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*Dedicated with
deepest love and gratitude*

to

*The Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon
who gave me new life*

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Preface

Eternal" and "eternity"—words which sometimes mystify, sometimes terrify, but surely stretch the imagination. Speaking about them is one thing, but to attempt belief in or comprehension of, quite another. To the faithful, the idea of God as an Eternal Being is certainly not a new one. And the hope of living with Him for eternity is also not a novelty. But what gives birth to a host of scenarios is envisioning what it will be like. Once we live in the next world *will* we sprout wings and take up playing the harp in order to praise our God? Is it possible that we can build relationships of love—of harmony—while we still live here on earth? *Can* a mere human being find harmony with the Eternal?

People the world over want to learn more about finding a unity or brotherhood among the different colors of mankind. Yet it is not just individuals who are seeking harmony. The *world* is also looking for that inimitable "peace on earth," and asks that the citizens of all nations put down their armaments but then link their arms in effort to breed mutual care and concern for all peoples. How does God view our efforts?

In Harmony with the Eternal is the second of three books of spiritual guidance and inspiration by Reverend Paul Werner. The reader is treated to discourse which uncovers and then presents some possible answers. Within its pages, Reverend Werner puts forth the probability that God is looking for us to search within ourselves to find Him, as well as to discover that creating harmony with Him is critical before we attempt unity on a larger scale.

As with *Heaven Down to Earth*, the preparation of this manuscript for publication ensued the task of perusing talks given by Reverend Werner. Transcripts of over one hundred seventy-five talks given between November, 1983 and November, 1985 were read and divided into broad topics which became the chapter headings. Rather than choose a specific topic on which to speak each time, Reverend Werner encouraged the members to prepare questions for him to answer. Queries on innumerable subjects came forth—how and where we can find God; what is the meaning of restoration and perfection; how can we be forgiven by God; how do we become a person of integrity and fidelity as we live a life of faith; how is it possible to overcome our personal problems; how do we become successful; what is prayer; and so forth. Answers were given extemporaneously.

In describing the basic contents, I would like to coin the phrase, "inspired guidance." As the reader will realize, Reverend Werner has within his mind and heart a huge treasure chest of spiritual jewels. Very often one person's question would unlock several doors at the same time and out would pour much more than a simple answer.

Rather than using the format of question and answer to present this material, we felt to excerpt the inspirations, thoughts, and stories and group them under chapter titles and/or subheadings would best capture the spirit with which they were shared. In this way, *In Harmony with the Eternal* follows the same basic format as *Heaven Down to Earth*, the first book of this trilogy. The thoughts are presented as capsules and not meant to flow as one speech, but rather each stands alone. There are exceptions in this book however because the thoughts within the chapters on "Communication" and "Harmony" are threaded together.

This material was given orally. However, in order to bring the contents to an audience of readers, of necessity, the editing had to follow a certain vein. I therefore regret any imperfection in transmitting the spirit—the humor or the tone of seriousness—with which Reverend Werner so skillfully conveyed his heart. I am sure you will find the contents of this book reveals experiences and insights of a true man of faith. Throughout his more than twenty-three years as a member of the Unification movement, Reverend Werner has studied the Bible and the Unification Principle intensively. His life of faith is exemplary; his faith tested and strong. He is a man of prayer, and his devotion to God is very visible. Reverend Werner faced those who opposed his religious conviction, and discovered his personal harmony with God. And that is what he desires to share with us to help us discover the essentiality of finding peace and harmony with Him.

To me, these books are a valuable aid in cultivating stronger faith and a greater love for God and True Parents. An index is located in the back of each book in order to better reference the myriad of topics covered within the broad chapter headings.

Although the words conveyed basically speak to an audience of Unificationists, they can also address the hearts of people of any faith who may question the purpose of life, or desire to grow spiritually. I invite you to embark on your journey through these pages and would like to point out special highlights you will be able to enjoy:

The chapter entitled "The Search for God" speaks to the necessity of meeting with God on a daily basis, and once we do, we are able to taste "The Love of God." This chapter reveals something of Reverend Werner's own experience with this beautiful commodity and brings us the poignancy of God's desire to someday bestow His true love—no longer His love of sympathy or pity—upon us. And "The Eyes of God" gives us insights into how God's viewpoint differs from our own, but its words challenge us to sharpen and attune our own spiritual senses to better attain God's point of view.

A person attempting to live a life of faith wants to know something

about "Living for God" and "Glorifying God" and which vehicles will allow him to do so. The chapter on "Prayer" shares a great many different aspects involved in consuming and digesting this daily bread of a spiritual life. And the material included in "Loving the True Parents" discloses Reverend Werner's own experience of how longing to be like True Parents helped strengthen his love for them, and he encourages us to do the same.

Within the words of the chapter on "Tangible Faith," the reader is able to understand that learning to cultivate the particular traits mentioned will help us to live a "Life of Faith." "Tears" gives inspiration of one very precious way an individual can communicate with Heavenly Father, and even his fellow man. The chapter entitled "Relationships," includes many points about creating new ones and *restoring* the ones that have somehow disintegrated.

In the chapter on "Harmony," Reverend Werner shares how harmony or unity can mean so many things—from the relationship between our heart and mind, to the way we can perform at work.

In the respective chapters entitled "Integrity," "Fidelity," and "Trust" we are reminded that these are noble qualities to attain for those who desire to love God. "Sensitivity" beautifully portrays the sensitive way God has been treating mankind and how He hopes we will learn from it.

All of us would like to be victorious in "Overcoming Personal Problems" and within the pages of this chapter, Reverend Werner discloses many practical points how to accomplish this. In this world so geared toward "Success," we need to learn what real success means and how to achieve it. This chapter provides many interesting insights on what success means to those who strive to live as men and women of faith.

"Perspectives on the Principle," "Perspectives on Religion," "Perspectives on History," and "Perspectives on the World," measure some new perceptions which all of us can learn from as they help us penetrate new levels of understanding.

In this world still divided from God, there is the acute need for "Communication" with Him and with other peoples, and between one human being and another. This chapter gives us insights on how.

The first book in this series is entitled, *Heaven Down to Earth*. It contains the following chapters: "God's Heart," "God's Suffering," "God's Trust," "God's Involvement," "Loving God," "The True Family," "The Creation," "The Kingdom of Heaven," "Action," "Judgment: Sorrow or Joy?," "Friendship," "The Arts," "Suffering," "Our Position," "Witnessing," "The Reality of Spirit World," "*Tang Gam/Indemnity*," "Attitude," "Public-Mindedness," "Fears and Insecurities," "Self-Confidence," and "Life."

The third book, *Tapping the Unlimited Reservoir*, will present Reverend

Werner's insights on: "God's Manifestation," "The Presence of God," "God's Sovereignty," "Experiencing God," "God's Perfection," "God's Will," "True Parents," "Heart," "Love," "Blessed Marriage and Family Life," "Basic Needs of Life," "Jesus and Christianity," "Satan," "Repentance and Forgiveness," "Restoration and Salvation," "Perfection," "Human Responsibility," "Leadership," "Respect," and "Our Offering."

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On behalf of all, I hope you will savor the words you are about to read; may they inspire you in your quest to mirror the image of God and to find real harmony with the Eternal.

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God created this world as one of unity and one of harmony. All we have to do is to restore it. Let's make God real in our hearts and start to live His way of life! Let God do His job of unifying the world. All you have to do is let God come into your heart and use you as His instrument. The question is not whether unity is possible. The question is whether or not we have God in our lives.

When you engage the love of God you become a universal man because God does not belong to one country or race. Unity of all races, nations and the world becomes possible in the love of God because it transcends all those levels.

Our ambition is the greatest of all, being not only to win God but to penetrate the love of God and possess it completely. Then we have won the world. Man's value becomes limitless and without price when he is united with God. You are to make yourselves into people who are the embodiment of God, who are no longer bound by human weakness.

—Sun Myung Moon

The Unification Principle contains countless gems of truth but since each of us is still involved in spiritual growth toward perfection, we need counsel on how to live according to such truisms. Although we can detect their clarity when we read the Principle book itself, many of us can benefit greatly from the advice of a spiritual elder who recaps the points and also guides us on how to apply each principle to the situations we confront in our daily life.

In this, the second in a series of three books of internal guidance, Reverend Paul Werner has lifted out and displayed many jewels of faith contained within his personal spiritual treasure chest. He presents thoughts on and insights into the following topics:

- The Search for God
- The Love of God
- The Eyes of God
- Living for God
- Glorifying God
- Prayer
- Loving the True Parents
- Life of Faith
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Through these topics, Reverend Werner has recounted lessons of faith, as well as personal life experiences. He shares with us his own determination to live according to the Principle and follow the pattern of service and love shown by Reverend and Mrs. Moon. He inspires us with the hope that living according to the Principle is indeed both something to strive for and possible to reach.