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by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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The new millennium that just began is a time to clean away the divisions and conflicts of the past century and to manifest the ideal of a one world family of harmony and unification. I would like to begin by thanking you for congratulating me on my eightieth birthday. Most of all, I would like to return to God all the honor and glory given to me, because it is He who has watched over me until this day.

As I look back, I am reminded that my life has never been easy. My life has been intertwined with the suffering history of our people and the numerous difficulties that our people have undergone in the midst of the great powers.

As a boy of 16, I came into contact with the will of Heaven through prayer, and throughout my life after that I have devoted all my spirit and energy to accomplishing God's Will. I came to understand that the fundamental cause of human unhappiness is that the relationship with God was severed by the fall. As a result of the fall, human beings fell into a state of spiritual ignorance. In an effort to resolve the fundamental problems this has caused among humans and in the universe, I have spoken publicly on more than 10,000 occasions in many places around the world and set forth a true view of humanity, a true view of the world, and a true view of history based on Godism.

These speeches have been translated into twelve languages and published in three hundred volumes. The contents of these speeches are not the result of a comprehensive study of historical documents. My conclusions are not the result of scholarly research. Instead, I arrived at these answers to basic and fundamental questions through my communications with both the visible and invisible worlds.

The issue of unifying the Korean Peninsula is the solemn desire of our people and the final act of bringing the global Cold War to a conclusion. So today, as I express my gratitude for your having prepared this meaningful forum, I would like to share with you on the topic, "North-South Unification and World Unification Will Be Accomplished by True Love," and lay out the basic answer for how to bring about unification.

The unification of our coun-

try involves more than the mere unification of national territory. It begins with the unification of the human mind and body that were divided against one another as a result of the fall, and it is the model for the unification of the world that has been divided in two. Thus, this

issue must be understood from the perspective of God's salvation providence. It must be resolved on a providential level.

What is Satan's ultimate target behind the history of struggle between good and evil every since this conflict was brought into being as a result of the fall of the first human ancestors? Satan has his sights set precisely on God Himself. God is eternal, unchanging, absolute and unique, and the standard of the ideal that He held at the beginning of creation must also have these qualities.

If you were to ask God directly, I think He will confirm what I am saying. How can God reply when Satan says to God, "God, when you made me an archangel in the beginning, were you acting out of a love for me that was temporary or eternal"?

I think God will say that He made him the archangel out of a love that was eternal. If he were to say that His love was temporary, that would make Him an ephemeral God. Unless He maintains a standard of loving Satan eternally, there will eventually come a time when He will no longer be able to exercise His authority as God with respect to Satan. Thus, no matter how much Satan may oppose Him, God has no choice other than to establish the condition of loving Satan.

Satan says to God, "I became an evil scoundrel as a result of the fall, but you and good people can't use methods that are similar to mine, can you? I may like to fight, but you're not supposed to enjoy fighting. Even when you take a blow, you have to endure, don't you?"

Thus, God's philosophy is one of non-resistance. Why is that? It is because, until the world of the heavenly ideal is manifested on this Earth, God must love the archangel who has become Satan, regardless of the circumstances.

No matter how much trouble Satan may cause, God cannot punish him or cut him off. He must establish the condition of having loved Satan regardless of where he found Satan. God can only have complete victory when Satan confesses to Him, saying, "Oh, God really is God. I surrender to You." This is the problem.

Because of this, God is in the position of being tied up by Satan. Since the principle path of the providence of restoration is for God to bring about Satan's surrender by loving him, we who are His children must walk this same path.

It doesn't matter if a person is persecuted around the world and is considered a worldwide enemy. This person must establish the condition of having loved those who oppose him. From this aspect, there is amazing truth in God's words to "love your enemies." In fact, this is one of God's battle strategies.

These words sound simple. No one realized, though, that they have marked the boundary line between victory and defeat in the battle between God and Satan.

If God were to adopt a philosophy of looking on Satan as His enemy and seek revenge against him, then God would never be able to stand on the pinnacle of victory. Thus, God has said, "love your enemy," and has carried out a strategy of love. The words "love your enemy" also represent the culmination of Jesus' teaching.

It is remarkable that Jesus, the only begotten son of God, stood before Satan and prayed for him despite the fact that Satan was trying to kill him. If Jesus, as he hung dying on the cross, had held any feelings of malice toward his enemy, God's Providence would have been turned completely around. It is because Jesus overcame death with a heart of praying that his enemies might be blessed and of loving his enemies that Satan surrendered in that instance.

This is where the qualification to be God's eternal child comes about. Even Satan recognizes this qualification, and gives his signature. You, too, will be able to stand before God and say, "Hey Satan, am I not unmistakably the son of God?" and Satan will reply, "Yes, that is correct." We must conduct ourselves in such a way that if we say to Satan, "You have no problem, then, if people who live like me expand God's reciprocal realm, starting from the individual and moving to the family, clan, people, nation, and world," Satan's answer will be, "That is the Principle, so I can't do anything about it."

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North-South Unification by True Love



It is under these conditions that God has pursued the providence, with the Christian cultural sphere at the center. Whether we find ourselves on the path of sacrifice, in the position of martyrdom, or in the midst of bloody battle, we must carry out a movement of loving God and loving even our enemies. We must carry out this movement in our families, in our societies, and in our nations.

The Roman Empire severely perse-

United States ^ were enemies with one another. Given the circumstances of that time, Japanese and Koreans were enemies. Japanese and Americans were enemies. Americans and Germans were enemies. Yet, I practiced the way of true love of Heaven by taking Japanese and Germans to America, their enemy country, and telling them that America was falling into ruin and their help was needed to revive it.

I emphasized to the Japanese and

Recently, I am pursuing an effort to gather prominent strategic planners from around the world in order to assist China. This is one example of how all the organizations that I have founded are ready to involve themselves in any effort of Heaven that requires love. In the future, even those with superior ability will find themselves ruled by others if they have not accumulated accomplishments in true love.

Everyone here needs to bear this in

This is because there is a principle of cause and effect which dictates that they must return what has been given them.

It is because I planted the seeds of true love in the world, transcending national boundaries and in accordance with God's heart. It is because I planted the heartistic foundation that leads people to a life of loving the countries that were the enemies of their own country. Thus, Japan today is my prisoner. Without even realizing it, Japan is fulfilling its heavenly calling.

Under Japanese rule, I had reason to harbor resentment even toward the Emperor of Japan. But he has already been defeated. Heaven does not strike a person who is

defeated. In fact, Heaven shows mercy toward those who understand their sin and apologize. Because this is Heaven's way, a person who raises a sword and strikes a defeated person will find his own descendants driven to ruin.

The United States is also a country that considered me their enemy. However, I left my family behind and diverted my attention from my Korean fatherland to bring salvation to that country. I threw away everything that belonged to me in order to bring salvation to the world under Satan.

Think, too, of how much hatred the established Christian denominations have directed toward the Unification Church. It might be said that we are enemies. We must not fight each other as enemies, however. We must come together in love. What happens when we come together in love? The two come together in love and lead the Republic of Korea into fulfilling the will of Heaven.

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True Father giving his address during the Celebration of his 80th birthday at the Olympic Gymnastic Stadium in Seoul.

cuted Christianity, but it was forced to surrender in the face of the love by which Christianity loved even the country that was its enemy. This is how Christianity came to be a worldwide religion. The starting point for the path to heaven was within the country that was Christianity's enemy. Until now Christians have only thought about loving their own personal enemies, but this is not correct. We must love the country that is our enemy, and even the world that is our enemy.

The starting point on the path to Heaven is within the country that is our enemy. Unless we create the foundation of the tradition of true love and set out on the basis of this foundation, we cannot bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. When the tradition is established in this way, there can never be a philosophy or ideology greater than this.

When Korea was under Japanese imperial rule, the four providential countries ^ Korea, Japan, Germany, and the

Germans that they could not establish a new thinking capable of leading humanity into a new world that Heaven desires unless they set the condition of having loved their past enemy, America, even more than their own fatherland. I set forth this tradition of true love, and created a new beginning.

Unless people erect a base and tradition by which they are able to love the countries that are enemies of their own, the Kingdom of Heaven cannot be realized on Earth. It is only within the true love of God that such a historic tradition can be constructed.

When I was humiliated by the U.S. federal government and unjustly brought before a court of law, my response was actually to work harder to give life to America by founding the conservative newspaper The Washington Times and a broadcasting station.

mind. I was involved in the anti-Japanese resistance movement under the Japanese imperial rule, and from that perspective the Japanese people were my enemy. This was true for the Korean people as a whole and for me individually. Yet, after Japan's defeat in World War II, I gave love to Japan.

After the war, I could have reported the police who had taken me into custody for my activities in the underground independence movement and tortured me severely. Had I done this, they would all have been executed. When I came across a Japanese policeman who was running for his life, however, I packed some things for him and helped him escape to safety under the cover of darkness.

Do you know why so many young people in Japan place their eternal lives at stake and pledge their loyalty to me?

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en so as to digest North Korea. If the established denominations and the Unification Church had become one immediately after Korea's liberation from Japan, everything would have been solved.

Because that did not happen, we have had to make extraordinary sacrifices to fight enemies of the individual, enemies of the family, enemies of the clan, and enemies of the people in order to attain the position that we would have reached in the first place had there been no conflict. We have worked to overcome the path of suffering where we were not able to strike at enemies.

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, all the people in North Korea have armed themselves with *Juche* Thought. We must arm ourselves with the philosophy of true love that is capable of digesting them. North Korea is a part of the Northern Culture that has been influenced by the cold winds of the Soviet Culture. We must work to naturally melt them with our warm region civilization. Otherwise, both countries will go to ruin. Thus, we must thoroughly arm ourselves philosophically.

This philosophy must not be one that seeks the fulfillment of individual desires. Rather, it must seek the salvation of all humanity. It must not be centered on the self. Communists have the idea that everyone should work for the sake of a few top Party leaders.

This is why they eliminate any person who stands out as a potential rival. We are not that way. Our idea is to unite with the reciprocal environment in order to establish a reciprocal standard of a higher level. That is, for Cain and Abel to become one so as to receive their parents on a higher level.

I do not believe South Korea should attempt to overcome North Korea mil-

itarily. Instead, we must love our nation more than they love theirs. We must have the philosophical strength to love Heaven even more than they love communism. We must become capable men and women of character who can bring about their natural surrender. There is no other way for us to absorb North Korea.

In other words, we must become able to impress them with how we live. We must be able to amaze those people armed with communist ideology in terms of our outlook on life and our standard of character.

We cannot restore the Cain-type nation unless we maintain an environment by which we are able to exert influence over them. If we cannot restore the Cain-type nation, we cannot establish the restored country capable of entering into a worldwide nation centered on the Kingdom of Heaven. Although North and South Korea are divided against one another, we must liberate North Korea without fighting them.

The Korean people in both North and South Korea fervently desire to see the country unified, but how can this be accomplished? Unification can only be accomplished when a sophisticated method for unification is put forward that will allow both sides to live together. When the South goes to the North, or the North to the South, and says, "Let's do it our way," unification will not succeed.

Thus, we must find a love that will benefit both sides.

Ladies and gentlemen, at the moment North and South are going in different directions. One is trying to go south and the other trying to go north, and they are on two divergent paths. Their purposes are at odds with each other.



Hyun JinNim, right, and Hyung Jin Nim perform at the afternoon celebration of True Parents' birthday at the Sejong Cultural Center

ancestors who pursued goodness. This is the only way for a divided history to be resolved.

Jesus was particularly remarkable in this regard. He realized it would do no good for both sides to fight. The only way for him to live for the sake of God and for the sake of the people of Israel was for him to die for God and for his people. This was the reasoning behind the crucifixion.

Jesus' love for humanity was greater than anyone else's since the beginning of history, and his love for God was greater than anyone else's in history. Because of this, his death caused a history destined for destruction to take a new direction toward a world of purpose. This was the Christian cultural sphere. This is historical fact.

Thus, the only way to unite North and South is to become a people who can die for the North and the South. There is no other path to achieve unification. There has to be a heart of truly wanting to live together in harmony with the other side.

When a person considers how to lead his life,

the most basic fundamentals can be expressed as: the path of a filial child, the path of a loyal patriot, the path of a saint, and the path of a son or daughter of God.

Isn't it the heart of wanting to live in harmony with others eternally and of wanting to be with others without regard to whether they are higher or lower, and transcending front and back and left and right? This is the logical conclusion.

What is the common denominator among those who say, "I want to live in harmony with others?" It is not power. Power cannot transcend history. Power is limited to a specific period in time.

The same is true with knowledge. The world of knowledge has an innate tendency to develop. Does knowledge give us the heart to say, "I want to live with this particular piece of knowledge forever?"

Clearly, we cannot keep either knowledge or wealth with us forever.

What then is the common denominator that transcends above and below, front and back, left and right, and the time differences between past, present and future? This cannot be anything other than true love centering on God.

Thus, a filial child is one who lives in his family giving profound love to his or her parents. Also, a patriot is one who lives a life of profound love for his or her country. A saint is one who lives a life of profound love for the people of the world. A son or daughter of God is one who lives a life of profound love for all humanity and God.

Thus, the problem is to develop a true foundation of heart by which a person can want to have the heart of a patriot. Such a person would want his or her life to be in concert with the fortunes of the people. Such a person would look upon any difficulties faced by the people as his or her own personal dif-

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The newest true grandson: Hyung Jin Nim, Yun Ah Nim and first son, Shin Pal Nim, welcoming Shin Man Nim, born February 21, 2000.

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ficulties. This person would look upon any joys experienced by his people as more than temporary joys but eternal joys to be shared with everyone.

The person who possesses relationships of true love and true heart is given special authority to participate in the realm of unification.

Ladies and gentlemen, even if a woman lacks any formal education she can marry a man with a doctoral degree and suddenly become the wife of a scholar. Isn't that true? Anyone who possesses a great deal of the relationships of heart desiring to live with others in harmony has the right to participate today in the realm of unification.

God himself is such a being. So if a person attains the life content enabling him to form a unity, this person is automatically given the qualification to participate.

Where should we begin the process of unification? Where should we start in order to achieve North-South unification? What is the first step? Do we begin by using our fists or physical force? If we subjugate the other side with force, then eventually they will develop a force stronger than ours and the conflict will begin all over again. We cannot achieve unification by this method. The way to unification will open when each of us has the heart to say, "Even though I live in the South, I truly want to live in harmony with those people in the North. I truly want to become one with them."

Suppose people in the South were to look upon our compatriots in the North and shed tears to see the miserable conditions in which they live. Suppose we were to tell them, "I am living my life in a way that I can share in your difficulties." Suppose we were to promise them, "Someday soon, I will appear before you having completed the preparations for your day of liberation." Suppose, then, we were to carry out a practical movement for unification based on such a heart. If we did these things, I believe the day of unification would not be far off.

Ladies and gentlemen, we must think how we can live in harmony with our compatriots.

No one can be a patriot if they do not want to live with their parents or with their compatriots. Any claim such a person might make to being patriotic would be a lie.

A person must first be able to live in harmony with his own country before he or she can live in harmony with the world. Further, a person must first live in harmony with the world before he or she can live in harmony with God. Thus, a person cannot be a patriot unless he first loves his compatriots and gives love to that particular regional society.

How much do our political leaders love their country?

Any politician who lacks a heart of truly wanting to share in the life of common citizens will soon disappear. It doesn't matter how well bred or educated this person may be. He will disappear like an air bubble formed on a surface of water.

Any leader who does not love the citizens will not be able to escape judgment by the citizens of his country and

by history.

Healing the division between North and South is not a simple process. As fellow patriots struggle to bring this about, they will need a determination of heart to work through many sleepless nights, transcending time, and overcoming all manner of difficulties.

"I truly want to live with them. I don't want to die unless I can die with them. I don't want to live unless I can live with them." The movement for North-South unification begins when both sides have such a heart toward the other.

When North-South unification is accomplished, this will be the beginning point in the effort to unite the democratic and communist worlds. Each of us must consider the future of our people and of the world as a representative of the world, a representative of the six billion humankind, a representative of the three billion people of Asia, a representative of your school, and a representative of all the students you have ever taught. We must determine ourselves to carry out a movement that will truly enable us to share in the lives of our compatriots.

When such an effort connects you to the way of the saint, then you will come to resemble a saint. If you practice this with respect to God with the loyalty of a son or daughter of God, then you will become "God's heir," and "successor to God's will." I tell you these things today, because I have already confirmed their truth in my own life.

Once North-South unification is accomplished in Korea, the unification of the world will follow automatically. Do you think that political power, military force, or economic wealth can bring about unification? There isn't even the slightest chance of this. That is the reason I am speaking to you in this way.

Can weapons, wealth, or knowledge do away with rotten philosophies? No, they cannot. Only true love can do this. This love is love that comes from God.

When a person enters into a relationship of true love with God, he or she is absolutely given special authority to have dominion, ownership, and the right of inheritance. In the world of mechanics, the energy produced is less than the energy put into a system. However, in the world of true love, greater energy is produced than is put in.

What is true love? It is love that lives for the sake of others. It is love of unlimited giving and forgetting. No memory is kept of how much was given. It is a love that never tires of giving. A 90-year-old mother can turn to her 70-year-old son and say, "Be careful when you cross the street," and there is nothing strange about

that. Even if the mother has repeated those same words countless times over several decades, she will always say them one more time.

If this is true with parents in the fallen world, how can we ever grow tired of giving and receiving God's love in the essential world? When we establish God's true reciprocal realm in our own



"Mansei!" at the Sejong Cultural Center

lives, we will understand the unchanging glory of true love for the first time. Then we will be able to justify the ethics of eternal life centering on the true love of human beings. Who in the world is aware of such things?

In 1984, I was lying in bed in an American prison where I had been unjustly incarcerated, when God came to me. He said, "You are the only person I can trust. I want you to resolve the situation in Nicaragua." Am I really the only person God can come to with such a command?

America is said to be a great country standing at the forefront of all developed countries. It has a population of 240 million people and a large number of religious leaders. How helpless God must be that he could not go to any of those people but had to come to me. At least it is fortunate that God knows how to find a person by his love.

If I had not worked for the sake of the world at that time, South America would have been completely ravaged by war by now.

North-South unification is the fervent desire of the Korean people, but it is also the earnest desire of God in this age. It is Heaven's desire that North Korea and South Korea can be united and that God's resting place will be established in your homes, in our churches, and in our worldwide church centered on God.

How, then, are we to attend God? How can we wipe everything clean? What can we use to wipe everything off so that God will say it is completely clean? This is the problem.

The answer is simple. We must clean the surroundings centering on a true love that is greater than our love for our parents, greater than our love for our spouses, and greater than our love for our children. It is only when our offerings our placed on the altar centering on such love that the ideal North-South unification will be manifested. This is where the ideal blending of Eastern and Western cultures can occur.
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Declaration the Inaugural World Tour of the Cosmic True Parents Federation

Today, on February 13, 2000, on the occasion of the WCSF 2000, convened in Seoul, Korea, and in honor of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's 80th birthday, the Rev. Moon is announcing the establishment of the Cosmic True Parents Federation. This announcement is being made to all of you gathered here, more than 700 distinguished delegates, representing 187 nations and from all professional fields, for the Convocation of World Leaders, sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace.

The WCSF was founded for the purpose of developing a "new culture of peace," primarily, by promoting and demonstrating the primary importance of God-centered families. The God-centered family is the building block of world peace. The Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon have dedicated their lives to the promotion of world peace and the realization of God's original ideal of one cosmic family of humanity centered on the True Parenthood of God. Their fundamental teaching is that all human beings are meant to be one family centered on True Love and True Parents, overcoming barriers of race,

nationality, language and culture. During the year 2000, the Rev. and Mrs. Moon, as the first True Parents, will travel throughout the world in order to promote these teachings and ideals.

The Cosmic True Parents Federation will be an organization of leaders and laypersons throughout the world who,

- Acknowledge the importance of Rev. Moon's vision for world peace, and his teachings on True Love, True Parents and the God-Centered Family;

- Recognize that Rev. and Mrs. Moon are unique in human history for having understood God's ideal of True Parents, and for putting that ideal into substantial form;

- Affirm the world's need for those teachings rooted in the ideal of True Parents: living for the sake of others, the sanctity of family, marriage and conjugal relationships, sexual purity prior to marriage;

- Resolve to attend and support True Parents in the work of world peace;

- Pledge to become True Parents ourselves for the sake of our communities, our nations and the world. ❖

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by Frank Kaufmann—NYC

It is hard to believe it has come and gone. How we prayed, and dreamt, and devoted all our energy and our very lives to the success of True Father's 80th Birthday.

Never has there been such a whirlwind of events each one greater and more cosmically significant than the last. First there was True God's Day for the dawn of the 3rd Millennium, next was the two-part American celebration of True Father's 80th Birthday, and at last the Korean celebration of True Father's birthday, combined with the Convocation of World Leaders at the Fourth World Culture and Festival, and the first stage of the Blessing for 400 million young couples.

Surely our Unification movement was stretched to its very limits. Each member gave his and her life to make all of these once in a lifetime events glorious and victorious for True Parents.

Each nation sought out its best leaders and representatives to send to the international conferences. Each church leader and member poured out his and her heart to find young matching couples for the Blessing. The costs of these events were astronomical, one right after the other. As always Japan gave until it hurt. Bearing vast financial demands, while simultaneously sacrificing its precious mothers to witness in America and elsewhere.

How right it would be if every brother and sister who humbly sacrificed themselves could have been on hand to witness the great and joyous success enjoyed by True Parents and True Family in Seoul.

The Birthday and the World Culture and Sports Festival 2000 consisted of 8 basic events, but the middle section, namely the Special Convocation of the Fourth World Culture and Sports Festival

itself had 16 parts!

Eight events

The eight main public events were:

1. The celebration of Father's 80th Birthday itself, which took place in Gymnasium # 1, in Seoul Olympic Park, 2. The Afternoon of Culture and Celebration, in Sejong Cultural Hall, 3. The Opening Banquet of the WCSF Convocation of World Leaders, and 80th Birthday Tribute, 4. The Special Convocation (two day conferences) of the World Culture Sports Festival (WCSF), 5. The World Ministerial Summit at Chung Pyung Lake, 6. The 400 Million couple Blessing in Seoul Olympic Stadium, 7. The WCSF 2000 Commemorative Exhibition in the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, and 8. The Closing Banquet of the Little Angels Performing Arts Center.

Each and every event deserves a whole book unto itself. To provide a brief journalistic account can only do injustice to the sheer wonder of each and every part of this historical occasion. We all have experienced first hand God's own sense of drama. We all know how God must love True Father and Mother. We all

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is each story behind these events. How many deep and dramatic testimonies lie behind each guest and each occasion.

It is my hope that many articles will appear in these pages in the issues to come, so that Unification News readers may learn more and more of the wonderful events surrounding True Parents 80th Birthday. Now, however, I will limit myself to the barest account of the events with which I had immediate experience, so that readers may quickly get at least a general sense of these miraculous days under the blessing of God and True Parents.

First it must be said, that all events were well planned, timely, conscientious, and orderly. There was in all cases a strict and respectful adherence to time and schedule which gave the entire occasion an air of maturity and sophistication. Guests were not exploited or dragged through endless and tiring programs. Rather they were treated to elegant and elevated events of high artistic, aesthetic, and rhetorical quality.

Public Birthday Celebration

The Anniversary Ceremony Program in Gymnasium # 1 of Seoul Olympic Park, began at 10:30 am on February 10, 2000. The program consisted in part of introductions, invocation, presentations of flowers, cutting of cake, a video on the life of the True Parents, a commemorative address by Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak, a presentation of the most incredible collection of birthday gifts from all the continents, then plaques of appreciation by representatives of each country.

the number over 300 Volumes (to 304 ^ the story of these publications is an article all to itself). The Fruits of True Love commemorating True Parents' work for peace appeared, as well as the two-volume curators collection of ancient Korean art housed at Sun Moon University. Hopefully True Parents literary record will be presented carefully in the not too distant future.

Prior to the video, Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak offered a Commemorative Address, and after the presentation of publications, Congratulatory Addresses were given by In Gok Hong, Chief Executive of the Korean Buddhist Taegoh Order, and then by Vice President of the United States, Dan Quayle (Vice President in the administration of George Bush Senior).

It was deeply gratifying to me that Vice President Quayle offered True Parents genuine, heartfelt warmth, fondness, and appreciation. Certainly Vice President Quayle was present as an important international guest of honor. But there was no aloofness or distant formality to his engagement with True Father. His remarks were from the heart, and expressive of an honest fondness for True Parents.

The same was true for the Honorable Edward Heath, former Prime Minister of Great Britain, and sitting member of Parliament, who introduced True Father. Prime Minister Heath also made it abundantly clear that he was not on hand merely to perform a tour of duty. Rather he was in Seoul to honor a man whom he profoundly respects and admires, and this too was evident in his warm and gracious introduction of True Father.

Following the introduction by Sir

WCSF Schedule

Thursday, February 10

morning
Birthday Celebration, Olympic Gymnasium Center
afternoon
Cultural Performance, Sejong Cultural Center
evening
Opening Celebration Banquet

Friday, February 11

morning
Opening Plenary
Federation for World Peace
Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace
International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences
Professors World Peace Academy
afternoon
Federation for World Peace
Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace
evening
World Media Association
Women's Federation for World Peace

Saturday, February 12

morning
Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace
Youth Federation for World Peace
Unification Thought Institute
afternoon
International Relief Friendship Foundation
Religious Youth Service
Congress of the Youth Federation for World Peace
evening

World University Federation
Cultural Performance Martial Arts Federation

Sunday, February 13

morning
Federation of Peninsular Nations
Federation of Island Nations
Federation of Continental Nations
Convocation Closing
afternoon
BLESSING at Olympic Stadium
evening
Little Angels Performing Arts Center
Reception and Viewing of Exhibition
Closing Banquet and Celebration

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Blessing in Korea

seminar in altering the course of human affairs.

Opening Banquet

That evening back at the Lotte Hotel, the opening banquet of the World Culture and Sports Festival Convocation of World Leaders. This was attended by approximately 1,500 leaders from overseas and Korea. Perhaps this banquet held the greatest drama for True Parents and the providence from among all the wondrous events which occurred this week.

Dr. Bo Hi Pak was the master of ceremonies. Archbishop Milingo, Director of the Pontifical Council for Refugees and Displaced Persons, from Vatican City, offered the invocation. A new video was shown, and a cake cutting was celebrated once again. At the outset of the program Father received Honorary Doctorates, including from a University in Brazil, as well as a medal of honor. Vice President Quayle once again offered congratulatory remarks and a toast. In the short course of a single day, Vice President Quayle seemed to grow even closer to Father. Later we learned from testimony that Vice President Quayle had taken up a very sincere interest in Father's speeches and Father's life during his time in Seoul.

After dinner Reverend Kwak offered Chairman's Remarks (since he is the Chairman of the World Culture and Sports Festival). Congratulations were also offered by Mr. Ji Won Park, the Minister from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism for the nation of Korea.

Thus coming to the end of the evening President Kenneth Kaunda, former President of Zambia, and often called Father of Modern Africa, was called upon to introduce Father. While this was truly an honor and mark of great glory for True Parents, there was an unspoken, almost secret undercurrent of sadness and disappointment by this point in the program. And the reason for it was this.

The sitting President of Indonesia had promised True Parents that he and his wife would attend True Parents' Birthday. There had been some scheduling difficulties because as a sitting president, he was obliged to attend the State Dinner offered by the President of Korea. His plans were to arrange that the State Dinner be held early, and allow him to depart from there early. He was to be at True Parents Birthday dinner by 8:30 pm.

Now it was 9:30 pm, Dr. Kaunda was just at the final sentence or two in his introduction to Father, and Father was preparing to take the stage.

Just at THIS moment the back doors to the entrance hall opened, and surrounded by military and a big entourage, in walks the incumbent president of Indonesia, His Excellency Abdurrahman Wahid, and the First Lady. What a thrilling moment and a delight.

They were brought immediately towards True Parents' Table, and Father and Mother both arose from their table to come to meet them en route. There one

I am sorry I am a bit late, thanks to this thing called politics. But I can assure you that my heart was here the whole time... My first reason for coming to



Korea was because I wanted to be with Reverend and Mrs. Moon on their birthday." Later at the close of his remarks he noted: "I fully subscribe to the views and program of the Reverend and Mrs. Moon."

The other content of his speech was a visionary statement mostly about the visionary, and peace-seeking side of Islam; also very important content in itself.

With that, True Father took the stage to present the Keynote address entitled "The Cosmos is My Hometown and Fatherland."

The Convocation

Technically the convocation of the WCSF had its formal start at the opening banquet. Conference events began the following morning.

Fifteen distinct, world peace organizations co-sponsored the convocation; all founded and maintained by the True Parents. The Family Federation for World Peace (FFWPUI), The Federation for World Peace (FWP), the Federations of Peninsular, Island, and Continental Federations, The International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS), The International Relief and Friendship Foundation (IRFF), The Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP), The Literary Federation for World Peace, The Martial Arts Federation for World Peace, The Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA), The Religious Youth Service (RYS), Unification Thought Institute (UTI), The Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), The World Media Association (WMA), The World University Federation (WUF), and the Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP).

All fifteen held conferences within the two day schedule of the WCSF. On average, and virtually across the board, each sponsoring organization convened two 90 minute sessions dedicated to the conference theme of their choice. The exception this time was PWPA, and ICUS, who held full schedules throughout the entire

he Convocation. t of the sessions for isoring organizations, ; plenary took place. President Dan Quayle, ter Sir Edward Heath, sident Dr. Specioza wandira Nkomo, and IIFWP Chairman Reverend Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak were the speakers at this session. The Inter Religious Federation host-

ed sessions with the theme: "The Future of Religion at the Dawn of the 21st Century: Promise and Problems." This program was designed to allow presentations from various, representative, religions. This time they were: Catholic

Representative of the World's Religions

These are the representatives of the world's religions who prayed at the Blessing:

- Dean Igumen Antony ,Director of Department of External Church Relations, Ukrainian Orthodox Church (The Ukraine)
- Ambassador J. Reuben Silverbird, Apache, Navajo, and Cherokee Spiritual Leader of 100 Nations, and Ambassador: the Indian Village of Europe (Austria)
- Minister Leonard Muhammad, Representative of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam, and Chief of Staff of the Nation of Islam (USA)
- Venerable In Gok Hong ,President of the Korean Buddhist Taegoh Order (Korea)
- Archbishop Emanuel Milingo, Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Displaced Persons (Vatican City)
- Professor Erno Lazarovits, Director of Foreign Relations, Central Board of the Federation of Jewish Communities (Hungary)
- Shiekh Al-Amin Osman, Grand Mufti of the State of Eritrea (Eritrea)
- His Holiness Swamiji Sri Devendrakeerty Bhattarakji, Spiritual Head for the Jain Religion, (India) (President, Jain Digamber Jain Muth, Humbuja, Karnataka, India)
- Reverend T.L. Barrett Superintendent of the 3rd Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ (USA) (Pastor and Spiritual Counselor, Life Center, Church of God in Christ). ❖

(Professor Hugo Meynel, University of Calgary), Buddhist (Professor Kosen Nishyama, Tohoku College of Social Welfare), Jewish (Professor Richard Rubenstein, University of Bridgeport), Unificationist (Professor Thomas Selover, University of Saskatchewan), and Muslim (Professor Sulayman Nyang, Howard University).

The section was well attended and drew a good deal of interest and participation. Dr. Meynel spoke of the elements of genuine dialogue and interfaith, particularly the requisite intellectual rigors. Dr. Nishyama concentrated in part on the environment, as well as such social issues as care for the poor. Dr. Rubenstein spoke of classical challenges to modernity, as well as the religious response often called "fundamentalism." Dr. Selover spoke of family patterns as the root of genuine religious form and instruction, and Professor Nyang spoke of the genre's of discourse, and the malleable and flexible qualities which allow the great traditions to persist and to remain indispensable and uniquely qualified to respond to a an inner and eternal side of being human.

In addition to the formal presentations from the five panelists listed above, all IRFWP participants prepared papers and statements on the conference theme. Following the panel presentations of the opening session, participants broke out into dialogue groups of 8 - 10 in which they introduced the content of their respective writing and reflections on the issue.

I am sure that all groups would have interesting and exciting information to report about the mini-conferences which occurred under the WCSF in these two days.

The Convocation closed officially following the Sunday morning sessions at 11:30 am. From there participants prepared for a day of different activity.

Blessing 2000

Following an early lunch all Convocation participants boarded buses headed for Seoul's Olympic Stadium. Once again, as with the year before, the weather proved miraculously warm. Now two years in a row, and this year warmer than the last really must have people wondering, and must have opponents of True Parents wondering whether it might be a good time to retire.

Our VIP guests arrived to a full stadium, with 40 - 50,000 couples and the rest guests, friends, and family. The ceremony was crisp, beautiful, and beautifully executed. Like clock-work Dr. Bo Hi Pak led the event through precisely 90 minutes of scheduled procedure and performance.

Prior to the Blessing of True Parents, the millions of couples the world over received prayers of Blessing from 10 great leaders from the world religions.

After this glorious show of profound inter-religious harmony, and genuine cooperation to bring God's Blessings to the Blessed couples, Mother and Father descended the regal stairwell and conducted the sacred rituals to

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UNIFICATION

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This is where the ideal unification of the divided physical and heavenly realms can occur.

This is where the realm of liberation of Hell and Heaven will come about. We cannot unlock this without true love. We need the key of true love.

Unification brought about by the love between a person's mind and body can always be manifested as the unification of love in the family. A loving husband and wife with a harmonious family will always see their love manifested within their clan.

If a loving husband and wife unite as one, who will dare try to tear them apart and defile their relationship? A world made of the harmonious family, harmonious people, harmonious government, harmonious world, harmonious Heaven and Earth, harmonious true human love and God united as one ^ isn't this world the utopia of true love? In such a world, there will be no possibility of discord. Love will be the life element for all people, in the same way that plants receive life elements by absorbing the rays of the sun. Our fervent desire is to build a Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven, where we can resonate with true love eternally. How many people are there in this world, though, who are the subject partners or object partners of true love, who can stand as people of character qualified to the be master of all things, and who possess both the value of a remarkable life and the special authority that comes with such a life?

I sincerely hope that each person participating today will remember what I have said, and will work to unite your mind and body. I hope that you will start by becoming a person who lives for the sake of your spouse, and go on to become a true person who lives for the sake of your family, people, nation, and world.

If you do that, then North-South uni-

fication will be as good as done. Even communist ideology is easily absorbed and disappears when it is placed in the midst of God's love. The problem until now was that we did not know this. Once we develop our hearts of love, North-South unification will be no problem at all.

That is not all. Problems between East and West and the worldwide North-South problem involving differences among rich and poor nations can also be completely resolved through the true love of God.

We must digest the ideal for the world centering on God's ideal that I have described, and go on to digest the ideal of the nation. Then we must move on to the boundless realm of peace of the ideal world that links the ideal of the nation to the ideals of clan, family, and individual. This is, without a doubt, the way that the utopia of true love that God has desired can be built on this Earth.

Distinguished guests: We cannot fight the communist world with guns and swords or any other means of physical force. We must fight them with love. Communists seek to destroy the democratic world in order to build a communist world. By contrast, we must build a structure that will bring salvation not only to the democratic world but to the communist world as well.

The 38th Parallel is the deepest point in final resting place where North and South can be united by means of God's true love. When it comes to doing away with this demarcation line between North and South, the North says, "There's

nothing we can do about it." Russia says the same thing. China, too, says the same thing. The government and opposition parties in Seoul say, "There's nothing we can do about it." Even the United States and Japan say there is nothing they can do about this. If this is the case, then it will be the end of everything. If that happens, will we prosper or will we be ruined? It will be the end of everything evil and a new beginning for everything good. This is



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the reason we must unite the citizens of our country.

Millions of people in Korea, Japan, and the United States have worked through the International Federation for Victory Over Communism and CAUSA to lay non-governmental foundations in each of these countries.

I declared the fundamental principle for unification more than 40 years ago. Since then, I have carried out a movement of ideas, centered on Godism, both domestically and around the world. I have worked in the four major coun-

tries surrounding the Korean Peninsula to lay the international groundwork for unification.

Over the years, leaders of many countries and the philosophical world have recognized Godism as the only philosophy capable not only of uniting with materialism and atheism, which are its diametrical opposites, but also as the only philosophy capable of liberating secular humanism.

My patriotic compatriots filled with

passionate hope for North-South unification: let us together establish our value systems on the basis of Godism, and join forces in arming the people of this country with this new philosophy. Let us make North-South unification a matter of faith for the sake of ourselves, for the sake of the Korean people and for sake of world peace. Let us stand and answer the calling of historic age and of Heaven. Let us be leaders and people of righteousness standing at the

forefront of the movement for North-South unification.

In particular, history took a mistaken course as a result of Eve's error at the beginning, so in the Last Days women need to take the lead in overcoming conflict and strife in the age of division with their motherly love and create a new history of reconciliation and unity. The mission of women is to educate and restore young men and women, who are in the position of being their children, and even their husbands in order to realize the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven.

I pray God's blessing may be with your families. ❖

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bestow the Blessing and change of blood lineage upon the Blessed couples.

It was a memorable and moving day, not only for those who will mark this day as the start of the Kingdom of God through their couple, but even for all the guests and friends who could witness this glorious event.

Convocation guests were afforded the chance to return to their hotel rooms so that they could change and prepare themselves for the closing banquet at the Little Angels' School

WCSF Exhibition

As we entered the Little Angels' School we were astounded to discover that the entire school had been converted into a museum of genuine, superior quality and sense of curatorship. The displays covered three floors, and did a truly impressive job of captivating the viewer, and communicating at least in small part the utterly astonishing career and life work of Father and the True Parents.

The brochure of the exhibition described its purpose in this way:

In commemoration of Reverend Moon's 80th birthday and the 2000 World Culture and Sports Festival, and exhibition of photographs and other items has been prepared, illustrating Reverend Moon's life course of suffering and victory, and his accomplishments

Although we have done our best to capture the essence of his life and work... it is impossible to do justice to a man of his depth and breadth in the time and space available.

This is humble, and of course accurate. One cannot adequately introduce Father and True Parents no matter how much time one has, but it must be said that the responsible figures for this exhibit did a sterling job, and produced an exhibition which could occupy a visitor for hours and hours.

Included in this sudden museum was an Exhibition of Antique Pottery and Classical Korean Paintings. This too was stunning. Apparently Sun Moon University was the recent recipient of a previously privately owned cache of rare, ancient, Korean art treasure in both painting, and pottery and sculpture.

Guests at the school could only stand in awe of the range of Father's and True Parents' world and life.

Closing Banquet

The Closing Banquet proved to be an extremely full event, with a number of important moments and events taking place. There were traditional activities including the presentation of flowers, and the cake cutting (of perhaps the tallest cake ever! ^ so high that Mother and Father had to mount a small ladder to light and blow out the candles way up top!)

The meal began with the invocation from Minister Benjamin Muhammad from the Nation of Islam. After dinner there were a number of presentations and awards prior to the Founders Address. This time Father presented the talk entitled, "Everybody Wants True Love," thus completing a triptych of "birthday" speeches which will serve as an eternal foundation for the future world.

What might have been a reasonable and appropriate end to the evening's activities proved to be almost a beginning! After Father's speech Pastor T.L. Barrett of the Church of God in Christ in Chicago, USA was then invited up to read the conference "resolution." Pastor Barrett read with great zeal and persuasiveness, point by point, and in so doing, created the opportunity for Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Neil Salonen (Pres-

ident of the University of Bridgeport) to invite Father and Mother to the stage to introduce the founding of two new organizations, namely The Family House of Cosmic Peace and Unification, and The Cosmic True Family Federation. As these were introduced, Father painted the founding calligraphy for each organization. The over 2,000 guests were invited to sign the declaration of support for these federations at they left the Little Angels' School at the close of the program.

Once these organizations were founded and the grandeur of this way of closing the Convocation of World Leaders of the World Culture and Sports Federation was completed, those in attendance were treated to a magnificent program of entertainment. The centerpiece of the program was the breathtaking repertoire of the Little Angels, who have uplifted and inspired everyone from the least of us to Kings and Queens for all the decades of their existence since their founding by Father.

I believe that we as a movement, by the grace of God, were able to make an offering to Father on his 80th birthday that was encouraging and pleasing to True Parents. ❖

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Convocation of World Leaders at WCSF

Dr. Thomas G. Walsh—Louisville, KY

On February 10-14, 2000, as part of the World Culture and Sports Festival 2000, approximately 700 delegates, representing more than 140 nations, gathered for a Convocation of World Leaders. The Convocation was chaired by Dr. C.H. Kwak, and sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, along with numerous co-sponsors: Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, Federation for World Peace, Federation of Continental Nations for World Peace, Federation of Island Nations for World Peace, Federation of Peninsular Nations for World Peace, International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, International Relief Friendship Foundation, Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, Martial Arts Federation for World Peace, Professors World Peace Academy, Religious Youth Service, Unification Thought Institute, Women's Federation for World Peace, World Media Association, World University Federation, and the Youth Federation for World Peace.

The central theme for the Convocation was, "Building a Culture of Peace, Heart and True Families." In his founding statement on September 27, 1988, at the time of the 1988 Seoul Olympics, the Reverend Moon said, "Humanity is faced with the historical task of coming to grips with the devastation of spiritual culture and building a new culture of peace in which harmony exists among God, humankind and nature. The Olympics of World Culture should contribute to this task by gathering major figures from the arts, sciences, news media, religions and the spheres of politics and economics, as well as athletes and youth leaders." In carrying out this vision there are several dimensions to the WCSF: 1) the International Blessing Ceremony dedicated to the ideal of "World peace through ideal families;" 2) conferences and seminars which bring world leaders from all fields to deliberate on matters of critical importance for our world; 3) cultural performances and exhibitions; 4) sporting events. WCSF 2000 Chairman, Dr. C.H. Kwak stated the following, "The WCSF has come to be recognized as an "Olympics" of heart, emphasizing the highest strivings of the human mind and spirit."

WCSF 2000, the 6th in the WCSF series, was unique in that it was convened in honor of True Parents birthday, and especially Rev. Moon's 80th birthday. As such all convocation delegates participated in the celebrations which took place on February 10, including events at the Olympic Gymnasium, the cultural per-

formances at the Sejong Culture Center, and the VIP Celebration Banquet on the Lotte Hotel's Crystal Ballroom.

The Convocation program consisted of a variety of plenary speakers and panels, each arranged by one or more of the sponsoring organizations. Among the most notable speakers were, H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid, recently elected President of Indonesia; Vice President Dan Quayle, 44th Vice President of the United States; Sir Edward Heath, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom; H.E. Kenneth Kaunda, founding President of Zambia; the First Lady of the Marshall Islands, Mrs. Mary Note; and over thirty former heads of state and government.

Prominent religious leaders included Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, Vatican Pontifical Council for the Care of

Panel and Conference themes includ-

organizations made for an extremely rich program. Seldom do even such distinguished delegates have the opportunity to meet, deliberate, learn from and be stimulated by each other. The WCSF series has provided a welcome and needed opportunity for a coming together of not only world leaders but of the various sponsoring organizations. In this way, unity, mutual appreciation, and cooperation are encouraged and enhanced.

Of special importance, at the closing Celebration Banquet for WCSF 2000 and the Convocation of World Leaders, held at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, the

Founder inaugurated two new organizations: Cosmic True Parents Federation (CTPF), dedicated to the promotion of the vision of True Parents, and



ed the following: "Dialogue Among Civilizations" (IIFWP); "The Two Koreas at the Millennium: Prospects for Reunification" (FWP); "The Future of Religion at the Dawn of the 21st Century" (IRFWP); "Globalization of the Economy: The Effects on Politics, Society and Family" (PWPA); "Searching for Absolute Values and Unity in the Sciences: Science for the Benefit of Humanity" (ICUS); "The Globalization of Information: Regional Perspectives" (WMA); "The Unique Contribution of Women to a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence" (WFWP); "Unification Thought at the Leading Thought for the New Millennium" (UTI); "Youth in the 21st Century: Fulfilling the Standards that Characterize a Culture of Peace" (YFWP); "The Changing Face of Development" (YFWP); "Education for Global Citizenship," World University Federation; and, "World Peace in the New Millennium" (FCNWP, FINWP, FPNWP). Finally, delegates were also treated to a viewing of a special Exhibition on the history of True Parents and the Unification movement.

The participation of so many diverse



Migrants and Displaced Persons; Rev. Igumen Antonyi, Director, Department of External Affairs, Ukrainian Orthodox Church; and Rev. T.L. Barrett, 3rd District Superintendent of the Church of God in Christ.



Family House for Cosmic Peace and Unification (FHCPU), focused on education of world leaders for the sake of world peace.

It is truly an inspiration to observe

the ongoing, successful development of the WCSF series. WCSF 2000 was a landmark, in terms of the quality of both the delegates and the content of their presentations. It is indeed fitting that this success be made so evident on the occasion of the Founder's 80th birthday.

Dr. Walsh was Chairman of the Organizing Committee for WCSF 2000's Convocation of World Leaders. ❖



The WCSF Convocation Closing Banquet at the Little Angels School

An Extraordinary Week in Seoul

by Michael Inglis—NYC

I spent a week in Korea attending Blessing 2000. Almost each day I posted a travelogue on the internet. This is a collection of the posts.

Today (February 8), about 120 of us left New York on KAL for Seoul. I thought I was putting my life at risk with the most dangerous airline in the world (more crashes per passenger mile flown than any other) but when I heard an English voice announce he was the captain, I felt a little better.

We arrived in Seoul early evening, it was pretty cold. We found the right bus to our hotel, the Holiday Inn. A nicely appointed place.

Next morning I went for a long hike downtown. Seoul is hilly, very busy, even early in the morning, and rather dirty. There is a lot of construction going on all over, they seem to have come out of the economic downturn.

Father had a service this morning at Chungpyung, I wasn't able to go. I heard it was very similar to pledge events in the past.

Birthday Bash

After breakfast this morning we took the subway # 5 to the Olympic Park Gymnasium #1. Long lines snaked over to the building and it was packed when we finally got in. Probably about 15-20,000 people. In front of the raised stage were plaques of appreciation from 185 countries. It was also very nice to see so many young people in the crowd, which was predominantly Korean.

The program began with a rather long prayer about Father defeating Satan. Flowers were then presented by our own Tyler and Hye Young Hendricks and then Father and Mother cut a huge cake, while everyone sang happy birthday, first in Korean and then in English.

There was then an intro to the foreign big wigs —Dan Quayle, Ted Heath, Kenneth Kaunda, former presidents of Boliva and Guatamala among others, and a leading Korean Buddhist.

Rev. Kwak then spoke monotonously and at length. Most everyone around me dozed off. There was then a loud and powerful video presentation, followed by the presentation of gifts, including one from Kim Jong Il that was presented with great flourish by Pak Bo Hi. Always the actor.

Dan Quayle then gave a great three-minute speech calling for the 21st century to be the century of peace reconciliation and true love. He spoke for the need for true families of love and commended Father for his work to bring this about. He then congratulated Father on his 80 years and wished him 80 more birthdays. Everyone exploded with applause. Father leapt out of his seat and bear hugged young Dan. The Buddhist spoke glowingly of Father's efforts for harmony and reconciliation between religions. A message from Kim Jong Il was then read.

We then had two songs from a very

good choir and a few remarks from Ted Heath congratulating the Dr. and Mrs. Moon on having birthdays on the same day.

Father then gave one of the best public speeches I have heard in a long time. He talked about unifying mind and body, loving your enemy in the tradition of Jesus, becoming a patriot for the unification of Korea and calling all Koreans to work for reunification.

That was followed by Manseis and



Firecrackers; very exciting.

Airport Arrivals

This morning I had the blessing of going to Kimpo Airport at 5.00 am to welcome planeloads of American members and ministers to Seoul.

What a great sight. About 700 people came from Chicago, Newark, Boston, New York, Washington DC, Miami, Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Columbus, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle. And we only lost two people! (We connected up later.)

Tonight I go back to welcome another 600 or so. Together with the 500 who came two days ago we will have about 1800 people here from N America.

All who came this morning were given a tour of Seoul and then lunch before going to their hotels.

The Subway

The subway system in Seoul is great. It has recently been expanded to about twelve lines from just five. The new stations are clean, same for the subway cars. The signs are all in English as well as Hanguk. As you come to each stop a LCD sign flashes the name in Hanguk as a voice tells it to you, it then flashes in English—good for learning Korean. The trains are always on time and are quick. It now only takes about 20 minutes to Kimpo / the bus took 40.

The advertising in the subway says a lot. The key words are often in large

bold English, while the lesser stuff is in Hanguk.

Brown hair is now the in-thing for the young Korean generation, especially the girls. I expect next time I come it will be all different colors like in Tokyo. I was also amazed to see extra long shoes, these are about 13 inches long, a little difficult to walk in!

We had a lovely hot bean paste filled fish shaped doughy pastry yesterday morning. The coffee from the vending machines is excellent and only 30 cents.

Mike Leone and I had lunch yesterday in a nice little restaurant. Kalbi, bap and all the fixings for less than \$5 each—not bad.

A bus trip to Chungpyung

Julian Gray kindly wrote out the directions for us, and three of us Mike Leone, Yuji and myself set off in a taxi for the Sambong bus station. The cab drove through central Seoul and deposited us safely at the terminal. The terminal was surrounded by these young army men and young schoolgirls jumping up and down to loud music. What was going on? Well, they were playing a video game called stomp, pretty unusual but it looked like fun.

We got our tickets to Sorak Myun and being hungry dived into the Lotteria, a fast food joint. two bulgogi burgers and a shrimp burger, french fries and soda—very tasty.

The bus took about one-and-a-half hours, I noticed that all the buildings were covered in advertising and I mean every one. Covered. Also the bus drivers are pretty wild, red lights didn't seem to matter. After leaving Chungpyung City the bus starts to get more into the mountains, which are pretty steep and quite pretty. Chungpyung Lake is actually manmade by a dam on the Pukwan river. 10 minutes later we arrived at Sorak Myun.

No taxis were available when we arrived so we decided to take refreshments in a little smoky coffee house

up the street. To get there we passed some Japanese and some Africans leaving. We wondered what the locals thought of all the comings and goings.

The coffee was good though the surroundings a bit odd—black leather booths, yellow wallpaper, a propane heater in the middle of the floor with a kettle on top, a wall clock with a bird and a fish tank with no fish, and you couldn't see out of any of the frosted or painted windows.

Then we got the taxi and made it up to Chungpyung. Mike had told me the palace was immense, but I didn't think it was too big or out of proportion. Actually I rather liked it, the tree of heart in front being very beautiful.

I wanted to get up the hill as quickly as possible, so I ran up. On the way up when I needed a break I seemed to bump into someone I knew coming down, so we stopped and chatted. The water of life was nice, it reminded me of Lourdes, in fact the whole place did. One disappointment was seeing the water piped in, I had hoped for a natural spring.

I felt God was telling me to get to the top, so I kept going and only briefly paused at the last tree to keep going on to the top of the mountain. And I'm glad I did. Around the top are these beautiful won jun's, apparently not ours, though I did think this would be a suitable spot. The chi was very good. As I arrived at the very top the sun broke through the clouds and I felt very close to God. As the sun went in I looked up into the sky and saw

two mountains in the spirit world with a path leading to Heaven. I felt I could step right into the spirit world.

On the way down I stopped for a longer period at one of the won jun's and very strongly felt the spirit of Young Jin. Again the sun shone through the clouds, very brightly yet very briefly. The first four words out of his mouth were not repeatable on this family forum. I sat down and I tried to encourage him to take it one day at a time. I could feel he wanted to be with Americans, perhaps even to come back to America. I felt a lot of sadness, and all I could do was to encourage him to keep going and that he would get there.

On the way down I definitely felt he wanted to be with the American group, but I almost tripped up on a vine lying across the path. It symbolized a chain and I had to break it. I couldn't with my hands, so I ate through it with my teeth. Breaking it was good, liberating.

On the way down my only observation was that the tree of all things was not very healthy. Reflecting something? After recounting my experience to myself, I wanted to tell Hyun Jin, but I told God I wouldn't go to him, he had to come to me.

I cannot share very much about the service that the American group attended as I was mostly running around doing things. But I was impressed with Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim's speech. Very basic

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Art Festival for World Peace 2000

by Rod Cameron—Clifton, NJ

One of the quiet yet significant events of the WCSF 2000 was the Art Festival for World Peace 2000 held at the Seoul Art Center from February 9th – 19th. Dr. Bo Hi Park, Chairman of the Executive Committee, said in an introduction, “In particular this Art Festival marks the first time that works from nearly every prominent South Korean artist have been gathered together in

a flurry of media, then looked at all the works amid a large group of viewers, pausing to greet the artists who were in attendance, and took time to talk with some artists about their paintings. The show contained the works of 120 artists from around the world. Included were 70 artists from Asia, 48 from South Korea and 12 from North Korea. 23 works came from Europe and 21 from the Americas. Local artists representing the USA were, Shigeyoshi Wabe, Benny Anderson, Cynthia Tof-



True Parents and Art Festival Committee open the Art Festival for World Peace 2000

Seoul, and it is made more special because of the addition of works by famous North Korean artists. This event marks an important step forward in the process of realizing a peaceful reunification between North and South Korea.” Mr. Suk Won Park, Chairman, Board of Directors, Korean Art Federation expressed the hope that the next exhibition could be held in North Korea. True Parents officially opened the show on the 9th among speeches and

fey, Dennis Holcomb and Rod Cameron. Following the opening a banquet and concert was held at the Little Angels school. The evening was hosted by Dr. Bo Hi Park, Prof. Joong Hi Lee, Executive Committee Art Festival for World Peace, and Mr. Teruyki Matsuura, President, Bijitsu Sekai, Japan. The following day guest artists from Europe and South America attended True Parents 80th Birthday Celebration at the Sejong Cultural Center in



True Parents pause to talk with Shigeyoshi Wabe at the opening

Seoul. The program was a real eye opener for those artists who had limited exposure to church culture. The next day the group visited Chungpyong. Mr. Matsuura took us to all the holy trees where he gave a short explanation on the purpose of each tree and then we prayed together. For everyone

it seemed like an exhilarating experience. After the walk we went to the temple to see art work there. Artists in the tour group whose paintings were included were Shigeyoshi Wabe, Benny Anderson and Kyu Tae Kim. ❖



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but good spirituality 101—what you bind on earth you bind in heaven. I must confess I do not buy into her theory of evil spirits crawling all over my flesh like ants, Father has never taught that, but the rest of it was very good. Most of the ministers were uplifted and inspired, though quite a number flagged at the end as it did go on rather long. After the service we had a good dinner. Tomorrow is the blessing.

Blessing 2000

Yesterday we arrived on a calm overcast day to the Olympic stadium at 10.30 am. It was already almost 1/2 full. Our ministers started arriving and within 1 hour the section given to us was completely full. Many, many more ministers were standing in line waiting. Time to take things into our own hands. People who had come 8,000 miles should not be stopped at the last foot.

I hurried up a ramp to look for an alternative spot on the higher level. The door was closed and guarded by a Korean. Pleading would not help, he was going to keep it closed. We decided to just go for it. The ministers all walked up the ramp and upon seeing them he opened the door. They all got in. The stadium was jam packed by 12.30 and the pre-show began at 1.00. Two great Korean lady singers rocked the house and a finally a slightly older but more heartistic Korean gentleman wrapped it up. There were still about 5,000—10,000 more people trying to get in, but it was full. The blessing began at 2.00. Dr. Pak was the MC, what a great voice on an excellent sound system. The nine spiritual leaders were wonderful. True Parents entered to the Halleluia chorus. What a great sight, the helicopter buzzing overhead. I think almost all of the ministers were awed, I certainly was. The ceremony was over much to quickly and the Mansei’s were accompanied by great fireworks and balloons.

Little Angels Banquet

In the evening, I attended the convocation closing banquet at the Little Angels center. A great dinner was served and after dinner Father spoke on the subject of true love. After his speech Father wanted to inaugurate two new organizations. Dr. Barrett gave a great call to arms and Father painted two very large beautiful calligraphies. The key organization founded was the Cosmic True Parents Federation. What could match that? Well the performance of the Little Angels could and did. They were fantastic. Before their finale we were treated to Jin Sung and In Jin’s two virtuoso children play the piano. The girl wished Grandpapa and Grandmamma Happy Birthday and said “she loved them.” The boy did the same and said “I love you more than my sister”. At the end his sister quipped that she loved them even more. So cute.

Hanmadang Games

This morning I attended the Hanmadang Games, again held in the

Olympic Gymnasium #1, site of Father’s birthday celebration. When we arrived, as it was starting, it was only about a third full, but people kept coming. Hyun Jin gave a good speech in English and then Father spoke in Korean. It seemed that the crowd was very international with a lot of young people from the CIS and Europe. I was happy also to bump into an older Japanese gentleman; Mr. Ishii, still going strong. Highlights of the closing ceremony were the Tae Kwon Do exhibition, the rhythmic gymnasts and the dance by Korean CARP and HARP students symbolizing the reunification of Korea. I ended the day with the ministers from New York in a little Korean restaurant having dinner. Many of them reflected their deep gratitude to True Parents and that they had had an incredible time. So have I. On the way home guess who walks up to me out of the blue in Chicago airport? Yup, you guessed it, Hyun Jin. God is amazing. ❖

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The Role of the IIFWP

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

This address was given at the Opening Plenary of the WCSF Convocation on February 11 in Seoul.

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to address you this morning at the Opening Plenary. I can think of no better topic for us to reflect on today than, "Peace in the New Millennium." As many of you know, the motto of our sponsor, the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, is "the hope of all ages is a unified world of peace." The underlying purpose of the World Culture and Sports Festival is to promote world peace, by emphasizing the importance of strong, God-centered families and the need for international, interreligious and inter-cultural cooperation and harmony.

It was almost exactly one year ago, on February 6, 1999, in this very hotel, that we convened the Inaugural Assembly of the IIFWP. On that occasion we heard from the founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, and a number of other distinguished panelists. In his Founder's Address, Rev. Moon spoke of his vision for the IIFWP. He stated, "The time has come when cooperative and mutually supportive relationships among the world's statesmen and religious leaders is desperately needed....Since the root of human problems is not merely political, it follows that political or social solutions alone will always be insufficient. While most societies are politically governed, religion lies at the root of most national and cultural identities."

The IIFWP was not born from a recent flash of inspiration. Rather its inauguration came on the foundation of years of preparation and planning, all centering on the principle of unification. That is, the ideal of bringing about fruitful and productive relationships among entities that were previously divided or disharmonious. If we examine closely, for example, each of the co-sponsoring organizations represented at this Convocation, we see a history of bridge-building, whether it be in the area of education, the media, the sciences, religion, the arts, or politics. Each of these organizations has its own institutional history, and each narrative is worthy of study, whether it be the story of the World Media Association's 1990 meeting in Moscow and its summit at the Kremlin; the historic Assembly of the World's Religions held in 1985; the first International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, convened in 1972; or the first meetings of the Professors World Peace Academy, bringing together professors from Korea and Japan for dialogue. Each of our co-sponsoring organizations has dedicated itself to establishing greater unity and understanding among constituent groups which are often either ignorant of one another or even hostile to one another.

The IIFWP builds on this foundation, seeking to form a collaborative network

of leaders from all professional fields, national heritages, religious and political backgrounds. This of course is no easy task. Even though we may acknowledge that the aspiration of all races, all religions, and people of all nations is for a peaceful world, this goal still remains unfulfilled. War, conflict, famine, poverty, injustice and broken dreams are commonplace. Suffering remains an ugly reality throughout this world.

Is peace really possible in the new millennium? I, for one, am optimistic, for I believe we will see dramatic changes for the better, and in a relatively short period of time. However, such changes are not inevitable. If we are to see a world of peace in the new millennium, there are many conditions that must be met.

First of all, there must a shift in our understanding of what it means to be

Interreligious dialogue is of critical importance to the pursuit of world peace, and it is central to the program of the IIFWP. In the age of the global village, religions must make peace—both with each other, as well among the internal factions within given religions—as a precondition for world peace.

But interreligious cooperation and harmony are not ends in themselves. Two additional steps are required. The first calls for religion to involve itself in the affairs of the world. Not in an exclusive, sectarian or arrogant manner, but rather by bringing religion's own universal spiritual insights into the broader dialogue and by encouraging service and activism for peace. Religion has often been rightly excluded from the broader pursuit of peace because of its history of absolutism and sectarianism. How-

tions. The IIFWP seeks to work in partnership with other non-governmental organizations, both in supporting the peace mission of the United Nations and in offering proposals for reform and improvement.

The theme of our convocation, "Building a Culture of Peace, Heart and True Families," suggests the priorities of the IIFWP. Lasting peace will not be achieved only through a balance of power. A true peace will require a cultural shift, that is, a shift in basic attitudes. When Rev. Moon first announced the establishment of the WCSF, he described its purpose as one of contributing to the "Building of a new culture of peace." Central to the foundation of culture, along with religion, is family. The family, after all, is the place of not merely biological reproduction, but of social and cultural reproduction. Through families a society and a culture reproduce itself, as one generation passes its values on to the next. No society and no culture will long survive if its fundamental ideas and values are not transmitted intergenerationally through the family.

The family is a center of intimacy and love, and through the experience of love within a family we develop our fundamental outlook. We develop what we call "heart," or shimjung. The family is the school for the development of heart. Heart is much greater than ideology, or even religion itself. It is our most fundamental attitude or disposition toward the world and toward others. This fundamental attitude is shaped by our experience within the family.

If we are to build a new culture of peace, therefore, we also need to affirm and encourage the establishment of families which can both embody and transmit a culture of peace. We need families that transmit heart, or, we can say, true love. This is why we say, "true families."

Stated most simply, the term "true family" refers to a God-centered family, a family that lives according to God's ideal. If God, the universal origin of all life, love, truth and goodness, can form the basis of family life, then a new culture within the family can emerge. The family can itself become the school of a new culture of heart, and a new culture of peace. Of all civic, non-governmental institutions, the family is the most basic, and the most profoundly significant in shaping individual persons.

I hope that in the days ahead you will be witness to the breadth of the IIFWP's vision. This Convocation is an expression of its hope. So too is the international blessing and marriage dedication ceremony we will observe on Sunday. World peace is possible. As you see couples from all nations, races and religious and cultural backgrounds stand together with shared ideals, as well as a shared determination to build a new culture of peace, I believe you will see hope for the future. ❖



faithful and true to our respective religious traditions. Religious identity has too often given rise to the unfair and inhospitable characterization of both other religions and their believers. Each religion, as the bearer of some universal truth, has arisen at a particular time in history and in the midst of particular social contexts. In general I believe the universal dimensions of a religion, most epitomized in the wisdom and good will of its founder, have too often been overshadowed by other concerns. We can all recognize that the history of religion is not one of which we can all be proud. In fact, modern society's distrust of religion derives precisely from the failure of religious believers to live up to the universal ideals of their respective founders and most sacred teachings.

Because religion is so important in the formation of individual, social, cultural and even national identities, we cannot seriously pursue peace without giving very serious attention to religion. Quoting the eminent scholar of religion, Professor Ninian Smart, "Consider for a moment some of the world's most explosive trouble spots: Sri Lanka, Kashmir, Tibet, Afghanistan, Israel and Palestine, Cyprus, Northern Ireland, Southern Philippines, and the Sudan....in regard to these, who can deny that religious differences are a major factor? If for no other reason we need to extend education to understanding the other." [IIFWP Inaugural Assembly]

ever, as religions come to appreciate the importance and even value of those of different faiths, this disqualifying attribute of religion fades. In this way, the contributions which religion can make to the cause of peace are better appreciated.

Secondly, religions must come to a greater appreciation of service, living for the sake of others. By way of example, let me mention the work of the Religious Youth Service, a project of the IIFWP which brings together young people from all faiths to engage not only in interreligious encounter, but to apply their religious ideals through acts of service to those in need. The Religious Youth Service, active for 15 years, has organized service projects in nations throughout the world, and literally transformed the lives of the participants.

More and more there is a growing awareness that the solution to conflict requires more than either political negotiation or the threat of overwhelming force. Frequently, what might be called the non-political factors—culture, religion, ethnicity, national identity—weigh more heavily as causal factors leading to conflict.

For this reason, the IIFWP has proposed for consideration the idea of forming a council of religious leaders who would serve within the context of the United Nations, complementing and enhancing the largely secular and political analysis of global problems and solu-

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400 Million Couple Blessing—NYC Ceremony

by Andrew Compton—NYC

February 13th, 2000, in the chapel at 4 West 43rd Street, New York City, 43 couples and 320 guests joined together to participate in Blessing 2000. Although we were 12,000 miles away from the main ceremony in Seoul Korea, through the delayed satellite transmission we were able to be together with our True Parents in heart and spirit.

With only a few days to prepare for the event, a small staff of brothers and sisters who were unable to go to Korea worked together to create a program which allowed the blessing couples and the guests to have an unforgettable experience. The chapel was equipped with four large screen TVs, with two addition TVs in the back and lobby for the overflow, by which everyone was able to follow along with the ceremony in Korea.

Mrs. Beryl Greene was the key person, recruiting most of the staff for the event. Mrs. Hall prepared the preprogram reception, and Mercy Mosley prepared the dinner. Jonathan Gullery designed a program for the event. The chapel was transformed into a wedding hall, decorated in white, pink and blue,



with hundreds of helium balloons and flowers. It felt like we were in heavenly palace.

Before the blessing ceremony the blessing couples participated in the Holy Wine Ceremony. Edward Prangan was the Emcee and Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Igarashi were the officiating couple.

During the pre-blessing program two close friends of our movement, Reverend Alam of Queens and Reverend De Kock of New Haven, Connecticut, spoke on the significance of the blessing event. In addition, several musical

numbers were offered by the Japanese Missionary Choir and the Manhattan Family Church Choir and band. The entire musical program was organized by Mr. Robert Hall.

Reverend and Mrs. Tateo Sato did a wonderful job as the officiators, representing True Parents. They followed our True Parents, step by step, through each stage of the ceremony. Edner Pierre-Louis, our Emcee, did a wonderful job of keeping everything coordinated. The attending couples were Mr. and Mrs.

Samuels, Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Igarashi, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Geller, Mr. and Mrs. Jean Nduwimana, and Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Falconi.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, following the three mansies, all the brides and bridegrooms were showered with cheers of congratulations and with buckets of confetti.

Afterwards the participants and guests joined in a Chinese buffet dinner and entertainment. Besides the two choirs, Claudio Sanfrancesco's band performed, Sayomi Kamimoto and Rikako Asanuma performed on the piano, and Kyoko Tachinaka and Robert Hall sang for us.

When it was finished all of the couples lined up to have their photos taken by Alberto Faccon.

Finally, an important element which contributed towards making the event truly special were the Japanese missionaries and the tremendous love and care which they exhibited; attending, serving, and entertaining all of the newlyweds.

Thank you to True Parents for this incredible blessing, and thank you, to all the brothers and sisters who helped to make the event here in New York City a success! ❖



An Introduction to Reverend Moon

by H.E. Dr. Kenneth D. Kaunda

The following remarks were the introduction to the Reverend Moon's keynote address at the WCSF Opening Banquet.

It is not every day that one gets the privilege to introduce such an exceptional person. And I take this privilege tonight with some pride.

It is said that the world is a huge stage—and life is a great drama. Every day lives are born on this great stage—and usually they go unnoticed. Once in a long time an extra-ordinary person appears on the stage. The Reverend Moon is such an extra-ordinary life.

I have known the Reverend Moon since 1983. A short time when viewed against his life's work. But it does not take that long to appreciate the tremendous impact he has made upon the world, even to the smallest corner of it.

Reverend Moon has dedicated a lifetime to a message. He has done this against great odds. The greatest of the world powers have opposed him

But the message has continued, because it is a message that is anointed. It is a message that echoes deep in the human psyche. It is a message about the most basic unit of human life—the family.

It tells the world the truth about our nature and what we must do if we are to have true peace in the family, in the community and between nations.

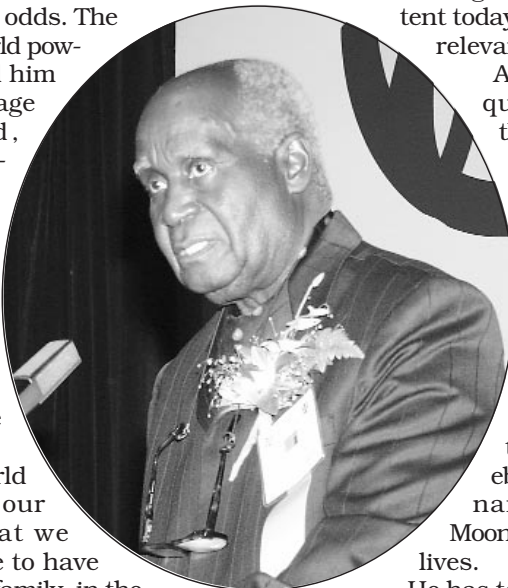
The Reverend Moon has dedicated

his life to give practical expression to this message. It remains consistent today and it remains as relevant as ever.

At this opening banquet we remember that Reverend Moon is 80 years today. We wish him many more happy returns. And thank God for giving him to the human race and to the world.

But we here gathered are not the only ones to celebrate his extraordinary life. Reverend Moon has touched many lives.

He has touched the lives of the poor. He has advanced the arts, sports, physical sciences, social serv-



ices and above all peace in the world.

We thank him for his efforts to reunify Korea his homeland and pray that God will strengthen his hand in this effort.

We remember also that Mrs. Moon shares the same birthday as Reverend Moon. We wish her a long life and take comfort in the knowledge that she will always be next to Reverend Moon as he continues his life's work.

They are a magnificent gift from God to each other and to humanity. They are a valuable example to us all.

We are all privileged tonight to listen to Reverend Moon. Reverend Moon is a teacher.

But not an ordinary teacher. Reverend Moon is a messenger. But not an ordinary messenger.

The truth is that the Reverend Moon is a PROPHET of our time
The REVEREND MOON ! ❖

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Cutting the cake at the WCSF Opeing Banquet



Hyun Jin Nim, above, at the conclusion of the Hanmadang Sports Festival. Below, the opening ceremonies.



The representatives of the world's religions at the Blessing



The PLA march through the streets of downtown Seoul

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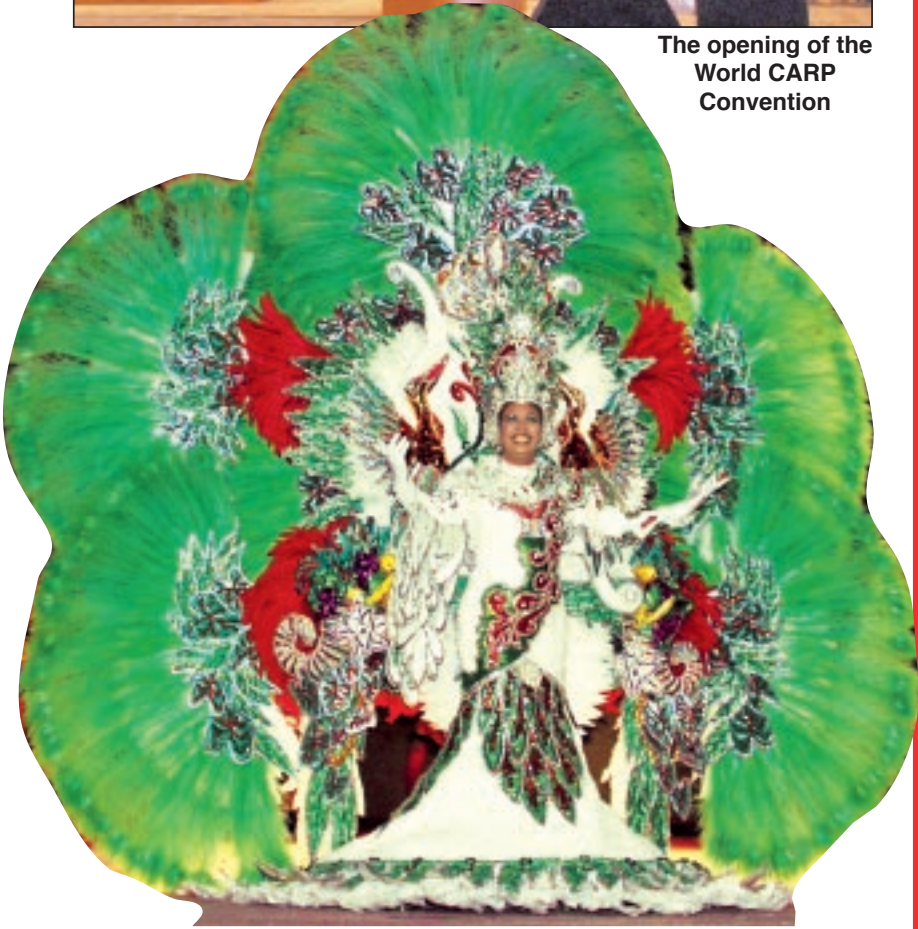
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The opening of the
World CARP
Convention



The Little Angels performing at the WCSF Closing Banquet



A Brazilian dancer at the Sejong Center birthday celebration

by David Eaton—NYC

Four productions in three cities in two hemispheres in the span of three months—whew! Time to catch a breath in the aftermath of a very hectic providential time period. With the conclusion of the World Culture and Sports Festival and True Parents Birthday celebration in Seoul last month we witnessed a number of dispensational events that make life as a Unificationist artist/producer extremely fulfilling as well as head-spinning and jet-lagged.

United Nations Program

On November 22, 1999 the Woman’s Federation for World Peace, the International Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace and the New York City Symphony co-sponsored a conference and “Bridge of Peace” Ceremony at the United Nations. U.N. delegates gathered to discuss the issue of building a “Culture of Peace.”

At the closing banquet members of the New York City Symphony were joined by vocalists Jamie Baer-Peterson, Kusanari Kubo and Raoul Joseph in a program featuring classical, seasonal, pop and Broadway favorites including Mozart’s Divertimento in F, the Italian art song “Cor N’grato,” Broadway classics “Climb Every Mountain” and “The Impossible Dream” and the very moving pop

anthem “From a Distance.” The program concluded with the audience joining the soloists and orchestra in singing “Let There Be Peace On Earth.”

Producing an event at the United Nations is rife with logistical complications due to diplomatic protocol and extremely strict security measures there. Still, the effort was greatly appreciated by many of the delegates as several key U.N. officials encouraged the sponsoring organizations to continue the work of breaking down barriers between racial, ethnic, religious and ideological concerns.

True God’s Day 2000

Many of us were stunned that True Parents had decided to celebrate the beginning of the new millennium on True God’s Day 2000 in New York. Obviously producing an event worthy of the occasion proved to be a challenge for all concerned. Fortunately, Rev. Chang Shik Yang and Dr. Tyler Hendricks made the appropriate financial support available and having three months to prepare was a luxury considering that on many past occasions there has been but a week or two to produce Holy Day entertainment programs.

With Simon Kinney and Peter Van Geldern of Synergy Group providing dramatic visuals (including a 40 x 50 foot image magnification screen with

high-definition cameras and stunning graphics) each performance was enhanced by inclusion of a well designed video presentation.

The New York City Symphony opened the program with a fanfare based on

Television star, Philip Michael Thomas in a duet, composed by Mr. Thomas, entitled “Significant Other.” Love songs can have profound influences and this one was especially powerful since MZuri and Mr. Thomas were Blessed on Feb-

ed for the occasion under Kevin’s supervision.

True Parents were then treated to surprise performances at the piano by their astonishingly gifted grand children, Shin Kwon and Shin Sun, children of In Jim Nim and Jin Sun Nim. As if that wasn’t enough, Hyun Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim blew the roof off the Hammerstein Ballroom with a Rock ‘n Roll set accompanied by the J-CARP band Axe6. Hyo Jin Nim presented two heart-felt songs which led to True Parents taking the stage to lead everyone in song. Rarely have our High Holy Days been capped-off with such an incredible display of talent and heart by the True Family.

Washington, D.C.

The dust had barely settled after the True God’s Day show before we were off to Washington, D.C. to prepare for the production of America’s salute to True Parents at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Actually, pre-production meetings for the

birthday celebration were taking place at the Hilton in early December as Michael Leone, Tomiko Duggan and I were pulling the various components of the production together under the executive directorship of Dr. Yang, Dr. Hendricks and Rev. Philip Schanker.

The logistics of our set up at the Hilton were nightmarish being that we had to set-up lights, sound, staging, dance floor installation, decorations and video in just eight hours from midnight (the night of the event) to 8 AM because the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton was booked by another client on both the day prior to our event and until 2 PM on the day of our event. Coordinating the set-up efforts of Synergy Group, Atlantic Video, Kashmere Productions and Hardgrove Staging, with the rehearsal requirements of the New York City Symphony, the Kirov Academy and the Universal Ballet proved to be a daunting challenge.

Apart from a few minor technical glitches the banquet program went off as planned with several poignant videos of True Parents’ life accomplishments as well as several moving testimonies by important ministers and political leaders highlighting the evening.

The 25 piece ensemble from the New York City Symphony provided underscoring for the “Early Years” video in my arrangement of our church Holy Song “Pledge.” Seiko Lee, in a moving tribute to True Mother, sang one of Mother’s favorite Korean songs, “Sa Wol E No Re” (Song of April). MZuri then offered a classic arrangement of “Amazing Grace” recognizing True Parents’ efforts in building the foundation for unification among Christian denominations.



David Eaton conducting the New York City Symphony at True Parents’ birthday celebration in Washington, DC on January, 22, 2000.

the Holy Song, “O, The Lord Has Come” composed by Kevin Pickard for 1992 Blessing in Seoul. The 40 piece ensemble then presented the finale of Mozart’s Symphony No. 34 in C Major and proceeded to accompany several of the evening other performers including soprano Yoshimi Kadota singing “Ga Go Pa,” and Miyuki Harley’s new song, “Heaven’s Romance.”

Kenny Mohammed, “The Human Orchestra,” made his third Holy Day appearance in “Kenny’s Joy,” the piece I wrote for him in 1998 (and revised last year) where he does his vocal per-

ruary 14 in Seoul.

Second Generation pianist Jena Eisenberg then presented two works including her original composition, “Storm of Sorrow” which I arranged in the manner of a classical concerto. Jena composed this music in order to support the hurricane victims of Honduras and sales from her CD are donated to the International Red Cross for hurricane relief in Central America. Jena certainly seems to be using her musical gift “for the sake of others” and she is a shining example of this God-centered ethic.

It was significant to have contributions from Korea and Japan on the True God’s Day program. The Japanese traditional dance troupe “Man Yo” was very enchanting as were the talented Korean sisters Mi Ran and Jung Hwa Kim. It is my hope to be able to invite them back to perform for us again.

Kevin Pickard’s finale song, “New Time For Love,” featured the combined choirs from Washington, DC, New Jersey and New York (under Susan Osmond’s capable direction) as well as the UTS and New Jersey

Children’s Choirs (directed by Hiroshi Suzuki and Ken Hendricks respectively). Miyuki Harley, Raoul Joseph and other cast members led the spirited performance in a song well-suit-



With Seiko Lee at a recording session.

cussion technique with orchestra. MZuri then sang here moving ballad “Listen to the Message” and was joined by CBS

the Dispensation

Kevin Pickard, Miyuki Harley, Raoul Joseph, June Maxim, Patsy Casino, Jeff Benson and Seiko Lee teamed-up once again with Susan Osmond and the Washington Family Church Choir and Second Generation Children in a encore presentation of the God's Day finale song, "New Time For Love."

The evening entertainment was capped off by an impressive performance by Hoon Sook Nim with soloists of the Universal Ballet Company, who had traveled from Seoul just for the event, and students of the Kirov Academy of Ballet. Dr. Bo Hi Pak then presented the prestigious Rudolf Nureyev Award to Father and Mother in honor of their continued support for the Kirov Academy and Universal Ballet.

WCSF in Seoul

The convocation of the World Culture and Sports Festival in Seoul from February 10-14 provided me the rare opportunity to attend a major church event as a participant as opposed to having to act in role of producer and/or performer. I had been invited by Greg Breeland of the International Conference of the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS) to write a paper and make a presentation on the topic of "Values in Music in Eastern and Western Cultures."

I had thought that having to write a 15-30 page paper in about a week might be a challenge, but inspiration prevailed and I wrote over forty pages. The experience I had in meeting the very perceptive (if somewhat esoteric) members of the ICUS committee on Music and Science was deeply rewarding. The opportunity to discuss values as they pertain to music (and the arts) as well as the role of a "responsible artist" is one that I always relish. Father has often spoken about "creating a moral revolution in the arts" and though that may seem to be a somewhat dicey proposition in our post-modern, quasi-nihilistic and amoral artistic environment, it nonetheless is a topic that needs addressing.

(If you wish to have a copy of my paper you can reach me at NYC-SYM@aol.com).

One of the highlights of the WCSF Convocation was the closing banquet and the performance of the Little Angels. Throughout the ICUS conference there was obviously a great deal of intellectualizing on any number very deep and profound topics. (Did you know that there are mathematical properties within proteins and chromosomes that may have very specific pitch and rhythmic, i.e. musical correlates? I do now.)

Intellect alone cannot bring one to the whole truth, therefore intellectual speculation may in fact contribute to a myopia of sorts, especially in matters of a more metaphysical nature. Great art contains truth, but packaged

in the realm of beauty and as such can be transcendent is such a way as to allow for a greater understand of truth. For me and many others, the Little Angel's performance had this transcendent power. Their beauty and innocence transformed the participants in ways that pure science or intellect or theory could not. The change in the attitudes of many of the participants was palpable as a warmer more congenial spirit was is evidence. As one scientist said to me following the Little Angel's performance, "You know, we need more culture in the World Cultural and Sports Festival." Amen!

"Is There a Producer in the House?!"

As it turned out, I was not completely



David in Seoul with vocalists Mi Ran Kim, Seiko Lee and Reggie Woolridge.

relieved of responsibility in Korea.

An immensely talented second generation composer/arranger, Sun Jeong Kim, had set poetry of Kwon Jin Nim to music that would serve as the congratulatory song at the Olympic Stadium for the Blessing. Director Byun Seog Kim, head of the culture department of our church in Korea, had requested that the three providential countries of Korea, Japan and the United States, be represented in the presentation of the song, "New Day of Glory." He wanted different parts of the song to be sung alternately in Korean, Japanese and English to emphasize the international scope of the Blessing event.

Seiko Lee and Reggie Wollridge arrived in Seoul several days prior to the Blessing to rehearse and record the song with the gifted second generation soprano, Mi Ran Kim (who sang in New York on True God's Day). However, the pre-recorded audio tracks were not in the best key for the singers, the English translation was in need of some serious "word-smithing," there was no Japanese translation and no vocal arrangement per se. Finding a way to blend Mi Ran's and Seiko's wonderful classical style with Reggie's pop style caused a certain degree of consternation and there was a real fear that the song could not be produced in a manner satisfying to all concerned.

called by Mi Ran and Seiko to small rehearsal studio that is operated by the Second Generation to participate an vocal arrangement session that was being supervised by Sun Jeong Kim. After ingesting a large amount of coffee the three singers, Sun Jeong (who was eight months pregnant at the time) and I set about the task of working out the vocal arrangement and hammering out a grammatically correct English lyric. Listening to the recorded tracks and working at the piano the five of us went at it for about four hours and managed to get a fairly decent grip on the task at hand. The next day the singers rehearsed intensively with Sun Jeong in preparation for the recording session that was scheduled for the following day. Seiko, who is a terrific musician, worked out the Japanese translation with help from Takeshi Yonemura in Japan. They were ready to go.

In another small recording studio operated by the Second Generation, we spent six hours laying the vocal tracks. We decided that rather than change anyone's particular vocal style it would be most effective to let the singers "be themselves." Reggie's expressive pop style, Mi Ran's lovely classical tone and Seiko, who is very versatile and highly adept at crossing over from pop to classical styles, were harmonized in a way that we couldn't have imagined just three days earlier. The harrowing experience of the pre-production difficulties had been ameliorated, seemingly to everyone's satisfaction.

The Second Generation

While attending the birthday proceedings in Seoul I had the opportunity to meet and witness the performances of some very gifted Second Generation members who live and work in Korea.

At the King Sejong Performing Arts Center, the WCSF attendees were treated to a performance of a wide variety of entertainment which included an excerpt from Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake"

as performed by Hoon Sook Nim with the Universal Ballet Company, a 256 member choir (comprised mostly of Second Generation members) and a melodrama based on Father's early course from Father's vision of Jesus in 1936 to His Blessing to True Mother in 1960.

The hour-long production had a cast of well over one hundred and featured a dozen original songs composed and recorded by Sun Jeong Kim. There was original choreography and the entire production—sets, lighting, costuming, staging—was done by the Second Generation. It was a remarkable production in many ways.

In conversations with several of the very talented musicians among our Second Generation in Seoul, it became apparent that their efforts to develop their careers as artists in Korea was problematic. There exists a rather unceptive attitude towards our members within Korea's classical music scene due to the fact that 95% of the singers and instrumentalists that comprise Korea's opera companies, professional choruses and symphony orchestras are Christian and as such discriminate against Unificationists. It's an unfortunate reality and one that has led to despair and to a certain extent, recalcitrance among the younger artists in our church there.

It was somewhat revelatory for some of the Second Generation members to see Christian ministers from America come to Korea in support of True Parents and their efforts. I gained a completely new perspective about the work that we've done in witnessing to the Christian Churches here. The impact, the hope, the inspiration that the ministers providence can give our young members should not be underestimated.

It is always a bit sorrowful to leave Korea and on this occasion I particularly saddened to leave after having worked with and shared so many wonderful experiences with some of our Second Generation there. I returned with a renewed sense of responsibility towards the gifted children of our elder Korea's who sacrificed so much for so long in their attendance of our True Parents. As my experience suggests it is not always obvious how our dispensational efforts in America impact the world-level providence. ♦





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New Eden Academy’s First Graduation

by Dan Stein—Bridgeport, CT

When New Eden Academy International opened with 44 pioneer students in 1997, the idea was to launch a school dedicated to meet the needs of a growing “second generation.” New Eden is a preparatory high school “committed to promoting moral integrity and academic excellence.” To achieve those high ideals has been a challenge and an opportunity.

On June 1, fifteen students will graduate from New Eden Academy in a ceremony conducted at the Littlefield Auditorium on the campus of the University of Bridgeport.

“This class of 2,000 is the first fruits of New Eden, and we are proud of all of our graduates,” says Dr. Hugh Spurgin, the principal. The graduates are Christa Berndt, Jimi Baughman, Lym Choong Kim, Takami Koya, Sanghoon Mudgett, Megumi Osa, Mika Nakata, Kazuko Nakamura, Tadayoshi Nakamura, Kenji Tomeda, Kozo Tomeda, Christopher Stein, David Tallakson, Akira Washino, and Timothy Yasutake. Each graduating student will receive a specially designed, class ring.

All fifteen graduates intend to pursue higher education, although several students may defer attending college to spend one year on the Student Task Force (STF). Most of the graduates intend to go to the University of Bridgeport where many of them have already completed up to 12 college credits while still in high school. Indeed, most NEA students have done very well in the university classes which they have taken.

According to Mrs. Nora Spurgin, the vice-principal and dean of students,

“It is exciting to prepare for this great event. We have not yet decided on a commencement speaker, nor has the valedictorian been announced. These students are the pioneers of NEA, committed to each other and to True Parents’ ideal for creation of a safe haven where the second generation can expand their minds and develop their character.”

When our True Parents visited the Academy on November 20, 1998, the students excitedly lined the entrance way and sang songs, happily welcoming them. It was the first time for many



New Eden students—Yoda De Groot, David Lee and Kenji Tomeda—show off their snow sculpture.

of them to stand so close to our True Father and Mother. At that time, Father wrote in Chinese characters a motto for the school that has been translated to mean: “The results (or flower-

ing) of an adult’s life depend on the decisions (or determination) a person makes as a youth.”

Commenting on the graduates, Dr. Spurgin observed, “The world needs young leaders who will go beyond the desire for wealth and power that the contemporary world has taught them. To become model citizens, students need a systematic approach to understand the nuances of the life of the heart, as well as the academic exercise of the mind.”

“Through the character education program, indeed through the unique curriculum of the school, we have sought to translate those Principled ideals into everyday life. Yet it is a challenge for teenagers to grow to become responsible, moral, loving adults who have the self-discipline to live a meaningful and good life. We hope our graduates can become such spiritually mature men and women.”

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by Rod Cameron—Clifton, NJ

At the conclusion of the WCSF art festival in Seoul everyone said their farewells and set off home-ward bound.

Cynthia Toffey and I had arranged to visit Bang Young Park who lives with his family just north of Seoul.

Bang Young’s work is contemporary and was part of the art festival. He had come to New York 6 years ago to assist in projects at Manhattan Center. While at MC he suggested establishing an artists association which Hyo Jin Nim named “Akinlan” Group.

With a small group of artists including Cynthia, Bang Young arranged a group show at Bridgeport University. Despite many difficulties they were able to have an international show at BU and have followed with 2 annual group shows.

After visiting with his family, Bang Young took us to visit the tomb of a Korean general who had fought and won a historical battle. We visited a Buddhist shrine close by which was a great example of early religious art. Seeing our enthusiastic response to the localities Bang Young suggested we visit sites in the heart of the ancient Silla Kingdom in Kyongju where the best examples of ancient art can be found.

We arrived in Kyongju in the evening and visited several major tombs close to the downtown area. As we drove around we noticed many smaller tomb mounds (the mounds have a similar significance to the pyramids of Egypt) and shrines. Clearly the area had been home for many dynasties and everywhere their remnants could be seen. In a river bed an archeological dig was underway and ancient stone slabs had been exhumed. The Silla kingdom began in 57 BC.

Next morning we arose before dawn to go to Sokkuram Temple at the top of

a nearby mountain. According to custom it is very good fortune to see the sun rise while at the temple. It was a very beautiful sunrise which Buddhist



Bang Young with his kids and Cynthia

nuns and fresh faced young people gathered to watch. We “Mansied” much to the delight of our onlookers. The most important part of the temple is a sixteen foot statue of Buddha which is housed in a stone grotto set in beautiful wood. The statue is regarded as the finest Korean Buddhist sculptures and rated as a major national treasure.

Later in the day we visited Pulguksa Temple which was built in 527 AD and rebuilt in 751 and expanded in 771. Pulguksa is No. 1 national treasure and provides great testimony to the skill of Silla artisans and has many relics from the United Silla Kingdom.

As a functioning temple complex and it was wonderful to pray and participate in one of the services being held in front of a large golden Buddha.

Rather than going directly back to

Seoul we decided to go via the east coast and Sorak national park in Sokcho. The drive was a seven hours and we arrived in the city late that night. The next morning we were struck by the magnificent raw beauty of the snow covered mountains directly behind the city.

Our first stop at Soraksan was at huge Buddha at the base of a mountain. Close by was a temple though not ancient was stunning with its towering mountain backdrop. We offered prayers and drank holy water. Following the mountain trail we had to walk carefully as the track was covered with ice.

Coming down were climbers laden with gear who had probably scaled Soraks’ sheer faces or tramped far back into the park. We followed young couples and a lady with her son. Soraksan was powerful and had a spirit which



Temple at Soraksan

pulled you up and on. The fearless and the weary.

The trail split and a sign said climbing equipment was needed for a seven hour walk. We went toward a sign saying: “Temple .9 km.” The sign did not

indicate that the temple was almost straight up as we soon discovered. We climbed upward and at several points through the cover of pines and winter trees the view was awesome as we looked over jagged ridges of snow and crisp mountain air.

Cynthia decided to sit and draw under a tree which appeared to have been there forever. Bang Young and I headed up the last 500 feet of near vertical steps. At last we could see the tiny cave which contained the temple inside. Again we offered prayers and a small donation.

What was deeply moving, priests had come to this very high place, a position seemingly closer to God, to pray. In this divinely magnificent place they created a holy sanctuary in the heart of a granite mountain, an altar for those who followed where one could offer tears of joy and praise for the incredible love which God had expressed there.

Going down the mountain was a lot easier than going up and we returned to Seoul that night. The next day we returned home with many wonderful memories of Korea, and inspiration to last...

The local artists who participated in the Art Festival 2000 in Korea are in a group show from April 3rd - 30th, at the Watchung Art Center, New Jersey. “Spirit of Matter - Matter of Spirit”, features recent works by Cynthia Toffey, Benny Anderson, Dennis Holcomb, Rod Cameron, Shigeyoshi Wabe, Bang Young Park and Bernth Uhno. The Watchung Art Center located at 18 Sterling Road, Watchung NJ, telephone 908-753-0190. Opening reception, Sunday April 9th, 1-4 pm. Gallery hours are Monday - Saturday 1-4pm. Directions: I-78 to exit 40, or Rt 22 to Plainfield overpass. Follow signs to Watchung, WAC is on the circle. ❖

MARRIAGE TIPS FROM THE YOUTH WORKSHOP

by Dietrich Seidel—Red Hook, NY

Recently matched Korean, Japanese and Western Second Generation couples participated in the Blessing 2000 event at the Olympic Stadium in Seoul, Korea on Feb. 13, 2000. All Second Generation couples stayed at the Olympic Park Hotel to have the opportunity of sharing this most significant time of their lives together. Following a common daily schedule, the Second Generation couples quickly learned the importance of serving and supporting each other as a group. Their schedule included also a week-long workshop with evening lectures preparing the couples internally for the Blessing. Many of the Western couples could not stay for the whole workshop due to earlier return flights. However, they were given the opportunity of participating in a special marriage-building workshop the day after the Blessing 2000 ceremony. Rev. Farley and Betsy Jones, together with Inchanor and Grace Jorgenson, leaders of Second Generation couples from Europe, organized that unique workshop, which was well received by the newly blessed Western couples.



Workshop Notes

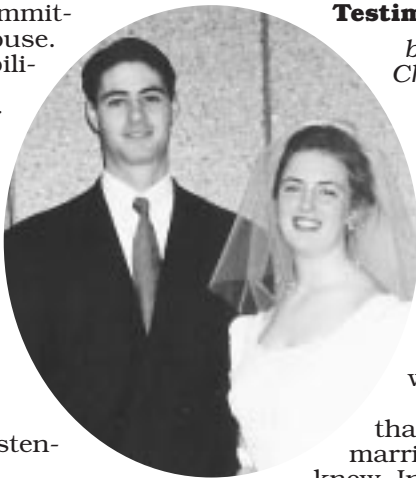
by Chris Seidel—Red Hook, NY

- The tradition of love is inherited through the Blessing. An important aspect of a marital relationship is that it is centered on God. The purpose of the Blessing is to transcend the self.
- The Blessing is given conditionally. One must make efforts in the early years of marriage to make a foundation. The Blessing is given to create unity on all levels of human interaction. We need to eradicate the existing divorce culture.
- The Blessing attracts the love of parents, True Parents and God. It is a condition for God to be with you for your whole life. We must maintain this condition for God to be with us.
- Myth: If partners are compatible, then it is a good marriage. Solution: Make an effort to be compatible. When we take a position of serving our spouse, we invite and attract God to be part of the relationship.
- Think about what's important in the eyes of your spouse (small things may be very important, such as helping to clean up etc.) Attraction is created by an internal quality of caring for the person.
- Love is not a feeling but



a decision. Make a commitment to heal your spouse.

- Develop the flexibility of assuming different roles in your relationship with your spouse (mother, sister, father, brother etc.)
- You will get mad at each other if you base your communication on mind reading. Clearly express your needs and feelings.
- Practice "Active Listening" by validating the message of your partner and by showing empathy. Have eye contact and observe your body language when speaking to your spouse. Learn to contain your feelings when practicing "Active Listening" and overcome the trap of merely reacting to the message of your spouse.
- Do not insist on being right but understand that "right" is only what serves the mutual relationship.
- There is a child in your spouse that needs healing. Learn to cope with differences that are rooted in your unique backgrounds.
- Find things that are fun to do together. Horizontal activities are good if they have a vertical center.
- Actively work at your relationship. Build a fire. Do not argue but pay attention to feelings.



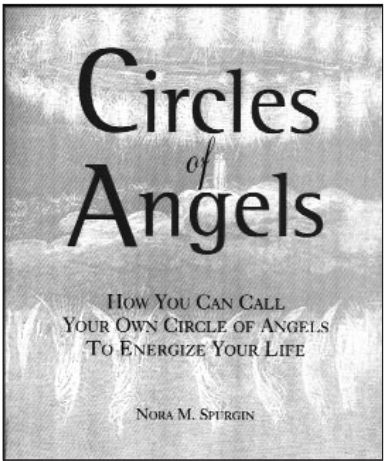
Testimony

by Shizuwa Noda—Chicago, IL

I first decided that I was going to the Blessing on God's Day 1999. My resolution for that year was to prepare myself for the Blessing. STF helped me a lot to prepare, and by Nov. '99 I knew I was gong. I never dreamed that I would get married to anyone I knew. In a way, it feels like we have a head start because we're past the awkward stage. Our moms have known each other for a while already, so the in-law problem is solved. It's so nice to know that someone else cares about you. No matter what other people think or feel about you, if he cares, nothing else matters anymore. Life has a different perspective now. It's not about only me anymore, but it's good...and I'm happy. Thank you, Heavenly Father, True Parents, Mom and Dad. ❖

by Beverly Freed Wax—Bridgeport, CT

When I read Nora Spurgin's new book, *Circle of Angels*, I wanted to share it with everyone. Like much of her writing, this book is both inspirational and practical and offers the reader step-by-step principled instructions for using angel power to energize and enhance life. According to the author, our principled understanding of the position of angels in relationship to the rest of the spiritual world teachers that angels need to be called or commissioned, guided and educated in order to express their full



angelic power on earth. When reading the book, *Circles of Angels, How to call your own circles of Angels to energize your Life*, one begins to imagine a whole spiritual corporation at work energizing the earthly tasks we've taken on. Mrs. Spurgin talks about angels preparing the way for difficult tasks when we send them to carry away negative thoughts, ease the flow of communication, heal bad feelings, enhance health, help deal with resentment and make

Circles Of Angels

amends for ancestral sins. She also includes stories from personal experiences of herself and others. When I visited an Angel Store in Milford, CT., I left my copy with the proprietor who expressed immediate interest. Within two weeks she had bought and sold out a dozen copies and set up a talk and book-signing for the author. I was

impressed with the exciting discussion afterward. I could see why Nora Spurgin has chosen writing small how-to books as a way to share her faith with people who would not otherwise cross her path. At \$5.95 each, the beautifully illus-



trated books make wonderful little gifts. These are books many of us are proud to give to relatives and friends. They are available through HSA Publications or through the author. ❖

TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

The Church in Seoul 1964

by Linna Rapkins

We are going to follow the activities of Yung Kyung, a fictitious character who is a composite of many people and their experiences.

“Pictures for sale! Pictures for sale!” called out Yung Kyung as he walked along the crowded streets in the marketplace. Well, “streets” was hardly the word; they were more like pathways. The sides of the streets were packed with tables and booths until there was hardly any place left to walk. Now, he was in the household area, where pots and pans, kitchen utensils, and other items for the home were sold. Sometimes, he wandered into the bedding section where comforters, blankets and pillows were sold, or even into the clothing area, hoping to find a customer he might otherwise miss.

Selling pictures on the street was a way to make money to support the church. The Chongpadong Church was crowded these days, with many new people coming every day. These people had to be fed. The bills had to be paid. Leaflets had to be printed.

The year was 1964, and the 40-day conditions were still going on—one after the other, nonstop. It was exhausting, but at the same time it was very inspiring. Some members were getting 10, 20, 30, or even more, spiritual children.

Meanwhile, down in the southern part of Korea, in the direction of Pusan, there had already been two revival meetings in Taegu, where hundreds of people heard the Divine Principle. (A revival is an event that helps people wake up spiritually and feel God’s heart.

Each of these revivals was four weeks long. Many new people had come, and Yung Kyung had been one of them. He remembered the awesome prayers and singing. He remembered how excited he had felt when he learned that God’s son was on earth. His whole life—indeed the whole world—was changed.

He was one of the new members who had been sent to Seoul, and he had arrived just in time for a speech by

Father, the man they called Son-sengnim, meaning teacher; or Ju-in, meaning Master.

“From 1960 through 1963, for these three years, I have been driving you harder and harder,” he had said. “Go out and witness,’ I said to you every day. I knew you were exhausted, hungry and treated badly. But we had to get God’s word out to all the Korean people. I felt so sorry for you, but I couldn’t let you go home to rest.” Tears came to his eyes even as he spoke. Yung Kyung was surprised to see a grown man cry in public; yet there was nothing sissy about him.

“When I sent you to all parts of Korea, you were like the Israelites being driven out into the wilderness,” continued Son-sengnim. “If you didn’t complain, you were a success.”

At the end of his talk, Father led them in singing with such great feeling, that soon everyone was singing from the very bottom of their hearts and at the top of their lungs. With eyes closed and bodies swaying as one, they poured out their love to Heavenly Father through their heartfelt music. It was as if the angels were singing with them. Yung Kyung had thought the singing in Taegu was great, but this was phenomenal.

The next night, Father had given them all a great treat. He invited them to a performance of the Little Angels. “What are little angels?” Yung Kyung wondered. “Is it a spiritual experience or something?”

No. He soon learned that the Little Angels was a group of girls who had learned the traditional Korean songs and dances and were preparing to perform to the public. How beautiful they were! The Korean heart truly soars when it sees such beauty and grace springing from their own culture.

Many members had thought it was a mistake when Father started this group. The church was so poor. Even True Parents’ family practically lived on barley and kimchee, and the true children had very few treats. How could they put their scarce money into something so frivolous as music and dance? But Father was looking into the future and the universal level. He knew these beautiful children could bring God’s musical and colorful heart into the drab lives of the Koreans. Later, they could even be good-will ambassadors to other countries.

“Pictures for sale! Pictures for sale!” Yung Kyung put more energy into his sales pitch now, as he remembered the beauty of that night. He truly wanted to help his Ju-in, his Son-sengnim. He felt love bubbling up in his heart as

he remembered how God’s love flowed through Son-sengnim to him. He must return some of it. Through his blood, sweat and tears, he would do it.

The Great Seoul Flood

As spring came sneaking past the winter, the rains broke loose. Never had they seen such rains in Seoul. Every day, every night, they beat down upon the tile roofs. Pictures were impossible to sell. Witnessing was difficult at best.

Teaching inside was the most pleasant activity of all, and Yung Kyung sat with the others, grateful to listen to lectures once again.

Outside, the waters of the Han River rose higher and higher, and worried families tried to protect their homes. They piled their belongings on the roofs or moved to higher ground.

But then, one day, the water poured over the banks and into the winding streets. Higher and higher it came. Before it was over, thousands of homes and shops were ruined. In some cases, whole communities were swept away, and at least 300 people died in the city. Seoul was a disaster area.

The water sat in the streets and in the homes for days, and it stank. When it finally

went down, layers of mud and debris covered everything. The people shoveled mud out of their homes for days and sorted through their meager belongings and hung them out to dry. Life was always hard in Korea. Just when they thought life had improved, everything was destroyed once again.

Luckily, Chongpadong Church was on higher ground and was not harmed. But homes of some the members were destroyed.

“Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who have lost their homes,” said Father. “But more than that, we must help them rebuild. Being brothers and sisters means taking care of each other.”

Yung Kyung put on his old work clothes and was soon up to his ankles in mud as he helped his brothers and sisters in the church. Witnessing and lecturing had to be forgotten for awhile. The hardest part was finding clean water to drink. If they drank dirty water, they could get very sick and even die. Yet it seemed that every drop of water in the city was dirty. Yung Kyung was sent with other young men to get big containers of water from outlying villages. Everyone found a way to help.

One day, a box of supplies arrived from America. The Unification members in America had collected clothing, honey, molasses and other things, because they had heard they were in short supply in Korea. The clothing was handed out, and although it was a different style than they usually wore, many people felt a little better that day.

“I wonder what those American members look like,” wondered Yung Kyung, as he watched the unpacking. “It’s a

funny feeling to think that there are people on the other side of the world who follow Son-sengnim—and it’s a good feeling.” Maybe someday he would meet some of them. Well—more likely not until spirit world, for what chance would he ever have of going to the other side of the world?

Revivals in Taegu

Within a few weeks it was time to get back to the spiritual work.

“Now, we will have another revival,” announced Father before they had even cleaned the mud from under their fingernails. “We absolutely must wake the Koreans up.”

“Why are his eyes so red and swollen?” wondered Yung Kyung. Only the older members knew what that meant. Father had been in his little room upstairs praying, and when he prayed he wept and wept and wept—for hours and hours and hours. The tears always rolled out of his eyes like a flood of their own, and they poured down onto the straw mat on the floor. Whenever the cleaning ladies came in, they had to walk around the wet area, where his tears had left the mat soaking.

No one knew exactly why he cried so much. They felt terribly sad for him, yet helpless to really do anything to make him feel better. Father had tried to explain to them that Heavenly Father’s heart is so incredibly sad, and never before had He had any way of releasing his sad feelings. Now that he had started crying, it was as if he could never stop.

Whenever the members looked at Father’s swollen eyes, they got a sense of how desperate he really felt. He was absolutely serious about saving the world.

“Yes,” he continued. “It’s time for more revivals. We will go back to Taegu. There are many people there who have been prepared by God. We can’t forget them.”

Within a few days, many took the 10 hour bus trip to help the Taegu members with the revival meetings. Yung Kyung was on the bus, too, returning to his home town for the first time since he had joined. This time he would not be just a listener; he would witness and bring people to Father.

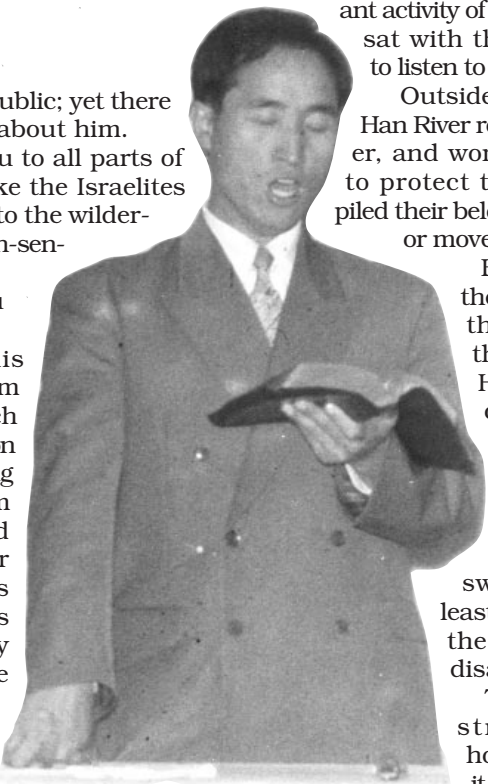
“Maybe I can find some of my old friends,” he thought hopefully.

Before long, the routine in Taegu became habit. Two hundred young members sleeping in the church arose promptly at 5 o’clock every morning. On with the clothes. Cold water on the face. Meet together.

“You will each be assigned to a church,” Father had instructed. “You should attend that church every morning. Pray for the church. Pray that the people will listen to the Divine Principle. Hand out leaflets in front of the church inviting them to a lecture in the evening.”

The members were split up into little groups, and, leaflets in hand, they set out in the dark for their assigned churches. The leaflets were small, for it was hard to get paper—and expensive. They prayed in their churches. They handed out leaflets afterward, as instructed. Then, they returned to the church center for breakfast—morning

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DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

GOD'S GOAL FOR HUMAN HISTORY

Volume 4 • Part 4

Before we examine the significance of the present days, let us quickly look at some historical expectations of what the Last Days will be like. The Bible is replete with apocalyptic prophecy pointing to a cataclysmic end to the earth and all its works. If we accept the Divine Principle view of God's ultimate purposes in history, however, we must be sure of literal interpretations of such apocalyptic imagery.

Although dramatic cataclysmic events could well attend the transformation of this world from a sovereignty of evil to a sovereignty of good. Divine Principle suggests that as a general rule biblical apocalypticism is best understood spiritually and symbolically.

Divine Principle avoids the violently literal apocalypticism fashionable in fundamentalist circles for much the same reasons that Origen of Alexandria rejected it 1,000 years ago: He, who had emphasized the perfection of divine love, could not bring himself to believe that the wrath of God was a final expression of that love.

If God in His wrath

According to the Principle, if God in His wrath devastated the earth (along with a number of other supernatural cataclysmic actions) as envisioned by some millenarians, this would either mean that God had given up His plan for the reconciliation of mankind or that He had made a bad mistake in the first place. For Divine Principle neither option is viable.

Then how shall we interpret apocalyptic material? The Principle would agree with Professor William G. Doty of Rutgers University, for example, who has pointed out that apocalyptic writing "...is largely figurative language, richly textured with the language forms of symbols, images and metaphors" (Contemporary New Testament Interpretation).

The prophecy in Revelation 21 of "a new heaven and a new earth" is a case in point. Exiled on the Mediterranean island of Patmos, the author of this fascinating and much-discussed book writes of his vision:

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away." (Rev. 21:1).

A new kind of world

For Divine Principle, this passage may be best understood as referring to the transformation of the earth as we know it, with all its hatreds and wars and sufferings, into a new king of world characterized by justice, peace and well-being. Only in such a fash-

ion will the "first earth" pass away. Since God's Kingdom is to be eternal, and the earth is the place where He will establish His Kingdom, then the earth must be eternal also.

Similar to this famous passage from Revelation, the second Letter of Peter also suggests the demise of our world. In writing of the second coming day of the Lord, II Peter 3:12 warns us that "the heavens will be kindled and dissolved and the elements will melt with fire!"

Again, we must avoid a literal interpretation of such a dismal forecast for God's creation. For God to permit such an event would be a negation of His original purpose in creating humankind. As a parent, He seeks to have His children dwell in love and happiness on earth.

In addition, as we have mentioned, such dire forecasts contradict other Biblical insights, such as the Book of Ecclesiastes' promise that: "a generation come, and a generation goes, but the earth remains forever" (Eccles. 1:4).

Judgment by fire

In all probability the fire referred to in II Peter 3:12 indicates a type of judgment. In Luke 12:49, for example, Jesus exclaims that:

"I came to cast fire upon the earth, and would that it were already kindled!"

Jesus, of course was no arsonist. However, as the prophet Jeremiah suggested, the word of God has the same purifying effect as does fire (Jer. 23:39). Rather than igniting a literal fire, Jesus brought a purification which was symbolized by the image of a fire. This purification took place not by fire but by the Divine Word.

God's Word confronts people with their own corruption and their own limits. "How often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" asks Peter (Mt. 18:21). And Jesus replies not seven times, "but seventy times seven." In this encounter Peter's inner limits are exposed and challenged by Jesus' words. The Master's words both judge and purify the disciple. By the same token, the idea that in the Last Days the earth is to be consumed by fire suggests how it will be cleansed. The earth will be purified by the Truth of God.

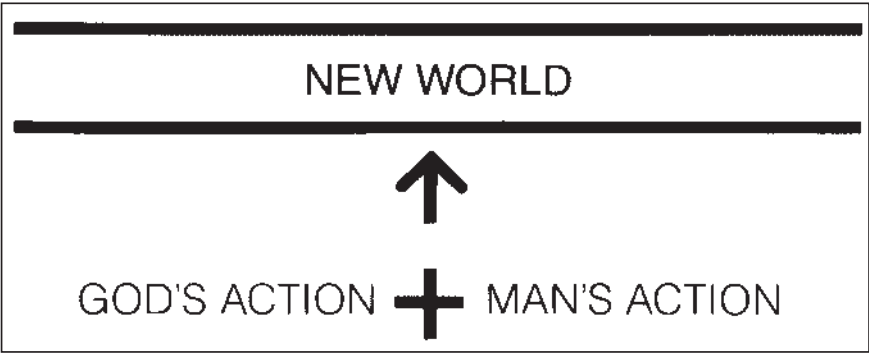
The Rapture

Another spectacular sounding and familiar prophecy is found in Paul's first Letter to the Thessalonians. Here the Apostle promises the faithful that they will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air:

"For the Lord himself will come down with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever."

While this statement has been

a source of hope for conservative believers the world over, we must see it in perspective. For one thing, Biblical scholars note that Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians is the first of all his letters and thus reflects only the thinking of his early public ministry. While we cannot see into the mind of Paul, it seems that at that point he him-self, with the great majority of the early Christian church, was anticipating the early return of Jesus in some supernatural way.



With the long delay in Jesus' return, Paul's thinking seems to have undergone an evolution, such that in later letters he no longer seems to wait Jesus' return on the clouds. In Philippians 1:21-23, for example, Paul writes that he looks forward to his own death, for it is through that event that he will finally meet Christ.

Apocalyptically Misled

From another point of view also we may be doubtful of taking the Thessalonians passage literally. Regardless of the intellectual development of Paul, in light of the Principle, which emphasizes that God's ideal is to be realized on earth, not in the skies, we must regard his early Thessalonians statement as figurative on the face of it. In the Bible "heaven" usually refers to the holy and exalted real under the sovereignty of good, while "earth" other refers to the unholy or sinful realm dominated by evil.

The phrase "Our Father, who are in heaven", for example, does not primarily mean that God is located in the sky, but rather refers to the holy and exalted realm of God's existence. Thus to "meet the Lord in the air" should not be understood as referring to the

physical elevation of Christians to meet Christ in the sky; perhaps rather it can be best seen as referring to the development of inner spiritual qualities such that Jesus' followers are elevated to become one with Christ inwardly.

Through the leaders of Israel had been faithful to God, as they understood him, and eagerly awaited the Messiah, they were unable to accept Jesus when he came. In his common humanity, he did not conform to their own extravagant preconceptions. How can faithful, spiritually conscious people today be sure that they also, like the ancient Jews, will not fail to recognized God's new dispensation when it arrives? Perhaps it too will arrive in a wholly different manner than expected.

The danger of this happening is increased greatly by the character of the language in much of the apocalyptic material in the Bible. Apocalyptic material by its very nature is difficult to understand, so that a variety of interpretations, many of them bizarre, are possible. Failure to take a proper approach to it can result in a narrow-minded blindness and even a tragic rejection of God's continuing revelation to man. One must be open, then, to new understanding.

In summarizing its view of apocalyptic, Divine Principle would support the view of Germany's Professor Jürgen Moltmann, well-known as the architect of the "theology of hope". Moltmann stressed that the world should not be viewed as the waiting room of the soul's journey to heaven but rather as a battleground for freedom and the arena for creativity. Both Moltmann and Divine Principle would agree with a remark by Walter Rauschenbusch, the Baptist father of the Social Gospel:

"Ascetic Christianity called the world evil and left it. Humanity is waiting for a revolutionary Christianity which will call the world evil and change it."

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Children are from Heaven

Once in a blue moon a book comes along so helpful that you want to tell the whole world about it. *Children Are From Heaven* by John Gray is just such a book.

Many of us have benefited from John Gray's previous books beginning with *Men are From Mars and Women are From Venus*. His viewpoint that men and women are very different kinds of beings is not news to Unificationists, but is a controversial idea for Westerners in the thralls of unisex philosophies. Still, his detailed explanations of those differences and his practical suggestions on how to understand and harmonize them helped many of our marriages.

I don't pay attention to writers on child raising who have not successfully raised their own kids. John Gray spent many years researching child raising philosophies and then applying them and their techniques on his own kids. He also counseled other families and could learn from them what worked and what did not. I myself have spent the last 6 months applying his ideas with excellent and heart warming results.

Revolutionary is an overused term yet Mr. Gray's ideas on child raising border on it. He makes a convincing case for moving from traditional child raising based on fear, punishment and guilt to what he calls "love-based" child rearing.

He simply states that children today are "more evolved spiritually". Therefore those old tried and true traditional methods won't work anymore and end up creating negative results.

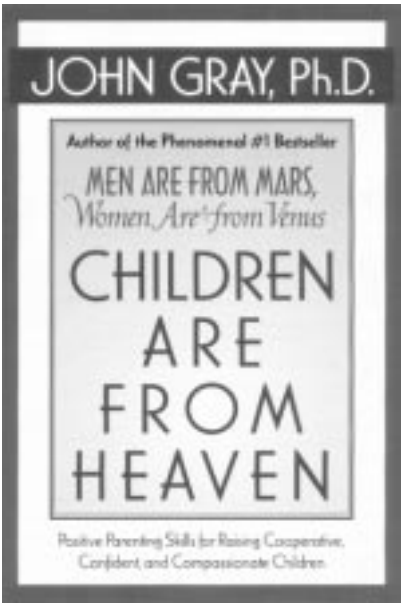
I, for one, have certainly found this to be true. My experience has been that

the traditional child raising methods my parents successfully used with myself and my 6 siblings many years ago, decidedly do not work for our children today. One by one, my husband and I have let them go. Yet I was frustrated because I didn't have a whole lot to replace them. I felt we needed to do so much better as parents. I read lots of books and talked to lots of parents- but nothing extraordinary came up until now.

Gray's parenting goals are to create cooperative, confident and compassionate children. He argues that cooperative children are preferable to obedient children because child rearing ways that instill obedience do so at the cost of losing the heartistic relationship with the child. We drive our children away and



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close their hearts to us.

Younger children will submit and go along. But when adolescence comes and those parent-child bonds are so important, trouble begins.

Keeping and developing a heartistic relationship with your children through the teen years for me is of paramount importance and Gray's methods support the heartistic relationship as the number one priority.

At first glance, his 5 rules for positive parenting don't seem too earth-shaking. But the accompanying techniques he offers for dealing with misbehaving, disrespectful and disobedient children and adolescents are fantastic. The techniques enable a parent to be peaceful and kind yet ever so firm when the going gets rough. Say "good-bye" to scolding, lectures, threats of punishments and punishments. Those are things I was more than happy to let go of!

More importantly, he also shows ways to create relationships with your children so that you have fewer crisis times and less misbehavior in general. Over and over again he emphasizes that children are

"hardwired" to please their parents. But we need to parent in a way that children's natural desire to please us can go into action. Often, our ignorant parenting sadly thwarts a child's God-given desire to please us.

He also emphasizes that children are self-correcting: they learn foremost from our example. That places a lot of responsibility on us, as parents, to behave maturely. Rightly so. If parents provide a good example and use love-based techniques, children will self-correct their behavior. Miserable (for both parents and children) lectures, scoldings and threats are not needed.

Unificationists will be especially pleased with Gray's strong sense of family hierarchy. One of his most important principles is that children of all ages need to know that parents are the bosses and in control. He details why child raising theories in which parents share their feelings with their kids are too horizontal; they undermine the parent-child bond and interfere in a child's development.

Our mistakes in parenting tend to bear fruit in adolescence and we may not even be aware of them until then. If your children are still young you need this book - how I wish I had it 15 years ago. It would have taken a lot of stress out of our parenting. If you already have teenagers- this is also the book for you. You can begin tomorrow to create relationships in which you keep your position as the boss but there is a loving and open give and take.

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rice and soup, that is.

Out they went again, this time to the streets, parks, homes, colleges, high schools, anywhere they could think of. They spent all day inviting people to their evening meetings.

In the late afternoon, they gathered in several places to street preach. In other words, they stood on the street and took turns giving speeches through a loudspeaker, while others passed out leaflets. Sometimes, people stopped and listened. Sometimes, they shouted, "Sheku rowo" ("Too noisy!" Which really means "shut up.")

As evening approached, it was time to return to the church for evening rice and then lectures. Some nights, only two or three new people showed up for

the lectures. But sometimes, 100 or more came. Over all, many new people joined, and the revival was a great success.

Six-Month Traveling Revivals

By September, 45 new members, mostly college students, were chosen for a special mission. First, they had to go through a training for ten days. They listened to lectures, they witnessed, and they learned to lecture. On the last day of training, Father spoke to them.

"I am 45 years old now," he said. "There is one of you for each year of my life. Therefore, representing me, I want you to go up and down the roads and paths of Korea and teach the Divine Principle wherever you go."

He divided them up into 15 teams, with three people on each team. "What I want you to do," he explained, "is to lead revival meetings for six months.

You will go with your leaflets and loudspeakers and spend six days in an area. Then you will go to the next area for six days, and so on. You will get back to each area three times during this period."

Six months! Looks like this would take them through the winter. Better get those quilted winter clothes out! Quickly, they prepared. Soon, they were on the roads fanning out from Seoul.

When they entered a town, the first thing they did was pray. Next, they looked for a place to hold meetings. Then, they walked all around the town with their loudspeaker. "Come to a meeting," they called. "Tonight there will be a special free meeting to explain God's new revelation. Come one. Come all." All day, they spoke and handed out leaflets.

In the evening, they went back to the meeting hall. Who would come? They never knew. Sometimes one; sometimes many. It was always a surprise.

They felt very responsible to teach Divine Principle to as many people as possible.

In October, Father and a few older members traveled around to all the provinces to visit the revivals. How surprised were the members when Father showed up, and it gave them new energy to continue. They felt, "We can do it! Yes, we can!" And out they went with their leaflets and loudspeakers.

It was hard work, especially in the cold, cold winter months when the winds swept down from Siberia. But they made their rounds and continued to preach and teach every day. Nothing could stop them.

Because of the six months of hard work by these 45 people, practically every soul in Korea heard about Tong-il Kyo-he (Unification Church), and many joined. It was like the bright new spring after the cold gray winter. ❖

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This month we're going to look at conflict, both within and between nations. Within nations, conflict is usually defined as crime, and is the concern of the police. Between nations it's called war, and is the domain of the military. This is the second in a series of four articles with a 'national' theme.

Some anthropologists date human self-awareness to the period when primitive hominids began to comprehend other people's awareness. The ability to grasp other's thoughts, and to anticipate their actions, proved a tremendous advantage. This didn't just deepen concern for others; in a fallen world, it allowed people to deceive one another with great effectiveness.

In primitive times, crime was personally avenged by the wronged party, or by their surviving relatives. In places like the Middle East such customs endure to this day.

In the modern world, rather than keeping a constant, armed guard over our property, we hire police to do it for us.

Our sense of justice has also matured. Societies pass many laws, and in a (mostly) just country like America, it is extraordinary indeed when it is found good to break those laws. We're fortunate to live in a basically decent society.

On the other hand, with the US tax code (and many other regulations) running into tens of thousands of pages, almost everyone is already, technically speaking, a criminal.

That's a great injustice, and it wasn't imposed by some jack-booted conqueror, but by hordes of mild mannered bureaucrats, diligently helping us in ever-broader ways, with assurance that it's for our own good.

In old Nazi Germany or Soviet Russia, and within various current dictatorships, good people will (and should!) routinely break the law. Referring to unjust laws, Thoreau called upon all people of conscience to do the same.

If the lawmakers are evil, good traditions are among the first things they'll attack. Such 'culture war' issues dot the American landscape. Fortunately the fighting remains peaceful, and within the system.

Gun laws are among the most contentious. Soon, police in many areas will be able to raid your home with a 'no knock warrant' if someone even hints that you might own an banned gun.

The gun controllers tell us "guns are more likely to kill your family and friends" than criminals. However, they include *rival gang members* in the category of 'acquaintances'—and if 18 or younger, they're also counted as 'children.'

In reality, for every innocent life lost to a gun, some 75 are spared by armed defense, even though the homeowner's gun is seldom actually fired.

Many people don't like guns, yet are canny enough not to put a sign in their front yard announcing it!

War

Ever since two rival tribes first went at each other with sticks and stones, war has shaped human history. Through

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the ages war has changed profoundly, and not just the weapons.

In Classical times battles always ended at dusk, when each army would retire to its own camp or city. Individual champions would square off, and the opposing soldiers would stop fighting, even doffing their armor to watch. The Bible, Homer, and other ancient sources describe this vividly.

During Europe's innumerable wars, soldiers would usually dress up, line up, and battle each other eye-to-eye. Napoleon's heavily armed 'square formations' decimated Egypt's Mamlukes and other unsuspecting rivals.

When rebellious American colonists adopted the native Indian's style of fighting from concealment, the British Red-coats complained bitterly that it wasn't fair.

In the Civil War hundreds of thousands were slaughtered, yet opposing forces would often call -and honor- truces, for many reasons. Brothers on opposite sides could meet, and sometimes, regiments would pause in the evening if one side had a particularly talented musician!

The World Wars, Korea, and Vietnam featured unending combat, launched from above and from festering mud-holes. The only breaks, if any, were for Christmas, or high level negotiations.

Nowadays, the African, Balkan, and many other battlefields feature teenagers -even small children- wielding machetes, AK47s, and RPGs, who get drunker (or otherwise more zonked) all day long, until they'll just shoot at anybody (or anything) in sight.

Without effective leadership, the USA has a horrible record in recent conflicts. If the reader doesn't mind salty language, Col. David Hackworth's books cover this subject well. He contrasts our expensive, gee-whiz gadgetry with a terrible lack of basic essentials such as hand weapons, good boots, and body armor.

He even raises the terrible specter of the USA getting into -and losing- another major conflict, and suggests many improvements. Primary is clearing out the back office, cushy-jobbed Perfumed Princes (the only publishable term he uses for them). He also gives Eisenhower's *original* quote, about the dangers of the incestuous, ossified Military Industrial Congressional Complex.

Strangely, war, or even its threat, has long been a force for national improvement. When the medieval Ottoman Turks confronted Europe, and the isolationist Japanese met Commodore Perry, they grasped that they must quickly modernize their armies, or perish.

To support that effort, their industries, and entire national infrastructures, also had to modernize. Their stratified cultures were uprooted as well, as rural peasants were urbanized as factory workers, and historic illiterates trained to be competent soldiers. (Read Francis Fukuyama's *The End of Histo-*

ry.)

The Future

Just about everyone dreams of an Ideal World, a happier society where the Army could just go home, and all the Police have to do is escort old ladies across the street.

People generally regard themselves as good, and they usually are pretty decent folks! Most news-making crimes are committed by a small class of violent 'super-criminals.' Keeping those men in prison has cut the



American crime rate dramatically.

However, even overlooking any spiritual aspects, crime is not about to go away. For example, the number of traffic tickets issued remains steady no matter how well or poorly motorists drive. If speeders slow down, broken tail lights get noticed. If red light running is quelled, idle cops round up jay-walkers. With a sharp eye on their coffers, the nation's City Fathers will 'adjust' such enforcement quite finely . . .

For the bad guys the story isn't all that different. America's prison population is growing steadily. Everyone wants killers and rapists off the street, but it must be noted that over half of today's prisoners are non-violent offenders. Most are 'in' on drug possession charges, but a few unfortunates managed to run over an endangered rat or something.

Prison guards have very influential unions, and get-tough politicians are always willing to make a few more things illegal. Some prisons even deny cooperative inmates a chance to learn an honest trade.

These are very controversial issues that beg for rational discussion.

On a larger level, the Principle expects, and good people everywhere hope, that the world will avoid further wars. Especially major ones.

Wise people must consider any threats. Small wars continue, and there are well-reasoned books titled *The Next War*, and *The Coming Conflict with China* (ditto *Japan*).

All societies need unity, but for some it's proved elusive.

A old friend of this author, an adventurous sportsman, has spent a lot of time in back-country China. He reports that China could easily break up into several nations; regions that already have their own overlords, languages, etc. He says their famous dissidents are no more united than the officials. It's said there are "1000 dissidents with 900 opinions."

While in Russia this author heard a new, popular saying, that "every village wants independence." It appears Chechnya isn't going to get theirs—and both side's brutal actions gained them little sympathy.

Indonesia is painfully letting East Timor go, and now Aceh and several other regions want out as well.

Conclusion

Don't be discouraged. The overall picture is bright!

Some three-quarters of the world's current inhabitants have never personally experienced war or severe unrest.

Almost everywhere, life expectancy, and the standard of living, are rising steadily. Science, medicine, and agriculture have stayed well ahead of any Malthusian disaster.

Commerce can foster a large degree of social harmony, otherwise impossible with isolated societies. All that remains is for the world to truly unite; legally as one nation, and culturally as one society.

However, no secular organization can fully accomplish this, though many have tried. No external entity can impose unity upon humanity's proud and disparate peoples.

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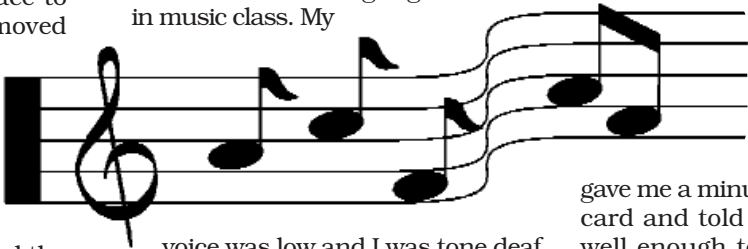
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ounds gory,” my husband said, when he first heard what I wanted to name my web site: Music As a Bloodstream. “Not at all,” I said. “Music is a life force: It’s restorative, sustaining, rejuvenating and replenishing.” (Sounds like one of those face creams with placenta for women, doesn’t it?) I’m grateful to have a place to testify about music which has moved and sustained me over the years, and in some cases even given me the will to live.

Before I knew if I believed in God or not, I believed in music. It was the most real thing I found in every day life to soar above the commonplace, the boring, and the sorrowful. Mrs. Murphy was my music teacher in kindergarten. I will never forget the day that she asked us to lay our heads on our desks and close our

eyes so we could listen to some classical music. She played Stravinsky’s “Firebird Suite” for us. I was thrilled. Forget “Old MacDonald”! She let our imaginations fly. I pictured the ghoulish little cartoon monsters from “Sleeping Beauty” running around a castle.

I couldn’t carry a tune then. I was always in a different key from everyone else when we sang together in music class. My



voice was low and I was tone deaf. There was a children’s choir in our elementary school and I desperately wanted to be in it. For two years Mrs. Murphy promised me that I could be in the choir “next year”. I think at the end of

second grade she told me that I could definitely be in the choir the following year. I wanted to stand with the other chosen ones, in a navy blue skirt and a white blouse, with gorgeous, mysterious tunes pouring from me too.

Mrs. Murphy retired that summer, and was replaced by Mrs. Wetzell. Mrs. Wetzell knew nothing of Mrs. Murphy’s promise to me that I could join the choir. She listened to my voice and gave me a minus in “pitch” on my report card and told me that I couldn’t sing well enough to be in the choir. I was heartbroken. I said, “But Mrs. Murphy promised.” Mrs. Wetzell was unmoved.

In the seventh grade I had a great music teacher named Mrs. Fleming. She was a trim, attractive redhead.



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Twice a week I attended Girl’s Glee Club. You didn’t have to try-out for it, you just

signed up. I was still a weak singer, but she was willing to work with me and stuck me in with the altos. I was positioned behind the stronger singers so I could follow along better. Mrs. Fleming stood at the piano, and pounded out the parts for us. She went over each part until we learned them. We sang show tunes, segments of Handel’s Messiah, such as “The Glory of the Lord”, folk music and other chorale pieces. When we really invested ourselves and paid attention, it was glorious. The music washed me from head to toe. Certain harmonic configurations connected somewhere in my emotion bank and I often cried. When the Girl’s Glee Club hour finished, we shuffled back
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nation. What would be the proper story line here? Following the family model, the parent nations would effectively rear the children nations until all nations achieved parental status. By then the original parent nations would, I suppose, graduate to grandparent nation status. And there the world would remain forever, because nations, unlike human beings, do not die.

Our Unification vision comprises more than this, fortunately. We envision the transcendence of separate nationalities. This is represented in our “Declaration Day of the Nation of

the Unified World” holy day. As I understand it, the “nation of the unified world” means that the world is unified into one nation. Within that one nation, it is well known, humankind will merge into one race, the “love race” as True Parents put it. Thus, the parent nation—children nation model is a transitional one.

Taking God’s Burden

I posit that heavenly socialism includes the free market in goods and services. Parents cannot micro-manage their children. By the time one’s children are school age, they are beginning to manage for themselves. It is a source of pride for parents, in fact, when the children step by step assume greater responsibility for their own welfare. In

the Unification ethos, the goal is for *the children to take complete responsibility* to an extent that far surpasses the Christian model.

In Christianity, God is uniquely responsible. Human activities operate for what purpose? For the purpose of glorifying God, ultimately. This is a noble ethic, to be sure. The Christian capitalist or merchant invests the gifts God has given him for the sake of serving others, thereby glorifying God. What takes Unificationism a step further is the notion that “I will comfort God,” that “God need not worry about me,” and that “I want to let God rest.” The child with this attitude has reached a greater degree of maturity than the child who simply takes the inheritance

and multiplies it to the glory of the God who really is in no need of our human efforts to glorify Him anyway.

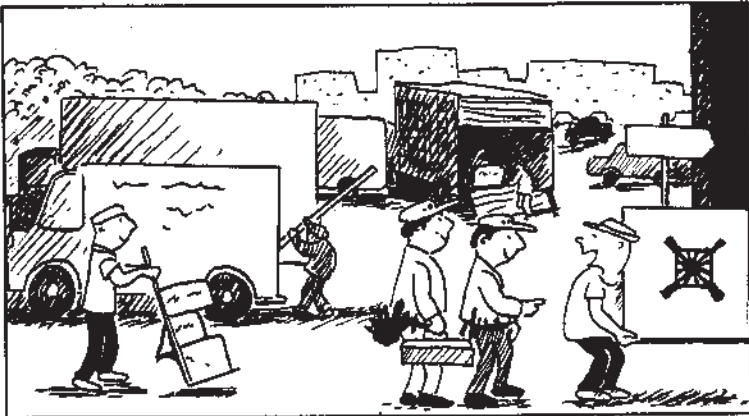
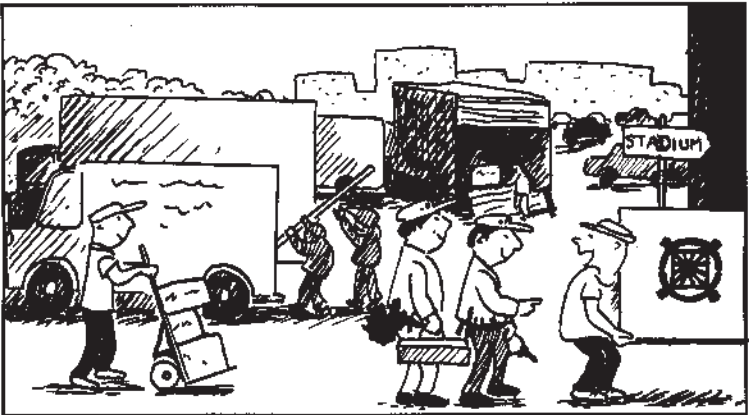
On the foundation of the ethic of taking God’s burden upon our shoulder stands another ethic, even more fundamental and revolutionary. That notion is that God’s real purpose is to share joy with us. God wants to experience ecstasy by our love. What is the significance of this? It is a major one.

Christian capitalists always felt guilty about pleasure. Pleasure was not part of their system. Work hard, bring forth fruits and give the glory to God. On the Sabbath day, honor God through worship, study and fellowship. What about the sensual side of life? It was a collateral benefit at best, for the most healthy of souls, but not a mainstream Christian category. In the midst of the entrepreneurial explosion of the industrial revolution in America, the churches had charts warning of the dangers of attending ice cream socials, the first step down the path to drunkenness, poverty, infidelity, divorce and the insane asylum.

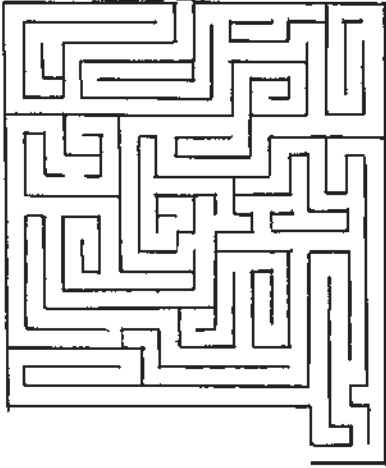
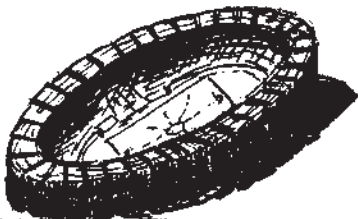
The Unification ethic, replete with the glorification of the sexual organs, presents to the world a new vision for spiritual and sensual health. Carried out fully, the “lower appetites” will be satisfied in God’s territory. One will not need to take refuge in Satan’s wild olive orchard in order to enjoy the pleasures of the flesh. Love will abound in its true, unadulterated form, straight from, as the Puritans put it, “the breasts of both testaments.” God’s pleasures make drugs or illicit sex pale by comparison, having the attraction, in Reverend Moon’s words, of three-day old beer. (I’ve always wondered if he was just imagining what three-day old beer would taste like, or whether he was speaking from personal experience. Neither would surprise me.)

Once the lower appetites are legitimized within God’s realm, the free market can truly flourish and wealth can abound. The right ordering of husband-wife love will provide the foundation to sustain the right ordering of the generations, insuring transmission of the traditions of true love. I think that if one were to take some time to unpack those traditions, one would uncover the full meaning of heavenly socialism. ❖

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Last month I discussed the priority of parental love over brother-sister love. I noted that the free market is an example of brother-sister love. I asked, if the free market is an out-playing of brother-sister love, then what would be the economic system that out-plays from parental love? Divine Principle calls it “heavenly socialism,” and “the democratization of economy.” This month I want to explore this topic.

Free Market Theory

Adam Smith considered the free market to be the theater of God’s activity in the world. The free market was part of the transition from monarchism to democracy. This marked the liberation of the world from monarchy rooted in false love. Beneath the wings of monarchs, the hurried busy-ness of the bourgeoisie—the shopkeepers, craftsmen, engineers, merchants and promoters—built the modern world. The modern world is the world of brother-sister love, as True Father says, it is the world of the market. Democracy is the liberation of the people from monarchy in the political sphere. The free market, then, *is* liberation from feudalism, the democratization of economy. Dollars act as votes.

Heavenly socialism, it seems to me, whatever it might be, is not a democratization. And yet the *Divine Principle* calls it a democratization of the economy, referring, I suppose, not to the principle of “no taxation without representation” but rather to the equality of status that it is supposed to create.

In earlier articles I have rehearsed the well-known criticism of democracy, namely, that democratic societies tend to cater to the lowest appetites of humankind. This criticism points out that gradually a democracy will fall prey to men of cunning, handsome men whose words are sweet, who offer people blessings without cost. Honest men, the criticism concludes, will gradually be pushed out of politics, replaced by scoundrels.

There is a corollary in the economic sphere. Democratization of the market, in which consumers cast votes in the form of dollars, tends to lead to the production of goods and services that cater to the lowest of human appetites. This is proven by the flood of pornography on the internet. Pornographers pioneered the e-commerce. It is proven by the steady degradation of television fare and movies. There is no longer much difference in values between the major media and a graffiti-covered wall.

Adam Smith was aware of the likelihood, even inevitability, of this coming about in a free market system. Thus he taught that freedom of the market or any other freedom is advisable only in a strongly religious society. The religion, he and his culture believed, could be only Protestantism, which inculcates the necessary virtues of self-discipline, prudence, thrift, familial and civic responsibility,

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patriotism and so forth. It would not work in a Catholic society because Catholicism keeps the people in a child-like servitude to the priests under which they cannot develop requisite self-reliance.

Liberalism Versus Self-Reliance

This view maintained at least until the mid-nineteenth century in America, when the people rejected the opportunity to take dominion over Mexico because of the prejudice that the Catholic peoples of another race would not be able to assume the responsibilities necessary for a free society to succeed. Even education, the northerners feared, would not avail.

We now see that the question of responsibility necessary for a free society to prevail is being raised to people of all races and religions in America. The distasteful thing about welfare-liberalism is that it carries on this elitist tradition. Welfare liberalism contains a deceitful, hidden assumption that the people are unable to take care of their own business, i.e. that the people cannot be given freedom because they cannot take responsibility for it. Hence, the liberals believe, an educated elite must make the rules, enforce



the regulations, prohibit the second-hand smoke, confiscate the guns, determine the curricula, prescribe the drugs and eventually design the genes for the us beneficiaries of their inside the belt-way brilliance. Such patriarchalism and matriarchalism for the cause of false love is the pits.

Ironically, in form it is not dissimilar from true parentism. A discussion I had with Mr. Tony Devine concerning educational methodology is pertinent to this. Liberals in America want to inculcate character virtues, such as cooperation, tolerance of diversity, self-esteem and discovering the beauty of one’s uniqueness, including one’s sexual proclivities at age six. Conservatives see this all as a crock, turning out high school graduates who lack the most basic skills. They demand that schools get back



to the 3Rs of reading, ‘riting and ‘rithmetic.

I find myself sympathetic with the conservatives. However, it is not because I disagree with the idea of inculcating values. I rather disagree with the selection of values my children are receiving. If the education were in the values that I uphold, I would have a dif-

ferent viewpoint on the matter. I WANT my kids to inherit the values of filial piety, fidelity, continence, self-discipline, thrift—all those Protestant virtues, and a few Catholic and Confucian ones to boot.

True Versus False Parentism

How does this relate to the topic of heavenly socialism? Well, let’s look at the economy of a family. The parents provide the goods and services, more or less free of charge to the children. At the same time, the parents strive to inculcate the virtue of sharing in the children. To share means that you give the better portion to your sibling. You let your sibling play with your toys as much as they want to. You are not acquisitive, greedy, selfish and grasping. When children behave in this way, the playground is harmonious.

To this extent, the family is socialistic. By socialistic, I refer to the simple principle, “from each according to his means, to each according to his need.” In an ideal socialistic state, however, an intrusive “big-brother” government is not necessary because all people have an innate sense for what their brother needs, and a perfect faith in the rightness of giving.

As children mature, they have more freedom to own things. Parents give allowances. They are happy when their children spend their allowance to give gifts to others. They are happy when their children save their allowance in order to buy an expensive item. Finally the children grow up, marry and have their own children. The skills of responsible ownership they have learned while growing up should serve them well in assuming the responsibility of parents.

It has not been easy to apply this model to society as a whole. That is because nations have not acted as true parents to their citizens nor other nations and allowed them to “grow up.” In the 17th through 19th centuries, the European nations self-consciously took the parental position to the peoples of Africa, India, Australia and the rest of the world. They took on what Kipling referred to as “the white man’s burden.” But it took hundreds of years for the parenting nations to allow their children to become parents themselves. These nations of Europe, and the United States, in some ways exploited their children and kept them in a childlike status. While bestowing benefits, they robbed the colonial people of an essential dignity.

Taking this theory a step further, let us imagine that there were nations that were true parent nations. The rest of the world would be their children, beginning with an elder son see **SOCIALISM** on page 24

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to class across the echoing scuffed linoleum, past lockers and concrete walls, and felt lifted in our hearts from the mundane to the heavens. One of the things which influenced me the most in joining the UC movement was the incredible song practice sessions prior to the lectures in Boonville.

A sister named Jennifer had great intuition as a song leader. The expression on her face, her guitar playing and her choice of songs contributed to a cleansing and spiritually uplifting experience in itself. Those days in the dust of the chicken palace are unforgettable to me. I cherish those memories as moments in time when I experienced the presence of God through music. My twelve year old son, Tymon, was

sick this week, and as he lay on the couch reading “Robin Hood”, he had the CD player going. Sometimes when I passed through the room he was singing along with the background vocals on an Eric Clapton CD. He could follow the tune quite precisely, and I was so pleased that he seems to have a musical ear.

I have long admired musical families who have passed down their interest and abilities to their kids. On Shawn Colvin’s CD, “Holiday Songs and Lullabies”, she has a little dedication thanking her parents for singing Christmas carols in four part harmony while they drove around in the car.

Even though I don’t play an instrument well, and have a limited voice, I am glad to share the love of music with my children. We bought two guitars last year in order to incorporate the accessibility of music into our home, and we plan to buy a keyboard or a piano in the coming year. I don’t know if one of our kids is an untapped Mozart,

but I sure want to provide the opportunity for creativity to flourish. At the very least, we can sing along with people who do sing and play well, and that’s fun in itself. One of the most famous verses in the Bible says, “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” Although it might be said that in some cases, one person’s music is another person’s noise. That’s why earplugs exist.

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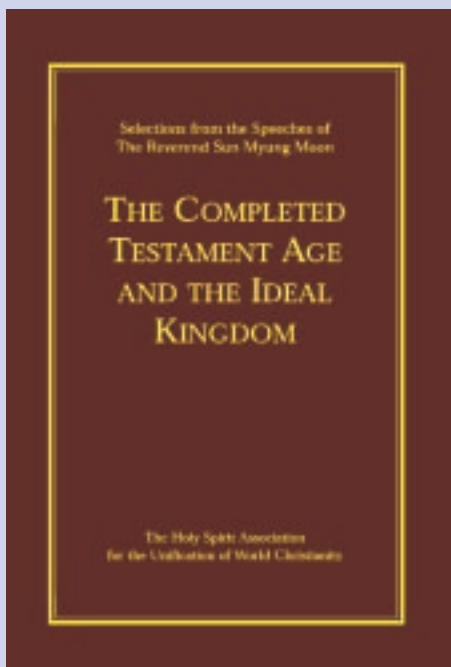
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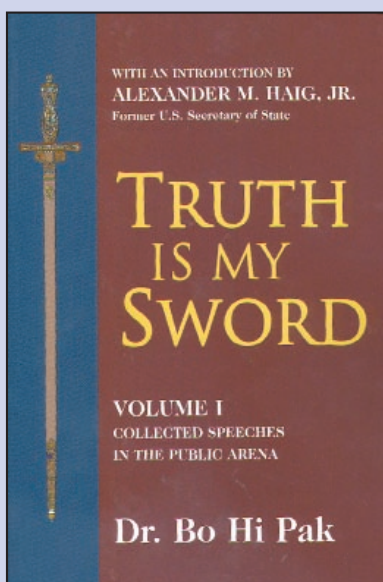
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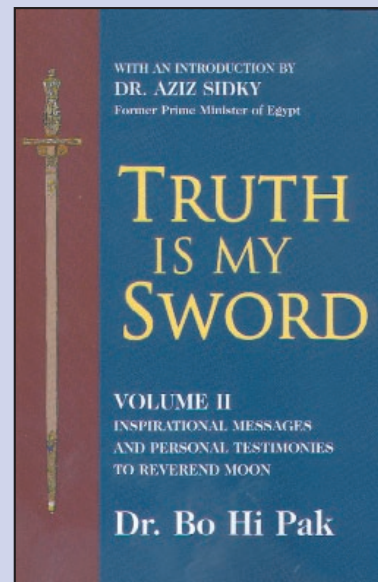
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