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FATHER SENTENCED BUT VOWS VICTORIOUS APPEAL

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Calling a sentence of 18 months in jail against the Rev. Sun Myung Moon "unconstitutional," defense lawyers vowed to appeal to a higher court, where they felt confident that the verdict and sentence would be reversed.

On July 16, Judge Gerard Goettel at the Manhattan District Court also fined Father the maximum of \$25,000 as well as court costs, which Goettel said would add up to more than the fine. The News World estimated earlier that the prosecution had spent \$1.3 million during the eight-week trial and grand jury investigation.

Father remains free on \$200,000 bond pending appeal. Goettel said he did not expect Rev. Moon would attempt to flee the country and told his attorneys he would consider allowing him to travel outside the United States if the attorneys request it at a later date.

Mr. Kamiyama, the co-defendant, was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$5,000. He was convicted of taking part in a conspiracy to conceal the tax fraud, perjury and obstructing the government investigation.

The judge said he had considered a number of possibilities and concluded that the crime charged against Rev. Moon "require some sentence as a general deterrent."

"Otherwise," the judge said, "millions will say that the poor go to jail and the rich and powerful who can afford lawyers like those who represented Mr. Moon go free."

Dressed in a gray business suit, white shirt and lavender tie, Father took the sentence, as he did his conviction, with no visible sign of emotion. He sat during the proceedings with his head slightly cocked toward his Korean interpreter and his eyes closed. After the sentencing he smiled and shook hands with his lawyers. He then attempted to shake the hand of prosecutor Martin Flumenbaum, but Flumenbaum spurned the gesture.

Father's attorneys had urged Goettel not to send him to jail. "The man has been punished enough by our system," said defense lawyer Charles Stillman. "A prison sentence will merely satisfy the public blood lust for Rev. Moon."

In a statement after the sentencing,

Mose Durst, president of the Unification Church of America, said, "Our struggle is on behalf of all Americans, for the precious right to believe and practice the religion of their choice free of government harassment and oppression."

TRIBE'S STATEMENT BEFORE JUDGE

Excerpts of remarks made by attorney Laurence Tribe for Rev. Moon before Judge Gerard Goettel July 16.

Your Honor, this court on Wednesday remarked that Rev. Moon is *sui generis* and that his case is unique, and with that surely I think we must agree. But I think we must ask in considering an appropriate sentence — which we believe should not include imprisonment — what sort of unique man is this.

This court knows, of course, that he is first of all the sort of man who was aware of the widespread hostility and misunderstanding of his views in the United States, but who nonetheless returned voluntarily from Korea to submit himself to the jurisdiction of this court and to the judicial system of the United States, in which he has great confidence.

He is, secondly, the sort of man about whom his eldest daughter, Ye Jin, who wrote to this court,

"Impressions of our father to all of us children have been that of strong faith, gentleness and endurance. I and other children have witnessed many nights where he would sit on the Holy Rock sleepless and lost in deep and tearful prayers. When we would ask why he is out in the dark alone, his answer was that 'when God is lonely and crying out for the wretched world, how can I sleep?'"

He is indeed the sort of man about whom the probation officer assigned this case could conclude that "to evaluate Rev. Moon's character by these criminal proceedings solely is to do him an injustice. He gives every indication of being a dedicated and zealous man whose public life and sense of mission has given support and meaning to many of his believers. He enjoys

a commendable private life while he seemingly labors daily to disseminate his message. Not only does he have a multinational membership, but his theological teachings have begun to be seriously examined by theologians of many churches."

In that connection, I would urge this court to keep in mind that if all that the government charged against Rev. Moon is accepted as true, then we do have here something of a mysterious case. For this defendant, the government is right, is the sort of man who would labor and indeed conspire to convince the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Justice that over \$1.5 million placed in his hands by his church and its members, actually belongs in trust to that church world-wide — instead of belonging to him and to his heirs, as the government claims.

If you ask what could motivate such a permanent renunciation of personal ownership, it is intriguing to note the government's theory: that he did it as a shrewd businessman to save over \$150,000 in taxes.

But I ask this court what sort of businessman would renounce all claims to unlimited personal ownership of \$1.5 million to save \$150,000 in taxes? Some businessman!

I find it impossible to escape the conclusion that the motive here, whatever one may think of the offense, was far more complex. I find it impossible to escape the conclusion of one of the many religious leaders of other denominations who have written to this court, the conclusion that whatever Rev. Moon did, he was motivated by, and I quote the letter of Dean Kelly of the National Council of Churches, "his messianic visions of a better world," and that that motive puts him in a wholly different category from those seeking to benefit themselves at the expense of others.

I should like to talk briefly to the question, given this kind of man, what would a jail term mean? What would a sentence of imprisonment mean in dealing with a situation of this kind?

To Rev. Moon I think it is plain that the message it would carry, rightly or

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A husband and wife working together are almost like Jesus united with the Holy Spirit, in a physical sense, going to home church to do the work of salvation.

BLESSSED FAMILY

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
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All men and women are supposed to get married. When you look at all creation—plants, animals, whatever—everything has a reciprocal relationship between subject and object. Why do we need a pair system? The truth is very simple: in order to survive. Without a pair system nothing could survive, all the animals would have become extinct, plants would have died out, you would not be here.

God thinks of leaving good seeds behind, good generations behind. In order to have a good posterity, you need a good fiance; anyone who wants a good fiance reflects that nature of things.

You need a fiance for love, yes, but beyond love there is a higher goal or objective: to multiply or reproduce, so your life can be extended. So the consequences or result of love is children. They are the fruit of love, and they will carry your love, your image, your soul, your heart, and even your life itself, to successive generations. Thus, your children are part of you, and because of that you love them.

We all want to project into the future something better than the past. When you get married your hope should be to project something better into the future. That is human nature; we live on hope. You are destined to have children who are better than you or your fiance.

CONSUMMATE YOURSELVES AS PARENTS

During my years of searching, the first time I met God, I asked Him what the essence of the universe was. The beginning is love and the end result is father and children, I found out. So why did God create the universe and man? In order to establish the world of love, through which the father-son relationship could be formed. You yourselves came to the world as the fruit of love, and you must consummate yourselves as parents. That is your goal.

Women always want to check how much their husband loves them, what direction his love goes in, and what size it is. Throughout your life, they will keep asking you how much you love them. So don't give them too much initially! In the

beginning, you might say, "I love you very much, the size of a bean!" Then later the love becomes the size of a tennis ball, next the size of a football, etc. Ultimately, your love will reach the size of the universe. But don't give the universe first! I tell Mother now, "Yes, I love you the size of the universe."

Of men and women, which is more sensitive? There is no doubt that women are. Men, beware of looking the other way when you answer your wife. She will ask, "Why do you look in another direction? Look at me." When God gave the commandment in the Garden of Eden, He knew well the strengths and weaknesses of men and women, since He was the Creator. He knew the vulnerability in women's heart, so He worried more about women. Therefore, women must take extra care, extra precaution. Women want to dress up, make themselves beautiful, more so than they really are.

Women have a very advanced sense of comparison. I had a younger sister in the good old days of my family life. One day we were walking down the street and a good-looking man happened to pass by. A few steps later I asked my sister, "Did you see that man?" "Yes, of course I saw him," she replied. Then she started analyzing him: his eyes were so, his ears like that, his hair a certain color. She described what was wrong with his ears. I asked her the question because I thought she hadn't noticed him! Apparently she must have given him a quick glance and recorded him in a photographic memory. At that time, I realized that women have incredible sensitivity in analysis and comparison.

You men may be contacting women for the first time now, since they are not just women, but your fiancee or wife. For the first time, you have to seriously deal with women. Therefore, you must know a woman's nature and be able to accommodate yourself to it and satisfy her. Ask your fiancee what your strong points are. Let her tell you all about them, and then try to change in order to satisfy her needs and liking. Ask her what clothes to wear. A woman will tell you what is wrong with your way of dressing; she will make comparisons and give you good advice. Women know how to harmonize things. Men should wear women's eyeglasses and through them see clearly what women are all about.



When I match you, I don't look at you as husband and wife, but I look at the children who will be born from you.



MOONIES ARE TRUSTWORTHY

We want true love, true marriage. You women, make it a rule that only one man can touch you forever. Only through one man can true love come. That is the channel. Dancing is fine, but dance with your husband. You men, just dance with your wife. As long as it is husband and wife dancing, you may dance all night.

Moonie women may not be the most colorful; Moonie men may not be the most handsome, but they are most trustworthy. If the man goes thousands of miles away, the wife can trust him, because he is under the tradition of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Would children want to see their parents loving each other, or would they rather see the mother flirting with the neighbor and the father going to his mistress, leaving the children behind to watch television and eat TV dinners? Children see that their parents are not like their neighbors; maybe they are not so colorful, maybe they don't go to so many social functions, maybe they are blunt or not very talkative—but still, they are trustworthy. Children are proud to say, "My daddy loves mommy; my mommy loves daddy."

You should think, "I am unique among the 4 billion people on earth. I am a unique individual, and I was introduced to a

unique individual from the men's world (or women's world); I am selecting one mate for eternity, from among the population of the earth." You cannot go all over the world and meet all the men (or women) to pick out one representative, but you can look at your husband (or wife) as a representative of the entire nation or world.

When I match you, I don't look at you as husband or wife, but I look at the children who will be born from you. Even if husband and wife separate and divorce each other, they always fight for custody of the children. Even though husband and wife may part, they cannot deny their parents or children, so in that sense, the principle that is the basis of oriental philosophy persists here in America as well. You must stick to history, to tradition.

Parents represent history. There are court battles over custody of children, but does anybody fight to possess his parents? Someone who would be willing to fight for his parents has the most right to fight for his children. If you really want to carry on your succession through your children, you must possess your parents first. Your parents, you and your children must be connected by a straight line, representing the past, present and future. To reach out to the universe, the closest way is through your children; to reach God, the closest way is through your

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parents. Therefore, you cannot deny them. Regardless of the reason, parents cannot be denied.

When you visit your home town, you would hope your grandparents are there, so you can go to see them, wouldn't you? When you visit your home, you want to be welcomed by everybody—children, parents and grandparents. Wouldn't you like to preserve this principle for eternity in your home or family? You would want your children and descendants to carry on this tradition, wouldn't you?

LOVE YOUR SPOUSE UNCONDITIONALLY

When children love their parents, do they do so because of their lovely faces? Babies are unconditional in their love. They go after their mommy unconditionally; if the mommy is not there, they cry. In the same way, the woman should go to her husband unconditionally, and the man to his wife unconditionally, without trying to evaluate him or her. This is a universal truth. That is the way your love should be, loving your spouse as unconditionally as children love their parents.

However, only when you give your first love can you make it truly unconditional. Men and women were designed to meet as husband and wife with their first love, a genuine and pure love.

When you wear the eyeglasses of first love, everything becomes beautiful. Unfortunately, here in America, not so many people retain this first, pure love. So what can you do? You should be more humble, repentant, considerate and fervent than you had ever been with any previous man (or woman). Be more sacrificial in loving each other, and in that way your mind will be open, ready to accept unconditionally your husband or wife.

I love you very much; the size of a bean!

Your original mind would say, "Father, I don't deserve any member as my husband (or wife). But if you grant me someone as a gift from God, I shall serve that person with my whole life. I know this is the pathway of heaven, and that by granting me this fiance, you are granting me heaven as well."

By the Blessing, everyone is launching himself beyond the level of first love. Sacrificial love is the meaning of the Blessing. Without it, you cannot open the door to the kingdom of heaven.

Tell your children: 'Other parents are not true parents, but your daddy and mommy shall be true parents.'

Such men and women coming together create ideal couples. They offer their love to each other and give birth to children, becoming ideal parents. How beautiful it is! The kingdom of heaven is designed for that kind of person.

LOOKING FOR FAMILY-HEAVEN

Christians are looking for "my heaven," but Moonies are looking beyond to "my family-heaven." Which one is really talking about heaven? There is no way you can find heaven when you have totally isolated yourself. No matter how good your surroundings may be, it is not heaven. Even beyond the family-heaven, we are looking towards the nation-heaven, and beyond that to the world-heaven and cosmos-heaven. If a person lives this sacrificial way of life, when he goes to the spirit world, he will enjoy total freedom. But unless you live according to this principle here on earth, you will be blocked every step of the way.

Some people say, "I don't care about anyone other than my wife and children." Some wife may tell her husband, "You are not educated enough; you don't have a degree. Why don't you sneak out of the church and go to school, so I can have a prestigious husband and have dignity?" "What about the mission?" he might reply. "To heck with the mission; you are my husband, go to school." "What about the nation? What about the restoration of the world?" "Let somebody else worry about that; you go to school." Is that what you would say?

For the sake of the higher goal, the world, the universe, if you sacrifice your family, that family becomes the savior-family; and when you go to the spirit world, you shall be a central figure, and your family members shall join you in the central figure's position.

YOUR DESTINY: HOME CHURCH

After you get married, where will you go? If the husband and wife are alone, they are naked, and Satan can always invade, because there is no fence around them. So what is your destination? Home church. This is the absolute direction and destination. Through home church, we will bring all people and races together into unity.

So after you get married, will you run away on a honeymoon, or will you go to home church?

God is very scientific. He wants to give you what you want, so He gave you home church, where you can fight the battle and do your mission as a family unit, husband and wife together. Set the example for your children, telling them, "This is the way True Parents fought the battle; this is the way your mother and I fought the battle; and you shall fight the battle in the same way." Your children will ask you why we call Rev. and Mrs. Moon True Parents. You can tell them that they are our True Parents because they established the heavenly tradition and way of life. They lived a sacrificial life for the sake of others and the sake of the world. Those who do not live that way of life are not True Parents, just parents. Tell them that race does not matter, that Rev. and Mrs. Moon are exemplary, and you are succeeding in

their tradition. "I am doing home church in order to become a true parent," tell your children; "other parents are not true parents, but your daddy and mommy shall be true parents." A messiah is nothing more than a true parent, the one who fulfills true parenthood. So the Unification Church is the factory for the mass production of messiahs!

You may say, "I will go to home church, Father, but please help me; I have nothing. You must buy me a house, you must buy me an automobile, you must buy me food and clothes. Then I might go." Is that the way a messiah acts? No. We came as True Parents and gave you our sweat and labor, heart and soul, to lay your foundation. And we are inheriting everything to you for free. You shall inherit upon this foundation, and your persecution shall not last for more than three years.

What would you do without home church? How would you accomplish your task? Without home church, you would have to walk around the entire world like a gypsy; you would have to cover the entire world by yourself. Home church, however, is the microcosm of the world; without it you would have to go to the macrocosm, the entire world.

After the crucifixion, the Holy Spirit came down and worked together with Jesus, and salvation work began through the Trinity. By the same token, a husband and wife working together are almost like Jesus united with the Holy Spirit, in a physical sense, going to home church to do the work of salvation. You should be able to say to your fiance or spouse, "I love home church better than I love you." You may not do exactly that, but at least you know it.

When you go to home church, your utmost desire, hope and prayer should be for True Parents to visit your home church and stay overnight at your home. I would visit either the most controversial home church or the most successful home church, the one where you have won over every home and are welcome in every house. The book of Revelation clearly states how I feel: Don't be lukewarm; be either hot or cold. Cold means controversy and hot signifies complete welcome. Don't be greedy and want your home church to be hot from the beginning; start out cold and make your home church hot. When people despise you and try to tear you apart, you should rejoice and dance. When someone says, "Don't come here, don't show up," you should appear every day. When people demand service, do it willingly. If a negative person still opposes you, God will mobilize all the neighbors and they will protest to him, "I have never seen such a man as that home church person; how come you persecute him? You are unrighteous. If you don't like him, you go away." They will kick out him, not you.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING: PRAY TOGETHER

In order to make a cold place hot, you have to become like burning charcoal. Would you grumble and fight with your husband or wife and then finally go to home church, or would you unite with each other and then go to home church? Husband and wife should chase each other out to home church. Pray together and go to home church, come back and pray more.

*As husband and wife, sit down face to face
and talk things out. Reach a conclusion that
you are meant only for each other.*

Don't pray alone, but with each other. Your wife may say, "I need a little more sleep, you go ahead and pray," but don't give up; wake her up, pat her, shake her—whatever technique you have—make her come and pray with you. That is the most important thing: to pray together.

Why should husband and wife act together? Because when home church becomes successful, you should celebrate together, rejoice together. If the husband is celebrating but the wife's conscience hurts, she cannot laugh with him.

Mother just came home from the hospital yesterday with our 13th baby. It was a long ordeal. I tried to win her heart, woo her somehow, so she would agree to come to Belvedere this morning. I wanted her to show a heroic example to all of you. The doctor gave strict orders for Mother to stay at home and lie down, but she came here and listened for four hours. When Mother does that, how can anybody in the Unification Church complain? That is the kind of tradition I wanted to set this morning.

Do you think God would say, "Rev. Moon, how cruel a husband you are! How can you drag your wife out just after she came home from the hospital?" No. He will say, "You are indeed a wonderful husband. You truly love your wife."

You must know that in all the nitty-gritty of daily life, there is a Principle standard which you have to live up to. It takes effort every minute of the day. Nothing comes automatically. Nothing comes freely.

When we receive your "Abojee mansei's" Mother should be here with me. I want her to be included, otherwise your cheers aren't deserved. When you cheer Mother, I want to be the first person to cheer her. I always try to set a good example to every member of my family; I work hard, go to bed last, get up early in the morning, spend many sleepless nights sitting on the couch and meditating through the night. Nobody in my home can say I am not working hard enough. A man should play the man's role, with a man's dignity. He should be in a position to educate women.

MY GOAL: TO MAKE YOU BRILLIANT HUSBANDS

So what kind of husband would you become? A husband respected by women or cursed by women? Unification women hope that their husbands will become good lecturers of Divine Principle, Unificationism, VOC, etc. They want you to stand up wherever you go and speak about our philosophy. Have you become that way? All the women of the world want their husbands to be very diplomatic, respected, capable of meeting government leaders and ambassadors, winning the respect of high levels of society. In short, women want to have their husbands become somebody. Moreover, women want men to be masculine, sportsmen-types, good hunters and fishermen. Women want their husbands to be able to sing and tell jokes. Are you men like that? My goal is to transform all the incredibly dumb-looking men into that kind of brilliant husband! So I have to push you out, to the IOWC, fishing, witnessing, fundraising, evangelical work, whatever. Seminary graduates are sent out to

ocean church, and within a couple of weeks the scholars smell like fish. When people learn too much in the classroom, they become timid, skeptical, scared of everything. So I bring them out and make them participate in demonstrations. Soon they discover how tasty it can be.

I can do all kinds of things. On a moment's notice, I can take the platform and speak to any kind of audience, making them laugh, smile and cry. I will not fall behind anybody. When I sit down to carry on a whispered conversation with Mother, she becomes so intoxicated. If I have to leave, she begs me, "Father, can you stay with me another ten minutes?"

Since you sisters said you want to have that kind of husband, I am going to push you brothers out. But what if your husband has a mission out on the ocean? In a small boat, tossing throughout the night, you wives wouldn't mind being with your husband? You have to be supportive. If you cannot go everywhere with him, at least you should be obedient and uncomplaining. Don't fire sharp words at him, such as, "Where were you last night?" or "Why didn't you come back before midnight?" "Why didn't you call me?" On many missions, there is no telephone available. Without even knowing what kind of important mission he was fulfilling, it isn't good to just make complaints.

So you women like dramatic men, and you men like dramatic women, with lots of talents and many experiences. Thus, if the two of you go together to home church, taking care of a total of 720 homes, you will attract many people. You will be just like me. I am versatile and multi-talented, so you love me. By the same token, your home church people will adore you, because you are in my position when you go to home church.

The ideal blessed couple is the husband and wife who are most determined, with a goal firmly fixed in their minds, and who will not give up under any circumstance. They have joined their lives together, persevering with patience until they reach their goal. That is the blessed couple.

THE CHILDREN'S CROSS

When children come, will your burden become lighter or heavier? If you worked eight hours as a single person, when you are married, you may have to work 16 hours. When you have children, you may have to work triple time. Maybe you would have only six hours free per day. But in living that way, you can tell yourself that you will not be a burden to anybody, you will not be indebted to anybody. You have a double cross: you have to bear not only your own, but your spouse's cross as well. Maybe you think your cross is smaller than that of your spouse; but the greater cross is the children's cross.

It is very exciting to get married, but I want you to be prepared, so you won't become discouraged a week later. You should be grateful to the Unification Church; if you truly adhere to our Principle, you will not weaken. You will have confidence and strength; you have a mission and a spirit that will overcome all difficulties.

In order to begin married life, you have to dedicate three

Look at your family as the core of the universal textbook. Everything is in it: God, the spirit world, your happiness, your confidence, the perfection of your life.

spiritual children to the church. All of you are going to get busy on that. Why three? Unless you restore Adam's family and Noah's family, you cannot restore yourself. In Adam's and Noah's families, there were father and mother, three sons and three daughters-in-law living with the parents—eight all together. If both husband and wife have three spiritual children, that makes six children, surrounding you as parents. If you can't restore that family, a new world cannot start. Unless you have three spiritual children, it is almost like Noah's ark floating on the water, unable to settle down.

You are going to home church as the representative of John the Baptist and in the potential position of Jesus Christ. I am sending you to home church, where you and John the Baptist and Jesus Christ will be welcomed and not rejected. What you accomplish in home church is greater than what Jesus did 2,000 years ago: first, because there were no True Parents in his time and second, because they did not become tribal messiahs. You cannot go to perfection without fulfilling the growth stage, and home church is the absolute requirement.

The years 1970-72 were years of incredible ordeal for the Korean blessed couples. Leaving all their children behind, the blessed wives went out on pioneering missions throughout the country. They sent their children to orphanages or to live with families who were reluctant to keep them. It was almost like Moses' mother leaving her child in Pharaoh's palace. But Moses did not lose his identity. By the same token, when our blessed children went to other places to live, they did not think that their parents deserted them, but they knew that their parents were righteous enough to put their mission ahead of everything, sacrificing all for the sake of the mission. Adults complained about parents leaving their children behind, but the children received incredible sympathy from their peers. The more the parents rejected the children, the more sympathy they got from the other children. Through these experiences, the barriers that prevented national unity were broken down in some ways. After I and the Unification Church became famous, some of those who cared for the blessed children during those years came back and said, "Do you remember me? When you went out for your three-year mission, I took care of your children; you must pay me some tribute now!" They all want to take credit now!

This time, however, you don't have to leave your children behind. You can care for your children, go out and work for home church, come back and be with your children. The next day, you can go out in joy again. The elder Korean members suffered this ordeal for the sake of the world, but all you have to do is home church.

BRING LIBERATION TO ALL

You are in the position of Adam and Eve. That means that all the sacrifices of history have occurred because of you. Christians were tortured for 400 years, for you, for the consummation of your blessing; the attempts to exterminate the Jewish people were for you; the Christians who are suffering and dying under the yoke of communism do so for our perfection—the perfection

of Adam and Eve.

When we reach the consummation on this kind of foundation, we must turn around and bring liberation to all. Spiritually, we are responsible to liberate our ancestors; physically, we have to liberate our posterity and the present and future generations. You are in the position of bearing the sins of the universe, and you must liquidate them. You are bearing the cross. However, I hope you won't do it out of duty, but voluntarily, because you want to.

So do you now know the value of home church? You are alive and strong; how can you say you cannot do it? How many of you can say, "I definitely need home church"? Who will say, "Yes, Father, I will do it at once; on July 1st, I will make a new beginning"? You will spend your honeymoon in home church.

The most important thing is to gain spiritual children. I have told you how to restore your relatives and parents by writing them letters. Write to your physical brothers and sisters, your relatives and friends. Don't dismiss this suggestion lightly and say you tried but had no results.

SPIRITUAL PURIFICATION

After marriage, you need a 40-day spiritual purification period. You have lots to overcome. You need to have an iron will, become strong men and women. You should be able to purify yourselves, lift up your standard higher than that of anybody else in history.

During this period, you can touch your wife's hand, your husband's hand. If you like to kiss you may do so. But you should have a clear conscience. When you kiss, if all kinds of past memories come up, you should wait, and purify yourself more.

As husband and wife, sit down face to face and talk things out. Reach a conclusion that you are meant only for each other. You should pledge your lives to each other. Spread out a multitude of pictures, among them your wife's, and pick out her picture, saying, "Yes, this is the one God gave me. This is the one I love absolutely."

You are no longer living in a dream world. You are living in a world of reality. You have to make the dream a reality, fulfill it. Think of your husband as your king, your wife as your queen. Wipe out the memories of the men or women you loved in the past. Please remember that when you look at your husband or wife, what you see externally is the case; the most precious value is not the case, but the contents. Inside your husband or wife is a gold mine, a diamond mine. A beautiful-looking box does not necessarily always contain good contents. Even though the case may not be outstanding, tell yourself that there is a gold mine or diamond mine inside.

Faithful people don't show their faith by appearances, but true faith permeates them. The world of faith is determined by the contents, not the appearances. An ugly person may possess a purer heart; beautiful women tend to be tempted in many different directions.

I used to dream of dancing with people of all five colors of skin, all races of the world. That could happen right here! So dreams can become a reality.



YOUR FAMILY: THE UNIVERSAL TEXTBOOK

Look at your family as the core of the universal textbook. Everything is in it: God, the spirit world, your happiness, your confidence, the perfection of your life. When you say, "My darling," the entire universe resounds in harmony, and God will smile at you and applaud you. This is the kind of family you can call a blessed family. Just listening to the phrase "blessed family" intoxicates you, doesn't it?

My life was a miserable and tragic life, in a way, but I never lost my dream. The seemingly impossible dream has become a

reality, step by step. I used to dream of dancing with people of all five colors of skin, all races of the world. That could happen right here! So dreams can become a reality.

No matter how miserable you look or how tired you feel, you have the hope of home church. It shall become a reality, and it shall be fulfilled. Your dream shall be a reality, just as mine has become a reality.

Be thankful for persecution, for persecution will make you whole. Tears may flow from your eyes, but your mouth will say, "Thank you." Never be discouraged. Move on to home church. We shall win the victory at home church.

Your experiences and sufferings will be a direct cause of millions of people resurrecting from death to life.

SPEECH TO OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
INTERNATIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE
JULY 3, 1982, BELVEDERE

Among us are 96 foreign missionaries who have been working very hard for the past seven years. I would like to recognize them and commend them. I realize that each and every one of you has been really lonely for the past seven years. Have you kept a diary throughout this time? The suffering you went through will serve as a constant inspiration to others. Compare the suffering you went through during the past seven years to the amount of inspiration it can bring to the people who follow our path. Every bit of suffering and hard work you did will be more than amply rewarded in terms of other people following you and loving you for that. You probably never thought that all the suffering you went through would make the path easier for millions of people after you. Your experiences and sufferings will be a direct cause of millions of people resurrecting from death to life.

THE GATE OF HOPE

Your experience is much the same as what I have gone through; because of my loneliness and hard work, many people have been inspired. Without that, they might have just sat down and died, but now they find the gate of hope.

History remembers no ordinary things; if you suffer and go through intolerable difficulty and suffering, history will place more importance on that. This may not be so apparent in open societies.

When you work as missionaries in open societies, difficulties are not so great, but there are missionaries working in communist countries, going through incredible experiences. They were more qualified than you, and they should have been to this wedding; they can only think of this wedding day, and wait for theirs in the future. Those members would really like to see me, to get a glimpse of me in reality, to touch me. And here you are with me! They would like to attend these ceremonies and

conferences, even for a few minutes; but of course it is impossible. They want instructions and want to learn the most up-to-date form of my ideas and God's desire. But for them, there is no way of knowing it. The experiences of members in underground churches will be added to yours, and one day all the world will know about them; imagine how much influence their stories will have!

THE SUFFERING OF UNDERGROUND MISSIONARIES

No matter how difficult your course may be, think about your brothers and sisters working in the underground churches, and how gladly they would exchange their position for yours. Here you can take a few minutes off and breathe freely, but there, that is not allowed. There, they have to think very carefully before making even a few statements. They have to think about what would happen if they said certain things.

Imagine the kinds of reports I hear; I was told of somebody who was about to face execution, for instance. There is nothing I can do except pray.

Those who are working behind the iron curtain have a very clear sense of purpose: they go through suffering in order to open up a way to freedom, in order to save these people. Our goal is the same as theirs.

Even though the number of missionaries working in underground churches is much smaller, their suffering is much more intense. Therefore, I think of that small number of people more frequently and more deeply than I think of the other missionaries suffering in free countries. That is a little inconsistent with the democratic concept, but this minority is a majority in my mind. I spend more time thinking, praying, and talking about those missionaries than about you. When I wake up, I think first about the missionaries suffering in the underground churches.

Maybe you are working harder than they are, maybe you have been longer in the faith, still I cannot help thinking about them.

There is a general principle that God's thinking goes to those working under the most difficult circumstances, even more than those who are working the hardest. This principle applies in many ways and many places.

As a missionary, you should consider being arrested, beaten or imprisoned as the standard thing you should go through. Imagine that your only chances to pray were to go off in the middle of the night to a secluded place where no one could see you. If you haven't gone through that, ask yourself whether you are going through the regular missionary work. You are not going physically behind the iron curtain, but you can intensely pretend for a few days that you are there, in spirit.

You may wonder whether I know you are working hard, but why not feel instead, "Father doesn't have to know about me or come to visit me; I wish he would think about those in underground churches more, so their mission would not go wrong, so they would not be arrested, jailed and executed. At least I have life, but their life is uncertain." In a tree, if there are a hundred branches and one is sick, all the healthy branches pay attention to the one sick branch and want to send nutrition to that point.

I don't worry so much about the free world. I brought together hundreds of thousands of people, and now there are many Americans who learned first-hand my heart and way of working, and in the next ten years, I can imagine how much result they will bring.

THE GOAL OF RELIGIOUS UNITY

Christians, Muslims, Jews and people of all major religions have come against us. Christianity is divided into hundreds of different denominations, which are in conflict with each other. My concern is how to bring all these different religions into a unifiable position. With this vision I have gathered together scientists and also leaders of various religions to a God Conference. Also, in a few days, 141 young people will go around the world in a "Youth for God" program and meet people of all religious backgrounds and talk with major religious leaders. Such a program has never happened before. This kind of trip will open up their eyes to the meaninglessness of Christian denominations fighting among themselves. A way must be opened for all religions to come to a position of having hope to unite. Communism is blocking the way between religions, promoting conflicts between religions. Christianity is predominantly a white religion, for instance, and Islam predominantly a religion of dark-skinned or black people. It is understandable that the two religions are in conflict, but the communists are exploiting this and making it an interracial confrontation. They are doing everything to promote this and cause an interracial war.

Historical events are in a sense ideal for communist goals, because white people colonized other lands and did incredible things; it's not difficult for everybody to see the result of what the white people did. When all the circumstances are ready, all the communists have to do is strike a match and cause a conflagration. You African missionaries can testify first-hand that you had no idea of what Africans feel towards white people; but after suffering there for seven years, you can understand the deep resentments that exist. Once the communists viciously ignite them, all white people will be chased out.

You may wonder why I spend money on the kinds of things I do. People come to our banquets and say nice things, but we

know they are not fully on our side. Missionaries suffer, but I pay attention to a lot of other people instead of them. If your thinking is based on these actions, you have to think a bit more deeply. More than anyone else, I know how much you are suffering, but I also know better than anyone else what tragedies might happen in the future, so I sacrifice you and spend money on these long-term projects. Later on, when people know how much effort went into these other programs and how much missionaries around the world suffered, without even a few dollars at hand, they will be deeply moved.

CHAMPIONSHIP MARRIAGES

You might have thought that I couldn't have done this to the church or to you unless I were cruel. You must have a new and clear standard. Jesus died on the cross and ordinary Christians were persecuted and killed for 400 years thereafter, but you don't have to go that course. Jesus died such a suffering death, but we are getting married—and not even an ordinary conditional marriage. Here where 50 percent of marriages break up, your future is guaranteed to the extent that you will never divorce each other and you will have a better family than any couple in the United States.

Marriage happens to be one of the most significant events in our life. Unification Church marriages are championship marriages. In the future, nobody will ever dare challenge you and say they can make a better marriage than yours. Your parents are beginning to go along with you. Government officials will not come to you and say, "Your marriage is good, but these are better." A heavy-weight boxing champion, if he is lucky, keeps his title for maybe ten years before he has to relinquish it because of old-age. But your championship is eternal.

Regardless of how successful a person may be in every other way—he may even rise to be president—if his marriage is wrong, the rest doesn't work out. Be aware of how meaningful marriage is. To win the eternal marriage-championship, a title which you will never need to relinquish, has huge significance in the spirit world, although on earth it may not yet be recognized.

THE BEST WORDS: TRUE FATHER

You know that one day you will go to spirit world. I will too. When you see me in spirit world, what will you call me? You would like to use the best word, wouldn't you? No matter what your condition may be, so long as you are able to say, "True Father," I know all the limbs of my body will become numb. You won't need to say anything more, in order to make any request. Why is this so? Because of divine law. Wherever the father is, the children are supposed to be in the same position.

If you are real sons and daughters, going through much suffering, when you come to me, you will find that I have been suffering ten times more than you have. You couldn't come and say, "Father, I know you are suffering, but can you come and help me?" You would find yourself wanting to help me, enduring more suffering than you thought you would be able to endure.

Conversely, if the father was going through suffering but went to see his son and discovered that the son was suffering in a way he had never imagined, the father would give every blessing to him.

You may have wondered whether I understand you. Has the idea ever occurred to you, even remotely, even in dreams, that I

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might be suffering more in East Garden than what you are going through in the African jungle? If that is true, you could not expect me to pray for you, but you, even in a low position, could pray for me.

My objective is not to free you, but our members in underground churches. And not even just our members in underground churches, but all suffering people.

RACE TO BECOME HISTORICAL MISSIONARIES

People are accustomed to living in the middle—maybe on the paradise level. One extreme is hell and the other extreme is heaven. When they look at you, they know very well that you must belong to one extreme or the other.

So, in conclusion, are you happy? After spending seven years in Africa, you become tired and sick and may think that to live in America is almost like living in paradise. Now you find yourself about to go back and do another seven years. Can you still say with confidence, "Father, I am the happiest person under the sun"? Some of you women may look for excuses and say, "Oh, Father told me I should follow my husband." You are good missionaries, but you have not yet become historical missionaries. Each of you is a candidate in the race to become historical missionaries. Those who win the race become those historical missionaries. Maybe you men will say, "You are my wife, come and live with me; let someone else win this race." Would you women respond, "Anyone who says that kind of thing cannot be my husband"?

Remember the crux of Father's teaching: you must live not for the sake of your family, but for the sake of the country—and not just for the sake of the country, but for the sake of the world.

Maybe you are thinking, "Oh, Father, we have been separated for seven years, is this the kind of topic you have to choose to talk to us about?" Yes, this is the topic I chose! Do you have a complaining feeling or not? The correct answer is that you don't have any complaints, because this is the best I can give you.

Truth is truth, whether it is spoken in the morning or evening, whether it is given when you are suffering or at ease. You may feel, "This is what Father said, and I have a long way to go in order to catch up." I know what you have gone through and what you will have to go through; therefore, I can speak with confidence. No matter what I do, you love me because your mind knows it is in the cause of truth. Once you get the knack of it, you will volunteer for more suffering, so you can meet me in your dreams and have such an intimate relationship with me. You are on the right course, but from now on, until your country welcomes you, you have to continue to work.

EXTRA-SENSORY FEELINGS

Today, you now have someone who cares about you intimately, your husband or wife. Maybe you didn't before. Write a letter. The tears you drop on your letter will also make your husband cry. You will have a true friend in him. Your husband and you are responsible for both extremes, and everything that comes in the middle will melt in the intense heat between you and your husband.

Even though you are separated, there is an invisible wire or

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conductor between you and your husband. Electricity flows between you. You will experience extra-sensory feelings flowing between you. Even though it is invisible, there is a very thick conductor going between you. This intensity of heart is more intense than electrical voltage. There will be other noises or attractions, but in front of this intensity of heart, these will fade out.

We of course cherish poetry and literature. It is not the personal-experience poetry or literature which is significant, but the public-experience poetry and public-experience literature. So what makes you cry is feelings for the sake of the continent, for Africa as a whole, for example. The spirit world is impelling you to love more deeply all of Africa. You don't understand it, but I do.

Would you like a ten-minute break before continuing? I don't remember ever having suggested such a thing! I never thought like that, because I have a minimum responsibility to fulfill. That responsibility is to grow my children and marry them off! Now that I have married you off, I have to be a regular father. Now that you have grown, you will no doubt take some of the load off me, especially in state and national-level affairs, and let me take a little rest. Then I can devote more attention to the world.

UNEXPECTED MEETINGS ARE BETTER

Once when I went to Alabama, I stopped at a McDonalds for an early lunch. A black girl (a member) was looking at me, while she was eating. She was on the MFT, and the day had started out as just an ordinary day. They set out at 6:00 a.m., and she was having brunch at McDonalds. Her attention was first drawn to us because we were oriental. "Our Father is oriental," she thought, and turned to us again. After observing closely, she thought the man resembled me. She was sure the woman looked exactly like Mother. "What a strange couple," she thought; "they look so much like our Father and Mother." Eventually she concluded that's who we were. Then she wondered, "Am I in spirit world?" and looked around her carefully. When I called her to sit at the table with us, she was beside herself and dropped everything. I had her stay with us for a half hour. She will never forget this meeting throughout her entire life. That kind of encounter is so dramatic!

But what if it happened not in America but somewhere in Africa? What if I went to eat at an African fast-food concession? "It couldn't be Father," you would say. That would be a very dramatic meeting for you, wouldn't it?

If I go somewhere and meet you by coincidence, how much more wonderful it would be than if you received an official letter from Rev. Kwak's office advising you I'm coming! How would you like to meet me? Formally, or on some unexpected occasion, when you have been really working hard and longing to see me? Would you rather meet me 10 or 20 times officially, or just once in your life, unexpectedly?

When a person prays very hard, longing to see me, I might send someone personally to her and suggest she come around to

a certain beach or hotel and wait for someone there. She would certainly never suspect it was me—maybe someone she was witnessing to. After some hours, I would show up. I like that kind of thing.

LISTENING TO IW'S REPORTS

I have been receiving quite detailed reports through Rev. Kwak's office. Also, as you know, the itinerary workers report to me; occasionally their letters fill almost 20 pages and must have taken days to write. They sometimes write about angles of situations you probably didn't even think of. I give top priority to the letters of the itinerary workers, and I listen to every word, no matter how long they are. Once I start listening to a letter, I don't stop. I don't stop something until I finish it.

If there is something you need to know, make it your business to learn it; but other things, even though you hear about them, forget them. You have your immediate jobs to do, and you should do them well. I have my own goals which you may not know about at the time; but after things are done, I will tell you everything.

Americans are known for their candidness; they repeat whatever they hear and express whatever they feel. But a better honesty is to choose what you say and what you don't say. When you say something, tell the right person, not everybody.

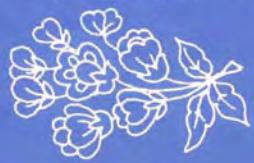
Whether I should go to Africa at all is still a question I am pondering. I am very choosy about where I go. I may come to a neighboring country but not to yours, if that is what is best; so don't try to make me overly drawn to you. As much as I love Africa or South America, if not going there would be of greater benefit for the sake of the world than going there, I would not go.

Would you permit me to take a rest and not work all the time? I never even thought about a honeymoon, even though we have been married so long and now have 13 children. Could I go away for a honeymoon if there is nobody praying in my position or receiving people in my position? Could God approve, if He knows that nobody is taking my position? If enough of you divide up the work and do it very faithfully, so God can look down and say that the work is getting done, then I could go on a honeymoon.

Does this talk answer many of the expectations you missionaries had before coming here? "When will Father visit us?" you have been wondering. I talked about this. When can you graduate from missionary work? When all the people come towards God. Maybe you can rotate countries sometimes. At least, you wanted to see me and talk to me, or have me talk to you, before returning to your mission place.

Now that I have seen you, I have planted all of you in my memory. If this is the end of my speech to you, would you be satisfied? Can you say, "Now I have seen Father, and this is enough; I can really go back and invest myself in my mission again"?

One further thing I can say: now that you have good husbands and wives, you will have fantastic children.



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Would you pledge to observe heavenly law as an original man and woman, and should you fail, pledge to take responsibility for that?

Would you, as an ideal husband and wife, pledge to establish an eternal family with which God can be happy?

Through Ideal Families



Holy Wedding Vows

Would you pledge to inherit heavenly tradition and, as the eternal parents of goodness, raise up your children to be examples of this standard before the family and world?

Would you pledge to be the center of love before the society, nation, world, and universe based upon the ideal family?



Counseling in Preparation for the Blessing



An important part of the preparations for the Blessing was the counseling division. Under the direction of David S.C. Kim, a group of skilled and experienced counselors were constantly on call to help couples or individuals work on any special problems that might come up at this most crucial time in their spiritual lives. Rev. Yong Suk Choi, Ken Sudo, Rev. Sung Soo Lee, and Mrs. Tacco Hose made up the counseling committee. Mrs. Hose spoke to Today's World about some aspects of her work over those few hectic weeks before the Blessing.

Sometimes during counseling I spend a few hours just listening. A counselor is a mediator. It's not important for the counselor to have every answer. David and I wait for the individual to prepare a receptive base. God is waiting for the counselor to help prepare that receptive base for Him to speak to the person. If the counselor speaks but has no base in the person who has come to him, then God can't speak to that person. And even if God did speak there would be no possibility for the person to accept it without a base.

We could become like a judge, pulling an answer out of the book, but that wouldn't help God speak to that person or help the person understand himself. Our job is to help a couple or an individual face their problems. Our job is not to act like God. It would be more like a social welfare program, and I don't think that would help anyone become mature.

We all have a responsibility to face what comes in our life; we can't continually avoid problems. After the matching, some people realize, "This is a life commitment," and it's a big shock for the person who could never face his own problems. The people who never faced their problems will have more problems after the matching.



The marriage relationship is the most close and intense relationship there is. The problems you must face in yourself are easily seen in your mate. For example, arrogance within yourself might become visible in him. Many times conflict comes and we tend to blame the other person. But we must see that it's often the "good" one whom God is trying to speak to. It should make us see that there is a problem within us that we have never faced.

Restoration has to be done through indemnity. That is to say that the healing needs to be done before the Blessing. Many individuals might suppress emotional wounds and not even know they exist. For example, a violent father plants in his daughter a hatred towards men, and at the time of the Blessing she accuses her fiance of being aggressive or violent. Healing didn't take place; maybe she never faced that particular problem in herself. In such a case often what must be done is for the couple to tell each other their testimonies so they can understand each other better.

Or maybe someone feels unqualified and doesn't want to go through with the Blessing. We must face the fact that none of us are qualified. By going to the Blessing you might learn how much God is with you. We receive tremendous forgiveness and grace and love at the Blessing. By learning this kind of undeserved love, we can become able to give this kind of love—great amounts of love to those who may not really deserve it.

The bottom line is "faith." My fiance challenges my faith. When I have a conflict with my husband I must think, "Which is bigger: the conflict or my faith? The conflict or my love for God?" My desire to see the ideal family take place through us is bigger. No matter what we may happen to go through.

Our marriage is not ordinary marriage: our own nest and lots of kids, etc. Blessed couples are like trusted children. We're in a position to go with the destiny of the world. For example, if there are starving people and God wants to take our food and our children's food and give it to those who have none, we should be ready to do whatever we're needed to do. We should be the ones from whom God can take whatever He



The blessing committee was made up of church leaders and blessed members. Important decisions to be made were discussed at committee meetings like the one shown here.



needs. True Father said, "Don't have concepts of what family-life 'should' be like or you'll be hurt all the time."

Our counseling is very different from what a marriage counselor would normally give. I'm always available to help with couples' on-going problems. Problems don't just disappear. As we grow, new problems arise and old problems may take different shape before they finally are solved. We need counseling and guidance all through our marriage.

As far as the future counseling program goes, it's going to be very important; a much better system is being developed now, since so many of our members are blessed. Rev. Kwak was suggesting a sophisticated telephone guidance and counseling system, available for people anywhere in the world.

True Father is very concerned about counseling. This is why he is stressing three spiritual children so strongly. We must have protection and experience through our spiritual children, before we start our families. The very best counseling anyone can get is being a counselor himself; being a mediator between God and your own spiritual children.



An engaged couple pray together at lunch during wedding rehearsals the day before the blessing.



Mothers, grandmothers, and home church contacts all over the world set to work on wedding dresses for the grand occasion. Here, Claire Bowles' mom sews diligently in Oklahoma.



Brothers who had not yet prepared all their blessing finery had the chance to do so on the 6th floor in the New Yorker where a "blessing store" was set up. Future husbands could buy suits, shoes, and even a diamond engagement ring for their fiancee if they wanted to. This brother checks his ring size for the blessing application form as an advisor looks on.



Many departments arranged sewing groups to help the sisters who had busy schedules, or no sewing skills of their own, to sew their dresses. Shown here is the sewing room of the MFT sisters.

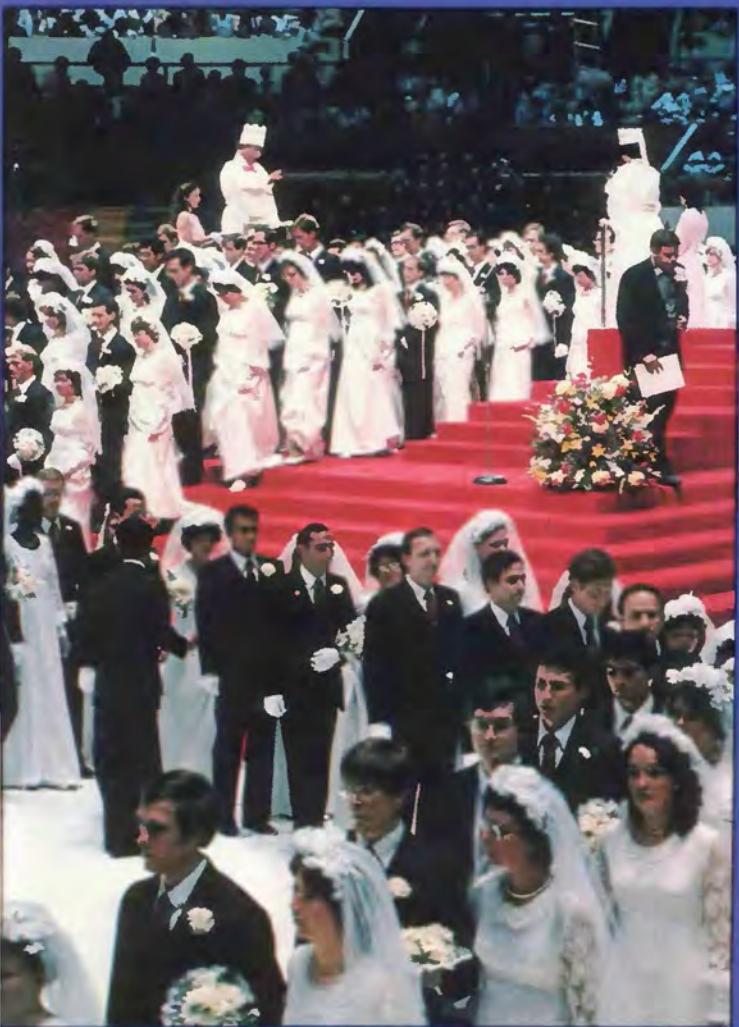
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Holy Wedding July 1, 1982



Congratulations, True Parents



Message to the Brides and Bridegrooms



This message, along with the "Greetings to the Parents and Families of the Brides and Bridegrooms," was printed in the program given to the approximately 7,000 relatives, friends and other members who attended the holy wedding ceremony of 2,075 couples from more than 70 countries on July 1, 1982, at Madison Square Garden.

The establishment of happy, righteous families as the source of life, love and joy has been the goal of God and man throughout history. To realize that ideal, each of you has dedicated months and years of preparation, often under very difficult circumstances. We can all be justly proud to meet here together on this day, to add another great building block to the kingdom of heaven on earth.

Until today, the eyes of the world have been upon our church; after today, the eyes of the world will be upon you and your families. Remember three things above all in your life together:

1. THE ETERNAL UNION OF HUSBAND AND WIFE

Your marriage is not merely "until death do us part," but for all time eternal. Each spouse is a great key to ever expanding and deepening our understanding of the infinite God. In your marriage, God's love is consummated and together you are able to receive His total love.

2. THE TRADITION OF FAMILY LOVE

After seeking ideal marriages it is your responsibility to educate your children with a commitment to moral excellence. Before you can freely invest your love and energy in other dimensions, you must by all means fulfill your responsibilities as a loving parent.

3. THE IDEAL WORLD

Heaven is a world of heart, where all may trust and unite with one another in love. But there will be no true heaven for anyone while people are still in want, in need, or in pain—physically or spiritually. You must all accept your responsibility to work as world citizens so that the legacy you leave your children and grandchildren will be the harmonized world of God's love.

God bless you in all that you undertake, and may He give you the vision and strength you need to realize His kingdom on earth. That is the task facing us all.

Signed:

Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon



UNTIL TODAY, THE EYES OF THE WORLD HAVE BEEN UPON OUR CHURCH; AFTER TODAY, THE EYES OF THE WORLD WILL BE UPON YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.



Greetings to the Parents and Families of the Brides and Bridegrooms



This American ceremony of the Holy Wedding of 2,000 couples is a day of great joy and celebration, not only for those who are getting married, but for their families, and for God. In the Unification Church, it is the heart of our faith that God dwells with man most fully in his family; it is in the family that we learn to receive and give love, to learn to create and grow, and experience harmony and joy. Without the nurture of a family's love throughout childhood and adolescence, no man or woman would have developed the capacity to love a spouse or children. The men and women gathered here for this wedding, your sons and daughters, have dedicated themselves to the highest standards of love and service to God, to each other, and all mankind. Each of you deserves to be truly proud of the role you have played in their lives.



The rites of marriage, at the heart of any religious movement, can at best be only partially understood and appreciated by those of other faiths; but the results stand for every age to see. These couples here today are committed to a tradition of respect and reverence for their elders, unconditional and eternal love for each other, and complete responsibility for the growth and development of their children.



Take pride in your sons and daughters today and in their achievement, for I am sure God Himself is proud. They deserve great honor and respect from us all. Most of all, they are destined to become among the most important members of our society, whose moral leadership will undoubtedly have historical impact for future generations.



May God bless all of you who have come here today, whose beloved sons and daughters have already done so much—and will do so much more—toward bringing God's kingdom on earth.

Signed:

Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon



The Family Under Assault and the Unification Solution

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The following information was distributed by the Public Affairs Office at the national headquarters of the U.S. Unification Church.

The family, which is the basis for civilization, is under assault. The following statistics illustrate how modern American society is deteriorating from within.

THE PROBLEM

In 1960 25% of all marriages in the U.S. ended in divorce, a figure that would have been shocking 20 years before. By 1977 the divorce rate had risen to 50% for the last five years. Today one out of every two marriages ends in divorce within 6.8 years. The number of divorces reached a record high in 1981, when more than 1.2 million divorces were granted in the U.S.

The increasing number of divorces granted involved more children in broken marriages than ever before. Over 1 million children under 18 years of age were involved in divorces in 1979, more than double the number in 1963, and more than triple that in 1957.

The National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect estimates that approximately 1 million children are maltreated by their parents each year. Of these children, as many as 200,000 are physically abused, 100,000 are sexually abused, and the remainder are neglected.

According to law enforcement agency statistics, physical violence occurs more frequently between family members than between strangers.

The 1980 national statistics revealed that forcible rape offenses were up 45% over those of 1976.

The number of consultations for genital herpes infection increased eight-fold from 29,560 in 1966 to 260,890 in 1979.

These frightening statistics reflect that a drastic breakdown in human values is occurring, a breakdown which threatens the survival of society as we know it.

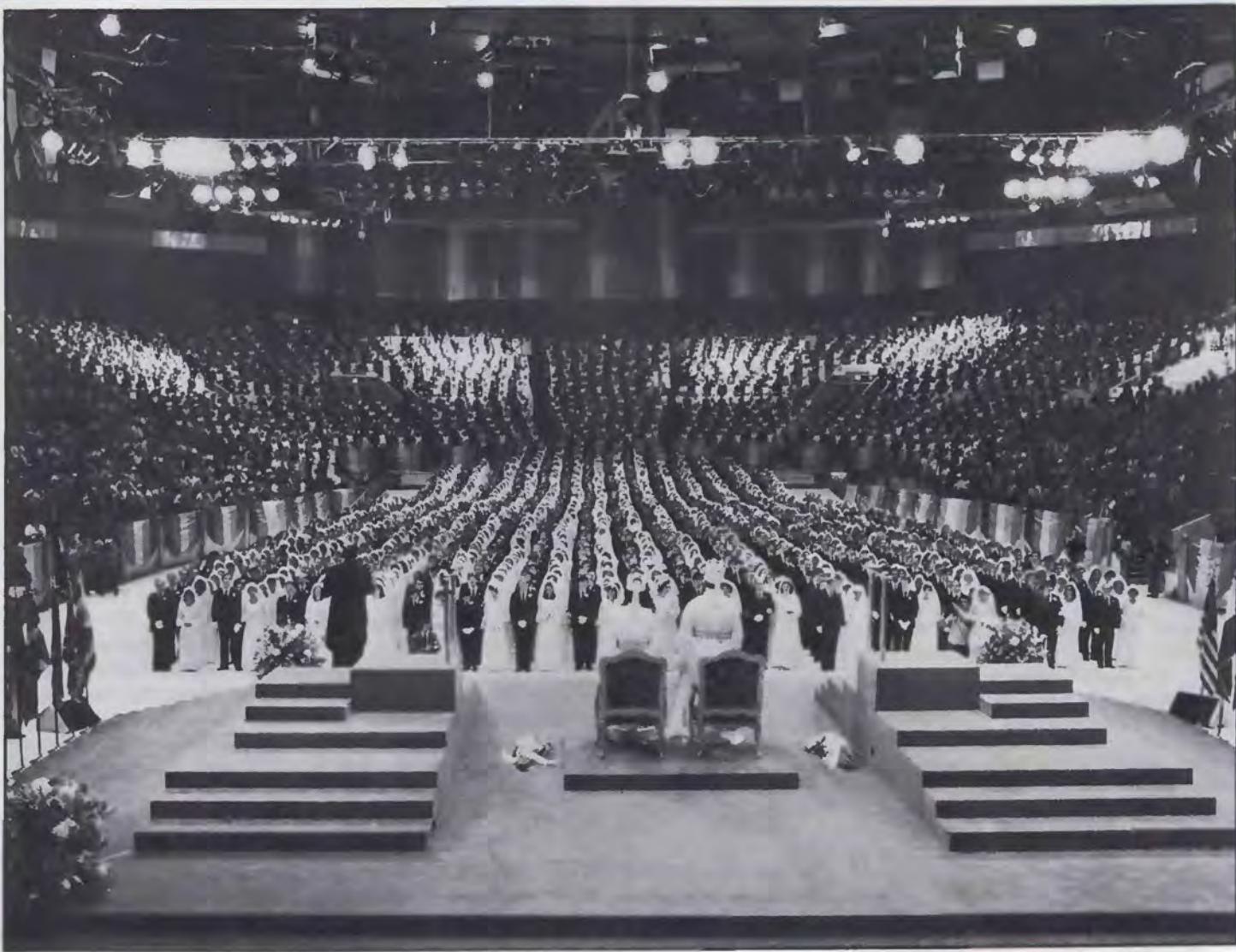
THE UNIFICATION SOLUTION

The Reverend Moon and the Unification Church believe that these problems can and must be overcome by locating their source: ignorance of the purpose of love itself.

Our society's distorted view of love as self-centered, ceaselessly promoted by mass media and lived out by millions, has done much to generate the wholesale breakdown so evident today.

We believe the solution lies in the rediscovery that mature love, God's love, is the purpose of life, and must become central to our relationships, our marriages, and ultimately our nations.

The daily practices and attitudes of all Unification Church members revolve around their commitment to this principle of selfless love. To the Unificationist, marriage, or "the Blessing," is central to this process, and is more than just a ceremony. Theologically, the Blessing signifies that the individual has attained the initial stages of a mature state of heart and is qualified, through God's blessing, to unite with one's mate to create a family whose children embody that love naturally.



For the participants, the Blessing is a moment of rebirth, an ultimate encounter with God and one's destiny. This belief in God-centered marriages, families, communities, and nations is basic to all Unification thought and tradition.

STATISTICS OF TWO AMERICAN MATCHINGS

One thousand, five hundred forty-eight (1,548) couples were engaged in ceremonies held in May 1979, and December 1980. The following statistics summarize this group of engaged couples that participated in the wedding ceremony:

596 couples are from the same race and the same culture, which represents 37% of these engaged couples.

546 couples are interracially and cross-culturally mixed, which represents 35% of these engaged couples. Of these:

- 75% are Oriental engaged to Caucasian
- 13% are Black engaged to Caucasian or Oriental
- 12% are Hispanic engaged to Caucasian or Black

433 couples are cross-culturally mixed but of the same race, which represents 28% of these engaged couples.

The youngest person getting married is 21 years old. The oldest person is 62 years old. The average age is 30.

IN THE UNIFICATION CHURCH, IT IS THE HEART OF OUR FAITH THAT GOD DWELLS WITH MAN MOST FULLY IN HIS FAMILY.

Testimonies given at the International Conference

WHEN MY YOUNGER SISTER WAS BLESSED AND HAD A BLESSED CHILD MY PARENTS STARTED TO CHANGE.

JULY 3, 1982, BELVEDERE

Before Father's talk to the church leaders and missionaries, he asked for testimonies from anyone whose parents had been particularly changed or moved by the Blessing.

Negative parents who became positive

"My parents were very strongly opposed. Several years ago they almost hired de-programmers. When I was engaged two years ago, they began to change. My father asked me, when he heard about the engagement, 'Please, whatever you do, don't get a black or an oriental wife.' My father fought against Japan in World War II. So when I took my fiancee home, he brought that up, over and over again. But this time was truly amazing. They have been softening as time goes on, because we just don't change. This time, Reiko's parents came from Japan. My parents and Reiko's parents had lunch and dinner together, while Reiko translated. My parents could see what good people they were. My parents gave some money to start our marriage, and my dad says he totally supports our marriage." —Mike Jenkins

"My parents became quite negative since I joined the church, went away as a missionary, and received an oriental wife. Then when I called them for the Blessing, they were negative and very shocked that it was going to be in Madison Square Garden. Then as we were talking, my mother said all of a sudden, 'Well, maybe we can come.' I kept pushing, and finally they came. After the ceremony, they both said it was a beautiful ceremony and that they were very impressed. Afterwards, we went out to dinner with my wife's father, Mr. Yoo, and they also were very impressed with him. They were changed by that. They had a very good experience." —Tom Field

"One time my parents were very, very negative. They thought about hiring deprogrammers. They started changing at the matching three years ago. When I was matched with my fiancee, Marie Clarke, my father, who was very sick with cancer, was starting to get positive, but my mother was still very, very negative. When we went home, my fiancee visited him in the hospital. She kept visiting him every day. He called me up on the phone and said, 'Peter, you couldn't have met a nicer girl here in your home town. Rev. Moon really knows how to pick people.' He passed away, and I was really glad that he could meet her. About 16 members of my family came to Madison Square Garden. We had a big reception in the Waldorf Astoria." —Peter Giossi

"My parents were rather negative for about seven years because all four of their children joined the church. When my younger sister got blessed and had a blessed child, they started to change and eventually got closer to the church. At this last Blessing, three of us got blessed. My dad was a little skeptical, but my two sisters were both blessed with attorneys, David Hager and Alan Sayer. My parents were there, and they since have become very positive." —Matthew Morrison

"I am from the New Zealand family, and a missionary to the Cook Islands; they are very beautiful islands. I was matched last week to an American brother. His parents came to the wedding. His mother was saying she would like to retire to the Cook Islands." —Gna Lulia



How others reacted

"My fiancee is from Finland, and she could not come at this time. I was a little depressed the first day, but afterwards, I came out and everybody was so happy that I was caught up in the spirit. I wanted to be unhappy, but I couldn't. My spiritual father and my spiritual son were in the ceremony. I wanted to see them. I had a pair of powerful binoculars, and I was looking closely at Father's face and Mother's face and every row passing through. I also heard comments from people around me, because I sat down where there were no family members, just guests. I was so inspired that I began to get choked up, but I didn't want to cry in the middle of so many people. I saw my spiritual father and all the people I knew who had so many times gone through spiritual struggles. They were there. They finally made it! The day before, my spiritual son had had some trouble, but he was there. I wasn't unhappy at all. I couldn't keep from crying. I speak Spanish, and there were Spanish-speaking people around me, but they must have thought I was an American. 'Oh, he's sick,' one said. 'No, no, he's crying,' another answered. I lent my binoculars to some people, and everyone I could see around me was very, very impressed. Some people I know watched the ceremony on television, some people in Spanish and others in English. It was televised all around."

—Ceasar Regaldo

"A professor and his wife who have been deeply involved with ICUS came to the Blessing from England. I talked afterwards with them, and they were very moved and very impressed by the ceremony. They said the whole thing had been very beautiful and very dignified. Afterwards, they went to the reception at 43rd Street Headquarters, where they met about 16 British parents who came over to attend the Blessing of their sons or daughters. All those parents had a positive testimony and were very happy. This professor told me he was very moved and impressed by talking to the parents; many people often write to him, he said, criticizing the church and stating that there were no parents who were happy. So he was very pleased to meet these parents who came to the Blessing and were happy." —*Mike Marshall*

"I am from CARP in Germany, and I have a wonderful wife from Spain. Her mother is one of the first parents who became members in Spain. She wanted desperately to come here, and arrived with other parents from Spain. I could see how much she was moved. My mom came from Germany. When I joined the family, one comment she made in the beginning when she saw pictures of our mass weddings was, 'You should never participate in this kind of mass wedding.' She is not positive, but she decided to come. She was very impressed while she was here; however, she cannot understand how it was possible for such a thing to happen. She is happy though. She said to my sister, 'Well, I cannot understand everything, but my son's wife is even more beautiful and natural than in the pictures.'" —*Pieter Schmidt*

"I was working with the Madison Square Garden people, along with Joe Tully. We had a number of very interesting experiences with the staff of Madison Square Garden. We got to know all the security guards who work there, because we worked together with them. We found that almost everybody who worked there actually liked our family, and they like Father. They kept talking about 'him.' 'You mean Rev. Moon?' I would ask them, and they would say. 'Oh, yeah.' I could tell that they like Father, but didn't want to admit it. One person who came to deliver flowers at the Garden was really negative and saying many bad things about Father and our family, and one older security guard told him to be quiet. The second time, he told the delivery man to shut up. The third time, he took a pipe out of his desk and said something to the effect of, 'Don't you say such things about these people; get out of here!' After the ceremony, I walked by two of the top staff members of MSG, and one said to the other, 'Well, it was weird, but it sure was amazing.' The most touching thing, however, was an older black janitor who came out after the ceremony and told his friend who was working outside, 'George, you just missed seeing history in there!' And George says, 'Is that right?' and the man says, 'Yes sir, that's what Dr. King died for.'"

—Henry Schauffler

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**MY FATHER FOUGHT
AGAINST JAPAN IN WWII SO
WHEN I BROUGHT MY
JAPANESE FIANCÉE HOME
HE KEPT BRINGING THAT UP
AGAIN AND AGAIN.**

"I am a missionary to Africa, and I spent a long time overseas, which my parents have never been happy about. Every time I come home to America, I get into another argument with my father about the church. This time it was very different. I was matched in England, almost four years ago, and when I first introduced my fiancee to my parents, they were really impressed by her. Afterwards, my parents said to me, 'Boy, she's just what you need.' This time I came to America for the Blessing, I invited my parents and they came. We didn't see them until after the ceremony. I had never seen my parents in this state of mind or spirit about the church—ever. Every time before, I got into arguments with my father, but this time no arguments. I had never been able to explain about the church to my father. There was a real block. We went to a restaurant for dinner, and my father began to speak about the problems in the world. 'It seems like everything is going down and being destroyed; there are problems everywhere; I don't want to look at the news anymore.' He's not a very religious man, but I think deep down he really is but doesn't want to admit it. He said, 'Maybe it's better if God does again what He did in Noah's time and finishes everything.' My wife said, 'God wants to save the people, and the Unification Church is Noah's ark.' My father just looked at her. If I had said that, he would have argued. But he looked at her and said, 'Maybe you're right.' She said something that in 11 years I had never been able to communicate. Thank you very much." —Ray Mas

"For my family, this experience was a victory over resentment. My parents read the Principle together soon after I joined; my mother joined, and my father left her. That was nine years ago. There was resentment, and my father was very negative at that time. Little by little, he has changed. He married again, and he brought his wife to the ceremony. My mother, who was sitting by herself, had a deep spiritual experience in which Heavenly Father came down and told her that she was also being blessed. My father was deeply touched by the ceremony. A reporter from UPI came to him, wanting something negative, stuck a microphone in his face and asked him what he thought about it; my father replied, 'I think it's great.' The reporter was crestfallen. It was good that my mother had such a deep experience, because she was determined to hold a big reception for us. It was the first time she had seen my father in seven years, and it was the first time she had met my father's wife. My father's new wife was so positive! I think my father is worried now! For me it was strange seeing my mother, the old Mrs. Morey, witnessing to the new Mrs. Morey. Many people from my home town have joined our church, people from the same high school, so we were all together. Everybody was commenting on how old-looking my father became and how young-looking my mother became!" —Gail Paine

"Just after the wedding, my wife and I were in the elevator at Madison Square Garden, and one cleaning lady came up to me, in tears, and said, 'It was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. All those brides!' Right after the wedding, when I was meeting my new parents-in-law, one lady came up and said, 'I have been a home church supporter for a long time; I am so glad I could come; it's been just the most beautiful thing I've ever seen.' Yesterday, I was walking with my new father-in-law, and he asked, 'How does Rev. Moon choose everybody?' He had been so moved by the ceremony and especially the entertainment. He loved Tony Martin. I answered his question, 'Well, he's very sensitive.' 'Hmmm,' he responded. 'How about those interracial couples? Do they work out okay?' 'Honestly, it's more difficult,' I answered, 'Sometimes they can't even speak the same language, and with the cultural differences, it takes a lot of effort to learn how to understand each other. But when they really work at it and overcome it, they become a much greater person because of it.' He said, 'Yes, I can see that a lot of what people call love today is just infatuation. If I was young and I was really inspired, I could see the possibility of an interracial marriage.' He was very inspired."

—Noah Ross

"I was also working with the media, and after the ceremony, I went over to where the media were and one reporter from the *Los Angeles Times* asked, 'How was it? How do you feel?' I was really bold, and I wanted to proclaim my faith, so I said, 'I am so happy; this is the best day of my life. All my life I was seeking and searching to find God and to find a way to serve God, and God truly led me to find the Unification Church, and Rev. Moon has helped me build my relationship with God. Not only that, but today is the culmination of my life, finding happiness with a spouse I also searched



for throughout my life.' The reporter then asked Connie's father, who was there, what he thought. 'It's not my bag of tea,' he replied, 'but I always raised my daughter to make up her own mind and do what she wants to do; so it's fine with me.' Yesterday, we went out to dinner, and both Connie and I wanted to make this a very meaningful time for him, a chance to break down the barriers that he had about the church. We had a very deep sharing, in which he began to open up about his own life. He really wanted to communicate with his daughter. I could see where I could help in bridging that relationship. Yesterday, he basically told his whole life story and felt very good and close to us afterwards." —Richard Erlich

After hearing the testimonies, Father commented briefly:

In a village, everybody becomes excited about the wedding of even one couple. So 2,000 couples getting married is an even more striking event. The police department expected lots of hassle and commotion and even demonstrations, because of the persecution against the Unification Church, but to their amazement there was almost none. This was a shock to the Western world.

I feel you have every reason to be proud and even boastful of our mass wedding. Your wedding was a charming happening, wasn't it?

When people looked at you they felt insecure. Parents wondered how their well-educated son could do this. They know it is a once-in-a-lifetime event. They knew you weren't thinking so much about marriage, but within one week, you had a fiance and then a husband or wife. You let me make the most important decision. You aren't half as insecure as your parents!

Maybe you were even dozing off during that moment!

Now people have come up with a new word: heartwashing! More than brainwashing. A brainwashed person is intellectually brainwashed, but he can be insecure about love or emotions. But how can anyone sleep during such an event without an assurance of heart?

The most important things are happening now, and your thoughts cannot even catch up with you. But as the years go by, their real meaning and significance will fill you.

FOR MY FAMILY THIS EXPERIENCE WAS A VICTORY OVER RESENTMENT



WITH FATHER IN THE HOLY LAND

KHOSROF ABDALLAH MUDABBER

I am from Jordan and was raised a Muslim. I joined a group that used to do meditation every day; we were striving to reach the inner light and spiritual self realization. In our meditation we would sit Indian-style, but the thoughts we meditated on were taken from the Bible and other religious writings, including the Koran and Indian scriptures.

In 1960, in Jordan, I saw a vision of a huge green mountain with a fiery lion standing on top. I was surprised, because this was the first time I saw visions during meditation. This lion shouted, "All the animals of the world, kneel down!" Something told me that the green color meant the Aquarian age, and the lion was at the top of that age; I was also told that all that is satanic would fade away. I was instructed to have a ring made with a green stone surrounded by five stars (representing the five continents), a golden lion (representing the coming messiah), and the symbol of the eye of God. I had the ring made immediately.

I felt that this lion must be somewhere on the earth, but nobody knew where. He might be a Buddhist monk, I imagined, or perhaps a Tibetan holy man; I couldn't imagine he would be just a normal person.

About 1963, the Jordanian government sent me to the United States on a project to make maps of Jordan; I was director of the Army Map Service at that time. When I arrived in the United States, I searched around for spiritual groups, visiting the Masons, Rosicrucians, etc.

A few years later, in a supermarket, I met Doris (now Doris Orme) and Gibran, an American originally from Palestine. We started sharing with each other about our experiences, and I told Gibran I felt Christ must be on earth, because we are in the Aquarian age, but I didn't know where he was. I was always searching for truth.



Mr. Mudabber with Father in Washington, D.C. in 1965.

He was so glad and surprised, and they took me to Col. Pak, who gave me the lectures of Divine Principle. At that time, he had only the first six chapters of Divine Principle printed. When I started to read them, I found out the truth I had been longing to know. "Who wrote this?" I asked. "We are going to the airport to meet him now," they answered. And I went along. (Father was on his first world tour, in 1965, visiting members throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan, and blessing holy grounds in 40 countries.)

MEETING FATHER IN WASHINGTON

When I saw Father pray, I could feel that this was the man. I was very touched by his prayer, and I started to cry. I am not a big talker; I prefer to look at people deeply and analyze them. When Father prays, he is different from any person I ever met.

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One of the church holidays, I think World Day, we celebrated together in Washington. When I saw Father, I told him about the vision I had received in

1960 and gave him my ring. "You are the man who deserves to have it," I told him. He kept it with him for one week. The time came for me to return to Jordan, and a farewell party was arranged for me. To my surprise, Father asked me to come dressed in my army uniform.

"Are you with me?" he asked me that day. I answered yes. "Are you with me?" he repeated, speaking louder. Again, I answered yes. He took my hand and for the third time asked, "Are you with me?" After I had answered, he told me, "Keep this ring forever with you," and he placed it on the finger of my right hand.

I had brought along a map of the world, and Father started to make plans for missions to other countries. "What about Africa?" Col. Pak asked. "Keep that area and the Middle East for me," I responded. I was very inspired, and I felt I could do it. This was the promise I made, but I wasn't able to keep it.

Father told me that in the course of blessing holy grounds throughout the

world, he would come to Jordan and spend one week there. I made all the preparations, arranged for cars, and made appointments for Father to meet

On Mount Nebo in Jordan.



with various people. I told my wife something about Father, and she was very happy. Also, I taught the oldest of my five children, Abdallah, to sing one of the Korean songs.

FATHER VISITS THE HOLY LAND

When Father arrived, we went to greet him at the airport. My girls gave him bouquets of roses. Father was traveling with Miss Young Oon Kim, Mrs. Won Pok Choi, and Mr. Nishikawa (Sang Ik Choi). We brought them to our home in Amman (the capital of Jordan), where we had prepared special rooms and had gathered people who I wanted to meet him. Abdallah came in and sang the Korean song; Father was so happy to hear I had taught him so quickly.

Father started to ask questions in Korean, and Miss Kim translated. The people I had invited didn't have any idea of Divine Principle, so it was hard for them to understand him. Most of them were Christians, from a school I had attended, and I wanted to show them that there was another truth. If I tried to speak or explain some point, they would say, "We already know what you are going to say; we want to hear him." I made a tape recording of Father's words at that time. Communication was not so good, however. My guests were thinking along philosophical lines, and people are sometimes misled that way.

The second day of Father's visit, we went on a tour; the following day, we went to the West Bank (then part of Jordan, now under Israeli control) to make holy grounds. What I saw during this time reminded me of many historical things.

Father first wanted to visit the "Way of the Cross" (a series of sites in and around Jerusalem associated with Jesus' suffering and crucifixion). We went to the site where Jesus was held prisoner. As we made each stop along the way, I saw all the sorrow and sadness in Father's face; he prayed a lot in each of those places. One stop, the Mount of Calvary, was the place where the temple curtain was torn at the time of Jesus' death, located in what is now a Greek monastery. The monks were struck by Father and wanted to know who he was. I was so



At the place where Jesus was imprisoned.

disappointed that nobody recognized him along the way, just as nobody recognized Jesus as the Christ.

I could feel the depth of meaning in the words of Father's prayers, even though I could not understand them. I could really feel that he was communicating with somebody in his prayers. I wished I had brought along a portable tape recorder to take down his prayers at these historical sites. I wanted to know the meaning of his prayers and felt frustrated because I didn't understand the language. At least I had a camera along and could take pictures of him at each site.

In Gethsemane, we went to the tomb of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the church below it, where Father prayed. On the road to Gerazim, we stopped at Jacob's Well and prayed there, as well as at John the Baptist's church, on the site where he was beheaded. At Hebron, we went to the mosque on the site of the grave of Abraham and his family; Father wanted to bless a holy ground there, but we were unable to enter, so a large tree, known as the Tree of the Patriarchs, was dedicated as the holy ground instead. At the Mount of Temptation, Father became happy and started to climb the mountain; he went up very quickly, and we followed him to one of the convents at the top. He prayed a long while in a cave there, and some of the many tourists and monks there started to ask who he

was. "One of the faithful people on earth," I answered them, knowing they were not prepared to understand who he really was. Coming down the mountain, we stopped at a natural spring known as the Sultan's Spring, where Father washed his hands and cupped them to drink the fresh water, and later went to a lovely spot along the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized.

I had prepared a lunch of sandwiches and various other food, but when I offered them to Father he refused to take any kind of meal; he only drank water from the spring. It seemed that he was so serious that he wanted no food until that night. We gave away all the sandwiches to the people we met.

That day, Father made four holy grounds:

- On the Mount of Olives, near the old city of Jerusalem: the olive grove where Jesus prayed before his betrayal and arrest
- On the Mount of Temptation, near Jericho: where Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days to lay a foundation for his course
- In Hebron, the Tree of the Patriarchs: near the place where Abraham and his family were buried, a place revered by Jews, Christians and Muslims
- On Mount Gerazim, in the center of some ruins: an ancient holy site

honored by the Samaritans; the Gospel of John describes Jesus witnessing to a Samaritan woman there

On the fourth day, Father made the final holy ground:

- On the hills near Mount Nebo, in the ruins of a church: the mountain which Moses climbed in order to view the promised land, before his earthly life ended

I understood that these holy grounds are places where the spirit world can communicate with people on earth; in other words, here the door is opened between the spirit world and physical world. Even then, I didn't know much about Principle, but I could sense the meaning behind many of these things. Every day, Father woke up early and went for a walk and prayed. I did not interfere with his privacy.

One day Mr. Nishikawa asked me, "Is this house yours?" "No," I replied, "it's government-owned." Later he came back and said, "This house is yours." I was surprised how that could be, since it was army property, and I wondered what he could mean.

When the week was over, Father planned to go on to Syria and Lebanon and other countries on his tour. I accompanied them to an ancient Roman site and took pictures there. After resting along the road, we bade him farewell; he went on to Damascus, and I returned to Amman. I recited the prayer he prayed before leaving the house and his final instructions to me, "Take good care of your wife and children."

EFFORTS TO TEACH PRINCIPLE

When I started to meet people, trying to spread this new ideal, there was little response. During the day, I did my job for the Army and took care of other responsibilities, and at night, I began translating Principle. "At least I can prepare something I can give to others to read," I thought. Chapter by chapter, I translated Col. Pak's version of Principle. It was a new experience. I hired a typist to type the manuscript and began giving copies to others. Little by little, my house was filled with people who wanted to know more about this subject. "This translation is still in the formation stage," I told them.



At the Sultan's Spring.



At the Jordan River.



Making the holy ground at Gethsemane.

I was disappointed that nobody recognized him along the way, just as nobody recognized Jesus as the Christ.

Later on Remi Blanchard came to visit me for about a week; he was surprised at what I had been doing. I asked him to give a lecture to my guests, and he lectured in French, with one of my professor friends interpreting into Arabic. I had invited various professors I knew to come, bringing their families, and presented it as a social affair, which was an acceptable kind of activity at that time. Once I

visited the families in France and England.

Then Satan started to interfere. Someone came from Bethlehem and asked me how much money I had been given to convert from Islam to Christianity. After all I had given, I was being accused of receiving money for doing it! Then the 1967 War began; after the war, none of my former contacts showed up any more, because



At the entrance to the Holy Sepulchre, where Jesus was buried.



At the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem.

they thought the teachings came from American propaganda. Just a few people whom I helped in some way came. One of them was a professor whom I was paying to tutor my son. One day he came and told me, "I am going to Australia; can you give me money to pay my way?" I gave him what I could, about \$1,500, and he left without ever communicating to me again. I also started a business, hoping through it to support my efforts to spread Divine Principle throughout the Middle East. I didn't want anyone to have to help me; I wanted these efforts to be self-supporting. But I had no experience in business, and people cheated me.

My wife knew about these things, and she wondered how I could give people money, when I had a family and children to care for. "Whatever we give, we will get back somehow," I told her, but she got mad and didn't want to listen to my teachings any more. "What's the use of being good to people when they hurt you in return?" she complained. Every day she brought up this subject.

Still, two experiences after Father's visit really confirmed to me that he is the chosen man.

Father gave me a handkerchief, which I always kept in my pocket. One day, four other Army officials and I were riding in a jeep; as we passed by a refugee camp, gunfire opened on us from all sides. The canvas covering, seats and even tires were all punctured with bullet holes, but not one of us was hurt! Immediately I thought about Father.

Also, three months after Father left, the Army decided to sell the group of houses we were living in, and I was lucky enough to be able to buy our house. Father had already told me about it. Only Father could have known it would happen.

In 1970, the 777-couple Blessing was shown in its entirety on Jordanian television; many people saw the program and I heard quite a few favorable comments by people who were impressed by it.

For many years, I struggled alone, trying to do something, because I am a man who keeps my promises. When someone promises something and cannot do it, he feels like a failure. I take everything seriously, nothing as a joke. I even reached the point where I started to lose hope; then Father sent

people I could work with. I was always trying to do something good to surprise Father, searching for people I could teach and perhaps send to America to learn more. But Jordan was very touchy about missionaries, and the version of Principle I had used Bible verses to explain many points. Finding a greater response from Jordanian Muslims than Christians (who are often quite rigid in their views), I began writing the Principle using Islamic terms and quotations from the Koran. While working on this project, I found a book in Arabic which included everything the Koran and Muhammad said about the coming of the messiah, and I found more points in common with Islam than with Christianity.

I am so glad to see Father again. Even when I was away for so many years and alone, I could always feel his love and his presence. Everything reminds me of him. When guests come, we take them to Mount Nebo; even when I was sick, I used to love to

climb that mountain, the mountain from which Moses looked into the promised land.

REBIRTH IN A HOSPITAL

Mr. Mudabber came to New York in June and saw Father for the first time in 17 years. On the day of the most recent matching, he went into the hospital, suffering from internal bleeding caused by a tear in his esophagus. He was operated on to repair it. As he had suffered so much over the years with a kidney condition, he had no hope for recovery. He felt he just wanted to die and get it over with. Members who were with him reported the following incident:

On the day of the Blessing, a Jewish lady, Ana, was admitted to a room in the intensive care unit, across the nurses' desk from him. Another lady was with her. Doctors and nurses were

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trying to calm Ana down, but she was shouting and crying to God, "Where are You, God? I want to get out of here." A lady who was with her said, "Pray to God. You will be okay. Let the doctor work on you." But Ana refused.

A black Muslim nurse entered the room. "You are Muslim; get out!" Ana said.

A blond nurse came in. "You are a Christian; get out!" she said.

To the lady with her she said, "You are not my mother; get away from me."

Ana continued to shout and scream. "It is not a Jewish God. He is not a Christian God. He couldn't be a Muslim God."

The other lady said, "You are a Jew. You must be faithful. Believe in Elijah."

"I don't want to see your dirty face," Ana replied. "You all have dirty faces. I want to wash the dirt from your faces."

"Pray to God. Pray to Elijah," the other woman urged.

Ana replied, "He is no more the God of the Jews. He is no more the God of the Christians. He is no longer the God of the Muslims. He is God of Son."

"What do you mean?" the other lady asked.

Ana replied, "The Lord is on earth." "Where is He?"

Still shouting and crying, Ana replied, "At the New Yorker."

When people went into her room, she began to scream and shout these things. When they left, she only screamed to God.

The second day, she said that the Lord was then at Madison Square Garden. The nurses around her were laughing and joking.

The third day she became quiet, normal. The doctors treated her, and she was transferred out of intensive care. We went to see her, but she didn't remember anything about what she had said.

For Khosrof, hearing this brought about a rebirth experience, and new strength infused his body. He was happy and forgot his pain, lying there on his bed with tubes coming out from everywhere. He prayed a grateful prayer to God for giving him this kind of testimony in the hospital and that he could hear it. He also prayed for the lady who was in such pain and testifying to True Parents.

From March 5 to April 13, about 53 South American members attended the third regional 40-day training in Mar Del Plata, Argentina. In attendance were five members from Chile, three Brazilian members, one member from Paraguay and all the rest from Argentina.

Training should have ended on the 14th of April, but because of the war with England, all trainees and lecturers had to return to their home countries one day early. It was a poignant departure as the family separated; most of the trainees were Argentine and had to remain in their country, which was now entering into war.

The first regional 40-day training was in the Philippines, the second was held in the Central African Republic, and the third training was held in another part of the world altogether . . . deep in South America. (See February and April, 1982 issues of Today's World for coverage of the earlier regional trainings sessions.)

David Hose has directed all three sessions, which were each a special experience for him. Mr. Hose spoke briefly to Today's World about his feelings concerning the training:

"I was very happy to be in South America, but I want to go back and learn more about the cultures there. Brazil has asked me to come and have a training there. Chile also feels the need for a training session; I heard that the Chileans memorized every morning service I gave, to use later.

"The setting was idyllic. It was one of the most ideal settings I've ever seen for a training session. We used an old boys' school by the sea and all the beds were for children, so the brothers' feet were often hanging off the end of the beds. I didn't understand why I was developing a backache the first week of training; but when I realized that it was caused by the child-sized beds, I started sleeping on the floor and everything was fine.

"I like South American people—their hearts are warm and open. I found this universal among the trainees. I was frustrated by my language limitation, which I also found true in French-speaking Central African Republic, so I went away wishing that I had been able to give more."

Following are reports from the Chilean missionary and three Chilean brothers who attended the training in Argentina.

NANCY HANNA

The workshop was for me a really wonderful experience, more intense and enriching than the one I attended in New York, partly because the setting in Argentina was much more conducive to spiritual blossoming than the New Yorker Hotel. We were not in an exotic jungle, but a modern seaside resort whose population looks and acts pretty much like those in any American city. Internally, members experienced things similar to what American members would experience.

With just our region represented, it was like putting five countries together into a pressure cooker for 40 days, over the very hot fire of an intense course of Divine Principle, internal guidance, Unification Thought and VOC. Believe me, I was as excited and reborn as any new member there!

Not only the members, but even I had to overcome national barriers and learn to love members from other countries. As a Chilean missionary I am so oriented to loving Chileans; now I had to go beyond that and quickly grasp the unique beauties of the other nationalities and try to love them just as much. It's amazing how much Latin American nations have in common—the language, culture and social structure is all so similar. The human and national resources of this region are tremendous.

Just before I went out as a foreign missionary, I asked Father about the relationship between North and South America. "There is a very special relationship," he said. "they are brothers." This seminar confirmed this once again. Latins are really like our brothers; their problems and nature are very close to our own. I could feel how important it is for the two Americas to unite; we need each other more than before.

GUILLERMO PALMA

We met as brothers and sisters from different countries of South America, forming bonds based on our fighting for a common cause. God is looking for people whose hearts are united and centered on making the providence a reality, taking responsibility for each situation and restoring many historical mistakes. Only upon discovering that this world needs a model and example to imitate—a model which is separated from evil and its principle of taking things selfishly and sacrificing others for its own benefit—can South



America be revitalized. Unificationism can be raised up as a model for the world, in this sacrificial position.

South America has had no direction or motivation to establish an ideal world; nevertheless, people search for liberty, peace and higher expressions. But if we follow our present course, it will be impossible to reach these desires. The point is then, who will take responsibility for this situation? More than ever, an example is needed to inspire people to fulfill this goal.

More than ever, we understood that God is looking for someone who can serve as an example for the world. If South America can do this, then the world will stand ready to help it, in the same way that our Heavenly Father is closer to the poor and suffering.

The greater the sacrifice, the greater the growth. This is something very precious, something we never realized before; it is the key to forging the ideal world. As individuals, as families, as a society, etc., we grow through suffering.

40-DAY WORKSHOP IN ARGENTINA



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The training center site, a former Catholic youth school.

With the presence of Rev. Kwak and Mr. Kim—both from the 36 blessed couples—Paul Perry, Rev. David Hose, Mr. and Mrs. Hanna, and Tom Field, we could see how God is working in this place. They have handed over to us all the fruits of this suffering and sacrificial life, passing on to us their most precious legacy of heart, which we can obtain by following the model course and fulfilling home church, truly loving the world and sacrificing ourselves as our True Parents have done on a grand scale.

CARLOS GREGORIO DIEZ MEZA

South America is a fertile terrain for God to work. The people here have great ideals and are inclined to work to transform the social environment and improve themselves. Not having been greatly invaded by materialism, South America retains many values and traditions. What is lacking is the infrastructure or capital necessary for material development, aid which our Father wants to give developing countries such as ours. In contrast to those who try to obtain benefit for themselves whenever they lend any type of service, Father's giving is unselfish.

Many people focus on the differences among people of a region, ignoring aspects which are common to all South Americans: language, customs, traditions, physique, character, etc. During the 40-day workshop, I was able to appreciate this. For myself as for the other Chileans there, it was the first time we had traveled outside our country. We need to unite and establish the unfulfilled ideal of the great American family. In this way, we can gain force and come to occupy an important place in the worldwide concert, as one people blessed with the human spiritual and material potential of the South American countries.

CARLOS MIGUEL VEGA

In this seminar, we came to know the depth of our teaching and the heart and dedication of the people who gave the lectures; our elder brothers are an example worthy of being followed.

Through Rev. Hose we were able to feel much more than a relationship of lecturer and audience; his was a giving in which Father's heart was present. In each one of the lecturers we could feel a parent's desire for his children to learn the best the parents can offer. Through Nancy Hanna we could sense not only



Members from four nations.

the great magnitude of the Principle, but a warm loving environment which made us feel that Heavenly Father was there with us. There was a special atmosphere after each of the various lectures. We valued Regis Hanna's great wisdom about Divine Principle, and Paul Perry made us see the importance of the relationship between ideology and spiritual values. Rev. Kwak was a treasure; in his talks we could see Father and how the elder brothers carry out the tradition of Divine Principle in daily life.

What is most important is how our life finds significance, a very profound

reason for living; we can see how our ideals can be realized, centered on God. Another thing I realized is how Principle reinforces certain values which seemed to have been lost—principally love for one's fellowman, without making distinctions of class, race or ideology. Divine Principle gave order to my life, a life which had been previously disordered, and wrought changes which others have noticed more than I myself had.

The preoccupation which True Parents have for their children is the living example of how their love for others is what makes us love them.



Studying for final exams.

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wrongly, is a message of religious persecution, perhaps a message that God meant for him to preach in prison to dramatize the plight of persecuted minorities.

What would it mean to his millions of followers around the world? To them Rev. Moon in jail would, first, be a statement that their spiritual leader had chosen jail as an alternative to betraying the faith of those who entrusted funds to him, for he could always have said easily that they were his own, though he believed that they were not.

It would for them be a punishment for the entire religion. Your Honor will recall the affidavit signed by the presidents of 40 Unification Churches around the world saying simply, but I think poignantly, "to imprison him is to imprison us all."

It is, of course, common in sentencing to take account of the severity and breadth of impact not only on the accused but upon others when someone is imprisoned. Whatever else may be the case, it is surely plain that Rev. Moon's personal role in face-to-face contact with the leaders of his faith would make his absence a severe deprivation to their religious practice.

Surely that does not immunize him from the force of the law, but just as this court would always take account of the impact, it is fully relevant here.

What would his imprisonment mean to the hundreds of religious leaders of other faiths that your Honor indicated had written to this court informing the court of their concern about this trial, of their belief, right or wrong, that the practices in which Rev. Moon engaged with respect to his funds — funds that he believes were being held for the church and not for himself as a secular person — do not differ in their view from practices common in other faiths?

I believe that to them a jail term would send a chill through the religious community. Rightly or wrongly, to them it would say, "There but for the grace of the Internal Revenue Service and the United States

Attorney's office go we. If our religious beliefs and practices should fall into disfavor, perhaps we, too, will find that what we all believe is true of our assets when we entrust them to our leaders will be second-guessed by Internal Revenue officials or by a jury."

What would his imprisonment mean to the vast army of detractors of Rev. Moon, and they are legion — the millions who accept the fantasy, as I believe it to be fantasy, of an empire built on brainwashed flower children — many of whom were in favor of jailing him before hearing a word of evidence?

To them I think it is clear that a jailed Rev. Moon would represent good riddance, a lesson that the government finally got him for something, who cares for what.

Finally, what would imprisonment for Rev. Moon mean to those furtive capitalists and labor leaders and business executives who flirt with the idea of cheating the United States Treasury with homemade tax loopholes? I believe it to be the government's theory that it would be an object lesson for such would-be free-riders on the U.S. Treasury, but I think that is inherently incredible. For those who flirt with the idea of cheating on their taxes, a jailed Rev. Moon would mean, I submit, absolutely nothing.

Rightly or wrongly, they would view his imprisonment, if they thought about it at all, as the price he paid for running a church whose members he marries by the thousands in Madison Square Garden as part of the faith they find bizarre — not as proof that tax crime does not pay.

Surely if Rev. Moon is dealt with leniently by this court, it would not follow that those who want to cheat the government would decide that a clever trick is to keep over a million dollars in the Chase Manhattan Bank in their own name. That is not likely to strike very many shrewd businessmen as the best way to cheat the IRS — not while the Swiss banks are still operating.

It seems to us, your Honor, that in terms of the purposes of the criminal

law, even if you believe this to be a just conviction, incarceration would be counterproductive, it would make no sense. So, whether or not I am right that the Constitution should lead to a reversing of this conviction, we believe it clear that a lenient sentence, suspended with no imprisonment, is the logical outcome in this case.

POINTS OF APPEAL

● **Equal protection of the law.** Tribe said other religious leaders submitted affidavits showing that they commonly hold church funds in bank accounts under their names just as Rev. Moon did, but without being prosecuted.

Tribe also cited a letter written by Sen. Robert Dole in Jan. 1976 to the head of the IRS repeating allegations of "brainwashing" and calling for an IRS investigation of the church as evidence that the government set out to "get" Rev. Moon.

● **Freedom of speech.** The government insisted on a jury trial despite defense objections on the grounds that a jury was needed to counter Rev. Moon's remarks at a Foley Square rally accusing the government of racial and religious prejudice against him, in effect punishing him for exercising his right of free speech.

● **Freedom of religion.** Tribe argued that the government violated church members' religious rights by ruling that the money they donated to Rev. Moon to advance their religion was only for his personal benefit.

The government also engaged in a "secret trial" of Rev. Moon's religion, Tribe alleged, by inserting into the record allusions to members calling Rev. Moon "master" or "father," and by quoting from segments of Rev. Moon's speeches as evidence that the church's beliefs encouraged fraud and blind obedience to Rev. Moon. Such quotes, taken out of context, only served to play up to the jury's religious prejudice and put Rev. Moon's religion on trial, Tribe said.

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