayer. Programs have included sermon-like discourses, discussions of the Principle and of the Leader's transcribed words, and any related subject which a member volunteers to present. We are presently working at living the Principle rather than just talking about it.

We have been blessed with a number of visits by our beloved Miss Kim as well as by many of our brothers and sisters in the movement.

While we know that there is much, much more for us to learn, we continue to gain strength in our willingness to accept the positions that may be assigned by our Leader. We join all members and invite all members to join us in ever strengthening our love, our faith, our wisdom, and our power.

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VIVIAN OSWALD

Beloved brothers and sisters, everywhere:

It is three and a half years since I began the study of Principle. In retrospect, I find great changes in my attitude and my being. I had no idea what a HUGE undertaking I had before me when I read the Preface to the first Correspondence Course. (Bob and I were the guinea pigs of that course.)

We have no doubt that we were led to Principle -- we have proof, positive! During the three years that we have been members of the Family we have experienced the gamut of emotions, the major scale of doubts, and the greatest exchange of love. If anyone had tried to warn me in the beginning, I would have suggested that he take a flying leap at the moon. But this is only the beginning!

Three years are NOTHING compared to what Miss Kim has experienced. Thank God for her! I speak for the entire St. Louis Family when I tell you that she is our channel to our Leader, and he in turn will lead us to God. And we ALL want to get to God -- together -- and help all of mankind to get there too.

I came across the following song in an old book. I remember singing it in Sunday School. It seems to me that the title and words are apropos to what lies ahead of us.

#### THE FIGHT IS ON

The fight is on, the trumpet sound is ringing out,  
The cry "To arms!" is heard afar and near;  
The Lord of hosts is marching on to victory,  
The triumph of the Christ will soon appear.

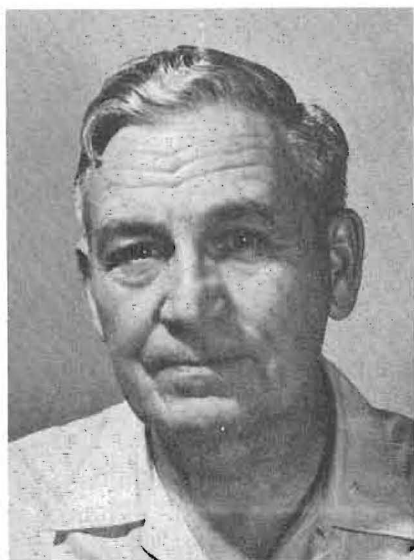
The fight is on, arouse, ye soldiers brave and true!  
The Leader leads, and victory will assure;  
Go buckle on the armor God has given you,  
And in His strength unto the end endure.

The Lord is leading on to certain victory;  
The bow of promise spans the eastern sky;  
His glorious name in every land shall honored be;  
The morn will break, the dawn of peace is nigh.

#### CHORUS:

The fight is on, O Christian soldier,  
And face to face in stern array,  
With armor gleaming, and colors streaming,  
The right and wrong engage today!  
The fight is on, but be not weary;  
Be strong and in His might hold fast;  
If God be for us, His banner o'er us,  
We'll sing the victor's song at last!

MONSAY!



BOB OSWALD



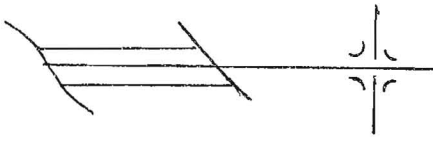
VIVIAN OSWALD

## PRAYER

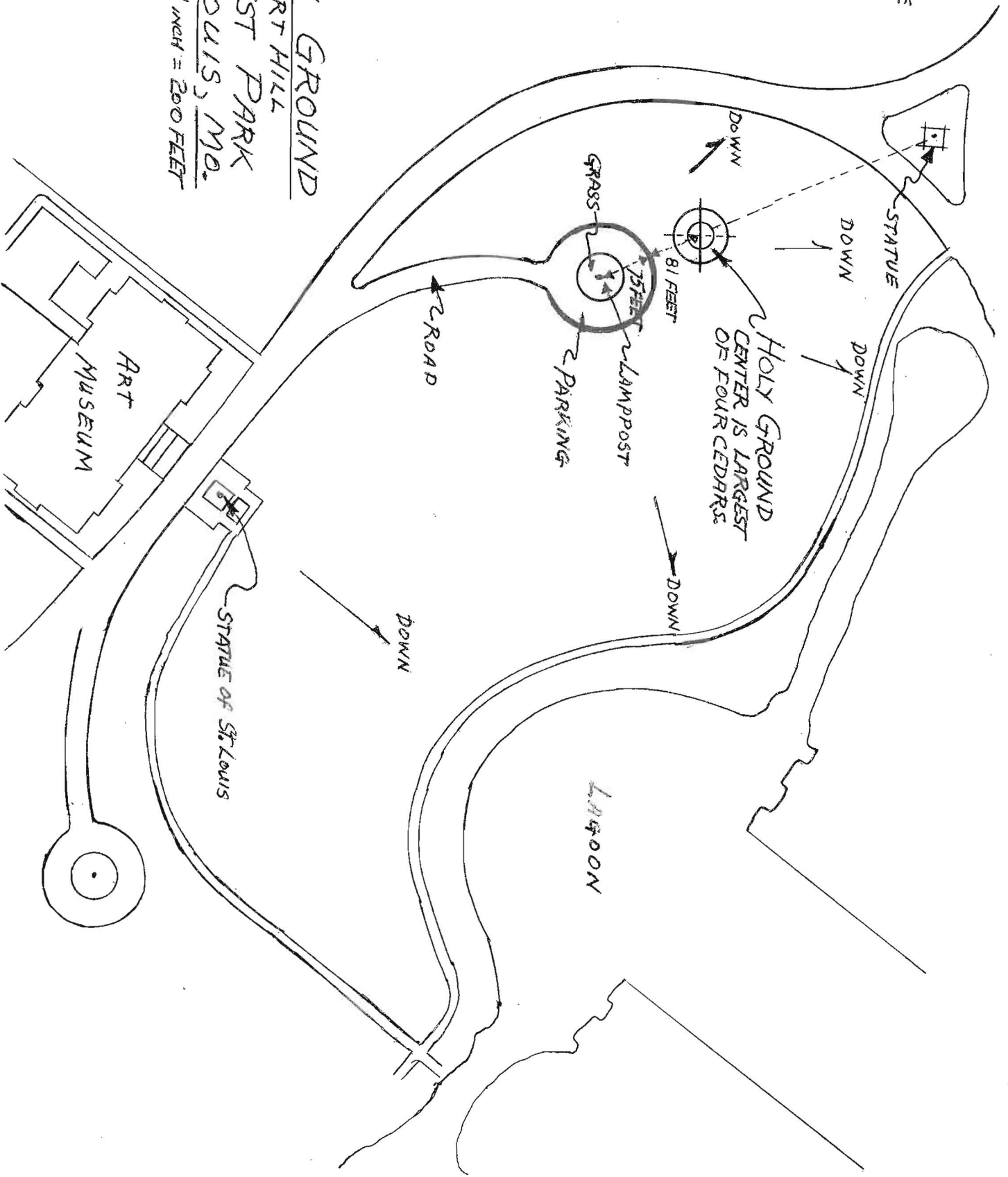
Beloved heavenly Father, we thank You for Your true son. We are consoled and disturbed by his words. Consolation comes from his truth, power, faith, and wisdom; his dedication and his love for You and Your children. We are disturbed by his struggle and fierce battles he has fought for us and our inadequacies to respond in kind. Please accept our rededication to experience, live, and feel his struggles and Your heart. Let us dedicate ourselves in service, to understand the weight of the task of restoring Your world. None of us can take the lead alone but with all hearts bound together in dedication and effort we add impetus to our Leader's accomplishment. So much has been done for us already; more than we can envision. The road has been, and will be, rugged and complicated. Thank you for our blessings. We accept them with the conviction that we will renew our efforts to do our utmost to use them with love. We pray we will gain greater strength to unite ourselves into one family, one tribe, one nation, and one world. We accept this as our mission for You and Your son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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APPROXIMATE  
NORTH



HOLY GROUND  
ON ART HILL  
FOREST PARK  
ST. LOUIS, MO.  
SCALE: 1 INCH = 200 FEET



ART  
MUSEUM

STATUE OF ST. LOUIS

Lagoon

HOLY GROUND  
CENTER IS LARGEST  
OF FOUR CEDARS

PARKING

ROAD

STATUE

DOWN

DOWN

DOWN

DOWN

DOWN

81 FEET

GRASS

STEEL LAMPPOST

FRED STOCK

Dear Family,

If an airplane required my writings for fuel it would never get off the ground, and the Divine Principle wouldn't fly either. (Sorry 'bout that, folks!) I want you to know that what doesn't go down here on paper doesn't mean that my mind isn't full of thoughts about our movement and Family all over the world. In fact, the very thing that inspired me to accept the Divine Principle is the way it can consume your thinking and the power it possesses to clear your mind of all other thought process. Only the real truth can possibly possess these qualities. Realizing that, I had no alternative; I joined.

In reality I've been a very mediocre member. I attend our weekly meetings. My thoughts turn to our Leader and God in prayer but my actions for our cause are really almost less than nothing compared to many of our members. I read about in NAF. I only know that I'm stuck with Principle for the rest of my life, and someday God or our Leader will find a way to use me. In the meantime, Family, I'll continue to pray for all of us and for the success of our mission. So, for one of you who likes to get out and really witness and feels he really should pray more, let's consider a partnership.

Don't pass through St. Louis without calling us. We have good food, good beds, good feelings, and good prices. What more do you want?—and especially since we're really begging you to stop and have give and take.

Love to all from your "big" brother.





Does the eagle know what  
is in the pit,  
Or wilt thou go ask the mole?  
Can wisdom be put in a  
silver rod,  
Or love in a golden bowl?  
(Thel's Motto)

JACQUE STOCK

Dear Family,

Many things rush through my thoughts but I'm not sure where to begin. Mine is not a very outstanding story, so in short: When I heard Divine Principle I just felt like I had finally come home after a long, long, tedious and confusing journey. And I now live in what you might call joyous confusion. My life is a mixture of soft, lovely, warm, comforting peace and a "driving" desire to expedite our efforts.

Since young people are truly the key to our goal, it's for sure I'm not the key. But if being a strong, loyal part of the background and willing to at least try to do whatever I can see or am asked to do, is acceptable, I'm always here with a strong back, two good hands, a willing heart, and an insatiable desire to help any way I can.

In His Name.

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ALL PHOTOS WERE TAKEN BY BOB OSWALD

THE ST. LOUIS FAMILY SENDS GREETINGS TO MEMBERS OF UNIFIED FAMILY  
IN THE UNITED STATES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

We are striving to grow more spiritually mature and eventually attain perfection. By our daily living we all wish to create good and develop through the stages of growth and attain oneness with God.



PAUL PATTENGALE

We thank God for sending us the truths of the Divine Principle through our spiritual leader, Sun Myung Moon and look forward to his visit to the United States with great anticipation. We hope and pray for a great spiritual breakthrough and the unification of teaching which will be accepted by all different religions and sects.

I, personally, am a recent member and thank God for being shown the truth and pledge to further the growth of our movement, individually and through group action. With solidarity, we will succeed.

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LETTER TO AN ATHEIST  
ON A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

MARTHA PATTENGALE

Dear Sir:

The phrase "a matter of life and death" means in everyday usage a matter of immediate importance and urgency, yet its literal meaning and origin has been lost. At this moment, I wish to speak of its literal meaning. You, as an atheist, believe in life and death and I, as a theist, believe it's a "matter" of life and death because for me it is of immediate importance and urgency. For you, life is an accident and death is the end; for me, life is the creation by a Master Artist, and death is the continuation of His Talent to enhance and finish his work.

Why I believe this is so, and you do not, is therefore truly a matter of Life and Death. You are a businessman. In that role as a successful one, you must take a number of calculated risks—you must study the 'odds.' When they are in your favor, you gamble and you win. I say that you have not studied the odds when you gamble that life is an accident and death is the end. As a businessman, such a gamble might mean bankruptcy. In a matter of life and death, such a gamble might be eternal bankruptcy.

Let's place our bets and look at the odds. I am betting there is a God and I am living my life as if this were a reality. I am also betting that when I die, my spirit will live on as a conscious identity. Because I am curious I acquire as much knowledge about this spirit as I can. I find there are many things that I must do in my earthly life to see that this spirit will be prepared for this "life after death" that I am betting actually exists. It is much the same as if I were going to a foreign country and would get ready by studying the language, customs, and the climate. If my bet pays off then, I am prepared to enter and to prosper in this new life. If I lose my bet, and there is oblivion, as you say, then I won't know it and I have lost nothing. You, on the other hand, are betting on oblivion, and if you win, what have you won? Not even the dubious pleasure of telling me I have been wrong! If you lose, you will be kicking yourself

around the spiritual block for having been so stupid! If, indeed, this were the only advantage, you would be lucky. Now you will have to flounder in a new and strange land -- if you are, in fact, even aware of your surroundings, only knowing that you must accept the fact of the "I am" still very much intact!

In this matter of life and death, then, logic says that you have much more to gain and nothing to lose by making a wise choice. As for evidence, there are equal, valid, and strong arguments on both sides. We must choose.

"Yes," you say, "you make it sound logical. But I can't make myself believe something that my heart and mind cannot accept. I envy you who can swallow the opiate and dream of an 'ever-ever-land,' but I can't."

My reply is this: First, admit my "odds" are better than yours. Then study the opposition. Do this in an impersonal, intellectual way, of accepting, temporarily, the premises of the opposition and carrying them to their logical conclusions. Then and only then can you fairly reject them. It's like refusing to take medicine because you think it won't make you well. Unless you take it, you'll never know, and if you don't you may even die.

"Okay, okay," you say, "maybe I'll have a look, but one thing really bugs me. If there is a just and fair God who won't be satisfied until all His sheep are back in the fold, what difference does it make whether I believe it or not as long as I'm going to be at the same place with God eventually, as you are?"

You remind me of the man who got to be president of a big corporation even though he only had a grade school education. He always wished he had gone to college. Back to your question: Suppose there are two identical ships anchored in the harbor. They are both starting their journeys by sea, and their destination is God by way of death. It shouldn't matter, then, which ship we take since both will take us eventually to our destination. Let's call the ships our bodies. Since the ship will need guidance, let's call the captains our souls. Each captain will steer his ship through the sea of eternity to the island called Death, then on to the island called God. During the journey, our captain should have learned something about sailing; the winds, the stars will be familiar; the hazards of icebergs and storms will be uppermost in his mind. By the time the island of Death is reached and the physical ship abandoned, the captain who charted his course will be equipped to steer his phantom ship to the island of God without too much difficulty. The captain who hasn't will be subject to shipwreck, will be tossed and tumbled with every storm, will lose his way numerous times and after much grief, and no one knows how much time, and will eventually find himself at the island of God. Now it seems that our choice of ships did make a difference. Or did it? I suppose it all depends on how tough we want to make it on ourselves. It wouldn't be a true picture if I didn't point out here that some captains never make it at all -- not because God is not waiting for them, but because the "I am" just hasn't the stamina or will to live, to endure any more. Then, and only then, is the choice for oblivion.

"All very interesting, if true," you say, "but why do you bother with the likes of me? Set it up for yourself — don't try to convince me."

What I say now will be even harder for you to swallow. It is because I love you and every other person in God's universe, regardless of color, race, or creed. Also, because when I was an atheist, someone who loved me reached out his hand to me. After I took it and learned to pray, I asked God for help in this twentieth century New Age and found it in a strange and unexpected way. I learned that there is new hope at this moment in the world that few know about. It is so wonderful that it will change the course and thinking of the entire world — indeed, it has already caused a tremendous change in history. You, too, can find it, but only if you truly want to.

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To see a world in a grain of sand,  
And a Heaven in a wild flower;  
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand,  
And eternity in an hour.

— William Blake, "Auguries of Innocence"

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NOTE ABOUT NEXT MONTH:

In the April issue of the New Age Frontiers we will be featuring our New York Family in the "Brightly beams" section.

The May issue will be the special Parents Day New Age Frontiers, for which we will ask you to have pictures and special reports of the Parents Day you spent in your Center.

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RUTH GAUTHIER

Greetings!

I wish to use this space to offer God heartfelt gratitude for His many blessings, the knowledge of His pure love, amplification of His Word through Mr. Moon's revelation, and establishment of the Divine Principle Movement by our Leader.

The magnitude of our responsibility in Father's plan seems overwhelming. This realization motivates prayer most humbly for the openness to be able to channel His true love constantly in our daily lives. I feel and believe so strongly

that this is fundamental; lip-service alone is hypocrisy. Striving for fulfillment in this one area requires great concentration.

This opportunity must not slip by without saying, again, that meeting Miss Kim and being in her presence on two of her visits to St. Louis were meaningful experiences and privileges.

From the St. Louis Center in the name of our True Parents, love to everyone.

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WE SING A NEW SONG  
(To the tune of "Just As I Am")

(Written by Leonard and Wilma Edwards when they lived in St. Louis, 1967.)

Christ has returned to the earth today  
To change the world, to show the way.  
So we must follow for true rebirth  
To bring God's Kingdom right here — on earth.

A suffering path is how we sow  
The seeds of Heav'n so we can grow.  
To subjugate Satan's the only way  
To give God's earth to Him — today.

We cannot rest till His work is done  
 To pave the way for His true son.  
 To work for Him is our only joy  
 So all our strength we must — employ.

To reach perfection is our true goal,  
 To be one with our Father to cleanse our soul.  
 When we accomplish it opens the door  
 For His foothold, a unit — of four.

So accept him now and you will be  
 An important part of history.  
 And you shall see the Son fulfill  
 His Father's plan, and he will — he will!

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Here is a news relezse which will go to the larger local newspapers.  
 We thought it might be helpful to other Centers. We will report the  
 response and follow-up at a later date.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By TOM CRABTREE

The Unified Family, a Christian-oriented spiritual action and study group, has been formed in the St. Louis area to accommodate persons of all creeds and races who wish to learn the substance and significance of the dramatic experiences and revelations of the South Korean philosopher and religious leader, Sun Myung Moon.

An affiliate of The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, the Unified Family was founded in Korea in 1954 and has grown rapidly to embrace tens of thousands in Korea and Japan. The movement spread to the United States in 1960 and is now in countries around the world. Headquarters in the United States are located in Washington, D. C., with centers situated in an increasing number of major American cities.

The credo of the Unified Family is the Divine Principle, a series of Biblically-correlated moral and spiritual teachings which have their genesis in the witness and interpolation of Mr. Moon's early followers.

The purpose of the new group in St. Louis is to instruct interested persons in the tenets of Divine Principle both for personal spiritual development and for discipleship in the expanding world movement.

A spokesman for the group states that the Unified Family teachings will have special significance and appeal for persons — regardless of church affiliation —

who are earnestly searching for truth and greater spiritual direction in their lives.

Further information about the teachings of Unified Family and instruction leading to membership may be obtained by calling (telephone number).

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TOM CRABTREE

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Dear Family,

It is with much love but much shame that I begin this letter to you. I have just finished reading the February issue of New Age Frontiers, and I am all too aware that my efforts for our Father amount to very little — if anything at all. I am not being modest; it is true. I am thankful for your dedication and ceaseless activity for our Father. I pray that very soon I will be among you working hard and living up to the example you are setting.

It was nine months ago that Tom and I were introduced to Principle. We were led to it much the same way many of you were. For a number of months prior to our introduction, we had fervently prayed for a group of people who were seriously interested in learning about God and His will. For more than a year we had both asked God daily to take our lives and use us as He willed. There has never been any doubt that He put us in Principle. It was a direct answer to our prayers. However, what we had imagined for ourselves and what He had in mind (so to speak) were two different things. We expected to be led to a safe, cozy, study group where we would find serenity and inspiration. He gave us the whole loaf instead of the

half loaf we had expected, and the digestion of it has been tedious and slow. Many times we have had to hold steadfastly to the conviction that our Father put us in Principle, and in spite of ourselves or anyone else, we will stay.

How I wish my heart and soul would respond to our Father's truths as readily as so many of yours have. But then Father knows us better than we know ourselves, and it follows that He has anticipated our reactions. As we see in all facets of life, some species bloom earlier than others, but each has its fulfillment in its own season. Patience!

Our St. Louis Center seems to be unique from most of the others in the United States. Our youngest member is thirty years old —that's me! Most of us have children ranging in ages from six into the twenties. Tom and I have two boys; Tommy is eight and David is six. Incidentally, our boys have done a good job of witnessing in our neighborhood. They love to talk about our Leader to their friends. Usually they begin by asking, "Do you know about Sun Moon?" and the response is "Who's that?" "He's the man who has come to finish Jesus' work." It's as simple as that. Beautiful!

It is somewhat frustrating to be "older," married couples in our movement. Time-wise we are more steeped and indoctrinated in Satan's world. Many of us already have been burdened with financial obligations that seem endless. We have raised our children in ignorance of God's will. If we are fortunate enough to have children still living with us, we must relearn our role as parents. I believe our most serious problem lies in our deep-rooted "character defects" that we have accumulated through the years that we do not even recognize. We must learn to see ourselves as we are and for what we are. We have prejudices, selfishness, resentments, fears, egos, etc., that just won't stop! We tend to think of ourselves as pretty good fellows if we haven't committed a criminal offense. We delude ourselves! I feel absolutely fanatic about awareness of truth within ourselves. If our foundation is solid within, it will be as a Center and then as a nation and eventually as a world.

We certainly can witness the truth honestly while we simultaneously strive to clean up our individual, inner selves. I understand that those of you living together are very much aware of this necessity. Out here in the suburbs where we see each other only once or twice a week, we have a tendency to be more lax. We're inclined to want to please others rather than to please our heavenly Father. We pat ourselves on the back if we help a sick friend, when in reality our motive may be to be well thought of. We shade the truth if it threatens our mighty egos. (I am speaking about what I have learned about myself.)

I would like to see us meet this need of awareness within our movement, especially for us "olders." Perhaps many of you are doing just that. We keep trying here in St. Louis. Recently we included a period of time in our Sunday night meeting when we meditate or think on our personal refinement and strive for oneness of mind with

our Father. When we begin with Father first, we reap the rewards. I believe our meetings have been superior. We came upon excellent ideas about new ways of witnessing and showing our love for God and for one another. In general, our give and take of love was of a much finer quality. (The meditation period is in addition to our regular prayers and singing.)

I would like to express one more point while I have the floor. I was raised in Christian Science, and the very idea of Satan was not in my background. However, I recognize him now and have respect for his insidious power. He is indeed frightening, and we are wise to recognize him. But God, our Father, is greater than Satan. The Creator, who is Subject over all His creation, including Satan, has the upper hand. For everything Satan gives out, our Father equips us with the tools to combat it. Our job is to keep our communication line open directly to our Father. Our tools are God's Divine Principle with much prayer and a listening heart. If we establish the proper circuit with God, the ideas, wisdom, courage are available to meet any situation.

Wow! I got carried away again!

My love and prayers are with you all. How we long for our Leader to be with us. We think of him with wonder and love and gratitude for what he has given for us. We will be victorious for him and for our heavenly Father.

Until we meet in person, much love in our True Parents' Names.

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