



WITH THE HEART OF A FATHER

An historical overview of Rev. Sun Myung Moon's tax case in America and his speeches, guidance and lifestyle before, during and after being sent to Danbury prison in 1984.

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wonderful, loving, deep.***

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Introduction from the Editor

To understand the true value and meaning of Rev. Moon's Danbury course, we need to go right back to try to understand the original thoughts of God. As the Divine Principle teaches us, when God conceived the idea of creating Adam and Eve, God's heart was to create children who would find the greatest joy through fulfilling the three blessings, through the fulfilling of our human potential (Gen. 1:27). Despite the fall of man these 3 blessings which reflect God's love for us are still evident today. We find great joy through growing to be all we can be; through building a successful marital-family and community life; and through both mastering and showing loving stewardship over the natural world. But we, in some way, all fall short in all these areas.

Maybe no one can ever know the joy and expectant hope which God experienced as He set about creating the cosmos as a beautiful dwelling place for His children. Rev. Moon has often said, God invested 100% of himself to make the cosmos as beautiful and as varied as it is. Again, we can only imagine the tremendous hope and anticipation God felt when finally the preparations were finished and Adam and Eve were finally created. In just a few more years God's dream would finally have been realized - Adam and Eve would reach maturity of love, would marry, would build a beautiful family in the love of God, and this tradition would continue on down throughout history - creating heaven on earth.

We know from the Bible and the world around us that such a dream was never realized. Instead of finding our greatest joy as God's children, finding our greatest happiness through loving God and loving others, history has seen an incredible amount of self-inflicted human suffering. We can only imagine the suffering that God has felt, seeing his children hurting and neglecting each other throughout history - God's beautiful dream many times turned into a nightmare.

As the Bible clearly shows, despite God's pain, God never gave up on man, constantly sending prophets to try and educate us about our true, original nature and our true potential. After 2000 years of working with the Jewish people, God believed that the foundation was right to send Jesus, His son, in order that he might lead us back to the original ideal. Unfortunately, Jesus was not received. God's suffering can again only be imagined as He saw Jesus and the teaching which he brought being rejected. With the rejection of Jesus, it seemed that God's 2000 years of preparation would be completely lost - that God would have to start all over again. However, through Jesus' attitude at the time of his crucifixion and his total forgiveness of his persecutors, God could bring a victory through Jesus' resurrection and the subsequent Pentecost. It was there the apostles gained a deeper understanding of love and a spiritual power which changed history. On the shoulders of these few disciples, God's and mankind's future depended.

Two thousand years later, whilst praying on a mountain side in North Korea at the age of 16, Rev. Moon had a vision of Jesus. In the vision, Jesus asked Rev. Moon to take upon his shoulders the mission which Jesus had not been able to fulfill, that of building the Kingdom of God on earth. To prepare for this mission Rev. Moon studied and prayed intensely for the next nine years and slowly discovered the Divine Principle, a teaching that could unite mankind around a common ideal.

In 1945, at the end of the Second World War, Christian nations were the strongest they had ever been in terms of influence in the world. At this time Rev. Moon, who was just 25 years old, started his mission. He pledged to God, even against his own natural desires, that he would give every ounce of his energy in order to lay a foundation to be received by Christianity, then unite it, and finally guide a united Christianity to end God's and man's suffering. He started by working with various groups in Korea which were preparing for the second coming. However, each time, even though he was recognized by these groups as an extraordinary person, the leadership could not understand his vision. Thus, Rev. Moon went to Pyongyang in North Korea, the Jerusalem of the East, even though it had just been taken over by communists. There, with his powerful preaching and prayer, he quickly found a following. Other

Christian groups, however, again couldn't understand his mission and started to persecute him. Eventually he was sentenced to 5 years in a harsh labor camp by the communist authorities. He did not complain to God however. As he has said many times, he only could think of God's suffering situation and vowed to continue his mission.

After two and a half years in prison Rev. Moon was released by United Nations forces, and although he went to South Korea, he could not forget his mission and his pledge to comfort God's heart. But what could he do? He had invested everything of himself in his mission for seven years, but Korean Christianity had difficulty in understanding God's message for today's world. The foundation which had been prepared by God for more than 2000 years, the Christians who were heirs to the Judeo-Christian tradition, could not understand Jesus' heart. What could God do so as not to lose the Christian foundation? Without it, Rev. Moon's mission to end the suffering of God would be much more difficult. So, as Rev. Lee of the Unification Thought Institute puts it, Rev. Moon thought and thought and thought, and prayed and prayed, until he found a plan, and he went to God and said - "God, give me 40 years and I will make a foundation for Christianity to understand and unite with Your will."

Thus Rev. Moon once again invested his whole self into the remaining 33 years of his 40 years course. Rev. Moon established The Holy Spirit Association for World Christianity (HSA-UWC) in 1954. In the naming of the Association itself, Rev. Moon clearly showed what he believed God hoped for - a united Christianity, through which there was hope for God's kingdom to come quickly.

Over the next 30 years, despite much rejection, imprisonment on false charges, and much misunderstanding, through Rev. Moon's immense investment HSA-UWC grew from a small mud hut to a worldwide organization. Many people around the world were inspired by the principles of building world peace that were expounded by Rev. Moon in the Divine Principle, a book he wrote in 1952. However, thirty five years after he first began his mission, despite many times trying to serve and educate people in many Christian nations, Christianity still found it difficult to understand Rev. Moon's heart and the mandate which Jesus gave him.

Finally, in 1984, Rev. Moon was unjustly jailed for 18 months in America - jailed for doing something that was and still is standard practice in most mainline churches. However, Rev. Moon did not complain. He saw in his imprisonment a chance for God's providence to move dramatically forward. Thus he returned from abroad and entered Danbury prison camp. As he said at the Senate Subcommittee hearing on Religious Freedom just before he entered prison: "The issue today is the very survival of America and the free world. To assure this survival, I'm willing to suffer any indignity, to go any distance, to do any labor, and to bear any cross. I'm even willing to give my life if that will insure that the nation and world survive and do God's will."

In Danbury he served the prisoners with a loving heart, completely living up to the standard that he teaches, that we should "go forward with the heart of a parent in the shoes of a servant." Outside Danbury, however, God's invisible hand was moving. When Christian leaders understood the injustice of his court case many united in support of Rev. Moon. Later, while Rev. Moon was still in Danbury, many attended CAUSA lectures or participated in rallies on behalf of religious freedom. When Rev. Moon came out of prison, he was welcomed by many religious leaders and subsequently over 7000 Christian ministers went to Korea to understand Rev. Moon and the teachings and roots of HSA-UWC. In just five years some branches of Christianity in America had changed its attitude and started to understand Rev. Moon. He had kept his 40 year promise to God.

What did this precious time represent to God? It represented the time when God could have hope that the foundation laid by the sacrifice of the saints over 4000 years of Judeo-Christian history could connect with God's will for this age. Though Danbury was a difficult course to go, Rev. Moon knew the uniting of branches of Christianity would bring joy to God.

To achieve this goal Rev. Moon had invested himself day and night for 40 years. As a world we can only be deeply grateful to Rev. Moon and his incredible effort and vision so that Christianity could

connect to God's will at this time. Rev. Moon had every right to proclaim "The Day of Total Victory of True Parents" on 21st August, 1985, one day after his release from prison.

Of course the work of Rev. Moon and Unificationists has not finished. Though Rev. Moon and his mission is much more understood than before, still a lot of work must be done. Still Christianity is so divided that it cannot effectively work together to fulfill the prayer of Jesus, that 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.' God, however, cannot leave Christianity. God can only hope that Christians will unite together and work together to build God's kingdom.

Unificationists have the task of helping Christians and other faiths understand that 'Unificationism' is much larger than the Unification Church. The name, 'The Unification Church,' is a name which others have given to us - but it is a limiting name for it does not represent the original will of God or our desires - that we come together to form a foundation for the unification all faiths centered on God's will. God doesn't need another church or temple. In many ways Unificationists are representatives of the various world faiths, representatives who are being personally trained by Rev. Moon so they can help their own traditions build a hopeful future. God still needs all people who believe in goodness to work together, to find strategies to ensure an end to the moral decay which is slowly destroying our world. This, as it always has been, is a central goal of Unificationism.

Rev. Moon's Danbury course is tragedy in the sense that America, a land which preaches justice for all, should jail a totally innocent man - especially a man who had invested so much to help stop its spiritual decline. However, Rev. Moon's teaching and lifestyle during this whole event is a rich source of guidance and inspiration for Unificationists. This is the reason why this book was compiled. This book, however, would never exist if it were not for the brothers and sisters who work or have worked on the 'Today's World' magazine. For their devotion and hard work I am truly grateful. Their monthly magazine has always given members much inspiration. Also I owe my gratitude to Mr. Hashimoto, the regional director of Eastern Europe at this time, who encouraged me to finish this book. Lastly, I owe a deep thank you to my wonderful wife, Barbara, who supports me constantly.

Rev. and Mrs. Moon are affectionately known by members of HSA-UWC (which is now expanding into the Unification Movement) as 'Father' and 'Mother.' As such, they stand in the position of parents or 'True Parents' to the world, caring so deeply for people of all faiths and races, hoping that we can all learn to live together in harmony, hoping we can all follow their example of a loving couple who seek to renew the world with their unity. To this end they have both sacrificed their whole lives, inspiring the establishment of numerous projects, each with the same motivation and goal. We dream of the day when the foundation that Rev. Moon establishes will be strong enough to survive all future ordeals, be strong enough to build God's dream, one family under God.

1. A Victory of True Love by Dr. Bo Hi Pak

What does Danbury represent? Danbury represents a victory over gross injustice. Father responded to this injustice not with revenge or retaliation, but with true love. Danbury is our symbolic cross and upon that cross, resurrection took place all over the world.

Let me elaborate on how the United States government worked its injustice upon Father. First of all, Father was indicted on very dubious, fabricated charges. Father's indictment came on October 15, 1981. At that time Father was in Korea. Our lawyers' unanimous recommendation was that Father should not have to come back to subject himself to humiliation by the United States government. He is a Korean citizen legally and there is no extradition treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea. After all, they were trying to keep Father off United States soil. But when I conveyed this message to Father, he immediately said, "I did not go to the United States for my own comfort. I went there by the order of Heavenly Father, and I have a mission in America. Whatever the cross I must bear, my mission comes first." Father volunteered to come to America immediately, knowing his path was going to be arduous and painful.

Father Kept His Dignity

On October 22, 1981, Father was arraigned in Foley Square in Manhattan by the District Court of New York. I was there, translating for Father when Father stood before the judge. Father kept his dignity and only spoke one sentence: "Your Honor, I am not guilty."

Then the trial began on April 1, 1982 and lasted for 48 days. This trial was not justice. It was almost like the communists' style of court. Using the public's biased opinion the United States government was determined to send Father to jail. Finally, the judge asked Father if he wanted to speak to the jury in his own defense. Father declined, saying, "I am not here to defend myself. I am here for a mission." That was Father's stand.

During that whole time, during the break hours at the trial, Father was sitting in a back room with a few staff members making plans for The Washington Times building. He did this while the United States of America was trying to destroy his reputation and the honor that he had built over his whole life.

Father entered Danbury on July 20, 1984. That day the members were all sobbing. Father was the only one who was not sobbing, and he scolded the members, saying, "I am now leaving for Danbury full of hope. God has prepared something extraordinary for me there. I am looking forward to discovering the miracle of Danbury."

Senator Orrin G. Hatch, Senate Constitution Committee chairman, conducted a special investigation about Father's case. He came up with this conclusion: "I do feel strongly, after my subcommittee has carefully and objectively reviewed Rev. Moon's case from both sides, that injustice rather than justice has been done."

I will give a few simple facts that Senator Hatch found. First, consider the following: Three Justice Department attorneys, who each undertook a review of possible criminal action against Father, agreed unanimously and independently of each other that there was no case for a trial. This was the Justice Department's own conclusion, by three different levels of government attorneys. Yet even though they came to this conclusion, Father was still indicted. (Editor's note: The Justice Department's own code of practice states that a meeting between all parties must take place before an indictment is pursued. These meetings had taken place before. However, the decision to try Father, taken on Sept. 21st 1981, was not taken after any meeting. No meeting was even allowed, even despite pleas from Father's lawyers. Even up till today the Justice Department has refused to say why it changed its mind and decided to prosecute Father. It even refused to release its internal documents to the US Senate to

show why it disregarded the advice of its own experts and even broke its own code of practice to put Father on trial. There has been a complete cover up about who ultimately pushed the Justice Department to prosecute.)

Second, the justice Department's own guidelines state that criminal tax cases will not be tried if the alleged tax deficiency is less than \$2,500 a year. \$2,500 times three years equals \$7,500. According to the Justice Department's review, Father's tax liability, even if the government's case could be proven, was only \$7,300 for a three-year period. So who broke the law? The Justice Department broke their own law in order to indict Father. (The taxes were due to be paid on interest that had been earned on money in Father's bank account over a 3 year period - but only if Father was to be seen as a normal businessman. However, as a religious leader who used these funds for church purposes, no tax was due. Many religious leaders in many different faiths were following exactly the same policy as Father at the time of the trial. What Father was doing was common church practice. However, the trial judge all along failed to recognize Father as a religious leader, even despite the fact that Father was known by almost every person in America as the founder of the Unification Church. Thus Father was constantly denied the rights that are normally given to other religious leaders. This was one of the reasons that so many religious leaders supported Father during his trial - for they knew that if the government could illegally prosecute one religious leader, it could potentially prosecute them all. Finally, the government spent millions of dollars to prosecute Father. It was so determined to get Father at any costs that it didn't even work out how much Father actually should have paid in back taxes until he had been in Danbury prison for 3 months!)

No Evidence of Any Kind

Third, despite the government attorneys' recommendation not to prosecute, and despite the fact that there was no evidence of any kind to establish that even a single cent of the money in dispute was spent by Father personally and not for the sake of the church, the Justice Department was persuaded to seek an indictment by government attorneys in New York, who built the case entirely on supposition and innuendo. (During the trial the prosecution tried to make the case that Father was just a rich businessman, a criminal who just wanted to avoid paying taxes. This was a totally unintelligent accusation for why, if Father wanted to avoid paying taxes, had he placed the money involved in three open bank accounts and also employed the world's largest accounting firm to do his tax return. So instead of focusing on the facts; i.e.: Was the money in Father's bank accounts used for church purposes, the government prosecutors attacked the church and its lifestyle (blessing, fundraising, etc.) or focused the minds of the jury on all kinds of non-related topics (e.g.: Father's home, etc.) or basically any piece of information, even false information, which would paint a corrupt picture of Father.)

Fourth, Father wisely asked for a non-jury trial, knowing already that the government was trying to destroy him through public opinion. Normally the Justice Department welcomes this, because it's a much cheaper, much easier trial. However, the prosecutor refused, insisting that Father be tried by a jury. (The judge in any court case always should stand as an unbiased mediator, making sure that all cases are fairly tried. In this case however, the judge refused to allow Father his right to a non-jury trial, thus allowing for the trial to be biased from the very beginning.)

This is the skeleton truth about the injustice that the United States government worked upon Father. That's why the lawyers recommended that Father should not come to America, saying to him, "They are after blood! Why should you subject yourself to such a bloodthirsty Justice Department?" But Father came because he loves America. He loves his mission and he loves Heavenly Father. Even though he knew he might end up in jail, he came.

When Father entered Danbury, he got a very cool reception. Because of the work of the American media, even the inmates thought, "Oh, no! That monster Rev. Moon is coming here!" But

Father did not even bother with that; he didn't lose a bit of his composure. He just began to love all the inmates from day one.

Father was not allowed to preach at all in Danbury, but Rev. Graham, the chaplain of Danbury prison, agreed to let him pray in the chapel for two hours every Sunday. Rev. Graham asked Father, "What time would you like to have?" Father simply said, "Three a.m." Rev. Graham looked at Father, puzzled. "What do you do at three a.m.?" Father said, "That is my prayer hour. I pray at three a.m. every day, whether in a chapel or not. I love to pray at three a.m., because at that hour, the hot line between God and the earth is open. I can monopolize it!" The first inmate who joined Father to go to pray in the chapel at three a.m. was Bill Sheppard. Father had told him, "You don't have to come, because I pray in Korean." But Bill said, "The reason why I want to come with you is because of the spiritual atmosphere. I want to be with you." So Father became known as a man of prayer in prison.

A Father Figure to Everyone

He also became known as a father figure. Within a couple of weeks, very quickly, Father began to be respected, even without preaching one word. That is why I say he is the personification of the Principle. Father doesn't have to preach to convey the Principle, because his entire life is the Principle. His twinkling eyes are the Principle; his laughter is the Principle; every action, every step he takes, is the Principle. People feel it to the bone.

Father was given the job to scrub the floor of the kitchen and clean the toilets and feed the inmates. Father did it with joy and gratitude to Heavenly Father. Father thought, "This is my greatest honor. I am cleaning up America. I am cleaning up the fallen world. I'm feeding these children of God who are, in a way, the most unfortunate children of God on the face of the earth." Soon respect among the inmates of Danbury prison toward Father was not only growing, but became unquestionable.

Once a young man approached Father and said to him, "Rev. Moon, I have a personal request. You know, I never had a father. He died before I was born. I've always wanted to have a father. Rev. Moon, you are that father to me. From this time on, can I call you Father?" This occurred without his even hearing one word of the Principle! Father embraced this young man, patting him on his back, saying, "Son, I'm honored to be your father."

Father had one deep regret in prison. One morning a young inmate hung himself to death on a tree. Father was stricken. He said, "If only I had met that young man three days earlier, I could probably have saved his life." He did not complain about the food; he did not complain about the bunk or the hard work. His only regret was that one precious young man killed himself.

I want you to know that the spirit Father kept in Danbury was proclaimed in the United States Congress. When Senator Orrin Hatch invited Father to the United States Senate on June 26, 1984, to give his testimony, Father said:

I am honored to dedicate myself today to the presentation of religious freedom in this country. If I can raise up a beacon warning Americans of the danger which lies ahead, then my sacrifice will serve a great purpose.

The issue today is the very survival of America and the free world. To assure this survival, I'm willing to suffer any indignity, to go any distance, to do any labor, and to bear any cross. I'm even willing to give my life if that will insure that the nation and world survive and do God's will....

I have no hostility toward the United States government. Instead, I pray for this country. I thank God that He is using me as His instrument to lead the fight for religious freedom and ignite the spiritual awakening of America in this most crucial hour of human history.

Yes, a miracle came in Danbury. Public opinion changed. The attitude of established Christianity now has been changed. When Father's court case was brought to the attention of the Supreme Court,

40 prominent organizations and individuals petitioned on behalf of Father. These individuals and groups represent over 160 million American people. Thus, in this sense, through Father's court case, Father won 160 million American people to his side.

Many Other Victories

I would also like to note that this was a period of growth for everybody, including the True Family. Hyo Jin Nim has mentioned that a tremendous transformation took place in him during Father's incarceration. The True Family joined side by side together with Father in his suffering. While Father was in prison, Hyo Jin Nim initiated a 40-day prayer vigil during the cold nights of winter. But then after 40 days, Hyo Jin Nim thought it was not enough, and he initiated another 40-day condition, and then another - 120 days in all. Hyo Jin Nim's courageous example was willingly followed by all the True Family and the East Garden staff. We can celebrate this and many other victories today.

Two thousand years ago when Jesus was crucified, he was all by himself. But 2,000 years later, when True Father was crucified in Danbury, he was not alone. It should be a source of pride to us that during that time our movement sprang into action and spread out. Many of our greatest projects were conceived by Father in Danbury: The Washington Times, Insight magazine, The World and I, the ICC program, and dozens of others. Our movement prospered more than ever during Father's incarceration.

Furthermore, Father was not alone even in Danbury. He was with a most trusted disciple, Mr. Kamiyama, who bore the cross together with Father. Two thousand years ago, even Peter denied Jesus three times. If the 12 disciples had rallied around Jesus and hung together with Jesus on the cross, an entirely different Christianity would have been born. But instead of denying Father during his incarceration, we united and worked together and created an even greater victory. This is your pride and my pride and True Family's pride.

Mr. Kamiyama has been a faithful follower of True Parents for a long, long time. He was the one to walk alongside Father in Danbury. He was Father's secretary, chief-of-staff, bodyguard, errand-boy, liaison - everything in one person. I'm so glad God's dispensation worked in such a way that Mr. Kamiyama could stay with Father. And after Mr. Kamiyama's release, men like Bill Sheppard and Larry Evola followed Mr. Kamiyama's pattern exactly, and so a tradition of serving Father in prison was established. God prepared people everywhere. At the halfway house there was a most dedicated man with whom Father shared a room. All night this man stayed awake in front of a small television with the sound level turned down, sitting in a chair placed against the door to prevent anyone from coming into that room while Father was sleeping. How can you say God does not work in mysterious ways?

2. Testimony of Rev. Moon at the Senate Hearing on Religious Freedom

June 26, 1984

Honorable Chairman, distinguished members of the Senate, ladies and gentlemen.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for inviting me to speak at this Senate hearing on religious freedom. I want to also express my sincere gratitude, Mr. Chairman, for your support in favor of my appeal to the Supreme Court. Your noble deed to uphold the principle of constitutional rights of individuals will be long admired by millions of Americans.

Since the Supreme Court refused to review my case, there has been a very strong protest by many members of the religious community. More than a thousand clergymen - Jewish, Christian and Islamic - have pledged to commit one week of their lives in prison with me in the name of religious freedom. It moves me deeply. I salute these champions of religious freedom.

I feel this occasion is very historic. I am not just speaking to the United States Congress. I am speaking to history and before God.



AMERICA AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

God loves America. America's greatness does not lie in her vast resources, nor in her tremendous prosperity. It lies in the very spirit upon which this nation was founded. That is the spirit of one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all. However, God's will is not just one nation under God, but one world under God. We are all brothers and sisters - one human family. When we recognize God as our Father, this ideal can become a reality.

Without religious freedom, however, God cannot fulfill his ideal. The Pilgrim Fathers understood that if you do not have religious freedom, you have no freedom at all. They risked their very lives to secure freedom of worship.

Now, that freedom of worship is in danger. A dark spirit of atheism and religious intolerance is found in America today, and this time there is not another "New World" to receive us as refugees. We have no choice but to restore America as the land of religious freedom. If not, this nation will perish and the world will perish.

My Mission in America

In 1971, God called me to come to America and lead a movement to revive the fervor of Christianity and restore the founding spirit of the nation. God has sent me to America in the role of a doctor, in the role of a fire fighter. He has sent me to bring about a dramatic spiritual awakening. The survival of the entire world depends on America fulfilling her responsibility. America is the last bastion of freedom. For the last 12 years I have given my heart and soul and every drop of sweat and tears for the sake of this nation.

In the process of fulfilling this mission, I have become controversial, and in some quarters, unpopular. And I have been persecuted. However, I am by no means the first religious leader to have experienced persecution. Many of the major religious figures in the Judeo-Christian tradition have walked this path of suffering through persecution. Today, I am honored to follow the same tradition.

I believe that God's hope is for freedom on the earth, and the greatest threat to freedom today is totalitarianism, particularly in the form of communism, which systematically opposes freedom of religion. Communism has killed more than 150 million people. Many of these were religious people. I myself suffered nearly to the point of death in a communist prison camp. Communism is the worst inhumanity in the world today.

Freedom has been retreating for the past decade. In 1975, freedom retreated from Southeast Asia. Millions of people perished. Nation after nation in Africa and Latin America has been communized. One-and-a-half billion people have fallen under communist tyranny. Now Central America, the backyard of the United States, is the front line of battle. I know that the enemies of freedom will not stop until they achieve their final goal: the conquest of this very nation, the United States of America.

I supported Ronald Reagan for president because I hoped that he would do God's will to stop the spread of communism and truly bring this nation back to God and to her founding spirit. It is disappointing that under this man, who was elected with the tremendous support of the religious community, the state is encroaching more than ever on the affairs of the church. For the first time, ministers are being jailed. Truly, religious freedom is being dealt a devastating blow.

Twelve Years in America

In the last 12 years, I have done everything I could for America. I have had just one goal in mind: to strengthen the moral fiber of America and enlarge her capacity to fulfill God's Will.

Through projects such as the International Religious Foundation, the New Ecumenical Research Association and the Conference on God, I have sought to bring theologians of all faiths together to better understand God and one another.

I have worked to bring God's will into the academic world. The International Cultural Foundation sponsors annual conferences on science and absolute values, and brings scholars together in organizations such as the Professors World Peace Academy, Paragon House Publishers and the Washington Institute for Values in Public Policy.

In the area of cultural expression, I have endeavored to reinforce the theme of reverence toward God. In the movie *Inchon*, for example, I have tried to portray the historical importance of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, a great American devoted to God and humanity. It is vital for American young people to have such a hero figure.

Because religious ideals must be expressed in service to humanity, I initiated the National Council for the Church and Social Action, the International Relief Friendship Foundation and Project Volunteer.

To work toward the liberation of all people from totalitarian ideologies, I established the International Federation for Victory over Communism, the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, and CAUSA International.

To set a standard of responsibility in the communications media, we founded the World Media Association and News World Communications, which publishes several newspapers. One of these, The Washington Times, was created to present an alternative view to the nation's capital. This project alone cost our movement over \$100 million.

These projects have required a vast amount of financial resources, as well as the hard work and loving sacrifices of fellow church members. Several hundred million dollars have been poured into America, because this nation will decide the destiny of the world. These contributions are primarily coming from overseas. In my movement, the United States has been a recipient, not a source of funds. I have acted from the firm belief that if America is lost, everything is lost. There is no other country that God can turn to.

When you understand the scope of my work, can you really believe that I came to America to defraud the United States government of an estimated \$25,000 in taxes?

Government Abuse of Authority

From the very beginning this was not a tax case. It has been an invasion by the government into the internal affairs of religion. They chose the Unification Church because they thought that no one would come to our defense. However, this is where they miscalculated. The religious community of America knows that unless everyone is safe, no one is safe. When one is threatened, all are threatened.

When the government abuses its authority, the consequences are fearsome. It was the Roman state which crucified Jesus Christ. In this country, it was the state which burned "witches," persecuted Roman Catholics, shunned Jews and prolonged black slavery. It was the state which allowed Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, to be killed by a mob in prison. It is the state which is coming after me, and in the process, violating the religious freedom of everyone. We must stop this trend now. If we do not, then who is next?

In the providence of God, the case of Rev. Moon has become a rallying point for religious freedom in the United States. I stand convicted for no other reason than my religious beliefs and practices. I am to be punished for being who I am. This has shocked and awakened the conscience of America. Many religious leaders and believers of all faiths have stood up in outrage. They are registering their protests. Most important of all, they are united. Their unity will insure the survival of America.

The Greatest Confrontation

The greatest confrontation in the world today is not the United States versus the Soviet Union, capitalism versus socialism or even democracy versus communism. It is faith in God versus the denial of God.

The communist world, based on atheism, has failed to fulfill the human dream. The free world, on the other hand, has become materialistic and forgotten God, and is helpless in the face of the grave world crisis. The world is dark with confusion. A new vision must emerge - a new worldview centered on God. I am teaching that world view, based on God's heart of love. I call it "Godism." I proclaim that this ideal will provide a new solution to the world.

Godism can unite all religious people as well as all people of conscience. This worldview will bring unity among enemies and enemy nations. This will bring true freedom of the human spirit. This ideal will usher in the realization of the Kingdom of God on earth.

This worldview, a system of thought of high dimension, has led many people to personal experience with God. The effect has been so phenomenal, that in some quarters, it was blamed on "brainwashing." This is the reason that I have been misunderstood in some established circles and by the media. The communists, who regard me as their archenemy, have exploited this misunderstanding in their attempt to destroy me.

In spite of these difficulties, I am honored to dedicate myself today to the preservation of religious freedom in this country. If I can raise up a beacon warning Americans of the danger which lies ahead, then my sacrifice will serve a great purpose.

The issue today is the very survival of America and the free world. To assure this survival, I am willing to suffer any indignity, to go any distance, to do any labor, and to bear any cross. I am even willing to give my life, if that will ensure that the nation and world survive and do God's will.

God Bless America

Today, I carry no animosity toward anyone. Jesus Christ showed the tradition of forgiveness when he prayed on the cross for those who crucified him. I am upholding that tradition. I long ago forgave my accusers. I have no hostility toward the United States government.

Instead, I pray for this country. I thank God that he is using me as his instrument to lead the fight for religious freedom and to ignite the spiritual awakening of America in this most crucial hour of human history.

Mr. Chairman, once again, thank you for this opportunity. I would like to conclude by saying God bless America. Thank you.

3. Religious Liberty Proclamation

We, the undersigned, BELIEVE:

That religious liberty distinguishes the American pluralistic society from all others.

That our Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom does not proceed from our government as a benefit conceded to the people, but is a reaffirmation of the freedom given to people by God.

That the highway of American history is littered with victims (Baptists, Quakers, Jews, Catholics, and Mormons among others) of religious bigotry who have suffered at the hands of government indifference or hostility

That the recent jailing of pastors and parents over the issue of Christian education is shameful at the very least.

That all of us are threatened by the precedent established in the tax case against Rev Sun Myung Moon; namely:

- For the first time in American history a minister has been sentenced to jail for administering the affairs of his church exactly according to the theological principles of his faith and exactly according to the desire of his congregants.
- If Rev. Moon goes to jail for the administration of church funds in the tradition of time-honored practices by well-established, main line churches every other minister in this land is in fear of the same future
- That, as God-fearing people, we must all fight together for the religious rights and liberties of the least of us, lest all of us lose these same rights.
- That any encroachment by government up on our religious freedom must be resisted and counterattacked by every ethical and legal method available.

Therefore, the community of faith must now MOBILIZE:

- To oppose the government's jailing of ministers for the legitimate practice of their religious faith,
- To stop the condemnation of religions and avoid repetition of other dark periods of American history and
- To commemorate all of those religious pioneers from colonial times to this very day who suffered for religious freedom at the hands of bigots and misguided zealots.

We, the undersigned, do hereby

1. DECLARE and establish the second consecutive Saturday and Sunday of June every year from now on to be observed in houses of worship throughout America as Religious Liberty Day; and

2. ESTABLISH ourselves as the Committee for the Observance of Religious Liberty Day to carry on this activity from year to year.

“Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty.” Thomas Jefferson

5. 'Become a Second Reverend Moon' by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

May 19th, 1984

Excerpts from a speech which Father at the leaders' conference in East Garden, May 19, 1984. This was 6 days after the Supreme Court refused Father's appeal to his jail sentence. After this talk, Father and the leaders prayed 4 hours, thus establishing the Association of Il Jeung prayer. The focus of this prayer is to repent for the wrongdoings of America and the free world. Through this prayer Father enabled members to constantly inherit the benefits of the "Day of the Love of God," which he declared the following day. He also established the "Love of God candles," with the intention that True Parent's spirit will be wherever they are lit.

At this time of great injustice have you dedicated yourselves anew to God, True Parents and humanity? Did you pledge that in front of God in the name of our True Parents? We are doing it again now in front of True Parents.

During my entire life, do you think I had a moment like this to reaffirm before others my commitment to God and my mission? The only difference between your commitment and mine is that you can pledge it in front of the 270 leaders and True Parents; but I was all by myself. Your situation is different because you, as world leaders, can pledge your commitment together. I was always alone between heaven and earth.

Also I want you to understand that your pledge is not just your own pledge, but that there are millions of people in many countries on all six continents making the same pledge and commitment that you are now. This is true in the white community, but is even more so in the minority world. This is the first time in history and in my life that such an overwhelming unity, sympathy, compassion, support and common protest has occurred. An outburst of anger is coming from all the forces of the universe. There has never been any parallel to that. There is a momentum being created in the world of mind and spirit; a new effort on the side of the spiritual world of mind is being made, ready for explosive action.

Furthermore, all world systems have run their course and are now tired out; both the democratic world and communist world have no hope. The only hope they can look forward to is the Unification world.

For several hundred years, the United States presented much hope. When the Pilgrim Fathers crossed the Atlantic, having separated themselves from the Old World and the old church, seeking religious freedom, and landed on this shore, they initiated a God-centered "world," the United States, which has been flourishing for two hundred years.

Where is the United States at?

But what has happened? What has become of the United States? A vivid example is a Virginia school teacher who taught creation science in his classroom instead of evolution theory. The mere fact that that teacher taught creation science cost him his license!

Another example is the "equal access" bill recently before Congress which would have allowed high school students to hold religious meetings in classrooms on the same basis as any other extracurricular club. But the equal access bill was defeated. Schools allow almost every other kind of organization to hold meetings: the gay movement, the communist movement, etc. That's where the United States is presently "at."

Today the United States of America has become like Great Britain and the Old World of three hundred years ago. It has become a land of oppression, particularly of the freedom of religion, oppression which your ancestors fled. The government of Great Britain was becoming tyrannical before

the independence of the United States. In America, humanism and secularism have become tyrants creating an atmosphere similar to that in which an independent continental army was formed and the War of Independence became inevitable. America has come once again to that point of oppression.

Therefore, a new mood has arisen here, a feeling that there is a need for another group of Pilgrim fathers and another true God-centered independence movement. A new national independence movement has come upon this land. A new momentum has been created.

The Same Position as the Pilgrim Fathers

However, is the Christianity of today ready for that kind of revolution? Ready to be united by the Holy Spirit? No, but somebody has to do it; there is no question. And that mission is upon you. You are the ones who must ignite the new spiritual revolution, become the second Pilgrim fathers and touch off another war of independence. Therefore we are in a situation parallel to that of the Pilgrim Fathers three hundred years ago. For that reason we are here to re-determine ourselves.

The Pilgrim Fathers were ready to give up their lives for the cause. After they landed in this "New World," they fought many varieties of opposition. Being the minority, the Pilgrim Fathers were terribly oppressed. However, in those times of battle and difficulty, God was always their ally. They said: GOD IS OUR ALLY, OUR POWER; IN GOD WE TRUST. That was their only power, so they had the courage to go on.

Also, when the Pilgrim Fathers crossed the Atlantic on the Mayflower, they faced a desperate 57-day ordeal. During that time their only hope was God, nothing else. The captain of the Mayflower prayed a tearful prayer at the ship's wheel, because there was no other hope but God. And after they landed, they had to face other desperate situations. Again, they trusted that God would protect them.

When their descendants declared the war in which they would have to fight the British Royal Army, the power of which was great, whereas George Washington's army, consisting of volunteers and ragtag American militia, was very weak, again they had one thing in common: the belief that "God is on our side." Every soldier who died on the front line knew that his death was not in vain, that he was dying for the great cause. Each of the soldiers had that conviction, and they stood up for God. They died for the sake of the Will of God.

Today, you are in precisely the same position as the Pilgrim Fathers and the Independence Army soldiers. The difference, however, is that a Pilgrim Father was all alone and by himself, but you have many powerful allies. In addition to the support of God you already have so great a foundation horizontally.

Furthermore, we know the lessons of history, so we understand what is happening today. And we have a reality in front of us [Father], so our position is infinitely stronger than that of our predecessors. If we now can stand up and make a commitment to God in the same way as those brave persons, then we become invincible. In what way do you make your recommitment? There are only two options: one is, I want to accomplish the goal, but I want to save my skin first. The other way is: I commit my life, my way of life and every ounce of energy, sweat and blood to achieve this goal. I will sacrifice for that battle.

We must realize that those Pilgrim Fathers made their pledge to God. Also the Independence Army soldiers pledged to God. We have this heritage, this tradition. Today we have the same mission, though now the worldwide Providence is in our hands. Therefore we should make the same pledge.

Now we know clearly to whom we pledge, and what kind of pledge to make. Which is your pledge: the one in which your own salvation comes first, or the one where the first thing is committing every ounce of your energy to the goal?

Remember that you made this pledge in front of God and the True Parents. That will be your source of power, your powerhouse. You can draw from it all the energy you need in your battle.

Join your hands, and look at your ten fingers. Pledge that you will not make your hand, your fingers, your body, your legs or your mind a betrayer. You will never become a betrayer to these “pledge hands.” Thank you all!

“I will never betray my pledge.”

Actually that’s the purpose of this day of gathering. We have done it beautifully. We have achieved the purpose of this meeting already.

When I made this same pledge to God, I was only a teenager; not even my parents knew about my determination. Neither friend, nor relative knew my intention. I made the same pledge to God that you did this morning. Unto my life, and every drop of sweat and tears and blood, I shall uphold this pledge. And also I declared that through my entire life I would fight as a front line soldier and confront Satan. I pledged: As long as my life lasts, I will not betray that pledge.

After beginning my mission, I suffered a great deal. Many times I was imprisoned. However, I never betrayed my pledge. Rather, I was grateful, and always thankful. I always accepted joy and pleasure and left the consequences up to God, determined to do my absolute best according to my pledge, so that God’s will would be done. That was my attitude.

I have always thought that had I been all by myself with no mission or dispensation, I could have been killed many times. Who allowed me to survive? God. God wanted my mission to go on, that’s the only reason I was protected. And that’s why I am infinitely grateful to God.

Today, I feel exactly the same way. I am not moving even one iota against His will. I know that the mission of God will survive, no matter what. There is always a way to achieve God’s will. Though I may suffer, I welcome the suffering and am grateful for it. My position is not one of weakness. It is a front line battle all the time, a confrontation with Satan.

When Satan tried to choke me to death I said: “Go ahead. You think you can choke me to death? Impossible! Go ahead and try!” Satan marshaled all his power to try to finish this movement off and end my life, but I said: “Satan, I am just beginning! I am just starting, taking off slowly!”

Internally speaking there is an incredible unity forming around me in the minds of people. This internal victory is closely related to the meaning of this event here. Externally speaking, I have an extra layer of defense against unlawful, violent attack from outside.

The enemy has been thinking, “Rev. Moon seems to have a lot of money, so before we finish him off, why not squeeze some money from him? The best way to do this is to kidnap some of his children.” However, they cannot do it, for they fear the outcry of public opinion.

Internally, the most important victory of this time is that the worldwide Unification Church will be united like a rock. Solid unity will be formed by this. For that reason, I tremble not one bit, and feel neither fear nor worry.

God Will Never Lose

When I initiated the movement in Korea many years ago, there was strong opposition and satanic attack. At night sometimes I felt Satan coming and physically choking me. Compared to that time, even though we suffer today, it is like heaven. Thirty years ago, I didn’t have worldwide support. Now members come from all six continents, 130 different countries, to give their lives to defend me. This is like a bulletproof jacket surrounding me. With this kind of foundation, do you think that I would tremble even one bit or be concerned about my own well-being, fear U.S. prison, or be afraid to face oppression? Not at all!

I see the victorious difference of the present situation compared to the past. I feel victory in this - that no matter what, it is going to be a victory. God will never lose. For that reason, you should not fear. Instead, become champions, commanders, persons of faith!

The only thing burning in your heart must be: "I know Father's determination. I know Father's power, passion, enthusiasm and his commitment and absolute dedication. I want to inherit this tradition."

Burn with passion to be a leader of the free world. Your determination today must be: "As leaders of the free world, we shall save the nation, the world, even though the providence may have to be prolonged. By next year, we will achieve this much. By the following year, we go this far. We shall achieve our goal."

Until now I have been declaring the road and history of indemnity. But, I tell you, that indemnity era is over! Now we are harvesting. Something will be reaped from every battle. This court battle is not just paying indemnity. No, God is claiming His victory, His truth. So the world, and the universe are like fairyland in autumn. All the fruits are ripe and need to be harvested. They are waiting. The opportunity is such that people will say: "We misunderstood the Unificationists. There is nothing wrong; they are great people." Furthermore they will say: "We need them to win our battle, because they realized the threat is not just to them but to all the nations' religions and to the very destiny of America."

God is waiting for the harvest. Humankind is waiting for the champion of the harvest. God is trying to mobilize the champion of the harvest to send to the farm. When will He do it? Today is the day. The day of harvest is at hand!

Your pledge that you made today was your pledge as an individual. But now a new pledge will come forth, namely, that you will be not just an individual but a second Rev. Sun Myung Moon. You as a public person will take the role of Rev. Sun Myung Moon the second. Each one of you should feel today that you are the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Junior. That means that if Rev. Moon for some reason left for a while, that would not bother you, because there would be hundreds of thousands of 'Rev. Moons.' Can you make that second pledge to Heavenly Father?

I declare that this pledge is done today by 270 leaders gathered here, but it is not limited to this East Garden room. It will go on to all the Unification missions of the world, the membership in this country and abroad. This is the official position of the Unification movement.

The momentum we have created is a historical and universal event. So your way of life from tomorrow will be like this: Whenever you are facing difficulties, important decisions, or critical moments, don't even think about yourself and say, "What shall I do?" There is no such question. You'll think, "What would Father do? Since I am a second Rev. Moon, whatever he would do, I will do."

Dominion over Myself

When I initiated this movement, I had three principled goals in my life. The first was in the form of a prayer: In order that I can have a dominion of love over the universe, please, God, give me the power for the dominion over myself. Usually when the worst moments have come, my body tried to escape, taking the easy way. Whenever I was following a path of crucifixion, my body would say: "I don't want to go there." But I always said: "No, you stay there. I have dominion over you."

I also strove for dominion over my eyes. The eyes always want to see something pleasant. But I told them: "Eyes, you are going to see reality now!" The mouth is always trying to eat good things. So I would say: "Stop, mouth! I have dominion over you now." Ears always want to hear good words, so I would say, "No, you are going to hear reality." The body always tries to feel comfortable; there is always sexual urge and sexual sensation. But I would say: "No, you've got a job to do." Therefore my position was always that unless I could control myself, dominion over the universe would be impossible.

Until I had total control over myself, I wouldn't even walk in front of a theater or a bar. Also, I didn't want to be praised by people, because I felt that would make me arrogant. The worst of all to overcome was sleep. Hunger is second, and third is the sexual urge. Those three physical desires are the worst of all to overcome. But I persevered without compromise, and I attacked the problem as a way of life.

Perhaps you think I was born a saint and always had a different character, and that all these problems were not problems to me at all. But that is not true. I am a super-sensitive person. Therefore I am very sensitive to all these desires, and needed extra energy to overcome them.

I always told myself: unless I can have complete dominion over myself, I can not even think of having dominion over the world, the universe or spirit world. Adam and Eve fell simply because they lost dominion of themselves. I am sure you've heard this before but you never heard such an in-depth explanation. My hand, where does it go? My foot, where does it go? My thinking, where does it turn? I devoted every ounce of my flesh, body and emotion to the will of God, so that I would become one thousand percent the instrument of God, with naught else on my mind but how to do the will of God. That's how I disciplined myself, and I succeeded.

You are in the same position as I was some time ago. You must achieve what I have achieved in gaining dominion over myself.

When I tried to quell sexual desire, Satan was always attacking me with incredible temptations. Satan's chief base is SELF. Evil is not up in the sky, in the world or in wealth, but it is always you, and has your mind as an initial base. Unless you liquidate this situation, this initial base, it's not thinkable that you can achieve any heavenly realm. Today you made a pledge, but the application of your pledge starts from right here, yourself.

Become the Second Self of God and Jesus

You haven't known about the second goal of my life, because I have never spoken about it clearly. The goal was that I would become the "second self" of God and Jesus, so that everything I would do would be done not just as the Rev. Moon, but as God and Jesus would do it. "I am representing God and Jesus." This echoed in what you pledged to me earlier saying: "Yes, I am a 'second self' of Rev. Moon."

Concerning for example the result of the court case, an average person would look angrily upon the United States. But I don't look at it in that fashion. I look at it from the viewpoint of God. I ask myself, what would God say? What would Jesus say? Jesus forgave his enemies on the cross. Beyond Jesus there was God who inspired Jesus to do so. In the same way God inspires me to forgive my enemies and I don't do it reluctantly.

When Jesus forgave his enemies in his time, at every moment he realized that God and the entire spirit world were following him. Today, the situation is exactly the same: when I move, the entire spirit world and power of God follow. When I think in that fashion, inevitably God is on our side, along with the entire spirit world and Jesus. I am the "second self" of God and Jesus and you are my "second selves." For you this is very real: You are the "second selves" of God, Jesus, True Parents and Heung Jin. Therefore, when you have a difficulty, you should pray to God, True Parents and Heung Jin with the heart of a "second self." Then the past can be solved.

When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, he faced a very serious moment and prayed a very serious prayer. Likewise when I confront such a serious moment, I have such a serious prayer, always knowing who I am and who I represent. I'll never forget that position. Even though sometime you might get lost spiritually and not know clearly whom you represent, just have courage and plunge to the place of death, giving up your life. Then an entire horizon of the new world, the new universe, will be opened up for you. When you do that to that degree, a miracle always occurs. You know how to behave now.

Since today is such an important day and meeting, I now expose the entire secret of my life. There is nothing to fear under the sun, in heaven and earth! When you make up your mind that your life is up, there is nothing to fear. Then what will happen? Are you going to love that life? No, of course not. You are going to restore that life to an even greater position and you will be victorious. Life comes with

the victory. When you give up your life, the resulting victory will become your fighter. The victory will shatter your enemy. Victory and life both will be yours.

Love, Wisdom and Faith

My third goal and principle was to witness. I prayed for three things for my life: the love of Jesus, the wisdom of Solomon and the faith of Paul and beyond. I wanted to have infinite trust, infinite faith to come to the point where there would be no more to believe, to even ask: "God, if there is something doubtful in your heart, give it to me, and I will believe it for you. Also if you have some worry, let me take it from you."

Heavenly Father finally brought me to a love greater than Jesus', a wisdom greater than Solomon's and a faith greater than Paul's. For that reason, any faithless person who comes to me loves me and wants to be close to me, because my heart is one of love and trust. I look at all women as God's younger sisters, at all young men as God's younger brothers. My attitude toward them is love and trust. Therefore they are bound to love me.

These are my three principled goals of life and prayer. The reason I talked to you about them is that from today you are meant to become second Rev. Moons and inherit my way of life. These goals can be realistically applied to daily life. They can be applied every minute of the day. When you deal with the day, you are challenged to love more than Jesus, to exercise wisdom every minute and to manifest your faith. When you have infinite faith and attack a problem, there is no problem. You simply say, "God, you are my subject; I am your object; I am your second self."

Now you know clearly the source of my power, from which I get such endless energy, will power, commitment and determination. These are the sources, the way of principled life, experienced in these three principles.

Those who have already made up their minds to become second Rev. Moons, inheriting his tradition of life according to principles one, two and three, say Amen!

4. Father's Appeal Receives Unprecedented Support

By John Biermans and Susan Henry

In the last few months, Father's conviction has been transformed into a source of national outrage. Hundreds of newspaper articles have been published, showing the extent to which the American people are becoming informed about the injustice that Father has suffered. One of the most recent examples was the lead editorial in the Los Angeles Times, which is considered to be one of the top three newspapers in America. Here are some excerpts from this extraordinary endorsement of Father's appeal:

"The tax fraud conviction of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon is an invasion of the religious freedom of the founder and leader of the Unification Church and his followers. That is not to say that the government may never challenge the raising and expenditure of funds that a group claims it solicits and spends for religious purposes. Proof, for example, that a religious claim is advanced to cover wholly secular activities would certainly warrant government action.

But no such proof was offered in the prosecution of Moon. That fact, among others, has prompted mainline religious organizations to support the Korean-born evangelist in his appeal of his 1982 conviction to the Supreme Court.

Laurence Tribe of Harvard University, a constitutional lawyer representing Moon, said that the churches have cause to be alarmed. In this case, Tribe said, the government "simply proceeded with a theory that ignored Rev. Moon's relationship to his followers . . . a theory that treated the intent and religious identity of the assets' donors as wholly irrelevant. . ." The government, according to Tribe, cast Moon in "the role of an ordinary high-ranking businessman. . ."

What concerns religious groups is the assertion of power by the government to define the way the mission of a church is to be carried out. Earl Trent of the American Baptist Churches, representing the concerns of religious leaders, sees the decision as a "breach of religious liberty." Religious leaders argued that upholding Moon's conviction would "establish the proposition that judges and juries may simply override a religion's own decisions about how to organise itself. . .and how to expend church resources." Under these circumstances, the prosecution of Moon is an intrusion by the government into an area forbidden to it by the First Amendment. . .

The Supreme Court should reverse Moon's conviction and reaffirm the principle that the First Amendment makes no distinction between popular and unpopular religions or orthodox and unorthodox faiths."

One of the main reasons that the media has become so supportive is the unprecedented number of amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs that have been filed asking the Supreme Court to hear Father's appeal. Constitutional experts say that no other case has ever received such powerful support at this stage. One leading constitutional expert told us that the amicus briefs that have been filed in Father's case are unprecedented in this Court's history - even more than *Brown v. Board of Education* (desegregation of schools) which has always been recognized as the leading civil rights case: "No case can match the scope, breadth and competency of these amicus briefs."

So far ten amicus briefs from 21 different groups and individuals have been filed with the Supreme Court. These briefs are having an immediate and overwhelming impact on everyone who sees them. They are totally amazed by the diversity, competence and compelling quality of each brief. Even our closest allies have been reborn, which is not to mention that many of our former enemies have been completely turned around.

To give you an idea of how these briefs are vindicating Father, the following are some brief quotes from some already filed.

1. THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS (AACS): consists of more than 1,130 member schools from across the nation. These member schools engage in practices that are similar or identical to some of those involved in this case. Many of them accumulate funds over periods of years to carry out religious ministries.

Sometimes these funds are held in the name of a single individual, as they were in this case. Moreover, many of the reasons given by the courts below to justify treating the income from religious gifts as taxable to Rev. Moon could be applied to various AACS members - the lack of a formal organisational structure, for example. The AACS therefore has a vital interest in the proper disposition of this important case because the decision of the courts below, if permitted to stand, has the potential of generating extremely adverse effects upon its members."

2. THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BLACK MAYORS, THE NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION AND CONGRESSMAN MERVYN DYMALLY file their brief out of deep concern that Reverend Moon was denied equal justice because of his status as the controversial leader of an unpopular religious movement. The Amici believe that Reverend Moon's trial and conviction for tax fraud and conspiracy raise grave constitutional questions which were inadequately considered by the Appellate Court which affirmed Reverend Moon's conviction. . . the Appellate Court's opinion poses a particular threat to poorer churches and congregations who lack the sophistication necessary to structure their affairs in the highly formal manner demanded by the Appellate Court. Frequently, inner city and rural congregations entrust funds to their ministers intending such funds to be used for the support of the church as well as for the minister's necessary living expenses.

These congregants lack the legal sophistication to utter the words 'to be held in trust.' The Appellate Court's opinion makes it possible for the ministers who accept these funds in good faith to become subject to prosecution on the theory that the funds were their own personal income. . . In sum, the jury instructions approved by the Circuit Court which upheld Reverend Moon's convictions (by a 2-1 vote) were, in effect, a roving commission for the jury to impose its own views about appropriate organization and expenditures on Reverend Moon and the Unification Church. The result is a precedent which threatens all religious groups and especially poor religious groups by openly authorizing public intrusion upon their internal affairs. It is urgently important that this Court grant certiorari to remove this threat to religious liberty.

3. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE USA, THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA), THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE USA, THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS, AND THE CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY, which represent well over fifty million Americans, concluded their amicus brief in this way:

Our alarm at the injustice in this case arises from the complete disregard of Reverend Moon's First and Fifth Amendment Rights, first by the trial court and then, on appeal, by the court below. No particular sympathy for the defendant in this case, and no agreement with his faith, is required to feel grave distress at the resulting breach of religious liberty. The government's use below of Reverend Moon's religion - exploiting its unpopularity, and precluding him at key junctures from asserting defenses based on the practices and teachings of his religion - severely threatens rights of all religious groups. Accordingly, for this and for all of the foregoing reasons, we urge this Court to grant the petition for certiorari, and decide the important questions presented by this case.

4. THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE FOR RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL RIGHTS is an organisation of Catholic citizens whose primary purpose is to protect religious freedom within secular society. They submit their brief:

out of concern with the impact this case has on the religious liberty of the petitioners and their followers and...with the impact this decision could have on other churches, most especially the Roman Catholic Church. Their concern is with the unconstitutional treatment Reverend Moon has received and the potential deleterious effect the decision below could have on all churches, including the Roman Catholic Church . . . Like Unification Church leaders, Catholic leaders, such as bishops, often hold church property in their own name. To be sure, the Catholic Church has a highly developed body of canon law applicable to property questions. Were a court to defer to this body of canon law, a Catholic bishop would not find himself liable for taxes in factual situations similar to this case. However, the largely unlimited jury inquiry into religious purposes licensed by the decision below gives no assurance that courts would treat a Catholic bishop in such a deferential manner. The possibility of such adverse effect indicates that the issues involved in this matter have implications extending far beyond the involved parties and require resolution by this Court.

5. UNITED STATES SENATOR ORRIN G. HATCH, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION: The Subcommittee is vitally interested in all activities in which constitutional rights are defined and interpreted. Senator Hatch is particularly concerned about this case because it represents, in his view, a troubling and unwarranted exercise of the judicial interference by the courts with fundamental religious freedoms...

The decision, if permitted to stand, seriously threatens the internal workings of every church in the country. The governmental intrusion into the activities of the Unification Church is repugnant to the very core of our democratic way of life. By investigating the tax affairs of Reverend Moon and the Unification Church, the government chose perhaps the easiest available method, through the guise of legitimate governmental activity, to interject itself into the affairs of an unpopular church and leader. Whatever the merit of such an investigation, the government and courts were nonetheless obligated at trial to fully respect and safeguard Reverend Moon's and the Unification Church's constitutional rights...

The religious freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution were never intended to bend or depend on the relative popularity of the church involved. Indeed, the trials of unpopular persons, such as the trial here, demand more, not less, care to assure the unquestionable protection of religious rights. If religious freedoms can be so callously discarded in the case of an unpopular person, as they were here, the same can happen in any other trial involving the claims of churches. No church is safe if lay juries are permitted, as was the jury in this case, to substitute their views for those of a church regarding the church's practices, beliefs and procedures. The next case may involve another generally unpopular leader, such as Reverend Moon, or it may be someone from one of the more "established" religions. But whoever the leader and whatever the church, another case following or expanding on the so-called exception created by the Court of Appeals is sure to follow. Once the door is open, the possibilities for government intrusion into the heretofore protected area of church related fundraising, accounting or other activities are many and dangerous. The government, over time, may be found dictating the manner in which churches handle internal funding, how they must invest their funds and how their bookkeeping records must be established. These serious ramifications cannot be permitted to occur. The decision below is accordingly viewed with concern and alarm by a wide- ranging group of churches, political organizations and other institutions throughout America who join this Amicus in urging the United States Supreme Court to grant petitioner's petition and review and reverse the decision below.

6. THE CENTER FOR JUDICIAL STUDIES, devoted to judicial and legal reform stated:

The decision of the Court of Appeals in this case would confer on the courts a dangerous power to define the content of religious belief even contrary to the good faith profession of the believers as to

what they themselves believe. The Center for Judicial Studies maintains that the religious liberty protected by the First Amendment will be seriously diminished if the principle is established that courts can tell sincere believers what they believe and can define authentically religious activities as secular so as to deprive them of the protections of the Religion Clauses of the First Amendment. . .

The significance of this case is that the courts convicted Reverend Moon and affirmed that conviction by disregarding one of the most important protections afforded by the First Amendment against governmental domination of religious groups. It is essential that this case be heard by the Supreme Court and that the erroneous principles employed by the Court of Appeals be rejected.

7. THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (THE MORMON CHURCH):

The religious dogma of the defendants and their church was crucial in determining whether there were funds which could be taxed or which could be the subject of fraud. Under the lower court's decision, religions are left unprotected from both exercise and establishment invasions. In this case the jury adjudged both the nature and the propriety of a religion's beliefs and activities, not just sincerity. The invasions against religion were not blunt or highly visible in the instant case; they were subtle, making the precedent more pernicious and so imprecise as to multiply the case's impact. . .

In order to uphold the constitutional guarantees of religious liberty assured by the First Amendment, in order to verify that proper principles have been applied, in order to prevent impingement on religion . . . the L.D.S. Church respectfully requests that this Court grant certiorari to review the religious issues here raised.

There are at least five or six additional amicus briefs that will be filed by March 26. Unless the government seeks an additional thirty day extension this is the final date for the government and all amicus groups are to submit their briefs. As soon as all the briefs are submitted, the Supreme Court will begin to consider Father's petition. We expect the Court will make a decision four to eight weeks from then, but the Court does not have any deadline. This means that, if no further extension is sought, the Supreme Court will probably announce its decision sometime in May.

Information is being sent on a regular basis to church leaders. Above all, have hope and confidence that Father is truly being vindicated through the Pentecost since Heung Jin Nim's ascension, and also through all the prayers and hard work of our entire movement.

6. 'Day of the Love of God' by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

Belvedere, May 20, 1984

(With the founding of the "Day of the Love of God," Father declared that the sovereignty of God's love had finally moved from the individual, family, and national levels to the worldwide level and that all indemnity had been paid on this worldwide level.)

The meaning of the title is that heavenly love controls everything. We all know that the human fall occurred because of the misuse of love. The love of God is the center of the universe and all the creation came about as a manifestation of this love. God's urge to love brought about the creation. If no fall had occurred, the world would have been centered upon God's love and God's love would have had total dominion over all things. Since God created the world out of His love, once God's love is consummated, the purpose of the creation is consummated.

Nature: God's Classroom of Love for Man

As you know, according to the Principle of Creation, the creation of all things was done in gradual phases, beginning with the mineral kingdom and progressing through the plant and animal kingdom and culminating in human beings. What is the essence of nature? Nature is the museum of the love of God; it is the place in which God manifested his love, and through it we can perceive the love of God. Nature is the realm of generation and regeneration. A little insect, for example, may exist for less than a year, but its eggs will hatch and the new insect will carry on. The cycle continues.

Did you hear the singing of the birds this morning on the lawn? They were singing love songs to one another. Nature is our textbook. When I heard those birds, I felt inspired to sing a love song to Mother. Everything in creation exists in pairs - the cats, the birds, the insects and so forth. Nature is our classroom of love; it is the holy temple which God created in order to teach people how to love. Everything you eat - vegetables, rice, bread, etc. - wants to become a part of your body when you have a loving attitude. They want to gain a higher place of love, but when you eat them with a selfish and hateful mind, they revolt against going into your stomach. They don't want to be a part of anything other than love.

Just as the things of creation gladly give themselves up to become part of a loving human body, we humans also willingly die for love. The popular theories of random selection and evolution are completely off base. The truth is that the lower forms of creation willingly sacrifice themselves to the higher beings for the purpose of fulfilling higher love.

I want you to know that love is the most holy and supreme impulse. If you can lay down your life for the sake of your spouse, you are the greatest lover. Likewise, those parents who give their lives for their children have the highest love. Therefore, we must learn the lessons of love from nature. You should naturally want to go out every day and look at the sky and the birds and animals in order to perceive new lessons of love.

Your home must be one of love, not only for your family but also for the things of nature. All the creatures, including the insects, will want to become a part of your "love orchestra." You will have plants, animals, flowers and insects dwelling together in love.

Sadly, the values of American society have become so materialistic. Even when people look for potential marriage partners they often think first of how much money that person makes. In some cases an ambitious young woman will marry an old, rich man because she knows he will die within a few years and she will inherit his wealth! Or perhaps a woman will marry solely in order to claim half of a man's property when she divorces him! If a woman has that kind of thinking, she is filthy inside even though

she may look gorgeous on the outside. I feel such a strong urge to reach out and clean up the kinds of things that happen in Hollywood. So many degraded and ugly things need cleaning up there.

Only Love is Greater than Life Itself

The universe welcomes those men and women who consider love the supreme value. Does anyone here think I am wrong in saying this? Love is almighty; it is greater than life itself. There are no adjectives large enough to describe love. It is absolute, unchanging, beautiful and sweet; yet none of these words encompass love. Throughout the history of literature and poetry, what is more praised - love or life? Or are power and money the focus of poetry? No, love is most praised. The reason is very simple, yet perhaps most poets don't fully understand it.

God put the most holy place [the sexual organs] of men and women in the location on the body that was safest and most protected. Particularly women's most holy places are well protected. Therefore, when you women sit down in a careless way it is very ugly to behold. You must sit in a way that maintains the protection and dignity of your holy place.

From this fundamental point of view, the true standards of courtesy, etiquette and protocol can be derived and can endure. The permanent standard of protocol is derived from the permanent value of love. In order to change that ethic or protocol, love itself would have to be changed and no one can do that.

In the fallen world women are abused by men, who want only to gratify themselves sexually; that is far worse than the animals. Love relationships should be done in a beautiful, even artistic way. Engaging in love should be like giving and receiving the most precious gift. Imagine if you were receiving diamond jewelry. You would relish so sweetly the unwrapping of that gift, carefully pulling off the ribbons one by one. The scotch tape and the paper would be taken off one by one. Ultimately, after the process of unwrapping, you would see that diamond.

You Unification Church members should know how to relate to the beauty of nature and how to enjoy being in creation. Even when you are all alone, you can feel the thrill of seeing a lovely flower. You can watch the fish in a bowl as they vigorously chase after each other and you can say, "They are running after love and they never tire of it." Tell yourself, "I will never get tired either because I am running after love." Salmon can teach a beautiful love lesson to humanity because they experience only one love and then they die. They give their lives to love, to hatch their eggs, and then they die. Their lives are consummated by the fulfillment of their love, and they have nothing more to live for.

Now you can understand the concept of love that I am speaking about. When you get up in the morning, why not time your walking with the rhythm of the birds singing? Birds jump around and sing and then they kiss each other. They are great teachers of love. God assigned them the mission of teaching clumsy men how to love!

The Beauty of Marriage

When a husband and wife are truly in love, having a disagreement will not hurt anything; in fact it will increase their loving feelings later. After they clash with each other, they will embrace that much more strongly. Do you couples experience these kinds of things?

So now you understand that your most holy place belongs to your spouse, not yourself. You were not born for your own sake but for the sake of others. As long as your terminology is "we" and "us" the universe supports you, but as soon as you think in terms of "I" and "me" the universe will turn against you. Eventually you would be expelled from the universe.

This is the beauty of marriage - it pushes people to think always of themselves in terms of another. Likewise, living in a family requires us to think in terms of "we" - the children think of their parents, the parents think of their children, each child thinks of the other brothers and sisters. But often this is not the case in American homes; for this reason many American families are heading toward

destruction. But what about the Unification Church? Are we heading upward or downward? We are rising.

A day such as this - the Day of the Love of God - has never before been declared. People simply have not imagined that the love of God was supposed to have dominion over all creation. If you could choose between reading a difficult and complicated philosophy book or a poem about love, which would you prefer? Quite simply, people enjoy the sweetness of love over everything else.

The message I am giving to you today is not only for this particular Sunday but is of universal importance. It is the foundation for all understanding and that is why I have spoken so clearly about it today.

I want you to understand that the human fall wrought total destruction upon God's dream of love and degraded the most holy experiences into the most shameful experiences. Original love was supposed to be man's ticket into heaven; but on the contrary man purchased his ticket to hell through illicit love.

The fall of humankind perverted that ticket to Heaven into a ticket to Hell. We must cleanse the love of the world and stop the multiplication of the consequences of the fall.

Due to the fall, human beings must stand in shame before the lowest forms of creation. The supreme creation of God was degraded to a point far below that of the animals, plants and minerals. However, Americans and people in general today think that they can continue to pursue a degraded form of love and enjoy greater and greater prosperity, but that is not the case. From God's point of view, the way of life in secular America today deserves a judgment worse than fire and brimstone. Furthermore, the consequences of America's actions pervade the rest of the world. Thus the degradation of morality has spread worldwide.

America must kneel down before the rest of the world and repent in shame for fostering immoral values. Everywhere men and women have been exploited by the promotion of this immorality. I came to America to ignite a moral revolution and stop this nation from falling into destruction. People proudly point to all kinds of laws and there are many different levels of courts, but what are these courts accomplishing when the nation is pervaded with corruption? I came here as an emissary from God, to turn this nation around in the right direction. But instead of receiving God's messenger, the power of this nation was turned toward prosecuting him. For this, I am sorry to say it, but I know this country will be punished. Even now I am praying to God to withhold his judgment and give us a little more time to turn this nation around to repentance.

I am not, and never have been, the enemy of the American people. I do not believe that American people of conscience will be judged by this court decision. It was the U.S. government that took the enemy position to me. I have great hope that the people will rally to oppose the government's actions against me. The particular government which persecuted me will not remain forever, but the ideal and the teaching I have brought to America will stay and prosper, eventually to create a righteous government here.

Korea

If Korean Christianity had united with me in 1945, I would not have had to go through all these legal battles. The end of World War II was a unique time in human history. Korea was closely allied with the United States and the leadership of Korea was Christian. If Christianity had united with me then, the entire nation could have been united. This was the first and only time such an opportunity arose in history. It was the opportunity for Christianity to redeem the world.

The Messiah should have appeared once Christianity was ready to take dominion over the world; that was the ideal time for the Second Advent. That special time was the point toward which God had been working throughout the two thousand years of Christian history; such an opportunity has never arisen before or since. God knew the value of this opportunity; thus, He wanted the United States,

centered upon Christianity, to take the worldwide position of a twentieth century empire like the Roman Empire. Through this nation, the world could become Christian and that is why the United States had the position it did.

At that dispensational time, I was in Jesus' position, established Christianity was in Judaism's position and the United States was in the position of the Roman Empire. The Korean nation was in the position of Israel. All these elements comprised God's side. That was the historic parallel. Once Korean Christians recognized the Messiah and united with him, all these steps could have been fulfilled within seven years. Before I reached the age of 40, the entire worldwide dispensation would have been fulfilled.

The True Mother would have come out of the Christian realm. Perhaps she would have been a British woman. It could be. Why not? Once the worldwide foundation had been accomplished, I would have picked the True Mother on the world level. Imagine if the royal princess of England had become the True Mother. I am only interested in one thing: how to restore the world.

It is because our movement was rejected by Korean Christianity that our boundaries became so limited. If we had been supported, the Korean movement would have immediately become insignificant because the movement would have become worldwide and universal, with no boundaries. Let's say that the True Mother had come from Great Britain, the source of English - speaking culture. The United States is in the position of child to Great Britain. It would have been very rapid and easy for America to humble itself to Britain.

With such circumstances, God's providence would have progressed very rapidly. The Messiah would have had dominion over the world. Even in the face of total opposition, I was able to create a worldwide foundation. Imagine how much I could have accomplished in seven years if I had been given the proper welcome. Do you think I am capable of that? Communism would have been stopped at that time; it certainly would not have come as far as it has.

However, all these were destroyed when established Christianity opposed me. That is why communism was able to grow rampantly and conquer over two-thirds of the world at this time. If I had been supported and accepted by Christianity, what leading powers of the world would have opposed me? This Christian nation of America would not have opposed me; Judaism would not have opposed me; neither would Christianity nor the free world.

The United Nations was created in ignorance of what should be the guiding principles. The United States should have taken the governing position of righteousness over the United Nations; however, they gave up their world leadership.

I am sure that some agencies of the U.S. government must be interested in knowing what Reverend Moon's first message is, after the Supreme Court's rejection of our suit. I am happy to let the CIA or the FBI or anyone else get recordings of the things I am saying about the United States. This nation and world can never be ruled properly by Ronald Reagan and the Republican Party or the Democratic Party, or any party. Only through the guidance and inspiration of God's principles can anyone give proper leadership to this world. Reverend Moon, inspired by God, has a plan by which he could inspire the leadership of this nation. If they would follow these directions for seven years, I know this nation could be completely cleaned up.

It is Time for the Unity of Christianity

Even under continuing opposition and persecution, I have continued to love this nation. We held a special day-long organizational meeting yesterday at East Garden to fulfill God's wishes at this time. I want to create an organization in this country that truly represents God's forces, greater than the Republican, Democratic, or Communist parties. We need an organization that God can rely on.

This sort of organization was supposed to have been inaugurated 42 years ago, at the time of Christianity's great opportunity. However, I had to begin from the very bottom to erect a new

foundation through the Unification movement around the world. Now, we are announcing the inauguration of this organization. It is time for the unity of Christianity. At last the unification of Christianity is happening.

I was in Korea at the time of my indictment. The U.S government was hoping that I would not return; they were shocked to see me walk into the courtroom and proclaim, "I am not guilty." Why did I return to America? I cannot abandon my mission to unite Christianity with the Unification movement .

Jesus Christ was not supported by his own disciples; he was rejected by Judaism and the chosen nation; he was crucified by the Roman Empire. Thus I am in the position to restore these failures of two thousand years ago. I wanted to go through the court battle, which is the modern day crucifixion launched by the U.S. government. None of my disciples have fled; Christianity has united in support of me, rather than cursing me; eventually the public opinion of this twentieth century Roman Empire will come to support me. By going through this, I am restoring all those historical failures.

After all this time, the New York Times has finally spoken the truth about me! As they put it, the U.S. government has won the battle but has lost the war. Public opinion is coming to the side of Reverend Moon. More importantly, the Christianity of the United States is rallying to my side. All these things have happened through the court battle.

When Jesus was crucified, he received no support from his disciples, or Judaism, or the chosen nation, or the Roman Empire. But when the U.S. government crucified me, it was different. The Unification Church became united and solid as a rock. Christianity turned around and supported me. Korea, in the position of the chosen nation, has been swept with indignation and many people have united with me. For this reason, at the end of April we achieved our goal of seven million people in IFVOC.

Japan is reaching 7.5 million memberships in IFVOC. Ultimately the United States, which links Korea and Japan, will have forty million members of IFVOC and CAUSA will have seventy million people worldwide. American public opinion will see me as a hero.

The purpose of this organization is not political; its purpose is for the salvation of the United States and the free world. Those seventy million people will be united, not for any political purpose, but as God's force to stop the spread of worldwide communism and bring about a new, moral world.

According to the law of indemnity, I have indemnified the persecution of Jesus which occurred on the national level; I came to restore on the worldwide level what Jesus was not able to do two thousand years ago. Because of this achievement, this is a historical moment upon which God and True Parents have declared the Day of the Love of God.

What Matters is Historical

The final stage was supposed to have taken only seven years, but because of the rejection of Christianity it took 21 years. During that time, I moved onto the worldwide level. Today it doesn't matter what any U.S. court, including the Supreme Court, declares. What matters is what history and public opinion say. This is the ultimate court in which I shall be vindicated. Thus the fact that people around the world have rallied to my support is the real victory.

Most saints and religious leaders have never been able to walk the path I am walking while they were alive; only after their deaths did they make their greatest achievements. But now I am going over this ultimate hill, still alive and strong. This is a tremendous victory in itself. I want you to understand that the True Parents could not install themselves on the perfection level. Because the human fall occurred during the perfection level of the growth stage, the True Parents appeared there as well. From there we have waged the worldwide battle.

Due to the rejection of Christianity, the seven years had to be prolonged to 21 years. But if the Christians had accepted me right after World War II, my mission would have been accomplished in seven years. During the 21-year period, I indemnified two thousand years of Christian history, as well as

the two hundred years of American history. This is why I held an important rally during the bicentennial year in America; that was our showdown on the worldwide level.

I love America and my heart is not for revenge. I am still looking forward to this nation's salvation. My duty is always to love Cain.

Il Jeung – One Heart Prayer Session

I am saying to God, "Please postpone your wrath and punishment upon the United States and let me take responsibility for their wrongdoing. Even if I go to jail, I want to be responsible for their wrongdoing; I want to be responsible once I am free." At the moment I learned of the Supreme Court's decision I prayed to God to hold back His judgment. I immediately declared to God that I would have no sorrow for myself but for the nation and the world. I asked Mother and the children to be totally united and have a special prayer and pledge. Furthermore the older Blessed couples and leaders of the movement pledged themselves to be totally united with the True Parents and True Children. Yesterday I held a meeting of the worldwide leadership, lasting all day and night. We created a special organization as well as a chain prayer session called Il Jeung. Il means one and Jeung means heart - the one heart prayer session. It started all night last night at the East Garden holy ground. The focus of the Il Jeung is this: that we shall take responsibility and repent for the wrongdoings of America and the free world, ultimately to bring salvation to them.

If we do not do this, there is no way that God's goal after World War II would be fulfilled, even at this late hour. The era of just paying indemnity is over; everything we accomplish from now on becomes a plus. We can build our tower of victory. Whatever we do will give God more power and dominion over the world. Centering upon the spirit of the love of God, all these things will come about; not upon a spirit of vengeance. We can post this sign: "The Love of God Will Govern," because, after all, we are entering into the direct dominion of God.

We can do this only because the True Parents are at the center. By the fall of Adam and Eve everything was lost to the satanic world. Thus the wrong and bad parent took over the world. But now the True Parents have brought the original love of God, with which they are wiping up and cleaning out all illicit and filthy things of the fallen world. This new era is beginning with the court battle, which is my time of crucifixion.

Immediately after his crucifixion, Jesus descended into Hell and stayed there for three days. He restored his power of dominion through the love of God. By the same token, I must descend into the hell of this earthly world in order to establish the dominion of the love of God here. Then I will resurrect.

I am making the declaration that Jesus was in the parental role in spirit world. Now True Parents are on earth, centering on the original love and claiming God's dominion over all humanity and all things by overcoming all the power of hell, both on earth and in spirit world. This is the declaration ceremony.

DAY OF THE LOVE OF GOD

On May 16, 1984, at 12:54 a.m. I declared the Day of the Love of God. This is the turning point upon which original love will begin to govern the world which has always been governed by satanic love. I have already set the condition, so there is no possibility for Satan to invade or accuse this victory; he has no power to infiltrate my conditions in any way. Before this turning point, all the hard work you did was to pay off historical debts. But from today forward, every drop of sweat and blood and all your hard work will add to our tower of victory.

Until now, God's side did not have such a position in the world and Satan could always take everything away from God. But now God will take everything from the satanic position into the heavenly position, with no strings attached. I will never return to Korea or anywhere until we have achieved unification - first of all, internal unity of the Unification Church movement; and the external unity of the

Unification Church and the Christian world. Until I accomplished this foundation, I did not feel I had accomplished my mission. But now I see that the Unification movement has become solidly united centering upon the True Parents. Furthermore, the Christian community has united solidly with me. For this reason I now feel free to go anywhere and work any place else. I do not look at the American people as my enemies; I see them as restored and original people. When I look at them in that way, the more opposition they give us, the greater victory it becomes for Heaven.

The government is the servant of the U.S. people and American public opinion is supporting me at this time. Therefore America is not lost, and I look at it with the eyes of true, original love. It is only a matter of time in which America will surrender to justice and the truth about me; the free world as well. Even those who have been my archenemies will turn around and say, "Reverend Moon, we misunderstood you but you are a living and loving saint, special throughout human history." Once that condition has been established, the entire world can be educated within forty days. This is the satellite age, after all.

For this reason, we must not delay even one more minute. If you delay, you will create the opportunity for Satan to invade and weaken you, so you must march forward right now! In order to accomplish our goal, we must accomplish the goal of forty million. Remember what the Christians of the first century had to endure. They were forced to hide within the Roman Empire in the catacombs; they were captured and fed to the lions in the Coliseum. When we think of those glorious martyrs, we know that no matter how hard our work becomes it never approaches their level of sacrifice. There is no way we can excuse ourselves.

Are You Ready?

In order to prevent satanic infiltration within our movement from now on, I will ask you several questions that I want you to answer from your heart. Are you ready?

The first question I direct to True Mother: Are you ready, unto your life, to give your total love, loyalty and dedication to the ideal of God and True Parents, so that we shall achieve this goal at any cost and at any sacrifice?

Mother said, "Yes, Father."

Now, because of Mother's clear and loyal answer, Satan has no way to infiltrate this holy family, even if Mother makes a mistake.

The next question I am asking to the four Blessed children here, led by Hyo Jin, the eldest son. I ask them if, from now on, they are totally united with the concept and ideal of the True Parents. Are they willing to faithfully execute their duties as True Children and to accomplish, unto their lives, the goals of Heavenly Father and True Parents?

Hyo Jin answered clearly, "Yes, Father."

So from now on, even if you make a mistake and do the wrong thing it will not affect the destiny or mission of the Unification Church. This pledge was made upon love.

Now I ask all the Blessed couples, headed by the 36 couples, this question: Do you pledge to unite totally with the True Parents and the True Children? Will you fulfill the goals of the True Parents even unto your lives, fighting as gallant soldiers of heaven? Will you bring the victory, on the foundation of the original love of God?

The congregation answered, "Yes, Father."

So far all your mistakes and wrongdoings have been paid for by the True Parents, but after your pledge this is no longer the case. From this time on, you will be taking responsibility for your own mistakes. In other words, no matter what mistakes you make, they will not become a hindrance to the True Parents' dispensation in the world. Your pledge was that you would not be a burden to the True Parents or the Unification Church, but that you will become their champion.

The Day of the Love of God was never an established fact before, so all your misdemeanors were suffered by the True Parents. But from this day forward, things are different. All the things that members did wrong in the past always came back to me and people accused me. But that will not be happening any more. The time has come for you to be the responsible ones. This is a day of liberation for the True Parents. The responsibility is now upon your shoulders, not mine.

Today we have gathered together the Unification Church leaders from all around the world, including more than 120 countries. Upon this occasion, will you pledge your life for the fulfillment of the dispensation of God? If so, please raise your hands and say, "Yes, Father." Thank you, Amen. By making that pledge, you gave liberation to me and Mother.

The Love of God Prevails

At this hour I declare what I have already declared in prayer: that there shall be no more fear of death. That fear shall be overcome by the power of God's love. When Heung Jin passed away, I overcame the sorrow that people normally feel when a beloved son dies. By the power of God's love I proclaimed January 2 the Day of the Victory of Love. On that day, I declared our total liberation from the fear of death. Likewise I am saying today that the love of God has overcome any fear of imprisonment. That is why I proclaimed today as the Day of the Love of God. Only the love of God prevails and shall have dominion over the world. The turning point has been reached. We shall see the rejuvenation of joy in the Unification Church. Within Christianity, God is providing us with this great momentum.

I have already said this at East Garden so I would like to say it officially today. Let this declaration go out to the world from the True Parents. From now on, from a hundred battles we will win a hundred victories and nothing less. Every move we make will bring us the victory. The indemnity era is over. We are beginning to build our tower of victory. Today is the day of declaration of this significant message, along with the Day of the Love of God.

This declaration is not only a horizontal one. It has been made in the eyes of God and the spirit world as well. The entire universe - heaven and earth - is listening to this declaration. We have our slogan for the year - Creation of the Fatherland - and this is our goal here on the physical earth, centered upon the original love of God.

Everyone please stand up. Make up pairs by holding onto one person's hand. Raise your free hand above your head. We are going to pray and you will receive a blessing from God and True Parents. You are standing in pairs because you can only be blessed in the sight of God when you have created a pair. You must create a circuit by which to receive the blessing from God through True Parents, that is what you are doing symbolically now.

A good day will come because you have made a good turning point. In the meantime, let us really work hard and sweat to hasten that good day. Everything will be harvested into Heaven. So far, all that good work went to pay indemnity but from now on, everything will be incorporated into our tower. Now you know the term Il Jeung. This is the Day of the Love of God. January 2, 1984, was the Day of Victory of Love. Today, I was finally able to declare the Day of the Love of God.

By the Seung Hwa of Heung Jin - his elevation and ascension - a new gate was opened in spirit world. Now spirit persons can be united to work actively with the earthly realm. By today's declaration, the heavenly gates are all opened up by the power of True Parents. This power will penetrate all the way to hell in spirit world; by the same token, it will go all the way into the most hellish places here on earth, including prisons.

When Jesus was crucified, he went into Hell for three days and opened the gates there. By the same token, by today's declaration I am opening up the door of the earthly hell for three days. Everything shall be indemnified and this will bring the new turning point.

There is just one thing I would like you to know - through the crucifixion of Jesus, everything was lost. But by this declaration of the Love of God and the victory of the True Parents, everything is restored.

7. Farewell Speech by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

July 20, 1984

“This is a glorious and victorious, historical day,” Father said in his last address before he left for Danbury prison. Two hundred members from the New York area had come to East Garden to see Father off.

The message he gave on that evening was most powerful and hopeful. Mother mentioned on the following Sunday that this speech should be our guide until we win the victory.

My faith will not change, wherever I go! When you say your faith will never change, it means that your mind will never change. By the same token, the world that I am pursuing will not change either. Wherever I go, whether to a high place or a low one, my life will be the same life.

Since we do not have much time today, I would like to give you a very short and simple lecture. The work of God is to make unity. If there had been no fall, then men and women would all have their minds and bodies united. Then with the unity of men and women, the ideal would be achieved. However, the world in which we live has not become one yet. The world is nothing more than the extension of individual men and women - the macrocosm of men and women. Almost no one you ask could claim that their mind and body is always united. Therefore the world in which we are living is not the world God wanted. It is the fallen world.

Since there are no individual men and women united perfectly in mind and body, there are no families which are perfect, no societies, no nations and no world which is perfect. Whenever a person becomes completely united in mind and body, God wants to deal with that person as one individual. When men and women become united, then God becomes the subject or center of the two. If a certain tribe becomes totally united, then God becomes the center of that particular tribe. Therefore, it makes no difference how large the population becomes, God wants to be the center and subject of everybody.



The Unified World

At that point, the unified world comes into being. Within the unified world we would have unified nations, unified communities, unified tribes, families and so forth. Do you think God would like to travel around the world to sight-see once that unification has been achieved, or would He like to do that at some intermediate stage, say, the level of unified tribes or nations? What do you think? Certainly God would want to wait to travel the world until it is completely unified. God knows that Reverend Moon understands His mind.

What is the path I am walking? My ultimate mission as the son of God is to bring about the unity of the entire world. I want you to understand that if there had been no fall, God would never have had any problem in visiting this world. People would have become perfected and would have automatically welcomed and attended God. It would not have mattered how many billions of people were born; they would all have been incorporated into the unified world.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen, they would have automatically created that unified family, clan, tribe, nation and world. If that was the reality, then God would be free to travel throughout the world in total joy, experiencing unified families, tribes, nations and the whole world. Wherever He would go, He would have unity and He would have His people.

But because of the fall, division came into being on every level. Barriers came into the world on every level. God has to deal with a divided world. That is the tragedy of God and man. God is not at the center of this compartmentalized, divided world; instead, Satan is at the center and is running it. Incredible conflict exists on every level of this world, first of all on the level of individual mind and body. The mind and body oppose and conflict with each other. Throughout history, no one has come to eliminate the roots of conflict in this world.

There is conflict between individuals, between families, between tribes, and between nations. There is conflict between East and West. Satan is the champion of division; he knows precisely how to divide the world. Therefore, a Godly man must appear who has the power of bringing unity, according to God's will. If such a man should appear, with the ability to bring about unity and overcome the power of divisiveness, how much joy would that bring to God? Many saints lived throughout history and they were always unifiers; they tried to bring unity in the face of adversity and never allowed themselves to become divided. Among the many saints, the greatest of all was Jesus Christ. Jesus was the son of God and he came to unite the world, with the greatest power of unity that anyone had ever seen. He brought unity among different races and cultures. Even his enemies, the forces of Satan, could be brought into unity by him. I want you to understand that Jesus prayed for his enemies on the cross because his purpose and mission was to bring unity to everyone.

However, when Jesus was bearing the cross he was a single, solitary person. Jesus was alone. Judaism was not supporting him; the chosen nation was not supporting him; the Roman Empire was not supporting him. But today, what am I doing? I came in this modern day to bring about unity. I am a unifier - casting fire to bring about unity. Thus, no matter what we face, we will succeed. The forces of Satan are trying to divide the Moonies; they are trying to divide Christianity, but they cannot do it.

Tears of Unity

The entire world is watching the Unification Church and Reverend and Mrs. Moon. Many people are curious about Mrs. Moon and how she is taking the recent turn of events. Also they are wondering if the Unification Church is shattered into pieces. But on the contrary, under these difficult circumstances, the Unification Church has found itself most powerful. If Mother sheds tears, they are not tears of tragedy or defeat; they are the tears of unity, tears for bringing hope to the future. God's method has always been that of being hit, and then restoring it, over and over again throughout history. Thus, we can sometimes weep knowing that our tears will bring greater determination, greater hope within

ourselves to allow us to march forward to the great victory. But if we become defeatists we will never become the people who can receive the ultimate blessings from God. Those ultimate blessings can come only to those who endure being hit and never falter, just continuing to move forward.

Even if I were opposed by the entire United States, I would never be defeated. I am ready to receive the blessing that goes far beyond any blessing of the United States. We are growing every day. Today we are greater than yesterday; tomorrow we will be greater than today. If God provides the way for me to bring about the unity of the 4.5 billion people of this world, I will not hesitate an instant to take that path.

When the Supreme Court rejected our review on May 14, I never wavered in asking God, "What way are You willing to lead us?" Since then, in the past two months virtually all of Christianity has become united. Today I am going the road of incarceration and I am asking God, "What is Your next chapter for me? Let Your will be done and bring the unity of all humankind, centering upon the True Parents." I know that no matter where I go, I will find people who will follow; strangers will follow, even beyond the Unification Church. All the unified families, tribes, nations and world will all follow after me.

When I walk over the hill, the unified world will be waiting there to welcome me. Billions of people will become united into one. There is a way for the dwelling of God to be with mankind. For the first time, unity between God and man will be achieved.

Therefore I walk the road of the cross with hope and a totally victorious mind. Here we are together, people from all different cultures, five different colors of skin. You must follow me in the manner of unity. All you blessed couples must follow with your entire family united. All the members throughout the world must follow in unity; that is the only way you can follow me. Because of this historical day, there is great hope for unity, starting from Mother and myself, the East Garden family, and the entire membership of the Unification Church, as well as for the rest of humanity. Because of this day, unification will become a reality. It will continue to grow, further and further.

This is a glorious and victorious, historical day. For that reason, I don't want you to send me off in tears. If you have tears automatically streaming down your face, they must not be tears of tragedy; they must be tears of determination, telling me, "Trust us. We are going to bring a hundred times greater victory in the days to come." I want you to understand that if you have sadness in your heart today, there is only one way to alleviate it. On the day that I return, you must be able to share with me about all the many people who became united. That is the only way you can heal your sadness.

I am going the road of confinement for the purpose of unity. Inside the prison I will work even harder to bring about greater unity within the Unification movement and the Christian community. Also I am working to bring unity between the Unification movement, the Christian community, and other religions. That is the purpose of my going to prison today. Therefore, I want all of you to unite. When you are united, every door will be opened to you. That is the God-given territory of ours.

When Jesus was crucified, he went into hell and opened the doors there first of all. Today I am bearing my cross, but I will not die; I will open the doors of hell as a living person. From that point on, resurrection and Pentecost will come. That is the way I understand today's meaning.

Become Unifiers

The living God never dies. Therefore, my cross will only bring unification and victory. The doors to 120 nations will be opened from today forward, depending upon how much you move. Today I am going as a champion, to bring the unification of all of humanity, as well as the unification of heaven and earth.

You are the children of True Parents; thus you must inherit my spirit and tradition. That means you must also become unifiers. Become united among yourselves and help others to unite. Our mass weddings, such as the six thousand couples, are symbolic examples of my work of bringing unity between people from all the six continents, with different languages, cultures and skin colors. The

Unification Church members are one in mind. Our goal is to fulfill the will of God: The will of God is to bring the unity of mankind. We are marching toward that goal!

The road of suffering will have no power over me. With my determination, I confront all difficulties and shatter them. I am opening up the highway to the horizon and beyond. All the way to the victory. Even unto my life, even if the time comes to give up my life, it will be given up for the unification of humankind. Then God would erect a monument to me as the champion of unity. Certainly anyone who died under those circumstances would be launched like a rocket directly into the bosom of God's heart. So do not worry.

As Jesus was hanging on the cross, he never told people to weep for him. Instead, he told them to weep for their own children, their own people and nation and the world. Jesus could see the misery that would come to the world, so he told people not to cry for themselves or for him but to cry for their posterity. I want you to understand that today there are only a few people here listening to me today, but there are many people around the world who are shedding their tears in prayer, pouring out their hearts for the sake of East Garden.

Have I been waging a battle for an impossible dream? No, I knew that the entire world would eventually rally around me in this battle. It is a dire emergency. From now on, you can go out and shout to the world and everyone's heart will be melted. Their consciences will be awakened. You can unite them with your heart.

As we are working for greater levels of unification, we will have greater levels of success; we will not decline. Make your determination to become the catalyst for the unity of the world. This is your moment of commitment. The Unification Church is not alone in the world. There are many other people and groups who are siding with us now. The time has come that people will stop mocking and scorning you for being Moonies. Now you will be admired and you will be recognised as having a great leader. This is our own time of unification. We must stand up and move forward and achieve our goals.

When morning comes in the east, a beautiful sunrise comes. I want you to understand that the Unification sunrise is now coming to the world. Now its sunbeams are becoming stronger and stronger and we will march forward forevermore. First we must ignite the sun of the individual; then the individual ignites the sun of the family; then the sun of the nation and ultimately of the world and the universe. This is how we will grow. Thus there is no time to rest and certainly no time to weep and despair. We have only one road to go - the road of determination and marching forward. Why is that? It is because we are the champions who must liberate God. From that point of liberation, we can take our dominion over the creation. I know that from that point forward, the Kingdom of God on earth shall become a reality. That is the goal toward which I am marching.

So far, we have prepared a container; now we are preparing something to put into that container - the results, the victory. I am on the forefront of the marching lines, carrying that container. I am merely standing in the front of that line and everybody behind me is going the same direction, with the same purpose. We share the mission of world unification. That is the job we must do. I am going to open the doors of hell, so while I am doing that, you must take care of this world. Unification is your sublime duty and your goal. This is the beginning point for our march.

Those who are going to march according to my instructions please stand up and shout Amen!

You Blessed children who have been participating in the workshop during these past few weeks have an especially important mission for this time. Please be united with the True Parents' children.

Act Honorably and Responsibly

I have one piece of advice for all of you members. I know that you are feeling a desire to go to the prison and be near me, however we must conduct ourselves in an absolutely orderly fashion. Therefore, no one must come to the prison without having the expressed permission of Mr. Hyo Yul Kim, who has been given the special duty of being near me. His telephone number and address will be

available. You must never come to Danbury without permission because if anything unusual happens, it becomes my responsibility. Also, it can cause some shame to me. I want to be proud of you, so I want you to act honorably and responsibly. Do you understand?



I want you to understand that I am going to prison on the world-wide level at this time. I have already gone to prison on the individual level, the family and the national level. This is my destiny. That means you cannot visit me in the individual capacity; I am now on the world-wide level. Jesus told his people, if you want to follow me, follow me with your cross. Therefore, if you want to follow me, you must bear the world-wide cross. Once you are victorious with the world-wide cross, you can come to visit me. After you have been victorious in carrying your own cross, then I will be able to come out. I want you to understand that.

When I was in the North Korean prison, my mother came to visit me. She walked many hundreds of miles to visit me, all the way across the peninsula. The moment she saw me, she began to cry so strongly. At that point, I shouted out to my own mother, calling her by her given name, not 'Mother,' "I am not just your son. I have only come to this world through you. I am the son of God. I want you to think of me on that level; think

that you have met the son of God. You must listen to me - you gave birth to me, so you should be as great as your son. You cannot be a coward or weak. You must walk forward and be courageous, encouraging me."

Today I am saying the same thing to you. Do not ever behave in a weak or cowardly fashion. You must be proud and courageous. Even without your encouragement, I will follow the highest possible road of the son of God. Thus, instead of trying to come and visit me, go out to the battlefield. Go out and bring unity to the world. Do not waste your time coming to the prison. Bring the victory for God in the world. Even if you were killed by a runaway truck while working for God, that would be far greater than trying to come to see me in prison.

Therefore, only with permission can you come to visit me. That is the one instruction from me that you must obey. Will you obey?

Think of it, citizens from the entire world will want to come to visit me. How can I accommodate everybody? I only have one body. In two days, the people in Danbury are already overwhelmed by the presence of Moonies. Most prisoners are visited only once a month. So if you come every day and make a scene and are reported by the media, that is not what I want at all. I do not want you to spend your energy in that fashion. Also that would bring an enormous burden upon the prison officials and that burden would fall upon me. Don't you think so?

Holy Ground in Danbury

You can come to visit the holy rock at Belvedere. I will eventually instruct Mr. Kim to dedicate some area in Danbury as a holy ground where you can go to pray, but do not go near the prison. I do not want you to be stupid. Be wise.

Mother will probably come every other day to visit me, so you can find out about my situation from her. Also those who accompany Mother can share their experiences with you. Do you follow?

If you feel such a strong desire to come to visit me, here is a method. Close your eyes and open them. That is one visit. Do it anytime you want and you can visit me, even a thousand times. I thank you for your one thousand visits.

Now the only job remaining for you is to go out and fight the heavenly battle. Bring unification - that is your job. We will have a crusade. Thirty thousand video tapes of the Divine Principle will eventually be distributed. How many ministers are you going to contact and bring together? Even those ministers who are not members of our church are going to bring together ten churches, so you have to do at least ten times more. That means you must contact one hundred ministers. That is your responsibility. If you have fulfilled that responsibility, then I might allow you to come to see me.

Show your determination by standing and giving three cheers of Mansei.

(Whilst Father was in Danbury, Divine Principle video tapes and books of Father's speeches were delivered to a total of 300,000 ministers. Also 40,000 ministers participated in various seminars.)

8. 'Harvest the Victory' by Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon

Leaders Meeting, July 22, 1984

"This is the first Sunday without Father and we cannot welcome that Sunday without a truly repentful heart." With these words, True Mother commenced her first morning service at Belvedere on July 22, 1984. It marked the third day of Father's incarceration, and Mother took his place according to Father's wish.

One special incident happened during the evening. In the middle of her speech, Mother was interrupted by a telephone call from Father in Danbury prison. Immediately she dashed out to the telephone, everyone else following her. At one point members shouted messages of encouragement, and pledges of victory over the phone, while Mother smilingly held up the telephone receiver for Father to hear. Afterward her face was literally beaming, and she continued to speak about Father's situation in prison. Below are excerpts from the evening speech.



I want you to know that as much as yours, my heart is filled with deep emotion. I have no words to say. I wanted to retreat to a quiet place. That was my true wish. However, that cannot be the case. I must follow Father's instruction and fulfill the mission. So this morning I came and spoke to the members, as Father requested.

In the Orient, we have a tradition that, whenever the head of the family undergoes certain suffering, the entire family joins in their suffering. This same thing can be said of a dynastic kingdom. When the king or queen is in jeopardy or experiences certain suffering, the royal subjects and all the people of the nation suffer together with the king and queen. This age-old Oriental tradition is a very beautiful one to behold.

I do feel all of you are very special, compared to the numerous other Unification Church members around the world, because you have had the privilege of directly serving Father in the New York area in the United States. You have more exposure to the love of our True Parents, particularly the generous love from our True Father.

We treat ourselves to the presence of True Father all the time, attending True Father, and True Mother, our True Parents. You know that you have listened to Father's message many times. The message you have received from Father is priceless.

A Movement of True Repentance

Think of this. Father has issued numerous instructions. But how much do we really take him seriously and fulfill? We have shouted 'Mansei' many times to Father. But now, the time has come to achieve something. We must build something tangible so that True Parents can see that achievement accomplished.

Before I share a message from Father, I have my own message for you. That is, let us have a movement of true repentance. Repent tearfully. Let us repent in sackcloth. Let us repent and sit on

ashes and really renew ourselves so that in this time, not just by word, but by deed, we shall fulfill Father's will. That is my wish and message to you.

I wish that July 20, 1984 would never have existed. I wish that we could eradicate that day totally from the calendar. Until the last minute of his departure from East Garden, Father kept speaking to you and encouraging you. He tried to give you courage and a message of incredible cheer.

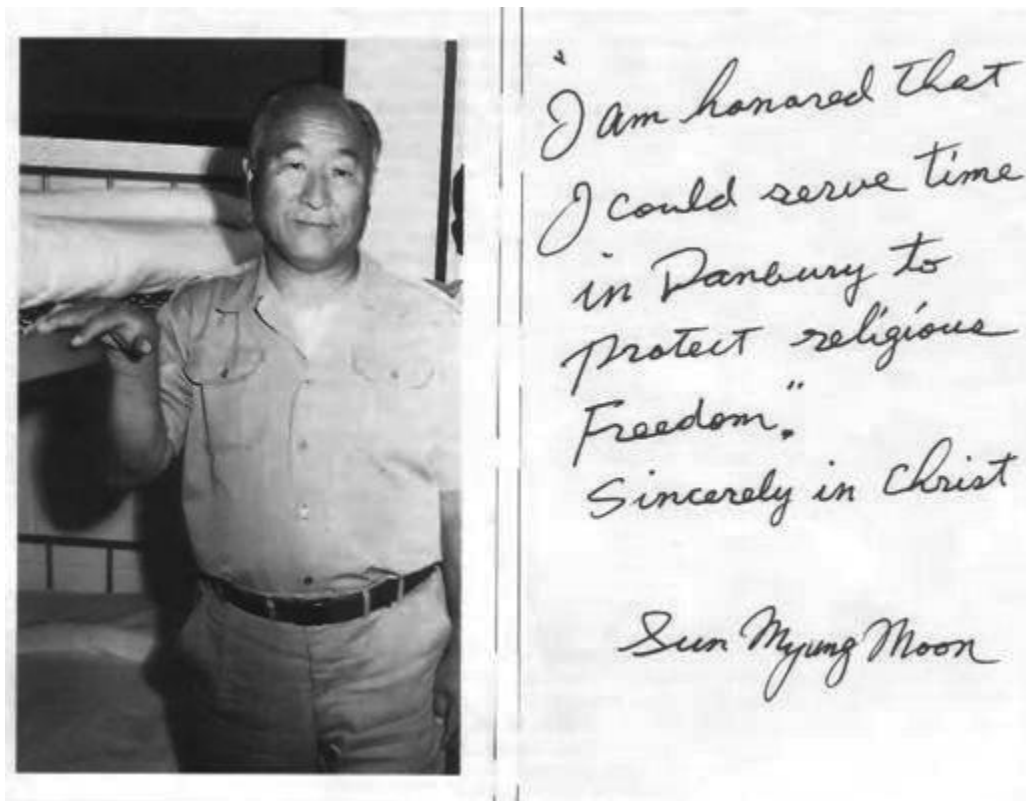
Of course, an American prison is different from the kind of prison that Father suffered in previously, such as the one in communist North Korea or in South Korea under a very harsh government dictatorship. It's different from those prisons, yet it is still a prison.

On July 20, I accompanied Father, leaving East Garden at 10:00 p.m.. We arrived at the camp, the place of incarceration, at 10:59 p.m.. I escorted Father all the way until the last minute that Father disappeared inside the door.

Although I wanted to be strong, and determined not to cry, still on the way there, my tears overflowed beyond control.

Until the last minute, before he departed from the car, even getting out of the car, Father had no concern about himself. He was worrying about me, encouraging me, and worrying about you, and the people, and the church. He kept talking about that even until the last second.

Father kept saying, "I came to this place to liberate the prison, liberate hell. So, Mother, you must not cry for me. Cry out for the mission, for the fulfillment of God's will. That's what you should do. Don't worry about me. I came to fulfill a glorious mission, the liberation of hell in prison."



Become Responsible Leaders

In giving you this message today, I have one purpose, and one purpose only: that you now become responsible leaders. You must conduct yourselves and your mission with utmost responsibility, as you never have before.

You are living in the time contemporary with our True Parents - breathing the same air, walking in the same space, drinking the same water, sharing the same food. Whatever you do, it is a unique opportunity in history, and your deeds shall be recorded in history. What kind of statement can you make to our posterity? What kind of excuses do we have? What kind of testimony do we have for the future generations to come?

You are the leaders, you are the Blessed couples and you must reflect within yourselves, re-examine yourselves. Let us repent totally and renew ourselves. We must march into our missions so that we can achieve and fulfill them.

As you know, God had a good ideal in the beginning. Only because of the disobedience of man, the faithlessness of man, was man separated and departed from God. The fall brought about hell, brought terrible consequences to our world. You know that very well through the Principle. Then during restoration history, God directed the chosen nation of Israel and gave them Judaism. The purpose of Judaism, the chosen nation, was to prepare the day of the coming of the Lord. That nation was the foundation to fulfill God's will and desire. When Judaism rejected Jesus, and left the mission that was given by God unfulfilled, Jesus lost the foundation, so he inevitably had to be crucified on the cross. However, even upon the crucifixion, the resurrection came. Upon the foundation of the resurrection, the new history of Christianity began.

Then what is the will of God to make Christianity prosper? What is the purpose behind Christianity? Isn't it true that its purpose is the restoration of the entire world, to embrace the entire world? After World War II, when V-day was completed and the war ended, actually that moment was a glorious moment that God gave to the Christian nations, and America had the opportunity to embrace and rally around the entire world, so that Christendom could literally be launched.

This is the time when the ideal of the Lord of the Second Advent must be manifested. That ideal actually can be achieved and fulfilled. This is known to all of you as fact, the truth. However, Christianity has thus far failed to respond to that opportunity. Then what about the Lord, the Second Advent, the Messiah who came? Where is his foundation? What kind of path has he walked? Even if I may not speak of it entirely, you know it; you know Father's path.

As you know, the Unification Church was started in the worst prison, a communist prison. Father has been victorious and has come to the nation representing the world, that is, to the United States. Father has worked with tears and sweat in this country for over twelve years.

You Are the Torch Bearers

This morning on the telephone, Father asked me to tell you that you are the torch bearers. You are to go among the Christian community and unite the churches and awaken them from deep spiritual sleep. As you know, Father's prison term is not absolutely necessary for the fulfillment of his mission. There is a way he could do it without going to prison. However, since Father's incarceration has begun, whatever we ignite with our torches, almost like igniting gasoline, will result in an incredible expansion of that fire.

So when you look at the world situation, and examine your own relationship with our True Parents, you know that this is the last opportunity. The freedom of Father is at stake, depending on you and your work. This is our final opportunity that God has given to us. God's mandate asks us to go ahead and prove ourselves.



Your mission is important. Whatever you do in your mission now, do it with your whole heart and soul and mind. And do fulfill it. Do achieve the final outcome of victory. Depending on your determination, God will be moved or Satan can even surrender. It's up to you. Your deeds can either make God move or Satan surrender or vice versa. Father asked that for these next forty days, a special period be declared. During this forty days, extraordinary things can happen; miracles can come. You must make the miracles happen. That was his message.

My heart is very anxious, intensely nervous. I am very restless this morning, even in this meeting. Maybe we have to be out and running, now. But I know this meeting is important. Now every moment of the day makes me restless. So right after this meeting, let us get out and apply ourselves to the utmost. You already are prepared. You have all the knowledge and experiences. All you have to do is go and harvest the victory.

9. Testimony of In Jin Moon. Pageant for Religious Freedom, Washington D.C., July 25, 1984

On July 25 over 6000 people from all over the United States gathered in Washington D.C. for "A Pageant for Religious Freedom" sponsored by the National Crusade for Religious Freedom and the Coalition for Religious Freedom. In the afternoon, 3000 ministers attended a seminar to discuss the loss of religious freedom in America and the way in which the US government was illegally taking more and more control over religious affairs.

In the evening an overflow crowd came to the actual pageant at Constitution Hall. The pageant itself turned out to be a powerful and soul stirring event. It consisted of "Let Freedom Ring," a musical theater piece evoking memories in the struggle for freedom in America, followed by nine guest speakers and a selection of gospel songs. The nine speakers were: Dr. Robert Grant, chairman of Christian Voice; Dr. Tim LaHaye, founder of Family Life Seminars and the President of the Moral Majority of California; Dr. Ralph Abernathy, former president of the Christian Leadership Conference; Dr. Greg Dixon, president of the American Coalition of Unregistered Churches; Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, chairman of the Senate Committee on the Constitution; Dr. Richard Rubenstein, Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Religion and the Director of Humanities at Florida State University; Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Dr. Everett Sileven, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Nebraska, who spent 157 days in jail for operating a church school; and also In Jin Moon. All spoke about the ways in which America was losing its commitment to religious freedom and some mentioned the illegality of Rev. Moon's imprisonment.

After the pageant, a candlelight march was held from Constitution Hall to the White House.





In Jin Nim's Speech

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

My name is In Jin Moon. My father is the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. I am his second daughter.

As we all gather together here tonight to rally around religious freedom, I know my father, Rev. Moon, sits in the federal prison in Danbury, Connecticut, praying for this pageant for religious freedom in America.

The day of July 20, 1984, was as if the end of the world had come to my family. This was the day my father entered into the prison. I never imagined in a million years that this could happen to my father, particularly here in America, the land of freedom, the land of God which my father dearly loves and serves.

My father suffered nearly three years in a concentration camp in North Korea. His only crime was preaching the word of God in a communist state. The average prisoner never lasted more than six months in this death camp. But because of his faith, my father survived nearly three years. He has said, "Only by the spirit of God did I survive."

In 1950, during the Korean War, he was liberated by American troops who saved his life. My father said, "I owe my life to America. I want to do God's will and repay my gratitude to America."

In 1971 he came to this country obedient only to the voice of God. For the last twelve years he has shed his tears and sweat in service to America. He told me over and over again, "I love America as

my own country because this is the country that Heavenly Father dearly loves. God needs America to save the world.”

He worked so hard. I have almost never seen my father sleep. He is always up working and praying. I have never seen anyone so dedicated to America’s dream and to God.

Now America has imprisoned my father. He is not concerned with his personal suffering. His life has been filled with tears and tribulation as he tried to do God’s will. What is most painful to my family is that the nation my father dearly loves has imprisoned him. The land of God that symbolizes freedom for all has imprisoned my father. The government of this God-loving nation has sent my father to jail. This is very difficult for me to bear and to understand.

My father is now 64 years old. He is guilty of no crime. Yet tonight, as we speak, he might have just finished washing dishes in the prison cafeteria or may have just finished scrubbing the floor. Last Monday when I visited him in the prison, I saw my father for the first time in prison clothes. I cried and cried.

But my father told me not to weep for him and not to be angry at the government that jailed him. He told me, as he has told his millions of followers throughout the world, to turn our anger and grief into powerful action to make this country truly free again.

For the sake of my father, for the sake of other persecuted people here in America and throughout the world, I promised my father that I would take up his fight unto my life. I am so grateful for all of you here tonight because you are fighting for religious freedom for all Americans and for all people around the world.

Religious freedom is the foundation for all freedoms. If America loses religious freedom, I know there is no other country on the face of the earth which can bring it back. For that reason I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for standing up for religious freedom.

I miss my father very much. I want to have my father come home very soon. My mother and eleven brothers and sisters thank you because your fight for religious freedom will help to hasten that day.

I would like to now read my father’s message from Danbury Prison:

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON'S MESSAGE FROM DANBURY PRISON

My beloved brothers and sisters under God: I regret I cannot be with you tonight in person. But know that I am with you in spirit. Please accept my heartfelt congratulations for coming to the nation’s capital to stand up for religious freedom.

From my earliest days as a teenager in the poverty-stricken land of Korea, I was driven in my quest for truth and my search for God. From that point on I have always felt so deeply the preciousness of religious freedom.

Even when I was arrested and beaten nearly to death by the North Korean communists, and later when I was sent to die in a communist concentration camp, I had no fear. I felt deeply that God was with me. I felt so close to God and had daily communion with Him for the three years I was in the death camp. I did not pray for God to come and rescue me. Knowing that my Father in heaven already knew my suffering, I spent every minute of the day reassuring Him that I would not be defeated by this suffering.

I am now in America and I am now in an American prison. In my twelve years of living in this country, I have never felt as close to God as I do now. I love America more than ever. If His will is being served by my imprisonment, then I am here in gratitude. When I serve my fellow prisoners their food or scrape the plates after dinner or scrub the kitchen floor, I am doing it for my Heavenly Father. I am serving His children. And I am serving America and the world. I am therefore doing my chores with joy.

I came to America in 1971 at God's command. God told me that America is His final hope, His precious jewel which He prepared for the final battle against the atheistic communism in the last days. However, America needs help. America is turning away from God. God cannot afford to lose America. God told me to go to America to wake people from their spiritual sleep before atheistic communism takes over the world.

You know that with such a mandate, I did not come to this country to win a popularity contest. I spoke out and I took a stand. I gave America every ounce of my soul. In the process, I became unpopular and have been persecuted and now I have ended up in a U.S. prison. This is no surprise to me, for I almost knew such a cross would come.

I thank God that my situation and that of Pastor Sileven and many others have become rallying points for religious freedom in the United States. God works in mysterious ways. Here in prison God can use me to awaken America more powerfully than ever before. America's religious communities must be united to preserve religious freedom. Our united effort alone, like this pageant, will ensure the survival of America.

Here in prison I will do my part. I encourage you to do your part. Together, we will awaken America. I am willing to suffer any indignity, to go any distance, to do any labor and to bear any cross. I am even willing to give my life if that will ensure that America and the world will survive and do God's will.

My prayers are always with you. Prayers from prison can be powerful. Tonight we mark a new beginning, yet our job lies ahead. Let us move forward together in the spirit of Jesus Christ and claim a glorious victory for America, for the world and for God.

God bless you and God bless America.

10. Developing the Heart of a Filial Son: Words from some of the sons of Rev. Moon

By Mr. Dong Moon Joo

From January 12 to February 20, 1985, Hyo Jin Nim made a special forty-day condition to pray every night from midnight to 2 a.m. at East Garden holy ground. His motivation was to solidify his determination to support Father completely as his True Son and to deepen his commitment to Father's sacrificial way of love. Among many other things he prayed for the unity of the True Family and for the unity of all the blessed children of the world for whom he feels personally responsible.

Shortly after Hyo Jin Nim began his condition, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, and Jin Sung Nim wanted to support their brother by praying with him, and they ended up making forty-day prayer conditions themselves. The following is an interview with the four brothers after their conditions were completed.

Mr. Joo: Hyo Jin Nim, could you tell us your motivation for doing this prayer condition?

HYO JIN NIM: I am the eldest son of True Parents' family. I only did what I felt I had to do. There are no words to express how moved I was when my brothers joined me in prayer every night. What especially touched me was that they did it voluntarily from their hearts, thinking, "I must go through this together with my brother. Whatever it takes, I want to support him." They all have a very full daily schedule but they came every night without one word of complaint.



I want to be a person who can give freely, but it's not easy to constantly have this attitude of heart. My utmost desire is to be able to give my greater, larger self. Many people have lost the ability to manage or develop themselves constructively; they pursue only their own interests and settle for merely personal achievement or material success. You cannot become your true self if you are only disjointed fragments. So because of this, I want to understand and manifest God's will, whatever it

takes, and I want to not only digest all the different aspects of myself, but convey this “digested” self to others.

And I also have a wish for my brothers and sisters: that they become people who can stand before the world and convey God’s message. My lifelong goal is to glorify God. In the eternal world God is all there is; so I want to become a person who can understand God’s will and reflect His love. My hope is that my Unification Church brothers and sisters can also become such people. I believe our path is the only path that can lead us to the achievement of this goal.

I wish with all my heart that without a day’s delay blessed families, including blessed children, can become united and absolutely obedient and responsible to the True Parents.

Mr. Joo: Could you other brothers explain what motivated you to participate in this condition?

HYUN JIN NIM: At first, it was because I wanted to support Hyo Jin Hyung (Hyung - the Korean word for a boy’s older brother). I really didn’t understand the meaning and depth of this forty-day condition. Later on I realized its purpose. It also helped me understand myself better. Until this condition I didn’t clearly perceive my faults or my good points. Sometimes it was very hard for me to face the facts. But I feel this condition came at a stage when I was breaking through adolescence, I guess, and arriving at a newer understanding of the world, my position, and the people around me. I don’t feel that my doing this condition was such a great accomplishment; it was so small compared to the many other great gifts Hyo Jin Hyung and Father have given to God and humanity. In my heart I feel that it was too small to be so significant; it was actually a time to grow.

KOOK JIN NIM: I started the forty-day condition during my exam week, when Hyo Jin Hyung had already begun his condition. I did it because I love my brother and I wanted to be with him. At first I participated only on the weekends. And after exams were over, the basic reason I went up to the holy rock was to support my brother and keep him company. But when Hyo Jin Hyung had finished his condition I kept on going because I had started something, and I couldn’t just let it hang, because I was doing it for True Father. I was praying for the members, so that they could realize what kind of suffering my brothers had gone through. So I decided to complete the rest of my condition.

JIN SUNG NIM: When Hyo Jin Hyung Nim started his condition, I was beginning a new semester in law school. I went up to pray with him a couple of times. As a new member of the True Family, I’m always trying to find a better way to serve the True Family and unite with my brothers and sisters. But I realized through the guidance of Hyo Jin Hyung Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, and Kook Jin Nim that I was allowing too many excuses to come into my mind when I thought about a forty-day condition. Many times a little voice in my head would say, “Well, you’re very busy,” or, “Your school is very important, so you have to watch out and get enough rest at night so you’re not sleepy in class.” And I realized that, in a way, Satan was trying to come into my mind. On the one hand I wanted to become a better brother for my new brothers and sisters. But at the same time I knew that if I didn’t do anything about it, Satan would attempt to come in and influence me to take the comfortable way and find some justification for not making the effort. With the help and example of Hyo Jin Hyung Nim, however, I began to realize that you have to take responsibility and do something towards your goal instead of just thinking about it. And even though school was on my mind, I realized how Father always gives more and more and doesn’t pay attention to excuses. So, besides the fact that I wanted to go out and support Hyo Jin Hyung Nim, I also realized that I needed this kind of condition to deepen my own heart so I could become a better brother.

Mr. Joo: What did you see as the most significant point of the forty days?

HYUN JIN NIM: When I was sitting there with Hyo Jin Hyung on my right side and Kook Jin on my left and I heard them pray, I could feel their determination and devotion to their missions for the sake of the world, and how much love they were giving out. I could especially feel this from Hyo Jin Hyung. He was always praying about how to further the creation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. My two younger brothers were right there supporting him, and this truly builds the spiritual fire in you. You just want to get up and shout, you have so much energy. You want to go out there and teach people what they're doing wrong. When they're praying it's that intense.

They came every night to the holy rock. They might have had an exam the next day, or three tests to study for, or it might have been cold and raining. In such situations your body doesn't want to respond to you. But in spite of all these circumstances they would come and pray; they would share their feelings. To me that was the most inspiring aspect of it. Every time I heard them pray, it made me feel that I had to give them something through my prayers or through my actions.

KOOK JIN NIM: The most inspiring thing for me was hearing my brothers' words. They spoke truth not just on the family or tribal level; they spoke for the sake of the world and the universe. Their words weren't just words; they had deep feelings behind them. Hearing what they said about the responsibility of each of us inspired me very much to go on, because when they prayed I felt Father's heart coming right through their words. I felt the sense of responsibility they have toward our Heavenly Father and True Parents and their other brothers and sisters; how much they care about the suffering of others, how much they would like the members to be aware of that, and how they don't want our Heavenly Father to suffer any more.

JIN SUNG NIM: For me the most inspiring point was having True Family there and being able to listen to them pray. I especially spent a lot of time with Hyun Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim, and even though they are just starting high school I know they are under a lot of pressure. During those prayers, I usually prayed first, then Kook Jin Nim, then Hyun Jin Nim, and then Hyo Jin Hyung Nim. During the day Kook Jin Nim and Hyun Jin Nim are normal, active youths. But when I heard them pray, I was just astounded by the depth with which they were speaking one on one to Heavenly Father.

During their prayer they did something they usually don't do around people: they opened up their hearts; and because I was there I was able to hear, see and feel the most inner self they were offering to Heavenly Father. I am sure that in Heavenly Father's eye they are not just children, and I was there to witness their deep understanding of Heavenly Father's and True Parents' heart. It was just unbelievable that they prayed this way at such a young age. What you see with your eyes can sometimes make you not see, because when they were sharing with Heavenly Father, suddenly their great strength and their characters just flowed out and almost overwhelmed me. When I listened to Hyo Jin Hyung Nim pray there was a closeness between him and Heavenly Father that was so intimate. I was there witnessing a conversation between Heavenly Father and His children. It was a very, very special time.

Mr. Joo: If Father were here right now what would you like to say to him?

HYUN JIN NIM: You know Father's history. At the age of 16 he pledged to Jesus Nim that he would accomplish the goal and become a true man and do this mission even if it meant giving up his life. I myself feel that this is the only meaningful gift I can offer to True Father and True Mother.

Mr. Joo: What is that?

HYUN JIN NIM: The pledge to become a true son of God and a true son of True Parents. The pledge to become an ideal person, an ideal Adam. But I feel that even though this forty-day condition seems significant, I still have much more to do, because Father did not just stop at the age of 16 after pledging his life to Jesus Nim; he kept on doing even more and giving even greater pledges and making bigger determinations. I want to give the same to Father.

KOOK JIN NIM: I don't feel I have to say anything to Father, because from the beginning of their lives our True Parents have done so many conditions and suffered so much. They know I have gone up to the holy rock for forty days; they know what I have prayed for, what I have asked Heavenly Father for. When they were young, they also made the same kinds of conditions; so it is not necessary for me to go to my father and report what I have done. I just went up to the holy rock to pray, not for myself but for my brothers and sisters and for Heavenly Father; so it is not my victory, it is their victory. I cannot go up to my True Father and True Mother and say, "Look what I have done," because I have not done anything so great.

JIN SUNG NIM: Like Hyun Jin Nim and Kook Jin Nim I feel that my Father is looking at me, and though he gives me so much love and understanding through his eyes, I know he's hoping that I can do much more. He knows that I do not see the suffering, the bloodshed, and the tears that have gone before me. In a way there isn't really much to say about this forty-day condition because it was our duty. As Hyo Jin Hyung Nim often tells us, if something is expected of us, and we are able to do it, then accomplishing that deed or condition is nothing to brag about. Even though True Parents are happy, we are just fulfilling our responsibilities.

Mr. Joo: What message would you like to send to your brothers and sisters worldwide?

KOOK JIN NIM: I hope that soon the heavenly tradition will be brought down to earth and all the people in the world will follow the proper order in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, which is absolute and cannot be compromised. That order descends in a chain: True Parents' family comes first, then the first disciples, and then the next disciples. This was the way the Kingdom of Heaven is to be founded. The whole world was made according to strict heavenly law.

JIN SUNG NIM: Nobody thinks more about the brothers and sisters in our movement than the True Parents and the True Children. Everyone here is so grateful for the effort and the sacrifices that our brothers and sisters are making out there. But one of the things I have come to realize is the profound meaning of the word "true." I have been spending enough time with the True Family to see the difference between true and not true, and I know that the key point, not only for our members but for the whole world, is that every person has to go from not being true to being true. Many times you can't see clearly, even though True Father has been giving words of guidance for many years. It's very difficult to strive continually towards the highest goal. Our members should be careful to never become static. Every day they need to know as individuals and as families and as groups that their goal is still far ahead of them. They have to try every day to keep moving because if they stop moving Satan's constant attack will make them lose ground even without their knowing it. They always have to know that their goal is the very highest goal, and they have to keep going.

Many of our brothers and sisters in this movement have been members for many years, and sometimes they judge the Unification movement. But I deeply felt during this forty-day condition that this time is one of the greatest turning points in the history of humankind, and especially in the history of our church. As Father has told us, had Christianity accepted him, the Unification Church would not have needed to exist. Now after forty years of Father's total sacrifice we have come back to another

crucial point. I hope our brothers and sisters can understand that there is a great change coming; the greatest of victories is at hand. But it can only come about if our members are ready to move into action. We have to break out of our old way of thinking and understand that a brand new beginning is coming upon us in our movement. Our Father is saying that out of thousands of members even just a few hundred of us need to completely understand the crucial aspect of this time. Hopefully more people than that can comprehend the path that we have to take, starting in 1985, upon Father's great victory at Danbury.

Mr. Joo: Jin Sung Nim, what is the point that has most inspired and impressed you about the True Children?

JIN SUNG NIM: Sometimes I look at myself and see the reality of my own situation and how far I have to go before I can reach my goals. Then I see that every day I make so many blunders, many careless mistakes of character. My motivation and my thinking are not always pure. I know each of the True Children is extremely sensitive. They feel all the impurities of character and heart around them. I know it's so easy when you receive some deeper truth to turn around and judge your brothers and sisters. But True Children never do that. They always want to understand and give you more love; they always try to raise you up.

Mr. Joo: Could you give us your understanding of filial piety?

JIN SUNG NIM: I know that if I don't really understand how much True Parents are doing for all of us and for God, then I cannot actually say that my love for them is true. If the parents are suffering and the children say, "I love my parents, I love my parents," but they do not even see their parents' suffering, then they only have a shallow love for them. So I think I have to develop my understanding of my Parents and how much they are sacrificing, how much they are suffering, before I am able to say that I am a filial son.

Mr. Joo: When are Father and Mother happiest?

KOOK JIN NIM: When they see their children doing well in school, getting good grades and so forth, they are very proud of their children. True Parents actually feel joy when their children excel. At times some of the children may not be doing so well in school. But when True Parents see them playing with each other, expressing closeness and love - that makes them happy. Although I cannot definitely say what brings True Parents joy, I feel this does, watching my younger brothers and sisters playing and feeling so much love for each other.

JIN SUNG NIM: Father and Mother ask us to go to school so that we can have a respected position in the eyes of the world - so that people will listen to our message. I know that will make Father and Mother happy. When I grew up in Washington, I spent most of my time just going to school and being a good student. But many ideas from fallen society can influence you when you're young if you're not careful. Especially now during this crucial time when we are all growing up so quickly, before we all become mature men and women, we have to prepare our hearts. And when I can deepen my heart with a greater understanding of True Parents and what they are trying to do, that will make them happy.

When I compare myself to my true brothers, Hyo Jin Hyung Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, and Kook Jin Nim, spiritually I feel I'm a whole generation apart. They are a generation ahead of us. When I am with True Parents, I feel my understanding of the significance of everything around me is so shallow. I feel that Father and Mother only need to look into my eyes for one second, and they know where I am. I am

convinced that my only offering is within myself; I have to try to bring myself closer to understanding them, closer to becoming a true man.

Mr. Joo: What do you feel is the most significant and inspiring point about Hyo Jin Nim?

HYUN JIN NIM: He is able to put his personal desires behind him and do things for others. That is truly Father's spirit. In many ways he is just like Father - how he speaks, how he looks at you. But as with Father, I cannot say any one part of him is great; everything is great. Hyo Jin Hyung is the first son of True Father and True Mother and the first male representative of our family. I thank him because in so many ways he demonstrated the trueness of our True Family.

I have three heroes in my life. The first one is True Parents - I think of them as one entity. I can't see one without feeling the presence of the other. The next two are Hyo Jin Hyung and Heung Jin Hyung. I hope I can absorb all the wonderful traits of Hyo Jin Hyung. He has great determination, love, filial piety, and strength in so many fields; and I hope I can also inherit the fine traits of Heung Jin Hyung - his ability to care so much for people and his great filial piety and true-heartedness.

KOOK JIN NIM: Hyo Jin Hyung, like our True Father, is a unifier; he is one with himself, and he is able to control his emotions and his feelings and live for his children, his people. That aspect of being able to sacrifice everything for his brothers and sisters and for the people around him is one of the things I most admire about him.

JIN SUNG NIM: I truly, truly love Hyo Jin Hyung Nim. It's very hard to point out a specific characteristic I like best. We were not around when Father as a boy took up his challenge and developed through many stages to become a true man in the sight of God. When I look at Hyo Jin Hyung Nim and the other True Children, I can see for the second time in the history of the universe something very special: true sons and daughters of God as He intended them to be, growing up.

One way to understand how the True Children enter the perfection stage is that as they grow, they are deepening their love for Father and Mother, and they are thereby connecting directly to Heavenly Father. And now we are witnessing Heavenly Father coming to dwell in Hyo Jin Hyung Nim's heart. When we pray many of us just ask Heavenly Father for something. But suddenly, right before our eyes, we're watching Hyo Jin Hyung Nim becoming a true man. Heavenly Father is so clearly calling him, pouring so many things into his mind and heart. And just to watch that, to witness this kind of fulfillment, and to know that everyone is intended one day to reach it, is very, very inspiring.

Mr. Joo: In light of Father's mission, what do you think Hyo Jin Nim will do in the future?

HYUN JIN NIM: I feel Hyo Jin Hyung is walking the same road as True Father. There is a lot to this, because Father is striving to achieve worldwide unity and bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. But to bring the proper order and godly standards to the world is the work of the second generation; to modify, shape, and smooth the edges is our task. And since Hyo Jin Hyung is the leader, I feel that is his role. But in heart and spirit Hyo Jin Hyung has the same role as Father, because their goals are the same; their objective is to make a better world.

KOOK JIN NIM: During this time members hear or read Father's words, but sometimes they feel shaky about them or they don't understand what Father is trying to say. Hyo Jin Hyung shows a true understanding of Father's words and is able to teach us this kind of understanding.

JIN SUNG NIM: Father and Mother have been walking a lonely path, trying to teach thousands of people the truth. If our leaders could fully understand True Father's heart, many more people could accompany Father on this road. But up until now, Father and Mother have been walking this road alone, and no one could completely understand them. Now we have somebody who has found True Parents' path and is running up to Father and Mother to share that path with them; one who is ready to go even to the farthest destination that Father and Mother want to reach.

I do not even understand yet where Father and Mother are and where they are going. For instance, when I try to imagine what's going to happen next year or in five or ten years, I realize that my understanding is very weak. Father has planned out all those years so carefully, and now Hyo Jin Hyung Nim, with his wonderful mind, is planning out the future very carefully too. He is thinking very much about the blessed children. I hope this new generation, the blessed children, can unite as closely as they can with Hyo Jin Hyung Nim and the True Family; that will signify a great new age. I am sure that guided by Hyo Jin Hyung Nim, the blessed children's depth of heart can go far beyond what we know now.

11. Memories of My Time with Father in Danbury: An interview with Rev. Takeru Kamiyama

by Angelika Selle

As you know, Father and I were incarcerated on July 20. It was the first experience of prison for me. You could actually call it “camp,” rather than prison, in a real sense. In Danbury there are six different levels of incarceration; we were in the minimum security camp. I was given a six-month sentence. This was reduced according to a system of reward for good behavior to four months and 17 days. Father’s original sentence was a year and a half, which is being reduced to one year and one month.

At the prison camp, 11:00 p.m. is lights out. After that there is roll call at midnight. Then at 2:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m., then again at 4:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. This is the time when all the inmates have to be at their own cube. That’s the rule. At the 9:30 p.m. roll all everybody must be standing up, not sitting on a chair or lying in bed, in order to be checked. At the other roll calls the inmates can relax, as long as they are in their cubes. If you don’t show yourself in the cube, you will be punished. You might be transferred into the higher security prison nearby.

Usually, the inmates get out before their full term. Those who are sentenced to two years in prison spend the last three or four months of their term in a halfway house, a place where they prepare themselves to be restored into society. There they receive job placement assistance. They go out every morning and come back there every night. If they get a job, they can work all day and don’t have to come back until 10:30 at night. However, if they don’t find a job they still have to come back for roll call when all inmates are accounted for, usually at 10:30 p.m. and 3:30 a.m. They have to be at the halfway house at that time. They continue that kind of life for the three or four months.

The Danbury camp does not have a fence around it, just an invisible fence. If you step over the boundary, you will be punished and transferred to the higher security prison. Therefore, when you arrive at the prison you have a few days of orientation about the rules there.

Visiting Days

Father’s prison number is 03835-54. The visiting days are decided by the last digit in the first sequence. Since Father’s is an odd number, the odd days are his visiting days. The last digit in the first sequence of my number was 6, so I was allowed to have visitors on even days. When you have a visitor from 8:30 in the morning straight through till 3:30 in the afternoon, you have to have your lunch in the visiting room. You can’t go back to the dining room for lunch. There is coin-operated machine where you can get sandwiches for about \$2.50. They are cold, but you can warm them up in the microwave oven. The food from the machine is not very tasty.

Each inmate is allowed to have ten visitors on his visiting list. The prison officers check each visitor before he or she is allowed into the visiting room. Inmates may also have spiritual advisors who



can visit the inmate on both odd and even days. Father's "spiritual advisors" are Col. Pak, Rev. Kwak, and Mr. Peter Kim.

Each inmate works on alternate days, if you work today, tomorrow you have off. When you have a day off, you can study the whole day, except for roll call, when you have to be back in your cube. You can also go outside and walk around; you can do many things. But there is that invisible fence that you cannot go beyond. Danbury camp is on top of a hill and the view from there is quite beautiful. You can see a very picturesque landscape and a man-made lake. I spent a lot of time with Father looking at this beautiful scenery. There he would talk to me and teach me many things. He said, "Many people will come to visit this place; it will become very famous."

Prison Clothes

On the day we arrived at the prison and went through the orientation process I thought we would be able to at least keep our own underwear. But we had to give up even that. After we were deprived of all our clothing they handed us prison underwear. In my case, the underpants were baggy and completely out of shape, and the trousers were also very baggy. I had to hold the trousers up because they were always dropping down. I wasn't given a belt. At the same time, the underpants were riding up and down beneath my trousers, so I had to hold on to them. Father received the same kind of clothes; they had been used by previous inmates and were unwashed and worn out. He had to use that clothing for three or four days until he was given new ones.



When we were told to change our clothes the prison officers said I could change in a little room which had a window in it. I entered this room and began to change. Then I looked out at Father - I thought he was going to be given the same room. But instead he had to change his clothes in the public room. He was standing near the corner, but there were five officers present. Through the window I could see that Father was starting to change his clothes - that means he had to take everything off, put his clothes in the basket, and then put on the ones given to him. I was very shocked, and I immediately ran out and asked him to use the little room where I had been. But since I was a prisoner an officer I shouted at me. "Don't move! Stay there!" I couldn't do anything. I was very hurt because Father had to expose his holy temple in front of those five fallen people, in that public place.

As you know, in the Hungnam prison camp, Father slept near the toilet, which was the dirtiest place imaginable. He chose to sleep there because in that way he could prevent people from stepping over him. He didn't want his holy body to be stepped over by fallen people. He used a little glass of water to wash his body every day. He knows the value of his body. So I suffered very much to see this similar situation in Danbury. But Father could see my heart and immediately said, "Kamiyama, it's okay. This kind of thing happens all the time. When you go into the military, such things are normal." In that way he comforted me. I wasn't suffering because of my own situation; but Father was trying to comfort me, thinking maybe I was really nervous about being in prison. Really I felt sorry to see him in a position that was even lower than mine. It was very shocking and painful for me. I will never forget that experience.

Our "Sympathy Cube"

We went to our dorm. There are three dorms - A, B, and C. Forty to fifty inmates stay in one dorm. In one corner of our dorm was the closet and next to it was our cube, number A-7. Army bunk beds are in each cube. When we went to our cube, we found nothing but two bare mattresses - no sheets, blankets, or pillows. We had to try to find some used, dirty sheets from the laundry basket, ones the others had already discarded, and wash them.

The cubes are made out of dividers, with the top and bottom areas open. There is no real privacy inside. The cubes have no doors. In the dorm closet near our cube was a sink - they kept the mops and buckets there. The telephone is also in that corner. Everybody feels sorry for whoever has cube A-7. You could call it the "sympathy cube." It was the worse cube because it's so inconvenient. People are always passing it because of its proximity to the telephone and cleaning equipment. Also, the closet door was difficult to open and close and made a lot of noise. All the inmates used that phone to make collect phone calls because nobody could call in. So from early morning to late at night, inmates were making calls, talking all the time. They were always standing in line right outside our cube, waiting to use the phone. Sometimes inmates had to wait one hour to make a call.

According to the rules each person has a ten-minute time limit on the phone, but in reality nobody kept that rule. There was a chart where you could write down when you wanted to make your call, say, "10:30 to 10:40 - Kamiyama," but nobody actually kept the schedule. The inmates waiting in line always talked loudly, using many dirty words, and they would peer inside our cube, since there is no door. They were like a bunch of guys in a barbershop, you know, very rough. They would just come close to our cube, and look inside; then after their call, too, they might take a look. It was a showroom. Emotionally it was very difficult to remain stable in that cube.

The conversations I overheard from the men were not pleasant, even though I didn't understand everything they said. I learned a lot of new terms there - lots of curse words! One time a guy was making a phone call and I counted how many times in five minutes he used one particularly dirty word. I learned later what this curse word meant; I didn't know at first. The men would use this word throughout their conversions - between sentences, after a statement, before a statement. Many people say "you know" or "well" or "uh" but these guys would use this four-letter word to decorate their sentences, strengthen the meaning, and so forth. I became very curious about this particular word they were using literally hundreds of times. So I asked them, "What does this word mean?" They said, "You don't have to know that. You're religious, so you just need to read the Bible and say prayers. Hahaha!"

A Prison of the Mind

During my whole experience at Danbury I didn't feel that camp itself was prison. Rather the mentality of the inmates was the prison; they are imprisoned in the world of Satan. They captured by Satan's dirty language and foul "values." In our movement we try to find the goodness in each other, lift each other up, and cover each other's weaknesses. That's the world of love and care. But, in Satan's world of hell you see the exact opposite. People try to find the other's weaknesses and degrade him even more. They are filled with complaints, resentment, hatred, and vengeance. They constantly curse each other and try to bring each other down. They actually enjoy it. That is the hell I found - the hell of the mind. I'm not saying that everybody in Danbury is a hundred percent terrible. I asked one inmate, "Do you use that word in front of your wife or children?" He said, "No! Never!" But he throws those words all over the place at the other inmates.

Over seventy percent of the inmates smoked - and cigarettes weren't even big enough. Many smoked cigars, big ones. I was often coughing during my four months and seventeen days there. The smoke smells terrible and it even sticks to your skin. When I first came back, my children said, "Papa, you smell so bad!" Even the book of Father's speeches absorbed that smell and became sticky. I could detect that after I had been out for about two days. Even now Father is living in the terrible environment of dirty smoke and foul language. When you meet the inmates in the visiting room, they are completely different. They act so gentlemanly in front of their wives, children and guests: they seem to be very dignified and nice. But as soon as they turn around and go back to their cubes, they become quite vulgar. Men who have committed crimes and are gathered together form a very low world.

Father was Constantly Cleaning

All the inmates clean up their own cubes every morning. After they have swept their cubes and gathered up all the dirt, they push it along the hall and leave it on the floor in the corner along with their cleaning supplies, just outside of cube A-7. There are no trash cans there. The trash cans are located outside, and the inmates never go that far. They just dump all their garbage and dirt on the floor and take off - they don't care. When we first went to Danbury it was mid-summer. Large electric fans were standing along the corridor and all the trash and dust that got deposited near our cube was blown around. Of course, the dirt got right inside our cube. Unless we cleaned up all the time, the floor was constantly dirty and dusty.

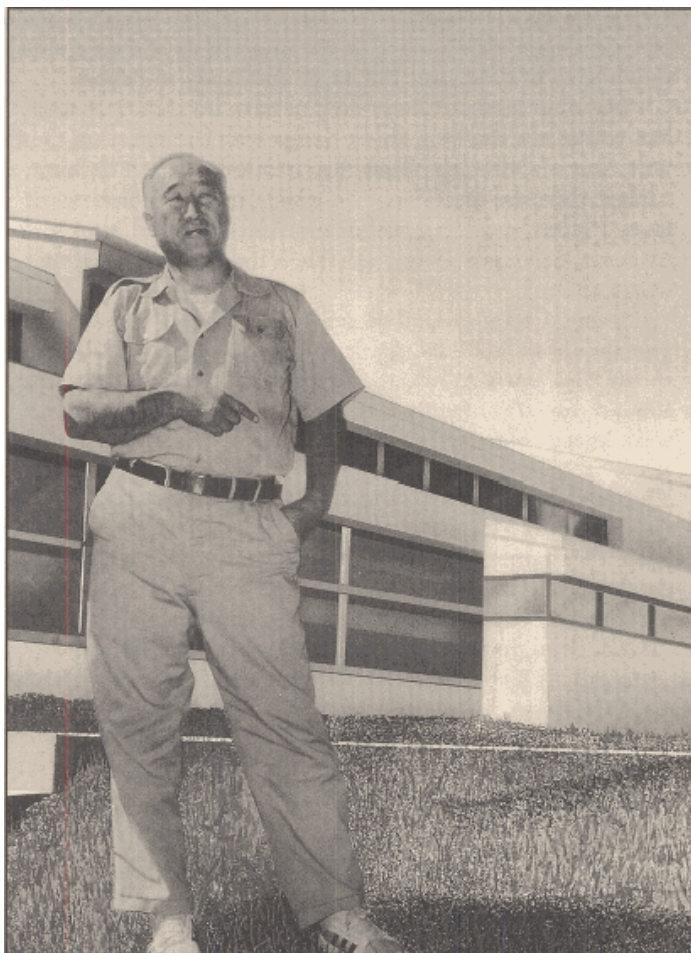
I would clean often, but so would Father. He preferred to use the shorter broom rather the longer one. He swept everywhere, including beneath the lower bunk bed. He would reach down and practically lie on the floor to get at the dirt under there. He would also clean up the trash outside the cube. It was so painful for me to see that. When men talking on the phone would finish their cigarettes they would just crush them beneath their feet on the floor. Father would sweep them up.

Every Tuesday you could buy food such as apples, and canned juice at the commissary. While the inmates were on the phone, they would eat these things and drop the apple cores and juice cans on the floor. I couldn't stand to see Father cleaning up all these things, so I would fight to take the broom away from him, but he said firmly, "No, it's okay. I will do it." Many inmates had told me that our cube was so bad that the officers would give us a better one if I requested it. I asked Father if I could request a different cube. He thought about it for a minute and said, "Hmm... the number is a good one, A-7." So we kept it.

Restoring the Hell of Hells

Father's course during time was to restore the position of servant of servant by going into prison, which is the hell of hells. From that lowest position, he had to work his way up to the position of servant to adopted son, step son, real son, and so on. That is course of restoration. Father has previously said that when he lost the foundation in South Korea, he had to go into North Korea and start from the lowest position. He was also in prison there, which was the hell of hells, and he was in the servant of servant's position. From there he went up to the higher levels.

On the outside of our cube was a name plate, and my name was listed above Father's name. After some time, the name was changed and Father's name was put on top. Then I heard Father murmuring to himself, "Well, the domination has changed." He said it a very small voice, but I caught it. Thus, Father had started from the bottom, representing the servant's position, and then went up. On the fortieth day of our term, a prison open house took place. The people of the outside world could come into the prison and look inside the



cubes, symbolizing that this hell of hells was being raised up to the level of hell. Thus, the dominion was moving up. I wasn't so aware of that, but when I heard Father murmuring I realized again what a serious fight we were in.

One time an inmate took a brand new rag and used it to wipe up the oil from a car he was working on, and then he threw that oily rag into the bucket with all the other rags and they all got stained with oil. Father picked up that oily rag and started to clean it as well as other rags. He worked with strong detergent on those rags for many hours. He would wash them and then smell them and say, "Not yet." And then he would wash them again. This kind of hard work moved the inmates to sympathy. One intimate said, "Kami, come here. Tell Rev. Moon not to do that. If you just leave them dirty, they will soon get rotten and they will have to throw them away and get new ones. Look, this is United States - it's a rich country! This isn't Korea. There's plenty of tax to pay for that stuff. Tell the Reverend!"

Father's Loving Dominion

The inmates were moved by Father because he dedicated himself to the lowest position without complaint. Also Father's work was impeccable. I really saw Father's character in his arrangement of the dining hall. When he arranged the tables he would line them up exactly, almost as if it had been done with a ruler. On top of the table were salt and pepper shakers. Father had a very clear principle: salt goes on the right and pepper on the left. Sometimes I didn't follow that principle and I would put the salt on the left, thinking, "Anyway, as long as both are on the table it's all right." But Father would say, "No, Kamiyama - put the salt on the right; pepper on the left! Then put them both in the very center of the table. You should be able to see the salt shakers and pepper shakers in one line down the whole room." He set a beautiful table! He always cleaned out the lids of the salt and pepper shakers, too. He was impeccable.

By the same token, the way Father makes a bed is absolutely perfect. You can't find a wrinkle anywhere! As you know, the blanket is covered partly by the sheet as it is pulled back. Father's bed was always exactly straight. The pillow had no wrinkles at all. Two plaid blankets are given to each inmate; one can remain folded. When Father folds a blanket the checks lie perfectly parallel to the fold. Everything is exact.

With my own eyes I saw that wherever Father is, he takes loving dominion over material things by the way he cares for them. Father would make his bed perfectly, using one blanket, and then he would sleep on top of that, covering himself with the other blanket. Then, when he woke up, all he had to do was straighten up the well-made bed and fold up the other blanket. He could make his bed beautifully in thirty seconds or less. In the beginning I followed Father's way and I could also make my bed quickly. But after a while I would feel chilly at night so I started sleeping inside the rest of the coverings. Then, when I got up, it took a lot more time to make my bed. Father would make his bed in thirty seconds and leave, so I would have to catch up with him.

All Your Weaknesses Are Exposed

Sometimes I would roughly make my bed and follow Father to the kitchen, thinking, "I'll back later and make it better." But after work, I would come back to my bed and it would be neatly made, just like the top bunk. Of course, Father had done it. I was supposed to be serving him, but he was serving me and I felt bad about it.

Every week an inspector came to check how clean people were keeping their cubes. He came around 10:30 every Monday morning to find who had the most beautiful cube. Father and I got number one in cleanliness. Because of that, I focused my energy to clean really well early each Monday morning. But on the other days, I didn't work so hard. Then Father said, "Let's clean every day, not just Mondays." If you stay with Father one week, perhaps you can show him just the best part of yourself. But after four

months and seventeen days, twenty-four hours a day, you can't hide anything from him. All your weaknesses and shortcomings will be exposed by him, through his own excellent example.

Father has a very clean, devoted nature, very principled. He really dedicated himself in the kitchen. Usually people would just wipe off the tabletops, but Father would carefully clean every part of table, including the legs. You can read in Bill's diary, "Even in the winter, Father was soaking wet with sweat." That is how much he dedicated himself. I couldn't watch Father working so hard at such lowly work. I thought, "I can't stop Father from doing all that, so the only thing is to do it first." So I would try to start cleaning before Father did, but then Father would already be there, and we would have a race. You can imagine what the other inmates thought. They are particularly lazy: that's one reason they ended up in prison. Here were two mature Oriental gentlemen, competing with each other to wash the legs of the dinner tables! So the inmates said, "Take it easy! Don't work so hard! All you're earning is eighty-eight cents a day!"

Watching Father doing all these things, I was not only impressed and moved; I was also pained in my heart. Here he is the True Parent of humankind, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, doing these most lowly things, lower than any of the other inmates. He must have sensed my pain, because one day he told me something. I guess he wanted to comfort me. He said. "Kamiyama, it's okay. To be in top leadership position, to be the True Parent of humankind, you have to go this way from the lowest of the low, from the bottom. You must go down there and only then can you be qualified to assume a higher position."

12. Life with Father in Danbury Prison. Mr. Bill Sheppard, an inmate with Father

Tuesday, December 18, 1984

Tuesday is commissary day at Danbury. As has been their custom, Father and Larry go to the commissary and purchase various items. Sometimes Father purchases things and sometimes Larry purchases things.

This Tuesday Larry went to the commissary in the afternoon prior to dinner. He put the items in a paper bag and left the bag in their cube (room) intending to put things away after eating dinner. Then Father and Larry went to dinner together. Upon returning from dinner Larry realized that someone had stolen the bag of commissary from the cube. Larry did not tell Father of this theft right away, and he did not know if Father had realized what had happened.

Larry came to me explaining what had happened. He said that he didn't want to tell Father of the theft and possibly hurt Father's feelings. We decided to tell Father together, since Father has said, "The truth is the most powerful and best way."

Larry and I returned to the cube and sat with Father, who was reading the Bible at the time. When Father was told that apparently someone had stolen the bag of commissary, he said immediately, "It was a good present for someone," and added, "Someone needed it, took it, and they can have it."

I left the cube and spoke to a number of people about the theft. Upon hearing what had happened almost everyone was most upset, especially since we all know that when Father buys items from the commissary he gives almost all of it away to the other inmates.

Many people who heard this news were at first angry at whoever would do such a thing, especially to Father. Within a short time, people began to come to Father with commissary items of their own, offering them to Father to replace what someone else had stolen. For example: George gave apple juice, Peter gave juice and fruit, Joe gave juice and fruit, and Carter gave fruit. Father seemed very pleased by their offerings. At first he said, "I don't need these." But he accepted the gifts after the other inmates insisted.

Later Father, Larry, and I returned to the commissary where Father purchased many things, and as usual he gave away almost all of what he had purchased to the other inmates. Father also purchased two ski-type hats from the commissary. One was a bright-colored hat and the other was a dull grey hat. Larry said to Father, "Which hat do you want?" Father replied, "You take the bright-colored one, you're young, and I'll take the grey one."

At the end of the day I could not help but remember what Father had told me about the power of the truth and the good action that follows difficult situations in life. He just had spoken to me about these things a few days prior to the commissary incident, which was a lesson to me.

Saturday, December 22, 1984

Today I had a visit from my wife Carol and four-year-old daughter Lauren. I write of this because it pertains to Father and my family. During the visit my wife told me that each night since I have been in prison, she tells Lauren a bedtime story and afterwards they say a prayer from a children's book of prayers. My wife told Lauren that to say a prayer is to talk with God and that Lauren could say whatever she wanted in a prayer.

One day last week Lauren said her first original prayer. Lauren said, "Dear God, thank you for the people, Amen." My wife later asked her what she had meant by this. Lauren said simply that she loved people and that God had made the people and she was thanking Him for all of them. After the visit

when Carol had told me this story, I told Father of Lauren's prayer. Father smiled and then laughed, saying, "It is a good prayer."

Sunday, December 23, 1984

Tonight after dinner around seven o'clock, Father was in his cube talking with Larry and me about tuna and other fishing. He explained how the currents in the sea move in different directions at different depths and at different tides. Father explained how the problem of catching more fish was solved by utilizing special lines and hooks and taking into account the currents and cross-currents. He also discussed the use of the Loran to plot the exact location of good fishing areas under the sea, so that the fishermen can return to the same location time and time again.

Father spoke of the tuna as the greatest fighting fish and also of the fish that stay on the bottom of the sea covered almost entirely with sand, with just their eyes and mouth sticking out of the sand. Father said fish are all different and therefore require different means to catch them. To solve this difficult problem of catching more fish, one must investigate and work hard to solve the problem, to get the desired result.

As Father spoke, I felt he was taking about more than just fishing and solving fishing problems. I felt this because just a short while before, Father had spoken about the value of knowledge in solving problems, especially in relationship to reading the Divine Principle, understanding it, questioning it, digesting it, and applying it to life. He spoke of how we must seek the truth spiritually and solve life's problems through study, reading, and prayer. I myself have seen different people attracted to the truth like fish attracted to the bait, and the bait is different for different fish.

Letter to Mr. Kamiyama, 1:30 a.m., December 24, 1984

After I spoke with you last night I wrote down a few more thoughts that I had concerning Father and what he says and does while at Danbury. I know that it may be hard to read my poor penmanship, vocabulary, and style of writing, and I ask that you bear with me in my humble attempt to satisfy your request. Whatever constructive criticism you can offer will be happily received by me. As you can tell, I am hardly a good writer and am out of practice since I've been here at Danbury.

I find it most difficult to adequately express the vast array of feelings I have experienced with Father since you left. As I mentioned to you, I understand the importance of helping and protecting Father while here at Danbury. I know in my heart that I can protect him with my life if necessary, and I sincerely hope you can convey this to everyone. I need to know if Father needs anything that he might not tell me or that I might not understand properly. Please let me know if there is anything else that I might do.

Each night I have been getting up for a few hours between approximately 2:30 - 4:30 a.m.. Each Sunday morning I go with Father to the chapel. Father has graciously talked to me on a number of occasions, which I have found enlightening. It is a mystery that I should be here at Danbury prison camp with Father and writing to you. I know that many, many people would like to be here with Father instead of me. It is my sincere hope that I can live up to what is expected of me. I am hardly the caliber of person you were for him while you were here. I ask for your continued support in this endeavor, and I know it will be there.

December 25, 1984, Christmas Morning

Father awakened at approximately 6:00 a.m.. He was sitting in the dining hall eating breakfast with me and two other inmates (Louie and Frankie). The three of us inmates engaged in small talk while Father ate and listened.

Louie said to me that he just cannot understand how some people are so stupid, so dense that they just cannot comprehend anything. He said that he has always had trouble even being in the company of people like that. Louie was referring to someone that Father and I know.

I said, "Louie, why talk with me about it when you can ask the Man (Father) directly? He's sitting right there." Louie said, "All right, I will. Reverend Moon, you've been listening. I'm talking about someone whose brain just cannot understand what people are saying." Picking up a salt shaker from the table Louie said, "It's just like this salt shaker. It's a container holding salt. Say this salt shaker was a man's brain. It only has a capacity for so much salt, maybe two ounces or so. You just can't fill it with salt beyond the capacity of the container, no matter how hard you try. Therefore, a man whose brain capacity is like a small salt container just cannot grasp large universal concepts you may tell him."

Feeling confident he had made his point, Louie firmly put the salt shaker down on the table in front of Father as if to punctuate the sentence.

Without hesitation, Father picked up the shaker and said, "I will take off the top of the shaker, pour out the two ounces of salt and fill the container with something heavier, something more valuable." Father gently put the salt shaker down on the table in front of Louie, and smiled.

After a pause, Louie said, "You're right, Reverend." We all laughed together. Louie said, "You've got me there, Reverend."

Frank, who had been sitting quietly, said to Louie, "Louie, you don't understand. He has a different perspective on things."

Louie said, "What he (Father) said was right."

The feeling at the breakfast table that Christmas morning was a good one. Father had penetrated the mind of Louie, utilizing Louie's own analogy. He had done it in such a way that Louie had understood Father perfectly.

Later Father waited for Mother and others to visit.

December 25, 1984. Christmas Evening.

At around 6:00 p.m., Father was sitting in his cube reading the Bible. I was standing in the phone line outside the cube waiting to call Mother for him. Just then, down the hall came Tony, who had just returned from a 24-hour Christmas furlough. He had a big smile on his face when he came over to me. We hugged each other. We each said, "Merry Christmas."

Tony went on to tell Father and me about meeting many people at a gathering in New York; that everyone loved Father, missed him, and prayed for him. Father kept smiling throughout Tony's description. Tony said he had been at Kami's home and what a beautiful family he had. . . a wonderful wife and lovable children.

Father was listening and smiling. Tony was describing different things from different days, which confused us as to when something had happened and where. Father didn't mind. Tony's heart was filled with love and it showed. Father never stopped smiling throughout Tony's description.

As Tony continued talking with Father, I went to the telephone to call East Garden. I waited for some time as the lines were busy. When I finally got through, I was connected to Mother who said, "Hello, Bill Sheppard." I found myself choked up with emotion and said, "Merry Christmas, Mother, and thank you for being so kind to my wife, Carol and my daughter, Lauren."

Mother said, "It was just a small thing, Bill." I said, "It was a wonderful thing to us." I began to cry thinking of what a wonderful Christmas it had turned out to be.

I could not talk for a moment, just as Father came to the phone. Father took the telephone and spoke with Mother. I felt bad that I did not say more clearly how I felt to Mother and conveyed the thank-yous my wife had asked me to.

After the phone call, Father, Tony, and I talked of the experience Tony had. I felt I had been there and I'm sure Father did too. It was a wonderful Christmas present.

Thursday, December 27, 1984

At 5:10 a.m. I woke up Father and called East Garden, and Father spoke with Mother. Father, Louie and I were in the bathroom washing and shaving.

Louie: Good morning, Reverend.

Father: Your last day, Louie.

Louie: Yah.

This was Louie's last day at Danbury. He had months ago requested to be transferred closer to his wife in Florida. The transfer had finally been approved and he was due to leave this morning. Ordinarily a camp inmate, when being transferred, will go on what is called a "furlough transfer," meaning that the inmate is put on a bus, train, or plane and is trusted to self-surrender to the camp he is being transferred to. Other inmates who are not in camps, but in higher security prisons are handcuffed together and taken on a prison bus, being chained together for the entire ride and guarded by shotgun.

For some reason Louie could not understand, he was ordered to take this "bus ride" instead of the customary furlough transfer. Louie had been trying to have this changed through his attorney and his wife, but because of the Christmas holiday he had no luck. It would be especially bad for Louie since his final destination was Maxwell Camp in Alabama. The bus ride would undoubtedly take one or two months because the bus would drop off inmates from prison to prison along the way. Father was aware of all of this since we had discussed it together. Father also knew that Louie's friend of 30 years, Murray (my roommate), had not yet been approved for his transfer and they might not see one another for some time, since they both had 8-year sentences.

When Father, Louie and I returned from shaving and washing, we noticed that it had begun to snow. Father and I went to breakfast together. Louie was waking up other inmates who had asked, if they could have breakfast with Louie on his last day at Danbury.

Father and I were eating breakfast at a table in the back of the dining hall. Louie and a number of inmates were eating together. Louie got up and walked to Father's table and said, "Can I sit with you, Reverend, on my last day?" Father said, "Sure, Louie, sit down...sit down."

Louie began to talk about leaving us at McDonald's and said to me, "You know, I'm really sorry that I didn't spend more time talking with the Reverend. I really enjoy it...He's sharp!"

Louie was telling Father about an idea he had spoken about to Father before. In summary, Louie was saying that Father should have something made (a gold watch) to leave as a remembrance of him for his children when he dies. They would consider it precious.

Father interrupted Louie and said, "Louie. . .Louie, listen to me. . . listen to me. After today, we will be separated, is that not so?"

Louie: Yes.

Father: Well then, Louie, listen to me. This is serious. I want to tell you something. This time you have on earth is like a training ground for the spiritual world. (Louie was smiling.)

Father: This is true. Louie, you have a good brain, a good mind. Use it for a good purpose. You say to yourself, "I came to this place, Danbury, and met this man, Reverend Moon...He is a strange one."

Louie: I never said that.

Father: But what is my purpose? To gain money? No. To gain power? No. To gain knowledge? No. To gain man? Yes. This is the idea. Man is precious. You say man is unchangeable, but man is changeable...repairable. (Picking up a napkin holder from the table) This is unchangeable. Man can be worked on to be righteous. Truly righteous. Man is precious, historical, forever. This is something worth leaving. This is a good foundation. Power is not lasting. Money you can catch anytime. Knowledge you can get anytime.

It was getting late and Louie had to prepare to leave. Louie asked me if we knew where he was going and said he would write somehow, and tell us how he was doing. (Inmates cannot correspond

from one prison to another unless granted permission.) He said to me, "Make sure you say hello to Kami for me, Bill, and let him know how things are." Father and Louie shook hands good-bye.

While we had been sitting in the dining hall the snow had been accumulating. Louie left to get dressed. Father stayed in the dining hall, for it was a workday. I went to my cube. Later I walked with Louie, Murray (Louie's partner), and George to the outside walk. Each of us hugged him and gave him a kiss on the cheek and watched as Louie walked down the hill to where the prison bus would pick him up. At 8:25 I told Father of Louie's leaving. Father and I went out in the snow to walk the sidewalk and watch for Mother and the visitors to arrive. It was lightly snowing, very cold and quiet. I said, "I like the sound of the snow 'crunching' underfoot as we walk." Father said, "It is a good sound."

As we approached the end of the walk, an inmate (Rudy) was shoveling the snow off the walk. Father stopped and looked at Rudy, saying, "It takes a long time." Rudy said, "Yes, but I don't mind. I have all day." Father laughed, we continued walking. Father said, "Murray will be lonely without Louie." I said, "Yes, they've been together a long time - 30 years."

Father: When were you married?

Bill (myself): In my twenties. My wife, Carol, and I went out together for years before we were married.

Father: How old is your wife?

Bill: We're the same age. We'll be 40 this year.

Father: You were both older than most people, than your friends, when you got married?

Bill: Yes, that's right.

As we walked to the end of the sidewalk, Father stopped. Instead of turning around to walk back, he looked at the textile factory sign UNICOR, saying to me, "What does this UNICOR mean?"

Bill: I'm not sure what it stands for other than it's a federal corporation somewhat separate from the prison system. It has separate staff, books, etc.

Father: What is their purpose?

Bill: To provide jobs for the inmates and pay for the upkeep of the prison system. This is the T-shirt factory that isn't doing so well financially. They say that they have a motivational problem. I know from other inmates who were in the garment business that the whole T-shirt factory management really is not skilled in the garment industry. The cable factory down below is very successful, however.

Father: So this factory is very important?

Bill: Yes.

Father: It would be most effective if the inmates were given one-third of the profits as wages for an incentive, don't you think?

Bill: That would certainly solve the motivational and management problem, but the bureaucrats wouldn't listen. For instance, they say that all attempts at rehabilitation in prisons have failed, whether by educational programs or other means. They say the best they can do is to warehouse inmates.

Father: What is needed is a re-education organizational program for prisoners.

Just then the visitors for Father pulled into the parking lot.

God's Day, 4:00 P.M.

I was glad to hear that Father was happy. As I told you on the telephone, Tony, Larry, and I were together last night for the beginning of the New Year.

Father has told me many things since you left, one of which is to carry out my promises 100 percent. In regard to my diary, I must continue as I promised, although writing is very difficult for me, and I know it is not as good as you may want it to be.

I have many questions concerning the Principle and the Unification Church. However, as Father has told me, he wants me to read the book three more times before I can ask you any questions. I know that you and many others would gladly help me, but I ask that you explain the reason why to them.

I understand that Father gave a speech to everyone at midnight, and again at 9:00 a.m., and again at noon. If you have the opportunity, please mail me a copy of these speeches, if it isn't too much trouble. I am most anxious to hear what Father said on this special day. If there is anything I can do further, please just ask me.

13. Rev. Moon was One of Us. Excerpts from the testimony of Ed Farmer, an inmate with Father

I was fortunate. I only had to be in Danbury for three months. I was also curious. You can't help but be curious about someone who is known all over the world. As it turned out, I was in the cubicle right next to Rev. Moon's, five feet away.

The Rev. Moon has a very good sense of humor. It's hard for me to think of a person as being mean or brainwashing people with the sense of humor that he has. He truly loves people. I mean he likes to be with them. He likes being kidded _ he likes being teased. I never saw a mean act on his part.

He never asked for special treatment. He mopped floors and cleaned tables and he helped other people when he was finished with his job.

I used to play pool with him. He would react just as everyone else does when they win; he loved winning. He would react just as everyone else does when they lose: no one likes losing. I am a very poor pool player, and he used to beat me all the time. Even at that, he used to encourage me, saying, "Someday better!" Also, I have a weight problem so the Reverend used to sit and keep count of the laps when I ran around the track. He'd sit there and hold his fingers up. I enjoyed it very much.

When you'd be down in spirit, he'd come along, pat you on the back and smile and laugh. It would give you such a warm feeling. It's hard to pick out a specific act because that's the way he is all the time. He doesn't put on a show for anyone. The Rev. Moon is the Rev. Moon - a very steady, ongoing force.

Teaching by Word and Deed

The prison has a system where you're allowed so many dollars to spend on commissary each month. Now the Rev. Moon doesn't bother with a lot of that stuff; he doesn't bother with candy. But there are people in there that have no money; they are literally broke. The Rev. Moon used to buy his commissary, and give it all away to people who didn't have money and couldn't buy anything. He would give cookies to this one, and candy to that one, fruit to this one, and juice to that one.

The Rev. Moon was generous and kind to everyone, not just me. He was willing to sit down and discuss religion, and compare it. We sat down with the Bible, and we were taught. Now he's the head of a church, and doesn't have to talk to anyone, but he sat down and explained where we agreed and where we disagreed, where the similarities were and where the differences were _ for hours on end.

The prison has a rule against him promoting his religion. That wasn't the case: we came to him because we wanted to know. After having met him and worked with him _ witnessing his generosity and the things he did to help people _ we suddenly saw that this man is exactly what he says he is. There is nothing hidden behind it; there's nothing secret about it. It is a very simple thing and the foundation of it is love and he is a fabulous man. I think his religion is wherever he is.

I think that man could be happy wherever he went. He carries his religion with him. He doesn't need a book. Everyone feels it. It's very evident. It's that way with Kamiyama too.

14. Being in Danbury was a Blessing from God. Excerpts from the testimony of Hafiz Farid, an inmate with Father

His Life is a Prayer

Every morning Rev. Moon could be seen with Mr. Kamiyama sitting outside at about 5 o'clock, meditating and reading. I would be going to work and see them. I wouldn't interrupt them at that time. We Muslims have prayer in the very early morning hours also, the dawn prayer. Someone asked me once, one of his followers, "Is it true that Rev. Moon prays all the time and gets only two or three hours sleep?" And so I said, "Well, I never watched Rev. Moon 24 hours a day. But I can tell you this: His entire lifestyle, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from what I and others people have seen, is an act of submission to God." Prayer is a ritual, and different religions have different rituals, but the real meaning of prayer is when you actually get up from the prayer _ how it reflects in your life, your will, your thoughts. In our attitude we have to be bowing every day.

So his life is a prayer. I've never seen him angry. I've never seen him complain. I never saw him speak harshly to another individual. I never saw him reject any individual's question, or refuse to answer him.

Rev. Moon was always reading. One thing that really impressed me about him was that he was a man of great knowledge, great wisdom. I knew that he had to have a lot of knowledge to be able to speak about the subject of God and theology and religion and withstand the attack of scholars and scientists. One has to have done his own work and yet with all his wisdom, he was continually studying. And this made me understand that he was still open to new knowledge. He has not reached that point that some men reach where they think they know it all.

There wasn't anything special about the way he worked; he displayed a simple quality of humanness. Most of the prophets of God were men who went among the people: Jesus was a carpenter, Moses tended sheep. They simply went about their tasks with no feeling of arrogance or an attitude that they were too good for the job. Every person had to admire Rev. Moon even if they didn't agree with him, for the fact that he was dealing with the reality of the situation with no complaints; he didn't ask for anything special. He didn't walk around acting different. That's admirable. There are so many famous people who clamor to be noticed, who clamor for the microphone. I think that's a litmus test for God's man, that he doesn't seek the praise of other people, but focuses on God.

Sometimes he would talk about very simple truths. One very import thing he talked about was marriage. He said marriage has to be grounded in God's love. If it is not based on God's love it cannot stand, it cannot last. One time I had a conversation with him about racism. We were talking about Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X and their teachings about racism. Rev. Moon said that's not the way racism is going to be destroyed. Condemning racism just kind of fuels it. But what we have to do is come together in love and marry between different races and have children, and through generations the differences in color will start to diminish. This is what God wants. He said, "I know many people in America hate me for saying this, but this is God's plan. If they don't want to go along with it they will have to go to the back of the line."

I left Danbury before Rev. Moon got out, on June 26th. I'll never forget the day I left. I wanted to say goodbye to him. When I told him that I was leaving that day he just smiled from ear to ear, with genuine happiness. Usually when someone is getting ready to leave you can feel the negative vibrations, the anger and the jealousy among the other inmates. But I really felt Rev. Moon's warmth. He reached out and embraced me and said, "We will connect on the outside." And then he said, "Farid, we have had many, many talks about doctrine and scripture. He said, "Always remember one thing, Farid. God's love is greater than God's law." That very profound statement really kind of summed up all the conversations

we had had. No matter what dogma you follow, no matter what particular faith you have, if you don't have love, God's love for humanity, for people, for creation, then the law doesn't mean very much. God's love is greater than God's law.

15. 12 Things I learned from Father in Danbury by Mr. Kamiyama



August 20, Monday, 5:30 a.m.:

Father and I went into the kitchen; outside it was still dark. After we finished all the preparations for breakfast, we waited outside the building until all the inmates had finished their meal.

The time for breakfast is 6 to 7 a.m.. After that we would do the cleanup. During the time that we waited outside the prison building, Father and I would have conversations about many different topics, especially about the world of God and the world of love.

On this particular morning when Father spoke about the world of God, I felt God's love with my whole body. Then I saw the morning sun. It looked so beautiful, truly beautiful; then the autumn wind began to blow and I felt chilly. As he looked at the far distant sky, Father said this winter would become very cold. Then, shifting his eyes towards the East he said, "Now they must be harvesting halibut in Alaska." He looked very

nostalgic, remembering his tuna fishing in Alaska and in Gloucester.

Then Father started speaking very deeply about his thoughts and feelings about prison: "The person who is in the highest position has to go down to the lowest position and then serve all the way through. That is the true way."

"Similarly, a diamond is the result of coal transformed under great pressure. The diamond is the highest and most valuable of all stones, and yet it corresponds to coal, which is the lowest and most crude. So in a sense diamonds and coal are actually close relatives."

"Likewise, the human reproductive organs are the beginning point of love and life, and are called the most holy place, the most important part of men and women. Yet these organs also eliminate the waste of the human body, so they correspond to the highest and to the lowest functions at the same time. Therefore the highest goes to the lowest, and they form an eternal cycle," Father said.

By the same token, in order for Father and Mother to stand in the position of True Parents on the world level, they must go to the hell of this world, to the lowest position. That's what the prison experience means. They have to serve the inmates and all the people connected to the prison. They have to serve all the way through. By doing so, the position of parents of the world becomes eternal for the first time.

September 13th, Thursday, 8:30 a.m.:

Col. Pak and Rev. Kwak visited Father in order to report to him. At 3:30 p.m. everybody went home. After that it was time to study, time to read Father's words. When I read aloud for Father in Japanese, we would often get excited. All the inmates would yell, "Hey, quiet!" So we couldn't read

inside when it got dark, but had to go outside and read by the little footlight on the concrete pathway. With that light we kept reading. The chilly autumn wind was blowing. And in the darkness, fighting against that cold wind, the dim light and my tiredness, I read Father's words for hours.

Father himself really focused enthusiastically on his words. He didn't hear any other noise, he forgot to eat, he forgot everything; he was completely involved in listening to the words he had spoken before. I was reading from the "Source of Filial Piety and Loyalty," given in 1965. Then Father said, "Kamiyama, before you leave this prison I have to check everything that I have ever spoken before." That was Father's determination.

I have been compiling volumes of speeches that Father has given in Japanese. Some of them were given in America and translated from English. There are up to seven or eight volumes already.

September 14th, Friday:

After his many visitors went home, Father immediately started to study Spanish. Holding either a Spanish or an English dictionary in his left hand, Father studied very seriously, and with dedication. At 3:30 p.m. we went to the kitchen to work. And then at 6 o'clock, after we had finished all the assigned tasks, we immediately went to study Father's word.

Facing Father I started to read the speech entitled, "Love Race" with a loud voice. Father said, "To read aloud means that the voice which is speaking the truth, the word of God, will be recorded and remembered in the whole universe, both the spiritual and physical worlds." As Father said that, I felt that I should truly be grateful to be able to read Father's own words in front of him in prison, and to be recorded. Father told me many times, "When you speak, say the word of God out loud."

September 24th, Monday:

Today was the 56th day since Father entered this prison. When we came to this prison, the yard and the ground were full of weeds, and stones; it looked very dirty and ugly and wild - not nice at all.

Father had predicted that within the first 40 days something would happen concerning the grounds. I didn't know what it could be, but around the 37th day of our stay at Danbury, the leader of prison started pushing everyone to clean up. I felt that spirit world was causing this.

On the 40th day itself - for the first time in prison history - "open house" was announced, meaning that visitors were allowed to see the inside of the prison building. And today, on the 56th day, the grounds were completely tamed and cleaned up - very beautiful. All the lawns had been cut, and pine trees had been planted. The yard became truly wonderful. These particular pine trees are about 20 years old, so their trunks are about a foot and a half to two feet in diameter. They are nice, sturdy trees.

Anyway, as Father looked at the biggest pine tree, he remembered the time that he planted pine trees at Chung Pyung Lake in Korea. He planted many, many pine trees there in the mountains. Father remembered that very nostalgically and said that he had planted them for the future, so that the land would become a foundation for the university - Father's university and God's university.

So looking at the planted pine trees here in Danbury, he transferred his thoughts back to Korea many years ago. The pine trees at Danbury prison will become a memorial of Father's imprisonment.

Then Father talked about the pine tree's dark green needles. He really loves them; they are his favorite kind of leaf. So he said, "How do you like this? It's beautiful, isn't it? It's wonderful, isn't it, Kamiyama? I love this green." The autumn wind started blowing, and the pines were waving in the wind. Father watched their movement and said, "Look, Kamiyama, the pine trees are dancing! Waving and dancing! Don't you see?" He spoke very, very poetically. Then he said, "Look, nature exists to please man. Nature is a material resource for the education of man."

Father sat with his legs crossed, and quietly rotated his body about while deeply communicating with nature. At such times he is looking at the past, present and future. His posture is so mystical, so mysterious. I cannot translate it into words because it's beyond description.

Experiencing this with Father, I felt that between Father and nature there is a communication that we do not comprehend - something very profound. It is such a beautiful, nostalgic relationship. I felt this strongly and deeply.

FINAL REFLECTIONS: I have made a list of certain points I learned about our Father while staying with him.

Number one: I saw that Father practices love based on forgiveness in the midst of insults and contempt. Because the inmates don't know anything about Father's value, they say, "Hey, Moon!" or utter other kinds of insults that shouldn't even be forgiven. But Father puts himself in the position of servant of servants and forgives all this with love. I have witnessed this.

Number two: I saw that Father digests and dominates the circumstances and his environment with patience, in order to bring victory in his position. Knowing his position as the center of indemnity, he still acts as a servant of love and controls that dirty prison environment in order to bring victory on the worldwide and universal levels.

Number three: I saw that Father denies himself completely each day for the sake of the future. He said, "Self-denial cannot be self-denial all the way." Self-denial means that you lose yourself; but actually the purpose of self-denial is to bring victory. Father is such a self-denying person.

Number four: I saw that Father turns everything into appreciation and gratitude, thinking that this particular period is an indemnity period. Therefore, even though Father is in an environment where he could complain constantly, he doesn't say even one word of complaint.

For example, Father's prison bed is really junk. If you move it even one inch, it squeaks. Also, there is no wood inside to give support; it's all just wires. I wondered if Father would say something like, "It's very bad for your back," but he didn't say a word. Instead he made a device, putting newspapers in to level himself. He just made efforts to improve the environment for his back.

Also, Father is used to Korean and Japanese food, and from that standpoint the prison food is awful. However the food was, though, Father never said a word, and I didn't even sense Father feeling how bad it tasted.

The only thing he mentioned about the food just recently was, "In comparison to the food in the North Korean prison camp, this is like heaven." Also in Korea there is no material abundance, but here we can have plenty of extra food and even throw away the leftovers. Father compares his situation positively and appreciates it. That way he can appreciate the food in prison. Father maintains that attitude in order to fulfill the time period of indemnity victoriously. If you say one word of complaint during the indemnity time period, your conditional offering can be destroyed.

Number five: I saw that Father finds the most dirty work that no one wants to do, and carries it out. That is our Father.

Many times I tried to take a job away from Father and do it myself, but he pushed me away and said, "No, I must do it! This is my job!" For example, after people scrubbed and mopped the floor, they would push all the dirt into one corner and leave it there. Then Father would take care of it.

Also, whenever people did any cleaning in the kitchen, they would just put the mop or the dirty towels in a bucket and let them pile up. Father would pick up these smelly towels, clean them, and put them into a nice, straight pile. People would use them to clean up again, and just throw them back into the bucket. Then Father would repeat the same process all over again.

I also tried to take that job away from Father, but Father refused over and over again. So Father always looked for the dirtiest kind of job he could find and insisted on doing it himself.

Number six: Father meditates all the time, and quietly, as I described before.

Number seven: Father makes his own goals, and sets up the environment to fulfill them. For example, when he wanted to study and there was no light, he found a way by using the small pathway light outside.

I can see him preparing for the future. He's studying Spanish very hard, for South America, Central America, and all the Spanish speaking people. According to Mormon prediction and prophecy, the Messiah must come to both North and South America.

Number eight: Father serves Cain all the way. He's an expert in that principle.

Tuesdays is "open shop," meaning that you can buy things like cookies, juice and other drinks from a little store inside the visiting room. Father usually bought a lot of these snacks and then gave them away to everybody. People would feel really shocked, but they appreciated it and were grateful to the "Rev," as they call him.

Sometimes I had to rush to work and just left my bed a complete mess. When I came back later on Father himself had already straightened up everything. I was so surprised! Father did that many times. And again, whenever I tried to fix Father's bed, he wouldn't let me saying, "No, no!"

At other times I tried to give Father a massage because he was very, very tired, but he would never let me. "No, I have to do it myself!" he would say, and he went to the corner and rubbed his back against the doorknob.

I came out of jail on December 4th. On that day, when I was about to leave prison, Father himself started to tie my shoes. I said, "Oh, I will do it myself!" But Father said, "No! This is the way to do it," and he himself sat down and tied my shoes. I was so shocked.

Number nine: I witnessed a man of love and deep compassion. He is personally interested in people's lives. So he would ask his inmates: "How are your wife and your children? How is your family life?" etc. He also asked each of them, "Why did you come to this prison? How are you doing?" Father spoke in English and he wanted to know all the details.

Father found that some of the people who were sentenced to Danbury were actually innocent. They had been pressured or threatened by other people so that they couldn't resist and had to take the blame for the crime on themselves.

One person was threatened with pistols by some gangsters who said, "If you betray us we'll slaughter your wife and family." So he had no other choice but to take the crime upon himself and go to prison.

When Father found out about these things he felt sorry and sympathetic towards those people. Once Father even suggested to me, "Maybe we should help to hire a lawyer again, and get this man another trial and another chance for justice."

Number ten: I have known Father for twelve years, but for the first time I discovered that Father's love for Mother is very deep. Father has many tender feelings for Mother.

When he would wait for the moment that he could talk with Mother on the phone, he was sometimes very shy, like a boy who is longing and deeply in love. So he would say over the phone, "Omma, Mammi, Mammi, good morning!" Sometimes he seemed to be freshly in love. Their relationship is so beautiful.

By the way, one of the instructions I got from Father before I came out of jail was to teach members to express the love between husband and wife more openly. As a Japanese I would never kiss my wife in front of people. So when my wife visited me in prison, Father pushed me: "Go ahead, kiss your wife!" I had no other choice but to do it. When Father would meet Mother in the visiting room, he would also kiss her. They have such a natural, beautiful relationship. In return Mother relates to Father very lovingly. Watching Father and Mother relate to each other, I learned about the love of a true couple.

Father told me three points: inherit the love of parents, express and reveal the love between husband and wife, and teach children's love.

Number eleven: In order to attend pledge service, Father always purifies his body, takes a shower and puts on clean underwear and socks. Even if it were Sunday and the next day was the first of the month, he would again purify his body and present himself to God in pledge.

Number twelve: No matter what, under any circumstances, Father would still witness and teach the people around him.

16. God and Freedom Rally, Washington D.C., June 24-26, 1985

by Laura Reinig

Since I had never been to a ministers' conference before, I was hardly prepared for the tremendous surge of unity and spirit that overwhelmed all the proceedings of the God and Freedom Conference I attended in Washington. Over eleven hundred ministers from a broad range of denominations had gathered from around the country to "affirm the sacred and inherent right of each individual to worship God according to one's own conscience...which no temporal authority may ever infringe upon" (from the words of the Proclamation of the Rally for God and Freedom) and to hold a demonstration in front of the White House to protest government infringement on religious liberty in America.

But the gathering turned out to be much more than just a public outcry against the government. The conference became an opportunity for the participants to recognize the deep need for repentance and reflection and the fostering of unity, brotherhood, and love among all the diverse religious traditions in this country. And to me, the most memorable parts of the three-day event were things that were not even written into the agenda.

An Affirmation of Freedom

On Monday evening the ministers got charged up for the Tuesday rally in a rousing inspirational meeting at Howard University's Blackburn Hall, led by the fiery executive director of the Coalition for Religious Freedom, Dr. Donald Sills. He plunged right away into expressing his indignation at the alarming rise of government infringement on religious practices, exemplified by such outrages as a bill currently before the Texas House of Representatives requiring a medical license for ministers to practice the laying on of hands.

Several of the ministers who were to speak at the rally on the following day gave moving testimonies of their personal struggles for religious freedom. An "Affirmation of Freedom" was signed by the participants, to be presented to President Reagan. It declared the ministers' "determination to resist with all vigor the growing anti-religious trend in America...to insist on our Constitutional and God-given right to fully work out our religious commitment in every arena of life...to actively support, through word and deed, any minister...threatened by abuse by government agencies." The evening was graced by a short speech from Dr. Bo Hi Pak, who solemnly exhorted all religious people to awaken to the need for unity. That night the ministers got merely a taste of the spirit that would accompany them through the next two days.

Rally for a Higher Cause

The day of the rally proved to be very hot and dazzlingly bright, which seemed to symbolize the intensity of God's love and truth concentrated around the bandstand in Lafayette Park. A high-powered rock-and-gospel band from the Church of Scientology in Portland, Oregon, brought a strong patriotic spirit to the day with their renditions of "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America." On the podium stood an incredible mix of young and old, black and white, from every possible religious and social background, singing and moving together. And when had I ever seen young people of such diverse origins waving the American flag with such obvious pride?

The rally itself was sponsored by the Coalition for Religious Freedom and the University Alliance for God and Freedom. Dr. Sills, the master of ceremonies, brought many powerful speakers up to the podium, who aroused the assembly of ministers and laypeople into a determination to take a public stand for the cause of religious freedom. One speaker was Rev. Robert Grant, chairman of Christian

Voice, who proclaimed, "Two years ago, it was the issue of the padlocking of a church in Nebraska. A year ago it was the case of Rev. Moon, who got railroaded by the IRS. Who will be next?" Many people waved brightly painted signs that read, "Get Government off Religion's Back," "More Prayer, Less Prejudice" and other slogans.

We lined up four abreast and began to move solemnly across the street to the White House, singing that old civil rights' song of the 1960s, "We Shall Not Be Moved," and chanting "Liberty and justice for all, America heed God's call!" In a dramatic moment, we knelt down on the sidewalk to pray, and some of the ministers held handcuffed arms high in the air. A mock jail cell held a gagged woman dressed in white. The inscription read "Lady Justice Imprisoned by Blind Government Officials."

I was touched to see so many clergymen who had traveled so far - some quite old, some walking with canes, and even one blind woman with a seeing-eye dog - to be a part of this march. I'll never forget the huge man who walked beside me in the procession, untiring, holding a newspaper over his head to shield out the almost unbearable heat, holding his other handcuffed arm high in the air, singing a deep, resonant "Hallelujah!" over and over again during the final song.

I have been to religious liberty rallies before, but I profoundly felt the historic weight of this gathering. It was much more than just another protest march by one interest group. Here people who probably would never have united on anything before came together to fight for a cause higher than anything which could be expressed on a placard.

The rally was both intense and exhausting. Afterwards, the ministers slowly gathered back at Blackburn Hall for what was billed as a plenary session. I thought they would be too tired for any more rousing speeches, but I was wrong; actually the excitement of the day had not yet reached its peak.

A Spirit of Repentance

Rev. Michael Beard moderated the session and several ministers got up to speak. They told of their new realizations that these indeed must be the Last Days, and that gatherings like this are absolutely necessary to wake up America. Dr. Donald Sturgeon, director of the California branch of the Coalition for Religious Freedom, took the podium and declared that the day of our deliverance truly is at hand, but that God is first clearly calling for the repentance of His own people. God is not asking the child abusers or the pornographers to humble themselves and pray, he said, but God's own people. "You may ask, 'Are you saying there is sin in the church?' Each of you knows as clearly as I know that there is sin in the church."

At these words, the crowd of ministers began to stir, visibly and audibly. Some cried, "Yes, Lord." Others stood up, raising their arms, speaking aloud, this realization really striking home. Dr. Sturgeon went on: "Today we see the will of Christ totally violated by the church that calls his name." He said it was a terrible sin that there were so many divisions even within denominations. He spoke of the devastating problems facing humanity, observing that even though we acknowledge these problems, we decide we need more comfortable pews or a bigger organ for the sanctuary. "We have permitted ourselves to become self-centered spoiled brats." "God wants a few dedicated people of America to say: 'I'm sorry' he urged. "We must find every concerned person to come and pray with us here. To do less is to let the world go on as it is. Somebody has to represent this nation before God, and He is expecting the clergy to do this."

God Shows His Presence

I felt that Dr. Sturgeon had actually opened a pathway for a deep spirit of repentance to come into the gathering. When Rev. Beard again took the podium a minister stood up and started speaking in tongues. Another man stood up and exclaimed that he felt the power of God present within him, then another. People started to stand and pray out loud; they began to shout out to their God in heaven to receive their hearts. I thought: This is just like Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit! A woman

behind me started swaying and praying as if she were in both agony and ecstasy. It almost looked as if the scheduled agenda could not proceed, because the ministers were crying out for forgiveness in the embrace of God's love. Then Rev. Beard called for prayer, and he offered a very strong prayer of gratitude that Heavenly Father was definitely showing Himself to be present in our midst and guiding us in this holy venture.

Then he introduced Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin, convener of the Common Suffering Fellowship in Washington. Dr. Franklin's speech served to raise the atmosphere to an even more fevered pitch. Everyone was standing now, shouting, praying. Someone started playing the organ, and one minister took the microphone and began singing in a rousing gospel rhythm. The trumpet and saxophone were brought out. No one could stop the flow of God's love that had overtaken the assembly. I felt the spirit of Heung Jin Nim and Jesus smiling from the balcony upon all their children who were awakening into life. "Hallelujah! Thank you, Jesus!"

Our "Imperative Prerogative"

Finally things began to settle down. That is, the people sat down to listen to the next speakers. But the spirit had irrevocably risen to a higher plane. People definitely knew now why they were meeting and they knew Who was really guiding this conference? The last speaker was Dr. Billy Johnson, an inspired preacher from the International Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, who took the crowd to the pinnacle again. In a loud and strident voice, he retold the parable of the sick man who was desperate to be healed by Jesus: the man's friends couldn't get him to Jesus through the front door, so they just hacked a hole in the roof of a house that didn't belong to them and lowered him down. They had to get the man to Jesus! I never heard that parable explained in such a frenzied paroxysm of determination. Dr. Johnson veritably shrieked that we're in the same desperate situation today. We have the same "imperative prerogative" to go to the absolute extremes to get what we want done, to get close to God, so God can "get us pregnant" and fill us with life! We must do everything possible to bring our fellow clergy to this great cause. The crowd went wild with applause.

The afternoon session was over, but there was still more to come. The ministers were divided into their geographic regions to have dinner and plan ways to spread this excitement and hope to other ministers. I attended the Washington DC region dinner meeting, chaired by Rev. Tom McDevitt. The atmosphere was one of hope. During dinner I looked around and saw a bright, expectant glow on all the faces. Testimonies about the experiences of the day came pouring out. In some of the ministers' sharings I could sense tears very close to the surface. One man said that he was surprised to find himself in deep, genuine, tearful prayer as he knelt in front of the White House, since he had thought it was only meant to be symbolic. Many ministers expressed that they had actually felt the Holy Spirit come into their hearts that afternoon. There was a unifying spirit in that room that had the unmistakable stamp of Father's influence.

One Common Cause

Rev. McDevitt described the meaning of the new God and Freedom committee that had sponsored this event. It is not being run by any one denomination, he emphasized, but by all of us, together, working for the one common cause of unity and liberty. "Nobody is going to convert anybody here. I don't want to see any Methodists becoming Baptist," he joked. He said he felt the ministers gathered there were in the position of leaders, and he exhorted them to go and bring their fellow ministers into this cause. To me, it was as if Rev. McDevitt were in the position of Paul, encouraging disciples to go out and proclaim the message to all, and giving them courage to face the difficulties involved. In another way, the meeting seemed to parallel the time when the founding fathers were gathering to conceive a God-centered constitution that could guide this country by righteous principles.

Rev. McDevitt gave the floor to Dr. Joseph Paige, executive vice president of Shaw University, which had bestowed upon Father an honorary doctorate in May. Dr. Paige inspired everyone with his warm, engaging presentation of ideas on how to bring other clergy. Rev. McDevitt called Dr. Paige a truly honorable and heroic man to have risked his reputation to encourage a religious institution to recognize such a controversial figure as Rev. Moon. In fact, his brave act in doing so exemplified the spirit of the whole conference. Here were religious men and women ardently dedicated to their own beliefs in God. And yet they were seeing that God was bigger than they had ever realized. They were beginning to gather the courage to defend just as passionately other people's rights to their beliefs, because they knew that God Himself must be defended.

The next morning the ministers all gathered together again for final testimonies and recharging before returning to tell those back home what they had seen and heard. I'm sure most of the clergy and lay people present had never been in such a diverse group before where there was such a palpable spirit of love and acceptance. That spirit, which could have only come at this time because of Father's sacrifice, was binding them together as never before. And they are the ones who I know will be the moving force to bring the thousands of ministers to the banquet in Washington DC on August 20. Upon Father's release, the clergy will be bringing an offering - an offering that will prove to be of a larger dimension than they had ever thought possible.

17. Father is Welcomed Home from Danbury, July 4th, 1985

By Angelika Selle

(Please note that though Father is released from Danbury, he still must stay one and a half months in a 'half-way house' before he finishes his sentence)

At 8:30 a.m. on July 4, 1985, in contrast to the past 12 months, a solemn, deeply joyful atmosphere filled the house at East Garden, as Korean elders and major leaders entered the living room, many with a smile or an expression of tranquility on their faces. Some of the younger True Children bounded happily through the house, especially Young Jin Nim - not only was today his birthday, but also Abogee would come back home, at least for one whole day.

At nine o'clock sharp, a car pulled up silently in front of the main house and out came Father, followed by Mother and Hyo Jin Nim. Father briefly turned around to acknowledge the cheering assembly and then came inside.

After a short prayer in the living room, Father and Mother sat down on their special chairs and the smaller True Children and grandchildren jumped on Father's lap one by one, kissing and welcoming him. The blessed True Children were represented by Hyo Jin Nim, Nan Sook Nim, and Jin Sung Nim.

A breakfast was served for the True Family, and Father offered a short prayer. Some of the eldest leaders were asked to sit with the True Family at the breakfast table while everyone else engaged in personal conversation.

After the meal Father went upstairs for a few hours and returned around noon for Young Jin Nim's birthday celebration. Young Jin Nim was truly fortunate to have Father and Mother together giving him the blessing on his seventh birthday (Western reckoning). He obviously enjoyed it, too.



Mother's Prayer

Traditional family pictures were taken, and soon after that the tables were set again for lunch. This time, Father asked Mother to say grace. Tears streamed down her face as she conversed with Heavenly Father for several minutes. Although I am unable to understand Korean, I could feel the serious spirit of the prayer, which was interspersed with English words here and there, such as "Danbury" and "halfway house." Most of the members and leaders were moved to tears as well. It seemed to me that as the wife of our True Father, Mother is probably the only one besides Heavenly Father who can grasp Father's real suffering and heart.

After everyone had finished lunch, Father called for a meeting with all the major leaders. Again everyone welcomed him with continuous, grateful applause. Father smiled broadly.

First Dr. Pak reported about Father's release from Danbury and the press conference that had taken place earlier that morning. He also shared some of the recent newspaper articles about the unjust imprisonment of Father. Then to the surprise of all Father started to speak in English and continued to do so for the next four to five hours. Truly a record! As Dr. Pak put it, one of the fringe benefits of Father's staying in prison was that he could now speak to the members in English. Obviously, there were many American slang words in Father's vocabulary, but he sounded very heartwarming and close, even though it was rather difficult to understand everything he was saying. His voice would go from loud to soft within seconds, so that even the microphones weren't able to pick up the sound very well.

The following is a summary of what Father conveyed during those approximately four and a half hours, based on personal notes and what could be understood from the audio tapes.

Determined to Go Ahead

Father said that no matter what, he would continue "marching on," even knowing that his doing so would probably increase the personal danger to his life. Though many people have recommended that he take an easier path, he is determined to go straight ahead, following God's way, which is never debatable.

He said that by going the same way we are different. We are a new race: "You are not American, and you don't belong to America. We are a different group. We are going a different course; our lifestyle is different. We hear differently, smell and touch differently. That's why until now we received a lot of persecution."

Dr. Pak interjected at this point that it was "providential" for Father to stay in a halfway house called Phoenix House. In Korea the phoenix symbolizes the power of the presidency. There are two phoenix birds on the Korean president's flag. And in the West the phoenix is a bird that never dies or gives up, but always rises from ashes, comes back, fights, and wins.

Father Has Won by Living the Principle

Father then spoke about how the Jews and Christians still contend against each other after two thousand years, while he, with the help of God and spirit world, has been able to create a miracle in a short period of time and change established Christianity's animosity against the Unification Church into friendship.

But how could Father have done this? Only by living the Principle; by applying the law of indemnity. "By being forsaken, I won. That is the law of indemnity."

There is no doubt that because of the tremendous indemnity Father paid in going to prison, Christian ministers could respond. He explained that an internal change has taken place: Christianity, which had been symbolically representing Cain or the fallen archangel, now represents the archangel on the heavenly side. This heavenly archangel is now fighting for what Satan still occupies. And from now on Unification Church members are not in the Abel position towards Christianity, but have moved into the elder brother's position.

This in essence means that the family hierarchy that God originally intended before the fall has been restored: first God, then True Parents (restored Adam and Eve), then elder brother, then younger brother. This new structure cannot be occupied by Satan. According to Father: "Until that kind of situation was established, Satan could accuse and oppose everything."

Next Father spoke about the many barriers that he encountered inside the prison in Danbury. But of the struggles that go on at every level he said, "Their content is only one: the Cain and Abel problem."

Many times the inmates had come up to Father to complain about other inmates. Yet Father never said anything against anybody. He would make an occasional insightful comment about a person, but otherwise he would concentrate on his studies, meditate, and serve others. Soon people knew that he was innocent and that he was a good man despite the many malicious rumors, and they began to trust him.

Father mentioned that originally he was to have been released to the halfway house on July 8. Between July 8 and August 20 there are exactly 43 days. He compared that period to the time after Jesus' crucifixion. During the 40 days the resurrected Jesus appeared to many of his disciples. Likewise, after having been "crucified" at the "mount of Danbury," Father's name will be resurrected all over the world.

Don't Lose this Historical Moment

Father reminded members to catch and use the precious opportunity of this most historical and providential time. "It's the time of universal destiny... not everybody knows that." Having pursued the will of God throughout his life, he has had many confirmations of this special time period. If America loses this opportunity, if the free world loses this chance, Satan could occupy the whole world, which would go down to the level of hell.

Our number-one enemy, he said, is our fallen habits and customs, certain daily patterns of life like eating at a certain time, sleeping, taking a bath, etc. Those things are all necessary and important, but they should not take a predominant place in our minds and actions. "Almost all people are following these patterns and therefore don't grasp the significance and opportunity of this time.... God is looking all over the world, wondering: Who can grasp this historical time?"

It is necessary to cleanse ourselves from time to time of the fallen habits which we still carry with us from our past life. Father said that Satan surrounds us with his net - fallen habits - and the only way to tear a hole in this net and escape is by leading a religious way of life.

"What is God's way of thinking? He thinks in a universal way. Who is thinking the same way?" Father asked.

Father Chose the Worst Situation

Many Americans had fixed concepts about Father when he entered prison. They thought he would cause a big ruckus and refuse to go there at all. But Father went and lived there silently, hardly uttering a word. So most people thought that he had repented. Besides, they thought that he enjoyed life there, resting, eating, playing, etc. How wrong they were! "I chose the way of indemnity a long time ago. Everybody likes the easy way.... Me too, but the difference between me and others is that I will take it easy only after I have brought the final victory.... Throughout my life I always choose to be in the worst situation.... I poured out my heart, my people, and my everything into this country... and still more indemnity has to be paid."

Father then reflected on his time at Danbury. He said that externally speaking it was a very beautiful place with a nice scenery. In spite of that, he said, "What do you think I did? I centered on God's will. You have to know that." He reminded us that Satan still enjoys ruling the world that was originally to have been governed by God.

“That’s the situation God is in. Sometimes I thought about how miserable God was when I had to do miserable work.” Father started crying when he remembered the dirty, lowly work that he did in prison, because God Himself had to do that miserable work with him and be in that most humble position. “Think: God is our forever real Parent. Who knows God’s real heart, His serious heart? No one, except Rev. Moon. I have come to know well during my lifetime. I know Him, ...but I don’t open my mouth.”

“How Much Do You Know God and Father?”

Father then asked us: “You Unificationists, how much do you know God and Father?” Even though we see many pictures of Father, he said that we don’t really know him. Even the 36 Couples who have followed him for 25 years or more don’t know him, he said.

If we read the Principle without studying Father - his lifestyle and personality - we can never understand its content. So he encouraged us to find out more about Heavenly Father and him, and not be satisfied with our present understanding. We should get to know God on a much deeper level, knowing the highest “qualities” and “quantities” of Him.

Father also made it clear that if we don’t trust ourselves, then nobody, not even Satan - much less God and True Parents - can trust us. On the other hand, we should put our first trust a hundred percent in God, instead of being too confident in our own abilities. Many times if we think too highly of ourselves we might be on a completely different level than God, far away from Him.

Sometimes, Father said, God asks him: Do you believe in yourself?” Father’s answer is always: “Not one hundred percent.” Then God usually says: “But I believe in you one hundred percent.” In that way Father, as a human being, is not overly confident in himself, but rather trusts God completely. This means that he still needs God and that he is on God’s side. Father concluded: “If you have that attitude, then you cannot complain, no matter how difficult a situation you may face. Just continue, because God will lead you.” If God asks Father to do something he always follows obediently, and does even more than he is asked. In fact Father carefully analyzes his motivation every time he asks Heavenly Father to help him. If he would ever misuse God, he said, he wouldn’t be able to lift up his face in front of Him.

A Qualified Jail-System Director

During his lifetime Father has seen many jails from the inside, and knows all about them. He asked: Do you think that there will be jails in the Kingdom of Heaven? Yes, there will be; but they will be different from the jails we know now. Father feels that he would definitely be qualified to be a “jail-system director.” Jail should be like a school where people can learn about their mistakes.

Father then intimated that it isn’t so good for South Korea to open its doors to economic trade with North Korea. Father knows that the communists still want to invade or gain sovereignty over the South by some means. For this reason he needs to go to South Korea to protect it from a potential communist invasion. He asked who among us wanted to volunteer to go with him. A definite fringe benefit of staying in the homeland for a while, he said, would be to learn the Korean language and better understand Korean culture.

Father’s conclusion was that by 1988, “We have to settle in Canaan, just like the Israelites. Until then we need day and night action.”

18. 'God's Fatherland and Me' by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

20th July, 1985

(In this speech Father mentions for the first time that he would like to bring 7000 Christian ministers to Korea and educate them on the foundation of his victorious Danbury course.)

During this year that I spent in prison, Mother and I have set the example and built the highway of true love. You should be connected to that true love, running on the true love highway. Where was that highway begun? Not in East Garden. It started a long, long time ago on a mountainside back in Korea. Through an incredible course of persecution and paying indemnity, every level of the highway has been laid, and now the final international highway has been created by Father in Danbury.

This was the sixth time I have been imprisoned. We are going to add one more to make it seven, and make it into a gigantic package to give to God, as a sign of His love. Who creates the seventh jail? Satan cannot create this jail. The seventh jail is going to be created by Father. Every member of the Unification movement will go through this jail term. We will prevail over it successfully, following the pattern set by Father and Mother.

By doing this, the entire world will be won over. We shall bear the cross of the individual, the cross of the family, society, nation, world, and universe, and become invincible men and women. God will be ready to bestow upon these men and women the entire world. You will be the true Abels to the world. There will indeed be a time when the Unification Church is no longer persecuted. Instead, people will follow your example and your guidance, and there will be unity between Cain and Abel; this will truly be the beginning of the Kingdom of God on earth.

At the time of Jesus' crucifixion, many scribes, priests, and rabbis were relieved to be rid of a man they considered a bad influence. Today, world Christianity is represented by Christianity in the United States. When I was in Danbury, representatives of American Christianity repented and began to unite with me. On the day of my release, Christian representatives came and embraced me. This is an incredible turnaround.

Today the United States of America is comparable to the Roman Empire two thousand years ago. After Jesus' crucifixion Christianity spread throughout the Roman Empire, and through four hundred years of persecution Christianity was accepted and became the backbone of future European culture. Similarly, many members and leaders from around the world, including the 36 Couples, have come to the United States, because it represents the Roman Empire. All the strength of our movement is focused upon turning this upside-down nation right side up, to make it God-centered. I feel that the four hundred years of Christian persecution can be indemnified by us within the four years of 1985 to 1988. The year 1988 is a magic year. In that year, the United States will probably hold the most important presidential election in its history. Korea will have a new government, as will Japan and Germany. So 1988, externally and internally, will be a gigantic crossroads; the great juncture of human history. In 1988, we are to see the restoration of the nation. Not just individuals any more, nor families, nor churches - but the nation.

I was released from Danbury on July 4. Originally I was supposed to have been released four days later, on July 8. From July 8 to August 20, there are 43 days. From now on, the Unification Church will work more with the number four than the number three. Satan can still invade a three-day period, as he often has in the past. But now, because of True Parent's foundation of victory, Satan cannot invade a four-day period, or a period based on the number four. The number four represents the family foundation.

After his crucifixion, the resurrected Jesus worked for forty days to restore his disciples and solidify his foundation here on earth before he ascended into heaven. Similarly, during the 43 days that I am in the halfway house, I am tying up all the loose ends and laying a cornerstone, so I can be welcomed on a national level, particularly by the countries of Korea and Japan. This 43-day period is profoundly significant. Through the public's coming to understand the truth about my case and coming to support me in unity, rebirth can come. The whole nation of America, especially Christianity, is in a position to welcome me. Indeed the world will be in a position to respect and welcome me wherever I go. The foundation for that must be laid in 43 days.

God Prepared Two Men to Meet Me

The spiritual world is fully active to support this. Amazing things always happen wherever I go. In Danbury two inmates were converted soon after I came, without even listening to the Principle. This is equivalent to the two thieves who were crucified on either side of Jesus. One of these inmates was of Italian descent, and he represented the legacy of the Roman Empire.

Some months ago, the leaders of the Unification Church, including Mother, recommended that for security reasons I not go to the halfway house, but stay in Danbury prison until I complete my sentence. Initially I agreed. But when I made that decision my heart felt uneasy. I thought about it, and then I called Mother and told her that I had decided to go to the halfway house in spite of the risk. After that my heart was at rest. I knew God had some plan.

At Phoenix House there were two men that God had prepared, waiting for me. One is a well-educated, Latinized Oriental man. He speaks five languages: Korean, Japanese, English, Spanish, and Portuguese. He is a scholar, but most importantly, he represents the Asian and Latin cultures together - serving as the right-hand thief this time. The other man is a thirty-year-old black man from Nigeria. He wants to protect me, so when I sleep in the halfway house, he puts his chair outside my door and maintains an all-night vigil there. This man is analogous to the black man, Simon of Cyrene, who bore Jesus' cross on the way to Calvary.

The Oriental man has a very spiritual Cuban wife. He is very intellectual, and doesn't receive many spiritual messages, but he has always admired people who do, particularly his wife. One day he and his wife were driving back to the halfway house. His wife had her eyes closed and was meditating. Suddenly she opened her eyes and said, "Something wonderful will happen to you in seven days. You will meet a holy man. From that point on, your life will totally change." On the seventh day after that, he met me. Nobody introduced me; I just walked into the room where he was, and the man knew I was the one his wife had spoken about. This illustrates how spirit world always prepares things in advance.

In 1974, when our movement was still quite poor, I urged that we buy the land at Barrytown, New York. We did, and there we instituted the Unification Theological Seminary. Quite a few leaders of our movement complained of the financial burden this imposed upon us, but I knew that we needed this seminary to train people to one day unite with other ministers. In 1975, leaders of the church went out to be missionaries in 120 countries. This greatly drained our pool of leadership, particularly in the United States, and for the most part inexperienced leaders had to direct the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument rallies. Again, some church leaders thought I had made a strategic blunder by sending out so many leaders at such a crucial time. But I knew that, even though this brought about temporary adversity, these things had to be done at that time, for the sake of the future. If I had not sent out the missionaries, we would not have a bridge to link our activities worldwide, nation to nation, today. My vision penetrates through five, ten, even a hundred years into the future.

Furthermore, I am not in a position to operate things in a democratic fashion - to take a vote and then do what the majority advises. I am in the position of Adam in the Garden of Eden. When Adam and Eve were growing and making decisions in Eden, there were no children to listen to. At that time,

Adam and Eve should not even have listened to the words of the archangel. The fall came about because they did. Today, I am not in a position to listen to the archangel or the children.

In God's dispensation things often must be acted upon spontaneously, without question, even though the reason for them may not be clear at the time. You don't know how to read the times, but I do. I have a special watch that shows God's timetable.

A Promising Youth Program

Here in America, exciting developments with young people are taking place. There is a young American - 35 years old - who is very influential in conservative circles in the United States. He has a powerful organization which is exposing liberal and left-wing congressman and senators, and is promoting God-loving, ethical, conservative politicians.

This young man came to the CAUSA convention in San Francisco, and in his speech at the closing banquet he declared that, although he has met many world leaders - presidents and prime ministers - the leader he most emulates is Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

When he came to Danbury and met me he said, "Rev. Moon, do you have any instructions for me?" I told him that I wanted him to be a symbol of young patriotic Americans; to become a hero for young people. I wanted him to organize a conservative youth foundation and invite young people to an internship in Washington DC where they can receive CAUSA training. The children of today are often undisciplined and confused, rebelling against their parents. I want them to have this training so that they will turn to God-centered values and understand the threat of communism. These young people will become the future politicians of this country.

In June this young man selected about fifty university students to come to Washington DC for a three-month training. They worked from Monday through Thursday and on the weekends they went on special tours and heard CAUSA and other lectures. The parents of these participants visited their children in Washington and saw how they had changed. Now many parents want to give money to sponsor other students to come to the program. Congressmen and senators are calling up, asking if they can send promising young people from their constituencies. Because the program featured such prominent speakers - Henry Kissinger, senators and congressmen, and noted experts - some universities have recognized that this is a unique educational program, and are now willing to give credits to students attending the program. So now, it can operate year-round.

I want you to understand that God is constantly at work. There has been so much spiritual preparation, and now people have only to be touched to connect with the central point of God's providence. It's not just you alone who are doing the work. You are the instruments, the tools. Behind you, God and spirit world are working day and night.

An example of how spirit world is secretly active is the story of an Indian professor who lives in Zambia. He was in a terrible traffic accident, and while unconscious he had a vision that an Oriental man saved him from death. But when he woke up, he saw that his doctor was a black man. He still felt, however, that it was the Asian man who had saved him. Later when he met our missionary to Zambia and she showed him a photo of Father, he immediately recognized in the photo the man who had saved his life. When he heard that Father was soon to be released from Danbury, he came to America to see Father in person.

Behind the scenes, beyond our knowledge, the entire world is moving towards one direction. How can we sit idly and do nothing, just waiting for something to happen? There are people out there who are ready to be touched: maybe a prime minister, a cabinet member, a congressman, or a general. They only need to be touched by us. If we just sit and do nothing it is a crime.

I Want to Bring Seven Thousand People to Korea

Korea is in the position of Abel to all the countries of the world. I would like to mobilize 7,000 people to go to Korea. How many of the ministers we have brought to CAUSA seminars will come to Korea? If 7,000 ministers were to join IOWC in Korea, it would have worldwide impact. The Koreans are planning a big welcome for me when I go there. Many university presidents and professors in Korea and Japan have already attended CAUSA seminars, and universities in Korea and Japan have been united together in sister-city programs. That the intellectuals would be planning a great welcome for me is restoration of the time of Jesus, when scribes, priests, and rabbis scorned and plotted against him.

Those who want to be among the 7,000 raise your hands. Well, you have to take care of the United States first! If I said that anybody who wanted to come could just come, maybe no one would remain in the United States. What about the blessed couples? Perhaps between the husband and wife, at least one should come. And some of the blessed children should come, anchoring their family's foundation in the homeland of Korea. Even though everybody doesn't have to come, it would be best if at least one representative of each blessed family comes. If Father picked just any 7,000 men and women, Satan could follow them. But if representatives of 7,000 blessed families come, Satan can have no power over them.

In South Korea there are about seventy thousand villages. If 7,000 representatives go to Korea, each person would take care of ten villages, doing home church work there, serving them. Father served his term in a hellish place like Danbury prison for one year. If all the members serve Korea with the same spirit, when 1988 comes, what will happen? Quite possibly the peaceable reunification of North and South Korea will come about.

Kim Il Sung has never relinquished his ambition of invading South Korea. But if he hears that Rev. Moon is bringing 7,000 people of all walks of life to Korea representing all the world's continents, he'll have to think twice before he does anything. If North Korea invaded the South, a volunteer army would spring up from all parts of the world. It's interesting how the satanic side and the heavenly side work parallel to one another. Kim Il Sung, who calls himself "Father" to all North Koreans, has been training his son, Kim Young Il, to be his successor. Similarly, while I was in Danbury I was training my son, Hyo Jin Nim, for leadership.

Unless we lay the national foundation in America by 1988, the wrong kind of president of the United States could be elected in 1988. Then the future of this country would truly be dismal. We have to lay a foundation so that no president - in the United States, Japan, or Korea - can be elected without the full approval of God. This is absolutely necessary for the survival of our world.

None of you here has fulfilled the responsibility assigned to you: as an individual, as a blessed couple, as a church, or as a nation. So actually you are not entitled to the blessing from God. Only because True Parents have set the condition and paid the indemnity for all of you do you have hope of forgiveness. I am asking you to fulfill your final five percent responsibility, particularly during this 43-day period, and thereafter in Korea.

If you fulfill your small portion of responsibility during this time and totally unite with the True Parents, you will not only be forgiven, but you will inherit the same foundation that Father and Mother have won during this past year. In order to make your salvation perfect and permanent and eternal, your roots must be connected to the homeland of Korea; you should be anchored there.

When you go to Korea, you should contact your country's embassy. You will work as the Abel ambassadors of your countries and unite with the Cain ambassadors. When the official ambassador of your country and you - the Abel ambassador - unite, this represents the unity of your particular country.

Through all of you, Korea will have a link to every nation in the world. Providentially, you are coming to serve the Korean people. This is why you will be assigned to ten villages. The villages assigned to you will be your territory. With that kind of foundation the Korean government will support you, and you will be able to move the ambassadors from your different countries.

Homeland is the key word. God does not have a homeland, and we certainly do not. When God owns a homeland, it will become our homeland. Then God will make His dwelling place there and we will also, centering upon His love. The love from that central country will reach out to every corner of the world. Then we will have established the family level foundation for true love and will be able to go to the tribal level, to the national level, and ultimately to the world.

You Will Become Citizens of Heaven

You have to be recognized by the homeland, by the homeland's families and tribes, and by the nation itself. Then the homeland will be linked through you to your own country. But it's important to realize that you are going to be working now not as citizens of your own country, but as citizens of Heaven, citizens of the Kingdom of God. In that capacity, you will enter into family life, tribal life, and national life. Recognition must come from the homeland. These are not Rev. Moon's words - it is the Principle.

Korea and Japan have been coming together in our IFVOC programs, linking village to village, city to city, in sister-city programs. Father would like to create that same sister-city link-up from Korea to all the countries of the world. The day will come when your statue will be erected in your own country and in Korea as well. There, your country and Korea will meet, and they will be engrafted together in oneness, sharing one blood. Your descendants will come before your statue in tears. Does this all sound like a dream? It's a realistic possibility.

Be bold and strong. The time has come to push away all opposition. We cannot tolerate any more innuendoes, presuppositions, or slander. We can confront people: "Did you see the ads? Did you see Rev. Moon's videotapes? Do you know what the story is all about?" If the person says he doesn't know, but still says bad things about us, we can protest: "You don't even know. You don't know Rev. Moon. You don't know the Unification Church. Don't you have the decency to even come and listen to one Principle lecture?" The sonship has been reversed; heretofore the second-born have been Abel in the sight of God, but we are now winning the elder son's position, regaining the birthright.

We are marching forward to the final confrontation, to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, with the first son's sinless birthright. We are about to enter the true homeland. Long ago we departed from it, when we lost our true parents in the Garden of Eden. Now, after many thousands of years, we are coming to offer to God our restored homeland.

We Can Ward Off Satan

Our eternal aspiration is to attend Heavenly Father and True Parents on earth, create true families, and spread true brotherhood throughout the world. The day for this has come. Before this, no matter how hard you tried to attain that kind of true family, nation and world, it wasn't possible. But the time has come when we can ward off Satan; his influence can be blocked off so that he can have no power over us.

Probably, however, Satan will have a few opportunities to test you. The first test may come out of your own family: "My wife has always been a good member of the Unification Church, but all of a sudden, she has changed. What happened to her? My children have been good children, but now they are coming against me. They no longer listen to me." That might be one area of testing that still remains for you.

The best protection from this type of invasion by Satan would be to just take off for a few days! Go where your husband or wife cannot reach you. Go off and wrestle with the angel like Jacob, win, and come back home as the victorious champion. Then your wife will be quiet and sweet as a lamb! She will say, "Oh, my darling, I missed you very much, and I want you to do God's will. Do what True Parents ask. Don't worry about me and the children. I'll take care of them. Everything here will be all right."

Separation is a blessing sometimes - even the True Family has discovered this. Mother really discovered during this past year how precious a husband she has! She really missed her husband. She made a resolution to be a new kind of mother, a new kind of wife, when Father came out. Separation-reunion, separation-reunion. This is a cleansing process, in a way. Otherwise we just keep going on the same way, wired to the bottom of hell. Sometimes you have to cut the wires off, separate yourself in a new environment, and come back as a victorious person and move forward.

I have worked for forty years. You don't have to go on for forty years. In four years the whole thing can be completed. Once you commit your life, nothing will bother you.

Before 1990, Unificationist men and women up to the age of forty have to learn the Korean language. I want to spare you embarrassment in Korea. When you enter the fatherland, how would you feel if you could not even speak the fatherland's language? Actually, going to Korea is the best way to learn the language. You don't learn the real, spoken Korean in a university classroom; you have to go down to the working place and learn the slang of the laborers, even the prostitutes' language! Then when you go to a movie house to see a Korean movie, when everybody laughs, you can laugh too. Otherwise, you won't have the faintest idea what's going on. In four years you can do it.

Do Not Be Shamed by Your Own Children

In the future all your posterity, throngs of people, will come to your tomb and pay their respects and literally weep. You will be the great ancestor. Your greatness will be that your true love will have overcome all problems. But your children will be your judge, judging you even more severely than Satan, because they are judging from inside, from the heavenly point of view. Therefore, you should be acceptable in the eyes of your children; then you can be considered a great person. The wives who have married foreign husbands have given up their own culture, food habits, and traditions, and have tried to submerge into their husband's society - what incredible torture that is. Therefore, in a way, we are a special category of people; we are living extraordinary lifestyles. We are planting that tradition in our children.

When you look at your child, I want you to look at him or her as a living, walking God, a small God. You are going to be a bridge to connect the true love from heaven to these children. Without you as a bridge, they cannot get true love from anybody. Unless you can fulfill the true love mission, there is no way you can pass true love on to your lineage. If you don't have this kind of principle and tradition, and total commitment and determination, you will just bear children. Conceiving children is the easy part. I want you to understand. To be shamed by your own children, or other blessed children, because of a lack of standard and discipline, is the worst shame that members of the Unification Church can suffer.

True Parents are very aware of this. They earnestly try to do nothing that will earn their children's shame. Sometimes Mother and I may be talking with each other about something serious, but if one of our children comes into the room, I totally change my tone and appearance. The children never perceive or even conceive that Father and Mother have disagreements. The children have grown up only with a loving father and mother - that's all they know. So then they think, "I want to be like my dad, I want to be like my mom." That's the best possible education a child can get.

Some of you had experiences with people of the opposite sex before you joined the church. If some memories of those relationships linger in your memory, and you find yourself comparing your spouse to one of these former lovers, you are always at a danger point. Satan can constantly speak to you. And, worst of all, your children can tell. Children can see when one of their parents doesn't love the other. You will receive retribution within your lifetime - you don't have to wait to get to spirit world.

At school the True Children are often ridiculed as children of Rev. Moon. Many times they come back home hurt and frustrated, and they sometimes lose interest in school. When Hyo Jin Nim was passing through those difficult times, Mother was concerned. But I always came up with the same

conclusion: "Mother, they are reflections of us. If we conduct our lives fairly and properly in the sight of God, our children will come out all right. If anything goes wrong with our children then that is not the children's fault, but ours. We will take responsibility. The seed we sow, we reap." Then Mother agreed with me. That was always the conclusion we reached.

Since Hyo Jin Nim went through that period of suffering, he is now coming back ten times stronger. His understanding of Father and Mother is really becoming his central concern: How can I be a filial son? Now he understands his father more than any of the other children. So we should start praying not only for our own children, but for our grandchildren, our great-grandchildren, and for all our posterity for thousands of years.

Love does not just belong to the individual, or to the family, but it belongs to the world. It connects the world. For that reason, you have to set the proper conditions for true love to be imparted to all the generations to come, for eternity.

(Then Father spoke for a few minutes in English. Unfortunately the microphones picked up little of it. Here we give a summation of what was audible.)

You Don't Know What Price Has been Paid

You don't know how much agony there has been in the providence. You don't realize how serious Father was in jail. I didn't play there. You have to know that. Even the Korean leaders don't really know me. Why? They haven't understood the providence, the way we must go. This is the most providential time to be alive, and also the most serious. Whenever I opened my mouth to pray, I couldn't stop crying. How long it all has taken! You don't know that; even Mother doesn't know. I had a miserable past, but compared with God's, it was nothing. The restoration course is an absolutely miserable one. One time I didn't think deeply enough about a word I was using and I used it wrongly. I repented for six months afterwards for using that word. I have that kind of seriousness. Sometimes spiritualists prayed to find out what kind of man Rev. Moon was. They asked and asked, but God did not answer. Instead there came a flood of tears. You could not survive the miserable situations that I have been in.

The leaders in the church often criticize. But God doesn't want to hear it. Why? Because you don't pay the price. I know your situation is now a miserable one. I want to help, but you have your portion of responsibility. If you pay the price and take the indemnity course, the providential way, everything will work out. Do you follow me? Many Japanese members are working hard; some of their members have died. Every time individuals go off the heavenly way it brings indemnity; some kind of price has to be paid. Some members had accidents, or miserable situations, and some have died. The course of restoration entails much suffering; we have no choice but to go the way of restoration if we are to reach God's original ideal. This is the Principle. Anybody who doesn't pay indemnity cannot reach the ideal. Father is going the one hundred percent indemnity course. But you members have to take up your five percent responsibility. That is the teaching of the Principle. That responsibility is holy love, unity. Because you have five percent responsibility, you can inherit the same victory as Father. But often you have thought, "The Unification Church has to help me." How come you don't know the formula? Not even one member has been able to really stand beside me, unite into one with me and follow what's going on. I've pleaded many times, all over the world, "Follow me!" but you don't follow my truth. You say, "Father is too much! He asks for heaven but it's much different on earth." But some "crazy" people who are open to True Parents' situation can realize it, and can follow step by step. You have to make your foundation on the family level first of all.

So now you've heard the message. The family is the foundation. We have been given the mission. How shall we really show Father that we listened to his message? Go forth and put it into action.

This humble looking, unassuming Korean man has come to this different culture and you Americans feel a desire to be close to him. You cannot explain it, but you want to see my face at least once in a while. And then when you see me, you feel warmed and happy; you receive energy and a joyful feeling of challenge. Many people, on seeing me, weep. Today when I came in many sisters had wet eyes. Why? You cannot explain it very well, but at least you can give one reason: I brought you into a vibrant, loving relationship with God. Everything you have you owe to God, including your life.

None of you may feel confident that you can live 95 percent for the sake of others, but as long as you feel that spirit of living 95 percent for the sake of True Father, that indemnifies and cleanses everything, because the True Father represents others. This is a deep secret of the Unification Church.

Anybody who comes to me and tries to proclaim his own greatness will eventually come to suffering. The amazing thing is that people normally feel utterly humbled when they come before the True Father, thinking, "Compared to what he is doing, what I am doing is so small." Even though that person may be well regarded by others, he feels that way. In front of me you feel more like a child than a dignified, accomplished person. This is very important. By serving the True Father you will automatically come to the standard of living 95 percent for the sake of others.

Sometimes it may seem cruel but this is why I send you out, to do things for the sake of the world. Since you are already determined to give your life for the sake of True Parents, when I encourage you strongly to do certain things, you do it willingly. I do not say harsh things to you or push you out because I hate you. I utilize your love for me for the sake of the world, for your own well-being. By following my direction, you are securing for yourself a higher level of spirituality.

Imitate My Character

Many of you have been Moonies for a long time but so far you have been immature. I am the real Moonie. You know you have to imitate your Father and that is what the Unification Church is all about. Through imitating me you can assume my character and my way of life and become a true Moonie as well. Conserve your energy, your money, and your time, all for the sake of others; always think of serving more for the sake of your country and the world. This is the Moonies' way of life.

I spent one year at Danbury prison and my daily schedule was very regulated. My breakfast, lunch, and dinner were always at the same time. I never missed breakfast, since I was always up early. The only day I missed breakfast was when I was reading one morning and misjudged the time. I felt that whatever the institution served, it was enough for me. Most of the other inmates were lazy and slept late, so they often missed breakfast. They would be hungry later in the morning and would try to take things from the kitchen. I knew that people tried to steal from the food storage area. The kitchen manager worried about me because I didn't try to steal food like the other men. He would even tell me, "Rev. Moon, why don't you take one of these food baskets? No one will miss it." But I would just say, "No, thank you. I don't need it"

Many of the inmates were aware that I knew certain secrets about them but they also trusted that I would never tell anyone what I knew. Just like God Himself He knows everything about us, but He never talks to anyone else about it. Eventually these men would become guilt-ridden and self-conscious and they would come to me, saying, "Rev. Moon, many times you have seen me taking food from the kitchen. You don't like that, do you?" This is how the conscience works. The kitchen manager knew that I would never eat anything other than the regular meals, so he worried about my missing a meal. He would come and get me at mealtime, if necessary, so that I would be sure to get enough food. Even though this place was a prison, it was gradually turning into something resembling heaven, because people were becoming friends and learning how to trust each other and become a human community.

Once you follow the heavenly principle of living 95 percent for the sake of others and 5 percent for your own sake, universal law will protect you. If someone tries to attack a person living like this, the attacker will be harmed instead.

We are trying to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. What kind of society is that? It is a society that consists of people who are willing to live 95 percent for the sake of others. You must practice this principle first of all in your own family. Therefore, your spouse comes before you, your children come before you, and your parents come before you. When we view American families from this standpoint, we can see that family life in this country is often ungodly and full of satanic influence. Many American homes are ridden with tragedy. Even one day spent in such a selfish, individualistic atmosphere is hell. One year is almost unendurable torture.

You cannot look upon your own person as private property. It belongs to God; it is His own temple. Thus when you are cutting your nails, for example, you can love yourself. And you can say to your hands, "How hard you worked today!" You can say to your eyes, "Aren't you tired from reading so much today?" You can comfort and sympathize with yourself as long as you consider yourself public property. Your body is the instrument by which you can live 95 percent for the sake of others.

When you think of yourself as public property, other people will be drawn to you with deep loyalty. My prison term in North Korea was much longer than this one; even there I found disciples who were willing to die to protect me. They wanted to work side by side with me every day.

By repeating this way of life, day in and day out for so many years, a certain weight and dignity has come to me; this way of life bestows holiness upon a person automatically. It is as natural as a tree growing in a garden. The tree never has to assert its position as the boss of the garden. But if it stays there long enough, it will come to dominate the area. It is the same with our way of life.

Now You Have a Code Word

The key phrase of my speech today is 95 percent and 5 percent. So far you have only thought of this ratio in relation to God's 95 percent responsibility and mankind's 5 percent. But now you have a new formula. Do you feel confident that you have been true Moonies all this time based upon this new formula? You now have a code word for your husband or wife. You can just look at each other and say, "95 percent," and be humbled. When you are going out to your mission work and your wife says, "Where are you going? The children and I need you here!" All you have to reply is, "Darling, I am going to fulfill my 95 percent." Then she will have to agree. Then you will be in the bosom of Heavenly Father, and you will be protected as you go out to help this dying humanity.

Sometimes the wife might complain to the husband, "Darling why don't you give me a morning kiss?" and the husband might say, "No, dear, 95 percent! I'm going to give my morning energy to somebody else! I have come and spent the night with you and given you my love but now I have to give my 95 percent for the sake of others. Please let me go." The wife has to say, "Amen, go my husband." This is a dramatic way of life and far greater than 100 kisses. It's true!

When a squabble arises in the future among Moonies, and harsh disagreements verge on fighting, one person only has to start to say "Nine..." You don't even have to say the whole number. Moonies should know what that means. That will be enough to finish the argument.

Hyo Jin spoke a few days ago in Japan to 10,000 people at a CARP convention and addressed them in English in a very powerful manner. Then yesterday the top church leadership of Japan, over 500 people, gathered and heard a sermon from Hyo Jin, who spoke without a prepared text. People were brought to tears because he poured out his heart so completely. That is a trait he inherited from me. I was born with the signs of nobility - in the Orient a person with small hands and feet is considered to be destined for goodness. I was also born with a mind and heart of goodness, but I still had to go through the greatest suffering and be persecuted to an unbearable degree. Why was that? It was because my principle of living 95 percent for the sake of others is a crime in the satanic world.

I Will Continue to Live by This Principle

However, because I lived my life according to this formula, my suffering could never destroy me. Many people predicted my destruction, but they were proved to be wrong, because I am protected by the universe and its law. Why don't you test out what I am saying and see if it works? Do you think men and women who do this will end up in heaven or hell? My portion of suffering had already been fulfilled. I did not really have to suffer any more, but for the sake of the world and this country, as well as for God, I went through this past year of tribulation. I never refuse such suffering. Now I have endured enough for the sake of this nation, and the turning point has come.

The spirit world keeps saying to me, "Rev. Moon, you have done enough! Now please live for yourself for a while. For a change, why don't you live 95 percent for yourself and 5 percent for others? It's all right!" Do you agree? Even though you may say, "Yes, Father, you can do that," still it is human nature not to like that. Deep down, you feel that it is better that your Father continues living by this principle all the way to the end. You feel I will then be at the highest place in heaven.

My life is simple. It can be described in three sentences: I was born for the sake of others. I live for the sake of others. I will die for the sake of others. If that is the way you die, you will go right into the bosom of Heavenly Father in spirit world. If you practice my philosophy of living 95 percent for the sake of others and 5 percent for yourself, you will create a certain affinity with me, and the universe will bring us together. You won't have to ask for an appointment with me; we will inevitably meet.

Your Centers Will Flourish By This Formula

I invited all the regional directors, regional coordinators, and state and city leaders here today. I know some cities are flourishing and others are not. On what does that depend? On the leadership. God has special eyeglasses through which He is only able to see the people who are altruistic and living for others. When God looks through those glasses He doesn't see all 250 locations; that means spirit world isn't helping all of these cities.

You leaders always know how to make demands of others, but you don't know how to serve members. This is the crux of the problem. If you are truly giving 95 percent for the sake of others and still your church area doesn't flourish, then I will take the responsibility. It would mean that what I am teaching you today is wrong. But first do it, and then find out what the results are and report them to me. If you have three members in one center who are living 95 percent for the sake of others, that center will flourish; it will burgeon forth in all directions.

On the night of the Last Supper, Jesus tied back his hair and knelt down and washed the feet of his disciples. He said, "I did not come to be served. I came to serve." Peter, his most passionate disciple, objected. "Oh no, Master, you cannot wash my feet. How can I let you do that?" But Jesus was rather stern and said, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." And Peter surrendered. Jesus practiced living 95 percent for the sake of others. Do you follow my message very clearly? If you are living 95 percent for others and 5 percent for yourself, everything good will flourish. It is up to you.

When you go back to your mission field this time, practice this principle and try to reach out to 300,000 ministers out there. If you approach them in this spirit, then within the foreseeable future we will turn American Christianity around, and it will unite with us completely. Your objects are the ministers and your members. Practice the 95 percent principle - praying more, eating less, working harder, sleeping less, going out more, serving them, and taking them wherever they need to go. Take them by the hand; take them to the hospital if they need to go. If you just give 95 percent with your whole heart and soul, you will be victorious. That kind of action will cause you to be recognized as a pious son, a loyal subject of the country, a patriot, and a saint. Your actions will directly engender such qualities.

You Will Have a Permanent Following

If you falter and even die while living and practicing this principle, you will lose nothing. You will win everything, and will be esteemed as a martyr. You will not only go to the highest place in heaven but here on earth you will have a permanent following. You will become the proud ancestor of your children, and your countrymen will memorialize you as a patriot. The whole spirit world will call you their beloved saint, and God will consider you His true child. It is not easy to achieve this. It requires much labor, tears, sweat, and sometimes even blood.

Your presence in a certain village, city, or community cannot afford to be unnoticed. If you are ignored, you are failing. People must be influenced by you, one way or another. You must uplift them, spiritually and physically. When you practice this principle I am teaching you today, you will be able to do that.

Even though you may leave your city to come to a conference like this in New York, you ought to feel tears of longing for your mission place. When you really pour out your heart to a city, you cannot forget it, it becomes almost like an extension of your physical body. I can vividly remember my prison life in North Korea, in Seoul, in Japan, and in Danbury. All six of my prison terms are vivid in my memory and I will never forget them. Tears come when I think about it - not because of self-pity, but because I poured my life energy into every place. In Danbury I never prayed, "Father, won't you please alleviate my misery here?"

The people in Danbury prison probably have four different images of me in their memory. First, they will remember how I did my work without words, fulfilling my mission and taking on other people's work as well. Second, they will recall the image of me reading. Whenever I found the time, I would read. Third, they will remember me meditating or praying. Fourth, they will remember how I played pool so often. Prisoners all around the country heard through their grapevine that Rev. Moon liked to play pool. Even some prisoner in Maxwell, Alabama, told somebody that. They knew these things about me, but they do not know the spirit behind what I do, which you have heard about today.

I Have Only One Determination

You too have images of me within your memory. What kinds of images do you have? Some of you remember me as a marathon speaker. "At one conference Father spoke for 17 hours!" Someone might say, "Well, Father never really praised anybody; he always just pushed us. Even though I brought a good result to him, he still scolded me." There is only one central theme to all the different images you have of me, and that is that I have only one determination, one desire: to shorten the length of God's dispensation. I want to fulfill God's will in the shortest possible time. For that reason, during this forty-year period of the final dispensation, I have always been thinking how I can shorten forty years into twenty, twenty years into ten, ten years into five. Therefore, there is always risk, adventure, and danger. I knew that.

As a result of my determination to shorten the dispensation, all sorts of suffering had to come. Last year I willingly accepted my term at Danbury, knowing that it would help shorten the dispensation. I went there with great expectation, knowing the amount of indemnity that would be paid through which I could accomplish God's will in a shorter time.

Today people are suffering because of the failure of Adam and Eve, the failure of the first parents. Thus, in the parental position, True Father and Mother must take the responsibility to suffer in place of the fallen parents and lessen the suffering of the children. When Jesus was crucified, the physical foundation was lost - the nation, the church, his family, his disciples, the chosen people. But by Rev. Moon going to his Mount of Calvary, everything that was lost has been restored, on the worldwide level.

When you look back on your life, how many times can you say that you really suffered willingly for the sake of other people? You can see clearly what kind of man or woman you are when you

examine yourself. Have you been selfish or have you helped others? Have you been genuine and pure or have you lied and tried to take advantage of others? You know how you have been living, much better than anyone else knows. God's philosophy is always this: Live 95 percent for the sake of others and 5 percent for your own well-being.

God does not want you to completely collapse; you can't give 100 percent to others. You need 5 percent for self-preservation. This is my formula. I made my determination a long time ago to live 95 percent for the sake of God and the world and 5 percent for myself. What kind of things are for myself. Exercising, keeping in good health, good hygiene and cleanliness, reading in order to have up-to-date knowledge, things like that.

I Am Always Sensitive to Others

Habit is an amazing thing. I make a habit of serving and helping others. One simple example I will take from my daily life at East Garden. I used to play pool with some of the elder Korean members. I knew exactly where each of them liked to place his cue ball. When I finished my shot, I would automatically take the cue ball over to that spot for the other player, so he wouldn't have to bother moving it. During the whole time, I was always putting the cue ball on the spot that particular player liked, but none of them would ever do the same thing for me. They were so numb, unobservant. This is not to say that they did something evil; it is just that they were not sensitive. You have to be sensitive to the needs of other people.

East Garden is an interesting place. There are a lot of people on the staff there - the kitchen crew, the security team, the household team, and other members. They see me a lot and they attend me every day. But in all these years, I have never scolded one person, even though all kinds of mischief sometimes goes on. There may be fights in the kitchen or shouting and cursing among the people outside; sometimes the guards speak very bad language among themselves. I know all these things are going on. In a way, I may appear to be uninterested in people's affairs at East Garden, because I never bother them. But they never want to leave me. On occasion Mother has told a staff member, "You have been at East Garden long enough now; I want to give you another mission and let you go someplace else." Often these people cry and beg to stay at East Garden, to be near Father and Mother. Why is that? Why should this seemingly uninterested grandpa be so desirable to be near? It doesn't matter whether I speak to them or not; there is a gigantic vibration going out, waves of love they can feel emanating from this source.

Why did the inmates in the prison like me? It is because I lived for their sake, and saw them as God's children. Early in the morning I would get up and clean, something which everybody else hated to do. I had dining room and kitchen duty. When the young inmates had that duty, they would always complain, "I just hate this!" They would try to get out of it as quickly as possible so they could run away and do something else. But when I finished my work there, I wouldn't leave right away. I would wait, thinking, "Maybe somebody will need me. Maybe somebody will need a mop or another waste basket." Since I was only concerned with tending to other people's needs, how could they dislike me?

This is why the members of the Unification Church feel they can come to me with all their secrets. They can trust me and they know I am there to help them. For that reason, they want to unload their most agonizing troubles onto me, such as problems with their spouses or their children. They may not be able to talk to their spouse, but they feel I can understand. The person who lives his entire life giving 95 percent for the sake of others and 5 percent for himself will find that when he goes to spirit world, it is wide open to him. All twelve gates will be open to receive him, and he will have total freedom there. Nothing in the spirit world will hinder a person who lived 95 percent of his entire life for the sake of others. I know that spirit world is there. When you live this unselfish kind of life here on earth you are earning an express passport to that other world. Your passport will have a special stamp marked "Total Freedom."

19. Declaration of Il Seung Day by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

August 20, 1985

(On the day Father was released from prison Father declared Il Seung Il Day. On this day, all around the world, every member of the church was invited to participate in the Holy Water Ceremony, signifying the moment when Father passed his inheritance on to the members of the movement worldwide.)

Excerpts: In the first part of his speech Father described the historical restoration process centering upon Cain and Abel relationships. He explained that the True Parents can stand only on the basis of restored harmony between Cain and Abel.

Jesus was to be received as the Messiah on the basis of such unity yet was rejected in his lifetime and the foundation on God aside was lost. Father inherited Jesus' mission and was able to set up all physical and spiritual conditions by 1945, but when he was likewise rejected, Father was forced to establish the HSA-UWC which took the position of Christianity and had to start all over again. For the last 40 years he has toiled to rebuild that lost foundation up to the worldwide level - and has succeeded. This period of indemnity and suffering culminated in his 13-month prison term at Danbury which, Father said, he was able to turn into a great victory.

Thank you for your support and prayers. Because of that, I have successfully and victoriously completed my entire dispensational course in prison. However, instead of sharing with you my experiences in prison, I would like to spend this time giving you a special message in regard to Il Seung Day, the Day of Total Victory. As you might have heard, I have designated August 16 as this day. Today is the historical day when the Jacob and Esau of the 20th century are going to meet. What is Unification Church history? It is a history of Cain and Abel. In this case, I am Abel and you members are in Cain's position. What has happened in forty years' time? The members in Cain's position have united totally with Abel; by doing that, God can intervene - direct dominion is now possible. As you know, there was a three-day period after Jesus' crucifixion, and then a forty-day period of Jesus' resurrected mission on earth before he ascended into Heaven. Altogether, Jesus laid the foundation here on earth for 43 days before he ascended. I was supposed to be released from Danbury to the halfway house on July 8. However, I was released on July 4, which is America's Independence Day. But the period from the original date of release, July 8, to August 20 is 43 days. That is why I declared a special 43-day period lasting until today. These 43 days have been my universal resurrection period. Because of Jesus' resurrection, his disciples could receive the benefits. However, today, because of my universal position as the True Parents, when the True Parents are resurrected, not only the members of the Unification Church but also all other righteous people shall be resurrected. Particularly those who are in the Christian cultural sphere throughout the world shall be resurrected together with me. Even though we still have many enemies surrounding us, they are actually broken inside and are awaiting their salvation too.

A New Era in History

Dispensationally, August 20 is a very crucial day. Today we are marking a new beginning for the Unification Church, a new era in history. All we have to do from this day on is to just march forward and be bold and strong. True Parents have now been truly installed. That is because unity between Cain and Abel has been established. What is the position of my own children? They represent sinless Adam's family. Therefore, everything should proceed according to the original pattern - the elder son should be in the position of elder son; the second son should simply be in the position of second son. But because

of the fall, all of humanity other than the True Parents' family still belongs to the satanic lineage. Therefore, the dispensation of the restoration of Cain and Abel continues for them. The True Parents' family, which follows one pattern, and the fallen world, which follows another pattern, must become connected into one. The True Parents' children are in the elder son's position, while the children of the blessed couples are in the second son's position. The second generation of the True Parents' family is headed by the eldest son, Hyo Jin. Hyo Jin has been working as the second-generation leader, particularly through the international CARP movement.

According to God's timetable, before 1985 is over, all the second-generation members in our church, from Korea, Japan, and the United States need to be united. The order and discipline of the second generation must be formed. As you know, those who entered the land of Canaan during the time of Moses were the second generation. The first generation pioneered but they all faltered in the wilderness. Also when we speak about Christianity, spiritually speaking, Jesus and his disciples were the first generation, and all the succeeding Christians are in the second generation. Thus Christianity is, in a way, a second-generation culture.

In order for the proper installation of the True Parents to take place, Cain and Abel must be united. It was necessary for me to bring unity between True Parents' children and the blessed children on the international level. This establishes the true order, the order which should have been established under sinless Adam and Eve. That order has now been established. It is no longer necessary for the second generation and beyond to go out and fight in the satanic world to bring the victory. We don't have to struggle anymore with Cain and Abel problems, because the right order has been established. That is, the True Children are in the elder son's position and the blessed children are in the younger son's position. Upon the solidification of these positions, the True Parents can stand.

Unity of the Second Generation

This summer an extraordinary thing happened. August 15, 1985, was the forty-year anniversary of Korea's liberation day. Before that day, I sent Hyo Jin back to Korea to direct a special forty day workshop for the elder blessed children. Not only did they unite centering upon the True Parents, but their parents also became united. Before this, they were going in their own direction and there was no discipline among them. But at this time they were brought together into a specific order. This is significant because it happened during my period of incarceration. After Jesus' crucifixion, all the disciples were divided among themselves and ran away. But this time, during my incarceration the blessed children from the entire world came together, instead of running away.

The same thing happened when Hyo Jin went to Japan and spoke to the international CARP convention. He led an extraordinary ministry for ten days, which revived the entire Japanese movement. I instructed him to return before August 15. On August 16 I held the ceremony which signified that victory. Before this time, the True Parents' foundation had been shaky. But upon the victory of Hyo Jin, who engendered the second-generation unity, for the first time the True Parents can now be truly installed. For this reason, the Unification movement will go forward by leaps and bounds.

Before August 15, another important declaration needed to be made, that which declared the total end of communism. This was done through the Second International PWPA Congress in Geneva on August 13-17. Three hundred scholars got together and declared to the world that communism has reached its end.

As you know, at the time of Jesus' crucifixion, two thieves hung beside him - one on the right and one on the left. The thief on the right has represented Christian democracy of the Western world; the thief on the left, who cursed Jesus, has represented godless communism. The Bible says that at the time of the coming of the Lord the sheep and goats will be divided. In the world today one camp is like the sheep who understand and follow the shepherd; the other camp is like the goats, who do not follow a shepherd.

I Am Being Welcomed and Accepted

Today, the Unification Church and the True Parents are in Jesus' position on the cross. The thief on the right is now established Christianity, which is supporting me. But on the left hand side, the thief is no longer communism but the American people, who are not in a position to oppose me anymore. So together they are welcoming and accepting me. This is happening today. This phenomenon is occurring on a worldwide scale and is also happening internally, within the Unification Church. On my right side are my own children and on my left are the members of the Unification Church. They are coming together and supporting the True Parents. This is exactly according to God's timetable. Upon my victorious liberation and return, externally American Christianity and the American people are welcoming me, and internally my children and the Unification Church members are coming together. Thus both internally and externally the True Parents are welcomed and glorified. This is the time. Now that I have overcome the crucifixion, which is the meaning of today, there shall be no more major opposition coming from anywhere.

On August 16 I conducted a ceremony at East Garden called Il Seung Il. This means "One Victory Day." One represents totality - so it also means Total Victory Day. So in a way the time has come for you to take charge. This day I proudly declare that my mission, for which God ordained me to accomplish in the United States, has been victoriously fulfilled. We are entering into the land of Canaan; what remains for us are just "word battles." Our war is still being waged. What is our weapon? True love, nothing else. So when you become the embodiment of true love, the entire world shall be conquered. All will fear the power of true love because nothing can prevail against it.

Because of the fall, there were 12 tribes - some on Cain's side and some on Abel's side. There was disunity on all levels. But this is the time of unity. Upon this victorious foundation, I will unite them all - Cain and Abel - and all the 12 tribes shall be united. No more shall we have the Cain and Abel system. Once we have a reorganization of the tribes under the True Parents, becoming one system, the spirit world shall also be reorganized in the same way. As you know, in the spirit world everybody so far has been single. But the foundation of the Kingdom of Heaven is the family. Once the family organization is made here on earth, the spirit world shall also be organized into families.

Total Detachment from the Past

The most important thing in our attitude is this: When the Israelites left Egypt, they were excited for the first few days. The Red Sea had parted for them and everything was thrilling. But as soon as they entered the Sinai desert, they began to complain and long for their past way of life in Egypt. What happened? As long as they were still yearning for the satanic system, the satanic culture, they could never be victorious in the land of Canaan. Therefore, they all perished before they got there.

So what we need is a total detachment from the past; more no longing for the past way of life. You have got to follow the new tradition, the new system, totally. In order to make this turning point obvious and dramatic, I installed a special ceremony on August 16 at East Garden, which we call the Holy Water Ceremony. By receiving this holy water, we can spiritually cleanse our bodies from the past and become new creatures in the sight of God so that we can be totally acceptable. Through your engagement, you received the holy wine which signified the change of blood lineage - from the satanic lineage you were transferred into the heavenly lineage. That was done, but still your body has been living and acting in the satanic world. There has always been the chance for your body to be attacked and even violated by Satan.

You have your attachments - "Oh, I just can't live without a hamburger!" "I have to get some ice cream!" or "That leader is an Oriental and I don't like him!" All these things are traditions from Egypt - they are not Canaan traditions. The American way of life is always to say, "Let's have fun! Let's be happy! Why not?" But seeking after fun alone cannot bring any real accomplishment. I would like to

especially see the American members longing for the Canaan culture and wanting nothing to do with the Egypt traditions.

Where shall the Kingdom of Heaven begin? The Kingdom of Heaven shall begin with True Parents. But then what is next? True Children. True Parents and True Children cannot be in a position of fear and trembling, saying, "I'm so afraid of communism and the Mafia! I'm afraid of secular humanism!" They can never be victorious with such an attitude. They have to strongly declare, "Everything is under our control. Those evils will be conquered by us." The True Parents and their children have to take the initiative and not be passive. We are not going to ask somebody else to do something for us or have mercy upon us. This is different from the satanic tradition, which is always trying to exploit others or take something away from them.

Everything that the True Parents are giving is connected with true love. You are now ushering in a wonderful new era. By 1988, world communism will be more than seventy years old; it will not be able to go beyond seventy years into the number eight, which signifies a new beginning. When 1988 comes, we will be in the position to make the United States into a truly heavenly nation. That is your job, too. While communism is declining, we are going to bring America into the right direction. I have had to suffer in the past, in many cases all by myself, including this most recent incarceration. If you feel you want to do more than I, to keep up with and even surpass my standard, then the restoration of the United States is simply no problem. For that reason I am now issuing "marching orders" to you. Those who oppose us are doing so out of ignorance, so we have to confront them and educate them, showing them the truth about ourselves.

You are Inheriting my Victory

After I came to the United States, I laid the tradition very strongly. Now you must receive and inherit that tradition and run forward with it. This is your time to run. This is the meaning of the Il Seung Ceremony which we are going to conduct tonight. Those couples who are not eligible should not be taking this holy water. You should be in the position to repent and be cleansed. For example, if you have ever thought, even once, "My relationship with my spouse has been terrible. I've been wishing that he/she would drop dead or just never come home," you should repent very strongly. With that kind of attitude you cannot be in the position to receive this water.

By bestowing this holy water I am giving you the victorious inheritance which I earned during the last forty years, toward which Satan has no accusation. Satan's tactics are always to divide and conquer, but we always, unite in harmony. That is what this ceremony is for, as well, to bring husband and wife together, to bring families together.

Furthermore, you can now bring together your spiritual children and your physical children, who are in a Cain and Abel relationship. In order to fulfill the Cain and Abel dispensation, I was not in the position to love my Abel children before I loved my Cain children. My entire time was spent on loving Cain, so I had no time to pay attention to my own children or Mother. Now upon the victory of this foundation, I am able to embrace my own family. At the same time, you can also do that. You can love both your spiritual children and your physical children. In this time, we have all been working as individuals, leaving the family behind and letting them bear the cross while we go out and witness. But from this time on, the family will work to get as a unit, going out to witness and do the work.

Where would you blessed couples like to go now? I'm sure you would all like to return to your hometown. So far, the policy of the Unification Church has been to leave your hometowns, like Abraham, and go out as sojourners. When Christmas came, I always said, "Don't go home." But from now on, you can go home. But watch out. You've got to have a certain qualification; that is, you have to be a tribal messiah. You've got to be in that position to your family when you go.

Restoring Your Tribe

What should you do when you go home? All you have to do set the example, showing the True Parents' way of life. The man should show the good father's way of life; the woman should show the good mother's way of life. The children should show the good children's way of life. The family is the school of love therefore you should bring that school to your hometown, teach your family how to love each other, and show them the standard of love between husband and wife. We have the message of true love; we have the tradition of the True Parents and true family. How much easier the job of witnessing will be when there is no opposition!

The atmosphere and circumstances have been set up so that when you teach the Principle, people will be ready to accept and follow you. God has sent the Messiah, but has humanity ever before seen a Messiah who could rise to the level of True Parents and complete the heavenly four-position foundation? Humanity is subconsciously longing for the consummation of the heavenly four-position foundation. So now they can meet the Messiah who has consummated that, and you can teach the people that tradition. You yourselves have consummated the four-position foundation. If you have that foundation, you can win everything away from Satan. That is clearly the Principle view.

What is the conclusion then? Rev. Moon has sent out family unit messiahs all over the world. I am like a messiah factory! We are creating a lot of messiahs, not on the individual level but on the family level. Why must a messiah now be a family unit? It is because Satan has no power to infiltrate such a family unit. When the family is united around one, God-centered messianic message, there is no way Satan can get in. That powerful blessing is now coming to you through this holy water. This is the first time human history has ever seen such a thing.

Today, August 20, is not just my day of liberation. This is also the day of your rebirth. You have passed through the judgment and now you must go ahead and become a new, powerful messianic unit. You are being empowered by God and the True Parents to be the judge of the world. Equipped with true love and centered upon God, there is no power under the sun that can prevail against you. In order to give you this inheritance, I have gone to prison six times during the last forty years. I have spent more than five years' time in prison. Only upon such hard work and sacrifice am I able to give you this blessing tonight. How precious that is!

This truth I have given you came only through my working myself to the bone, having made a deep foundation. It is a reality. I have no fear to go against any nation or government; I have absolute confidence in this truth because I have lived this truth.

Spirit world is right next door; it is within reach. The size of the universe can only be measured in billions of light years. How can you control such a universe with this clumsy physical body? It is impossible - only by the spirit can you do it. That is our stage of action. God created the spirit world for us. Are you interested? If I didn't have my wife here on earth, I would rather go upstairs and live in that vast world. I am a very dramatic and romantic person, but so far in my life I have been living totally sacrificially, under the rule of indemnity. You've never seen how amazing I could be. God is intoxicated with me and He tells me, "My dear son, do whatever you want." Now the challenge is falling to you. It's your time. Take up this challenge and claim the land. Claim the world.

Becoming Parents to the World

Home church has been virtually forgotten by everybody. Who shall become the parents to the world? You must. Whatever your age, whether you are young physically or not, you are in the parent's role. Would you like to receive this inheritance from me tonight? Once this blessing is given, there will be an organization of the 12 tribes. Then we will move on to obtain heavenly sovereignty, that is, one nation under God.

When you have a fight between husband and wife, you should ask your children, both spiritual and physical, to come to you. You should bow down to them and repent before them. That's the only

proper way to reconcile. When the children do wrong, they have to apologize to the parents. If the husband makes a mistake, he should ask the children to come with him to see the mother and before them all he should bow down and apologize to her. And vice-versa. The heavenly four-position foundation means that all four positions work together. In that way, the foundation remains intact. According to the Principle, that four-position foundation cannot be divided or separated. It has to be harmoniously united through the power of true love.

I want you to know that today is a momentous day. My physical release from prison has an incredible vertical meaning, so I would like to give you a gift. That gift is a historical one, not a simple one; it is an everlasting gift. From now on, your challenge is how much you can expand your tradition within your lifetime here on earth. That will determine the extent of your territory in spirit world. So far, nobody has any territory or ownership in the spirit world. You must go there and make your claim.

Many years from now, we will all be up in Heaven. I will have a palace there and you will be able to come and see me. I don't want you to have to be needy or lacking when you come to me. I want you to earn your spiritual assets on earth. This is the reason I have worked so hard here on earth. Unless I am physically victorious here, nothing will be victorious in spirit world.

Do you want to have the right tradition and receive the heavenly inheritance of true love from the True Parents and God? Upon the foundation of this truth, a great time of victory is coming. We shall meet this new challenge; the families shall become a messianic unit and go out to the world. Shall we win the world?

After his speech Father began the Holy Water Ceremony. Hyo Jin Nim stood in prayer before True Parents who blessed him with the power to conduct the ceremony. Father and Mother drank from one of the small cups of holy water then Father gave a cup to Hyo Jin Nim. The celebration cake was cut and, amid cheers True Parents left for East Garden.

Hyo Jin Nim then distributed the cups first to the elder Korean blessed children, then to Dr. and Mrs. Pak and the other leaders then to the members. Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Jin Whi Nim, Jin Sung Nim, and Hoon Sook Nim also helped distribute the holy water. Husbands and wives were instructed to drink from the same cup.

Before August 20 holy water had been brought from East Garden by plane to regional church centers around the world so that all blessed members in good standing could receive the holy water on the same day as the ceremony at Belvedere.

20. God and Freedom Banquet: 'The Will of God' by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

20th August, 1985

On the day Rev. Moon was finally released from prison, a banquet was held and he spoke to 1700 ministers, rabbis and prominent lay people. In a press conference before the event, one which attracted national attention, about 20 religious leaders including Rev. Jerry Falwell, head of the Moral Majority, and Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, joined forces to call upon President Reagan to pardon Rev. Moon.

After the meal, an award ceremony took place, with Father being the recipient of various gifts and plaques: A hand-made card and a huge trophy from civic leaders from the northwest of America expressing gratitude to Father for his CAUSA work; An American Indian ceremonial drum - normally presented to the person who is most devoted to the Creator and who loves people of all races; Congratulatory letters and telegrams from various Senators, House Representatives, ministers and professors; and much more.

After the awards, 5 eminent speakers inspired the audience, each speaking about either the injustice of Father's imprisonment or testifying to Father's achievements and the need for Christianity to unite. Many elder members of the Unification movement, inspired by the event, were reminded of the early years of Father's coming to America, when he was welcomed by many leaders. Only this time, Father was being honored by people who were familiar with his work and ideals and who were now even willing to risk their reputation supporting him. After these 5 speeches, Father gave the following speech.

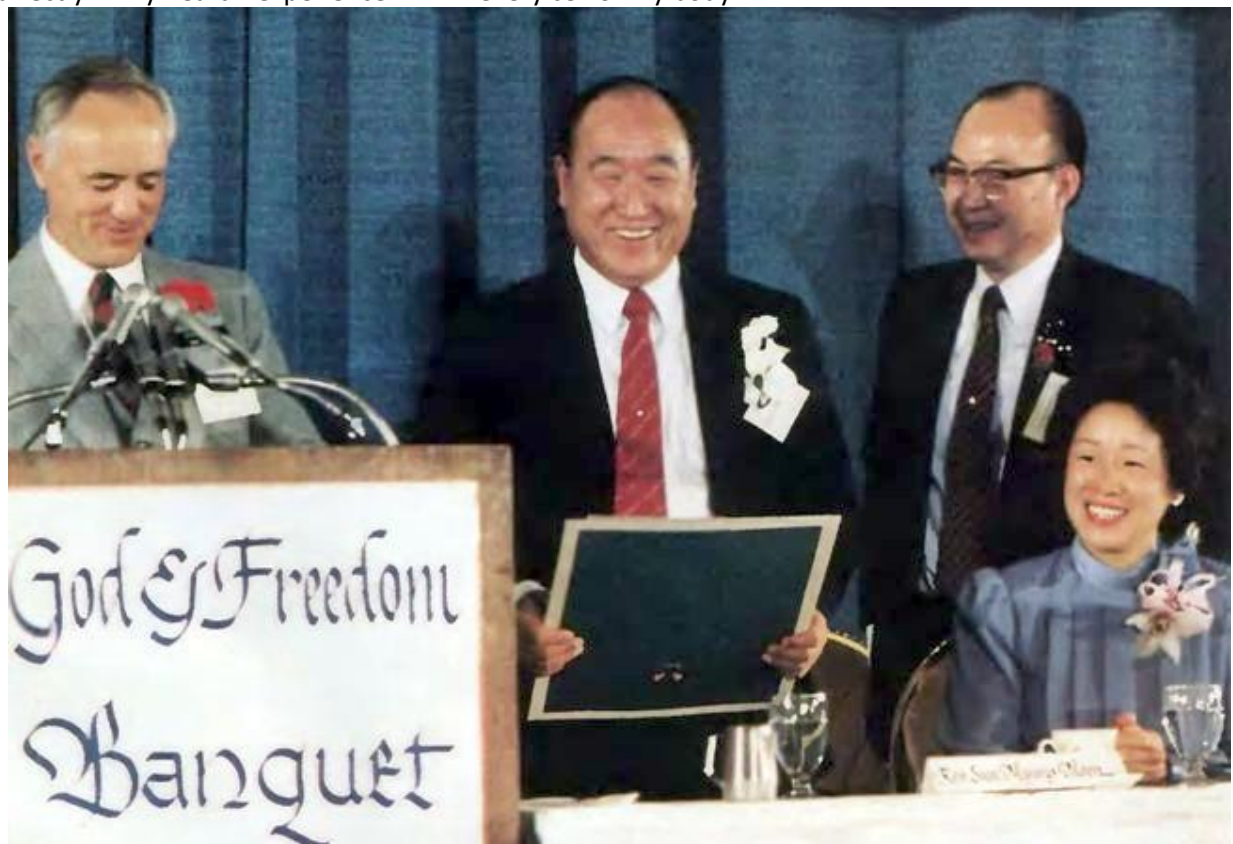


Honorable Chairman and members of the God and Freedom Committee, distinguished clergy from all parts of the country, ladies and gentlemen:

I am truly grateful for and humbled by your welcoming me back from prison in such a deep way, representing all parts of the United States and so many denominations. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to those of you who have supported me during my court battles, in the filing of the amicus briefs to the Supreme Court, in the meetings and rallies for religious freedom, in prayer meetings, in the Common Suffering Fellowship, and in the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance. Also, I thank you for your prayers, and for the many letters I have received from you while I was at Danbury, which I will never forget.

I have suffered imprisonment six times in my lifetime. As in the past, this time in prison provided me a moving experience with God. I was not there because of my personal actions or mistakes, yet I did not brood with resentment or hatred for those who persecuted me, nor did I spend my time in prison pleading my innocence. Rather, I dedicated the time in prison to prayer and meditation, for understanding what America must do to fulfill God's will for the world.

The determination which underlies my whole ministry and life is to relieve the great and long suffering of God. Since the world is ignorant of God's heart of suffering, my work and the work of the Unification movement have long been misunderstood and persecuted. However, I understand the urgency of my mission before God, and despite the lack of understanding on the part of my family, not to mention the general public, Christian churches, nations, or even the whole world, this persecution has not really mattered very much to me. Throughout my life I have communicated deeply with God, and through numerous spiritual experiences I have come to know His heart and His love. I have always testified to this. To me God is not a vague God residing in the realm of imagination. God is alive, and I relate to Him directly in my heart. I experience Him in every cell of my body.



I know that I am addressing clergy who also have been participants in the fulfillment of God's will. Your welcoming me here today, as you and I know, is not a personal welcome for the individual, Rev. Moon, but is a testament to that will of God for which I have lived my life. To do the will of God is our common and utmost concern. Therefore, I would like to share with you some of my realizations about the will of God.

God's Purpose of Creation

Our living, personal God is eternal, absolute, and unchanging. Therefore, His will also is eternal, absolute, and unchanging. When God created human beings, He must have had a purpose and an ideal. God's purpose and ideal is a world united through true love, with God as the parent of all people. Under the true love of God, all people would be brothers and sisters living in one harmonious world family. God's ideal, then, is the creation of one world under God.

God, who is essence of love, created all creation for the purpose of love. An individual cannot love independently; it takes both a subject and an object to love. What God needs absolutely, therefore, is an object whom He can love. God created a universe motivated by love. Especially human beings, who are created in His own image, as we read in Genesis 1:27, are the visible and substantial objects of God's love.

To all mankind, God is the eternal, invisible and internal parent and ancestor, and perfected Adam and Eve were to be the eternal, visible and external parents and ancestors to all humankind.

The greatest, holiest love takes place when subject and object become one through giving and receiving love, eternally centered on God. In this true love, perfect unity comes about naturally, all life becomes interconnected, and the ideal of God is realized. God's original will was that His beloved children, Adam and Eve, would become the living visible reflection of their invisible creator, and thus would have eternal love, consummating the ideal of love and life.

The Foundation of Love

It is commonly thought that the creator and the created being can never be equal. If this is so, then the ideal of love is never possible with God. God's ideal of love was to let His children, Adam and Eve, be His visible, substantial objects and become one with Him. Indeed, as is stated in I Corinthians 3:16, God desires to dwell in man.

The ideal of love of the invisible God is realized when men and women (Adam and Eve), in essence, become perfected. When a person, centering on God, attains complete unity between mind and body, then he or she attains maturity of character, and true objectivity to God. This means that he or she becomes an eternal object of God's love, God's ideal, and God's life.

When Adam and Eve attained this ideal as God's true, substantial children, they would naturally have propagated to create an ideal family, and eventually from that family they would have developed an ideal society, nation, and world. As a result of humankind's complete response to God's absolute love, all would have attained the highest joy in life, the ideal of happiness, and eventually the Kingdom of Heaven. God created Adam and Eve on the earth so that heaven would be realized first on earth. After life on earth, the spirits of those who lived ideal lives on earth would go to heaven in the spiritual world, where they would live eternally.

All things are created in pairs, and are created for the sake of human beings. This enables all things to dwell in harmony under the principle of love. With God's love flowing through human beings, all the creation participates in realizing God's life and ideal.

While Adam and Eve were growing up, all things of creation were nothing other than a textbook of love for them, displaying an endless variety of love's manifestations. Adam and Eve, representing God's masculinity and femininity, were to gradually awaken to love through their life in God's textbook of love, which is nature. They were to become perfectly mature and realize the ideal of marriage.

Such was the ultimate purpose of God in creation. God's love was not only directed to the vertical relationship of love between Himself and human beings, but also, after the perfection of vertical love, to the horizontal relationship of love between Adam and Eve. God, who has existed as invisible subject ever since the beginning, was yearning for someone who would respond to His love, and was waiting to meet His perfected visible objects, man and woman. How stimulating, how fulfilling that love would have been! That moment was the very moment when God, the internal parent, was to have resided within Adam and Eve, the external parents, to be completely one with them. In that moment the ideal of love would have been accomplished. The invisible parent, God, would have resided in the visible parents, Adam and Eve, and would have become the eternal parents in the visible world. By this, Adam and Eve were to have become the True Parents, the true original ancestors of all humankind.

Violation of God's Ideal

So precious was this true love that to violate such love was the ultimate crime, a crime of universal magnitude. Immorality, the corruption of youth, the breakup of families, incest, homosexuality, and other unspeakable crimes are the world's reality today, over which God is agonizing. The ideal of creation is to achieve the perfect family, founded upon noble and eternal love, but how did today's tragic reality come about? As the last days draw near, the crime of the human fall is manifested clearly in society. We are reaping what has been sown.

I do not have time to discuss the details of the human fall, but I will say that I struggled for years to discover the truth of the fall, and I testify that its cause was immorality involving the first human family and an archangel.

In the Unification principle, Satan is not a conceptual being or a hypothetical entity. He is a real being, the very villain who destroyed the ideal of love and shifted the human lineage from God's dominion to his own dominion. Jesus himself said very clearly, in the eighth chapter of John, that the devil is the ancestor of humankind. The devil, Satan, is the very adulterer that ravaged the ideal of love which God meant to realize through Adam and Eve, the love which would have raised Adam and Eve to the position of God's own external self. This may be new to many of you, but this is the truth. It was discovered through hard-fought struggles I endured in the spiritual world, as I sought for the answers to the most fundamental problems of life. If you pray, seriously and deeply, you will receive affirmation of these answers.

Then why has it taken so long for God to punish Satan for his crime? Satan stole the ideal of love from God, and possesses humankind as a false parent, through false love, usurping God's position. Therefore, God had to begin by reclaiming human beings from Satan's dominion by shifting their lineage.

The Potential for Rebirth

Because of the fall, the relationship between God and man was severed, and the righteous relationship between people, through original give and take centered on true love, was also lost. Harmonious unity among people, based on true love, was destroyed, along with the joy of life, and individuals became enemies. The world became hell, full of distrust.

God's plan of creation was to create men and women as true olive trees and make the earth a plentiful garden. The fall brought instead the dominion of Satan over the human ancestral lineage, creating a wilderness of wild olive trees. God wants to cut the wild olive trees and engraft them to the true olive tree, which is Christ. But God cannot cut and engraft those wild olive trees, which are possessed by Satan, without some foundation being made. The very reason God established religion was to create His own garden, in which He could cut the wild olive trees and engraft them to the true olive tree. On the foundation of religion God will send the Messiah and graft humankind to Him through the Messiah, the true tree. This is the essence of the messianic ideal.

From this point of view alone can we correctly understand the biblical doctrine of rebirth. God pulls people away from the false dominion of Satan, giving them rebirth through a love which is much stronger than Satan's love. Since all people are born from parents and ancestors of false love, into a lineage of false love, all people must be born a second time, this time from parents and ancestors of true love, into a lineage of true love, becoming true children and people of God. The blood of Jesus and the Holy Communion both indicate the process of the shift of human beings from Satan's lineage to God's lineage.



All people must be born again. This is the destiny of all fallen human beings. No matter how difficult this may be, we must all tread this path. Salvation cannot be had but by rebirth, being grafted into God's lineage, out of the satanic lineage. Since we are born into Satan's lineage, the process of rebirth requires complete denial of the self, including willingness to deny one's possessions, one's own tradition or culture, even one's concepts about the world. What we already own in the satanic realm can never be recognized by God. We must renounce them to be born again. To engraft ourselves to the true tree, we must sever everything. Jesus, who came as the true olive tree, is the True Parent himself. Since he came as the True Parent, to give us rebirth, he told us to sever all our old relationships and attachments before coming to God. In Matthew 10:36, Jesus warned that a person's enemies will be the members of his or her own family, and that a person must cut off one's own parents and family if they stand between that person and his or her relationship with Jesus. We can understand this in light of the fact that the family represents the false lineage.

Our Response to God

My dear clergy, our task is to learn about God's will and to carry it out. We must become men and women who are bound in God's hands. We must become those who are willing to respond to the call of God. We must never ask God only for our individual salvation or personal heaven. Is it not our privilege as true Christians to respond to the call of the Messiah and to live and die for him and his cause?

Our religion, our denominations, must exist for the will of almighty God, not just for the propagation of narrow views. God cannot reside within narrow views. God is not a sectarian; God sees far beyond denominationalism. He is not confined within exclusivist dogmas. He is, rather, a parent to us all, and His unbounded love distinguishes no race or color of skin. He does not recognize the walls of nationalism or cultural tradition. He is trying His very hardest today to embrace all of humanity.

My dear clergy, do you think it is mere chance that in America, the haven of religious freedom, a nationwide movement for religious freedom flared up as a result of Rev. Moon's imprisonment? In truth, this is not an accident, but God's dispensation working behind the scenes. And would you consider it a coincidence that America, as a nation which carries the banner for the free world, and which has come to scoff at the real threat of communism, is now becoming aware of the seriousness of the present danger through the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance? CMA is a truly interdenominational

movement, without walls, which has spread like wildfire across this nation. Can we call this a mere accident?

We Must Unite

America is a nation founded on the spirit and love of God. Especially after World War II God raised up America as a leader of nations, for the salvation and freedom-loving unity of the world. Internally, He was preparing this nation for the second coming of the Messiah, and to be the country that cares for the world.

Unfortunately this country continues to ignore the monumental will of God. America is withdrawing more and more from its global responsibilities, preferring to enjoy false comfort as if this nation were a world unto itself. This attitude, of course, merely multiplies America's problems, both within and outside its borders. Serious racial problems, deterioration of social, ethical, and moral values, decline of religious life and Christian faith, and the rise of materialism and communism will not disappear just by ignoring them. God called me to come to America because of these problems. Christianity must repent with great anguish, and must unite. We clergy must reexamine ourselves and also repent. We are reliving the time when Jesus came to earth and called the world to repentance. That call is being repeated now. We must fulfill the world mission which God has bestowed upon us. Without question, America must change. A new religious reformation must take place. Christianity must transcend denominationalism and ascend to a higher dimension. We must realize and consider seriously the mission of Christianity to lead a supra-denominational, cultural revolution on a worldwide scale.

To commemorate this reunion tonight, we must determine to pursue the original path of Christianity. We must march forward on that way, that we might receive our coming Messiah, and help fulfill the will of God.

May God's abundant blessing be with you, with your families, and with all the churches of America!



21. Report and Testimonies from the Interdenominational Conferences for the Clergy

By Jim Stevens

On July 23 till August 2, 1985, 56 religious leaders from 16 denominations arrived in Seoul, Korea, for a 10-day conference on the teachings of our Father and the historical roots of our movement in Korea and Japan. This marked the second of six such conferences planned by Father for American ministers this year. Father eventually plans for a total of 7000 ministers to go.

Father has told us that his course of suffering over the last 40 years is due to the failure of the Korean Christian groups prepared to meet him. When they did not accept him, he had to indemnify the foundation that was lost by going into North Korea and eventually into Hungnam prison. In these 40 years Father has been working through the Unification Church to rebuild his foundation. These ministers' conferences in the Orient play an essential role in accomplishing Father's goal of unity with Christianity.

The conference itinerary, which follows the same basic schedule as the first ICC Seminar in Korea, affords the ministers an opportunity to observe the roots of our movement, its heart, its strength, and its vitality. With their own feet the ministers climb the mountain to Father's Rock of Tears and pray together. With their own ears they hear the testimonies by our Father's earliest disciples, the fervent prayers of our members at Sunday service in Seoul, and lectures on the Principle and the preparation of Korean Christianity to receive the Second Coming. With their own eyes they see the replica of Father's first humble cardboard and mud church, the ominous "tunnels of aggression" built by the North Korean communists, the factories, businesses, and other great accomplishments of our movement.

By offering Christian leaders this experience, Father is opening his heart to them. He longs for them to understand his whole life from the beginning, not just from what they have heard through American media. And he wants them to experience first-hand the culture and people of Korea.

The most valuable and substantial effect of these conferences is the respect and trust that ministers develop for Father as a man of God. Most of the participants do come to Korea with some lingering skepticism or even suspicion about Father. But when they go home, most of them testify that they feel God is actually behind Father and our movement. Therefore they can trust us because they can trust our "roots." They can now testify from their own experience, and freely work side by side with us to help establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

Edited sermon of Dr. Joseph C. Paige, President of Shaw Divinity School, who attended the second ICC. Seoul, July 28th, 1985:

I am so thankful to God to be back in Korea again. I feel a great kindred for the people here. I can relate to your struggles, your hopes, and your aspirations.

As we landed at the airport here on Tuesday I said a silent prayer. I could not hold back the tears as my feet touched Korean soil, because so many memories came back to me. Landing here on Tuesday, visiting Panmunjom on Friday and Pusan on Saturday, and worshipping with you today have been spiritual high points of my life.

I was in Korea from 1951 through 1953 as a part of the United States forces under the United Nations command. We were part of that brave and gallant cadre of men from America and other great nations of the world who came over to defend your noble country from continuing communist aggression from the North.

One reason for the excitement I share in just being here is my profound love for some of your brave religious warriors and my desire to again visit the “fatherland” or “homeland” of your great spiritual leader, the Reverend Doctor Sun Myung Moon, truly among the greatest of our world leaders, not only at this time, but in the history of world religions. I believe that history will affirm this.

While I am very much a Baptist, I am also very much a Unificationist at heart. True, there are some theological differences, and some points of genuine disagreement, but these differences are small when compared to the many areas where there is agreement.

A unique and essential element of the Unification movement is the dedication and the commitment to doing theology. The members seem to practice reality theology. They preach it, they teach it, and they do it. They make every effort to live out their spiritual convictions.

This is the big “drawing card” of the movement and its great attraction to us in America. This is what makes the Unification movement so unique. And the notion of doing theology seems to permeate the movement at all levels - from Rev. Moon and the leaders to the missionaries in the smallest local centers.

The irony of it all is that this emphasis on living out your theology that draws attention to as well as criticism of the movement. You see, you in the movement are trying to do what God wants you to do. And, in doing so, you are also pointing out a weakness in areas long overlooked by our mainline denominations. The truth of the matter is that our mainline denominations are threatened by what you do and how you do it.

In America, in Japan, in Korea - wherever your missionaries or leaders are - I’ve found a dedicated, loving, and caring band of Christian activists, grateful and loving to “Father,” as you affectionately refer to Rev. Moon, and always thankful to Heavenly Father and to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Right now I believe that more than any church or movement in America or the world the Unification movement is making a special and serious effort to translate its tenets of faith into a simple and positive way of life, and in so doing it is enduring undue hardship and pain as well as ridicule and resentment from those negative to the faith.

We are proud of Rev. Moon. Our love Rev. Moon is genuine and of God. It is because we love Rev. Moon and because God loves Rev. Moon and because we respect him as one of the truly great leaders of the world that Shaw Divinity School honored Rev. Moon by awarding him the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree during our annual Convocation for the Awarding of Degrees on May 11, 1985.

This was a historic event for both Shaw Divinity School and Rev. Moon. It was the first time that a major institution in America had been bold enough and honest enough and serious enough to honor this great leader. He was honored for his contribution in several areas: his Christian leadership, his strong fight against communism and communist aggression, and his outstanding contribution in support of religious liberty, world peace, racial, economic, and social justice, ecumenism, and more specifically, the unity of world Christianity.

I am persuaded, through the indwelling Holy Spirit within me, that Rev. Moon is authentic; that he is real; that he has been called by God to lead a fallen people at this time. God loves Korea. God loves Japan. God loves America. God loves the world. God loves His children and His creation. God wants to save the world because He loves His world.

I am persuaded that God has called Rev. Moon to provide leadership at this time. In this context, Rev. Moon’s role in God’s providence is similar to that of Moses in Old Testament history. Rev. Moon can rightly be called the modern day Moses, and I believe that one day the history of world Christianity will bear it out.

I am very pleased to report that the Unification Movement is rapidly gaining in respectability and general acceptance in America, even though resistance is still strong. More and more people, representing almost all religious persuasions in America, are softening their anti-Moon rhetoric. More

and more Americans are joining with the Unification movement in the fight for economic, racial, religious, and social justice.

The difficulty people have in America with Rev. Moon is not so much due to differences in theology, but is a result of the shock that a yellow person, rather than an American white or a European, was called by God to help save America. Although theological differences are a contributing factor, the problem is due more to racism and national prejudice.

Even so, support for the Unification movement must continue. Rev. Moon must be encouraged. He must be helped. The world must be saved for God. Rev. Moon wants to help God and win the world back for Him. The unity of world Christianity is not only a goal, but a mandate from God. All of us must join forces to help realize this goal.

You are my brothers and sisters. Truly we are one. Let us pray.

Testimonies from some of participants who attended the first Interdenominational Conference for Clergy, April 10-19, 1985.

Dr. Charles P. Johnson, Baptist.

I feel that we have been summoned here from our various divinely appointed stations in life, not in search of truth, but to see the truths we have received become more evident by the events that have transpired on these sacred grounds. I feel like Paul who walked down the Damascus road thinking that everything was OK. I now feel that I must answer the sacred voice that continues to bleat in my breast like a little lamb, "Son, go work in my fields today." I feel as though my soul has been touched, and I must ask the solemn question, "What will thou have me do?"

Although I am a person of many talents - an author, preacher, pastor, teacher and professional counselor - I am still forced to ask, "What will thou have me do?"

Rev. Mose Pleasure, Jr., Baptist.

Bravo! Tremendous! Incomparable! Soul-rendering! I sincerely and humbly thank you and the Unification Church for this opportunity to get close to your heart. This trip has evaporated my skepticism. I am now prepared to accept you as one whose genius is inspired and directed by God.

I am forced to utilize the Beelzebub controversy in Matthew 12:22-30 to defend you. There, Jesus says to his detractors that Satan cannot oppose himself; therefore, wherever he is being conquered and evicted it is by the power of God.

God bless you, God keep you, and give you length of days to bring in the Kingdom.

Rev. George Ackney, Presbyterian.

This conference has been a trip into the spirit world of Jesus Christ. It has opened my eyes, my mind, and my heart to understand the mission and work of the Unification Church.

The heart and concern of Rev. Moon for the unity of Christians is the only hope for uniting us in the work of God. Rev. Moon's concern about Christian ministers, whether we are we known or unknown, popular or unpopular, large or small, has caused tears to flow from my eyes - and appreciation and love from my heart to Rev. Moon and all the Unification Church members. My life is enriched and I feel as if I were in a dream, experiencing such wonderful things!

Rev. Donald Olson, Lutheran.

The experience of this conference has been a spiritual gift, a revelation, and an opportunity which has left many of us uncomfortable as well as exhilarated. There is now an inner need to respond

to the vision that has been shared. I struggle with how I may define my role and what form it should take. A joyful insight is Unificationism transcends the Unification Church - and it includes me.

Rev. Charles Williams, Church of God in Christ.

I wish to express my profound sorrow and grief because of your persecution and oppression. I wish that you could be here in person. Your pain is also my pain; your joy is my joy. It is my belief that wherever you are, God is with you, guiding your heart towards us. So, as Jesus endured and overcame all obstacles, I have no doubt that you too will victoriously overcome. My greatest day will be when I meet you personally. My prayers are for your speedy release so you can complete God's purpose for you.

22. 'Day of Total Victory of True Parents' by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

August 21, 1985

(On August 21, members gathered from 9 a.m. at Belvedere to commemorate the Day of Total Victory of True Parents. The day was spent in a spirit of celebration, with group and individual singing, relaxing, sharing lunch on the lawn, reflection, prayer and preparing to receive Father who arrived in the late afternoon. Father's speech was light, uplifting and victorious in tone. Below are excerpts from Father's speech.)

To fulfill the dispensational will of God I have walked the path of restoration through indemnity step by step. But there had to be a moment of ultimate victory, a grand finale for God's whole dispensation for the United States. Because Jesus Christ was physically crucified on the cross, even though he was resurrected, his foundation was only a spiritual one. But the resurrection of Rev. Moon was not only spiritual, but physical. For this reason, the new victorious path we are beginning shall be not only spiritual but physical. Because of this I will conquer all persecution and truly bring in a new era of welcome to our movement.

I was able to bring together established Christian leaders who had formerly opposed us, not only because you worked hard - although I know you did work very hard - but because of the timetable of God. The trend of history has come to this particular point. When you push this trend forward and go toward victory with a bold and strong attitude, you shall win. You can push the wall over now, without persecution.

All people today are desperately searching for some ray of hope, for a leader who can bring salvation to America, but they can't find any. Young people are confused and lacking in direction. Many ministers of traditional churches have become spiritually burned out. Many prominent scholars, politicians and businessmen have also lost hope. But when they study Rev. Moon's teaching they find new hope.

God is sponsoring a gigantic banquet in the Western world and everybody is invited. Rev. Moon is controversial everywhere and has been persecuted, but in God's eyes, who is the most important person at that banquet? At the God and Freedom Banquet last night, what kind of an affair would it have been if there had been no Rev. and Mrs. Moon? Even though God has been investing Himself and you have all been investing yourselves, in order to make everybody come alive there must be a central figure. The True Parents have to be in that central position. So then, who did it? The True Parents.

Within the communist world is a group that really hates communism - the children of the communist bosses. They know the failure of communism, which their parents have been following. Those of the second generation of the communist world will come to a moment when they will have no other way to turn except to the True Parents. There will be no other direction to take. The end of communism has already been declared; furthermore, secular humanism cannot be the answer, and the United States cannot survive as it is. Godism, which is neither democracy nor communism nor secular humanism, is the wave of the future.

On the Threshold of a Gigantic Lift-Off

Central Americans, South Americans, Africans, and Asians are all saying the same thing: Rev. Moon, please save our country! So what should I do? It's as if there were one rice cake and hundreds of people asking for a piece of it. I cannot let anybody down, so I guess I have to go away and hide! But God is thinking differently. He is beaming from ear to ear, saying, "Finally, my day has come! I know my son can take care of everybody, so now I can go and take a nap!" So in that case, I cannot say, "God, I'm

running away! You're giving me too much to do! I can't bear it!" If I did that, the whole world would suffer. What can I do then? I will ask God, "You know, Heavenly Father, I have been working tirelessly for forty years to create the fruits of this movement. You know that it takes time to transform and create true soldiers of Heaven. So, God, how much more time do You have to give me?"

I know God so well; He has quite a short temper - far shorter than mine! What God wants to see is one moment in which everything can be transformed into Heaven in a flash. But I don't have a large enough foundation to do that yet. I cannot ask Him for another forty years; all this first generation by then would be gone. I would have to start out with new babies to be trained as soldiers within the next forty years. This means that I've got to find some people now who are ready to be armed with the truth and go out and proclaim it. I need that kind of soldier. Think of it: There are four billion people in the world. Imagine what is required to feed all of those mouths, all four billion of them! Just feeding three spoonfuls into each mouth requires 12 billion movements.

Those who are the so-called elders of the Unification Church, I must push them down to the ground. When the elder members are pushed like that, what about you? What is your position? You may think, "Boy, Father told us that good times are ahead us, and I've been waiting for that. But now, Father, what are you saying? More indemnity?" I did tell you that good times were coming; what I meant was that there would be a time of no more persecution. That does not mean you are going to be idle. I never promised that. The time has come for you Moonies to have pride in yourselves. I feel that my worldwide indemnity path is over and God knows it. So I am sure that God is ready to give Rev. Moon a vacation. Not only that, but He wants to give me a bonus ticket to go anywhere and have anything I want. But then I would have to say to God, "I have a problem. I can't take a vacation. Look at my children, the Moonies; they all want to come with me, wherever I go!" Isn't that true? An infant needs his bottle and a diaper change and always wants to go with his mummy and daddy wherever they go. But you are all grown up now - you don't need a bottle or a diaper. So if you try to come with me, I will push you away, saying, "Are you trying to follow me around and make me suffer more? Don't you know I have already suffered enough?" Well, that day is now.

The Unification Church has come to a critical moment because we are on the threshold of a gigantic liftoff. If we make the wrong judgment here, we will crash. Mt. McKinley is the highest mountain in the United States, correct? In order to have such a tall mountain, there has to be a foundation beneath it which is at least as vast.

I Want You to be Vindicated Too

You Moonies say, "Rev. Moon always sends us out to fundraise and witness." But it is precisely because you did those things that such a phenomenon is occurring today. Aren't you proud of who you are? After all my persecution, I have no bitterness. Now I want you too to be vindicated, and to be in the position to forgive others. I would like to proudly present you to the world as Rev. Moon's "product" or fruit. While you were resting, I knew that if I didn't do certain things this nation would go down the drain. I could not expect somebody else to do it; I had to do it myself. So I poured out my energy, and likewise tens of thousands of our members elsewhere made incredible sacrifices.

At the God and Freedom Banquet last night there were about forty people at the head table - scholars, politicians, ministers, and many other types of people. Most of them I had just met for the first time, but they felt they had known me for ten years. That's because they knew what I had been doing in many different fields. Do you think I can actually run away and hide somewhere? With only one person bearing this burden, it is a huge one. But there is one simple solution. If we chop the burden into pieces and each one of you picks up one piece, we can do it, right? Are you thinking, "Father, let me have the smallest piece" or are you saying, "Give me the biggest piece?"

It is a pleasure to stand back and watch you fulfill the front-line work; then I can be in a sort of retired position. I am in vacation attire today. (Father takes off one of his socks.) If taking off my socks

were the way to save the world, it would be easy to accomplish. If I could save the world by giving this sermon in my swimming trunks, I would do it.

I have earned my inheritance over the past forty years. There are now less than three-and-a-half years left until 1988. In this short time, I would like to be able to bestow this inheritance upon you. On the universal scale, we are entering into the Land of Canaan. Therefore, this is the crucial time. We must not look back to the time of Egypt but establish and look forward to our new tradition of Canaan. This shall be done by 1988.

We Will Win the Victory In Family Units

The foundation of the family, the heavenly four position foundation, must be firmly established in the Land of Canaan because two strands alone are not sufficient to make a strong rope. You need at least three strands; then multitudes can be added and the rope will become stronger each time you twist it. When this rope of the heavenly four position foundation is turning, you can put anything into it and it can be digested; societies, nations, and races can all be melted together through the family. So far, we have been living in the era of the mobilization of the individual. But upon my return from Danbury the time has come to mobilize the family. Many of you have said negative things about the idea of mobilizing the entire family - but you will see the incredible results in a few years. Once we win the victory of Canaan as family units, then the international settlement will truly come. We will be able to turn this world into a heavenly world.

The time has come. It used to be that witnessing was your daily cross - you experienced constant rejection. But not anymore. People are hungry and waiting for your message. From now on you will be welcomed. The name of Sun Myung Moon has been resurrected. This is the final stage of the dispensation; therefore, if you can fulfill it successfully, there will no longer be a history of paying indemnity. Restoration will be consummated.

I always take the initiative. I think, "I will use my own hands to work and save this situation - this community, society, nation, and world." You should feel the same and make the same determination. You are now on your own two feet.

Shall we make a resolution within our hearts that we are going to be mobilizing totally for this final march toward the Land of Canaan? Those who say, "Yes, Father, we want to mobilize in this march toward Canaan," stand up, please. Now we have stood up. Those who say, "Father, we are absolutely sure we can do it," raise your hands. Thank you.

23. The Attitude We Should Inherit by Rev. Kamiyama

The way for us to redirect ourselves and our nations is, I feel, to follow Father's lifestyle. The time has come again to remember Father's way of life while he was in Danbury.

I can never forget the day of our incarceration on July 20, 1984 - how Father and I went into the prison and were registered. First we had to be stripped of our clothes. Every new inmate has to go through a complete, body check. They check all the parts and openings of the body, with gloves. I could bear this myself, but to see Father have to strip and be touched all over by those fallen men - I can't express the indignation I felt! I was in tremendous agony to think of how much Father had been living for the sake of America and that he was now being treated like this. Then Father had to put on used, dirty, stained underwear that had been thrown into a pile to be washed.

Besides that, there were no blankets, sheets, or pillows for our bunk beds. The officers told us to just pick up anything we could find, used or not. It was not easy to receive that kind of deliberately abusive treatment in a civilized country. I couldn't help having the feeling that Father had been betrayed. Father had worked so hard and dedicated his sweat and tears and even blood to this country, and now this country was treating him in this horrible way! I had such a desire for revenge! That was the enraged state I was in at the beginning of the incarceration - full of agony and indignation.

The Lowest and the Highest

Father could see what was going on in my mind, so he began to comfort me. He said, "Kamiyama, don't be upset. Look at this world. It is a world without parents; it's like an orphanage. People are always fighting each other, struggling among themselves. In order for you or me to become parents for this world, we must go through a rock-bottom suffering course. To reach the highest level, the parents' position, this is the way we must go."

Father tried to calm me down by telling me how the lowest and highest points always correspond to each other. He asked me to consider, for example, that the human sexual organ has two functions: It is the beginning point of new life, and it also passes unwanted human waste. The most exalted purpose and the lowliest purpose are united there. Therefore, he said, we must be willing to go through the lowest in order to reach the highest. He was teaching me the point of overcoming and loving the enemy.

I feel we must inherit this quality of loving our enemy - this living example of Father. We are often very lazy in following True Parents' standard or tradition. If somebody blames us for something, we immediately react negatively and start defending ourselves. That's not really the level we should be at.

Father had to wear this dirty underwear for several days in the beginning until they supplied him with clean ones. This is just a piece of material, but this shows graphically how much Father was despised by mankind. It's a symbolic item to show how we, fallen man, crucified Father on the cross of the heart. We, as representatives of mankind, have to repent and really think about how much we failed to protect Father, which led him to have to endure such a wretched situation.

But Father's heart is that he never takes anything in a resentful way. He took all this as his path of indemnity, with gratitude, even comforting me who was upset with the situation: That was Father - forgiving America, loving America and the world. We need to learn once again that Father, with a heart of forgiveness, went through all this humiliation without a word. Father never talks about his rights. He only talks about his duty to carry the cross. This is the attitude we should learn.

Father Took the Worse Jobs

In Danbury, Father always chose the worst, dirtiest jobs to do. Father's job was to clean and set up the kitchen. As you know, most of the inmates in Danbury were convicted because they were doing something illegal to get big money. They didn't want to work hard but only wanted to find loopholes so they could get rich. In other words, they were lazy. You can't imagine how carelessly they treated things and each other, how selfish they were. In the bathrooms, urine was all over the floor, and because no one wanted to stand close to the toilets, more and more got all over the floor. It's fallen man's selfish tendency that he doesn't want to touch someone else's dirt or go out of his way to clean it up.

The kitchen was just as bad. People would use wash rags to wipe off the old grease from the grill and then throw them in a bucket in the corner. Nobody wanted to touch that smelly bucket. So Father picked that particular job. Using very strong detergent, he would wash the greasy rags. Naturally in my heart I couldn't let Father do that. I tried to take the bucket away from Father, but I couldn't push him away physically. Rather, he pushed me away, saying, "Kamiyama, your hands are weak." I had already done some cleaning with strong detergent and my hands were starting to peel. Father said, "Get away, Kamiyama. This is my duty." Father scrubbed and rinsed the rags and neatly folded them and carried them back to be used by others.

Father also took upon himself the job of cleaning the dirty toilets, which the inmates used in such a selfish way. Seeing Father's behavior, the inmates who had judged and despised Father in the beginning began to open their hearts. One day one of the inmates called me over and said, "Please tell the Reverend not to worry about cleaning the rags. This is a rich country that pays lots of taxes, so the prison can always give us a new supply of cloths. He doesn't have to wash them." In other words, he was sympathizing with Father. I reported this to Father, and he said, "That's his philosophy; it's not mine. If people do not take care of material things in a precious way, the future of their country is doomed." If all of us could inherit Father's spirit of taking care of the dirtiest places with love, then I'm sure that whatever we're engaged in will succeed and our movement will prosper.

A Change of Heart

Besides taking care of the worst areas, Father poured out his love and concern very sincerely to every inmate. Father wanted to know about everyone's situation. He even started saying things to me like, "Kamiyama, why does that old man look so lonely? Why doesn't he have any visitors? What has he done to come to the prison?" Then he would tell me to go over and talk to that person and find out about him.

Each inmate was allowed \$90 a month to spend on things from the commissary, like fruit, juice, drinks, and cookies. Father would spend all his money and then ask me to give away everything he bought to the inmates, especially to those who were lonely and had no visitors. Sometimes I too had a craving for fruit, because the prison food wasn't too tasty, and so actually I wanted to have some of the fruit he bought. But even though I had a struggle in my heart, I delivered everything to the inmates. That was Father's way.

Father's love and care changed the inmates' opinion about Father. I saw that within a very short time, people's feelings about Father changed from dirty accusation and hatred to respect and even adoration. In the beginning they said to him, "Hey; Moon! Why don't you wash over there?" That kind of nasty attitude was forced to change into at least "Mr. Moon" after a while, and then to "Rev. Moon." By the end, people started to call him "Father."

We had to wear what was supplied to us by the prison. Father wore the sneakers that were given to him. After a while he purchased one more pair, but he never put them on. I thought he should alternate wearing the two pairs, because in the summertime they got smelly. Many times I suggested that to him, but he never did. I didn't understand why he never wore the other pair until the day I left. On that day Father said to me, "Kamiyama, you are leaving Danbury and starting a new life and a new

dedication. I have nothing to give you in this prison here, except for these, which I have kept for you." It was the unused pair of sneakers.

I felt very indebted in my heart, yet I had to accept them because this was the way Father was preparing me to start my new life of dedication. I was going to carry them out of the prison, but Father made me put them on. As I bent over to tie them, Father said, "Kamiyama, you don't know how to tie your shoelaces properly." He knew that I knew how to do it, but he used that as an excuse to tie them himself. With his chunky body, he bent over and started tying my shoelaces. What could I do? I felt it was impossible for me to let him do that, so immediately I retreated back a yard. But then Father followed me! He wouldn't let go, so he kept after me, tying my shoes.

It Was for All of Us

Here was Father, who has reached such a level, tying the shoelaces of me, his disciple. I want you to evaluate with me the value of this act. You've got to understand; this is a living testimony of True Father's love. Two thousand years ago, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, showing them the standard of love he wanted them to inherit. I didn't feel Father was doing this for me, Kamiyama, personally - no, it was for all of us. If any of you had been there, I know Father would have done it for you. I just happened to be the instrument.

These shoes are going into our museum. He wrote the date and my name and his signature on the inside of the shoes. These are a treasure for me, so I am keeping them in the safest, deepest part of my closet! They can be a great museum item in the future. This pair, supplied to Father in prison, he wore continuously. I keep them in Japan in a very special place, in a beautiful box. Maybe sometime you can see them in a museum, perhaps encased in a golden box.

My showing you these things is of serious importance - that we are reminded of the "shoes of a servant" that Father wore. They are to help us repent. Even with the most disgusting treatment, under the most adverse conditions and persecution, Father wouldn't say a word of complaint or contempt - nothing. Father only took on a heart of gratitude. With gratitude, he was willing to carry any cross. That's the tradition we ought to inherit by all means. I feel very strongly in my heart that once again, we should be reminded about what Father went through, and how to inherit his spirit.

One of the instructions Father gave me when I came out of Danbury, which he wrote down in Chinese characters, is that service and living for the sake of others has to be the standard. Be a good example in your daily activities. The number-one priority is reading the Principle and building stronger faith. Inherit the love of True Parents. Live a life of sacrifice in order to establish love - in front of you, in back of you, to your right and left, and in all areas surrounding you. It is very important to take time to love and serve and create relationships of love, to deepen relationships. Do not worry that you might lose time from your external responsibilities; that cannot be an excuse not to make deeper relationships. A last point was: Become one with the Korean senior leadership, one with the American leaders, one with the German and European leaders, and of course, one with all brothers and sisters. I've never shown these clothes in public, but I brought them today here to show you, so you may touch them and inherit Father's love and forgiveness. I don't think I'm the only person who was to receive that love or forgiveness. It is for all of us.

Love in response to hatred, gratitude in response to adversity - let us inherit this beautiful tradition of our True Parents. That is what I feel we must do. Thank you very much.