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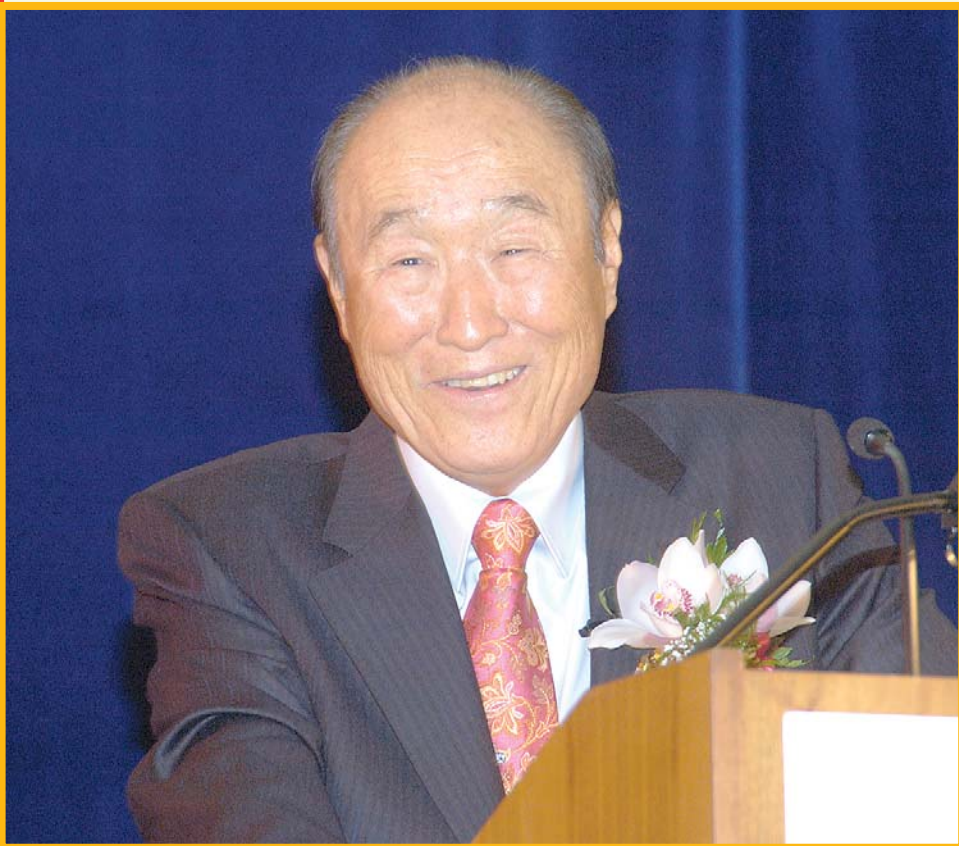
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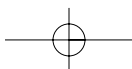
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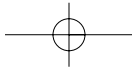


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God’s Providence to Establish the World
Based Upon the

by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

Respected leaders representing the religious, political, journalistic and academic spheres of America and the world, ladies and gentlemen.

A thousand emotions crowd my mind as I stand here today. Thirty-four years have passed since I first set foot on this land chosen by God. I came here to uphold God’s will to make America a foothold for world salvation by reviving Christianity and bringing reconciliation to all religions.

Some of you who are sitting here may remember the warning I proclaimed when I first arrived in America. I boldly declared to the American people, “If there is an illness in your home, do you not need a doctor from outside? If your home catches on fire, do you not need fire fighters? God sent me to America as a doctor to heal this wounded land. He sent me to America as a fire fighter because this house is on fire.”

In the early 1970s I called the two hundred and seventy million people of America to a great awakening. My “Day of Hope” speaking tour visited twenty-one major cities throughout the United States. I warned the people then that God was leaving America. I clearly stated that America would not have any hope if it did not end the racial strife between blacks and whites, reverse the moral degradation of its youth, stem the tide of self-centered individualism, resolve the problem of communism, and bring reconciliation among religions. The solutions to these problems could not be found in the federal government or in the schools. I called upon enlightened religious leaders to come

together, surmounting differences of religion and ethnicity, to combine their strength and address these issues. Now, thirty years later, what do we see in America.

Only God knows the sweat and tears I shed in America as I labored to establish world peace. You who are here today are the chosen fruit of that sweat and those tears. Yet, a thorny path still awaits this nation. I, Rev. Moon, am not an American. In accordance with God’s command, I have returned to Korea to lead His providence to restore my homeland to God. The future of this nation is now in the hands of conscientious leaders like you. Who else shall save your nation? Where else but among the people gathered here can we find a politician who would willingly sacrifice him or herself for the future of this nation, or a professor who would spend sleepless nights anguishing over its problems? You are the only ones who can do it. You must stand up now and become the locomotive that leads America’s two hundred and seventy million people.

In this regard, I would like to convey a portion of a new understanding given by heaven for this age, titled “God’s Providence to Establish the World Transcending Religions and Nations Based Upon the Absolute Values of True Love.” Please engrave this message in your hearts. Let its teachings give you direction and purpose in living for the sake of this nation and humankind. This message is not only for you and for the people of America; it is the new decree of heaven—the absolute, unavoidable truth—to be declared to all six billion people of the world and even throughout the spirit world.

What was God’s purpose in creating human beings? The omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent God did not want to live in solitude. He wished for counterparts whom He could love; these are human beings. He created the cosmos in stages to make an environment for human beings, and on that foundation, He created humankind to receive His absolute love.

God created us to be His children. God’s desire for us is unlimited: out of love He desires for human beings to become even better and greater than Himself. Don’t all parents wish for their children to surpass them? This is the tradition of parental love, with which God has blessed us.

God’s purpose of creation is to experience complete joy in seeing His children grow to maturity in a true family, marry under His blessing, and multiply true children who will build a true, ideal Heaven on earth in which to live eternally. They would be the fruits of God’s true love, true life and true lineage.

Does America today resemble God’s ideal of Heaven on earth? Can you Americans say that you possess God’s true love? I am here to teach you the path to becoming an owner of God’s true love.

We become owners of true love through practice. How do you practice true love? By giving first, by investing completely for your beloved, sacrificing and not remembering what you have given.

In the beginning, God practiced true love. Before God created human beings,

He first established the standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Then He invested Himself 100 percent. These are absolute values of love. Thus, God established the principle that any true relationship must be founded upon these true love’s absolute values.

You cannot become an owner of true love by yourself. You must be in relationship with a counterpart. Thus, a man and woman can never become parents without having children. And it is the parent-child relationship where we practice the absolute values of and become owners of parental love.

This principle also applies to God. In order for God to stand as the owner of absolute love, He needs human beings as His true children. He practices the values of absolute love as He relates with them as His object-partners of love. Ultimately, the relationship between God as the subject-partner and human beings as object-partners becomes absolute, creating the realm of unity and perfection.

This principle applies throughout the universe, but has been sadly misunderstood. Mistakenly, we have been taught that the strong always devour and exploit the weak. The theory of the survival of the fittest—the so-called “law of the jungle”—is rooted in the Hellenistic worldview. It is fundamentally wrong! Its proponents overlook the absolute values of living for the greater good that aim for the perfection of every creature, allowing all to be owners of love.

The owner of love lives for the sake of

N O V E M B E R

Ahn Shi Il • 5th, 13th, 21st, 29th

- 3 Daemo-nim’s Ascension (1989)
- 6 Shin Pal Nim’s Birthday (9/24/98)
- 12 True Children’s Day (10/1/60)
- 14 International Christian Students Association Established (1981)
- 15 Shin Sun Nim’s Birthday (10/4/90)
- 17 Shin Hoon Nim’s Birthday (10/6/94)
- 23 Tiempos Del Mundo Established (1996)
- 25 Shin Chool Nim’s Birthday (10/14/99)
- 27 Sun Hwa Academy purchased (2002)
- 28 Hye Shin Nim’s Birthday (1963)
- 29 Jin Whi Nim’s Birthday (10/18/63)
- Shin Young Nim’s Birthday (10/18/86)
- 3.6 Million Couples’ & 36 Million Couples’ Blessing (1997)

D E C E M B E R

Ahn Shi Il • 7th, 15th, 23rd, 31st

- 1 Declaration of the Opening of the Gate for the Blessing of the Spiritual World (1997)
- 4 Heung Jin Nim’s Birthday (10/23/66)
- Opening of Columbia Road Church (1977)
- 7 Supra-denominational Christian Association Established (1966)

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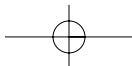
- 17 Yeon Ah Nim’s Birthday (11/6/78)
- 18 Summit Council for World Peace Inaugurated (1981)
- 22 Shin Pyung Nim’s Birthday (11/11/96)
- 35 Previously Married Couples’ Blessing (1976)

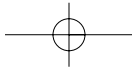
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Ahn Shi Il • 8th, 16th, 24th

- 1 True God’s Day (1968)
- Yun Ah Nim’s Birthday (11/21/?)
- Sekkai Nippo Established (1975)
- 2 Day of Victory of Love (1984)
- Heung Jin Nim’s Ascension (1984)
- 3 Un Jin Nim’s Birthday (11/23/67)
- 10 Kook Jin Nim & Soon Ju Nim’s Blessing (1989)
- 11 Shin Choon Nim’s Birthday (12/2/90)
- 72 Couples of the Second Generation Blessing (1989)
- 12 Hyo Jin Nim’s Birthday (12/3/62)
- 1275 Couples’ Blessing (1989)
- 13 Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God (2001)
- International Federation Victory Over Communism (1968)
- 20 Ye Jin Nim’s Birthday (12/11/60)
- 27 WCSF Blessing Ceremony (2001)
- 28 Shin Yul Nim’s Birthday (12/19/92)

Due to the manner in which the lunar calendar corresponds with the solar calendar, Un Jin Nim’s and Yun Ah Nim’s birthdays are celebrated twice in 2005. If there are discrepancies, please feel free to contact me. A lot of work and effort goes into this calendar’s creation (annually for the past ten years)-including learning Japanese to be able to read an accurate lunar-solar calendar source, and gaining an understanding of the workings of the lunar calendar—Kathryn Coman [KathrynComan@worldnet.att.net]





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Transcending Religions and Nations Absolute Values of True Love

his or her counterpart, investing true love and forgetting ever having invested. The counterpart responds to that investment of love with complete submission. If true love were excluded from this equation, only the concept of struggle would remain. But God's principle of creating does not base existence and development upon exploitation. Rather, He creates through a mutual process of giving and receiving, as the partners unite within a greater harmony rooted in love's absolute values.

Sometimes an entity is sacrificed for the sake of a greater good, but we should not interpret this as moral evil. It is an investment for the sake of mutual development. Is it evil for an individual to sacrifice for his or her family? Is it evil for a family to sacrifice for the nation, or a nation for the world? No, these noble acts display love's absolute values. They are the way to fully realize true love.

Selfish Individualism Is Satan's Last Gasp

An owner of true love strives, first of all, to lift up his or her object-partner as an owner of true love. Therefore, we must completely rid ourselves of the individualistic mind-set and the self-centered behavior that flows from it. This is the root of fallen nature and the cause of evil. This applies to an individual's self-centered behavior and to collective selfish behavior of communities and nations.

Selfish individualism is in direct contradiction to the spirit that blossoms when we live by true love's absolute values. Instead of sacrificing and giving for the sake of others, self-centeredness calls others to sacrifice for me. This leads us to be concerned first with our own interests.

Through the Fall, Satan diabolically injected self-centeredness into the mind-body relationship. He planted this poison mushroom in the human heart. Although the embrace of self-centeredness may lead to a beautiful appearance, worldly fame and earthly comfort, it is a trap. Enter it recklessly, and it leads to addiction and a life of suffering that is difficult to escape.

Consider your physical body. All the elements of your body were already present in your parents' sperm and ovum. You were born from the love of your parents; 99.999 percent of the body came from your mother's bone, blood and flesh. Your father's sperm provided the other 0.001 percent. You must acknowledge the fact that your entire body is an extension of your mother. No one is an exception to this. In this respect, there is nothing that we can call our own, nothing that can justify self-centered individualism.

Everything exists in relation to its complement. When we say "front," it presupposes a "back." Top is meaningful only in relation to bottom. Left is a precondition for right. By the same logic, masculine presupposes the existence of feminine. The moral lesson is that men are born for the sake of women, and women are born for the sake of men. Without men, there is no need for women. In the same way, without women, men cannot claim any value to their existence.

In the end, nothing is born for its own sake. All beings exist and act for the sake of a partner. This means that God created all things to move toward the ideal of His Kingdom through the operation of mutual relationships.

Consider a human being's five senses. Do your eyes exist to gaze at themselves? No. Our eyes, nose, ears, mouth and hands were created to sense others. What force energizes our five senses to sustain our life and maintain our activities? It is the force that exalts the values of true love. Our five senses are nothing but essential tools that exist in order to practice true love.

Nothing comes into being for its own sake. A life for the sake of others, giving and sacrificing through love and perfecting the ownership of love through willing submission, is a life aligned with God's ideal of creation.

Today I ask you to recognize that each of you was created for the sake of your partner. Know that the law of nature calls you to live for the sake of your partner. Practice this way of life, and you will come to embody the absolute values by which you can become an owner of true love.

When God created the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, in the Garden of Eden, He gave them sexual organs. Why did He do that? It was so that they could grow to maturity, marry, beget children without sin, and establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Thus were they to perfect God's ideal of creation. Adam and Eve should have accomplished this within their lifetime.

The problem was that Adam and Eve fell. They became people of false love, false life and false lineage. Instead of embodying and multiplying God's love, God's life and God's lineage, Adam and Eve received the satanic lineage. They fell into disgrace; and worse, they transmitted Satan's lineage to their children. They lost love's absolute values, and instead became beings of no value. Hence, God had to drive them out of the Garden of Eden.

Adam was supposed to have become God's body on earth. Eve was supposed to become not only Adam's bride but also God's bride. Instead, their minds and bodies were corrupted, they lost their ideals, and they turned into enemies. How grieved was God's heart as He viewed that tragic reality!

The Fall was Adam and Eve's grave. It robbed God of what belonged to Him. The Fall was the root of free sex and the origin of self-centered individualism.

Take a look around you. We see self-centered individualism of the worst kind. Everywhere people are over-consuming out of greed. Free sex is rampant among the young. Whether in the East or the West, people are casting aside the dignity and value of the family and pursuing physical pleasure. Millions fall into drug

addiction, contract deadly diseases and meet tragic ends.

The conscience does not desire a decadent and meaningless life. Even as we pursue paths of extreme individualism and bodily pleasure, our conscience raises an alarm. Every person has a God-given original mind that longs to live in a universe, nation, neighborhood and family wrapped in the loving embrace of parents and siblings.



Still, we continue to walk contrary to the original mind's desire, and eventually the conscience burns out. Faced with the inescapable conflict between the body's selfish desires and the conscience, we deaden the pain with escapist drugs and, in the extreme, resort to suicide. Our lives testify to the truth of the proverb, "you shall reap what you sow."

What seed did Adam and Eve sow in the Garden of Eden? They planted the seed of free sex, through an illicit sexual relationship. That is why it is written that after they fell they hid their lower parts. In the Last Days, the time of harvest, rampant free sex among young people will surely manifest throughout the world. Through promiscuity, Satan is carrying out his last campaign to deter anyone from returning to God. Satan's goal is to destroy humankind and perpetuate hell on earth.

When young children are caught stealing sweets, their natural reaction is to hide their hands or mouth. If Adam and Eve literally had eaten fruit from a literal tree, they would have hidden their hands or covered their mouths. So, I ask you: Why did they hide their lower parts? We cannot deny that the Human Fall was

caused by an illicit sexual relationship between the first human ancestors. God could not do anything in the face of the tragedy of the Fall, because it was connected to Adam and Eve's responsibility to create their lineage.

Dear guests, do you know the dividing line between Heaven and hell? Is it in the air? Is it in a church sanctuary? Is it in a national government? No, the dividing line between Heaven and hell is found in your sexual organ. This is where the greatest tragedy in human history occurred, which turned heaven and earth upside-down.

If you use your sexual organ recklessly, like a blind man, you will surely go to hell. On the other hand, if you use it in accordance with the standard of God's absolute love, you will go to heaven. Who can deny this? If you doubt it, I ask you to carefully read the Divine Principle, which contains the laws of heaven that were revealed to me. If that does not answer your doubts, please pray about it sincerely. I am sure that God will answer your prayer.

Hundreds of thousands of young people throughout the world who have accepted the teachings of the Reverend Moon have ceased engaging in free sex. The message of the pure love movement, which advocates "absolute sex," is now spreading like wildfire. While free sex is based upon false love and motivated by selfish desires that come from Satan, absolute sex is the expression of absolute love centered on God. Literature, films and the media have been highlighting and fanning the flames of free sex. Now, leaders of all spheres of life, including politicians, businessmen, writers, journalists and religious leaders, must stand as one to overturn the culture's obsession with free sex. This disease cripples individuals, families and nations.

We must bear in mind the importance of Adam's family, the ancestors of humanity. It was Adam's family that destroyed the path to true love and world peace. Yet Adam's family had the potential to establish the absolute values of true love and lay the cornerstone of world peace—if only they had maintained their pure love and received God's holy marriage blessing. The reason why 10 years ago I brought an end to the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity and raised instead the banner of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification is because the time had come to call people of all faiths to receive the holy blessing.

How can we transform this world of conflict and war into a world of harmony and unity? The only way is by practicing true love and establishing love's absolute values as a global ethic. These eternal, unchanging, unique and absolute values are the attributes of God, the owner of true love. We must inherit them as our

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own and live accordingly.

Dear guests, why is the family a good thing? A good family, overflowing with parental love, is the place where we can express our original freedom. It doesn't matter whether a family is rich or poor; if true love is at the core, their bond of heart is liberating. That family can liberate humankind and even liberate God.

Freedom cannot exist without true love. If you visit someone as a guest, you feel reserved and inhibited. This is because initially you may lack a deep bond of true love with that household. In other words, because your love does not spread in all directions, you feel awkward and shy. However, after you visit that home many times and your bond of love with that family grows, you lose your shyness and begin to relate freely.

In God's blueprint for the family, the parents embody the highest and greatest value. Parents are the initiators and the center of eternal true love. No bond is closer than the life-long relationship between parent and child. When a child is born, the first person it relates to is its mother. Mother and baby share indescribable joy. When the child is happy, the parents share that happiness.

When the child is sorrowful, the parents are the first to shed tears of sorrow. Thus God intends that parents be the beginning and the end of their children's joy.

For this reason, we have sympathy and compassion for children who have no parents.

A loving couple, husband and wife, is the second most valuable existence in the family. A true husband and wife give and receive love that is unconditional. As newly-weds, their love does not begin as absolute, eternal love. But as their relationship matures, their love should become an absolute bond, taking after God's attributes of absoluteness and eternity. Then their true love will bring happiness and joy to the family.

But even if a husband and wife enjoy the most ideal relationship, and it goes no further than the couple, it will not bring the absolute value of eternal happiness and joy. Therefore, couples need to have children. Imagine what would happen if all couples decided not to have children, saying that they would rather just enjoy their own happiness? Humankind would become extinct in one hundred years or less. When a husband and wife receive love from their children, they rise to the position of parents. Only then can they be called a true couple.

Therefore, in God's blueprint for the family, the third most important value is the true love of children for their parents. Children are to love and serve their parents with a bright and positive attitude, even as they seek to fulfill their goals and create a hopeful future for themselves. Their true love for their parents can become original love, adding pure and genuine value and expanding the family's field of happiness.

This is God's design for the family: It extends over three generations, completely endowed with the sacrificial love of parents for their children, the true love between husband and wife, and the true love of

children for their parents. Families anywhere in the world which manifest this pattern will become the paramount, ideal, true families.

What kind of person does the world call happy? What is the basis of happiness? Does power and authority bring happiness? Does having tremendous wealth bring happiness? Does happiness come from possessing a unique talent? Does happiness come by becoming a world-renowned scholar or gaining a coveted position? None of these guarantee happiness.

Nothing external can be the basis of eternal happiness. Sooner or later the happiness it brings will fade, stimulating anew the search for happiness. In the end, a person finds genuine happiness in

dom of Heaven. The parents are analogous to the leader of a nation; the children correspond to the citizens of a nation; and the family's house and property correspond to the land of that nation. When the values of true love in the original family apply to the governance and social life of the nation, that nation takes the form of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Thus, the starting point of the Kingdom of Heaven lies not in the individual or in the nation, but in the family. Once we enter heaven and are surrounded by our beloved family, we will not want to leave. Though we see each other hundreds and thousands of times, we will still want to see each other again and again. This is our original homeland, for which everyone shares a common longing.

Yet, heaven is not created in an instant.

Parent. As God's only begotten Son, Jesus had the mission to complete the providence of Heaven and end forever the struggle between the mind and body. But when Jesus died on the cross due to the failure of certain crucial religious and political leaders in Israel to recognize him, he was no longer in a position to bring an end to the struggle between mind and body. And even though Jesus took every opportunity to call on people to love their enemies, his teachings could not bring an end to the struggle between mind and body.

Heaven can wait no longer. Heaven is now revealing all its secrets based on my foundation of victory. I have successfully completed the mission of the Lord of the Second Advent, Savior and True Parent. Now I am revealing this truth, bringing

ing to a conclusion the final stage of the providence for humankind's salvation. The absolute values of true love that I am teaching you today will bring a revolution of character within humankind. Those who follow my teachings will achieve individual perfection and participate in the



a family that has loving parents, a couple bonded in true love, and children who are devoted and faithful to their parents.

Dear guests, what kind of place is heaven? According to the principle by which God created the universe, heaven must first be perfected on earth. Men and women were created to live their lives in heaven while on earth in their physical bodies. Then, when they naturally discard the flesh, they will make the transition to heaven in the spirit world where they will live for eternity. Our task, then, is to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Then what should the Kingdom of Heaven on earth look like? The answer is near at hand. The Kingdom of Heaven has the same form as God's design for the family. In an original family there are parents of the original standard, husband and wife of the original standard, children of the original standard, and siblings of the original standard.

If the members of a family unite in true love, they automatically create harmony and unity. In this way, true love, true life and true lineage are passed on through the generations. The grandparents convey the tradition of true love to the parents. The parents bequeath the same life of true love to their children. In their sibling relationships, the children take after their grandparents and parents by living for the sake of others and forming original relationships of true love.

When this happens, that family becomes a heavenly family. Such a family may be called an original family, a true family, a family that fulfills God's purpose and ideal. Unfortunately, if even one of these components is missing, it is impossible to create an original family that can be a unit of the heavenly kingdom.

In an original family, love for one's parents should be stronger than the love between husband and wife, and love for one's grandparents should be stronger than the love for one's parents. This sets up the tradition and ethics of true love.

The original family is the model of King-

dom of Heaven. Just because the age has changed and heavenly fortune is with us does not mean that heaven will fall from the sky and appear before our eyes. We first must become people of character who can create heavenly families. In other words, we must achieve individual maturity.

The path to becoming people of character, to achieving individual maturity, lies in perfecting the harmony and unity between our mind and body. Originally, we were created to live without any inner conflict. The mind is supposed to guide to the body, while the body acts in absolute obedience to the mind. Thus, mind and body were created to function in perfect harmony. However, all human beings have inherited fallen nature, as a result of the Fall of the first ancestors, Adam and Eve. Humankind has lived in suffering because of the unavoidable conflict between mind and body that has its roots in the Fall.

No one in history has ever achieved mind-body unity during his or her life on earth. Despite the steady progress of God's providence of restoration and His determination to save humanity, not a single person has been liberated from the struggle between the mind and body and achieved individual perfection. Although countless monks and hermits have followed the arduous path of asceticism, living in caves deep in the mountains and devoting their entire lives to meditation and prayer, not one has ever triumphed in that struggle.

The reason that even enlightened sages have been unable to stop the struggle between the mind and body is simple. No one has known the method to win the unrelenting, internal war. Self-discipline alone is not enough to win the victory. All such efforts are worthless unless one understands the providence of Heaven, receives the call, reaches the stage of completing the providence of restoration that God has guided for thousands of years, and gains victory in a position publicly recognized by heaven and earth.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus came to the earth as Savior, Messiah and True

construction of the ideal of Heaven on earth.

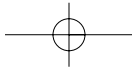
Dear guests, the only way to bring harmony and unity between mind and body is to live by the absolute values of true love. Live for the sake of others. Invest yourself with true love and forget what you have invested. Practice this, and you will perfect yourself as the owner of love. You will gain the authority of a subject in relating to others, and they will willingly submit to you in response. Unity of mind and body is impossible unless you live according to love's absolute values where you give yourself for the sake of others completely. Please discard self-centeredness. It is the root of fallen nature.

Ultimately, the realization of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth depends upon the existence of original, true families. Individuals who have achieved harmony and unity between the mind and body create such families. They will form a society, nation and world characterized by interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values, in which people live in harmony focused on the greater good.

Unity between mind and body means to live in absolute obedience to the voice of the conscience. The conscience is like the root of the mind. You must listen to your conscience that arises from within your mind, and be able to modify your course of action at any time, anywhere, while remaining as clear as crystal. This is a necessary condition for becoming a true parent, a true teacher, or a true leader.

No matter how strong the desire of the body, if you can intentionally place greater force behind your conscience in accordance with the teaching of the Principle, your body will follow your mind. If you cannot, you had better control your body through fasting and asceticism. If clear water continually flows into a muddy pond, eventually the pond will become clear.

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Dear guests, don't cause your conscience any more grief. Don't disobey its call. Disobeying the voice of your conscience only brings sorrow to your heart. It brings sorrow to your parents, to your teachers, and even to God.

Instead, cultivate a joyful mind. Although you may be lonely, and appear miserable in the eyes of the world, create an unbreakable bond with your mind and try to be your mind's best friend. Within the harmony and unity of your mind and body, you will discover a world where all of heaven and earth are spread out before your eyes. In the state of mind-body unity, your conscience and body enter a realm of resonance. Referring to this dimension of the mind, the Buddha said, "Throughout heaven and earth, I am my own lord."

Ask your mind if God is dwelling in you, and it will tell you. You will reach a state in harmony with nature, able to communicate freely with animals and plants. You will be able to converse freely with the beings of the spirit world. You will thoroughly prepare yourself for eternal life.

By attaining this unity of mind and body, and establishing the absolute values of true love in relating with your reciprocal partners, you participate in establishing the Peace Kingdom on the levels of the individual, family, nation and world. This is God's most earnest desire.

But in order to attain this state of perfection, as descendants of the Fall, we must first shed our fallen nature. How can we do this?

First, we must resemble God. When God created all the creatures in the universe, He practiced absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Didn't He believe and act in accordance with the absolute standard of the principle and according to the order of creation that He had established? He also planted within each of us the absolute standard of love.

In your lives, too, if you adhere to and practice these three major principles of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, your happiness will be guaranteed. Your good ancestors and even the great religious leaders in the heavenly world will assemble to guide your way. See what happens when you practice such an absolute standard of faith, love and obedience for the sake of your parents, your husband or wife, and your brothers and sisters. Heaven will protect you to the same absolute degree. There will be no room for selfish individualism or the pursuit of unprincipled pleasure.

The Three Revolutions

Second, although no fault of our own, we are descendants of the Fall and have inherited fallen nature from birth. Therefore, it is the urgent task of each of us to bring about three great revolutions in our individual lives. I refer to the revolution through making atonement, the revolution through making conscience, and the revolution of heart.

The revolution through making atonement means that you are to offer up everything. By this offering you can regain your internal and external rights of ownership, and establish a standard that transcends the realm where Satan has any claim.

First, you must carry out a revolution in your own lives by boldly shaking off all the old habits and ways of thinking that you acquired during the age when we lived under satanic rule, called The Age Before the Coming of Heaven. You need to make

that victorious foundation in order to practice the absolute standard of true love, which is the standard for our lives in The Age After the Coming of Heaven, and live eternally as God's true children.

In addition, you must go through a revolutionary course and give up all your property and your external rights of ownership to Heaven. Then, once you have cut off all ties to the satanic world and separated yourselves from Satan, you will inherit Heaven's blessings. That means to increase Heaven's wealth of sanctified assets such that Satan can never again claim ownership over them.

What is the revolution of conscience? It is an internal revolution that we carry out by practicing absolute obedience to the voice of our conscience. I am sure you cannot deny that within you there is still the unending struggle between the commands of your conscience, which pursues what is good, and the inclinations of your physical mind, which follows the desires of your physical body. To bring this shameful internal conflict to an end, we must have a clear understanding of the function of the conscience.

The conscience knows everything about you—your every move and your every thought. It knows them before your teacher does. It knows them before your parents do. It knows them before God does. What happens when you go against the commands of your conscience? You will be attacked by pangs of conscience. Dust gathers, grime builds up and wounds appear on your soul. These wounds can never be erased. They are fearful baggage that you carry with you when you go to the spirit world. Therefore, you must work in a revolutionary way to suppress your physical mind and accept the guidance of your conscience. Then you will become a clear, unblemished and clean soul, ready for the day that you make your way forward into the presence of God.

What is the revolution of heart? I have said that God created human beings as His children. What, then, is the connection that binds each of you to God? It is

lessness and grief. On the other hand, if you live for the sake of others, always constructive, always seeking to be the first to yield and the first to give, your heart will be tied to the heart of God eternally.

In sum, you must completely cut your ties with the false parent, receive the Holy Blessing from the True Parents, who have appeared in this world as the substantiations of the invisible God, and secure Heaven's true lineage.

Third, you must scrutinize your own lives every moment of every day. I am sure you all had experiences back when you were in school, looking at a problem on



a test paper and not being able to make up your mind whether a particular answer was right or wrong. The same is true with your lives. I am asking you, in the course of your daily lives and faced with innumerable different situations, to analyze and scrutinize each moment as to whether or not you are right or wrong. Grade yourselves, giving yourself an "O" if you are right, or an "X" if you are wrong.

Whenever you give yourself an "O," it means you met the situation in an affirmative and hopeful way. Most likely you set a vertical axis that extends up to heaven, and you lived as at high noon—without casting any shadow. Your life undoubtedly had such depth and breadth that you were able to forgive and embrace even your enemies in the spirit of true love. Whenever you give yourself an "X," however, it means that you acted shamefully. Possibly your heart was filled with negative elements such as insecurity, irrita-

and you can stand before all of creation having nothing to hide.

An "O" symbolizes harmony, unity and peace. "X" symbolizes death, while "O" symbolizes love and life. When your mind and body become completely one, you will take on the appearance of an "O," and when your mind and body are in a state of chaos as a result of conflict, your appearance will take on the shape of an "X."

Ladies and gentlemen, today humanity has entered the Age after the Coming of Heaven. The realm of true liberation and complete freedom stands before us. This is an unprecedented event in history and one that will never be repeated in the future. Shall we return gratitude and glory to God and True Parents for making this day possible?

Now the time has come for humanity to boldly break out of the fallen realm, covered as it is with falsehood and blood as a result of Adam and Eve's transgression. Let us all rise up with extraordinary determination in response to Heaven's call.

Please give careful thought to the reasons you are here today. Is it simply because you received an invitation from the

sponsors, and therefore you came to attend a banquet? Whether you desired it or not, you have been called by Heaven. Just as I suddenly received Heaven's call as a young man of fifteen and began an eighty-year course of blood, sweat and tears for the sake of bringing true liberation and complete freedom to God, and for the sake of saving humanity from Satan's yoke, so you also must now go forward determined to offer your lives in order to accomplish God's exalted will for the liberation and complete establishment of the world transcending religions and nations.

Ladies and gentlemen! Heavenly fortune is now shining upon this world, as the sun that rises powerfully in the eastern sky. The darkness that has covered this earth for tens of thousands of years has now been dispelled. The heavenly decree has already taken root in your hearts. It is the path—your destiny—that you cannot avoid. Be strong and rise up.



the love and heart between parent and child. If there is no communication of heart between parent and child, how can they maintain a relationship of love and respect? Yet human beings, having lived for thousands of years under the influence of the fallen realm, are still slaves in our hearts to false parents, false love, and false lineage. If we are to escape from this yoke, we must constantly live lives of true love, practicing forgiveness and always giving to others. Through this process, we are able to return to the realm of God's ownership based on heart.

If your heartstrings are still tied to selfish, individualistic inclinations, or are in pursuit of the vain glory of the satanic world, you will end up on a path of hope-

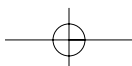
tion, bitterness, and envy. Maybe your mind and thoughts were narrow and intolerant, and you were selfish and individualistic to the point that you did not see what was happening to others around you.

I believe that your choice could not be clearer. Every moment of your lives should deserve an "O" grade. You should be like the letter "O," which is perfectly round and not out of shape in any way. You must come to have the form of an "O," which forms a 90-degree angle with the center no matter where it is placed. Please lead lives in which you pursue the true "O," so that you can look at the brightly burning sun and not be ashamed, you can face the vast and infinite universe with honor,

The time has come to truly experience the meaning of Jesus' teaching that whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever is willing to lose his life will find it. All of us without exception, including myself, are bound to go to the spirit world someday. I sincerely ask you to engrave tonight's message on your heart, that from this time forth you will live a life that will not leave you with any regrets.

The heavenly discourse that I have given tonight is my last message to God's chosen nation, America.

I pray that God's blessings be upon you, your family and this nation of America for all of eternity. ❖



WORLD PEACE AND UNIFICATION CENTERING ON THE

New York

by Rev. M. Jenkins

The first of the historic four-city speaking tour of our True Parents was a great success. True Parents expressed tremendous joy because the Ambassadors for Peace and religious leaders are standing firmly and resolutely on the path of True Parents. This gives them joy and comfort. We could see it this morning in Father's beautiful address and especially when he called True Mother to sing. (Many cried when Mother sang). True Parents are total victors, and now a movement is taking root not only in the Family Church but in all religions and peoples in America. This can never be reversed.

The prelude began with a powerful Korean Traditional Drum Dance. The moment the drums began powerfully and richly resonating, we could feel the excitement. Rev. Levy Daugherty, ACLC Secretary-General, embraced the leaders as they were coming in to the banquet, which was held at the Hilton Hotel in Rye, New York. He brought the audience together with the spirit of love and praise and then introduced Rev. Jenkins as the MC.

Rev. Jenkins emphasized that the world is now in turmoil, and since 9/11 we have seen so much anxiety. During this election season all are wondering where this nation and the world are going. Yet 34 years of Father Moon's love and investment for America has never wavered. Though he suffered greatly to bring God's message and was in many instances persecuted and rejected, he never stopped giving his whole heart to America with love. Why? Because America is God's chosen nation. Now once again he comes to embrace America and show the love that God has for this great nation. He is here now about to stand before us once again and give us clear direction. What is that direction? How should we carry out our responsibility? What about the election? Father Moon is a religious leader who prays for America and is calling on the nation's religious leaders to rise above divisive partisan politics and stand for family values. That is the Biblical model of marriage in the image of God. To save the nation, we must secure the family. Leaders who support and practice this message are the ones the nation should follow.

The banquet program was overflowing with Ambassadors for Peace and religious leaders who have walked the path of peace with our True Parents. Also of note was the fact that a distinguished group of UN ambassadors and diplomats, invited by Mrs. Karen Smith, came to hear this great message. They unanimously expressed their appreciation for the message of Father Moon and the spirit of the event. What one diplomat said that she particularly liked was Father Moon's statement that the way to peace must be informed by the inspired vision of religious leaders implemented through cooperative relations with the political leaders of this nation and the world.

Our nation is at a most serious moment in its history, and the world is hanging in the balance. Father Moon



now brings the message to set the direction and course to ensure America's blessing from God. Rev. Moon has once again set the condition to embrace and love America. His message is so inspiring and relevant for this time, yet his message is still the same that it was 34 years ago when he began this course in America. Father stated that God called him to America as a firefighter and that we must realize that this house is on fire! What is the most urgent issue? The breakdown of the family. If the family collapses, eventually the nation will collapse and lose its way.

To prepare for his message Father read the text five times the night before, staying up all night and then coming to Hoon Dok Hae. Once again, Father is pouring out his heart of incredible to America.

The key is that the religious leaders must unite and become the "conscience" of the nation. Starting with the individuals who have been touched by God we



must unite our mind and body with Absolute Faith, Absolute Love and Absolute Obedience. We must then be "blessed" by God so that we become "grafted" in to the true olive tree and receive the love from God. The speech emphasized that the path of history is one that leads us to reconciliation and love for all humanity through a revolution of indemnity, a revolution of conscience and a revolution of heart.

Father delivered the address after a program that was quite amazing in its variety of speakers expressing support. This "body" of Ambassadors for Peace is growing in understanding and "heart" towards God and His will for America and the world.

The Co-Chairman of ACLC for New York, Bishop Cecil Riley of the Freedom Hall Church of God in Brooklyn, is a powerful pastor who also heads one of New York's largest ministerial alliances. He gave a heartfelt invocation. In his prayer he thanked God for sending Rev. Moon to bring peace in the world and save the family.

A prayer of blessing of families we offered by my wife and me, after announcing that True Parents' direction for this nation at this crucial moment is that 2 million families should receive God's special blessing and pledge that they will have faith in God as the basis for the family and maintain fidelity within marriage. The Westrock choir touched and lifted



our hearts. Their spirit brought us all together.

Rev. Jesse Edwards spoke from the heart that the time for decision has now come: "The Lord has sent Father Moon to unify the body of Christ and bless the family. We must now decide; we must stand with him."

This evening began an historic journey with Father Moon that will take him, Archbishop Stallings and a number of key clergy and Ambassadors for Peace of the ACLC from coast to coast across America. Many of the clergy testified at the banquet following True Parents' address that they have come to firmly believe and understand that Father Moon is the Messiah that God has sent. He comes anointed by Jesus. Dr. Lonnie McLeod, a prominent professor in New York and pastor in Harlem,

explained how he knows without question that Rev. Moon is the Messiah of the age: because of the teaching that is given, the life of Rev. Moon, and the fruit that his work bears.

As an act of affirmation that Father and Mother Moon are the King and Queen of Peace, Archbishop de la Rosa and Deputy Mayor of West Orange, New Jersey, Dr. Zal Velez, affirmed the Crown of Peace for Father and Mother Moon, and presented it to Dr. and Mrs. Yang.

Dr. Yang addressed the audience as

the Chairman of IIFWP North America, emphasizing the absolute crisis that we face at this time. Yet, in this crisis there is hope: hope that America will hear the voice of God and turn to God to rebuild the family, restore the community, and renew the nation and the world.

Archbishop Stallings brought back the spirit and the feeling of the 50-state tour that Rev. Moon did in 2001. On that tour, Bishop Stallings traveled with Father Moon to many of the states to speak about a revolution of love between husband and wife: that only our partner should have the key to our love. ONLY ONE KEY should exist. NO SPARE KEY was the spirit of the 2001 tour. No infidelity in marriage is the most crucial requirement for the dwelling of God with our family.

It was on that tour that Father Moon told Bishop Stallings: "You are a good Catholic, but to teach and evangelize about the family you must have a wife and family!!!" During that time, Archbishop Stallings met his wife and Father Moon blessed them in marriage. (They have two sons--the living fruit of the teaching of God.)

Father asked the bishop to emphasize for America exactly what he emphasized for the United Nations: an Interreligious Council or Religious "Movement" must coalesce beyond the current two-party system to become the conscience not for one party or another but for the nation and the world. This is the only way that this nation can get out of the squabbling that divides the people. The people of faith must come together and no longer remain in the background. By being interreligious they will become balanced; they will be diverse, but all will remain grounded in the laws that govern the family: the law of fidelity and the law that Jesus called for in Matthew 19: 4-6, when he said, "what God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

The family is the cornerstone of the nation and the Kingdom of God. People of faith must transcend self-interest and boldly go forth to "claim" the family back for God.

Then, thanks to Rev. Phillip Schanker and Simon Kinney, an exciting video entitled the Crown of Peace reviewed True Parents' 34-year course in America. Witnessing this course brought many in the audience to tears. This is the spirit of this tour: many weep and feel deep gratitude as now--finally, after all of this time--the nation's religious, civic, community and women leaders are coming to understand Rev. Moon

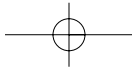
as the man God sent to heal the family and encourage America to be God's nation which can heal the world.

Now the work is bearing great fruit in the Middle East. Many are realizing that this might be

the last time they can hear his speech on a public tour. They cried as they once again felt that what Father teaches and practices are the very fundamentals of true faith: that we must sacrifice ourselves for the betterment of

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TRUE LOVE OF GOD NORTH AMERICAN SPEAKING TOUR

by Rev. M. Jenkins

The Washington event on World Peace and Unification Centering on the True Love of God was a beautiful night of hope and inspiration both for Washington and the world. On October 28, the ballroom of the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City was overflowing with diplomats, ambassadors from other countries to the U.S., and diverse religious leaders who had gathered to hear the Word of God. The spirit of this tour is directly connected to True Father's 34 years of sacrifice.

An ensemble called "Catalyst" performed for the prelude. This ensemble is composed of the Mehrdad Mizani family. Also Kiah Victoria (Aldrums daughter), who performed on the Broadway show the "Lion King" playing the role of "Nala," gave an incredible performance.

Rev. Arnold Howard of Enon Baptist Church, who received his degree at Howard Divinity School, offered the invocation. Then Yoshimi Kadota performed "The Lord's Prayer." Her performance was captivating.

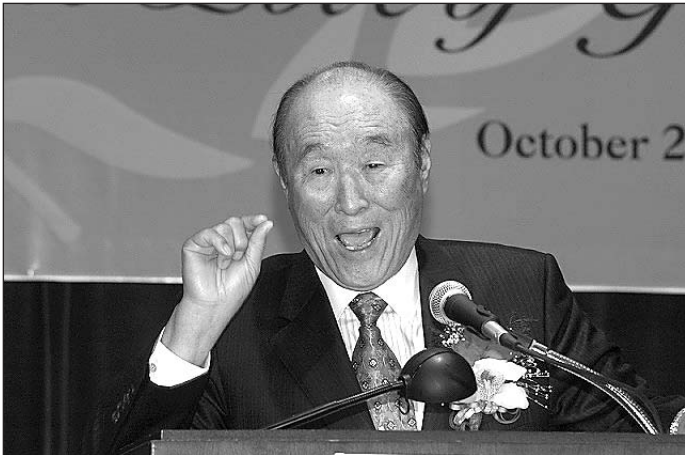
Rev. Jesse Edwards offered an inspirational message testifying to Father Moon as the one who overcame all suffering and persecution to fulfill the will of God. You could feel the Holy Spirit descend upon the audience as Rev. Edwards called for this nation to truly see the work that God is now doing through Father Moon. It is the work of the Messiah. It is the work that is unifying not only leaders of all races and denominations but also leaders of all faiths. I never imagined that one day I would not only be joining with Christian leaders but would also be going to Al Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem to join with Muslim leaders in prayers for peace in the Middle East.

Then the Rev. Dr. Walter Fauntroy, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, who was a member of the U.S. Congress for 20 years and noted a civil rights leader, came forward and affirmed True Parents as King and Queen of Peace. He said, "It's now time for the election; my vote is going to go for Jesus and Rev. Moon!!!" He went on to say that he was deeply moved by the fruits and the suffering life of Father Moon, a life that has been constantly lived for the sake of others. Also, he said, Rev. Moon is a leader with a plan that is God's plan and the resources and the commitment to carry it out. He concluded, "I am delighted and honored to call Father and Mother Moon the King and Queen of Peace." The Crowns of Peace were offered by Bishop C. Phillip Johnson of the New Prospect Family Life Praise and Worship Center in Washington, DC, and Amar Naph Gupta, the spiritual leader of the Hindu community in Washington. Dr. and Mrs. Yang received this on behalf of Father and Mother Moon.

Then came Bishop Stallings, who electrified the audience with a strong call to transcend the divisive politics of this age. He said that division and polar-

ization are not good for America and don't allow this nation to be all that it can be. God has called America to lead and heal the world. Therefore, a new movement that rises above the two parties should become a third power. An interreligious organization must be formed that will become the conscience of America that will guide this country towards God's ideal of the two-parent family. It was a powerful message, similar to the one in which Father Moon called for an interreligious council at the UN. In fact, with the Peace UN True Father is stating that God's plan for peace must include a body of religious leaders or people of faith who can light the path for peace through breaking down barriers. This path based on the unity of faith then can be implemented and administrated in cooperation with the elected officials.

Washington



True Father came on the stage after the Crown of Peace video. It was beautiful. The spirit of welcome in Washington was tremendous. Ambassadors, members of the clergy, and Ambassadors for Peace were there because they love Father Moon. They know him and they trust him.

The foundation in America is incredible. The faster we transfer that heart to the larger public the faster we will see

Father's life and mission embraced and understood.

Father was powerful in his speech. The full text was published in the Washington Times and will be published in every major paper in the country. The Word of God will go forth. The Bible says that when God casts the bread (word) upon the waters it shall not come back void. We could see that in Washington. For 34 years God was sowing His seed in America. What is the fruit of that? One very tangible expression is the 12 Christian leaders who are traveling with True Parents. These 12 believe that Jesus anointed Father Moon as the Second Coming, Messiah and Savior. They proudly stand when called upon. When we think back to the Clouds of Witnesses and the tribulation all leaders went through, it is not a simple thing to see these clergymen stand so clearly.

The exciting thing is that it is growing. In Washington, Rev. Arnold Howard and Rev. St. George Crosse have made that affirmation. The thousands of clergy associated with ACLC are now beginning to make that step in numbers. It is growing and expanding. This is amazing and it was this core group that became the basis for the victory in Israel. Rev. Jesse Edwards has been expanding the ACLC

ministry to the white clergy. Rev. Abernathy and Bishop Pugh went to Israel and now understand who Father Moon is. They know that Jesus is doing it.

Once Christians truly start to realize that Jesus was the one who called Father when he was 16, they will come as a landslide. We must prepare for that moment.

Father spoke his heart in Washington. He read his 50-minute address and added about an hour extemporaneously. This time he had Dr. Peter Kim translating over the radio while Father spoke freely on the stage. It was overwhelming.

Father talked about how serious this time is for America. He also talked about how the major media throughout the world do not communicate God's view and providence and many times skew the truth. He said that is why he created the Washington Times and owns UPI. The purpose is to tell the truth. He spoke of how important the news media are for the new world. He also shared with the 12 clergy who are in the front: "If you really understand who I am then you cannot sit still. You must go and change this nation."

Father is on fire. He is burning with the love of God to see God's peace kingdom emerge. He ended his speech sincerely asking everyone to follow the teaching of God. He asked with such sincerity and heart. He giving us his word on this historic speaking tour which he has said will be the last in America.

America is responding. The audience

was shouting and crying out affirmation. We will follow!!! We will, Rev. Moon. We will, Father Moon.

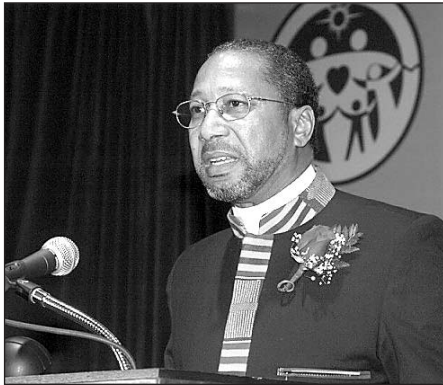
Father shared his heart with Washington because the Washington Family Church and the many

organizations represented there prepared well. The program was very smooth.

Flowers were presented by Bishop Steven Harris and his wife, Bishop Glovinia Harris. A trophy honoring True Parents' 34 years in America was given by Rev. Cleveland Sparrow of ACLC and Pastor Greg Thomas, whose ACLC youth basketball team won the International Championship at the Interreligious Youth

Sports Festival this past summer. The event concluded with the Crown of Peace Awards given to: Fawsia Etemadi; Rev. Byron Filus (ACLC Co-Convener in Florida); g (Hindu Spiritual Leader); Rev. Allen Herring; former State Senator Donzella James (Georgia); and Senator Florence Pendleton.

Washington did a great job. Congratulations!!! Thank you to Rev. Hong and Rev. McCarthy. ♦



WORLD PEACE AND UNIFICATION CENTERING ON THE

by Rev. Bruce Sutchar

The apostle James is famous for noting the critical relationship of the give and take between faith and deeds (James 2:17, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead"). And I believe that it is upon this rock that our 9th annual True Family Values Award Banquet proceeded forward. I have already mentioned in my article concerning the history of the banquet that our Bishop Ki Hoon Kim went forward in faith over 9 years ago when our banquet first began-and that he had the determination and the faith to invite our True Parents to serve as the keynote speakers on several occasions. However, after speaking 3 years in a row, Bishop Kim felt that Father and Mother would not attend our event in 2003. Bishop Kim, a true and filial son, was also concerned about our True Parents' health and even hesitated to ask them to fly all the way to Chicago to speak at the banquet.

But this is 2004 and Bishop Kim returned with a new vigor to proclaim that he truly felt that True Parents would attend this year's banquet. In fact, he was so determined that he fully prepared to invite True Parents as he traveled to East Garden to welcome them back to America in mid-October. Bishop Kim prepared an elaborate approach book, highlighting the history of the banquet, and we also published an historical report of the 9 banquets on our FFWP web page. We were able to secure the downtown Hyatt Hotel, held our initial organizing meetings, and were going forward at full throttle for the December 11th event.

However, I guess that Bishop Kim overdid it a bit, for Father got so inspired that he couldn't wait until December to come to Chicago. In fact, he told Bishop Kim that he wanted to come to Chicago 8 days later.

But what can we do? I mean, even when we call a hotel and ask them if they have an opening in December (2 full months away), the first question they usually ask us is, for what year? Nobody, I mean nobody, plans for a 1500 seat banquet as little as 2 months away. So now, we had to begin booking a hotel, not 8 months or 8 weeks ahead, but in 8 days.

But as the song says, "God prepares

the place, before we even arrive," (He loves that land before I come) and this too would prove true. For when our beloved and faithful brother David Rendel began to call the hotels, he found that the Marriott Hotel on no less than the Magnificent Mile in downtown Chicago was actually open on our chosen night.

I guess that angels thing must be real, for what happened is that the group that had booked the grand ballroom at the Marriott had "suddenly" decided to change their event from a dinner to a luncheon, and just as important, the newly renovated Presidential Suite was available for True Parents. I mean amazing! Or as the Rev. Jesse Edwards would say, "Let's give the Lord some praise!"

The one thing that I want to say about the next 8 days after Bishop Kim arrived back in Chicago was that Chicago was not about to cut any corners. Even though we now had 8 days and not 8 weeks to prepare for the banquet, we were still going forward full force, 100%, to prepare every detail perfectly.

So we called the proper government offices to obtain proclamations from the city, the county, the governor and the Congress. We prepared to have the very best musical offerings, and most important, we planned to fill the grand ballroom to overflow capacity.

Like a lightning flash, Friday, October 29th suddenly arrived.

A spring-like windy heat wave descended upon Chicago, and temperatures jumped into the 70s (I mean this is Chicago, Illinois in late October). Father's entourage arrived just before noon,

fresh from their program the night before in Washington, DC.

True Parents immediately gathered with Chicago's leadership. Dr. Yang reported on the Washington event, and then Bishop Kim reported to True Parents. Mother looked radiant and Father looked great as well. Father spoke only a few minutes at the meeting. His main point was that we must have a new determination. He said simply that the humble person, the one who is truly willing to live for the sake of the other, and the one who gets up at dawn every morning and prays for the world will be the person who will truly be elevated in their lifetime.

After lunch, Rev. Jenkins joined the 12 ACLC executive board members who are accompanying True Parents on this tour. They had just arrived in the hotel and were obviously still inspired from the previous evening's event. In particular, former Georgia State Senator Donzella James was still about 8 to 10 feet off the ground, having just received a beautiful "Crown of Peace" award the night before.

The ministers seemed very serious. They conveyed many thoughts and emotions about how they realize True Parents' seriousness to save this nation and save this world. And this seriousness would come out during the banquet-especially in the remarks of Rev. Jesse

Edwards and Archbishop George Augustus Stallings. Both of these men of the cloth implored the audience to realize the significance of the lives of our True Parents. Archbishop Stallings confessed



how True Parents had changed his life, his love and his lineage forever, and he went on further to challenge the audience and ask them, "What are you looking for? What are you waiting for? and What do you expect from a messiah?"

Rev. Daugherty prepared the atmosphere for the evening program, as only he can, combining music, heart, theology and inspiration. Mrs. Tokiko Richardson came all the way down from Detroit to treat us to her amazing vocal abilities, and Bishop Kim gave the official Chicago greeting. Then our own Rev. Michael Jenkins took charge, as only he can, and prepared the audience

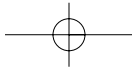
for what was about to come. Lutheran professor of theology Dr. Paul Swanson delivered a deep and moving invocation. Dr. Chang Shik Yang offered a brief history of True Parents' work in America. ACLC national co-convenor Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr., had asked if he could offer a musical tribute to our True Parents, and Pastor Barrett truly outdid himself. Through song, he was able to unite the entire audience and truly elevate the spirit in the room to a new height.

What followed was the nomination of our True Parents for a "crown of peace" award and then a brilliant video, narrated by the Rev. Phillip Schanker, detailing the life of our True Parents in America.

Now it was time for our True Parents. They came out together, and Mother took her seat at the center table in front of the podium, directly in front of True Father. I cannot tell you how long it took Father to deliver his speech. The official text was 15 pages long, but as

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TRUE LOVE OF GOD NORTH AMERICAN SPEAKING TOUR

by Rev. M. Jenkins

Rev. Ku, Rev. Henning and all Western block Regional and Vice Regional Directors, as well as all family members, are to be commended for the incredible success of Father's final speech in Los Angeles on Saturday, October 30.

The Los Angeles event was more diverse than any other city. Chinese, Hispanic, Japanese, Eastern European dignitaries and the leaders of communities representing every race were there as Ambassadors for Peace. We could feel from the moment we arrived that once again Rev. Ku's preparation was fantastic. He clearly reported to Father all the details when we arrived and had our first meeting with the leaders together with True Parents.

About 1,000 attended the event, mostly guests. Also in attendance were the 12 clergy who have been traveling with Father, joined by former state Senator Donzella James, whom True Parents love and respect very much. The clergy played a key role in every city, praying for and supporting Father and strongly testifying that he is the Second Coming. They represent Protestants and Catholics, blacks and whites, Hispanics and Asian. It was a beautiful, beautiful sight to see. Every night Father would have give and take with the clergy, especially with Archbishop George A. Stallings and Rev. Jesse Edwards.

He gave the clergy quite a hard time. He would say to them, "You clergy, how do you think God sees you? You think He is impressed? You have the responsibility to save America. Don't take this lightly." Then he said to them, "You clergy, why are your bellies so big? You've been eating well. Have you been concerned about others before yourselves? Any pastor who seeks only benefit from his church will decline. If you're seeking personal benefit by doing your work as a religious leader then you're only doing a job; you're not doing a mission."

Moved by Father's excitement and inspiration, the clergy would always respond, "Amen, Father Moon. Amen." On each occasion, they would be introduced and they would stand up, joined by local clergy and imams from the American Clergy Leadership Conference who would stand and say, "Yes, Father, you are the one. You are the one who is chosen."

Rev. Levy Daugherty did a tremendous job leading the 12 clergy across America. This journey also gave them an important personal experience of being with Father every day. Many of the clergy were completely shocked at Father's real lifestyle and schedule, speaking two or three hours late at night, then getting up at 4:30 a.m. for two hours of hoon dok hae, having a meeting at breakfast and more meetings during the day. The clergy realized that Father's life is incredible sacrifice. Many of the clergy were totally exhausted, but although exhausted they were inspired.

Father challenged them seriously, especially Archbishop Stallings. Father began to really give him a hard time, which is a sign that Father really loves him. Father is deeply inspired by Archbishop Stallings' message and

Los Angeles

testimony, which sincerely and humbly testified to Father's mission and work.

The Western block (regions 16-21) stretches from Washington state to New Mexico and from Colorado to California. Some members drove 20 hours to bring their guests to hear the word.

Rev. Daugherty began by welcoming

Yang gave the welcoming address, in which he emphasized the 34 years that Father spent in America, giving out everything he had, longing for this day when clergy, religious leaders and others would stand up and understand that they now have inherited the mission to bring the Kingdom of God through

America. He said, "Tonight we welcome, perhaps for the last time ever, one such teacher whom God sent to America 34 years ago. Rev. Moon is known throughout America but he is understood by almost no one. I've seen that his simple teaching, 'live for the sake of others,' is the essence of how he lives. We have witnessed Father and Mother Moon's love through 34 years of total investment for this nation, and testified that it was all love, all sacrifice and heartfelt responsibility because Father Moon believes and teaches that America is a nation prepared by God for the healing and salvation of humanity."

Rev. Edwards, chairman of the National Executive Committee of ACLC, came to the stage totally anointed and inspired. He laid the foundation for people to



everybody with great inspiration. He embraced the California contingent, saying "We must realize that we are now about to hear the word from the man God has chosen to lead us into the Kingdom. We also must realize how privileged we are. Think about if we had had the chance to sit with Jesus 2,000 years ago. What would have been our attitude and our heart?"

Rev. Daugherty introduced the Origin Choir, which was created by Rick Joswick, and Barry Fasman, the producer of the hit TV show, "Fame." The Origin Choir was composed of the Los Angeles Family Church members. They sang powerfully and were joined by the Sadoc Christian Singers, one of whom was Magdalena Mill-sap, daughter of an ACLC National Executive Committee member. She sang with great power, "Peace, Shalom, A Salaam Aleikum," a version of the song we sing in Israel as we march for peace. This song was written by Barry Fasman and was performed so professionally that the atmosphere at the banquet became so high and also filled with joy.



Rev. Sterling Brown, who just came back with us from the Holy Land, pastor of Greater New Guide Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Dr. Chang Shik

understand that Father is the messiah. He talked about how he struggled with that concept, but then he experienced personally by confirmation of the Holy Spirit and by study of the Word of God that Father indeed was the one chosen and anointed by Jesus to be the Messiah and the Second Coming. He then also explained that Father once told him he was the messiah of Philadelphia, and then he began to understand the verse that says, "that he (Jesus) might be the first-born among many brethren" (Rom. 8:29). Rev. Edwards realized that Father Moon was the first one who could walk this path and become True Parent, and that's why he extends the position of messiah and true parent to each one of us.

In Father's speech several times he

said, "I am your brother." Now we are to inherit the true Adam's position ourselves.

Rev. Edwards deeply touched Father's heart this time, but it hasn't been easy for the white clergy to come in. That's why it's so inspiring that other white clergy joined this tour, such as Bishop Pugh and Rev. Abernathy from Georgia, who were touched by the Jerusalem experience.

A congratulatory song, "In God's Eyes," was performed by Mrs. Miyuki Harley and Jenna Eisenberg. Miyuki has performed for True Parents on a number of occasions and also as a member of CARP performed at the Berlin Wall. Jenna is a second generation composer and pianist, who at the age of 6 had already mastered the piano. We expect her to become a renowned composer.

David Eaton, who did such an excellent job overseeing the event production of this tour, said to me, "You will see Jenna become world famous. Her compositions are of the highest quality."

The nomination for the Crown of Peace was given by Dr. William R. Johnson, Jr., district superintendent of the CME church of Los Angeles and San Diego. Dr. Johnson emphasized with a scholarly presentation why Father and Mother Moon truly are the king and queen of peace: "It is because they teach the way of true love and sacrifice. They also emphasize that the peace kingdom comes by loving all people, beyond race and religion, and the profound teaching of 'love your enemy' is the essence of bringing peace on the earth."

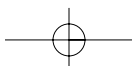
The presentation of the Crown of Peace was given by Imam Haitham Bundakji, who is a great Muslim leader who opened our way in Gaza and Jerusalem and continues to stand as an Ambassador for Peace bringing Father's love and spirit to the Muslim leadership of the world. It was Imam Bundakji who stood in the park in front of the US consulate with our 9/11 rally and stated without hesitation that those who use violence do not understand the Koran. The Koran teaches us to be holy and love all humanity.

Imam Bundakji is playing a must significant role in the Middle East. He has the trust of all the key Muslim leaders, and he loves True Parents. He brought his whole family on October 30th. One segment of the video presented in all four cities shows the deeply moving moment when Imam Bundakji is weeping at al Aqsa Mosque, offering forgiveness to his Jewish brethren and repenting for any wrong he did. When Rabbi Lazarovitz comes and embraces him and they shed tears together, the audience in all four cities broke into applause, and many wept.

Mr. Keith McCarthy is the mayor pro tem of Downey, California. He also is an outstanding blessed family member and great civic leader. He and Imam Bundakji presented the Crown of Peace to Dr. and Mrs. Yang, representing True Parents.

Archbishop Stallings' testimony given in preparation for Father's speech was the most moving of the four he presented during the tour. Kwon Jin Nim was in attendance (the first member of the True Family to be born in America), and

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humanity and that we must lead the world with the true love of God.

Father read his speech with great power and speed. Dr. Peter Kim read it in English simultaneously. The message is so powerful. It is entitled "God's Providence to Establish the World Transcending Religions and Nations Based upon the Absolute Values of True Love."

The speech will be recorded for all of history. It transcends the politics of the current time and yet is relevant in that it sets a course for America and all nations: that true love is the essence of bringing peace and it can only be realized through practice. We must resolve all family problems through true love. Whether they be within the immediate family or the larger human family, we must resolve everything through love. We must love our enemy and turn him or her into our loving brother and sister. We must overcome selfish individualism. This was the teaching of Jesus that transformed the world and founded America. This is the teaching that will transform humanity and be the foundation for a new world and full realization of the Kingdom of God that has been prophesied in scripture. This must be done by restoring the family that was lost in the Garden of Eden. We must recreate Adam and Eve through the blessing of our own marriages and build true families that are obedient to God and His will.

The program concluded with a gift of a trophy and a golden key present-

tation by Dr. Fashtuni, who is with the Department of Health and Human Services and a professor of medicine and Rev. In Hoi Lee, regional director of New York. Rev. Lee presented the golden key to True Mother. It was a symbol of the key to the kingdom that we believe Father and Mother have given to each and every one of us if we choose



to open the door as a blessed family. Crown of Peace Awards were given to prestigious leaders who have worked as Ambassadors for Peace in America and in the Middle East. They were the Archbishop G.R. Peter Morganstern of the Orthodox Church in Delaware; Rev. Simone Mason, an ACLC pastor and director of a powerful program for ex-offenders in Connecticut; Rev. Dr. Arthur Hilson, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church and president of the Northern New England Chapter of the American Baptist Convention; Rev. Dextro Tiller, co-chairman of Project Life and pastor of House of Joy; Bishop Filipe Teixeira, (OFSJC), who over-

sees a number of churches and pastors Saint Martin De Porres Church of Massachusetts; Rev. John Curico of New York; and Dr. Elton T Byrd, former president of the National Baptist Convention in New Jersey and pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Newark.

The banquet that followed was filled with joy and excitement. Testimonies of faith and love were offered by many. Mrs. Karen Smith shared about the work of Father Moon to inspire people of faith at the United Nations and throughout the world. Especially interesting is the fact that the interreligious council is being seriously discussed at the UN. Dr. Frank Kaufmann testified concerning the central focus of Father Moon's life: that religious leaders and people of faith hold the key to bringing peace on the earth. Imam Salahuddin gave a most moving testimony that as a Muslim and one who studies the Koran he came to the strong conviction



tion that Rev. Moon is unquestionably the fulfillment of what is prophesied in the Koran that one day a great imam and teacher would come to unify all

God's people and end the world of evil. "He is the one," he said. "How do I know? judge him by his fruits. The fruits surrounding his work here in America and worldwide tell the story."

Classical performances were offered by Mrs. Seiko Lee, who is also co-pastor and co-regional director with her husband for FFWPU in Upstate New York.

The next morning at Hoon Dok Hae, about 40 of the 300 participants were pastors. Many testimonies were given. The hope of America has been identified by Father and it is resting in and upon the people of faith. Father and Mother were very warm and happy because of the spirit of faith and growing belief that many exhibited. Pastor Bennit Hayes of Texas testified (as he did the night before) to Father and Mother and shared how the Divine Principle opened his eyes to the truth of God: that Father Moon is the Messiah. Dr. McGhee, Rev. Edwards, and Imam Salahuddin testified and sang for True Parents.

The Ambassadors for Peace and ACLC clergy and religious leaders gave great joy to True Parents. Also it gave True Parents comfort to see that their investment of heart is growing and the people to whom Father is now giving his inheritance and mission to for America are taking up the mantle to bless the family and save the nation and the world.

Thanks, America, for your great sons and daughters who are now coming forth to "represent" the true America and support and uplift the Lord of the Second Advent. The America of all races and peoples that God has prepared to heal the world came forward in New York. ❖

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always happens in Chicago, Father did not follow that text. As during the 50-city tour, it felt less like a formal speech and more like Father had taken Belvedere on the road. In other words, the speech consisted as much of Father commenting and expounding on the text as it



did the text itself. Just as soon as you found the exact spot in the speech booklet where Rev. Peter Kim was translating, Father would go off again to expound more deeply on another point.

He implored the audience to disregard all forms of selfish individualism, stating very clearly that the only way to get rid of Satan once and for all is to live for the sake of others. And he instructed everyone to truly follow the guidance of their conscience in order

to develop a true relationship with God.

Upon the rousing conclusion of Father's sermon, the ACLC clergy, both national and local, joined our True Parents on the stage. Then 5 of Chicago's preeminent citizens were called to the stage to receive their "Crown of Peace" awards from True Parents. Rev. Willie Weston (who recently returned from a pilgrimage to Israel), Rev. Jesse Griffin from Minnesota, Rev. Bennit Hayes from Houston, Mr. Robert C. Kim from Chicago's Korean community, and Mrs. Jeanette Kravitz (the founder and CEO of Sponsor Kids Charities) were each honored.

At that point True Parents left the stage and Rev. Daugherty returned to guide the congregation through the rest of the evening. Dr. A. Harold White, Chicago's ACLC co-convenor, blessed our meal and for the remainder of the evening, the audience was delighted and entertained by one musical delicacy after another. Some of the performers included Mrs. Glenda Searcy, Mrs. Kil Ja Kim (accompanied by Mrs. Stephanie Nishida), Chicago Family Church's own Kazumi Murray, and international gospel singer Cynthia Butts (accompanied on the piano by Pastor Barrett).

After the conclusion of the program (around 11:00 pm) most of the audience remained, fellowshiping throughout the ballroom and the adjoining hallway. Many old friendships were re-kindled and a spirit as warm and spring-like as the weather outside permeated the entire area.

As for our True Parents, Father was already preparing for the next morning's Hoon Dok Hae and his immediate departure for Los Angeles, the concluding stop on his 4-city tour for the salvation of America.

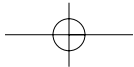
And for Chicago-we will begin preparing with Bishop Kim for our 10th annual True Family Values Awards Banquet, in December of 2005 probably -- or maybe sooner. After all, Bishop Kim



promised our True Parents that next year's banquet would be even better, and even bigger.

You are all invited. See you next year! ❖





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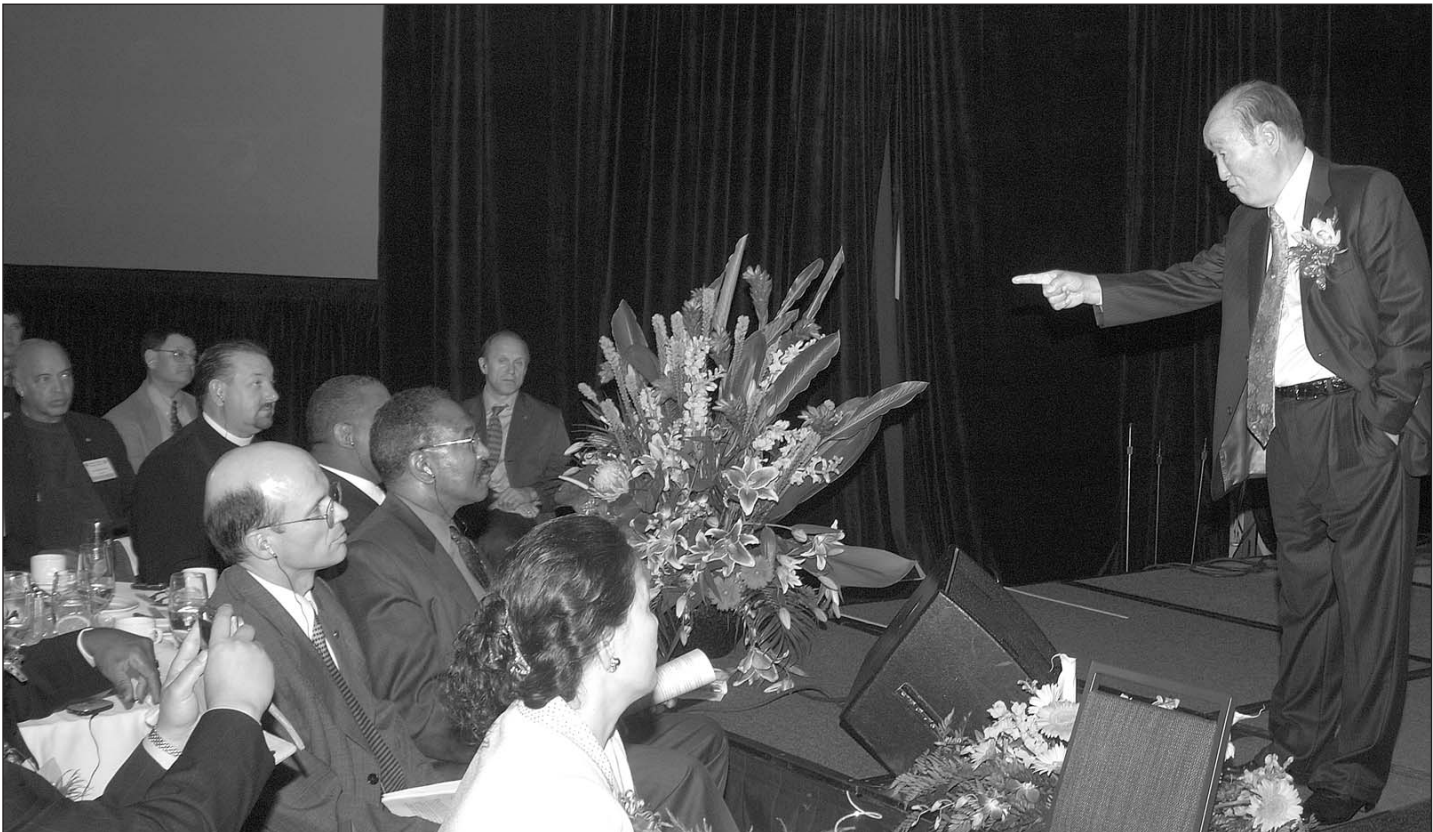
he mentioned he was very moved at Archbishop Stallings' sincerity. The archbishop explained that he really has come to realize that he didn't know God before meeting Father and Mother Moon. He was very happy with his Christianity, very happy with his life, but when he met Father Moon his whole world turned upside down as he realized that one's mind and body must be in harmony. We must be in perfect oneness between our thoughts and actions, and he sees that in Father Moon. The closer he gets, the more he realizes how little he has understood God all these years. The closer he gets to Father Moon, he testifies how little he's understood him. But now his eyes are being opened.

Father and Mother were backstage during Archbishop Stallings' testimony, and this one in particular was most moving to them because the archbishop had not been given an easy time on this tour. Somehow Father is seriously raising him, and also the 12 clergy. He asks them, "What are you doing to save America? Will you only work when I call you? Or will you move on your own to bless the families and heal the marriages and end the immoral love relations?" Father is challenging them to catch fire and not be waiting for an assignment to move. Somehow, Archbishop Stallings' testimony comforted Father deeply at this time.

When Father came to the stage, the audience was absolutely unified, and total victory was secured for the four-city tour. I could feel that America was also secured. Father spoke for three hours, reading one or two sentences and then giving one or two paragraphs of explanation. It was beautiful. Father felt so free to speak. When we realize that those who came to this 4-city tour are the ones whom God relies on to save this nation, we feel humbled and very sincere and repentful. We must really change to be worthy to stand up and lead America. We must really be more true to the calling of God.

Father spoke with deep heart, pouring out his love for America to each and every person, without hesitation. He went on and on because the unity of the audience with him was absolutely beautiful. Muslim, Christian, and Jewish leaders, as well as black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Eskimos, and representatives from Hawaii -- every race was in that room, and they were glued to the podium with Father. When Father said, "I'm speaking too long," the audience cried out, "No, please continue." (We will try to make these extemporaneous remarks available because they were profound in content.)

America absolutely has been secured by this condition, and during Father's speech the report



came that we crossed the finish line of the 2 million blessing. It was unbelievable. Many members went door-to-door and shop-to-shop, blessing 1,000 or more couples. Some members blessed 15,000 couples. Last Sunday 78 churches held blessings in Chicago. Every minute, brothers and sisters were pushing continuously.

During Father's speech we got the call that the 62,000 blessings by Region 20 on that day had put us over the mark by 60,000. I knew this was an incredible moment in American history and that we will rise up and lead this nation. Father will bless America, whatever the outcome in November, because a small condition was made by the American people to receive True Parents.

At the conclusion of the program, seven Crown of Peace awards were presented by True Parents. Recipients

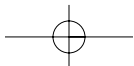
included Imam Haitham Bundakji; Rev. Dr. William Johnson, superintendent of all CME churches for Los Angeles and San Diego; Ms. Norma Foster, a prominent Ambassador for Peace and a close friend of WFWP; as well as clergy from Phoenix, San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle. Next Rev. Ku presented special community crown of peace awards to representatives from the Los Angeles area. Each recipient was deeply moved to receive such recognition in a setting that was lit up by the atmosphere of love that True Parents bring with them.



We really thank Rev. Ku and the Western block for providing such a victorious and moving event as a conclusion to True Parents' brief stay in America. ♦



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World Peace Pilgrimage XIII: Greetings from

by Rev. Michael Jenkins

As a result of True Parents' 4-city tour, the 2 million blessing campaign, and the other educational activities that True Parents initiated in America, we saw the atmosphere and the focus change to the family and moral values in recent weeks. Likewise the same phenomenon is occurring in the Middle East, where we are witnessing unprecedented changes in attitudes toward making a new beginning. Our World Peace Pilgrimage, which has representatives from 23 African nations as well as Oceania and Middle Eastern countries, is here in the Holy City at a most important time. Almost one third of the African delegation is comprised of members of Parliament from countries that include



that he felt an overwhelming sense of welcome from Jewish and Christian leaders for the first time in his life. Christian-Muslim rivalry in his country and many other areas of Africa is very serious and must be solved. He expressed that he felt hope that these will be solved through these pilgrim-

to the fact that there is a universal reverence for their leader, who is at this very moment fighting for his life. This battle is also causing very cautious steps to be taken by both Israeli and Palestinian leaders. Though there has been a spirit of enmity for so long, there is also a deeper desire that the bloodshed and suffering of all people will be ended. Truly, my brothers and sisters, God has placed us at the central point of bringing reconciliation. Father's teaching about the Interreligious Council is a direct parallel to the fundamental perspective that is being promoted by the president that only faith-based initiatives can truly and effectively address the problems of the family. The unofficial NGOs and faith-based initiatives set in motion by the 141 nations that have come to the Holy Land are profoundly opening up channels of communication and bonds of friendship between the members of this

all can be reconciled. Therefore, no channels of communication should be shut down. God is working through Father's vision that the Middle East Peace Initiative will play a central role in bringing peace not only to the Middle East but also in helping America to fulfill its role as the elder son nation, standing as a true elder brother to all the nations of the world, with a parental heart and an impartial mind toward all brothers and sisters in the family. We are seeing doors open that we cannot believe are opening. We are communicating this message just moments after we left the Gaza strip, having met with key leaders that really hold in their hands the balance of whether peace will be forthcoming or whether conflict will continue. Not only in Gaza but in Ramallah and Jerusalem, we have met the key leaders; they are people of faith who are seriously discussing Father Moon's perspective of how peace can be achieved. There must be a synthesis and a synergy between the faith component and the political component. Neither one can dominate the other; each must have

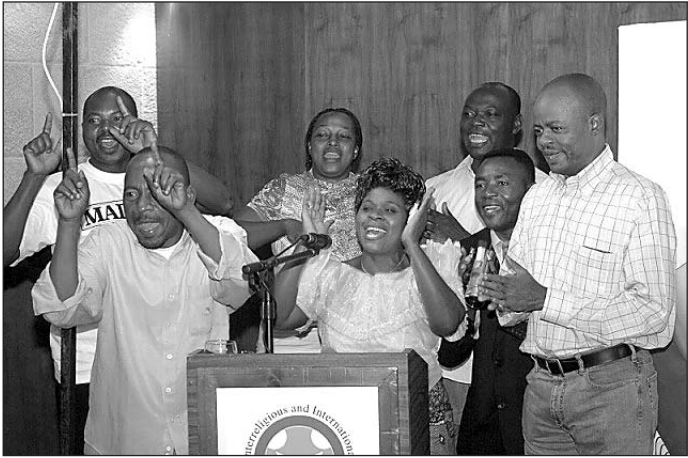
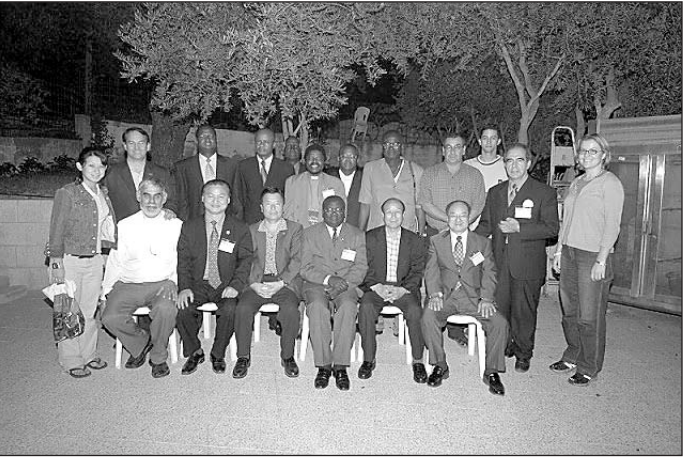


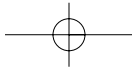
the Ivory Coast, Benin, Chad, Sao Tome, Zambia, Kenya, Nigeria, and many more. Along with this delegation are also prestigious Christian and Muslim religious leaders. One African participant is the central leader of Islam for his nation. He has expressed profound gratitude and excitement that Father Moon and this movement have built such a strong bridge between the Abrahamic faiths

ages because Father Moon has become a true father and true friend to the top leaders of Islam, as well as to the Muslim people of the Holy Land. A small delegation went into the Gaza strip today, meeting with key leaders who are right at the center of pulling all the factions together to discuss the possibility of a new beginning. Unprecedented cooperation and open-mindedness are being exhibited at this time. Much of this is due

broken family, the family of Ishmael and Isaac. Clearly only a faith-based approach can provide hope in that it does not carry with it the stigma of politics and governmental programs, which, in the Middle East, can rapidly deteriorate into a freeze in all communications and relationships. A faith-based approach keeps all doors open because the fundamental understanding is that no matter who we approach or who we are dealing with, all can be healed and

its proper role. But the component of faith transcends the realm of conflict over material things and reaches into the root cause of conflict, which is the separation and pain and injury that's done when people violate one another because of prejudice, discrimination, hatred, or focus on self-interest. A new day is dawning in the Middle East. We believe that this light will also shine through America and be magnified to the whole world. We can envision the day soon when we will see North and South Korea reconciling with one another. The day has already come in which Muslims, Christians and Jews are reconciling. First it was in a quiet way among key leaders that God has chosen, but soon the day is coming when the whole family will know that their fathers have turned their swords





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into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. This day is not coming. It has already come.

Every single religious leader and key political leader who is connecting with Father now is gaining great momentum and courage to reach out beyond the boundaries of their faith, race and culture to embrace their brothers and sisters as members of the family of God.

Dr. Betancourt is playing a central role here in this educational process. Religious leaders from over 141 nations have visited the Middle East. True Father has commissioned another wave of pilgrimages in which more members of parliament and more religious leaders from every nation will come, allowing their nation's gifts and special character to contribute to peace in the Holy Land. This is truly the day that the Lord has made. We look forward to returning to America with a faithful report, just as Joshua and Caleb did 3,000 years ago. The land of milk and honey can and will be secured for all of God's children, the new chosen people of the Fourth Israel, the children of Abraham, and all the children of God's family.

There are many tensions and dangers at this time. However, God's people are coming together. Recently we had a breakthrough with a large number of Jewish brothers and sisters at the Bridge of Peace program. God is working.

The reception of the African members of Parliament and religious leaders as we prayed at the Western Wall today was overwhelming. Tomorrow we go to Al Aqsa mosque. The imams are playing the central role now. Against tremendous political pressures, the imams are strictly supporting and following the Koran. We are very close to these imams. We have bonded in heart. So have many key rabbis.

Father Hatoum is opening door after door of the Christian leadership here. God is working. Hearts are opening because, here in the Holy Land, if you are not for real, you will perish.

Ee went to Bethany. Jews, Muslims, and Christians, including many Muslims and Christians from Africa, prayed at the dividing wall between Palestine and Israel. The Palestinians were comforted by the spirit of Africans from 23 nations coming to pray for peace. Dr.

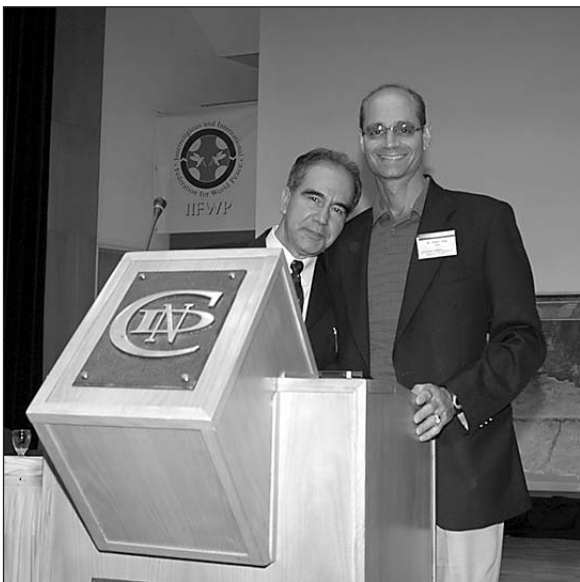


Glaubach, who demonstrated tremendous courage, openly said that the wall will not bring peace. If we find God and love each other, we don't need walls. If we can end the bloodshed and violence, then there will be no possibility of any walls. He said the wall will not bring peace. We must come together and really meet each other heart to heart. He was serious. This was an amazing moment. Never before had such a prominent citizen of Israel come

to this area of the Palestinian people. He had no fear and he spoke with love - for all people. Many African members of parliament spoke about the intense conflicts in Africa, yet they still felt that coming to the Holy Land was more urgent. If we can heal the Muslim, Christian, and Jewish families here, we can heal them all over Africa and the world.

The Ivory Coast, Tanzania, Zambia, Sao Tome, Chad, Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, Congo and many, many other nations are represented here by highly educated, spiritually mature leaders. Rev. Lee, Rev. Wakhisi and Rev. Kililo should be commend-

ed. The Ambassadors for Peace from Africa have great power. They are touching the hearts of the suffering Jewish and Palestinian brothers and sisters.❖



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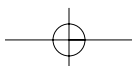
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Waking up the Original, True Woman in Each of Us

by Joy Schmidt Pople

‘We can give birth, as mothers, for the whole world," Mrs. Reiko Jenkins said, as she welcomed

women clergy and wives of clergymen to the United Federation of Churches building on 16th Street, a few miles directly north of the White House. Rev. Vanessa Owens, who had gotten up early that morning for the five-hour drive from central Pennsylvania, led praise songs, beginning with a rousing "This is the day that the Lord hath made."

Rev. Susan Fefferman had opened her eyes one morning to a vision of women as flowers, each with a unique beauty and fragrance, in the garden of the Holy Spirit. On October 14, 2004, her vision became a reality as women from as far away as Arizona and Texas assembled in Washington, DC, for a day-long gathering of "Women in Ministry."

Many of the women had attended the Divine Principle Convocation in Ocean City, Maryland, last March, where women streamed into a meeting to talk about organizing a women's auxiliary to the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) and stayed on to pray for God's anointing on their husbands, their churches, their children, their nation, and beyond. The more hours they prayed, the more palpable the anointing became on all in the room. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, Chairman of ACLC was very encouraged by the sincere leadership that the women clergy and wives of pastors were taking.

There had been follow-up meetings with small groups in Washington, DC, but no further national gathering. Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Claire Daugherty had planned this first Women in Ministry convocation just three days earlier, along with Minister Ethel Hayes from Houston, Texas, and Rev. Tanya Edwards from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Invitations went out by email and word-of-mouth. By 10:00 am on a brilliant autumn day, a dozen women were drinking coffee and introducing themselves to each other. Within an hour, the number had tripled, and hardly anybody looked outdoors for the rest of the day.

ACLC Executive Director, Rev. Levy Daugherty, had taken the opportunity to call some of the husbands to a parallel meeting of the Executive Board. Bishop C. Phillip Johnson Co Chair-

man of the ACLC of the Washington Region, was invited inside the auditorium to address the women. "We men understand that it is time for women to come together to bring about the ultimate reality God envisioned at the begin-



ning," the tall gentleman began, invoking the prophets of old. "When people try to deter you from this mission, be like Nehemiah and say, 'We are doing a great work, and we will not come down off these walls.'" "Amen," responded the women, including Bishop Johnson's gracious wife, Sennie, and it seemed like church was about to happen.

ACLC Executive Committee member Bishop Floyd Nelson of the famous Bibleway Worldwide Ministries also gave encouragement as to the essential role the women play in God's work. He testified that he and his wife Yvonne minister together and were attracted to ACLC because it focuses on the family. Minister Lydia Phelan came all the way from Arizona. Lydia is particularly gifted by the Holy Spirit with discernment, wisdom and spiritual understanding. "This meeting was ordained by God," she confirmed.

"It was birthed in God's mind a long time ago for women to complement men," Rev. Ethel Hayes said in introducing the purpose and vision of Women in Ministry. "We are to complement our spouse -- not necessarily to announce, 'I'm a woman; hear me roar.'" The audience chuckled. Maybe her words struck a bit close to home. She quoted Ephesians 4:13-16, where St. Paul begins by admonishing people to "speak the truth in love" and concludes with the

vision of the body of Christ edifying itself in love. The following Sunday, Mrs. Hayes was scheduled to be ordained by her husband, Rev. Bennit Hayes, pastor of Gloryland Baptist Church in Houston, to the ministry. If she had

the ideal in God's heart for the first human ancestors, and in particular how humankind's lineage became stained through the actions of mother Eve. There was a special focus on the reasons why God did not intervene in the course of the fall.

Discussion continued over lunch in the adjacent conference room. Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr., joined his wife Sayomi for lunch, and their sons Shin Young and Young Pal went from lap to lap around the room. As is typical, he found imagery and cadence appropriate for the occasion when he was invited to speak: "We look at the women who came through the corridors of history, and you are the continuation of women carrying forth the message of redemption, healing and peace," he said. "You are part of the mosaic that must be set into place for the divine picture to be revealed."

Rev. Jenkins and Rev. Daugherty stopped in to offer words of greetings. Rev. Jenkins paid tribute to Mother Moon's leadership while Rev. Sun Myung Moon was seriously ill in the spring of 2003. "Mother never wavered," he testified. "True Father had prepared her by sending her on numerous speaking tours throughout the world, sometimes facing great risks. Because of that she got the spirit of God moving in a central way. After March 23, when True Parents received the crown as King and Queen of Peace, the way is now opened for us all to be true parents. Especially on March 24th, Father Moon commissioned the women to take a central role with the support of their husbands."

Rev. Tessie Willis from Dallas, Texas, took the microphone to emcee a time of testimonies and sharing. She started out by describing her own motivation in working with teens: "When I look at a girl age 12, I don't want her to make the same mistakes I did." She compared ACLC's deep teachings on the family to her daily task of giving nourishment to her husband and children. "While other groups may clean only the outside of the fish before cooking it, through ACLC we are learning to clean the inside," she said.

Rev. Owens came forward when Rev. Willis invited up anyone who had something to share from her heart. Rev. Jenkins got up to leave for his next meeting, but Rev. Owens put out her hand and said to the man who often orchestrates gatherings: "Oh no, you're not

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been auditioning as a preacher, she did her husband proud.

Mrs. Pat Brown, wife of ACLC leader Rev. Ron Brown of Washington contributed greatly with a spirit of encouragement for husbands and wives to work as a team. Rev. Tanya Edwards offered a spirited prayer in the Pentecostal style so beloved by her husband, Rev. Jesse Edwards.

Rev. Fefferman recalled the women's pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine this past May, in which many of the women present had participated. "We felt God was calling the original true woman in each of us to wake up," she said. "We have to be unwavering in our heart that loves God." Mrs. Daugherty then described women as being designed by God to give birth. "We gave our blood!" the mother of five exclaimed. "We stood at the door of death to give birth. This is the training through which God prepared us." She reviewed the Biblical women who understood the promptings of the Holy Spirit and risked their lives to advance the lineage of the Messiah.

An ACLC-type gathering would not be complete without a PowerPoint presentation, and Rev. Annmarie Weinmann, leader of the CARP Student Center at the University of Maryland campus, introduced the Divine Principle Institute's charts for the Fall of Man lecture. It's important for women to understand

Missouri Divine Principle Workshops

by Rev. Charles Cherutich.

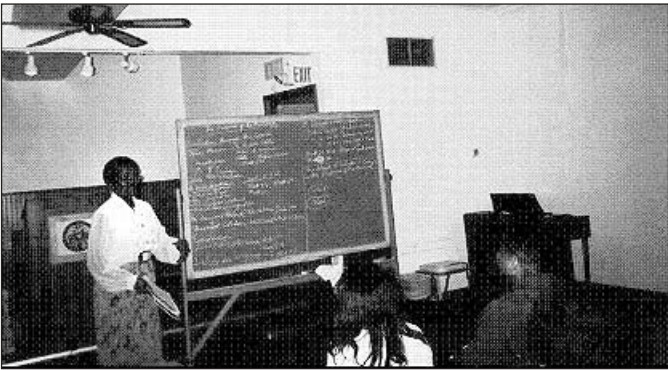
On the first Saturday of each month, the Missouri Family Church holds a Divine Principle Workshop for new members.

This has created a continuing witnessing momentum since everyone knows that his or her guest will be treated to a quality workshop.

We have chosen seven lecturers, each specializing in a section of the Divine Principle. The lecturers become experts in their area of content. This means that they can teach new guests who

are coming for the first time, as well as repeat guests who need a seven-day content.

We have not defined a preferred lecture format: some lecturers prefer the blackboard, while others use Powerpoint presentations. We were expecting the guests to indicate to us a method of choice. However, they like the variety of styles and formats, as it makes the lectures exciting.



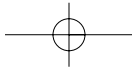
Lunch, always made by our Japanese sisters, is usually a time for discussion, questions and answers, and

a time for guests to share their reflections on the workshop.

As a result of the consistent effort to have the workshops every month, membership has increase 20% in Missouri just this year.

We have found that having a prayer breakfast on the fourth Saturday of each month and a Divine Principle Workshop on the first Saturday of each month creates two excellent gateways for guests to discover the many programs and activities of our movement.

We always end the workshop with our local proclamation: The Kingdom of Heaven is here! Please join us!! ♦



Peace & Unification Rally for a Race of True Heart

On November 8, representatives and leaders of the pro-Seoul Korean Residents Union in Japan (Mindan) and the pro-Pyongyang General Association of Korean Resi-

dents in Japan (Chochongnyon) and Yeongnam area and Honam area, around 2,000 people attended the "Peace & Unification Rally for the Realm of the Homogenous Race of True Heart" which was held at Little Angels Performing Art center, to seek the way to break the decades-long Cold War hostility and bring about the great unity of Han tribe.

This event was sponsored by IIFWP and Peace Unification Federation which was supported by Ministry of Unification. At the meeting, some 1,000 ethnic Koreans from the two rival organizations based in Japan --Mindan and Chochongnyon-- to gather with 1000 leaders and representatives

of Youngnam and Honam area vowed to seek cooperation and reconciliation with each other as part of efforts to achieve peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula. ❖



Korea Hosts Conference to Highlight Mongolian Culture

IFWP and IIPC International hosted the "International Peace Conference for Mongolian Leaders from Around the World" under the theme of "Establishing a World Culture of Heart and Lasting Peace: The Significance of Mongolian History, Culture and Family Tradition" which was held in Seoul Lotte World Hotel from September 21 to 24, 2004.

Representative leaders (many of whom were university professors) of Mongolian descent from 10 nations of the world including guests from Korea (around 600 people in total) participated in this historic conference to bring peace among the descendants of the Mongolian race and in the world as a whole. Over the course of history, the Mongolian peoples have found their way to many parts of the world, and this conference was an innovative attempt to draw attention to their deep



roots and common history and heritage.

This conference ended with a wonderful Brother/Sisterhood Ceremony among all the participants and the "Inaugural Assembly of the

Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace" on the evening of September 23, 2004. The fledgling organization will be managed under the umbrella of IIFWP until it can maintain an independent existence.

From Rev. Kwak's keynote address in the conference opening plenary, September 22:

This Mongolian conference is fundamentally different in its way of

approach from the other international events that have been held for each field and race. First, a number of races, nationalities, cultures and religious spheres are included in the Mongolian people of the world. This conference is tremendously meaningful and significant in that it was achieved through a transcendence of race, nationality, culture and religion.

We all are aware that overcoming the boundaries and barriers between ethnic groups, religions, races and nations is no easy task. Many saints, sages and peace-loving people have known that peace can never be realized without transcending these barriers. Yet nobody dared to take the first step. Intense conflict in the international community, diverse governmental interests, and



barriers on organizational levels have encouraged the pursuit of self-centered interests.

Then what is it that has made us overcome these barriers to gather here in this place today? I believe it is that instinct built in our lineage, our spiritual nature and orientation towards the common good--the desire to live for the greater good--from within that has led us to this place. We are all originally from the same family. We are bonded together by blood that comes from one common ancestor.

Throughout this conference, I am sure you will all come to realize that we are all related by blood and share a common cultural root. You will discover that the Mongolian history and origin has a much longer and more deeply-rooted history than you first thought, you will return to your nations with wonder and inspiration. You will experience the joy of reuniting with brothers, family and kin that were separated for so long. ❖



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leaving yet." He eased back down into his chair. Nobody could guess what was coming next.

From a large black plastic bag, Rev. Owens pulled out a picture frame, turned it around and read a plaque with artwork and words adapted from the tribute to a blessed wife from Proverbs 31. It was personalized for Claire Daugherty. As she invited up Mrs. Daugherty for the presentation, somebody called her husband in from his office across the hall. Rev. Jenkins snapped a photo of them holding the plaque and announced, "Behind every good woman there is a man!" Rev. Daugherty embraced his wife, who could only murmur, "For once in my life I don't have anything to say."

"I don't choose to associate with women who aren't going anywhere," Rev. Owens said as she pulled out a larger picture frame. The second woman to be honored was Mrs. Jenkins. Her

husband beamed as the tribute was read: "To someone special, Reiko: may your heart be filled with all that brings you love." As he stood beside his wife for a photo, he kissed her on the crown of her head.

All eyes focused on Rev. Owens as she pulled out her third and final frame. It was a tribute to a woman she had never met but had learned to love through the repeated praise of her husband, Rev. James Stewart, who makes travel arrangements for ACLC events. Rev. Stewart wasn't present, but his wife Tillie was. Shyly she came forward to receive her tribute that read, in part: "Celebrating you today and hoping you remember that God celebrates you every day."

It was a Holy-Spirit type of day, and as Rev. Daugherty spoke to the women after lunch, the women tasted a bit of the holiness and wholeness that God had envisioned from the portals of time. "When you chant 'Hallelujah,' you create healing in a broken soul," Rev. Daugherty announced. "God created us whole, and the human body has

within itself all the mechanisms for healing itself. The Holy Spirit is the feminine side of God - the birth canal for healing. Without the feminine side of God there can be no rebirth or healing." Rev. Daugherty referred to Michelangelo's painting of the creation, in which God is portrayed with a feminine figure nestled in His left arm. "The wholeness of God is in creating from the feminine side of God," he added.

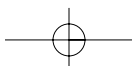
Rev. Daugherty expounded on the questions God posed to humankind after they fell. It was as if God was walked up and down the room, looking at each person in the eye and asking: "Where are you?" When Adam hid, God was separated from His temple; God became not-whole. God further asked, "Who told you that you were naked?" Being naked means sin is exposed. How can a person hide from God? Again, God exclaimed, "What is this that you have done?" The God who did not create sin asked what on earth happened to His children.

"Traumatized people create traumatized families," Rev. Daugherty summed

up. "It was a woman who led the man to fall, and women will lead the way back to God and back to wholeness."

The program continued with a video prepared for Mrs. Moon's speaking tour. A few women from the Washington area spoke. Dr. Yvonne Nelson had just returned from visiting churches in Uganda with her husband, Bishop Nelson. Dr. Margie de la Rosa from New York described seeing a vision of a giant archangel with a trumpet, bringing spiritual power to each woman. Tribute was given to Minister Angelika Selle and Rev. Debbie Taylor, who have been advancing the cause of Women in Ministry but were unable to attend that day. Mrs. Fefferman closed by describing the mission of a sister organization, the Women's Federation for World Peace.

Those with no pressing engagements that evening stayed on for dinner and fellowship. The women envision an ongoing network for staying in touch with each other, mobilizing the power of prayer, and supporting the growing mission of the ACLC. ❖



Leadership and Good Governance for the Global Family:

OPENING PLENARY: CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

This address was given by Rev. Dr. Chung Hwan Kwak, Chairman IIFWP and IIPC, at the Lotte Hotel Seoul, Korea, on October 3, 2004

Distinguished leaders from more than 120 nations around the world. Ambassadors for Peace. Ladies and gentlemen.

On behalf of the Founder's of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and the Interreligious and International Peace Council, Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, I am honored to welcome you to this International Leadership Convocation that focuses on the theme, "Leadership and Good Governance for our Global Family: Establishing a World Culture of Heart and Lasting Peace."

On this day, one year ago, more than 1500 international delegates gathered in New York for the Inaugural Assembly of the Interreligious and International Peace Council, established to provide a model of good global governance that



embodies the core principles and best practices of the IIFWP. Therefore, it is indeed appropriate that, on this anniversary, we give full attention to the topic of leadership and good governance.

In this Chairman's Address I want to provide an overview of the IIFWP's vision of leadership and good governance as a background and basis for our deliberations over the next few days. Our purpose here is to explore ways in which the IIFWP and the Peace Council can be more effective instruments for peace

worldwide. We are all profoundly aware of the suffering that affects the lives of people the world over, due to war, conflict, poverty, disease, injustices and crime. We have gathered because we believe we can make a difference and can change this world.

The desire for peace is universal, but its attainment is not simple. What are the root obstacles

to peace? What is the best methodology and what are the best practices that, when applied, will lead us to peace? IIFWP exists to provide answers to these questions.

Rev. Moon launched the IIFWP in 1999. Its emergence was the outgrowth of a plan he had been cultivating for decades. IIFWP came as a culminating point for a wide range of programs and organ-

izations he had founded and guided, going back to 1945.

The core purpose of the IIFWP is to create a world culture of heart and a world of lasting peace, drawing upon the full participation, investment and commitment of a wide range of stakeholders, from the grass roots level to the centers of political, economic, religious and cultural power.

When we consider the vision of leadership and good governance that characterizes the IIFWP, and the IIPC, we can identify the core features.

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PEACE AND THE FUTURE OF POLITICS

This panel address was given by Dr. Frank Kaufmann, Director Interreligious Federation for World Peace, at the Lotte Hotel, Seoul, Korea, on October 3, 2004.

This panel is designed to have writers and speakers do something new for the sake of peace. We are called to analyze peace efforts so as to bridge visions, proposals and activities coming from religion and civil society with that of the world of political power.

Peace activists and spiritual leaders often blame politicians for war and conflict, explicitly or implicitly painting political figures in broad generalizations as enemies of enlightenment, peace, and reconciliation. Conversely political leaders and elected officials often see religious and civil peace activists as hopelessly naïve, and clueless about even minimal realities with which responsible political leaders must deal every day.

This lack of understanding and lack of sympathy for the positions and realities of these two groups prevents progress for a better world which both camps long to see, and both camps imagine themselves to be pursuing fervently and responsibly.

It is the purpose of this panel and this paper to ponder the unique con-



straints facing political leaders and for leaders in various sectors including the political to begin to envision how each respective sector can be more helpful and supportive for conscientious political leaders to take the politically risky steps required to advance the cause of peace. In short, "it is time to stop pointing fingers and blaming others. It is time to begin the work in my own profession and vocation to help empower every fellow traveler."

What Makes Peace?

Religious acts make peace. Note I did not say religion contains the key to peace. I might. So what? I did not say religion teaches us clearly what is necessary for peace. It might. So what?

Religion has two jobs: Accurately identify the source of human problems and clearly prescribe the antidote, and accurately define the original ideal way for human life in the absence of problems

(in other words, what sort of behavior allows the repaired state to persist).

The religious PERSON on the other hand has two slightly different jobs: DO what solves the problem, and DO what maintains an ideal harmonious state

Every conflict situation results from 2 bases: the history of my wrongdoing, and the history of the wrongdoing of the other.

Which of the two do you think you have a greater chance of fixing? To which of the two problems do you have greater access to get your hands on and fix? It is obvious. I have greater access to my own problems. The history of my own wrongdoing and my own present wrongdoing is the only reasonable point of focus for anyone claiming to be serious about the pursuit of peace. I refer to my own personal wrongdoing, the wrong doing of my own family, or my own people, of my own race, of my own co religionists. These comprise half of every conflict situation.

Firstly, if I really want peace, what must I do vis-à-vis my present wrong doing? Answer. Stop it. Stop doing wrong. This is a religious act. To stop doing wrong is a religious act.

Next, what do I do about the history of my wrongdoing, the wrong that members of my fam-

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Establishing a World Culture of Heart and Lasting Peace

Founder's Address: Establishing the Peace Kingdom and Instituting its Territory and the Realm of its Citizens

This address was given by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, Founder IIFWP and IIPC, at the Little Angels Center for the Performing Arts, Seoul, October 3, 2004

We stand today at a truly extraordinary moment in history. We have come to the time, according to heavenly fortune, when it is possible to establish the Heavenly Peace Kingdom. This is the ideal Kingdom of Heaven that brings to perfection God's ideal of creation, on earth and in heaven. In anticipation of this day, heaven and earth have waited impatiently for thousands and tens of thousands of years, since the beginning of human history.

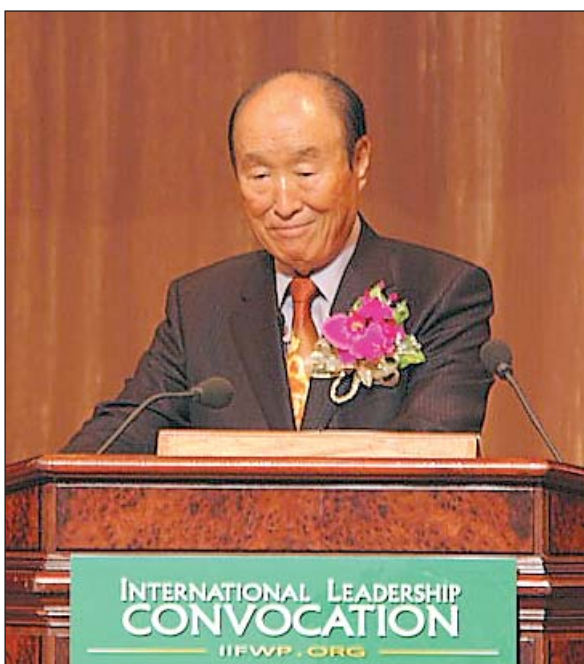
Throughout history, humanity has never ceased its yearning for peace. Even now, leaders of good conscience in many places around the world are devoting themselves sacrificially to bring about world peace. World peace, however, cannot be accomplished through human yearning and human efforts alone. We must first come to a providential time when we can receive the heavenly fortune for establishing a world of peace. Second, when we reach this extraordinary providential moment, we must have a definite understanding of the nature of the world of peace that Heaven seeks to bring about through us. Furthermore, we must know the precise method by which this can be brought about.

As you know, exactly one year ago, I declared to heaven and earth the founding of the Interreligious and International Peace Council, or the Interreligious and International Peace U.N. Over the past year, we have seen amazing progress and accomplished many things. We have successfully carried out many educational peace programs and pilgrimages for the sake of world peace in such places as the Middle East, where interreligious discord and even violence and conflict between people and nations is widespread; in the United States, which stands in a position to take on responsibilities of the second Israel; and in the Republic of Korea, where even now the tragic division between North and South continues, and people stand with their guns pointed at each other.

Today, I would like to take this historic opportunity to speak on the topic, "Establishing the Peace Kingdom and Instituting Its Territory and the Realm of its Citizens." I want to convey to you the special message from

Heaven for humanity in this age. Absolute Values Centering on True Love

Ladies and gentlemen, when we examine the order of existence in the universe, we see that each and every being is created as "a life lived for the sake of others." This is the fundamental axis or foundation for the accomplishment of God's ideal of creation. When God, the King of wisdom, created all things in the universe, He made sure that each being was rooted in true love. That is, He established the practice of true love as the basic principle of natural law and the essential key to the act of creation. True ideals, true love and true peace are not only God's ideals of creation; they are also what humanity yearns to possess.



closer to God than that of being His children? Based on the principles of creation that He set up, God invested Himself wholly and completely. God established absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience as the standard of His principle of creation, and invested 100 percent of His being in accordance with this fundamental principle. For God to reach the position of humanity's True Parent, True Teacher, True Owner, and True King, it was first necessary for Him to perfect human beings, based on an absolute standard, as His object partners of true love. In this way, absolute values are created.

Becoming an owner of true love can never be accomplished by a lone individual being. It can only be accomplished in relation to an object partner. God, too, has no choice other than to exercise absolute obedience in the face of the true love principles of this absolute value realm. A husband and wife may have received blessings from the whole world when they married and live in such happiness that they lack nothing that the world can offer, but if they have no children between them they can never become parents. By the same logic, in order for God to stand in the position of the owner of true love, He needed to establish human beings as His object partner in the value realm of absolute true love. In other words, it is absolutely impossible to establish absolute values centering on true love without being in relation to an object partner.

Please consider the order of the universe. Even if some being is large, it cannot sacrifice those things that are smaller. The law of survival of the fittest according to a so-called "law of the jungle," a view with roots in Hellenistic thought, is fundamentally wrong. Those who espouse this kind of thinking fail to consider the absolute value by which one being seeks to help a partner reach perfection as an owner or subject of true love. This perfection is achieved when the partner becomes an object-partner of absolute obedience, lives for the sake of its subject-partner, and invests itself in its partner with true love, and then forgets that it has made that investment. If we exclude true love, only a concept of struggle remains. God's principle of creation, however, is not based on survival and multiplication through struggle. Instead, His principle is based on harmony and unity, achieved through a process of give and take action, cen-

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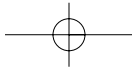


What was God's purpose in creating human beings? God initiated His work of creation, because even He, though He is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent, did not want to exist in a state of isolation. So, first, He created the entire universe as the environment

for the human beings that He would later create and place at the center. Then, on that foundation, He created human beings as the object partners of His absolute love. God's purpose of creation was that He wanted to feel joy as He related with the human beings He created, watching them grow to perfection, receive the marriage Blessing from God, multiply true children, and build the ideal Kingdom of Heaven in which they would live for eternity. True joy can only be experienced when one becomes the owner of true love.

God created human beings as the object partners to His absolute love and as His true children. What position could be more precious or





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Leadership

First, let us consider leadership.

The IIFWP vision of leadership is based on three concepts: true parent, true teacher and true owner.

A true parent leader is one whose heart for the world is like the heart of a loving father or mother toward their children. This is a heart of unconditional love, and a heart that is willing to sacrifice for the sake of the children and for the sake of the family. The primary virtue required of the true parent is true love, that is, a desire and capacity to live for the sake of others. A parent invests continually and unconditionally, time and time again.

A true teacher leader is one who is committed to truth and who obeys the guidance of the conscience. A true teacher does not use words and ideas as the servant of selfish interests or desires, but rather speaks and takes action based on truths that are universal and which go beyond the interests of any given person, race, religion, nationality, business or culture. The primary virtues required of the true teacher are wisdom and courage, the ability to discern the truth of the conscience and the internal power to act on that truth.

A true owner is a leader who understands ownership in the sense of taking responsibility. A true owner does not call on the landlord to fix a problem, but initiates action to heal, restore, fix or solve a problem. A true owner does not seek or covet material things for selfish reasons, but for the sake of others, the family, the society, the nation and the world. The primary virtue of the true owner is self-control or temperance, the ability to control one's own appetites and desires, and generosity, the capacity and desire to share one's blessings with others.

Becoming a true parent, true teacher, and true owner leader does not happen easily or automatically. Rather, the capacity to become such a leader requires training, sacrifice, even suffering in the effort to develop the kind of virtues, character and wisdom so basic to good leadership. Good leaders are first and foremost good persons, and good spouses.

Sometimes Rev. Moon will speak to us and say, "Do you want to be a great leader and govern in a way to save the nation or even the world." And, enthusiastically, many respond, "Yes." Then Rev. Moon will shake his finger and say, "Before you can save the nation or the world, you must first save yourself, and become a true person." He has also often said, "How can you claim to love God, the world, or the nation, when you have failed to truly love your own spouse with an absolute love."

Good leadership requires not only knowledge, experience, a strong intellect, and well-developed organizational and social skills. It requires most of all, good character with attributes such as a loving heart, honesty, loyalty, compassion, self-control, courage, wisdom and good judgment. Leadership based on only on ambition, cleverness, social skills, intellect, experience, etc., but lacking in character will always give way to corruption. Character is the foundation of perception and the interpretation of the world and those around us. In this way it affects decision-making and actions.

The most important trait of a good

leader is true love, the ability to live for the sake of others. The capacity for true love has its foundation in the family, in the love we receive from our parents, the relationships we develop with our siblings, and the gradual expansion of our heart through the experiences of marriage and parenthood.

Leadership is not fundamentally about charisma, popularity, or boldness, though it can sometimes be enhanced by these qualities. It is fundamentally about taking responsibility and living for the sake of others.

A leader, who is to bring peace or contribute to peace, must first be a person of peace, a person with harmony of mind and body, a person who lives according to conscience, with integrity and with a serving mind. A peacemaker is one who has gone through a revolution of heart.

Good Governance

Grounded in this vision of leadership we can understand the IIFWP concept of good governance. Governance describes a human process or system for organizing or ordering life so that problems can be solved and there can be harmony, cooperation and prosperity. We can say that good governance contributes to peace.

The concept of governance applies to any realm of human relationships, from the family, to voluntary associations, corporations, religious institutions, and the nation. Good governance seeks to fulfill the mission in any given realm, and to bring about peace.

Good governance is centered on a good purpose. In particular, the purpose should not be self-centered, but should be oriented toward both the well being of the whole community.

For example, a business can be managed in such a way as to create profit, but its primary objective should be to benefit the employees, the customers and the wider community. Also, a religion can seek to communicate its truth and even to encourage others to embrace that truth, but it should not do so to the detriment of followers of other religions.

As in a family, governance should not bring advantage to one while bringing disadvantage to another. Thus, governance should never be exclusively self-centered. This applies to religions, nations, races, businesses and families.

Governance grounded in true parent leadership is one that is analogous to the governance of a good family. A good family is one characterized by respectful, cooperative partnerships. Husband and wife serve each other, and parents and children serve each other.

According to God's original ideal, Adam and Eve would have perfected their love and formed the first human family centered on God's love. This ideal family would have formed natural relationships of true love, cooperation, harmony and prosperity. This model would have been extended through multiplication. Very naturally, the true love system of governance with an ideal family would have become the basis for governance in the wider society, nation and world.

Headwing Governance: Two Become One

The concept of "headwing" governance was developed by Father Moon to provide a vision of governance that is closer to God's original ideal of the family. It stands in contrast to the polarization of left wing and right wing approaches to governance. In some ways, conflict between left wing and right wing approaches to governance is like the conflict in a disunited family.

A headwing approach always seeks to unify and harmonize that which is divided. But, more fundamental than headwing theory, is the ideal of true love. If our early human ancestors had established God's ideal of the family, then true love would have formed the basis of all relationships. True love would have been at the center of all relationships,



all subject and object partners. Thus, a cooperative, loving, caring system of governance would have emerged, very naturally.

IIFWP's philosophy of governance for peace is rooted in three core, moral principles:

A true leader or true parent must maintain strict standards of purity and fidelity. That is, the love, life and lineage made sacred through marriage should never be violated. The proper governance of one's sexual organ, which is the key to maintaining the integrity of the family, is the foundation of good governance.

A true leader and true teacher must care for all persons within his or her realm of governance as a loving parent would care for his or her children. That is, the full value, integrity, and aspirations of all human beings must be respected. The rights of any person should never be violated. The heart of others should never be hurt by careless actions.

A true leader or a true owner never misuses public money or material things, but always serves the well being of the whole.

The Peace UN

When we launched the IIPC one year ago, Rev. Moon wanted to apply the methodology of true love and headwing philosophy, establishing an institution characterized by true love leadership and good governance. Just as he coined the term "headwing" he also coined the term, "Peace UN." This term refers to an institution of global governance, like the UN, but which fully manifests the ideals outlined above.

We live at a time when established structures are being challenged and called to renewal and transformation. This applies to the United Nations, to nation states themselves, and to religion. IIFWP is transnational, and in an age of the internet, national borders are less important. More and more, nation-

al sovereignty is giving way to regional alliances such as the EU, the AU, ASEAN, NATO, NAFTA, CARICOM, etc. This is consistent with a growing trend for unification and cooperation.

IIFWP is trans-religious. While upholding religious values, and while respecting the integrity and truth of each great religion, IIFWP moves trans-religiously, beyond the parameters set by the traditional religions. Religions, even more than governments, should work together cooperatively and lovingly.

In its vision of governance, as envisioned with the "Peace UN," IIFWP will include representatives of religions, civil society, governments, inter-governmental organizations, etc. However, it will seek to be a trans-national, trans-religious voice of conscience and a provider of service to the world. The Peace Council will be a network of Ambassadors for Peace who form councils at the global, regional, national and local levels.

Initially, the global, regional and national level Peace Councils will take up specific projects to address critical global, regional or national level problems. For example, we may focus on HIV/AIDS prevention in Africa, conflict resolution and reconciliation in the Middle East or North East Asia, poverty eradication within small island states, etc.

IIFWP's strength lies in its moral and spiritual vision, and in its power to transform lives, a power rooted in the strength of its teachings. Father Moon always sees things multi-dimensionally, in levels or stages, from the most internal and spiritual to the most external and material. He sees history and human affairs not only in terms of social, political, psychological, or economic developments, but in terms of God's providence and the spiritual principles that guide that providence.

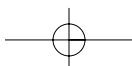
In this light, the practice and experience of reconciliation and unification are powerful forces. While human history has been dominated by forces of conflict, resentment, and dialectical struggle, that era of conflict is now coming to an end. An era of peace, a peace kingdom is at hand. Unifiers will rise, and barrier-makers will decline. True love practices will bear fruit. Those who sow seeds of resentment, retaliation and complaint, will decline.

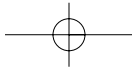
In your deliberations over the next few days I hope you will consider these words, and include these guidelines in your discussion. I firmly believe a new age is dawning. It cannot be stopped. And, we are playing a key role in this process. As we all develop an IIFWP culture of heart, and as we apply the ideals of leadership and good governance discussed above, this age will emerge more quickly and surely.

Please do not hesitate or hold back. Let us work together. We can change this world. We can make the world new, and put the history of suffering, injustice, violation, poverty, desecration of the earth, corruption, and all evils behind us. The ideals which the saints and sages of history have lived and died for are now being realized.

Thank you for your attention. God bless you and your families. ❖

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tering on true love and absolute values, in the context of subject and object-partner relationships.

When a smaller being sacrifices itself for the sake of a larger being, we must not see this as happening in the context of the concept of struggle. It is an investment for mutual development; it must be a voluntary and sublime sacrifice for the sake of producing something greater. When an individual willingly sacrifices for the sake of the family, a family for the sake of a nation, and a nation for the sake of the world, how can this be seen as struggle? In this way, we can see absolute value manifested in the practice whereby each partner seeks first to establish the other as an owner of true love.

For this reason, we must completely rid our lives of all selfish thinking and actions. These can be thought of as the root of fallen nature, providing the cause for all evil. There is no difference between selfishness on an individual level and group selfishness. Both are diametrically opposed to the spirit of absolute values in true love. They represent shameful behavior that seeks to compel others to sacrifice themselves for one's self and seeks to pursue only one's own interests, as opposed to leading a life of giving and of voluntary sacrifice for the sake of others, that is, a life of true love lived for the sake of others. Such selfishness is a poison mushroom skillfully planted by Satan deep within the struggle between mind and body that came about through the fall of the first human ancestors.

If you pick this mushroom and eat it even once, thinking that it will help you get ahead in the world or give you a sense pleasure, you will fall into addiction and find it difficult to escape from this evil trap, even through a lifetime of difficult effort. Unfortunately, the world in which we live today is filled with such people who live in a pitiful state. In the absence of any clear solutions to this situation, countless innocent lives are being lost every day.

Please consider your own bodies. There is no part of your body that you can confidently call your own. Each of you was born as a result of the love between your father and mother. We know that 99.999 percent of our body comes from the blood, flesh, and bones of our mother. The remaining 0.001 percent can be seen as the seed that comes to us from our father. How can we say that anything here is "mine," and justify our living lives of selfish individualism? We must recognize that our bodies, everything about them, are extensions, or offshoots, of our parents. In other words, all the elements that make up your bodies were already present in your parents' sperm and ovum. No one, no matter who he may be, can be an exception to this great principle of creation.

Consider the concepts of "front" and "back." The fact that a person uses the word, "front" assumes an acknowledgement of "back" as a pre-existing condition. In the same way, the word, "up" can only exist on the basis of a prior

acknowledgement of "below." When a person says "left," this presupposes "right."

By the same logic, the word "man" can exist only because of the prior existence of a being called "woman." In other words, men are born for the sake of women, and women are born for the sake of men. If there were no men, there would be no need for women. By the same logic, if there were no women, men would have no value to their existence. Ultimately, there is nothing about any of us that lets us say we were born for our own sake. All beings exist and function for the sake of a partner. This means we were created to move toward the ideal world through reciprocal relationships.

Nothing comes into being for its own sake. The life that is in accordance with God's ideal of creation is the life of giving for the sake of others, of sacrificing with love, and of seeking to perfect the owners of love through obedience. Because we are each created for the sake of a partner, it is only natural that we should live our lives for the sake of that partner. In this way, absolute values come into being.

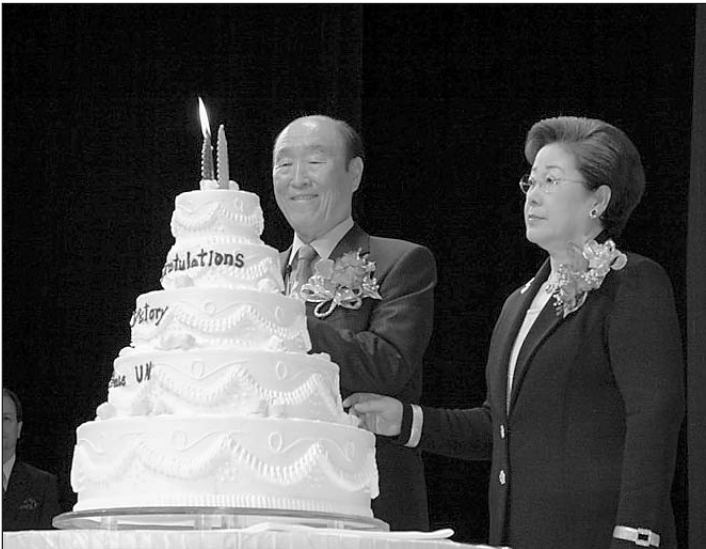
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ualism and pleasure work its way in? If you come to live according to this absolute standard, then Heaven, too, will protect you and watch over you according to this same absolute standard.

Second, because human beings, through no choice of our own, are descen-

you there is still the unending struggle between the commands of your conscience, which pursues good, and the temptations of you physical mind which pursues the desires of the physical body. To bring this shameful internal conflict to an end, we must have a clear understanding of the position and function of our conscience.

The conscience knows everything about you, every move you make and every thought you have. It knows these things before your teacher does. It knows them before your parents do. It knows them before God does. What happens when you go against the commands of your conscience? You yourself suffer an attack on your own conscience. Dust gathers, grime builds up, and wounds open up on your soul. Such wounds can never be erased. They are fearful baggage that you must carry with you when you go to the spirit world. You must work in a revolutionary



dants of the fall and have been born with an inherited fallen nature, it is the task of each of us to bring about three great revolutions in our individual lives. I refer to the revolution of indemnity, the revolution of conscience, and the revolution of heart.

The revolution of indemnity means that you must indemnify your internal and external right of ownership, and establish a standard that transcends that realm of indemnity. You must carry out a revolution in your own lives by which you boldly shake off all the habits and even the way of thinking that you acquired during the Age Before Heaven, which was the age of the realm of satanic rule. On that foundation, you must practice an absolute standard of true love, which is the standard for our lives in the Age After the Coming of Heaven, and live eternally as God's true children. In addition, you must go through a revolutionary course in which all your property and your external rights of ownership are turned over to Heaven. Then, after you cut off all ties to the satanic world and separate yourselves from Satan, you inherit Heaven's blessings. You must become able to increase heaven's wealth in a way that Satan will never again be able to claim ownership.

To what does the revolution of con-

way to suppress your physical mind and receive the guidance of your conscience so that you may become a treasure, that is, a clear, unblemished, and clean soul, ready for the day that you make your way forward into the presence of God.

What is the revolution of heart? I have said that God created human beings as His children. What, then, is the connection that ties each of you to God? It is the love and heart between a parent and child. If there is no communications of heart between a parent and child, how can they maintain a relationship of love and respect? Human beings, who have lived for thousands of years under the influence of the fallen realm, are still slaves in our hearts to false parents, false love, and false lineage. If we are to escape from this yoke, we must constantly live lives of true love, practicing forgiveness and always giving to others. Through this process, we are able to return to the realm of God's heartistic ownership. If the strings of your heart are still tied to a selfish individualism that pursues the vainglory of the satanic world, then, you will end up on a dark and gloomy path of hopelessness and lamentation. On the other hand, if you lead a life of living for the sake of others, that is, a constructive life of seeking to be the first to yield to others and give to others, then the strings of your heart will become one with God's heart eternally. In other words, this means you must completely cut your ties with the false parent, receive the Holy Blessing from the True Parents, who have been manifested in this world as substantiations of the invisible God, and secure Heaven's true lineage.

Third, you must live every moment of every day scrutinizing your own lives. I am sure you all had experiences back when you were in school, looking at a problem on a test paper and not being able to make up your mind whether the correct answer was "O" ("True") or "X" ("False").

The same is true with your lives. I am asking you, in the course of your daily lives where you are faced with innumerable situations, each different from the others, to analyze and

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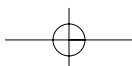
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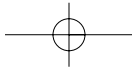
How, then, can human beings, who are descendants of the fall, shed our fallen nature, establish absolute values through our reciprocal partners, and establish the Peace Kingdom that is God's earnest desire on the levels of the individual, family, nation, and world?

First, we must resemble God. What did God do when He created all the creatures of the universe? Did He not believe and obey the absolute standard of the principle and order of creation that He Himself had established? Furthermore, He also planted within us an absolute standard of love.

In your lives, too, if you follow and practice these three basic principles of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience, then not only the great religious leaders in the heavenly world, but also your good ancestors will be fully mobilized to guarantee your happiness. See what happens when you practice such an absolute standard of faith, love, and obedience for the sake of your parents, husbands and wives, and brothers and sisters. If this were done, how could an unprincipled root pursuing only selfish individ-

science refer? This is an internal revolution in which we must practice absolute obedience to the voice of our conscience. I am sure you cannot deny that within





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ily or my clan, or the wrong my people have committed. Answer. Say sorry. Not I'm sorry BUT. Just sorry. To say sorry is a religious act. It is called repentance.

Thirdly, if someone has done wrong to you, wrong to the members of your family, wrong to your people and they come to you and say they are sorry. What should you do? You should forgive that person, or those people. This is a religious act. To forgive is divine.

Conflict can NOT exist in the presence of someone who has genuinely repented of his crimes to the aggrieved party, and the aggrieved genuinely forgave the offending party. If anyone has gone through this you know that the bond of love and tears from these paired acts are among the most powerful in all of the human experience.

Fourthly the repentant wrongdoer and the aggrieved (usually both parties are both), MUST collaborate to establish a just and equitable reality in which no further wrongdoing in system, structure and circumstance obtain, and both sides must invest unconditionally and without reservation in maintaining that universe. This is a religious act, it is called giving.

It should be clear that the problem of peace is NOT complicated. Nothing could be simpler than achieving and maintaining peace. I didn't say it was easy. I said the problem is simple. Further, it should be clear that the path to peace is accomplished by religious acts. Not by religions. Not by religious belief. Not by religious teachings. It is accomplished by 3 religious acts: repentance, forgiveness, and a life of giving unconditionally.

Political Reality

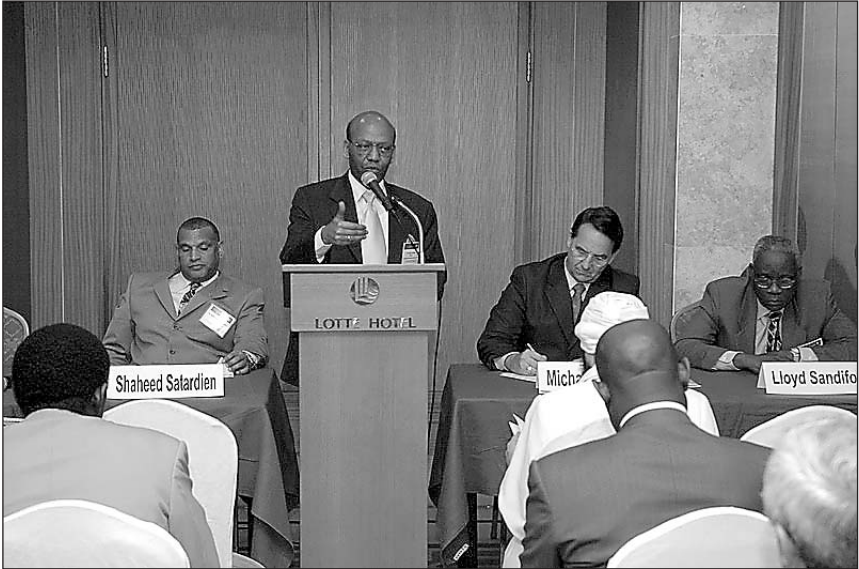
The political coin of the realm is power. It is comprised of 3 things, power over people (or the power OF people), power over wealth (material resources – which includes the power to make gigantic tools of aggression), and power over information; people, money, and knowledge.

There are two approaches to power; control by force and manipulation (power begets power), or influence stemming from attraction for the good that results from the power you accrue.

BUT, whether your relationship with power is of the good or bad sort, does not in any way alter the fundamental reality of politics, and that is about power. Power seeks ever greater authority. This is not a negative. In and of itself it is neutral. It is simply the nature of power.

Once you are involved in politics you are in the power game. You are involved in a dynamic in which you participate in the pursuit of ever greater authority (namely ever more complete and ever more expansive authority). There are

others involved in the same sweep and dynamics, and you have to deal with this in some manner or another. Even if your relationship with power is of the positive sort, you may well have someone who seeks to challenge your authority using power in a bad or evil way. This is simply your reality. That is the



reality of the politician.

Details of Political Reality: You have enemies; you represent more than yourself, including representing the wealth and welfare of a community; you have electoral vulnerability for your actions; you have legal, and material and resource responsibility and culpability for your public actions; you have (often powerful) interest groups and contributors associated with your power and authority; you have “handlers” and advisors, cabinets, and abundant interests and con-

straints on your actions which are at all times representative; you have the extremely precarious balancing act between “domestic” and “foreign” policy.

The task before us is quite simple then, how to relate dynamics of peace to the realities of those with enough power to do something about matters. I argued earlier that the path to peace involves religious action: 1. Concentrate first on what I myself do and have done wrong, 2. Apologize (repent) to those whom I've harmed from my wrongdoing, 3. Forgive those who apologize for their wrongdoing and history of wrongdoing, and 4. Collaborate in a program of giving without reservation to preserve the harmony achieved through the above mentioned acts of reconciliation.

It should be immediately evident that even the best meaning political leader in the world is instantly hamstrung if asked to say I am equally wrong, or to apologize for wrongdoing and so forth. There are massive electoral, legal, fiscal, domestic implications and more for each act an elected representative takes. There are enemies waiting to pounce on any sign of weakness, there are advocacy groups and trial lawyers circling like sharks to demand victim compensation, and the list goes on. So here you have a group of people in whose hands the whole possibility for peace rests, and they are in the stock and trade which makes it most difficult to effect the basic and most necessary actions which lead to peace. ❖



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scrutinize each moment based on the principle of “True” or “False,” and grade yourselves. Both in its shape and in its nature, an “O” can embrace and digest an “X.” An “X,” however, cannot embrace an “O.”

When your answer is “O,” it is most likely that you are living in an affirmative and hopeful way. You have set a vertical axis that extends up to heaven, and you are leading a life of “high noon settlement,” without any shadow. It is likely a life of great depth and breadth in which you are able to forgive and embrace even your enemies in a spirit of true love. When your answer is “X,” however, you are likely to be living in a shameful state, where your heart is filled with negative elements, such as insecurity, irritation, bitterness, and envy. You are likely to be leading a life where your mind and thoughts are narrow and intolerant, and you are being selfish and individualistic to the point that you do not see what is happening with anyone around you.

So I believe that you have a choice that could not be clearer. You must lead lives that can be scored with an “O” in each moment. You must receive a grade of “O,” becoming perfectly round and

not out of shape in any way. You must come to have the form of an “O” that forms a 90-degree angle with the center, no matter where it is placed. Please lead lives in which you pursue the true “O,” so that you can look at the brightly burning sun and not be ashamed, and you can face with honor the vast and infinite universe, and you can stand before all of creation and have nothing to hide. An “O” symbolizes harmony, unity, and peace. Whereas “X” symbolizes death, “O” symbolizes love and life. When your mind and body become completely one, your form will take on the appearance of an “O,” and when your mind and body are in a state of chaos as a result of conflict, your appearance will take on the shape of an “X.”

Ladies and gentlemen, humanity is now at a time when it must return gratitude and glory to God and True Parents. Humanity must offer gratitude for eternity to the True Parents for opening the era After the Coming of Heaven, which is unprecedented in history and

which will never be repeated in the future; and for bringing about the era of settlement of the realm of true liberation and complete freedom. The time has come when humanity must boldly break out of the fallen Garden of Eden covered in



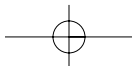
the very beginning with falsehood and blood as a result of the mistake of Adam and Eve, we must all rise up with extraordinary determination in the presence of Heaven's calling.

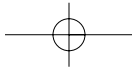
Please give careful thought to the reasons that you are here today. Is it simply because you received an invitation from the sponsors, and therefore you came to participate in a conference?

Whether by your own will or otherwise, you have been called by Heaven. Just as I suddenly received Heaven's calling as a young man of 16, and began an 80-year course of blood, sweat and tears for the sake of bringing true liberation and complete release to God, and for the sake of saving humanity from Satan's yoke, so also you must now go forward determined to offer your lives in order to accomplish God's exalted will for a “World Peace U.N.”

In closing, let me say that I hope you may receive the blessings of heavenly fortune that are pouring down like a waterfall and that you may each accomplish your mission as a proud citizen of Cheon Il Guk, or Kingdom of Heaven, in the presence of Heaven, True Parents, and all humanity. May God's blessing be with you and your families for all eternity. ❖

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REV. MICHAEL JENKINS

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Congratulations, America, on the 2 million blessing. The North American movement of blessed families and churches worked harmoniously together with an attitude of faith, love and especially obedience. It was very dramatic to see Father himself actually bring about the fulfillment of 2 million blessings. Members had been working diligently since receiving Father's directions on Saturday, October 16th, and in exactly two weeks the goal was fulfilled. It took tremendous focus by regional and vice regional directors, AFC and all other community leaders. We are deeply grateful as well to the WFWP and Mrs. Alexa Ward for her encouragement in helping members in different ways to convey the blessing.

Each day we reported to Father the total nationwide. For the first few days Father was very patient because he knew there was a start-up period. But toward the end of the first week we had not crossed the million mark and we felt a sense of concern. Still, each region pledged unconditionally to make the goal, and I could see that the attitude of our members, and especially our leaders, is what allowed Father to begin to have a peaceful mind.

Father came like a hurricane in the first six days since his return to America on Oct. 15th. It was almost fearful to sit at the breakfast table because Father was so desperate to set the condition to steer America's course toward the peace kingdom and to secure America with God's blessing. Father's concern is that the religious leaders and all people of faith and conscience - whether they be professionals, journalists, political figures or business people - come forward and become the conscience of this nation.

An Abel-type coalition must form to be able to guide this nation properly. Father made it very clear during the speaking tour that the political parties must do their work, but without an Abel-type movement to help coalesce people of faith beyond political party, they will never overcome this endless struggle. Therefore, as a condition to secure God's blessing for America, Father set the goal of 2 million blessings. The purpose of the speaking tour was focused on helping America fulfill this blessing. I'm sure many members felt in their hearts how much more they had to push in the last few days because Father was pushing himself so hard.

News of this incredible victory came during Father's speech when the report came from one region that put the nation beyond the 2 million goal. About the middle of Father's speech I got the call that we had crossed over the 2 million mark with the report from Northern California region. It was very interesting that the moment we crossed the line we would be in California, and that California would be the state to push it over. God is really working.

When True Parents were departing at the airport, I told them in Korean, *choi sunull da ha-ge summnida* - we will do it, America will do it. We will fulfill Father's direction in every area. Father and Mother turned and smiled and said, now make 6 million more by the end of the year.

We brought the blessing report spreadsheet to Father that showed the accomplishment of the 2 million and he signed

the form with a smile, writing on it, "North America." The 2 million blessing has been sealed. Father's tour was totally victorious. The people God has chosen, the fruit of True Father's 34 years, the most central people that God has prepared came to this speaking tour, and therefore it now rests upon all of our shoulders to carry forth the will of God for America.

Father has concluded his dispensational course of speaking tours in North America. He explained that according to the Principle this must be the end of his speaking tours because now it's our turn. We must fulfill our responsibility and Father cannot interfere with our portion of responsibility. However, I have good news. Father said he can always visit and speak to us as a true parent. He said, therefore, that if we make a large gathering of Ambassadors for Peace and clergy and professionals who are deeply yearning for True Parents to come, they may come again to do single events. Let us prepare, America, and let us fulfill our responsibility.

Middle East Peace Initiative

Dr. Yang and I returned from Israel Oct 19 just in time for Hoon Dok Hae. Dr. Yang was asked to report concerning the World Peace Pilgrimage. Father was very serious and very pleased at the development of the special Crown of Peace Awards in Israel for the VIPs of both the Asian and the Israeli families. Father was very happy with the developments there. Dr. and Mrs. Kim, the Continental Directors of Asia, Genie Kagawa, Ursula McLackland, as well as all of our Ambassadors for Peace from Asia should be commended. There was an amazing and broad cross-section of VIP's, including many heads of universities and members of parliament. Father was also pleased with the work of our Israeli team and especially the Peace Task Force.

When Dr. Yang finished reporting and presenting many detailed reflections and observations as well as pictures, Dr. Yang then offered the 12th pilgrimage to Father with sincerity and seriousness. Father said, "Well done." Then Father gave a very profound talk on the root of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. It is rooted in the Sarah/Isaac and Hagar/Ishmael relationships. Sarah and Isaac should

have never pushed Hagar and Ishmael away. That is what must be solved in order to resolve the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Only love can do it. He then mentioned that the mother plays the most central role. Moses' mother should have fulfilled her responsibility and guided Moses; if

his mother. The mother must advise the son to do what is right. This is the key.

Twenty-two Asian nations joined together and now continue to walk the path as representatives of the Interreligious and International Peace Council (THE PEACE UN). The 410 Ambassadors for Peace who came are from Singapore, China, Japan, Korea, Phillipines, Hong Kong, Taiwan, India, Nepal, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Italy, Maldives, Russia, Sri Lanka, USA, Jordan, and Israel. (The non-Asian nations had Asian representatives.)

Our Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) Conference was held at the Notre Dame Center and was opened by a clergy person who had known our Ambassador for Peace for 43 years!! Dr. Jatinder Pal Singh Jolly gave a powerful presentation the night before concerning this peace effort. He revealed that he came on the World Religious Youth Seminar in 1983 -- more than 21 years ago -- and was the first Sikh to attend then. He is a universal man of God, a very harmonizing force, and a joy for the IIPC.

At the MEPI seminar, an invocation and remarks were given by the Vice Chancellor of the Orthodox Christian Seminary in India, Dr. Ninan George Kottakkad. His prayer and remarks edified us and gave us the hope that all faiths have found a common home in the work of Father Moon.

Its amazing how God has prepared the Ambassadors for Peace; through them there is a gold mine of important religious and civic leaders who are being "called" to come forth at this time. When they see their colleagues on fire for the work of
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Father signs the report of each regions result and the completion of the two million. Sunday, October 31, 2004

she had, he would not have killed the Egyptian. God originally intended for the Israelites to stay in Egypt. Moses as the "Prime Minister" would have been in the key role to liberate his people and inherit the nation. Because his mother didn't guide her son correctly this course failed and the exodus had to occur. The role of the mother is crucial. (I'm sure this is why Father sent the women of IIFWP and WFWP on the 6th pilgrimage.) Father mentioned that each central figure had two women whom he had to love and harmonize. Abraham had Sarah and Hagar, Jacob had Rachel and Leah, Jesus had his aunt and

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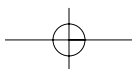
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peace and reconciliation it is a "natural" way for them to join the IIPC. Now many VIPs come to us after our programs in the Holy Land and ask, "How can I be an Ambassador for Peace?"

Members of parliament, a prince of the royal family of Cambodia, and other incredible people of influence and prominence understand the work and ministry of our True Parents and are astonished at the depth of support that exists on all sides with Muslims, Christians and Jews in the Holy Land.

Dr. Glaubach spoke at the opening session and stated in a very matter of fact way: "My brothers and sisters, this work is changing the situation here. I am a Jewish scholar and I have studied very carefully the practical issues that must be solved concerning bringing peace between Palestine and Israel. (Dr. Glaubach's book on peace was endorsed by former Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek and Geneva Accord architect Yossi Beilin.) I know the issues, and I want to say that the most serious and effective effort is that of the World Peace Pilgrimages. You may not see it, because many of you are coming for the first time; however, because wave after wave of nations continued to come here with Father Moon's concept of love, I can see with my own eyes that Jerusalem and Israel are changing. It's very different now than it was one year ago -- very, very different. At that time everything was stuck, nothing was moving, and there was no hope. Now things that were unthinkable just a few months ago are happening. The process is moving on the basis of a spiritual solution. It is based on love."

Father Hatoum, a Melkite Catholic priest, spoke beautifully in Arabic with the Muslim leader Imam Muhammad Jodeh translating. It was so rich and meaningful. Dr. Jodeh was born in Jerusalem and moved to America many years ago. He is a prominent Muslim leader in Denver and throughout America. He is Palestinian and an Ambassador for Peace. He felt called by God to move back to Ramallah. He just built a beautiful home there and has made it the "embassy" of the IIPC for Ramallah. It is so amazing when I think over all that has been happening.

Father Hatoum said, "We struggle here and we are deeply grateful for your support to us. Your coming here pushes us all. When we see people of the whole world coming to work in our neighborhoods and going door to door in Jewish, Muslim and Christian communities, we are amazed at what we see happening. It pushes us. How can we rest or not work for peace in our own country when people from all over the world are coming to help us? Father Moon sent them. This is such an encouragement. Therefore, we are different from any other peace movement. Others talk about peace, but we DO the work of peace." Dr. Jodeh was translating, and then Father

Hatoum spoke in English the phrase that has become our rallying cry in the Holy Land: "Father Moon is doing the peace!!! Others talk the peace. We do the peace!!!"

Imam Jodeh gave a very calm and intellectually satisfying presentation. Though he feels enormous pain for the people suffering in the conflict, he knows that we must love each other and live together. He then stated that he is profoundly committed to this work. When he gets the call he comes and responds to the work of the True Parents. He testified that the True Parents -- Father and Mother Moon -- are the real hope. They are inclusive. They don't cut anyone out They are the King and Queen of Love and Peace.!"

I gave the IIPC principles on Powerpoint. Dr. Joshy Ram Hari, the former Minister of Education, gave a powerful presentation on the seriousness of this effort and the need for this effort in Nepal that is also torn with conflict.

Dr. Yang gave the detailed and inspiring history of the pilgrimage from the cross to the crown. He described how the clergymen recognized the cross was not from the early Christians but rather from Constantine and was used as a symbol of conquest. The cross had to come down. The Christians coming with that spirit could touch the hearts of prepared Jewish leaders, and together with Muslims they could all repent for not having loved one another. They also could move Jewish leaders to repent for not having loved Jesus. This way opened up on the foundation of profound, tearful repentance by Christians, particularly black Christians who had known ridicule, suffering, discrimination and hate.

It was not a shallow or simple thing. It was repentance for what Christianity has arrogantly done from the time of Jesus: not loving as Jesus loved and always judging and condemning. Some-

thing moved heaven and earth with the start of these pilgrimages and the Muslims, Christians and Jews could come together with one heart, signing the Jerusalem Declaration. The era of the cross is over, and so is the era of judging and condemning (although many will maintain this attitude). God now has the conditions and authority to withhold His blessing for any who don't represent the way of love for all people. Therefore, those who judge will decline, and those who love will prosper.

Dr. Dan Dana is another leader and Ambassador for Peace who is now opening huge doors. The Persian Jewish community has become very active with the IIPC. Dr. Dana is a scholar and lawyer. He was quite serious and forceful in his presentation. It was something to behold. Being a Persian is not an easy thing in Israel. Even though they are Jewish, they still are sometimes shunned or discriminated against. There is also concern that the enemy (Iran) is related to them. Dr. Dana explained that his organization, Peace and Love International, has joined together with the IIFWP and IIPC because the work is the work of God. He expressed his commitment (which he demonstrated on numerous occasions, such as in September when he brought over 300 Persian Jewish people to the Evening for A Culture of Peace with our European and American Ambassadors for Peace.) He is there. We deeply appreciate and love Dr. Dana and his wife Marina, who is Russian.

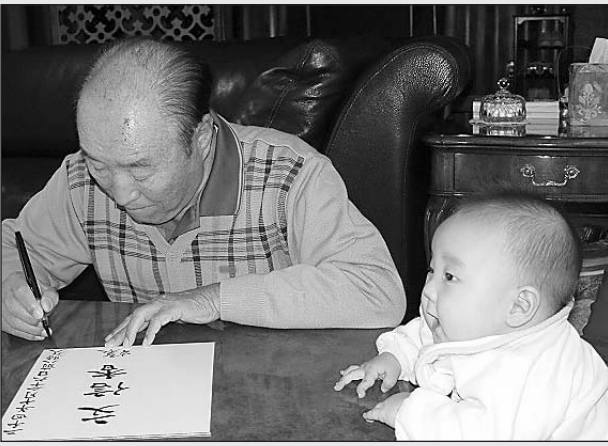
Our final speaker was Dr. Tsai Woei, a Confucian scholar and professor of political science. He spoke with great candor and eloquence: "I really like what I see here. It is deeply moving and very hopeful. But I live in a 'real' world where I don't understand in real terms how this 'love' for one another will work. Please understand: I deeply respect and enjoy this pilgrimage; it is a profound experience for me and gives me hope. Yet I don't understand how it will work politically and economically. I need your support to find these answers. Yet somehow I feel quite good about what I see and experience. For enemies to come together, like we have seen here today, is not a simple issue. We are in the most famous city in the world for 'enemies,' yet they are embracing here. I never thought I would see that. Please help me find the practical answers."

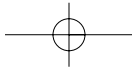
This is real and most meaningful. The World Peace Pilgrimage started as a journey of ACLC and Christian clergy who affirmed Father Moon's mission and teaching, took down their crosses and came to the Holy Land repenting and embracing their Jewish brethren and leading toward the crowning of Jesus. Who would imagine the day when Christians, Muslims, Jews -- and now Sikhs, Hindus, Confucianists and Buddhists -- would say, "I see the hope"?

Only in the Peace Kingdom that is coming to be a reality right before our eyes. We could see the depth of sincerity and love when Father carefully looked at each photo that Dr. Yang presented. It was a moment for eternal history. It was a moment in which God was bringing healing and love to all people, races and faiths in the Holy Land. ❖

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ACLCLC Prayer Breakfast N. Carolina

by Rev. Burgi Hutcherson

On October 5, 2004 we held our ACLCLC Prayer breakfast at the CRT Christian Farm in Winston-Salem, NC. Rev. Levy Daugherty from Washington, DC, was our guest speaker with our regional leader, Rev. Byung Seok Cho, in attendance. It was a wonderful event and all the participants left enriched with a deeper sense

Bishop Ronald Hash, Pastor of the Christian Love Center from Spencer, NC, opened with some short words of welcome and a prayer for breakfast. A delicious breakfast buffet, prepared by Sun Niles and Ingeborg Nakahira, awaited the guests.

Sun Niles, who became a part of the Triad Family Church of Peace in the beginning of 2004, delivered a beautiful Korean Holy song with all her heart. It created the spirit and attentiveness

for the introduction of our main speaker: Rev. Levy Daugherty.

As at Rev. Daugherty's earlier visit in June, he again deeply moved the heart of the ministers with his sincere presentation and his great sense of understanding about the building of Gods kingdom. Five major areas need to be restored in order to build the kingdom

of God: Religion, Politics, Economy, Academia and Media. If we can turn those areas to Gods side, than the kingdom of God can be built and a new civilization can begin. To do this we need absolute faith, absolute love and

absolute obedience. Rev. Daugherty's message created the foundation for a good forum of questions and answers.

Rev. Daugherty spoke on "How do we create a civilization where God's footprint can be on the earth?" He went on to say, "the ultimate civilization is the extension of God or the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Adam had the right to take dominion only when he became an extension of God." He touched on the topic of diseases, saying that "all diseases come from your frame of mind," making references to different parts of the Bible to support this. He further elaborated on how a person's character is determined by his actions. He then spoke on a formula of 3 to make a Miracle: 1. Absolute Faith, 2. Absolute Obedience, 3. Absolutely being in Love with God. At this point the Holy Spirit took over, and I stopped taking notes. It was truly an enriching experience for all of us attending.



I concluded with announcements about the upcoming events. Then we closed with the song "Amazing Grace" while holding hands and Minister Mikal Muhammad gave the Closing Prayer.

After the prayer breakfast Rev. Daugherty, Rev. Cho and myself met with Rev. Winfrey for a lunch appointment. It was a special meeting and Rev. Winfrey expressed strong desire to go on a March for Peace through North and South Korea. Afterwards we visited his church in King. United in love as brothers and sisters we departed from each other. ❖



of purpose and understanding of God's providence.

At 9 am the guests were slowly trickling in. For me it was somewhat a test of faith to believe in a good turnout. Some pastors had called that they would be late. Eventually nine guests and six FFWPU staff came.

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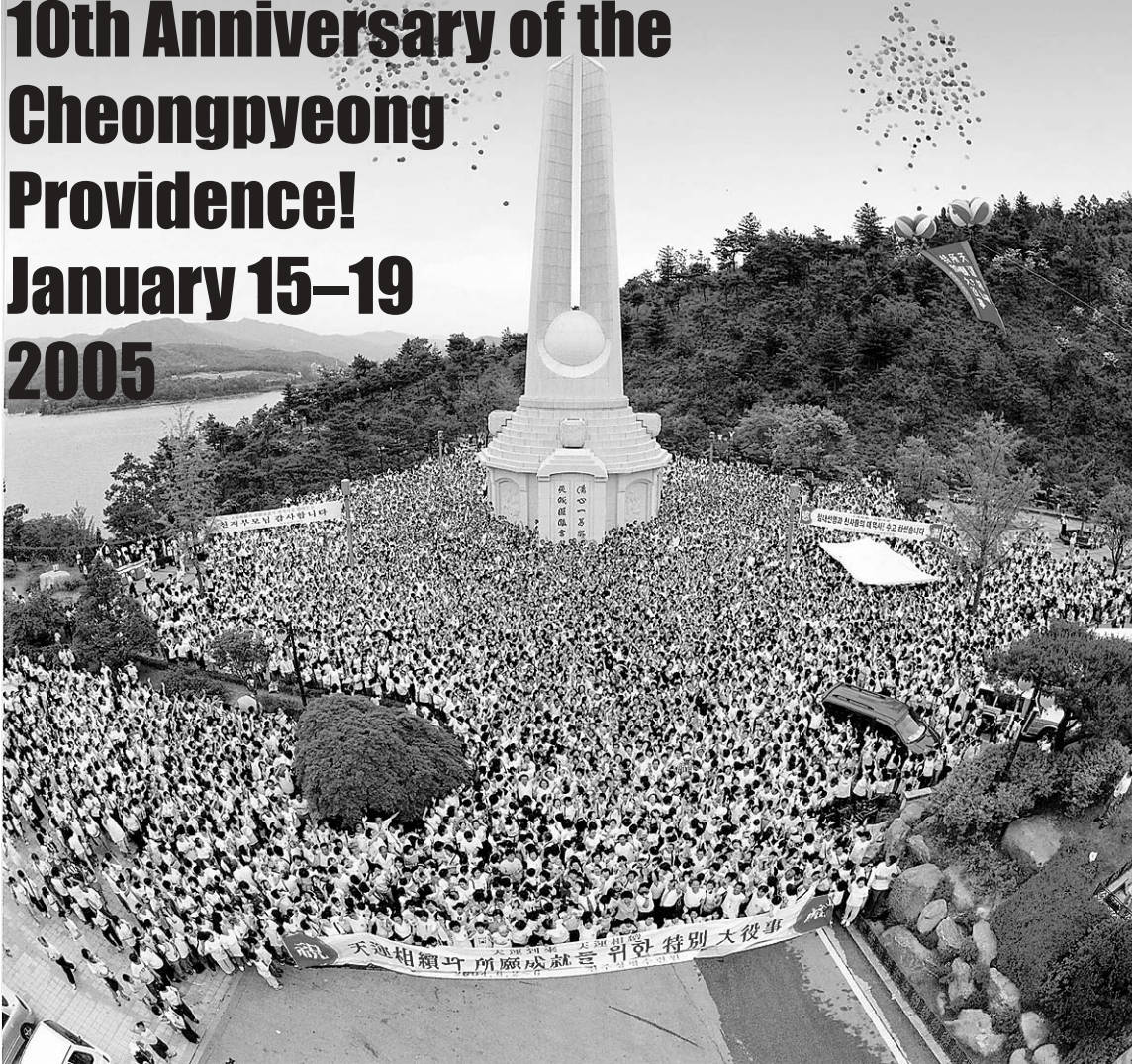
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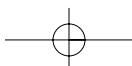


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NORTH AMERICAN

Owning the Task of Education:

October 22-24, 2004 • The Center

by Tyler Hendricks, UTS President

The NAEC this year was an eye-opener for me. It led me to realize the power of networks. The study of networks is a new field of sociology. No one quite understands how networks function in an open society. The power of networks in an open society explains why the cataclysmic historical event of 9.11 did not disrupt the delivery of goods and services to the people of Manhattan, other than the immediate area of the attack. As the world climate changed, the "on-the-ground" life of the city went forward smoothly. It's because that on-the-ground life is the sum of millions and millions of networks, self-running, autonomous networks. Damage to one point does not impede the activities of any other point. The immediate damage was attended to by support networks, and life went on. Again, sociologists are just starting to research this amazing phenomenon.

The NAEC is an emerging network. It has the chance to be self-running, autonomous, and able to provide high quality education to our people, to the world, eventually, on its own. Let me back up a moment to set the stage for this?

Twenty years ago, I worked with the International Religious Foundation. At that time, computers were just coming in to major office utilization. IRF had primitive computers and was facing the need to upgrade. Our big question about

how to go forward was the same facing the computer industry, and no one could tell us the answer. There were two options. One was to install a huge mainframe central unit, and have numerous "dumb" terminals linked to it. The other was to have numerous "smart" terminal net-



worked together. In the first case, the power would be in the central unit. In the latter, the power would be in the network. The "central unit" argument was that, hey, you only need to take care of one computer and you only need one really smart person who can do that. Then everyone else can just sit at their work station and do what the big computer tells them to do. Then you don't have to invest in all these complicated, expensive separate units and train everyone to manage their own. Obviously, the network solution prevailed. Cyberspace is a vast universe of smart computers networked with each other. We

all have become able to run our own smart computers, which, of course, entrepreneurial geniuses have figured out how to make user-friendly. Those who built the network infrastructure are millionaires and billionaires.

Use that as an analogy to how we can organize society. Communism was a system with one central unit and millions of dumb terminals. The same is true of old-style corporations and the Catholic and mainstream Protestant churches. It is based on the assumption that one person or party has all the answers and everyone else is a dumb terminal. Obviously, human beings do not like being treated as dumb terminals.

We are not dumb terminals; we are each a genius; we are made in the image of God. Communism is dead, old-style corporations are bankrupt and those old-paradigm churches are dying. The systems that work--effective democracy, employee-owned corporations and new paradigm churches, see their people as their greatest resource, as smart terminals. They lift up and train their people. They create idea circles. They create infrastructure through which the people can network. And they let God do the rest.

The Educators Conference is such an infrastructure. The job of the steering

committee is to create an environment in which smart people, blessed people, Tribal Messiahs, who are doing what needs to be done, can get together and network. They share resources, insights, troubles and triumphs. We train each other. We generate our heavenly standards, based upon the greatest teacher in the world. No one is deemed to know it all, but each of us is a piece of the puzzle. We had only two plenary sessions--the opening and the closing. That means that each participant had a completely unique experience, choosing from among 30 different presentations and forums, in addition to the poster sessions, theme panels, labyrinth walks, and so forth. Despite the diversity of experiences, the overall impact was totally unifying. And we have built in an element of mystery, because everyone wonders what happened in the sessions that we wanted to attend but couldn't because we wanted to attend another one more. It was having a plethora of totally delicious offerings; it was too much to take in. This is what creates an exciting, non-boring, stimulating, enriching experience. Our educators are developing an identity. With identity comes esprit, comes hope, comes morale building, come fresh thinking and new energy. God works in the relationships; that's Principle 101. He doesn't work just through me, or just through you, but through our relationship.

UTS' current motto is: "Building relationships. Learning what matters." That's the Educators Conference. ♦

by Masao Okano

Let me just say first of all, to see first and Second Gen from all around the US this past weekend at the National Educators Conference was amazing in itself. It was a joining of hearts and substantially joining paths in determining to work side by side, sharing ideas and inspirations for the sake of educating the 2nd generation. However I'd like to share an experience I had, not during one of the breakout sessions or discussions, but during the music fest we had one evening.

It came Saturday night, and we were to have a "music bash" led by the First Gen. At first I was picturing all of the First Gen in my head having some kind of jam session, and it just didn't strike me as something that was going to be "cool". I knew that I was going to be able to appreciate the music, but the fact that it was n't going to be "cool" was an obstacle. That's exactly the attitude I took going into the evening program.

In the beginning, that attitude colored



the experience I was having. Then as the night went on and things progressed from just a couple of people performing and people watching, to everyone singing, it became one of the most beautiful things that I had ever experienced in my life. Slowly, the 2nd Gen who were hanging back at the event filtered out until there were only a couple left. Up until that point I had just been standing toward the back of the room, observing how things were going. Then I finally decided to go and sit down up front with all of the First Gen.

What ended up happening was Rev. Cotter, Tyler Hendricks, Chris Allen Derflinger, and a couple of First Gen on the guitar went from singing hits from their generation like songs by Elvis and the Beatles, to singing the songs that inspired them and lifted their spirits as they were growing up in the



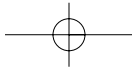
movement. They were the songs that put the passion they had in their hearts into words, and were sung out to glorify God and True Parents while creating a bonding of hearts that would last until the end of eternity. They were doing all of the old school moves and ad-ns that they did when they sang back in the day. After a while, all of the Second Gen had left the room, and I was the only one remaining.

As I was sitting there, listening to them sing, the spirit in the room just got higher and higher. I basically didn't know any of the songs so I just sat there listening to the words and the passion they were singing them with. Then tears began to fall from my eyes. I felt a true bond of heart with them. I could feel the heart and spirit that they had when they were all living in centers together, going out fundraising or

witnessing day in and day out for years on end, moving forward for the providence, knowing that the kingdom of heaven was right around the corner.

In between the songs, people would spontaneously come up and give a few words, testifying how others in the room had made impacts on their lives, or gave little stories about their experiences with singing different songs. My initial tears were ones of repentance for not living my every day life with this kind of conviction that they had at the very same age I'm at right now, for not understanding their hearts and not supporting them for most of my life, realizing the potential that was there had the 2nd Gen united from the start, and what was lost. I felt sorry that the First Gen has been so bogged down by the secular world since they started their families, going through indescribable hardships within their families in everything from relationships to finances, etc. Throughout the years, I felt that many of our parents had become numb to these problems because that's all they could do without having their hearts broken every single day of their lives.

Tears kept falling and falling as the night went on. But then suddenly a see MASAO on page 26



EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

Addressing Issues, Generating Solutions

for Education at UTS, Barrytown NY

by Dr. Kathy Winings

The word “educare” means to draw out. It is a powerful little word when we think about it. Drawing out was certainly the order of the day for the 3rd North American Educators Conference that was held at UTS-Barrytown



on October 22 – 24th, 2004. The entire weekend was about “drawing out” – drawing out the best insights and content of the presenters and drawing out the best questions, ideas and experiences from each participant. This was our task as we addressed the conference topic: “Owning the Task of Education: Addressing Issues, Generating Solutions.”

The conference began with a series of Pre-Conference Workshops that took place on Friday. Mr. Brian Sabourin offered a full day workshop on “Youth Ministry Essentials.” Brian challenged the participants to define a clear purpose for youth education, maintain a healthy spiritual life and youth minis-

ters, and develop effective age appropriate teaching methods for teens. He rounded out the Youth Ministry workshop with a discussion of the New Jersey Family Church Model for participants to examine.

A second workshop, and new to this year’s program, was a Marriage Ministry Training program that provided a rich and diverse team of presenters and a well-rounded series of topics. Mr. John Williams and Mrs. Joni Choi began the day with a session on “Marriage Ministry for First and Second Generation Couples.” Next, there was Mr. and Mrs. Farley Jones guiding participants to consider “Working as a Couple to Teach Skills in Marriage Ministry.” The morning concluded with “Marriage Counseling Techniques and Models” with Betsy Jones. The afternoon continued the rich content with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Saunders approaching the topic of “Working Out Differences.” The workshop concluded with a vibrant Q & A session with all presenters.

The conference itself got started on Friday evening with a general welcome and ice breaker that allowed the participants to quickly get to know the many new participants who attended this year. The evening concluded with a Networking Reception. It was quickly evident that this weekend promised to be a rich

and wonderful experience for the participants.

In the opening plenary on Saturday morning, Mr. Tony Devine addressed the history of the conference and laid out the vision of the annual conference and the newly organized Center for Education, and Dr. Tyler Hendricks welcomed participants to UTS and this year’s conference. In addition, Dr. Hendricks highlighted some of the many new breakouts and presenters in this year’s program. Mr. Noah Ross addressed the new Blessed Family Association and the BFA Convocation that would take place Saturday night. All participants were encouraged to take advantage of the networking opportunities available in this conference and were invited to really examine the issues and to be bold in generating possible solutions.

It was also clear that this third year signaled a growth and development in the Conference compared to the previous years. Not only was there a new educational ministry track – that of Pastoral Ministry Education – but there were many more Young Adult Ministry and Family and Marriage Ministry breakouts than in years past. A new breakout format was also introduced – the Forum. The Forum was created for those issues,



ideas, and programs that were still new and not fully operational. The purpose of the Forum was to allow presenters to offer their thoughts and ideas so as to encourage a promising and healthy discussion that could ultimately help develop these new programs into strong and effective educational activities.

What were the individual breakouts? In Children’s Ministry, Sunday School teachers and directors looked at how to run an effective Sunday School with Mr. Bruce Clarke, integrating effective character education in children’s ministry with Mr. Tony Devine, develop a strong children’s ministry with a strong focus on internal guidance with Mrs. Jacquie Gurtatowski, and utilize service learning in a ministry to children with myself as the presenter.

The Youth Ministry breakouts addressed how to create an abstinence-based peer counseling program called ULTRA Teen Choice in one’s youth ministry or com-

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by Leonard Soaivan

Attending the Third North American Educators Conference suddenly turned into a humbling experience, of which I find myself very grateful for. As I was being driven to UTS the Saturday of the conference, I remember thinking how daring it was of our parents to hold a conference that would cover the ever-sensitive topic of Second Generation education. Though I acknowledged the fact that the our parents represent the connection, as the pioneers and First Generation, between the Second Generation and the traditions and words of God and True Parents, I was skeptical as to whether they truly, deeply understood the mindset and hearts of the second generation (though I have been reassured of that repeatedly in the past). Because we ourselves as Second Generation are always grappling with the issue of “identity”, it seemed to me highly unlikely that our parents, from whom we might often feel a lack of understanding, could successfully mount a conference sharing ideas on how best to educate us.

I caught myself repeatedly thinking along this unsavory train of thoughts

for the whole of the two hour drive up the Palisades Parkway. Try hard as I might, no prayer seemed to clear this pretentious atmosphere. Maybe my prayers were only half-hearted; I laugh now remembering how childishly determined I was to put my own two cents into this affair.

What I found instead caught me off-guard. Among the participants were well-known second-generation educators and First Generation in general and their openness and willingness to receive was such a stark comparison to my own heart and mindset that, for a while, I could not help but remain silent, having understood that it was indeed I that knew nothing of the whole situation. It was such a revelatory feeling to see our parents so intent on understanding the Second Generation by directly asking us, “What can we do for you guys? What do you need,” that I could not help but feel that I had arrived at the wrong place. Though it covered many more areas than Second Generation education, it gave me so much hope to see that the conference, as for-

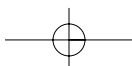


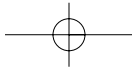
mal as it may sound, was at its root a sincere attempt to establishing understanding. The idea of the parent-child relationship passed through my thoughts, and I immediately understood that the basis of our relationship (between First and Second Generation) lay in the deep levels of heart. I strongly felt that just as it is important that we relate as First and Second generation centered on True Parents, we too must relate as parents and children; ideally, these two concepts are inseparable.

The Third North American Educators Conference was an exceptional event that, I feel, had many ideas to offer; new ideas and concepts were

shared among all participants. However, I felt that the true gem, found only after being gracefully humbled by the First Generation (yet again), was that the conference provided an open forum through which substantial steps were taken to establishing what Father has shared is the central axis of the universe. I think all families are deeply concerned with establishing the true families and parent-child relationships Father expects, and I felt that the conference provided a place where misconceptions between First and Second Generation, whether I

overstated or understated them, could be clearly and objectively looked at. Furthermore, I am grateful to be reminded by God that in order to build families centered on sincerity and love, I myself must have sincerity and love. The ideas of sincerity and love have always been challenging to deeply grasp and practice, and I feel I must apologize to the First Generation for my arrogance, but overall I personally am grateful for the enlightening and humbling experience of the Education Conference, and wish that more may attend the next one to truly start substantiating Father’s vision for families. ❖





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munity with Mr. Richard Urban, consider how a new leadership course – Jr. STF – can become a part of their community’s outreach to teens with Mr. David Stein and Mr. InSoo Kim, understand the educational value of camp for teens with Mr. Brian Sabourin, and how to counsel and work with trouble teens with myself.

The Young Adult Ministry area was particularly rich and diverse this year as participants considered how to create an effective young adult ministry, how to make use of retreats to revitalize and empower young adults with Ms. Harumi Kawamura, were informed about the possibility of a college here at Barrytown with Dr. Tyler Hendricks and Dr. Andrew Wilson, actively discussed life as a young adult blessed couple with Mr. and Mrs. Jin Man, looked at a new educational pipeline concept with a look also at new work being done with STF, CARP and young adult ministry in New York with Mr. Kazushi Mito, Rev. Philip Shankar, and Mr. Joshua Cotter, considered a publicly used program called Character Counts and the possibility it offers us with Mr. Scott Simmonds, examined the issues of being a young adult Unificationist with Mr. Kenritsu Yamamoto and Ms. Kotun Kiely, and realized the power of service learning to transform young adults with Mr. Tony Devine and Ms. Lilli Kirkley.

Family and Marriage Ministry had equally diverse breakouts with some new topics this year and vital sessions where participants addressed the matching process of their children by Mr. Jim Stephens, how to help families with special needs with Mrs. Fran Ichijo, how to organize blessed families in our community with Rev. Kevin Thompson, considered how to raise our children to be abstinent with Mrs. Linda Haft, examined success factors of the LDS through the family home evening with Dr. Tyler Hendricks, and then looked at how the Blessed Family Department can serve our families with Mr. and Mrs. Stephens.

Finally, our newest track or level of concentration was that of Pastoral Ministry Education. In this area, participants addressed the nuts and bolts of an effective pastoral ministry with Rev. Kevin Thompson, how to create workable intergenerational worship services with myself, and utilizing film as an innovative and effective education tool with Dr. Mike Mickler.

This year the conference organizers felt that the action committees were not able to function effectively at this point in time. Therefore, it was agreed that the conference should have time for participants to simply talk about the issues, questions and concerns that they had

in the 5 general ministry areas through a moderated and focused discussion. So, immediately after dinner, participants attended a special “Theme Panel” discussion with one theme panel and moderator assigned for each of the 5 areas of Children’s Ministry, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Family and Marriage Ministry, and Pastoral Education Ministry. Each session was rich and diverse and so covered material that had not been presented during the conference so far. After the Theme Panel Sessions, the Blessed Family Association held a convocation in which participants discussed how to organize the BFA, what its relationship would be in regards to the Blessed Family Department, and where they could go from here. It was decided that the BFA would host a convocation each year during the Educators Conference. A draft mission and vision statement are being worked on at this time.

The evening ended on an exciting high note with the Down Home Music Fest that reverberated throughout the entire building. It really brought some life to these quiet and hallowed halls and great music echoed throughout UTS.

Of course, throughout the entire conference, there were those moments that participants took for networking, browsing through current resources and materials, or to take a quiet walk and reflect on all the ideas, insights and issues that had been raised throughout the day.

The exciting point about this year’s conference was that it attracted a larger number of young adult presenters and attendees. These are the up and coming Sunday School and Youth Ministry teachers and staff that represent a new generation of teachers and parents. These participants offered thoughtful, energetic ideas and responses and they are committed to drawing out the best in the coming generations as educators and parents.

During the sessions, it was also clear that our educators, parents and pastors are having to grapple with some difficulty issues and concerns. Yet, they are working hard to find the ways to faithfully and effectively address these tough questions and so create an educational tradition that represents the best of what we have to offer through our True Parents.

It became evident during the conference that education in the church has come a long way. But it took passion and passionate people to create this educational foundation. Throughout the

conference, many participants were reminded of the one or two individuals in their communities or regions who were passionate about education and so organized some beginning camps, Sunday School programs, and family ministry seminars. They were also able to see how things have grown and developed educationally by drawing out the very best from each parent, teacher and minister. Each session was an oppor-



tunity to look around the room and look at the faces of a growing number of individuals and families filled with a passion and a zeal to address issues and generate solutions that will guide the educational activity in the movement for many years to come. Through the conference, each participant could realize that this is what education is all about – passionate people with dreams, hopes and vision and, most importantly, the will to do what it takes to boldly move our diverse educational ministries into the future.

Some of the solutions or ideas that were generated by the conference included: (1) A need for a stronger more professional curriculum and curricular resources to support the growing network of trained teachers, investment in more resources, and the inclusion of more effective teaching tools that enable our children to practice their faith in the world. (2) The need to recognize and make use of a wide range of resources, innovative programs and transformative settings in our existing youth ministries that challenge our teens to step out and become leaders of their generation who are loving and pure, while at the same time learning how to effectively address the range of problems and illnesses that some of our teens are facing. (3) The development of a strong and effective ministry for young adults – whether they are on campus or in their home communities – that supports the development of a rich and vibrant owned faith. (4) The need to proactively address the key issues dealing with the matching and marriage of our children, develop an educational program that effec-

tively nurtures and meets the needs of all of our blessed families, and to create and implement a ministry paradigm that truly creates a family-centered and family-empowered church within the Family and Marriage Educational Ministry area. (5) A continuing educational program for our city, state and regional leaders/pastors so that they can continue to respond to God’s call in their lives as they seek to pastor and minister to all of us.

During the closing plenary, offered by Dr. Kathy Winings, participants were challenged to do several things on returning home. First, participants were asked to reflect on the insights gained throughout the weekend and to make a plan to implement at least one idea or suggestion that they gained from their conference experience sometime within the next 7 days. Second, participants were encouraged to prepare for next year’s conference now and to bring someone with them next year or to send at least 2 people to next year’s program. In considering who to send, all participants were challenged to send at least one second generation youth or young adult to the conference. This is the best way to expand what we learn through the conference experience.

Third, participants were encouraged to organize a training session or a meeting in their community fairly soon so that they can share with their community all that they learned this weekend. Fourth, participants were asked to continually invest in their educational ministry skills through such means as joining the Religious Education Association to gain access to professional resources that will help them, look for new resources in education, and to attend local programs and trainings to improve their skill base.

By the end of the closing plenary on Sunday, October 24th, it was clear that everyone was returning home with something of value, something that was learned, or with something that would help them continue to give of their best educationally. All in all, one can say that a lot had been drawn out of each participant and presenter through the conference. It will be a tough act to follow, as they say, but all of us look forward to next year’s 4th Annual North American Educators Conference to see what will be drawn out of us next year as we all seek to become true teachers, true parents and true leaders for God. We hope to see you there next year as well!

For more information or to obtain a CD of the conference proceedings, please contact Dr. Kathy Winings at: HYPERLINK "mailto:IRFFint@aol.com" IRFFint@aol.com. ♦

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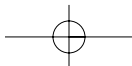
different kind of tear began to fall, tears of an unfamiliar sort. In the past most of my tears had been from feeling sympathetic to God’s heart and His situation or the situation of the world.

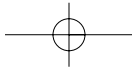
However as I looked at the eyes of these faces that had always seemed so worn to me, they were instead all beaming with such brightness. They were getting up and dancing around, swaying from side to side, swinging each other around in circles. At that moment

they were living the kingdom of heaven that’s been held in their hearts for years. They had become children once again and were intoxicated with the love of God. On into the night they continued to dance and sing...10...11...12 o’clock, they kept on singing and dancing. I was able to experience what it must have been like in the early days of the church in Korea with True Father. I had always read about how the early members would sing and dance into the wee hours of the morning, high on the love of God. I would just close my eyes and I could see their spirits danc-

ing and singing in front of me, with an almost unbearably bright light where their hearts were. My eyes that had seen corruption, hate, misery, and many evils of this fallen world throughout my life, were being purified by the tears that were now flowing from them. There was no room for anything that was part of the fallen world in the realm that we were living in at that moment. Those tears carried away the evil of Satan’s world that I had seen and fell to the ground to disappear. By the end of the session, my face had become swollen and my eyes red.

Finally, they said that they needed to call it a night because we all had to wake up for 5 o’clock HDH. Everyone wanted to continue saying "Awwwww let’s sing some more!" But they ended there by standing up holding hands singing amazing grace. I also stood up and joined them. I felt as if though it was an unbreakable chain of God’s love and spirit. It was a chain that I had become a link within, a link that was connected to the First Gen on one side and the Second Gen on the other side. We closed in prayer and ended the night as one. ♦





WORKSHOP & CONFERENCES AT UTS

by Cliff Yasutake, Business Manager

Our fiscal year starts on July 1 and on July 2nd the New Jersey Family Church came to UTS for a Divine Principle workshop. In July the most significant workshop was the World CARP/STF Graduation which was held from July 19-28. 70 graduates participated in a final workshop prior to graduation from their second year of STF where they witnessed in CARP centers in the U.S.

In August we again hosted the STF/Word CARP Kickoff workshop where the 2nd Gen prepared themselves for one year of fundraising and leadership training. Parents were also invited to attend this workshop where they could ask questions and learn about the exciting year which was ahead for their children.

This workshop which has been traditionally held at UTS is such an inspiring event where parents can see the wonderful changes in their children and other 2nd generation children because of the STF and World CARP commitment to our children. Then later in August the Japanese Missionaries came to UTS for English instruction and to attend classes in Christian Theology to make them so much more effective in their sacrificial work in the U.S. to work with Christian ministers. Mrs. Erikawa also attended with 22 other Japanese missionaries for the 10 day "Christian Ecumenical Leadership Program at UTS".

On August 28 we hosted the reunion of the Christian Broth-

ers. About 160 "Brother's" who either attended high school or were among the staff of the Christian Brother's facility came together at their alma mater to greet their fellow classmates from many years ago. It was such a wonderful day to see so much happiness as they greeted their old friends once again. This was the third reunion which we hosted in the past 5 years and we hope to continue this wonderful event. In September the World Missions Mongolian team came to UTS for a week workshop. It was so inspiring to see 50 young Mongolian church members working so hard and so committed to True Parents.

Then in late September and up to the International Tong-Il Moo-Do tour-



nament at the University of Bridgeport, Tong-Il Moo-Do members from throughout the world gathered at UTS for a week training to ready themselves for the tournament. These are wonderful brothers and sisters from throughout the world who are making a big impact throughout the world. Dr. Seuk came to UTS to speak and meet the participants. Mr. Kenasku Takahashi organized and holding the title as "Master" trained the younger members.

As of this writing, the World CARP teams are here for a 10 day workshop. 75 members from throughout the world who are so committed and faithful are such an inspiration to all of us. The World CARP Leadership Seminar bringing together all of these wonderful brothers and sisters is a wonder to see. They all love and respect Hyun Jin Nim and the other leaders of World CARP and the quality of the workshops shows the vision and hardwork of the

leaders of World CARP.

Dr. Seuk also came to speak and to meet the workshop members. He gave his testimony and he also told me to say in this report that his wife was the first pioneer of New York city in 1965. She had an apartment in Manhattan and when True Father toured the U.S. in 1965 he spent 3 days in her apartment. Dr. Seuk is under the impression that the history of the early church in America does not include his wife's early pioneering efforts in New York city. He was so inspiring and he also showed a short video showing the work of our church in China which we do not hear much about but apparently there is a lot of activity there.

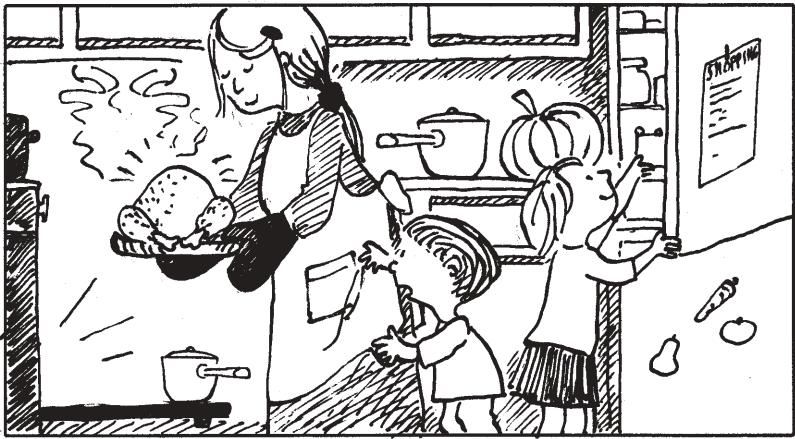
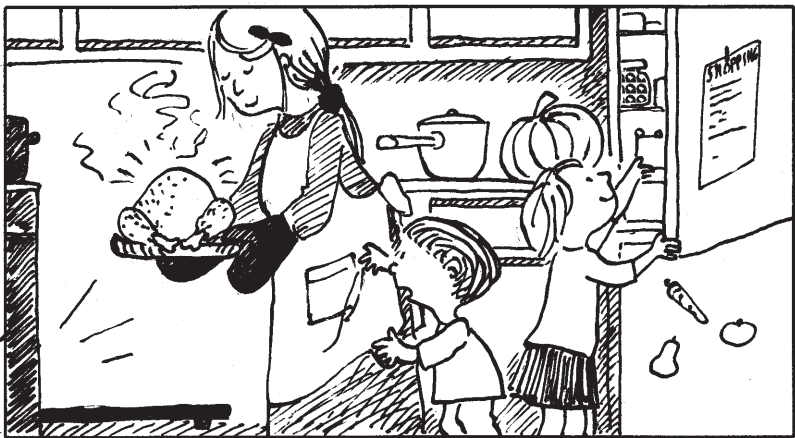
So as we close the first few months of our fiscal year here at UTS we really appreciate all the of the organizations which have held their events here. We are looking forward to the 3rd North American Educators Conference which will be held here at UTS October 22 - 24 and also the return of the Japanese Missionaries later this year. These were only the highlights of these past months and we thank all the other groups who came to UTS not only to have their events, but to experience the spiritual and the physical greatness of Barrytown. We want to encourage everyone to come to Barrytown and experience the wonders of this place, where the "cherries bloom forth in the snow and underneath where the four leaf clovers grow".

Come and meet God and have many wonderful memories here. ❖



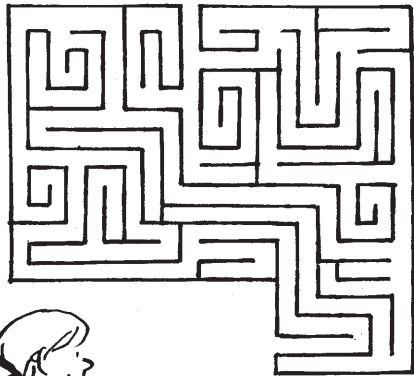
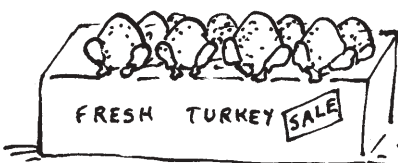
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by Françoise



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by Fran and Yoshi Ichijo

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Please let others know about this website and encourage them to submit their information. One eventual purpose of our ministry is to be able to help facilitate the matching and Blessing of these special kids, besides supporting one another in all other areas.

There is a link to the ministry page on the BFD website.

<http://www.familyfed.org/bfd/special.html>

From there you can go to their testimonies of matching their own special needs son and also to an online form for submitting information about families for prayer and support. Email: Ichijojoy@aol.com

by Atsushi Murakami

On October 9th and 10th, the first World Martial Arts Peace King Cup Open Tournament was held at the University of Bridgeport, Connecticut, USA. About 50 participants came from Japan, Korea, China, USA, Southeast Asia, South America, Africa, Europe, Northeast and Oceania. The tournament was sponsored by the World Tong-Il Moo-Do Federation, World CARP, I.E.F and Martial Arts Federation for World Peace.

October 9th was a preliminary tournament for individual and group form competition and special techniques competition.

Before the competition, all participants took an examination of the New Philosophy for the Martial Arts, which shows how we can realize world peace through martial arts training. All participants passed the examination. One Japanese participant scored 100 points.

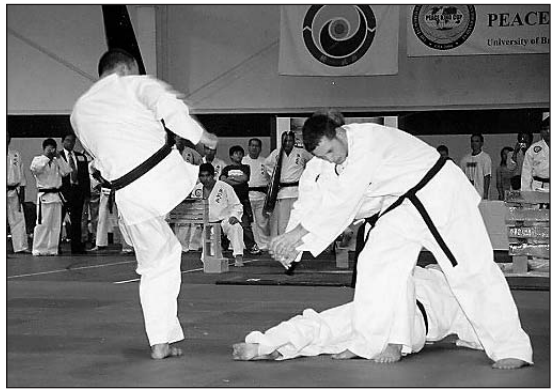
Individual form competition was composed of two parts. The first part was circular movement. The second part was free style. According to the participant martial arts type, they performed various forms. Champion Master Schulze performed Il-Seung Eui Bon as a free style form.

The team form competition consisted of very exciting performances by each country. The champion US team performed a good combination of forms, free sparring, self-defense and weapons techniques. The audience was very excited by the performance. The two women from Northeast (Eurasia) Continent performed an excellent form with Russian folk music. The performance contributed to a cultural atmosphere and inspired the audience.

The special techniques competition was composed of self-defense, breaking and special forms. Highlight was Champion Mr. Luice's breaking four boards with one vertical board by hand. It was a very unusual method and inspired all the spectators.

In the morning of October 10th, the preliminary sparring competition was held. The Peace King Cup sparring rule allow for all different kind of techniques

Bridgeport: First Martial Arts Peace King Cup Open Tournament



such as punching, kicking, throwing and grappling. The participants applied many different techniques.

In the afternoon on October 10th, the Opening Ceremony was held with a speech by Neil Salonen, President of the University of Bridgeport, and Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, Chairman of the World Martial Arts Peace King Cup Open Tournament Committee.

A special demonstration was held by the Tong-Il Moo-Do and Taekwon Do teams. Taekwon Do Master Choi showed excellent breaking techniques with indomitable spirit. Also the Tong-Il Moo-Do team showed a peaceful form, various weapon techniques, breaking baseball

bats and ice blocks. All the spectators were very excited by their excellent performance and high spirit.

The lightweight and middleweight champions were from the Philippines. They displayed professional skill, not only in punching and kicking but especially in ground techniques.

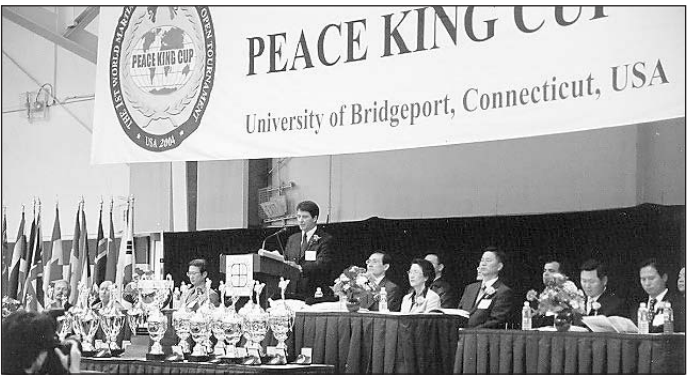
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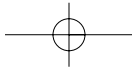
Russia. He showed good spirit and won by a seven-point lead, showing total superiority to his opponent.

After the competition, the Awards Ceremony was conducted. Winners received Peace King Cup medals and trophies. Also, the World Martial Arts Peace King Cup Flag was passed from the USA to Japan.

Participants from the Philippines testified about how the Peace King Cup atmosphere is different from other tournaments. They felt and appreciated the atmosphere of brotherhood for the sake of world peace. Through this Martial Arts Peace King Cup Tournament, participants could realize a unified spirit to build world peace beyond nationality and type of martial arts. After the

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This month we'll discuss the interaction between the spiritual and physical realms. We know that humans themselves are the main bridge, with angels playing a supporting role. There are probably additional, but lesser, forces.

The article was inspired by an ongoing Internet discussion group, on Yahoo. It's been a fascinating conversation, very eclectic and informative, and occasionally getting somewhat . . . far out.

CONTACT

Having a belief in (or, as I prefer to say, an understanding of) life after death is quintessentially human. In other words, belief in a spiritual existence is unique to humanity.

Throughout the ages, spiritual contact has been the job of special castes. Priestesses, shamans, and medicine men; then exorcists, séance mediums, and researchers. As time went on, contact with God (deities), or with the spirits of deceased humans, became distinct activities. In the Bible, it's usually good prophets versus evil witches.

Each society and religion has a distinctive vision of the spiritual world. The Principle states that, in doing this, they've actually created a particular 'level' of the spirit world for themselves.

A friend of your author recently became a Jehovah's Witness. Apparently, they claim there is no spirit world, for us mortals anyway. That human souls vanish upon death, to be reconstituted only when Jesus returns. Psychics have written that, after death, such believers remain asleep.

Modern theologians and parapsychologists are making serious efforts to study, and quantify, spiritual forces. The Rhine Research Center at Duke University is paramount among them. Rupert Sheldrake's study of morphogenetic fields is rigorous and fascinating, but many scientists are such knee-jerk skeptics they won't even look at his data.

Traditional dowsing, which deals with inanimate spiritual forces, claims much success, but it's also doubted.

THE DEVICE

Several years ago, True Father asked a group of Unificationists to invent a Spirit World Communications Device. Something that works like a telephone or radio, and could be used by anybody, to contact people living in the other realm. It wouldn't function via a traditional human 'medium,' but with modern technology.

Father wanted it to be available for

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use by the police, courts, etc., to help solve murder cases. Not to mention its value to historians and genealogists! But, despite some premature rumors, such a device hasn't been invented. A basic theory isn't even codified yet.

There are numerous fields of study to glean from. The philosopher Paul Roubiczek, and the Institute of Noetic Sciences, have been mentioned.

Scientists are discussing other spatial dimensions (beyond our familiar three), intangible dark matter, and weird forces such as quantum entanglement and dark energy. The enigmatic wellspring of human consciousness is the subject of much research, bold claims, and fierce scholarly rivalries. Terms like 'chaos' and 'emergence' have taken on whole new meanings.

By now, science has encompassed all sorts of bizarre, unseen forces and realms. It's become a lot harder to claim that a spiritual reality is too farfetched.

Attempts to build a spirit world communicator go back at least a century. Worldwide, several groups have been, or are currently, engaged in this work. Our Yahoo group is already in contact with most of them, and hopes to reach more.

Some of their attempts are based on the experience of audio technicians. It seems that voices often appear on 'empty' recordings, and though it's seldom mentioned by wary techies, that phenomena is the basis of an upcoming movie called White Noise.

There is some kind of 'barrier' in place, which make attempts to communicate difficult and inconsistent. Some groups have enjoyed limited success, only to have it broken off, with regrets, from the other side.

In past articles I've quoted one anti-Communist leader, in saying that refugees aren't automatically experts on Marxism. Along those lines, let me state that dying doesn't make anyone an expert on the spirit world. Just because someone goes there, doesn't mean they suddenly comprehend a lot more, or hold any special keys.

This could explain why only a few spirits have been able to make contact, and even then, only through a single medium. And, in the context of

this effort, why those individuals who are in touch, may lack the requisite technical knowledge.

CENSUS

How many beings dwell in the spirit world? Has anyone done a census? Vastly differing numbers are given. One reason may be that the translation of large numbers, from oriental to western, is tricky. Errors are common.

Exactly who (and what) does live there, isn't quite clear.

Dae Mo Nim says that miscarried and aborted fetuses have a 'partial' spiritual existence. Doctors have found that most women do miscarry, early on (without even knowing they'd been pregnant), many times during their fertile years.

There may be a spiritual equivalent to plants and animals. In Japan they're known as 'kami,' or nature spirits, and little roadside shrines honor them. In European mysticism they're called 'elementals.' One might suppose that, like moths to flame, such beings are drawn to spiritual brilliance. (Thus requiring frequent Cheongpyeong 'ansu' sessions?)

Somewhere in the galaxy or larger universe, there might be other inhabited planets. Would they share 'our' spiritual world? Perhaps, but if so, they've been rather coy about it. We sing venerable hymns about saints and sages, but none (that I know of) mention holy Vulcans or Jedis.

Unless, that is, you count the many New Age "spirit guides." Charismatic people

who profess to be in touch with invisible beings, such as the so-called Orions and Pleadians, who say they're from distant planets. If you want a full load of inconsistent pseudoscientific gobbledygook, just do a Google search on these characters . . .

Okay, maybe they're not all bad. The teachings of one such guide, named Kryon, are said to resemble the Principle in certain respects. As usual, sorry to say, this hasn't led to any actual support, or providential results.

DANGERS

Spiritual contact involves danger. Some of its perils are well known, while new ones also loom. (And I'm not referring to any horror stories.)

Psychic experiences often resemble drug-induced hallucinations. Also, schizophrenia and other psychoses. Unfortunately, there is a tendency for spiritually open people to succumb to those illnesses. This is one reason any spiritual communications device should rely upon hard-headed technological methods.

The Principle, like many religions, explains that one's lifelong deeds are 'recorded' upon the soul. This, it is said, becomes obvious when someone arrives in the next world.

Any device that could 'pick up' spiritual energies might also work with living people, rather like a psychic MRI scan. In one episode of The Simpsons, Dr. Hibbert employs a Standard Evil Test. It was a strip of chemical paper, which turned black, revealing his test subject as evil.

Imagine its possible use by investigators, or by the government. Who should use it, and why? Could such a test discern each type, and gradient—much less, the heart behind—any of our potential, intended, or actual sins?

What legal standards and procedures would apply, and how strictly? Consider: some official could "set the bar" so high that almost no one could pass the test!

How would a Heavenly Nation utilize such a capability?

CONCLUSION

If any of my readers have some good suggestions or contacts, please let us know.

On the overall subject, the Principle is clear. Adam and Eve did have, and their descendants were supposed to inherit, the ability to contact angels and the spiritual realm.

Ultimately, we'll all get back to what God intended, a world with free and open communication. It will be a different, and very special, place.

You can send your comments to me at: Cuebbon@aol.com ♦



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tournament, the participants spent time sharing from the heart and created an atmosphere of brotherhood.

Tournament results

Individual form competition: 1. Kai Uwe Schulze (Germany, Europe); 2. Wilkens Bjoern (Germany, Europe); 3. Jacob Abebe (Ethiopia, Africa).

Team form competition: 1. USA; 2. Japan; 3. Northeast (Eurasia).

Special Techniques: 1. Luice Carreno (USA); 2. Olga Spitsyna (Russia, Northeast); 3. Jacob Abebe (Ethiopia, Africa).

Sparring competition < Light weight>: 1. Jerson P. Estoro (Philippines, Asia); 2. Luice Carreno (USA); 3. Seoung Woo Hong (Korea); < Middle weight> 1. Robert Lee Bumina-Ang (Philippines, Asia); 2. Wilkens Bjoern (Germany, Europe); 3. Dumitru Bradautanu (Moldova, Northeast) < Heavy weight> 1. Vitaliy Naumov (Russia, Northeast); 2. Marley Papali (New Zealand, Oceania); 3. Tatekimi Matsuzaki (Japan) ♦

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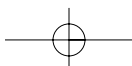
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Snake in the Grass, Alas!

When you have 2 acres of grass and a push mower, the lawn becomes familiar as your own skin. Maybe it's kind of like a man shaving his face. You avoid that little bump and you pass over areas that need special attention, you notice something here, something there. I was pushing the mower through a 6 inch deep lawn last weekend when I saw something moving just ahead of the mower. It was rolling and thrashing, barely visible. I avoided it and looked down and saw a reddish brown snake turning and turning in a spiral. At first I thought I was seeing snakes mating or giving birth or something really weird. Then I saw a little face in the midst of it (no it wasn't a discarded Barbie doll) and I realized that I was watching my very own little Animal Planet documentary of a snake crushing a rodent prior to consuming it. A very piteous site indeed. I ran into the house and grabbed all the kids eating lunch around the kitchen table and ran them back outside so they could lose their appetite and at the same time see this rare moment in nature.

The snake was aware of us, 6 faces peering down in a gawking circle. Suddenly it was gone and the little rodent body lay there alone and dead like the victim of a mugging. Where did the snake go? We were hopping around thinking it had gone for a slither between our feet but it had gone back down the rodent hole. After a moment its face appeared in the

saw a 5 foot black snake in our yard. Before we could say Jack Robinson, he grabbed a shovel and killed it. I don't really like the idea of killing things that are just minding their own business but his motive was to protect us from a snake bite, albeit nonvenomous. We appropriated its long black body for an impromptu science class. Our boys and their friends dissected it and examined the intricate, neat and beautiful insides. A long red thing. A long black thing. What else would be inside a snake but long things? I don't actually know what they all were, but they all fit in there and looked very orderly. It displayed an incredible design job by God, and was very impressive. A bump halfway down the body revealed a recent lunch of five baby birds. I thought back to a little bird I'd seen frantically thrashing across the street in the tall grass a few days before then and wondered

if it
were
her children who
found their way
into the dark, tubular

lar tummy.

I took my kids to the public pool in the little town near us. It's a small town pool surrounded by trees with a nice shady place for moms to sit to watch the splashing. I started watching the clover in the grass and a group of bees who diligently landed on and frisked the clovers in quick time -- evaluating in a split second if anything was worth gathering and then moving onto the next one. So busy - busy as a bee. Nobody has to goad them into being busy -- get back out there and gather pollen you good for nothing couch potato-

toes! No, they just buzz onward, frisking every flower in their path. And we get to benefit from their labor when we buy local clover honey (which I understand contains great properties to fortify the immune system!)

At a summer camp we attended last week, a bright green grasshopper landed on the hand of one of the teenage boys and he looked at it with awe and wonder. Then he mixed it into his bowl of chili and urged his friend to eat it. Another lesson of nature, man, the food chain and spontaneous outdoor menus. Next week's column will be about Green Beret Wilderness Survival Roadkill Recipes. Bon appetite until we tune in again. All things bright and beautiful, the Lord God made them all.

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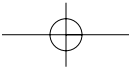
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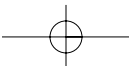
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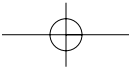
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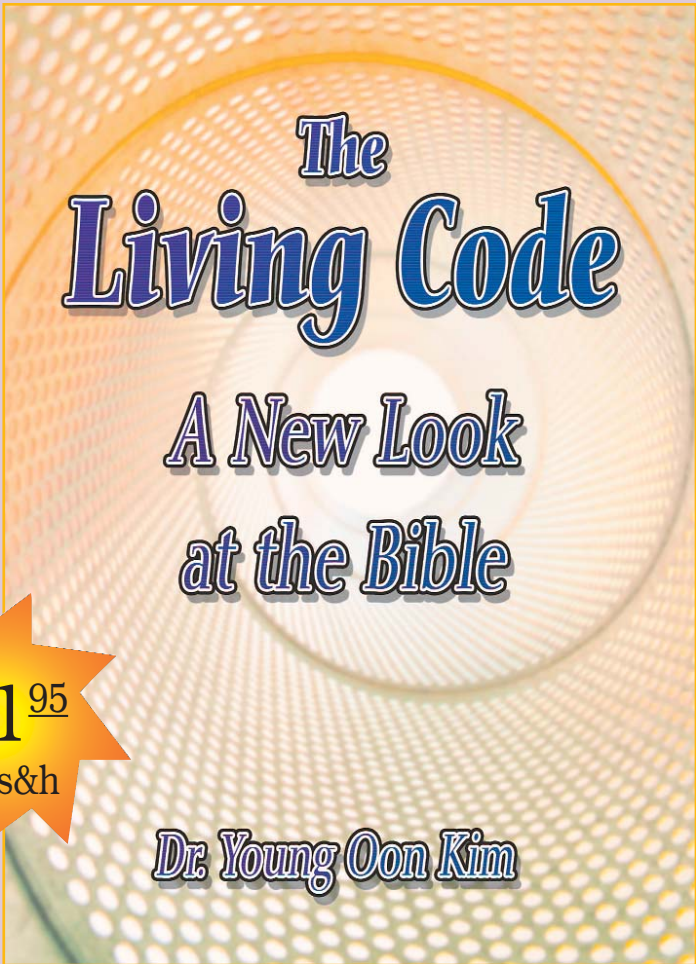
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