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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Leader, with fourteen other members, arrived in Japan on June 12. They have a two-month visa for Japan. Preparations for their visit at Washington Headquarters are now intense. We know all our Family join with us in heart.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS RECENTLY RECEIVED

April 21	Mary Penn	New York City
April 22	Sandra S. Singleton	Washington
April 23	Nora S. Martin	New York City
April 27	Gleness Sneed	Kansas City, Kansas
April 27	Dennis Sneed	Kansas City, Kansas
April 27	Mary Churchman	Dallas
April 29	Richard Wickline	Dallas
April 29	Delores Wickline	Dallas
May 6	Giovanna Mathis	New York City
May 9	Dan Zellmer	Norman, Oklahoma
May 9	Mike Morrow	Norman, Oklahoma
May 11	Kathy Black	Norman, Oklahoma
May	Raymond Barlow	Los Angeles
May	Susan Barnett	Washington, D.C.
May 21	Paul Pattengale	St. Louis
May 21	Martha Pattengale	St. Louis
May 25	Kenneth Buchman	Norman, Oklahoma
May 24	Neil Salonen	Washington
June 20	Cindy Efaw	Washington
June 23	Lawrence Booth	Oakland
June 27	Farley Jones	New York City
June 29	Helen Ireland	New York City

We are looking forward to receiving testimonies from our new brothers and sisters.

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## LEADER'S HOUSE

The carpeting has been laid and much of the furniture has been moved into the house. We will send a complete description of the house soon, complete with description of the colors. What a joy to be able to pour ourselves into such a glorious task!!

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## LETTERS AND REPORTS

New York, New York

Diane Giffin

Here in NYC we have experienced the birth of four wonderful new brothers and sisters; you will be hearing from them soon. Yes, this has been a year of response. It has also been one of change as our members come here and move on to join the Family elsewhere;... New York seems to have the mission of a midwife. The latest change is that Barbara has left to travel with Lowell to the various Centers of our nation, leaving me as leader of the New York Center. One thing in this Principle Life is certain: Father never lets us stop growing. For this I'm constantly grateful.

As the response quickens, I feel more urgently than ever the need to get the Divine Principle to the people. I often think of Pauline's vision of the wheat field. The people are so ripe; nearly every time we go out, we find someone who is clearly prepared and desperately hungering for the living reality that our Father and His Principle are. I feel their longing as a spur that makes me go on faster and harder. We are the gateway for them; so we must be ready... able to teach at a moment's notice;... filled ourselves, so that we in turn can fill the need of a brother. My family, there is no letting up in the work to be done; soon we'll be teaching day and night.

Brothers and sisters, let's be ready to greet our Parents. Let's pull together and walk with them unequivocally on this awesome mission.  
In Their Name, your sister, Diane.

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Hammond, Indiana

Agnes Schoon

Dear Family, Greetings from Hoosierland. It was wonderful to be at the Washington Center, even though it was only for three days. Praying, singing, talking, sharing, breaking bread together--all as children of the Father--this will not soon be forgotten.

It was a delight to meet Col. and Mrs. Pak, to be with Miss Kim, however briefly, to have time with Orah, and to meet so many others who had only been names in the newsletters.

The Leader's house is truly a dream, yet practical and useful. The setting is just perfect. Jaik joins me in sending our love. Our prayers will be with you all.  
In the Father's Name, Agnes Schoon.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

George Fernsler

Dearest Brothers and Sisters, Like Roland, I am very much humbled by what you all write in the newsletter and share in your sorrow and joy, as I marvel at my own great lack of growth, and wisdom in what I do.

I am delighted to hear about--and from--new brothers and sisters in Dallas, Washington, Holland, Italy, Highland, Oklahoma, Kansas City, and Pasadena. I felt special delight to read Hillie's testimony, to hear from Orah's mother, and--what shall I say?--to hear from Holland and our Family there.

The letter concerning our Leader's trip came Monday. It is yet at rare moments we really begin to conceive our blessing and realize it. Except for the struggle it would seem like a dream. Even so the last visit and all that happened, often so little understood, seems like a dream. It is hard to realize it is coming true again, after so much that we have acquired in knowledge and experience since.

Generally I have not found the same kind of churches in Philadelphia as I did in New York, although there are innumerable churches. There are liberal churches as in New York, but most of these are nearly deserted and dead. So far I have found they are generally closed to the idea of a spiritual world and the existence of Satan or of Adam and Eve.

There are some spiritualist groups, most of which, at least in Philadelphia itself, are very small although some members are well-known in our Family. Nearly all members are over 40. Many know about our Leader and the claims for him.

There are large, filled conservative churches in Philadelphia with large groups of young people. These are more open than the corresponding group of Evangelicals in New York who were so defensive about their position. With some of these young people here, however, controversy resulted in saying that God didn't subject the world to futility but Satan did. (Rom. 8:20). This attitude is changing, and reports of Pentecostal-like experiences among fundamental Christians are opening their minds to the possibility that God might reveal more than that which is in the Bible without Jesus coming in the clouds or something to do so.

Look up the word "quarantine". In a restful moment I opened the dictionary to "Quarantine" and found it originally meant a period of forty days. In order to restore the world, God must have healthy elements within it. This necessitates that such elements be separated for a time while they are strengthened in health. The man of God is separated from Satan for forty days or --rather might we say-- it is the world that is "quarantined" from him for forty days. We are still undergoing periods of separation as nuns and monks in previous centuries have. The difference is that today this separation is not to be permanent, even on earth, for the total restoration of the world is within sight! Pray for me. Not for my own sake, but for others here and ultimately for this great city. In the Name of Our Most Beloved True Parents, George.



Kansas City, Kansas

Dee Sneed

Dear Beloved Family, Sometimes I wonder if anyone knows what Unified Family means. To me it means, one in heart, one in soul, all under one True Parents. Also, one in service. There should never be "my washing", "my ironing", "my dirty dishes", etc. If I have clothes that need washing and I know my sister has washing, then I should wash for my sister too. If I only have time to do one load and it takes two, then I must do hers first. Is this not Father's heart?

Our beloved Leader said he will not eat as long as one of his children goes hungry. Is he not our example? We have no right to serve ourselves until we have served Heavenly Father first. And the only way we can serve Father is to serve his children.

Don't just serve physically with your mind on the physical, but also do it with your heart full of love and your mind on the spiritual. For example, if you are ironing for a brother or a sister, feel you are giving power or support for him, etc. Iron out their problems.

If you are sewing let it be in your heart uniting you and this brother or sister with the strong thread of Father's love. I'm not very good at putting my feelings on paper. I just pray I have at least stimulated an idea for you. One more thing-- thank you for being my brothers and sisters! I love all of you more than words could ever relate. I pray someday I will get a chance to serve you personally. In Their Beloved names, your loving sister, Dee.

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Carpi, Italy

Barbara Burrowes

On the 26th of April Doris Walder, the leader in Italy, and I, left Rome and headed for Carpi, a town in the province of Reggio Emilia. We had heard of a man called Angelo Benedetti who had already fasted 18 days of a scheduled 40-day fast, whose intention by so doing was to draw people's attention to the world situation. He, according to reporters, thought it was time for a new era to begin and was urging young people to join him and form a city for youth where people of all races and creeds could live together in perfect harmony. We thought that this man had had a revelation concerning what we teach, but as soon as he and his collaborator, Pietro Taverno, heard the Divine Principle they could do nothing but expose their ignoble intentions, which included taking over the country politically and amassing as much wealth as possible through public donation. However, there were other people interested in what we were teaching, so Doris decided to send me there as soon as it was possible. Carpi is a small, flat town, where everyone rides a bicycle, and where there are supposed to be over 12,000 knitting factories. I was alone like a baby bird left on the limb of a tree to take its first flight.

The people of this town were very curious because I remained in Carpi. Being dark-skinned, I was naturally the focus of attention. For this reason it was very easy to witness, although most people listened only to satisfy their curiosity. (Over 80% of the inhabitants are Communists.) People at the small hotel where I lodged advised me to follow the example of the townspeople and hire a lecture hall and give regular lectures. I therefore hired the Sala Cervi for about \$3.10 an evening, had some posters made, and informed a reporter about the lectures. The posters were soon up and the blue print on the white background stood out clearly. I used the caption "PUO ESSERE VERO?" ("Can It Be True?") which Peter Koch used on his Principle visiting cards, then I headed a series of four lectures.

So far everything seemed to be going smoothly, but, as could be imagined, old Satan was lurking in the darkness waiting for his chance to attack. It was necessary for me to report to the police station first, because I had changed city of residence and secondly because I had to lecture publicly. The police marshall thought it would be all right for me to give the lectures and accepted my application for sojourn in Carpi; this was in the morning. In the afternoon I was asked to return to the police station. On my arrival, the smiling faces of that morning were unsmiling and a new scowling face was among them. It belonged to the police commissioner. He told me in no mean terms that I would be thrown out of Italy if I dared open my mouth to inform the inhabitants about the Divine Principle; he also made it clear that even if I spoke about it privately he would see to it that I leave the country. I told him that I would obey his order and asked him if it was all right for an Italian to speak. He appeared surprised to learn that there were Italians in our movement; this of course he could not refuse. I phoned Rome for reinforcements and Doris and Dawn arrived early Thursday afternoon.

Friday evening, nine p.m. and still the hall was practically empty. The communists were having a big demonstration in the square against the Americans in Vietnam, most of the inhabitants were demonstrating and the others were afraid to venture out. Luckily the Sala Cervi, which dates back to the 15th century, had stolid walls which kept out the noise of the boisterous demonstrators just a few yards away. Finally, we started the meeting with about 20 people present. Angelo Benedetti and Pietro Taverno who had come in a few minutes earlier and has already threatened to break up the conference proceeded with their plans. While Doris spoke and Dawn translated the two men began shouting insults and threats, but they had to retreat because we had the advantage of a microphone. Thereafter the people listened attentively.

Father advised us to try the police again so I went and asked permission to translate for Doris. This time they gave permission after going through Doris' papers. One of their chief complaints against me was that I entered Italy as a singer and although our movement is now recognized in Italy and the police in Rome know of my activities the Commissioner did not quite agree with my participation.

The police marshall who had heard Chapter 2 was very interested in the explanation we gave concerning the fall of man, so he asked many questions concerning this. He appeared genuinely interested in the revelation.

On Wednesday evening another communist meeting was held so again we were expecting an empty hall, but to our surprise about 60 people turned up and so did Satan in the form of Angelo Bendetti. This time Bendetti changed his tactics and met people at the door trying to bias and discourage them as best he could. The police who were again present decided that they would ask the commissioner permission for me to speak directly, so on Thursday they phoned the hotel, telling me it was all right.

On Friday 26th another political meeting was held and numbers were low again: there were perhaps about 25 people. The lecture was undisturbed and at the end many questions were asked. Doris left for Rome on Saturday and I of course remained in Carpi. On Monday evening I was present at a sort of round table where about 15 people asked several questions concerning our movement and the Divine Principles. I answered with Father's help and their interest was even more awakened.

On Wednesday the 31st of May there was no political meeting, but instead a terrible wind and rainstorm with thunder and lightning. Needless to say, only a few of the people who were scheduled to attend came; there were about 20 people present but the conference was a successful one because most of them were interested in Divine Principle. Many questions were asked and quite a few people, one of them a priest, asked for copies of Divine Principle. The priest taught me every step of the way, but he had to give in; he had no answers.

Who can fight against God's Completed Testament and win? No man! Let us fight the good fight and win souls for our Father. Let us fear not but push ahead. Our good Master has conquered through much suffering; we must follow him all the way and be prepared to be persecuted in every possible way. But God never loses--and neither will we. Monsay! Monsay! Monsay! In His Precious Name, Barbara.

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Concord, Australia

Eric Junland

Dear Family, It's been a while, but we have been busy seeding the Word. With the Father's blessings there ought to be a rich harvest in its season.

Alexa has just finished another class with an average of 16 students. No definite results yet, but the lectures were very well received, interest aroused, and new friends made.

At the same time I have been giving a separate series of public philosophical talks

in order to attract new people and introduce them to the Divine Principle. It has been disappointing to find, however, that most of the people turning up at these meetings have already made up their minds about what to believe. Nevertheless, topics such as "The Future of the World", "Man and Ethics", etc. supported by charts and illustrations, have proved stimulating. It was quite a surprise to find on one lecture entitled "Incarnation vs. Reincarnation" nearly 50 people turning up!

A month ago we had the honour of being invited to the Australian-Korean Club by one of Alexa's students. At the Club we met three Koreans. One of them was just 5 days younger than myself so he began to call me his "elder brother", and naturally I was glad to have a Korean younger brother for a good start.

We have invited them over for a Korean feast, which Alexa is using all of her cooking cunning to be as good as the real thing. My place is already fuming with Oriental smells.

Also we hope to make arrangements with them to teach us Korean. They are so nice. Two of them are engineers, and one a professor; all three are taking a few courses here.

Last Tuesday we went to a Vietnam demonstration here in Sydney and distributed 600 leaflets showing the road to true peace. So far we have had three inquiries.

Our next big project is to either rent or buy a house. Thus far, we have used my flat but it is too small for the future of our activities. We have won a number of friends who would like to attend our Family gatherings.

May Father bless you all. In our True Parents, Eric.

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Rome - World Day, 1967

Doris Walder

Dear Brothers and Sisters, It is truly a time for singing and shouting from the mountain tops the great glory of our Father. Especially this is the feeling we all feel to the utmost on the Blessed Days our Father has ordained at this time.

World Day in Rome was one of deepest joy and greatest love from the Father. We began the day in prayer in our Leader's room and continued on to both Holy Grounds and then prepared for our evening celebration. In the evening eleven of us gathered together to pray and sing to our Father. The spirit was one of a gentle and sweet love and a deep appreciation for the creation was experienced by all of us. Each one presented their gift of talent to our Father and our Father presented the best gift of all in words of love, through revelation.

Martin Porter explained the significance of World Day and other important things of the spirit and Dawn also spoke about the creation and how we as Principle children must demonstrate our love to all peoples and the creation in which God is omnipotent.

Several of our brothers and sisters were not with us, as they were in the North of Italy. Barbara is in Milan teaching our members there to teach and also searching for new people to join our Family. Everyone of us is in eager expectation to see our Beloved Leader and the family.

From all of us in Rome we send deepest love to all of you throughout the world. Let us in the weeks ahead join together in an even tighter bond of love and express to the world the true love of the Father which has been given to us through our Lord. Your sister, Doris.

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Frankfurt, Germany - World Day, 1967

Peter Koch

Today as I was preparing a sermon for World Day, I re-read our Leader's address on World Day 1965. (Most likely you, too, have received a copy of it recently.) In reading this address three things occurred to me:

1. Before God created man, he created all things. Only on this base man could appear and grow to be the true child of God. And only after that man could become a true parent. The process of restoring all mankind follows the same pattern. This means, before our Leader can bless any of us as a true child of God, we have to restore 'all things.'
2. We cannot just take from God. We have to give something in return. The purpose of our Leader's second trip is to bless people. Therefore, we are under the obligation to show our appreciation by providing a considerable gift to God.
3. Before man can be restored as God's child, 'all things' have to be restored. So two years ago our Leader came to bless Holy Ground in order to fulfill the prerequisite for the blessing of people. However, it is we who have taken upon us the responsibility of a national mission, and therefore it is we who should restore our countries to God. We cannot expect the Leader to come all the way from Korea to do our job. By this I mean, if the Leader has blessed Holy Ground in our country, we should at least match his effort for our country. If we expect the Leader to bring the blessing of people to our nation, then it is our mission to first restore 'all things' in our nation to God.

Adding up these three points I came to the conclusion that we should buy a piece of land and present it to our Leader on his arrival. (Our financial limitations, however, may limit the size of the property.) At the very least we are making a condition this way. It is quite clear to me that we should do this. However, this raises a problem. Even if the German family should be able to carry out this project, most of the other families in Europe will most likely not be in a position to do likewise, no matter how

hard they may want to do so. One way out of this situation would be, if we make this a European project with the other European families participating to a certain degree. Then we would consider this piece of land as the representation of 'all things' of Europe. How do you feel about this?

We have to make up our minds about these three points:

1. DO we want to do this or not?
2. CAN we do it?
3. WHAT exactly would be the best solution as far as the piece of land is concerned? What qualifications should it meet?

I would appreciate your suggestions.

With love to our True Parents, Peter.

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Family News - Washington, D.C.

Sylvia Rogndahl

Washington Center is humming with preparation for our True Parents. The furnishing of their house, under the wonderful guidance of Mr. Pak and Miss Kim, is well underway. The landscaping is begun, and the members are seeking new ways to earn money--and, through Father's help--are finding them.

The Center and Center Annex are both bursting with people. Our brothers and sisters from New York who recently arrived bring the total to twenty. Glenda Moody arrived from Oklahoma. Farley Jones, Helen Ireland, and Nora Martin, from New York. Bill Blackie, Gordon's brother from the Bay Area is with us now for the summer. George Norton is living in the Center now. Johan and Farley are sleeping in our Parents' house.

Some people have been traveling a little. Miss Kim visited St. Louis and the West Coast. Albert went to Tampa to visit his mother who was ill. Anne visited Ohio. The Schoons visited Washington over a long weekend. They were energetic and very helpful.

Martha Vertreace has graduated from college. Sandy Singleton is progressing very well in Principle. Bill Charyk is home from college for the summer. Philip has a full-time job now teaching at a business college in Washington. Becky, Hillie, and Sylvia have new jobs. Gordon, in addition to his regular job, is submitting sample manuscripts to an agency which adapts American books for foreign readers of English. Martha and Sandy are also looking into this possibility of earning money. Nora will be doing social work at a mental hospital in the area. Glenda is holding a job as recreational director for a playground in the city as well as going to school at American University. Helen is working for Kelly Services, and Farley is actively looking for a job. So it goes.



We are so thankful that Father is using us to prepare materially for His Son. He wants to use all of us. In addition, we are still working with the cosmetic business. We are selling on weekends and in our free time, as well as looking for people to sponsor. We are teaching new people each week, for with so many witnesses, this is not surprising. The new crop of brothers and sisters here is avidly outlining the Principle. Soon there should be a new crop of teaching members. Day by day we are all growing... sometimes painfully, but we are growing--individually and as a group.

Many people from all over the world have sent inquiries about Our Leader. Each week we receive several. Many of these letters are from intensely interested searchers. One of them, a lady from Pottstown, Pennsylvania, feels strongly that this is the time of the Second Coming. She is studying and comes to Washington Center as often as she can. Others are studying by correspondence, and we have sent books to seekers in Africa, Denmark, and many other places.

We send to all of you our encouragement and love. Being here with Miss Kim is a constant stimulation to try as she tries and to work as she works. She is our inspiration. The encouragement we send is really her encouragement which she pours on all of us here directly.

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O Father, I must seek Thee all alone  
Without the benefit of church or pope  
Or minister to hear my prayers to Thee.  
Where shall I start to seek Thee? In the wind?  
Or in the golden flower? In the spray  
Of thund'ring waves that slash against the shore?  
O, You are nowhere, yet you're everywhere,  
And in all, through all, joining light with night.  
I see You smiling there upon the heath.  
That sparkles with Your sunniness. I run,  
I call Your name aloud, and you are gone,  
And slowly icy night chills round my heart.  
I hear You in the whisper of the wind.  
I dash to meet You, but the breeze is gone.  
The rain abates before I reach the hill.  
But I must search and find You all alone.

--Sandra S. Singleton

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## ARTICLES

World Day Sermon - Washington, D.C.

Philip Burley

Matthew 13:43-46

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

God created man to live in harmony with Him by forming a circuit and bond of love with God. Man and woman were to form this reciprocal bond of affection with each other and this same energy of love was to flow in a circuit between them and their offspring. To be included in this circuit of energy were the things of creation. Creation was to respond to man in use and by reflecting man's feeling through the animal kingdom, man's thought through the plant kingdom, and his will through the kingdom of minerals. Man was to respond to creation by using creation and consciously or unconsciously perceiving the image of himself in creation. Thus a continuous circuit of energy originating from the Heavenly Father would flow throughout the spiritual and physical universe: in man and woman, their children, and all the things of creation.

Due to the fall of man, we know that this cosmic circuit was broken. Man formed a relationship of give and take with Satan. God's archenemy became like an electrical transformer, transforming God's energy from good to evil. Thus the energy of evil flows with good throughout the cosmos.

Today we are celebrating the third major holiday of the New Age: World Day, or the Day of All Things. This day commemorates our Leader's conditional restoration of the things of creation into the circuit of love or goodness under the Creator God and the Lordship of the Messiah.

Today's holiday should have great meaning to us as Americans. Why should it? Because the United States' mission is material. That is, the things of creation in the U.S. were given for the use of the world. They were given for the use of God and the Messiah for the restoration of the world. The things of this country are crying out to us, "Use me for God."

Amidst a world of hunger, food is wasted. In a world of naked people, clothes accumulate in closets. In a sea of homeless people, over-furnished and unappreciated houses exist. While masses of money accumulate here, much of the world is penniless and thus powerless. The United States is considered a Christian nation. Statistics show that Christians make up 1/3 of the world's population,



but own 2/3 of the world's wealth. The United States' wealth is not something to be ashamed of or looked down upon. God, Himself, prepared and planted the seeds of prosperity in this nation and has nurtured them until the day of the Second Coming. Our wealth, however, will be a blessing or a curse according to how we use it.

God never works through the masses, but conditionally through individuals called out from the masses. Jesus was called as the individual to carry the weight of man's sins upon his shoulders. Conditions fulfilled by him were conditions made for the whole of mankind. Pass or fail, the masses are affected. As a result of Abraham's failure to cut the birds in two, his ancestors had to spend 400 years' slavery in Egypt. His failure became their failure, just as his success would have become their success.

My dear brothers and sisters, as has been reiterated over and over, we are the individuals representing the masses of America. We set the conditions for the whole. If we pass, they pass, but if we fail, they also fail. As we have been warned, our Leader will judge America by us. His attitude toward all the people of the United States will be affected by our attendance to God's Will for this country. We have been told he will judge us by our material preparation. Obviously we are lacking. But the root of our problem lies in the lack of being responsible in other realms of the things of creation; money is only a part of it, but a very important part. We as Americans waste and squander things sometimes in the name of convenience.

At first you may say as I said, defensively, "This is not true of me." Yet, as Miss Kim was heard recently to say, "If our members took care of the small things of life, the large things in their life would not give them so much trouble." Pennies a day don't mean much in a country where money is plentiful, but in a land where even one grain of rice is precious, pennies are worth a gold mine. \$20, \$30, or \$50 dollars does not seem like much when invested in an item, yet that same small amount of money could have aided one of our dear members in Korea in a real time of need. While visiting Che Ju Island off the South Mainland of Korea, she fell and broke both arms. Having no money, she could not have them attended by a doctor. By the time she received enough money, the bones of her arms were already mended, but the healing was such that it left both arms deformed and unusable. Just because of the lack of a few dollars, she will spend the rest of her life as a cripple.

With \$100.00 sent from this Center, one of our members in Korea is now in better health and many members had the joy of a one-meal feast. Mrs. Moon gave everything, including her health and her job to work for our Leader. Because she worked so hard, her health was impaired and she suffered a long period of illness. Part of the money we sent went toward enough medicine to aid her back to health. In addition she bought pairs of stockings for many of our brothers and gave them a large Korean meal.

In this very house, members waste material things. Of Miss Kim, mediums have been heard to say, "You will never be rich, but you will never go without." Watching Miss Kim day after day and her use of material things, one could observe clearly that either consciously or unconsciously she has a built-in sense of thrift. By the same token, I have seen her give to others when she needed for herself. With Miss Kim, there is never a pan that has been cooked in that is not thoroughly cleaned out and its contents eaten. At night when she comes into the kitchen to drink a cup of warm chocolate, she always pours every drop from the pan. She conserves water, soap, food, tooth paste, electricity, and many, many other things. Visiting her room, any member can quickly notice the few possessions which she has. In her business work she employs used pieces of paper, doing her figuring on the unused side. She has been known to wear clothing, the quality of which was good for 20 years when she at last disposed of it, demonstrating her thriftiness and care. In every aspect of her physical life there is an aura of concern even for the smallest of things. There is an underlying love for all things which God has created, which can be clearly seen by the way she uses them. As she said, "If our members can take care of the small things of life, then the large things in their lives would not give them so much trouble." On the other hand, she has a sense of right timing on the use of the material things of the world which is understood in her words: "There is a time to save and a time to spend."

What I am saying does not mean that we should sell everything that we have. While it might quicken our growth, it is not the answer. The answer lies in using all things for God and the lesson is to emulate those who are wiser and know how to use the things of creation. This is why they are sent to us. In the realm of our spiritual life, we have cut off our give and take with Satan, endeavoring to become pure for God and an example for mankind. We often talk of the sensual pleasures of the youth today, feeling anything from pity to anger. Our Leader has recognized that the youth of America live in an atmosphere of affluence, thus making a base for all types of satanical give and take. We, as examples for the world, must do with our material life as we have done with our spiritual life. We must have love, compassion, and understanding, yet we must feel more than this for the material wastefulness of the young and old in America. We must feel anger. This Family, more than any other group in America, must help assuage the Father's grudge against Satan for all the material wastefulness of the people. Judgment begins at home. We must radically alter our life, centering it upon a heavenly use of our material possessions, even down to our last penny.

Miss Kim stated in her World Day address of June 22, 1966:

"If man was supposed to be satisfied with spiritual things alone, God the Spirit would not have created material things. But this is not true. Man needs material things; therefore, God needs them too."

If we live only for spiritual things, shunning the world, we are living in only half of the world which God gave us. People we meet who are very caught up in the spirit world alone often appear unbalanced. The spirit man is to grow while on earth through the give and take with its physical counterpart. Thus, God wants us to relate or use this physical world to the fullest extent for doing good. It is through the action of give and take between the two worlds that their purposes are fulfilled. God often uses the physical world, not just visions and dreams, to show us His world, will, and heart. As St. Paul said, through the physical world man should come to know there is a God. God needs the physical world; through it the invisible God expresses Himself visibly.

Let us realize the circumference of our mission in America. Let us say in our heart to the Father this moment, "Father, I will make a conscious effort to do better in the future and to use all material things for You."

Your life and my life are no longer ours. All the things that we own belong to the Father. They want and need to be used for the Father. If we do not use them for Him, the things of creation will accuse us. Clothes and other things that we buy but do not need will accuse us, saying, "I do not belong to God but to Satan. You misused what God gave to you." Thus, they will reflect the heart with which they were bought, accusing our motives. Progress in spiritual growth or in physical, material attainment is not always due to superior intellect, but is the result of the wise or proper use of things. When the proper give and take is maintained on the base of use for God, our material needs are always available. By the law of give and take it cannot be otherwise.

Oftentimes we hear people say how much they love our Leader. Our words are cheap gratitude in relationship to what he has done for us if they are not followed by paralleled action. What is the price for salvation? Nothing we say or do is enough. The truth is that we can never repay our Leader. Our Leader will never say, "I love you," He has more than demonstrated his love for us with the giving of his life.

What is the price of salvation?

Again quoting from Miss Kim's World Day Address of 1966:

Man's blessing will not be fulfilled until man has dominion over all things on the land, in the seas, and the air. That is to say, man's position as the lord of creation will not be fulfilled until he has all things under his control. America's mission is to provide the material means for God and our Leader to hasten the work of God. We are to ask God's blessing on material things after we have done 120%. Until we do 120%, we have no right to ask for material blessings. God's dispensation of physical restoration cannot be fulfilled without material means.

Let us vow on this World Day 1967 to be victorious lords and bring all things we possess under our control. Gratitude expressed to His Son is gratitude expressed to God. Let us show our sincere gratitude by making our possessions available to His Son. Let us vow to bring all things of creation into the circuit of goodness so that the Heavenly Father's love will flow through the spiritual and physical universe, in man and woman, in their children, and all the things of creation.

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A Sermon

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Psychologists often speak of the "identity crisis" experienced by many adolescents when they reach the age where they want to find their roles in life. If we think more deeply about this, I am sure that we will realize that this crisis is not only a condition some teenagers go through, but it is a fundamental uncertainty in the nature of man today. Who are we? What is our nature? Where are we going and why? These are the big questions which have remained buried in the hearts of people because no answer has ever been clearly given. When people are past adolescence they may stop outwardly worrying over these questions, but the problem still rests in the bottom of their hearts.

Why do we not know who we are? Why don't we understand ourselves? St. Paul explained that he didn't understand his own actions because he was divided within himself. The things he wanted to do and the things he did were different. Was he then to think of himself as being aligned with his actions or with his good intentions? How about us? Shall we think of ourselves in terms of our wonderful dreams and our beautiful aspirations? Or shall we think of ourselves as the battered survivors of countless failures and corrupted lives? Who are we?

Sometimes we are asked, "Since Satan has been subjugated, and he knows that he will be ultimately completely defeated, why doesn't he just give up and stop opposing our movement and our individual growth and missions?"

In thinking about this recently I recalled the words of Jesus to the Pharisees: "...No city or house divided against itself will stand, and if Satan casts out Satan he is divided against himself: how then will his kingdom stand?" (See Matthew, 12:22-31.) Satan's desires haven't changed since the fall of man; his motivations are still evil. HE has no longing to return to God; HE has no inner struggle. Therefore, he is not tempted by goodness. He certainly knows what he wants; I imagine he knows who he is.

In our low periods, Satan sometimes bends us under accusation to feel that we are just like him, to make us believe that we are guilty of unforgivable things, enmeshed in insoluble problems, and corrupted through and through. In this

way we feel helpless, indecisive, sometimes even worthless. In this state, of course, we certainly aren't of much value to God's work. When we believe we are the relation of Satan we are divided. We have not really decided who we are. Nothing evil is permanent.

Each person has within him a part of God, and that fragment is related to goodness. We long to change and grow, to progress and perfect ourselves. To the extent that we have the image of God in us, we want what God wants. So long as we recognize goodness, we are related to God, and we will always be drawn toward Him.

Since we are a blend of good and evil, our "houses" are really rather unstable. They are subject to being rocked by spiritual hurricanes and earthquakes from the outside and sometimes are threatened by termites or small explosions inside. When we find we are not like rocks, that indeed we sometimes have to struggle with temptation and that sometimes it takes all our effort to pull ourselves out of lows--at these times we may feel that our houses are going to topple over altogether. We feel insecure. Because our estimation of ourselves has been shaken, we feel uncertain.

Sometimes, then, because of our uncertainty, we sit in a corner of our quaking, shaking house, waiting for the storm to pass. So long as we believe we belong to Satan we may be sure only that our "house" will eventually fall--to goodness. So long as we are separated from God we will feel inwardly divided, because God will never give up. Instead of making us feel uncertain of who we are, though, I would like to suggest that the trials and difficulties we face reveal clearly who we are and even give us reason to rejoice. Jesus also said:

Matthew, 7:24-25

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

So much as we are committed to God, He will use us. If we have committed our lives to Him, He will take us at our word and will begin to use our lives as He uses His own. The Father has never spared Himself, He has used every effort to save His beloved creation. Now when we offer ourselves to Him for His work, should we expect Him to let us play games while He is fighting a war? We face the trials we do because we are really walking the Father's path. God has called us to be soldiers who may each day go through life-and-death conflicts.

When we complain, it can only be because we forget that the Father is making His own great sacrifice through us. Until we take back our offer of ourselves, until we sit down and quit, until we tell Him we can go no further, God will treat

us as unsparingly as His own body. Do we think we have a hard way? Is it unfair that we should have to cope with the rejections and difficulties we face and that we feel no one else understands? Should we have a happier life, more pleasant responsibilities? We forget we are not living our own lives, and we are not walking alone.

It is not only we who suffer when we face difficulties and rejoice when we overcome. God is fighting in us. Therefore, so long as we are struggling parallel to the will of God, His power can flow through us. When we fight to overcome evil with goodness and to establish the will of God here on earth, we are really reflecting the action of God. We are doing what He is doing; we are identifying our individual purpose with His cosmic one. When we find this struggle in ourselves we represent the whole universe in our small one.

The image of God within us desires what God desires. When we align ourselves with the work of God we are expressing this. We are really saying, "Father, I am like you; let me help you in your work." The moment we do this our position in life has changed. We are no longer individuals with private lives. Although at first we may not realize it, our lives will now follow the course God's life has taken. We are exactly in God's place.

Before we found the Principle, God often let us feel His person concern for us, as parents care for their youngest child. God always comforted us. After we come into the Family, many times we stop feeling this close attention from God. Why? Because now we stand with Him, sharing His feeling of loneliness, difficulty, heartbreak. He takes our promise and gives us His responsibility.

When we stand in this position we may know a great deal more about ourselves than before. We have made our decision that we belong to God and not to Satan. Our commitment to the will of God is our rock. But now to find out the secret of who we really are, we have to find out who God really is. In order to find ourselves, we have to find God. Therefore in an entirely different sense we may now feel we don't know who we are. We have to grow up all over again. This time we must grow according to the standard of God.

By choosing to stand with God we give our lives cosmic meaning. Like God, we can no longer be concerned with only our individual lives. We are seeking goodness for the whole universe. Then we will no longer sit huddled in a corner of our house when the storms come. Our house will never fall. For it is built on the rock of truth, and from that solid rock we learn that God will never rest until the creation is restored. Then we know what our responsibility is. So long as we have any element of goodness, our course will be to seek goodness. Once we discover the way God has made for us we also know that we will never stop working until that goal is realized.



But to really be ourselves--to find out who we are--we have to be like God, who never thinks of himself. We have to be open people, staking everything on every battle we face, living whole-heartedly. What a tremendous blessing this is!

It is our task to cultivate and expand the image of God in us through striving to accomplish His will. Only in this way can we discover who the Father really is. Then He will reveal Himself to us in every moment, as the meaning of each moment. The more give and take we have with Him, the stronger will be our aspirations. When those aspirations are one-by-one fulfilled by our determined effort, we will grow stronger and stronger and undertake greater and greater tasks confidently. In this way we prepare ourselves to share with Him His final victory.

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Unity

(A Sermon)

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This was in the beginning with God. All things were made by the Word and without this was not anything made that was made.

(John 1:1-3)

Verily, verily I say unto you. The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth Him all things that Himself doeth: and He will show Him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

(John 5:19-20)

Verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house forever, but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

(John 8:34-35)

In the first reading we clearly see the close connection between God and the creation. In Genesis we read that God spoke and it came to pass. It almost looks as though it happened the same moment God had the idea. The Divine Principle tells us that each part of creation had to go through three stages, Formation, Growth, and Perfection. These three steps form a unit which can produce new creation. We clearly can see that an animal, a dog for example, cannot be a mature dog without having gone through the gestation period and without having been a young dog. Those three time periods united form a matured dog, a completion, a unity. Those three time periods, to stay in this example, gestation, young, adult, must form one continuation, one unit in time. We cannot have a gestation time, then stop--a couple of years nothing; a time to be young, stop--again a couple of years nothing; and then an adult period. In other words, those three periods of growth must form one continuation through which life in a unit can expand.

An architect who has an idea of a building must put it on paper to see it overall and correct it with the local codes in that city or to change it according to the owner's satisfaction. After that period of growth it must be sent out for bidding by the contractors to become a perfect building. Because if not done directly, the idea of the owner can change, manufactured products can change, through which mechanical, electrical or architectural corrections can occur in the original plan. The idea which was in the beginning is then lost, and new ideas must be looked for to unite the past idea of the building with present requirements.

God created the universe, the world, the plants, animals, and minerals as a physical unit for man. Mankind who lives in it must become a part of it, not only as a physical being, but also with his mental and spiritual senses, in order to become completely united with it.

A person, a unit, exists of good habits and habits to overcome. He is not only himself, but also the product of all his ancestors. He is the unit of himself and those who have gone before him.

Be like a constantly used plug in the wall. Why? Compare the conduits and wires in the wall to your ancestors. They connect the plug via the transformer on the pole outside, to the electrical power station, the origin of electrical energy. Through you, the "plug", can the electrical energy flow to the electrical toaster. Of course you can be an unused plug in the wall or in reality an unused person in the world. But, used or unused, you still will be a unit through which your ideas and your ancestors can work.

Each of us is a product of the unity of our earthly parents. Through their active presence we became a new being. Through their teaching we experienced our childhood. Through their hard work, money was provided for our schooling. And now we are in this world as a complete physically and mentally matured person. But now we must act as such a person. We are now a unit by itself, a unity of God the Father in us and our physical person.

To be a unit like this is tremendously important. Because only in constant connection with Him, to be in a constant unity with Him, we can experience a higher relation, and do greater work.

In the time of the horse-drawn carriage it was impossible to send a telegram. Those people never had heard about it. Now in our time we can't send a letter anymore by carriage as in the old times. Through the years it has been changed to car, train and airplane. How did this happen? Through new advances, new things came into existence. After being accepted by the people they became united with their lives.

The first bicycles were uncomfortable, strange vehicles. Now they are a part of human life in Holland. They are united with those people.



Here in the U.S.A. it is the car that is a part of the American, that moves him and brings him there where he wants to be. The car unites for him the parts of his life: work, home, and recreation.

Traveling by plane is such a great experience. You go to the airport, buy your ticket, wait a while in a queue of people--enter the plane--and then fly up in the air to your next destination: a city, another country, or a new continent. What does flying do in this way? It unites the different parts of the world to a greater unit, time-wise. The trip I took from Indonesia to Holland by boat lasted more than 21 days. I remember well the time when I was a boy of 13 and had to leave that tropical country. Day by day I moved farther from my parents who stayed there. The distance became greater every day.

But later when I was able to visit them by plane, which made the trip shorter than 48 hours, the two countries became so much closer together--much more united in distance.

What makes the U.S.A. so great? Is it not her unity? To the outside world she acts as one big country. But in herself she unites 50 states together. There is unity in a human body among the heart, lungs, stomach, mind, and other parts of our physical being. If one part is not working correctly, the unity is then distorted, and the other parts have to work harder to get correction.

There is unity in materials around us. Cohesion unites the parts of a material with the same essence. Adhesion unites different materials to a new one.

What are we doing with all those units around us? Do we leave them as they are and use them as they are? Or can we bring them to a higher level? Two small companies are each by themselves a complete unit. Together they can become stronger through the wider field of experience. The more a unit expands, the more the greatness of God, who is a unit in himself, can be experienced.

How difficult must it have been for our Leader to get his first followers. We are here together and experience a unity together. But to be alone like he was in the whole wide world, must have felt like a human lung lying on the street without its body, or a human heart on the sidewalk separated from its surrounding.

What a great joy he must have experienced when he found his first follower who accepted him and understood his teachings. God separated from mankind and his creation became united with them, for the first time in history, became one with them, now a little over seven years ago.

For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth Him all things that Himself doeth; and He will show Him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.  
(John 5:20)