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Re-Incarnation

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Frequently we come across those who believe in the theory of Re-incarnation. It is most pathetic that this one minor doctrine often blinds them from seeing the whole truth. I want you to prepare more fully on this question and help them with the light of truth by a logical and consistent explanation.

The theory of Re-incarnation can be traced to early stages of mankind. Particularly Hindus and Buddhists have held the doctrine for many, many centuries. It is probable that the Western world has become familiar with it through the channels of Oriental influences especially the Yogis and Theosophists, both of whom have imported much of their literature into Western countries in the last 50 years.

Incarnation means the entering of the soul into the body of flesh but once. Re-incarnation is the belief that the soul has successive bodies of flesh and, therefore, many lives upon the earth.

The doctrine of reincarnation is concerned with the evolution of the soul and the Karmic Law. The evolution of the soul is presumed to be effected by repeated incarnations in successive physical personalities. Each time it resumes a body of flesh after a rest, the duration of which depends on its evolutionary progress from 11 months to 50 years. The soul is drawn to surroundings which its own past has made necessary for its further advancement. In the Karmic Law of cause and effect it is claimed that the consequences of every act must be discharged in this or some future life on earth.

Reincarnationists seek answers to questions such as follows: Why is one person so well placed in life given every advantage that money and culture can confer, while another person is born into very difficult circumstances, where it seems impossible to make any advance in life? Why is one child born a cripple, or born blind, while another child arrives in this world with a healthy body. Why does one child live to a ripe old age, whereas another child dies after only a few days? Men and women are not born free and equal but start this life like horses in a handicap race -- no two bearing an equal burden.

Now, why should this be, if indeed God is loving, just and all-powerful? The reincarnationists would answer and say: You are reaping today, for good or evil, the results of the seeds that you have sown during the course of many previous lives. Many times you have been a man, and many times you have been a woman. Some of those who are at the bottom of our social ladder today have walked the earth as kings, and presidents, and generals, and admirals, and high priests; and some who now sit in the seats of the mighty, surrounded by pomp and circumstance, have toiled as simple peasants in days gone by, pulled at the oar of a galley, or worn the chains of the slave.

We do not agree with the reincarnationists on this point, because material wealth, good environment, physical comfort, the highest education, prestige and power are not true blessings in the ultimate sense of spiritual value. Moses gave up an easy and comfortable life in an Egyptian palace and became a shepherd to be closer to God. Buddha left his palace, and became an ascetic, forsaking his position as a prince in order to seek spiritual enlightenment. St. Francis of Assisi gave up his wealth and became a friar to follow Jesus. Thomas Aquinas gave up his rank of nobility and became a humble monk to seek spiritual truth. Father Damien chose to go to Moltoki island to live with and teach the leperous. Albert Schweitzer chose to live with the primitive Africans to serve them with Christian love, giving up a good position and a high standard of living. Helen Keller, though blind, deaf and dumb, achieved the highest academic goal and obtained spiritual light and peace in her heart. Many people turn to God and find inner joy and high purpose in life after a serious illness or accident. Why? Because an easy life and comfortable environment are often a hinderance to one's spiritual growth. It is true that man's extremity is God's opportunity.

The reincarnationists contradict themselves in saying, "Those who are at the bottom of our social ladder today have walked the earth as kings, generals, and high priests. Who then wishes to be high in rank and power and enjoy pleasure and luxury in this life, if they are to go down in the new life? The explanation of the reincarnationist concerning the reason for the amount of injustice in this world is self-contradictory. Let us remember the warning given in the Bible, that "the sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generations." We reap either good or bad according to what our fathers have sown. Understanding this we should learn and try to sow only good for our descendants. However, the differences in human lots are often relative things which can bring one either blessing or misery, depending upon one's own choice and efforts. Let us remember the words of Jesus, "Blessed are you that

hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. " If difficulties and adversity often turn one to God then physical well-being is not necessarily an absolute blessing.

The reincarnationists would say that we are here to develop spiritually, that is, to acquire a full understanding of and control over our mentality; and that this is difficult to do in one lifetime. Therefore we must come back many times to this earth to learn more. Why cannot one finish learning in one life time? Their explanation centers on man's laziness and inertia; on his reluctance to change himself radically, to adopt new ideas; on man's conservatism and tendency to self-satisfaction; and above all, on his ignorance of his own unlimited potentialities.

These reasons for reincarnation contradict the following facts: 1). The majority of the people in this world are still lazy and inactive with regard to their spiritual growth and are still reluctant to change themselves. What lessons have they learned in their many previous lives? If they have not learned anything in the previous lives, what is the sense of coming back again? 2) Every child starts to learn from complete ignorance. There is no evidence that anyone brings with him the acquired knowledge and experiences of his former lives. What is the point of coming back again and again to start all over, 3). According to the law of the spirit world there are innumerable spheres and regions for our evolution, and we get opportunities for improvement, but not by being once more bound to the same kind of form -- a physical body. What a poor place our earth would be without the hope of a better world to come or reunion with those whom we love. The theory of reincarnation ignores God's design for the blessed eternal spiritual heaven where the road of evolution lies open before us after physical death. It is for us to tread, if we wish to, in order to learn the things that we have failed to grasp on earth.

According to the claims of reincarnation, many disembodied souls are constantly returning to start another life on earth. If this were true, then we should not be able to communicate with them in spirit. Yet not only have the saints and martyrs come back and given evidence of personality, but many souls who made serious mistakes during their earth life have also come back to tell people of the opportunities provided in the spirit world for advancement. Those who contact Jesus today learned that reincarnation was a false concept.

We have not the faintest recollection of a former existence. The reincarnationists would explain that this away by saying that people are already prone to worry and grieve foolishly over the past events of this life, and if they had the material of many lives to handle in this way they would destroy themselves very quickly. Hence, they say, nature has drawn a veil of forgetfulness over our beginnings on this plane, and for excellent reasons she hides away the memory of previous lives.

We are to reap in this life what we have sown in the former lives, Why are we held responsible for what about which we have not the faintest idea?

The reincarnationists again contradict themselves by saying that the whole history of all our past lives is stored away in the deeper levels of our subconscious, and thus it is that our mentality today -- and consequently our destiny -- is the logical outcome of all the lives that we have lived up to the present.

The impressions and experiences of our early childhood are stored up deep in our subconscious, and may affect our mentality to a degree. Also during the time the physical body is asleep, the spiritual self is free to travel in other lands and in other places, which we may not remember at all when awake. These two factors can account for the remembrance of places and people outside the consciousness of the material mind.

As proof of reincarnation, the adherents of this theory cite the case of the woman who, whenever she read ancient history, would invariably remember the events about which she was reading. A "memory" of this type occurs when cooperating spirits enforce or strengthen the mental images invariably created while reading. Swedenborg, a great psychi and reve- lator, explains this, saying, "If a spirit were to speak from his own memory with a man, the man would not know otherwise than that the thoughts then in his mind were his own, although they were the spirit's thoughts. This would be like the recollection of something which the man had never heard or seen... This comes from an influx from the memory of spirits into their ideas of thought."

The doctrine of reincarnation denies the influence of one's heritage. No one ever inherits anything from his parents or his ancestors.

This view contradicts the history of the chosen people in the Bible. When Abraham made a mistake, his descendants were required to pay indemnity for it and suffered in Egypt as slaves, When Jacob fulfilled God's dispensation, his descendants were chosen to be the blessed instrument of God. This is the pattern of operation of God's providence throughout the history of God's chosen people. What our ancestors sow, we inherit, whether good or bad. This is biblically true, historically plain, and empirically factual. Therefore we have the privilege of fulfilling the good our ancestors have started and making up that which they have failed. We are also responsible for laying a good foundation for our descendants and leaving them a good heritage.

Reincarnation claims to explain **the** differences in talents which we find between one man and another. Differences in talent, like differences in **opportunity** are the result of our activities in other lives. Child prodigies **are** always souls who have acquired their proficiency in previous life.

Let us offer ~~another~~ explanation. The talents of children can be traced back to similarly talented parents or ancestors. Often such talented people are trained invisibly by artists in spirit who desire to see their work continued for the good and the enjoyment of mankind. We call this the succession of missions in the Divine Principles. Naturally those spirit artists would ~~look-out~~ ^{be on the} for the bodies and minds that seem most suitable for their **artistic** purposes. Often someone may never show any artistic talent when all of a sudden, there it is! People wonder, saying: "Is it possible; it has never **occurred** before! **Where** can it have come from?"

This phenomenon may be called "inspiration" -- work **done** by spirit guidance through carefully handled instruments. In order to fulfill **their** mission, departed artists, musicians, or ~~do~~ poets find rapport with people who have some traits or interests and descend and cooperate with them in their development **and** performance.

If reincarnation had been a fact through the ages, should we not find evidence of it in a **goodly** portion of perfected souls among us? But there is no evidence of such supermen or perfected souls.

The physical body is an overcoat for the spirit body; all through earth life you are building the spirit body; when you pass from the physical plane, you throw off the overcoat. The spirit body is only a form for the soul to manifest through -- the Theosophists would say 'an astral **shell**.'

When realization of the **change** from the physical takes place, the soul still holds the old **ideas** which it had in the physical existence. Spirit bodies can be of very coarse material or they can be of very fine vibration. Those with coarse vibration and strong physical attractions may sometimes be seen, as in **haunted** houses,

When one who has learned to build the spiritual body through understanding passes from the physical, the spiritual body has light and **strength**, and when the awakening comes, **such** ~~pro-~~gresses a soul progresses.

Some people sit and meditate to be spiritual and to become '**masters**.' To sit in the silence and meditate is dangerous; one often contact\$ the neutral gray sphere and becomes negative, losing contact with the world. In this state **you** often see nothing and are aware of nothing, since that is the condition of **the** next **sphere**, which is also a place of rest. This gray **sphere**, the astral plane, is real, but spirits do not progress there. There are many kinds of spirits in the gray, neutral condition; it is a laboratory and spirits there **have** not yet strength or power.

The first stage in this **sphere** is a gray, negative state; the second stage is one in **which** the departed spirit awakens to a realization of a change and must decide about development.

The first and second states are conditions in which old ideas are thrown off. If you are ignorant of the spirit world, you think **only** of your earthly home and go back to be near earth life.

Instead of being helpful, **the** doctrine of **reincarnation** is very dangerous, since **earthly-** minded individuals with strong **attractions** to the physical world, may learn of the theory of reincarnation and fix firmly in their minds **the** determination to reincarnate again **and** seek **for** a chance to reincarnate but with the **sole** result of becoming lodged in the aura of some person sensitive to spirit encroachment, **thereby** causing great distress to the victims of **such** obsession.

Very often the aches and pains **which** doctors classify as psychosomatic occur because of **this** spirit obsession. If an individual, say, who has been crippled all his earthly life, makes the transition to the spirit world with little or no **knowledge** of life there, he may very well believe that he is still crippled. It was to these conditions of mind that Mary **Baker** Eddy was referring when she brought **forth** the concept of "**mortal mind**." Illness and disease do not exist in the spirit world except as an individual believes himself to be ill. Our physical body, however, **still** suffer **from** **Satan's** attacks; from **this** condition we cannot escape until we "**have** paid the **last** penny," that is, made the final payment of indemnity. The crippled individual mentioned above may be attracted to the earth sphere, especially if he believes in reincarnation, and **possess** some child. Due to the influence of **the** "**crippled**" mind of the spirit, the child thinks himself crippled and becomes so, when actually there is no physical cause for such malformation. **Only** when the spirit is removed from the aura of **the** child, or in Biblical terminology, "**cast out**," will the child be "healed."

An individual who believes in reincarnation may become self-satisfied with his life if it is a **properous** one, for he will believe that he is receiving the rewards from his past lives of effort. One may also become fatalistic, believing that he is caught in the web of circumstances **woven** in past lives. It is important to **realize** that what we do **NOW** determines our life and character in the spirit world, for we are forming our spirit body. It is just as important to **know** that we are not the products of our actions in past lives **but** that we are all victims of Satan. Whether rich or poor, we must not focus our attention on our surroundings and situation but on our relationship to God. We must strive to be victorious over Satan and become true children **of** God.

The doctrine of reincarnation destroys the belief in natural spiritual progression; too much stress and importance is placed upon this brief mortal life. The doctrine that we **must** **return** again and **again** to earth life to become perfected is equivalent to saying that, after one has

passed through kindergarten, grade schools and university, he must return to kindergarten over and over again. What is mortal life but a kindergarted? Too little is credited to the vaster opportunities of the next school in the spiritual realm.

The entire scheme of reincarnation is a limited idea, one that fails to recognize that this is a formative plane and that there are many levels and schools on the Invisible Side which offer far greater opportunities for one's development than does this mortal plane. There is no need of returning in physical form when we can progress from sphere to sphere, or school to school in spirit,

Through the Divine Principles and spiritual communication we find that a spirit who realizes his condition and understands progression is not interested in reincarnation; to try to reincarnate in a physical body on this earth again would be very foolish. But very few spirits seek for the spirit world when they pass out. Some spirits who have gone beyond the veil of death are in the dark, some are in semi-darkness, some are in twilight, some in the light. The ones who have found the light are those who understand, who have knowledge of life in spirit; these would never think of coming back to earth again in physical bodies.

They come back as spirits, to be invisible teachers, to guide and help humanity. This might be called a "reincarnation" of the soul, but without physical birth; it is only a temporary measure. It is not reincarnation in the flesh, but a return in spirit, to help and serve. They can come back to those whom they love and help them in many ways when they know the laws governing such return.

The spirit of Madam Blavatsky, who introduced the doctrine of reincarnation to the Western world, speaking through a medium, said of the theory of reincarnation: "I see now that my teachings caused many to become psychic sensitives and that the theory of reincarnation causes much obsession. I also taught that one should be a vegetarian, but the majority live under too great a nervous tension for this and become too sensitive." "I have found that 'reincarnation' is possible only through obsession, and I have also found, to my great sorrow, that many of my followers become obsessed." "It is dangerous to teach the theory of reincarnation because many selfish people, who come to the other side of life, look for what they consider the right place to reincarnate but they do not understand obsession and therefore disturb and obsess children. That is one reason there are so many idiot children in the asylums." "I was a psychic when in earth life and I knew spirits could come back and control mortals. I realize now that if I had taught the truth of spirit return, it would have been much better." "We cannot progress to the higher life of understanding with a falsehood on our minds; an understanding of the truth is necessary." "World travelers, missionaries, authors and lecturers alike bear testimony that in India, where belief in reincarnation is general, cases of obsession and possession are exceedingly prevalent."

An ancient Indian teacher speaking through a medium, said of India with relation to the doctrine of reincarnation; "this perversion of a great truth into a maligned superstition has become a source of the most pestilent spiritual mischief." "There is one effect of the doctrine of reincarnation that is felt with direful power in the spiritual world of India, Myriads who have left the physical life hover over the mortals of that country seeking for opportunities to become re-embodied, in order that they may realize the promised relief from their imperfect development in the former earth life. They are earth-bound to a degree that infects the mental atmosphere of its people with almost hopeless despair, for however intense may be their desire, they are never able to obtain the fancied reincarnation." "Could India emancipate herself from the tyranny of the idea of reincarnation, she would rise in the scale of spiritual enlightenment far higher than she rose in the age of the Vedas or when Gautama led her hosts toward the heavenly paradise. She must do this or she must remain the prey to vile superstitions, and her moral nature be degraded by the mental influx of myriad hosts who strive in vain to realize the truth of the dogma."

In conclusion it is the Divine Principle that a spirit-man can reach perfection only in conjunction with a physical body, because God had designed man to become perfect while in his physical life. Because of this principle all spirit-men who have gone on before, who are still imperfect, are destined to return to contact earth people, not to reincarnate, in order to advance to the state of perfect. The theory of reincarnation is, therefore, a misunderstanding and a misinterpretation of this phenomenon of spirit descent. Those spirits who try to reincarnate in physical bodies only cause spirit obsession or possession, a vile result completely contrary to the law of spirit return.

News from San Francisco

Gordon Ross

Dear Family: Thanks be to our Father for his victory over Satan! There's so much to say. My brothers and sisters in Korea and Japan, we rejoice when we bear of your tremendous efforts to establish God's kingdom. Our hearts cry out in sympathy and gratitude to Mr. Kurohara, who fasted for 40 days. We read with enthusiasm the reports from Japan and Korea. We here in S. F. wish also for an opportunity to march before a meeting of the U. N. as you recently did in Japan. May we march before the whole world with this message!

Ever since July 24, the tempo of events has been speeding up. While I was at Doris and Orah's

in Los Angeles, I lectured for a week to different people **and** groups. During the week we went to witness to people at the Billy Graham Crusade Rally. At this rally, even though Billy exhorted **and** preached as **strongly** as ever, no response **was** felt; no Spirit was present; the meeting was absolutely dead! I talked with a woman I had met at the Edgar Cayce workshpp last June **and** told her that Christ was on earth. She was **overwhelmed!** Tears came to her **eyes** and she **exclaimed** that she had been praying for **this** moment from her early **childhood** but had never **expected** it to happen during her lifetime. May we find those who **have been prepared!** The spirit in **Los Angeles** is so mighty that I **didn't** want to leave; so many people are seeking and the harvest is full and ripe. Tuesday I left and visited with Douglas, **Cal**, Sue in Fresno.

Wednesday I returned to the **chilly** breezes of S. F and began teaching and witnessing to the groups to which I had been going before. The response is **entirely** different from that of a year ago. **Now** people are beginning to listen, especially when we hit **them** between the eyes with the statement: "**Christ** is on earth!" No one, **not** even atheists, can ignore that statement, for we proclaim it with the force of the Heaven world behind us.

This last weekend in S. F. was one of rejoicing, for our family from Sacramento, **Burlingame**, one from Fresno, Oakland, **Berkeley**, San Jose were united **with** us in S. F. for several days of prayer, teaching, **study**, and talk. Your loving brother.

- News from Berkeley

Elke Klawiter

My Dear **Family**: We have a new visitor in Berkeley at the present time -- my sister, **Asta**, who came a week ago from Colorado. She is spending her vacation with us to hear about the Divine Principles.

Our last meeting in Berkeley was **the** largest since I came, three months ago. People seem to be much more open and interested as -- even one **month** ago. This is to such a drastic degree that we are all overjoyed and feel much more energy.

Edwin is taking over our meetings in Berkeley. **Even** on the campus the students **proclaim** a move positive attitude and outlook on life, and the last two speakers attracted a large crowd.

My sister decided **not** to go back to **Colorado**, but to study the Divine **Principles** and to **stay** here with us. I can feel that we will need many teachers very soon. So we must all practice teaching whenever we have the **opportunity**.

I wished that every one could have been here these last three days in S. F. to **share** in the **happy** meetings we had, to testimonies from **many** members and to learn more from our Divine **message**.

Let us all be grateful to our Leader and to **Miss** Kim for **guiding** us and for helping us to **walk** on the right path, which truly leads to God.

News from Fort Sill, Okla.

Joe Mason

Dear Miss Kim and Family: Thank you for your bright letter, and thank you very **much** for sending the picture of our Leader. I **shall cherish** it always. I do not deserve to have it. **But** if it will aid me in witnessing I shall not feel **guilty** to have it. When I look at **His** photograph I see a picture of strength, and I feel stronger. I see how extremely **serious** he is. and I **more** fully realize the seriousness **of** the situation and my responsibility in it. I see a **man** who has suffered many things and who has endured through the most difficult struggles and still emerged victorious. And then I **know** that there is no end to our perseverance when we act and **pray** in His name. I become certain **of** our ultimate victory. I **see** in the **photograph** two **broad**, **mus-**cular shoulders and I **remember** that they have held the weight of the world, indeed the weight of the universe. And **then** I feel great gratitude and I realize why God gave me mine. I **feel** many wonderful things when I look at our Leader's photograph. Thank you so much **for giving** it to me. I was **very** pleased that I passed the test, although I was worried for a **while** because I knew that I could have done better, I must know the message 100 percent.

There are several people here interested in the message. I hope and pray **that** they will accept the message. Please give Ernest **my** regard and best wishes in his efforts to **do** our **Father's** Will. I shall pray for him and his work in the hot spot of South East Asia. **With love.**

News from Fresno

Sue Moore

I am Sue Moore, 19 years old, and now working as a PBX operator and receptionist for an insurance company in Fresno, Calif. I came from **Lorane**, Oregon, to **Fresno** in Jan. 1963. I now live with my **cousin's** **cousin's** family, but will soon **have** an apartment with a girl friend, I **had** a choice of going to **Portland**, Oregon, Fresno, or **Ban Diego**; I **had** no real **reason** to choose Fresno, except that I felt as excitement and a great hope **of** opportunity in it.

I had been active in the Methodist **Church** and its college youth **group**, which **was** a fairly close-knit, open-minded group, yet it still **lacked** much: I was searching for a **whole** **Truth** -- I felt there **must** be one, somewhere, Many things happened to help me mature and to **realize** even more parts of the whole Truth I was searching for. I was definitely convinced that I **must make** my life the **way** I wanted it. I believed that **God** would **reveal** more of **His** Truth and purpose to me as I utilized and **shared** **what** He had already given.

On July 8th, I received a strange letter from Douglas Burns, whom I had lived near and gone to school with for many years, but whom I hadn't seen since he graduated from high school and disappeared to San Francisco in 1961. The letter had been sent to Lorane, where he thought I was living, but it was forwarded to me in Fresno; Douglas' return address was also Fresno! When my girl friend took me to Douglas' apartment, I was so overwhelmed with anxiety that it took me several minutes to get enough "nerve" to go to the door -- and when I did, he was really shocked! But I was shocked too: Douglas had changed tremendously; he seemed to have a certain glow and warmth, with more wisdom and compassion, than I had ever before seen in him.

I visited Douglas again, and he started telling me about the Divine Principles. I was surprised to hear that he had quit college so he could devote as much time as possible to the Principles. I should have thought this was just another radical, ill-tasteful, religious cult; but, instead, I sensed something positive, sincere, orderly, and with depth. When I had heard basically all of the Principles, everything fell into place and seemed logical and wonderful -- but I thought I should be more cautious; I wanted to hear more about the Leader -- I didn't want to even think he is our Lord, without proof. So Douglas started, slowly at first, telling me about the life of our Leader, and answering questions. Afterwards, he asked me questions, one at a time, and as I answered, Douglas led me to the Conclusion -- it was the greatest joy I have ever felt!

Since then I have grown so much nearer to our Father's heart. I am so thankful that I have been chosen to help our Precious Lord carry out His mission -- Father, let me be worthy of this honor. We mustn't waste a second -- we mustn't think of ourselves, but only of mending the broken heart of our Father -- so we can all rejoice together!

Thank you, Mrs Kim and Family, for the most wonderful and inspiring weekend I have ever had! Douglas, Carl, and I are looking forward to be with you again in November. Love.

News from Sacramento

Sandra Pinkerton

Dear Miss Kim: Today I heard many people witness. As I listened, I was reminded of my own life which led me up to this wonderful message and new life. As I look back, each feeling, person, and event seem very significant to me now. My parents had no religious background. I cannot remember ever hearing them talk of God or religion or church, yet they were good people. I was given a great deal of discipline during my life with them, for which I am now grateful. As a youngster, I read every book I could find. I was very restless, always searching, but for what -- I did not know.

In February, 1962, my husband John and I began studying about reincarnation -- we were seeking for truth. These studies gave us a new concept of God. In Jan. 1963, I started thinking of God almost continually. I began having spiritual experiences in meditation, I saw sound as color and so on. I began feeling closer to God. I visited different churches for a time but found nothing there. John and I then joined the A. R. E. -- Edgar Cayce Foundation and also began, at the same time, typing the readings of a clairvoyant. We were introduced to many new fields which were previously unknown to us -- spiritualism, fasting, health foods, and so on.

In April, 1963, we spent 5 days in the mountains with friends who were also members of the ARE. It was a significant time for me -- I could think of nothing but God, the Father -- I came to love him so much during those five days amidst his beautiful creation. My heart cried out to be one with Him.

Then, in June, John and I went to the A. R. E. conference at Asilomar in Monterey for one week. Little did I know that this would be the most significant time of my whole life! I was one of 10 selected to be in a special group -- a project group where we prayed together, meditated together, ate together, studied together, and had various disciplines together. Also there were several different classes which we individually could take, I decided which classes I would take and had one time space open -- I finally filled it with a class entitled "The Bible and you" -- I definitely did not want to take it (I had never even looked at the Bible) but there seemed no other choice. As I listened to verses concerning Jesus, I would cry -- I could not help it. The Bible seemed like such a beautiful book. I felt sorrow within me for not having known of it before.

On June 20th, I went to the Bible class and saw Gordon Ross in our class -- I had seen him for the first time the night before and had felt such love for him -- he was my father, yet I had not met him. He looked almost as if he were luminous! After the class, I wanted to talk to him -- but our project group had a discipline that day -- complete silence -- I did not want to break it, yet I felt such a need to talk to him, I prayed and asked God what He would have me do -- I received such a positive feeling -- I took this as an answer, and sought out Gordon. When I found him, I did not have anything to say -- I just mumbled something -- But he seemed to understand and took me to the beach where he told me "He is on earth!" Oh, what joy I felt! My whole body was filled with electricity. Gordon began teaching me the Principles but I was filled with so much joy -- I could not hear what he said, Since that day, my whole life even the spirit-man within me has changed so rapidly!

My only sorrow is that I am such a "baby" in the Principles -- I want to grow quickly, but I know that, like a baby, I must first learn to crawl, then to walk, and then to run. Time is so

urgen! There are so many people to contact and draw into this circle of Love before it is too late! I am so thankful that Pauline has come to Sacramento -- she has helped us so much--we love her deeply.

We all love you Miss Kim and think of you each day wishing we could be in your presence more often -- OUR Sacramento family sends its love to all those doing our Father's will and practising the Principles. Love.

Dear Miss Kim and Family: It is with a humble and grateful heart that we(John & Sandra) submit our first letter to the S. F. center. When we contemplate the tremendous changes that have occurred in our lives since the Principles were presented to us a very short time ago, it seems almost unbelievable.

After finally being fortunate enough to persuade Pauline to live with us for a short time, it seems that we have practically forgotten how to sleep, Pauline's patient, loving instruction in the Principles has finally brought us into a daily, hourly conscious relationship with God. However, the ever present satanic influences consistently remind us of the selfishness within, and the honest realization of our unworthiness presents us with a daily challenge to our overcome Satan. This is the goal we have set -- each little victory seems to bring us a little closer to God.

Miss Kim came to Sacramento for 3 days over a weekend the last part of August. She lectured and explained the Principles to a small but enthusiastic group of people, some of whom are continuing to receive instruction from Pauline, When we meet together to study, then we are truly happy.

Pauline, Paul and Christel Werner*, and us visited the S. F. center during the Labor Day weekend. It was a beautiful weekend, during which we met some of the members we were privileged to hear their testimonies.

Pauline is helping us learn how to teach, and we hope to develop more confidence in front of the black board in the near future.

We pray for all of you, and we pray for mankind to quickly understand the mission of our Leader and the restoration of the kingdom of heaven an earth Love to All. John Pinkerton.

News from Burlingame

Mary Fleming

Testimony: After being a nominal non-church-going Christian for most of my life, I had a conversion experience in Feb. 1960. From that time on I had visions in which I both saw and conversed with Jesus. It was some months before I realized that this was a special gift. I thought it went with becoming a Christian,

Within a year, Jim and I joined the local Baptist church, and I went to work on the staff as the Pastor's Assistant. We also became active in the Yoke-fellow movement, a spiritual growth organization which meets in small groups and attempts to combine psychological analysis with Christian synthesis. We both became Yokefellow leaders and were deeply involved in church and Yokefellow activities to the virtual exclusion of all else.

In March of this year I had what I labelled "a disturbing vision", in which Jesus cried, foretold the end of the world, and was generally not as he had been in previous visions. Although it passed my long-established safeguards for authenticity, I determined that the vision should be ignored. I also stopped trying to make contact.

We had been exposed to the theory of reincarnation and karma which began to sound more and more plausible; we joined the Rosicrucians; and I began burdening my adult Sunday School class with my views of the non-existence of evil.

On July 30th, my meditation period produced the first vision since March and my first contact with someone other than Jesus, My assumption was that he was a Master of the Far East, since his features were Oriental and he was dressed in a long, rather straight robe. Among other things, he told me that "help is on the way." Five days later, Galen Pumphrey made his first appearance at our Sunday School class.

Galen and Jim had been next door neighbors in Bonner Springs, Kansas, when they were children, and Galen lost no time in renewing the acquaintance. Since we were always on the lookout for "enlightened" people who were ready to hear about our interesting collection of half-truths(reincarnation, et al), it was rather touch and go to see who was going to get in the first licks. Galen won, thank God! Jim came home repeating fascinating and tantalizing bits of Galen's conversation and we promptly made arrangements for Miss Kim to speak at a small group meeting on August 9th.

We heard half of the Principles that night, the rest (except for the conclusion) the next day, and came home with a book a piece and a firm determination to keep an open mind, I finished reading the book two days later and promptly went into meditation. My question was "Whom do I follow? What do I believe?" For the first time in five months, Jesus appeared again. After a warm greeting, he led me into a small room and said, "You must now follow he who has been guiding you." Waiting for us was the same man who had told me help was on the way. I asked him who he was, He said, "I am the Sun and Moon. You are my star. You will must meet my

bride." A most beautiful Oriental woman welcomed me to the Holy Family and announced, "My husband will guide you in your life problems. He will help you in wisdom. I will help you in the matters of everyday, in the small problems of living with which mothers have always helped their children."

It was several days later that I learned what had happened in 1960, and a week or more before the pictures in Miss Kim's room confirmed my identification of "The Master" and "Lady Moon."

Needless to say, there's no question in my mind that the Principles are right, and that there is an immense amount of work to be done. I feel highly privileged to be entrusted with so precious a mission, however small my part may be in it.

Testimony:

Jim Fleming

I was raised a Methodist in the Midwest. As soon as I was old enough to exercise my free will, I dropped Sunday School and Church as a regular thing, returning on occasion as a spectator but generally following a worldly course with all that implies. In April, 1960, my wife and I ~~des~~ decided (something somewhat reluctantly on my part) to begin to seek a church connection as sort of something we should do. Strangely, I seemed to be immediately struck with vague anxieties and elusive fears which continued to drag me down to a point about 9 months later that can only be described as a personal Hell. I ~~quit~~ ~~my~~ job, running from I knew not what, seeking a seemingly just as elusive answer to the problem that was myself.

In November of 1960, I found a new job and began an association with Yokefellow, a spiritual growth group organization in our local church. Immediately I began an upturn in spiritual understanding and self awareness. My whole religious outlook took on a new meaning and broader vision. I grew emotionally and spiritually during the next two and one half years.

However, as I grew, many spiritual things remained unanswered and new questions came up demanding answers which Yokefellow and the Church seemed not to even begin to touch on except in some mysterious and elusive way. My wife and I became interested in the revelation of Edgar Cayce and the idea of reincarnation which seemed to answer much, we read searchingly about the Dead Sea Scrolls, we decided to pursue Rosicrucianism, we read books on the secret disclosures to be gained from Yogi-type meditation. The more we searched the more questions seemed to come up.

Through Emmet Fox's writings I thought I had discovered a path through Metaphysics which, through study, would give me the breakthrough I longed for. At this point, Galen Pumphrey walked into my wife Mary's Sunday School class one morning. Galen was 5 years younger than I and we lived at one another's back-doors as children in Kansas. I had not seen him for perhaps 15 years. I had heard ~~his~~ he was in Burlingame but had not bothered to look him up because we had been only slightly acquainted as youths. He felt the same toward me and had not bothered to look me up. A couple of days later we met at a local coffeehouse and began to get acquainted. To my amazement he had followed a course of searching much like mine over recent years and encountered much the same problem as I. He began to allude to some new answers from a Korean lady, Miss Kim. I expressed interest in having her speak to a new group of four people whom Mary and I had formed about a month earlier for the purpose of deepening our studies into spiritual growth and Galen arranged for Miss Kim to come speak to us 10 days later.

Miss Kim gave first her testimony which excited me and held me rapt. Then she began to explain the Divine Principles. The first thing she placed on the black board she was using was a symbol that had come to me in a meditation not 3 days earlier. From then on through the first five chapters that evening I sensed something great was happening. When she finished that evening, half way through the lecture, my mind wandered to the fact that she came from Korea which I had seen labeled on maps as 'Chosen' and that the capital of Korea was Seoul, pronounced Soul. ChosenSoul!!! I somehow sensed this had something to do with the Second Coming. It was predicted for years, why not now? It happened once in remote Nazareth, why not now in remote Korea. I hardly dared voice this idea to myself or others. Who wants to be thought a nut?

The following day, Galen, Mary and I went to S. F. to hear the rest of the Principles. We still hardly dared believe our intuition but determined to keep our minds open. Strangely we both found ourselves talking about the principles as though they were true. That week I began to think about Satan as an actual evil spirit seeking to keep himself hidden but in control of me. I realized that my idea of God had grown and expanded in the last three years but Satan was still in that funny unbelievable costume. If he was real then I was going to test him out by trying to solve some sticky problems that had developed in my work in the recent weeks. I faced these problems with God's help and with the idea that they were merely manifestations of Satan seeking to control me with fear and anxiety. My problem melted one by one as I faced them with this new idea. I began to feel a freedom never gained in following Yokefellow precepts. These principles were standing up to the test. They must be true. I came to the conclusion that Christ had come again in Korea. I erred only slightly for I assumed that he had come only recently as a new-born child, Mary was more accurate in her conclusion, as she usually is.

When I learned the glorious news from Galen, my life took on new meaning, new depth and

dimention. The changes wrought in this past three weeks is fantastic. All things have been made new for us. We still have one foot in the clouds and the full impact of what has occurred has not settled fully within. But we are working hard to know the Principles intimately in order that we might spread the news as quickly as possible.

I know now that seekers do find, and when we knock, it is opened,

News from San Jose

Mildred Morton

My very dear Miss Kim: Once again Mary Jane and I wish to thank you for your loving hospitality. It is not possible to express adequately our appreciation and gratitude for being abbe to share the beautiful atmosphere of your home,

You and all of the workers of the group are so very gracious, thoughtful and kind. Your hearts are so big and full of love one cannot resist loving you all. Also, it was a great treat to meet so many new members from distances.

I feel so humble and so very grateful for another opportunity to help in the work of spreading God's word. However, from the beginning I have witnessed in behalf of the new Lord of Creation but honestly with only half of my heart. Now without further delay or procrastination, I go forth with banners flying, so to speak, and without a profound personal demonstration, I might add, spreading the word to the best of my ability. Whenever you need me or wherever you know I should be working: I will go without hesitation, God willing,

You see, Miss Kim, I feel that I am in all the way now, not just waiting on the threshold and may God guide, counsel and direct my every thought, desire and act that I may be of assistance in making Him happy once again. One more thing just to show how things work out -- I mentioned to Pauline that I missed Orah and Doris at the meeting. Well, later on one of the young ladies read a recent letter from Orah and Doris. This alone was a demonstration to me. My thoughts of love and success are often sent to them, as well as to Peter and Ursula and all others. I ask God to add extra strength, courage, love and success to the efforts of the entire Divine Family.

News from Los Angeles

Doris and Orah

Dear family: 8/5/63. Things are really building up here in L. A., rapidly. I feel like I'm sitting on an atom bomb, and it's ready to explode. Last night we went to the Melbert Hotel in L. A. While we were in the study room, Mrs. Pastor received a call from a (Hindu Psychic) friend of hers, and he said, "I just received through spirit, that the group Divine Principles will at just get 15 people and from there you will open a larger room and people will multiply so rapidly, that you will have to convert the cellar of the hotel into a meeting room to hold them. She was all excited over this, Monday night I finished with Estelle Blake's husband and friend Eva Shanks and they both came to the conclusion. Eva has been receiving since 1960. This past Sunday Estelle was in Church and she saw a spirit all in white standing behind the minister when he was about to speak and all of a sudden he began to grab his head and could not utter a word. He sat down and in about 10 minutes tried to speak again and the same thing happened. Finally he determinedly began to collect himself and try again. When he did speak, he spoke Principles, all the women were rather impressed to say the least. Monday morning she came to me and said, "Who are you anyway? I thought you were just another person, but now I'm beginning to wonder." Mrs. Kille also had an experience in her church (Religious Science). Her minister preached on 9 principles and afterwards he told her, that it was not the sermon that he had prepared, but that something came over him and he had no control as to what he should speak, in fact he really didn't have any real recognition as to what he had said. Wanda Scribner, who is from Estelle's group, had a dream of me, and in her dream, she saw a room, with many people sleeping on the floor and I was walking in the midst of them with a rod in my hand, waking them up very gently, "Awake thou that sleepeth and arise from the dead." She was very happy over this. Also Edna Ahe said, that she sees me all of the time in vision and feels great spiritual up lift at this time. She had been very very depressed and confused for years. Asthasia Brown was reading the Principles the morning after I had finished speaking to the group and she said for weeks she has had pains in her neck and was very worried over this condition, and as she was reading the Principles and thinking of how people were healed by accepting them, the pain left her. She was just overjoyed,

8/23/63. Thursday evening Orah, Teddy and I went to Pershing square and that an older man was speaking. He was saying that everything was physical and there was no spirit bodies or spirit world. Orah spoke up, and the crowd all yelled for her to speak more, so he not too graciously handed her the floor. She talked for about half an hour and they were throwing all kinds of questions at her. After she finished many of the young people in the crowd asked or rather shouted, where is this man?, who is this man? Who has done this? Immediately Teddy and I began giving out cards and talking to those who were interested. Teddy was all excited.

8/29/63. Just arrived home from Weds, meeting at the Hotel Melbert. Tues. night there were 10 people and tonight 12 people. Tomorrow night we are again going to speak at Pershing square. Monday night at Estelle's. She is inviting several people again. She is learning all of the time,

and I pray it will not be too long before she begins to teach. She'd make a wonderful orator.
Everyone is very eager to come to S. F. in November to meet our family in Bay Area. Love.

News from Germany

Peter Koch

Dear Miss Kim: I am very busy printing the book. It was impossible to get from a printer a reasonable price for a small number of books, and I did not want to order 3000 books at this time. So I decided to do everything except the binding myself. Ursula is typing the stencils and will send me the rest of them this week. I bought a little printing machine. Unfortunately it does not have a motor. So I have to run everything by hand, but this will take a little more time.

I pray that God may lead me to people who will translate the book into other languages. In a dream I was told that the book has to be translated into at the very least 12 languages before the general judgement can start. Brothers and sister, let us not delay the schedule! Time is very short and precious! In another dream I was shown a huge pile of rocks. Most of them were dead and worthless, but here and there among them I could clearly see the sparkling of a jewel. What a fitting picture of the condition of this world! We have to work our way through all of this huge pile, turning every rock to find for God those precious stones. Do not count the people who reject us, but count only those who open their heart to the call of the Father. Love.

Dear Miss Kim:

Ursula Schumann

Two weeks ago I borrowed an electric typewriter and started typing the stencils for our translation, the last of which I have finished this morning. I do not think we have ever had so many visitors as during this period. It was just as if "someone" was trying to keep me away from my work, or at least to slow it down! As soon as I had realized it, I decided not to leave my room any more to take part in idle talk. Peter has already started printing the first few chapters which I sent him last week. When the books are ready, we will probably start out together in Frankfurt(Main), a protestant town with about 675.000 inhabitants.

So far I have not had too many chances to speak about the Divine Principles, except to some of my relatives and friends who are eager to read the book. Also, two girls from the Jehovahs Witnesses came by three times. After reading the preface and chapter I with them they rejected. They could not open their minds to new revelations, because they were so brainwashed with their literal interpretation of the Bible. Psalm 45, however, which describes the bride and the daughter and the sons of the Messiah, is just a symbol in their opinion. I felt so sorry for these young girls, whose work is in vain, for it is not in accordance with God's new dispensation of the Completed-Testament-Age.

People who do not attend churches are much better prospects for our movement, but unfortunately they are in general more concerned about material things and show little interest in religion. They simply do not know what they are missing! I am always looking forward to the newsletters. They are such a great help, especially for those members who are too far away from 1309 Masonic Ave., where all new developments are being discussed. Love to all.

News from Japan

Mr. Tanaka

The Life History of Our Beloved Vehicle.

Mr. Tanaka

In the front yard of the Tokyo church stands a shiny, new 1963 Japanese model car. Next to it squats a funny-looking, old garbage truck. Many people laugh at the contrast of this scene, and wonder why we don't get rid of the truck, for it seems to be only a burden. To them, I want to give an answer. The story starts 2 years ago. At that time, we had a wonderful car. When she was loaded with items, she looked stately. Year of make? Unknown. Kilometers per hour? Five. Her name is Riaka(Hand-cart). She was our first vehicle and shed tears and sweat along with us, when loaded high with trash. Although I was ill at that time, Riaka's charm and sturdy effort healed me of my illness. We made a great deal of profit by collecting trash, but Riaka's slowness made for inefficiency. So we decided to buy a newer car, and at this point our history begins. We bought a 1959 Datto-san truck, which could run at 100 k. per hour when loaded. After a long time, the truck was delivered, and all our members worked collecting trash. Of course, our primary work was evangelizing, but we made so much profit by collecting trash. Eventually, however, the truck became too small for us, so we bought another truck, this time a 1956 model, and displayed her in the front yard. We still have her, and if you thought wh she looked old when we bought her, you should see her now! But she was given by God, and with her wonders were wrought. She was shaped like a turtle, with a flat, square nose, and at night, the stars formed her roof, except when we could get an old canvas sheet to throw over her. During the day we collected trash, in the late afternoon we went evangelizing, and in the evening we went around visiting local groups. We then loaded her with people, putting in the body everything from the president of a company to women and their children and our teacher. Many amusing incidents occurred with this truck, but I'll mention only one of them. Last summer, 14 of us went to Kamakura to preach. Rumm, Rrurnm, away

we went in a cloud of dust, our motor rattling so much that it sounded as if it would give up and lie down at any moment. The heat which penetrated through the ~~wa~~ canvas covering is beyond description. Speeding along the highway, our truck sounded like a police escort; because the wind would catch the loose canvas and cause it to flap, giving off a siren-like sound. The spirit and passion of our group inspired our vehicle to whiz through the clouds of dust, and in no time we arrived at our destination. Whenever it rained, it was a real problem. One of us would hold an umbrella overhead, and we'd all crowd under. No one could sit because of the wet floor, and I'll tell you many's the time someone bumped their head against the cab of the truck while bouncing on Japan's uneven roads. A good thing though: We had no breakdowns all year. This was really the work of God. So, don't say she was an old jalopy; to us, she was a first-class vehicle. Gas was no problem. If she began coughing on us, the driver would just pull a switch and we'd have 5 more kilometers worth of gas to go. It can't be denied that this was a chosen oar of God. Without a single mishap, this car carried for a full year our laughter, sweat, and tears. Now she lies quietly in our front yard as a heavenly souvenir for all Japan to see. On the foundation built by her blood, sweat, and tears, her offspring stands, the best national product of Japan. So, look twice when you see this seemingly useless old wreck, and give her your respect and loving care.

An Interview with Mr. Kurohara who Fasted for 40 days.

Miss H.

I ran up the steep stairway and saw Mr. K. lying quietly in his room. I couldn't see his face clearly, for he was surrounded by Papa (Mr. Nishikawa), Mr. M and others of the church who had squeezed themselves into the small room. Papa was praying softly, holding Mr. K.'s hand: "You have done marvelously. Father, I thank you for leading K. this far." Only 6 hours were left before K. could again know the taste of food. K.'s face portrayed the encouragement he received from Papa's prayer. K. looked at me, and I saw his pupils shining as they reflected the light from the lamp. I couldn't believe that he had just spent 40 days fasting, for his hair was still shiny, his skin was clear, his body still retained a fullness to it, and his lips were of a normal color. First he smiled at me with his eyes, then with his face. I approached and we joined hands. I was surprised at the firm grip with which he held my hand. Then I offered thanks to the Father in prayer. After the others left, he and I had a chance to talk. We talked about one thing after another in an endless chain of events we had experienced. K.'s tone of voice portrayed his conviction that he had accomplished a great deal by his 40 day fast, and I could see clearly that he had the conviction of a son of God. We talked until 7 o'clock, but even though this was the last day, I thought that talking too much might be detrimental to his health, so I left, to continue my talk the next day. At 8 I went to church. There a prayer meeting had started and all were asking the Father that K.'s fast might accomplish its purpose. Many brothers and sisters from local places were there to offer prayer and moral support. Papa gave a powerful sermon, and with great emotion, the congregation closed the meeting with prayer. Two hours remained before the forty days were over. We had fellowship together until just before the last minute. Then to observe the final minutes with K., we left for his house. The room was in order and clean. By the light of the lamp one could see the pallor of K. and of those around them, he because of his weakness, they because of their tension. By the pillow of K. lay The Divine Principles, a hymn book, and piles and piles of encouraging letters from sisters and brothers all over Japan. During the last 30 minutes. Mr. M, K. himself, and then Papa offered prayer. All were surprised at the power of K.'s prayer, for he threw himself into it with enthusiasm and vigor, even he who had for 40 days lain there wasting away, thinking of nothing but the Father's grieving heart. We realized very vividly as we began to feel a sensation of Divine heat within our breasts, that only the power and love of the Father had sustained K. during these 40 days. We could see that this son of God, having done nothing actively, had yet accomplished a great thing with the support of the Father. At 12 P.M., we realized that a part of the great task of the people of this 20th century had just been accomplished by K., surrounded by only a few people, and unknown to the billions in the world. The atmosphere was so pious and splendid that no words can describe it. We all sang together The Song of Glory and The Blessing of the Garden. K. sang with us, leading us with his right arm. In our hearts, we prayed and gave thanks to the Father again and again for the work that he had accomplished, led by the Father. Finally the time came for him to eat some cereal, in the midst of his brothers and sisters. He ate about 1/3 of the cereal and between each mouthful exclaimed: "This is delicious! This is delicious!" His smiling face looked so beautiful and full of joy. In the meantime, newsmen had come and were taking pictures and asking questions. K. received them and answered their questions with the authority and dignity of a son of God. With this prayer may I close my letter: "Our loving Father, you have led our brother this far. We thank you. I'm sure his courageous attitude will give support and encouragement to those who are engaged in this work on the front line. Father, how much you must rejoice with the fact that one of your sons has for forty days offered himself, his flesh and fat, thinking only of your heart and praying that Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven, giving himself up as a living sacrifice."

"Father, in the view of this event the restoration of the entire cosmos is no longer a problem. In the name of the Lord. Amen."

Dear Mr. Ross: Thanks for the grace of our Heavenly Father and praise to His Holy Name! I was glad to hear from you. I agree with the idea you presented in your letter that you translate our letters and publish them in the New Age Frontiers. Someone translated your last News letter" and we delighted in reading it. Our strength was renewed, and we resolved to march on to fulfill God's Will. We pray that the Father's Love will be great toward Miss Kim, you, and all the other brothers and sisters. Up to today, a United Nations conference has been convened in Tokyo. We marched by the delegates and sang our hymns boldly, calling their attention clearly to the fact that we were "saints" of the Completed Testament. The delegates from Japan showed a very favorable attitude toward us. At a session held yesterday, time had been allotted for 10 world delegates to speak. Imagine our surprise when not one, but four, of us were invited to speak before all the delegates of the conference! Armed with the Divine Principles and knowing the Heart of the Heavenly Father, we spoke as righteous men from the bottom of our hearts. Our opinion was so concrete and advanced and we spoke with such authority that many of the delegates expressed their respect to us afterward. In view of this reaction, we felt confident that the day would not be too far off before we held the leadership in the United Nations. During our march, T. V. cameras and radio mikes were directed toward us as we sang from our hymn books. In this way, we have been fulfilling our responsibility, guided and protected by the Heavenly Father. We praise the glory of the Father from the bottom of our hearts. Today the UN conference has divided into committees. We have been attending these and have expressed an active voice. Yesterday 40 of us joined in marching together, and it appeared as if we were a group distinct and separate from the Satanic conference.

On the 1st of September the 8th training course started. The place where the course is being held is a wonderful spot given by God, for which we are very grateful. The course will last for 20 days. For 20 days these attending will study hard in spirit and body in order to become qualified to give birth to new saints of the Completed Testament.

At present we have 35 churches in Japan. Some of them have only one member, but all are very zealous in proclaiming the Father's heart and in bringing the Day of Fulfillment to reality as quickly as possible. Though our family is scattered throughout Japan, our hearts are one in striving only for the cosmic restoration.

May the Will of God be realized as soon as possible; may the Kingdom of God be established as soon as possible. This I pray in the Name of the Lord. Your brother, Tsutomu Yokoi

News from Korea

World Day, May 1, 1963,

According to the lunar calendar, May 1 was declared as World Day, the day on which all things were dedicated and conditionally restored to God. Our Leader held a brief ceremony, praying that now the true Parents, the true children, and even the true holy land were restored to God. Since God wants each created thing to reflect His heart, our Leader continued his prayer by offering up to God all things formerly under Satanic domination and thus separated from the heart of God and by asking that God accept these things as renewed, sanctified, and dedicated to Him. He concluded by saying that anything outside of the Father's heart exists in sin, and that those who bear in their hearts the greatest suffering in order to restore all things to the Father and thus comfort Him will receive the greatest blessing.

The Blessed Marriage of the 124 couples on July 24, 1963

The wedding was performed at the newly built civic auditorium in Seoul. The brides and grooms all wore white robes designed by Our Leader and sewn by hundreds of women in the Church, working day and night for a week. Due to the cost of the robes and other items, the couples were asked to bring a certain amount of money, but some couldn't bring any money at all. This didn't matter, however, for the amount brought was shared in common for everyone's expenses. Many outsiders at the wedding ceremony were thrilled by this generosity and mutual love,

To start off the ceremony, Mr. Eu greeted the audience of 3,500 and spoke for 30 minutes on the history of the movement and the meaning of the wedding ceremony. Our Leader and his wife clothed in flowing white robes and shining crowns then marched up to the stage, followed by two little girls, who were carrying two bowls of perfumed holy water. The 124 couples then marched up to Our Leader and his wife, one by one, the bridegroom was baptized by our Mother and the bride by our Father as a token of individual blessing. After all the couples had been individually blessed and had taken up their positions in lines in front of Our Leader and his wife, twenty-four couples, selected from and representing those who had been blessed in past years, formed two lines of 12 couples each and stood on either side of the 124 couples. Then Our Leader and his wife turned toward the couples, and each member of the couples Our Leader

solemnly asked four questions to each of which the couples answered mightily in unison: "Yes!"

1. "In taking this marriage vow, does each of you swear to accept personally the responsibility for any action taken by one of you that is against the Will of God?"
2. In taking this marriage vow, does each of you swear to be most faithful to God and obey His Will with filial piety?"
3. "As husband and wife, do you swear before all the hosts of Heaven to be true forefathers worthy of the respect of all men?"
4. "To the original man, God promised to give dominion over the creation. Do you vow to bear yourselves in dignity as lords to whom all glory is due as victors over Satan?"

Our Leader then offered a powerful and moving prayer of blessing. Then the brides and grooms exchanged wedding gifts. The bride received a golden ring and the bridegroom a signature seal. Our Leader then announced that they were married. Mr. Lew then recited a poem he had written for the ceremony. Representatives of the newly-blessed couples presented to him and his wife a wreath of flowers. The vice-minister of Social Welfare and Public Health and the chief of the National Reconstruction Organization then gave exuberant speeches of congratulations. Following this, telegrams from local Korean groups(11), from Korean individuals(18), from the churches in Japan(22), America(8), and West Germany(2) were read as an introduction to the audience of the churches abroad.

Mr. Eu then greeted the audience, thanking them for their coming and enthusiastic reception. From beginning to end, the wedding ceremony proceeded with great solemnity, beauty, and order, yet in an atmosphere of breathless excitement.

After refreshments were served to the entire audience, the 124 couples left the auditorium and entered the cars waiting for them. The police had formed a cordon to prevent the populace from pressing in on the wedding party. Preceded and followed by policemen on motorcycles, the wedding party, headed by Our Leader and his family, drove through the main streets of the city in 150 cars. All Seoul had turned out to see the procession, and the city was in a state of great excitement and congratulations. All returned to the civic auditorium for an informal greetings to their families and guests.

Comments heard during the ceremony:

"I wish I could be married in that way." "It looks like a true wedding" "It's right that the parents should give the blessing on behalf of heaven and earth," "Their leader must be an unusual man to marry so many couples. It takes us (parents) years of selecting and rejecting to match our children, and even then their marriages don't turn out happily. In fact, this seems to be the case all over. You can see that these couples really do take their marriages seriously, for they follow whole-heartedly the Divine Principles and make them the basis of their marriage; they're willing to go through joy and suffering and from what I can see, they all live so happily! What an unusual man their Leader must be, for this is their fourth ceremony like this! This is really awe-inspiring! For a group like this, nothing is impossible, believe you me!"

In the evening, the our church held program for those who had attended the morning ceremony and for any who wished to come. During the first half, the children of the Church danced, sang, and recited, and those who came laughed and applauded enthusiastically. During the second half, the Korean symphony orchestra(classic) performed great musical works for the audience. Then one of our members read the telegrams from the churches abroad for the benefit of those who had not been to the morning ceremony.

Finally, Mr. Choi read two of the 70 letters received from the young adults in the reformatory near Seoul. He has been working with them and lecturing to them the Divine Principles. Never before had any of the prisoners responded to a minister, but after Mr. Choi had preached to them, many were so moved that they cried and repented. They wanted to write to our church, but a rule of the reformatory had been that no written communication was allowed with any church. Yet positive response and the emotion of the prisoners to Mr. Choi was such that the prison officials were moved and allowed them to communicate with our church in Seoul. From the more than 70 letters received, Mr. Choi chose two to read. The audience was greatly surprised even shocked to hear of the prisoners' favorable reaction, and the evening meeting closed in an atmosphere of great excitement, wonder, and expectation. Newspapermen and photographers took many pictures and notes, as they had done during the morning ceremony, and the events were made known later through the newspapers, radio, television, and news movies. For the first time, the attention of all of South Korea was focused on The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity,

Someone asked one of the couples where they were going to their honeymoon. The couple replied that they were leaving the next day to proclaim the Divine Principles to people in Korea: "This is our honeymoon!"

Passing on the Baton

Mr. Sin (Korea)

When one's battlefield is changed, one's strategy is also. Shifting the center of our activities from our headquarters (located in a small place) in Seoul to the civic auditorium, we felt the difference in atmosphere. On July 24 at the auditorium, the cry "Long live the brides and bridegrooms!" was heard loudly shouted three times. Long live the eons and daughters means

long live the Father. Even spectators outside the auditorium felt within themselves the enthusiasm and spiritual pressure of the audience and lifting their hands joined in the cry. In this way, the ceremony celebrating the surrender of Satan's control over our nation was concluded, and the fort from which our battle would proceed against Satan's control internationally was firmly established. The outcry between God and Satan has been settled, and a new history is about to begin. Meanwhile, I heard the signing of the choir, and the songs which often have rung in my ears in the past today rang in my heart, not because of greater enthusiasm on my part or on the part of the choir but because of the difference of stage and the response of an audience which included representatives of our nation as well as our Church. In order that this song be sung throughout our nation, the singers had for a long time cried out painfully because of their grudge toward Satan and intense grief. In order to be noticed by the nation, these sons and daughters went through wave after wave of cold, hunger, ridicule, blood, sweat, and tears.

Brides and bridegrooms! These are easy words for the outsider to say, but for us these are the most difficult words to say. These words have acquired their present meaning bit by bit until they are now even higher than the bamboo tree, which also grows bit by bit, joint by joint! With every bit, a credit has been given to our side. We have now crossed the national river and are standing before the territory of the world. Our bitter victory and the laughter of today have come because of the closeness of Our Father, our desire for a world family, and our organization based on the heart. There are groups, strong and weak, in the world today which have three elements in common: a leader, an idea, and an organization. The stronger these three elements are, the more mighty effect they have on history. Let us analyze groups and organizations. Is there any relationship closer than that of father and son? Is there any idea greater than that of establishing a kingdom of heaven on earth, of making all men one family? Is there a stronger organization than that which is voluntary and based on a father-son relationship? A charismatic leader is considered an ideal, but in comparison with a leader who is also one's father, such a leader is not the highest. There are many big organizations and ideas in the world, but none is eternal. There are many powerful organizations, but the stronger they are, the less freedom an individual has to express himself fully.

In our group we need nothing other than the Father. He was yesterday's armament and will be tomorrow's strategy. This relationship is the secret which has made us Don Quixote-like men. In former times, if someone had suggested that fertilizer be made out of air, he would have been rejected, just as Copernicus was. Today, however, we know that we can produce a solid from a gas. Likewise, today is the time we can realize our ideal. To condense, heat is needed. To realize our ideal, Don Quixote-like acts are needed. Once we are told of our enemy even though he appears as unusual as a windmill, we must thrust forward our lance and charge. A French soldier once said that he hadn't learned the trumpet call for retreat, so all he could do was to march on. Likewise, we haven't learned the call for retreat, so we must press on. If you start rolling up a very wide mattress or tightly-woven straw mat and leave it only partly rolled, then it will quickly unroll. Even though much effort and struggling with your hands, feet, and knees are needed at the beginning, if you continue, then rolling it up becomes easier and easier until eventually you need only kick it with your feet and it rolls of itself. Continue to march! The whole world will be rolled up like a straw mat. Then our descendants will inscribe on monuments erected to us: "Warriors for God's Liberation," In the eternal kingdom, Heaven will provide for us a feast of eternal comfort. As these final thoughts weave through my mind, the last part of the wedding ceremony is ending, and so I close.

At the headquarters in Seoul, on Oct. 1 (Nov. 16 our time), Children's Day, a speech contest for Koreans will be held in order to select the most capable people for training in lecturing the Divine Principles in English. The contestants are to speak on the Principles for 10 minutes in English.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

To all who wish to submit letters for publication in the New Age Frontiers: Please submit your letters by the last day of the month. They will be edited if necessary and published in the Newsletter of the following month. Please let Miss Kim by the last day of the month how many copies you wish sent to you.