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"Lineage is more important than life and more important than love."

"Heavenly sons and daughters should live more happily than anyone else, and should bear more children than people in the satanic realm. Maybe twelve children will be average for you. Continuously give birth to children. Unification Church members cannot practice birth control. You should bear more than ten children."

"We have decided we should have at least twelve children. So we are heading for that goal."

"I tell brides and grooms to have many children. To bear many children and raise them is God's blessing."

"We have to bear many children, right? Dozens, dozens, dozens, and dozens more, for eternity."

— Sun Myung Moon

"Has not the one God made you? You belong to him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring."

— Malachi 2:15

"Behold, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has a quiver full of them."

— Psalms 127:3-5

I believe Sun Myung Moon is the greatest man who ever lived. He fulfilled his mission of being the Messiah who brought the truth that the other Messiah, Jesus, said would set us free (John 8:33). The words of Father Moon (or Father) are the wisest and most life-changing that have ever been written and spoken. His basic theology, the *Divine Principle*, teaches that God gave each of us three commandments as written in Genesis 1:28—to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion. This book will look at some of what he and other wise thinkers have written on the core value of "multiply."

Father gave thousands of speeches for over 60 years. He said the most important thing in the world is "lineage." Lineage is even more important than life and love. He taught that we should make our number one goal in life to create a godly lineage and the more children we have the better.

BEAR MANY CHILDREN

In his autobiography *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* Father writes: "It is most important to teach young people about the sanctity and value of marriage. Korea today has one of the lowest birthrates in the world. Not to have children is dangerous. There is no future for a country that has no descendants. I teach young people that they should remain sexually pure during their youth, receive the marriage Blessing, and then have at least three children. Children are blessings given to us by God. When we bear children and raise them, we are raising citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. That is why it is a great sin to live immorally and to abort babies conceived in this lifestyle. ... I tell brides and grooms to have many children. To bear many children and raise them is God's blessing." He and Mrs. Moon had 14 children. He always walked his talk and practiced what he preached.

One of the reasons we can say he is the Messiah is because he traveled in spirit world and found out the answers to the fundamental questions of life. He reveals that God's plan was for each of us is to be His children—to be in His lineage and how tragically we came to be in Satan's lineage. Each of us must go through a process of rebirth. I go into what that means in my other books. This book will focus on the importance of having children and the value of having many children. I hope these thoughts will inspire young couples who believe in the *Divine Principle* to not use birth control and strive to have as many children as they can so they can experience the highest happiness personally and bring the most joy to God. God loves children. If we reflect God then we will love children and want to have as many as we can. I believe the Unification Movement should be known as one who has big families and who also believe in adopting. There are millions of homeless and abandoned children in the world that need a home.

"God's Ideal Family: The Model for World Peace"

Let's look at some of the amazing and incredible insights Father has on lineage. He gave a public speech in New York City at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall on September 12, 2005, titled, "God's Ideal Family: The Model for World Peace" saying:

The 20th century was a period of ceaseless struggle, including wars for colonial dominion, the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, and the Cold War. Living through this era, I dedicated my life entirely to the accomplishment of God's ideal of peace.

Respected world leaders, what do you think is God's ultimate purpose for creating human beings? Simply put, it is to experience joy through relating with ideal families filled with true love. What does an ideal family look like? First, each person in the family is an owner of true love. When God first created human beings, He made Adam representing all men, and Eve representing all women, with the intention that they become owners of true love. The quickest way for them to cultivate a character of true love was to secure a parent-child relationship with God, whereby they could live in attendance to God as their Father. They were to have followed the path of living as one family with God.

I invite you to enter into a mystical state and prayerfully ask God, "What is the center of the universe?" I am sure that the answer you hear will be "the parent-child relationship." Nothing is more important or more precious than the relationship between parent and child. This is because it defines the fundamental relationship between the Creator God and human beings.

Then, what defines the parent-child relationship? Three things define this relationship: love, life and lineage.

Without our parents' love as a precondition, none of us would be alive today. God created human beings out of His absolute love, in order to be His partners in love. This relationship forms an axis of love, linking God the Father with human beings as His sons and daughters.

Is there anything higher or more precious than to be a son or daughter of God? If anything were higher, then surely human desire would aspire to attain it. But there is nothing higher. Do you think that when the omniscient and almighty God created Adam and Eve, He secretly reserved the highest position for Himself and made Adam and Eve to be only second best? We cannot imagine that God would do that to His children, to His partners who share absolute love with Him. As our eternal True Parent, God invested Himself 100 percent into the creation of human beings and endowed us with the right to have equal status with Him, to participate in His work as equals, to live with Him, and to inherit from Him. God bestowed upon human beings all of His attributes.

Though God is the Absolute Being, He cannot be happy alone. Adjectives such as "good" and "happy" cannot apply to any being that lives in isolation. They apply only where there is a robust reciprocal relationship. Imagine a professional singer who finds herself exiled to an uninhabited island. She may sing at the top of her voice, but with no one to listen, will it bring her happiness? In the same way, even the self-existent God absolutely needs a reciprocal partner of love in order to experience joy and be happy.

Next, how shall we live to become God's reciprocal partners and return joy to Him? In other words, how shall we live to become children of God, people whom God delights to call "My son," or "My daughter," people who embody a divinity equal to His? How can we become God's partners in completing the work of creation, partners who will ultimately inherit the entire creation? I answer: We should emulate the ideal beginning point of God's creative process. In the beginning of creation, God set up the principle of "living for the sake of others." God set the practice of true love as the nucleus, and from that point He began to create.

become God's children. Therefore, to our first responsibility is to resemble Him. We need to embody true love. The way to embody true love begins by living as a filial child, then a patriot, a saint, and finally a divine son and daughter of God. At that stage we can experience the innermost emotions of God's heart and resolve the grief that He has experienced for tens of thousands of years ever since the fall of Adam and Eve. God is almighty. It was not due to any shortcoming or lack of ability that God has been imprisoned in great pain and has endured immense suffering behind the scenes of history. It was because there are provisions in the Principle of Restoration, which He was not free to disclose, that called Him to wait with forbearance until Adam and Eve's positions, lost at the human fall, were recovered with the appearance of the "perfected Adam." Although God is all-powerful, He will not set aside the eternal laws and principles that He Himself established.

The Importance of Lineage

Do you know what has pained God's heart most, causing Him the greatest grief over the long history since the fall of Adam and Eve? God lost His lineage. And with the loss of His lineage, He lost His right of ownership. Let me talk about lineage for a moment. Lineage is more important than life and more important than love. Life and love come together to create lineage. Lineage cannot be established if either life or love is missing. Therefore, among the three qualities that define the parent-child relationship, love, life and lineage, lineage is the fruit. The seed of true love is embedded in God's lineage. God's lineage provides the context and environment for a true life. Hence, for us to become the ideal people envisioned by God, that is, people of ideal character, and to create ideal families, we first need to be linked to His lineage. To take it a step further, only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to create God's homeland, the ideal nation. Only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to establish world peace. Please inscribe the absolute importance of lineage in your hearts. I cannot emphasize this enough.

Without lineage, neither life nor love can endure. You strive to set a good tradition, but it will endure only through your lineage. Lineage is the bridge allowing the parents' spirit to carry on through subsequent generations. In other words, lineage is the first and final condition necessary for parents to harvest the fruits of their love, the fruits of their life and the fruits of their joy. We need to know this with certainty.

God intended for the seeds He planted to grow into a bountiful crop to be harvested in the autumn in the Garden of Eden. The ideal of God's creation was that He would raise Adam and Eve, His son and daughter, to the point where they would blossom in true love, give bloom to true life, and bear fruit in a true lineage. God desired to harvest the owners, families and nation of eternal life, eternal love and eternal lineage. Yet when Adam and Eve fell, this lineage, more precious than life itself, was lost. The fruits of true life and true love never matured. They became the fruits of Satan, lacking any relationship with Heaven. From them descended the six billion people now covering the earth.

God's Suffering in Search of the True Parents

False love, false life and false lineage infested the earth. God's love, life and lineage fell into the hands of the adulterer Satan, the enemy of love. Heaven and earth were suffocated and transformed into hell. The world became a wretched place, far from God's presence. Yet humanity to this day lives in ignorance of this. People are deluded into believing that the lineage of the enemy is the lifeline upon which the world depends. This is the wretched truth about human beings, all of whom descended from the Fall. That is why we refer to this world as hell on earth. God views humanity's tragic situation with a heart full of pain.

After creating Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and once they matured in His true love, God intended to wed them with His Holy Blessing and bequeath to them Heaven's right of ownership. God wanted Adam and Eve to inherit from Him the ownership of the entire universe. Because of the fall, however, all this came under Satan's control. God is like a father who worked and sweated his entire life to accumulate assets for his children, only to have a thief steal everything in one night.

Who can comprehend the sorrowful, painful heart of God? God lost His lineage, lost His children, and was forced to hand over the ownership of the nations and world to Satan. There was only one way to recover this lineage and ownership. This was the path to win the natural subjugation of Satan, to have Satan surrender voluntarily. What is the secret to accomplish this? It is only by the power of true love, when we love our enemies more than we love our own children.

Was there ever a time when God, as their True Father and True Mother, could rejoice with human beings, enjoying the natural bonds of parent and child? Has God enjoyed even a year of comfort with His children, knowing that what He created was good? The answer is no; God has not enjoyed this even for one hour. And has anyone been able to comfort God in this pain? No, because no one has known the reason for this unbridgeable gap between God and humankind. No one has known why God and humanity are in such a tragic circumstance.

The biblical account of Cain and Abel reveals the

beginnings of human conflict right in Adam's family. It provides the archetype for humankind's unending history of struggle, war and conflict. We are conflicted on many levels, beginning with the war between the body and mind within each individual and extending to wars between nations and even to the global conflict between materialism and theism.

Extreme selfish individualism threatens our prosperity even today. We deem young people to be the hope of humanity holding the promise for the future, but drugs and free sex enslave them. Advanced countries seem to believe that material goods are all that matter. They recognize only their own interests while ignoring the misery of tens of thousands who die of starvation every day.

Who can untie this ancient knot of Cain and Abel? It has been tightened for thousands of years and grows ever more tangled. Do you think the United Nations can do it? The U.N. at its founding proclaimed a movement for world peace, and for sixty years it has dedicated itself to this task; yet world peace still remains a far distant dream. Peace among nations can never come when those entrusted with the task have not resolved the Cain-Abel relationship between their own mind and body. Therefore, the time has come to launch an Abel-type United Nations that will set its course according to God's will.

God eagerly anticipated that someone would come and resolve these tragedies, but no such person appeared on earth. God waited and waited, looking for anyone who would take on the role of the True Parent. If someone had come forward, I am certain that God would have appeared in his dreams, carried the sun and moon to him, and showered forth lightning of joy and thunder of ecstasy from the heavens.

In this sense, it is a miracle of miracles that for the first time in history a man has succeeded in establishing the position of Adam, securing the position of the owner of true love, and received God's anointing as the True Parent of humanity. It is an amazing fact that his lifetime coincides with yours, and that you and he breathe the same air. I gained victory in the position of the horizontal True Parent, who comes to rescue fallen humanity.

On that foundation, on January 13, 2001, I dedicated to Heaven the "Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship." Through that ceremony I liberated and released God, the vertical True Parent who has taken responsibility for the Providence of Restoration. In all of history, this was the highest and greatest blessing humanity has ever received. This victory was absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. Through this absolute providential victory, God's body and mind are completely liberated!

The Way to Peace Through the Holy Blessing Ceremony

Respected leaders! Our bondage to the lineage of Satan has caused so much suffering throughout history. Let us now boldly step forth to sever it and be grafted onto the root of the lineage of the True Parents. Why should we foolishly continue to live and die as wild olive trees? A wild olive tree, even if it lives a thousand years, will only continue producing the seeds of more wild olive trees. Where can we find the path to escape this vicious cycle? It is through the Holy Blessing.

The Holy Blessing Ceremony offers the grace of being grafted onto the true olive tree. It was inaugurated through the True Parents, who bring God's true lineage to humankind. Once you change your lineage to God's lineage, your offspring will belong to God's lineage naturally. The Holy Blessing is received in three stages: resurrection, rebirth and eternal life. Once you receive the True Parents' Holy Blessing, you can give birth to pure, sinless offspring and build an ideal family.

The best way to receive the Holy Blessing is with someone from another race, nationality or religion. I call

this an "exchange marriage." This contributes to the enormous task of transcending the barriers of race, culture, ethnicity and religion and creating one family of humankind. In God's sight, skin color makes no difference. God does not stand behind the barriers of religion and culture. They are nothing more than the Devil's tricks. He has used them to rule over humanity as a false parent for tens of thousands of years.

Imagine two enemy families who have cursed each other throughout their lives, people who would never dream of living together. What would happen if these families joined together through an exchange Holy Marriage Blessing? Would the parents of two such families curse their son and daughter who became husband and wife, loved each other and built a happy home? If their son were to love this beautiful daughter of a hated enemy, and she were to become their daughter-in-law and give birth to Heaven's grandchildren as pure and clear as crystal, the grandparents would smile with pleasure. In time the lineages once soaked with enmity would be transformed.

What method other than exchange marriages will empower Whites and Blacks, Jews and Muslims, Orientals and Westerners, and people of all races to live as one human family? The ideal family is the model for living together in peace. The ideal family is the nest where we live and learn to become one. There we have the foundation of love and respect between parents and children, shared trust and love between husband and wife, and mutual support among siblings. For this fundamental reason, you should receive the Holy Marriage Blessing from the True Parents and establish Heaven's tradition of ideal families.

A Life of True Love

Let me reiterate: To resemble God, the original Being of true love, we should become the owners of true love. We should embody true love and practice it in order to develop our character. This is the way each of us can become true parents.

Then, what is a life of true love? True love is the spirit of public service. It brings the peace that is at the root of happiness. Selfish love is a mask for the desire to have one's partner exist for one's own sake; true love is free of that corruption. The essence of true love is to give, to live for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful and loving heart of a mother who cradles her baby in her arms and nurses it at her breast. True love is sacrificial love, as with a filial son who gains his greatest satisfaction in helping his parents. God created the universe out of just such love: absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, investing everything without any expectation or condition of receiving something in return.

True love is the wellspring of the universe. Once a person possesses it, true love makes him or her the center and the owner of the universe. True love is the root of God and a symbol of His will and power. When we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever, continually increasing in the joy of each other's company. The attraction of true love brings all things in the universe to our feet; even God will come to dwell with us. Nothing can compare to the value of true love. It has the power to dissipate the barriers fallen human beings created, including national boundaries and the barriers of race and even religion.

The main attributes of true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, so whoever practices God's true love will live with God, share His happiness and enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute prerequisite for entering the Kingdom of Heaven.

Respected leaders, you are now living in an age of

blessing. God's promises are coming to fruition. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the Kingdom of Peace that is God's ideal of creation, is being established before your eyes. My life of more than eighty years, a lonely path trod solely for Heaven and stained with blood, sweat, and tears, is now bearing victorious fruit for the sake of the world's six billion people. From the spirit world, the Founders of the world's religions, tens of thousands of saints and your own good ancestors are watching your every movement.

I have come as the True Parent of humankind with God's anointing and I am determined to keep my promise to Him. I am determined to obliterate all national divisions and barriers that have poisoned this earth and to establish the world of peace, where all people everywhere can live hand in hand.

In a speech titled "*The Cosmos Is Our Hometown and Our Fatherland*" given at The Washington Times Foundation American Century Awards, Washington DC, February 2, 2000 he said:

Nothing is more important in the human world than true love, true life, and true lineage.

True love leads to true life and true lineage.

True love cannot be fulfilled unless it results in true lineage. Further, love without true life is false love. True life is conceived within the context of true love and true lineage.

Thus, true love, true life, and true lineage open the way to eternal life.

God's ideal for creation is for each to become true individuals and pass on true love, true life, and true lineage to our descendants.

God is the ideal being and the master of eternal true love, eternal true lineage, and eternal true life.

Those who resemble God become His true sons and daughters living in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Why do men and women get married? They do so to link together the past, present, and future in the tradition of true lineage that I have described.

In a speech titled "*God Is Our King and True Parent*" given at Canaan Baptist Church, Harlem, New York, May 8, 2001 he said these powerful words:

Let us ask then, who is God to us? What is His relationship with humankind? We refer to Him as Father, because He is our source of true love, true life and true lineage. Thus, the original relationship between God and humanity is that of parent and child.

There is nothing more important to us than love, life and lineage. Among these, which do you think has most value? Most people think that it is love. However, no matter how valuable love and life are, they are horizontal in nature. They appear and conclude within one generation. On the other hand, lineage is vertical in nature and continues forever, generation after generation.

God's Image Passed through Lineage

Ladies and Gentlemen, more than six billion people are now living in the world. Without exception they fall into one of two categories: man or woman. In fact, God created all beings, including those of the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms, with yang nature and yin nature. In other words, He created a pair system. That is because He created the universe to resemble Himself.

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This generation has inherited the lineage passed down through our ancestors. We are like a corporation composed of cells inherited from all of our ancestors going back to Adam.

Thus, Adam and Eve could not have a marriage ceremony blessed by God. Instead, they married under Satan's dominion. Doing so, they inherited Satan's lineage and multiplied descendants. For this reason, Jesus spoke so sharply when he pointed out that the devil Satan is the father of fallen humankind, "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire." (John 8:44) The fall destroyed the eternal relationship of parent and child between God, on the one hand, and Adam and Eve, on the other. Therefore, Adam and Eve were unable to generate the love of true parents, true husband and wife, and true children. Because of this, God never had grandchildren of direct descent.

I repeat: the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents Eve's reproductive organ, and God gave the commandment to protect her chastity. When He created us, God invested His entire heart and soul in our reproductive organs. He created them as the palace of true love, the palace of true life, and the palace of true lineage. The story places the fruit in the context of good and evil in order to tell us that if Eve were to have a relationship with a king, she would give birth to a prince, and if she were to have a relationship with a mafioso, she would give birth to a villain. The quality of the harvest depends upon the seed that is planted. It was called the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil because it could manifest good or evil.

The Fruit of Sexual Immorality

This is how the original sin, the root of all sin, came into existence. This is why it became necessary for human beings to find rebirth. Rebirth is necessary because the problem relates to lineage.

The fall of the first human ancestors allowed Satan to have grandchildren and prevented God from having this experience. Because the false parent influenced the act of adultery, there arose the need for a Savior, or Messiah, and for True Parents. Since Adam and Eve's marriage was wrongful in God's eyes, the Messiah was destined to come as the True Parents in order to restore humankind through marriage rightful in God's eyes. The branches of the false olive tree must be cut off and engrafted onto the true olive tree.

This is why Jesus said to Nicodemus that one cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven without first being reborn. Everyone must separate from false love, false life and the false lineage and engraft onto true love, true life and the true lineage in order to be reborn as citizens of the kingdom of Heaven.

It is possible to engraft families and even entire nations all at once. For this cause, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, centering on my teaching, has been working to bring the kingdom of Heaven on earth and in Heaven through the ideal of true families. If you doubt this, please pray about it. I discovered this truth through prayer so intense that my very life was at risk. I do not think there is anyone who knows more about the spirit world and God than I do.

True parents bring true love and true blood lineage. False parents instigated fallen love and they planted the fallen lineage. In the original world, people are to create true families centering on God, to create a family of true sons and daughters by connecting with the true blood lineage. To become the children of True Parents, our lineage should be connected to True Parents. Without blood lineage, the true parent and child relationship is impossible. Even God cannot separate people from their blood lineage, nor can Satan. Because of this, in the Completed Testament age, the failures of both the Old Testament era and the New Testament era can be indemnified through the true lineage of the blessed families who received the blessing of True Parents.

Up until now, the most serious problem has been that of lineage.

In a wonderful speech titled "God's Ideal Family and Responsibility the Citizens of Cheon II Guk Are Called to Fulfill" (2-23-07) he teaches:

Who would be most fully aware of your good and bad deeds? It would be your grandparents, your parents, your spouse and your children. Is there anything that cannot be resolved within the family? When parents and children, husband and wife, and elder siblings and younger siblings set an example of living for the sake of one another, why is it impossible to forgive any mistakes? What reason would they have to commit crime? A world governed by the heavenly way and the heavenly laws is a natural world, an unobstructed world of truth and pure reason. It is a world at the "high noon" of absolute values, without any dark shadows.

A Family of Three Generations Living in Harmony

Ladies and gentlemen, the family sets the pattern for living together. The warm environment of oneness based on love and respect between parents and children, mutual fidelity and love between husband and wife, and trust and mutual reliance among siblings is the manifestation of the model, ideal family of peace. This means that you need to establish a true family, wherein the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love.

In this manner, the three generations of grandparents, parents, and children should live together as one family and serve the eternal God. God desires to see such families, and it is your responsibility as tribal messiahs and ambassadors for peace to strive for and establish them — families of Cheon II Guk, the kingdom of God.

The responsibility you are called to fulfill is to teach others, without fail, that the perfection of a life of absolute sexual morality through the cross-cultural Marriage Blessing is the ultimate means and method to establish a peaceful, ideal world here on earth.

The Importance of Lineage

Do you know what has pained God's heart most, causing Him the greatest grief over the long history since the Fall of Adam and Eve? God lost His lineage. With it, God lost the basis of human brotherhood and even His ownership over the creation. God's lineage is more precious than life itself. Yet, this was lost. Without it, the fruits of true life and true love never matured.

Ladies and gentlemen, lineage is more important than life and more precious than love. Life and love come together to create lineage. Lineage cannot be established if either life or love is missing. Therefore, among the three — love, life and lineage — lineage is the fruit. God's lineage contains the seed of true love. God's lineage provides the context and environment for a true life.

Hence, for us to become the ideal people envisioned by God, that is, people of ideal character, and to create ideal families, we first need to be linked to His lineage. To take it a step further, only when we are linked to God's lineage is it possible to create God's homeland, the ideal nation. Please inscribe the importance of lineage in your hearts. I cannot emphasize this enough. This is because the parent-child relationship is the highest and most important of all relationships, and the model, lineal relationship between parent and child is the only way through which God's lineage can be bequeathed and made to last forever. You must be clear on this point.

People of Character

Ladies and gentlemen, Adam and Eve had to establish a model, peaceful, ideal family. God, the absolute being, created human beings as His children in order to instill in them absolute values, which spring from an absolute standard. Thus, human beings must follow the way of that unchanging standard in keeping with the demands of the heavenly path. This means we must follow our destined life course in order to attend God, our eternal parent. In other words, for us to perfect ourselves in resemblance of God and obtain the stature of people of character who can be called sons and daughters of the eternal God, we must follow the path based on the unwavering standard God has determined. The essence of this path is the standard of absolute sexual purity.

Here are some more thoughts on Sun Myung Moon's teachings on creating a pure lineage:

Lineage took a wrong turn from the misuse of the love organ. What is the meaning of the human fall? It is misuse of the love organ. Therefore, the lineage took a wrong turn. Without the fall, lineage and the love organ should have come directly from God.

God's attributes are eternal, absolute, unique and unchanging. Our lineage and love organs should be that way. That should be the organ God likes, not the one that Satan can interfere with and destroy. The human fall was the destruction of the lineage. The original lineage should have been a royal lineage, but now it is the lineage of butchers. That is why they are in opposite positions.

What about your ancestors' lineage? Is your lineage crystal clean? Is it like ocean water? Or is it all mixed up? Originally, human lineage should have been like ocean water, crystal clear. But in America we see free sex being practiced. It denies original lineage. Such a society, is it God's Kingdom of Heaven? Can God dwell there?

The sexual organ is like a way to connect to continue the lineage. We talk of inheriting a lineage from thousands of generations. Within us the lineage is to be connected to another level. It is a culminating point. But is our lineage clean or mixed with the practice of free sex?

The role of the messiah is to clean the filthy blood lineage and give God's blood to mankind.

All humans have Satan's blood and false lineage. So, someone (the Messiah) must come with the skill of a doctor to change the blood lineage. It is an engrafting process. The wild and true olive trees need a grafting process.

The worst possible crime we can commit in this world is adultery. The smell of an adulterer in the Spirit World will be the worst stench. Do you want to multiply this kind of lineage? (No.) No. Your conscience will say no. Do you have confidence that you can enter the Kingdom of God? Show your hands? None? Have you engrafted True Father's teaching onto yourselves? Do you believe in his teaching absolutely? Even without knowing the details? True Father started with absolute faith and practiced it.

Lineage is the problem, a big problem. It is a problem because of the misuse of the sexual organ. Leaving your husband and making a relationship with someone else is a big problem. Satan is like a prostitute. Don't we all have that kind of mind? Perhaps a Westerner may feel "If I sleep with this oriental man, it will be good." We all have this problem, no matter how old. Sometimes old women have the urge to live with a handsome young man. Among six billion people, there are all kinds of handsome men and women all over the world. If you become a promiscuous person, you can commit all kinds of sin.

What about Rev. Yang? Suppose this is the world of naked people. Suddenly the most beautiful woman in the world comes and puts her body on his; won't he have a desire to touch her hips? Will he have a desire to touch her secret place? (Rev. Yang answers, "Absolutely not!") That means he will do it absolutely! (Laughter)

Unless we can overcome sexual, physical desire, we cannot be connected to God. In other words, we need God's help. Otherwise, we will fail. Sexual desire is so strong. That is how we were created. What do we need to overcome this? We need the truth, knowing that the human fall turned history upside down 180 degrees. Then we can force ourselves to overcome physical desire. Our mistake was that God has lamented for thousands of years and thousands of people were killed.

Young people, we must have a clear idea where our lineage is connected. Then we will think again about what we will do? Even an old person can have such a desire. Our flesh is the base of Satan, so it is our enemy. We should absolutely center on our conscience and through it, on our mind. If we don't, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

What about young Americans who go to nightclubs and dance and have one-night stands? They mix their blood. Your lineage is so filthy. (2-18-2001)

So living life without marrying is the greatest among sins because it denies the ancestry; wife denying her husband, husband denying his wife, parents denying their children are the worst of sins. It destroys the heavenly law. It leads to the entire lineage coming to an end in a single generation.

You have no idea how vast the spirit world is. In order to fill up the entire spirit world, God wants all the people on earth to create families and reproduce. God wants as many as possible to populate the Heavenly Kingdom. How can anyone want to remain single if he understands this? If you do not reproduce, heaven will be empty. The entire lineage can disappear in one generation.

Do not become homosexuals! I am warning you. They have no future. Their end is only despair. There will be no families: no parents, no couples, no children, and no relatives. They deny all those important things. That is how they destroy themselves. You must understand this clearly. Homosexuals are finished in one generation.

Young men and women, do you want to fail or do you want to succeed in life? [We want to succeed in life.] What should you do if you want to succeed? You must be engrafted onto the heavenly blood lineage. The fallen blood lineage is destined to go to hell. It is surely doomed to destruction. Our Unification movement knows this very clearly....

Since God is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, His blood lineage is absolute, unique, unchanging, and eternal. It will prosper forever. However, the fallen blood lineage will perish. Therefore, you must be proud of having the heavenly blood lineage. That is our amazingly great property. From the other side, they hate it and can never touch, see or feel it. Do you understand?

God sent the Messiah in order to engraft God's lineage onto humanity. That was Jesus' purpose in life. When your conscience tells you to go this way but your body hesitates, you must ask yourself. Which is stronger in me? The satanic or the godly blood lineage? Your answer should be that God's blood lineage is stronger. And then you have to kick your body.

No government can prevent the moral decline of their society. Even the best education cannot stop it. No economic or military power can stop the problems. Nothing can really solve such complicated problems. Only True Parents.

Let's say that you will have about a thousand generations of descendants in the future and already have about a thousand generations of ancestors. You can be the number one couple among all of them if you keep your purity absolutely like God, who is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. You must be able to see that God is the first ancestor, and you are the second ancestor. That is what it means by saying that mine is the central family of the blessing. (1-29-2001)

From now on, we must live by certain firm principles. First is that we must not stain our blood lineage.

Starting today, people should consider the blessed lineage to be connected to God's lineage, receiving His true love and true life. This lineage must not be stained again by practices immersed in the customs of the fallen world. Can you protect your lineage? Whether you are married or still single, you must commit yourself today to maintain the purity of your lineage.

Article One of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Heaven is that we must not defile the lineage but must protect its purity eternally. (5-15-2001)

Do you know how to achieve perfection as an individual? Do you know that individual perfection comes through mind and body unity? At the time of the

fall, the body that inherited Satan's blood lineage became stronger than the conscience. This was the problem. Under no circumstances we should follow bodily desires.

To live a virtuous life, guidance is necessary. Each person has to be an example to others. That defines a virtuous way of life. If you cannot become a model for others, you are not leading a true life. If your life can serve as an example before the mother and the father, the husband and wife, and children, then you are living a virtuous life.

Be an example! Be an exemplary parent, exemplary spouse, exemplary child and exemplary sibling. If you form such a family, people in your neighborhood will say, "We should follow that person. I want to live with him." That person is surely a citizen of kingdom of heaven, and heaven will remember that family forever.

In front of the living God, with humility, let us be children of filial piety and loyalty. Let us become the sacred children of God. In light of God's sovereignty, in this age of kingship, let us stand together to establish a world of peace, love and harmony. (5-8-2001)

For thousands of years Christianity had the core value of the importance of children. The primary purpose of marriage was to procreate. Kook Jin and Hyung Jin Moon correctly teach that 19th century America was a time when mankind had the most freedom. It was also a time when the traditional, biblical, patriarchal family was at its peak. Satan introduced his deadliest ideology of feminism during that time and by the time the Messiah was born in 1920 America was on the road to ruin. In the 19th century Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony pushed hard against the traditional family and were successful in getting America to turn away from the biblical marriage and family and embrace the deadly philosophy of the feminist marriage and family. Feminism is now the ruling ideology.

VALUES

Sun Myung Moon teaches the traditional value of patriarchy-the value that men lead, provide and protect women and children. A dramatic example of this philosophy was seen in the sinking of the Titanic. Some of the richest men in the world went down with the ship so poor women and children could get on the few lifeboats. Ships have sunk since 1913 but in many cases the men aboard pushed their way to the lifeboats to get on board first. Chivalry is dead. I teach in my book Practical Plan for World Peace that many Unificationists, even some major intellectuals in the movement, teach that Sun Myung Moon is a feminist and they push young Unificationist women to lead, provide and protect men. A dramatic example is the praise they give for an 18vear-old Unificationist woman going to West Point where she is being trained to lead men into battle. Arianna Moon, the daughter of In Jin, wrote a glowing article for the Unification Church's website about this petite Second Generation sister at West Point. Arianna titled her article, "West Point Cadet Upholds Unificationist Values at Military Academy." What values? The values of feminism. This article shows the betraval of Father's values. Those who believe women protect men are not true Unificationists. They are false Unificationists.

HAPPY HOMEMAKERS

The greatest writer about America is Alexis de Tocqueville who wrote the classic book Democracy in America in the 1830s. Tocqueville wrote eloquently that American women were great because they were not feminists. No one has ever written a better and more insightful book on America than Tocqueville. He discovered that American women were very happy and contented in their traditional, biblical roles as homemakers. It was a time when large families were considered normal whereas today having many children is seen as abnormal. In the early nineteenth century, the typical American woman had between seven and eight children in her lifetime. Tocqueville warned America that if it adopted the ideology of feminism it would decline. Sadly America became feminists and the birth rate plummeted. "When Americans are asked what is the ideal number of children for a family, the most popular answer. according the survey. 'two''' to is (www.pewsocialtrends.org). Tocqueville writes glowingly about women in the early nineteenth century America saying that "although the women of the United States are confined within the narrow circle of domestic life, and their situation is in some respects one of extreme dependence, I have nowhere seen woman occupying a loftier position."

Women are not happier today since they gave up having many children. He writes:

> It is not thus that the Americans understand that species of democratic equality which may be established between the sexes. They admit that as nature has appointed such wide differences between the physical and moral constitution of man and woman, her manifest design was to give a distinct employment to their various faculties; and they hold that improvement does not consist in making beings so dissimilar do pretty nearly the same things, but in causing each of them to fulfill their respective tasks in the best possible manner. The Americans have applied to the sexes the great principle of political economy which governs the manufacturers of our age, by carefully dividing the duties of man from those of woman in order that the great work of society may be the better carried on.

> In no country has such constant care been taken as in America to trace two clearly distinct lines of action for the two sexes and to make them keep pace one with the other, but in two pathways that are always different. American women never manage the outward concerns of the family or conduct a business or take a part in political life; nor are they, on the other hand, ever compelled to perform the rough labor of the fields or to make any of those laborious efforts which demand the exertion of physical strength. No families are so poor as to form an exception to this rule. If, on the one hand, an American woman cannot escape from the quiet circle of domestic employments, she is never forced, on the other, to go beyond it. Hence it is that the women of America, who often exhibit a masculine strength of understanding and a manly energy, generally preserve great delicacy of personal appearance and always retain the manners of women although they sometimes show that they have the hearts and minds of men.

MAN IS HEAD OF HOME AND COMMUNITY

Nor have the Americans ever supposed that one consequence of democratic principles is the subversion of marital power or the confusion of the natural authorities in families. They hold that every association must have a head in order to accomplish its object, and that the natural head of the conjugal association is man. They do not therefore deny him the right of directing his partner, and they maintain that in the smaller association of husband and wife as well as in the great social community the object of democracy is to regulate and legalize the powers that are necessary, and not to subvert all power.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

This opinion is not peculiar to one sex and contested by the other; I never observed that the women of America consider conjugal authority as a fortunate usurpation of their rights, or that they thought themselves degraded by submitting to it. It appeared to me, on the contrary, that they attach a sort of pride to the voluntary surrender of their own will and make it their boast to bend themselves to the yoke, not to shake it off. Such, at least, is the feeling expressed by the most virtuous of their sex; the others are silent; and in the United States it is not the practice for a guilty wife to clamor for the rights of women while she is trampling on her own holiest duties.

It has often been remarked that in Europe a certain degree of contempt lurks even in the flattery which men lavish upon women; although a European frequently affects to be the slave of woman, it may be seen that he never sincerely thinks her his equal. In the United States men seldom compliment women, but they daily show how much they esteem them. They constantly display an entire confidence in the understanding of a wife and a profound respect for her freedom; they have decided that her mind is just as fitted as that of a man to discover the plain truth, and her heart as firm to embrace it; and they have never sought to place her virtue, any more than his, under the shelter of prejudice, ignorance, and fear.

It would seem in Europe, where man so easily submits to the despotic sway of women, that they are nevertheless deprived of some of the greatest attributes of the human species and considered as seductive but imperfect beings; and (what may well provoke astonishment) women ultimately look upon themselves in the same light and almost consider it as a privilege that they are entitled to show themselves futile, feeble, and timid. The women of America claim no such privileges.

Again, it may be said that in our morals we have reserved strange immunities to man, so that there is, as it were, one virtue for his use and another for the guidance of his partner, and that, according to the opinion of the public, the very same act may be punished alternately as a crime or only as a fault. The Americans do not know this iniquitous division of duties and rights; among them the seducer is as much dishonored as his victim.

It is true that the Americans rarely lavish upon women those eager attentions which are commonly paid them in Europe, but their conduct to women always implies that they suppose them to be virtuous and refined; and such is the respect entertained for the moral freedom of the sex that in the presence of a woman the most guarded language is used lest her ear should be offended by an expression. In America a young unmarried woman may alone and without fear undertake a long journey.

The legislators of the United States, who have mitigated almost all the penalties of criminal law, still make rape a capital offense, and no crime is visited with more inexorable severity by public opinion. This may be accounted for; as the Americans can conceive nothing more precious than a woman's honor and nothing which ought so much to be respected as her independence, they hold that no punishment is too severe for the man who deprives her of them against her will. In France, where the same offense is visited with far milder penalties, it is frequently difficult to get a verdict from a jury against the prisoner. Is this a consequence of contempt of decency or contempt of women? I cannot but believe that it is a contempt of both.

Thus the Americans do not think that man and woman have either the duty or the right to perform the same offices, but they show an equal regard for both their respective parts; and though their lot is different, they consider both of them as beings of equal value. They do not give to the courage of woman the same form or the same direction as to that of man, but they never doubt her courage; and if they hold that man and his partner ought not always to exercise their intellect and understanding in the same manner, they at least believe the understanding of the one to be as sound as that of the other, and her intellect to be as clear. Thus, then, while they have allowed the social inferiority of woman to continue, they have done all they could to raise her morally and intellectually to the level of man; and in this respect they appear to me to have excellently understood the true principle of democratic improvement.

NARROW CIRCLE OF DOMESTIC LIFE

As for myself, I do not hesitate to avow that although the women of the United States are confined within the narrow circle of domestic life, and their situation is in some respects one of extreme dependence, I have nowhere seen woman occupying a loftier position; and if I were asked, now that I am drawing to the close of this work, in which I have spoken of so many important things done by the Americans, to what the singular prosperity and growing strength of that people ought mainly to be attributed, I should reply: To the superiority of their women.

Isn't that breathtaking? So much for the feminist propaganda from Susan B. Anthony that women were unhappy in the 19^{th} century and her false teaching against the ideology of patriarchy that says the man is the head of the household. Father teaches the exact opposite of Susan B Anthony:

In the end, we see that a woman is created to live for her husband and her children. So a husband must attend to his wife as the queen of queens. When his wife is breast feeding and nurturing the baby, the husband must do everything he can for the sake of his wife and baby.

The husband is responsible to rear the children born to him and his wife to become filial children, patriots to the nation, saints for the world and finally divine sons and daughters of God. In this way, husband and wife relate as subject and object partners. In terms of quality, men and women are equal in value. However, in terms of the order of things, the husband, who holds the seed of life within him, is the subject partner. With her husband as absolute subject partner, a wife and the children should create one heart and one body and offer a true family to God. (5-8-2001)

Father often talks about the division of labor in a family where the man leaves to be a provider at his job and the woman leaves her home to provide by shopping for what the family needs. He says, "In a family, the man goes out to work and comes back in the evening, pulled by the power of love. The wife too goes out shopping and always comes back pulled by love" (4-14-91). He does not say one is more important than the other. Both husband and wife are loving in their own unique way which has equal value but different function. You will never hear Father talk about women working and men going shopping. He explains how men are not into shopping but women live to shop and find it an art form.

Because America and many other countries have rejected (or better rebelled) against the Bible's old-fashioned principles, we see that the birth rate has dropped and in many nations it has dropped below replacement numbers. The core value of Feminism is for women to give up having many children, leave the home, and compete with men. The Bible and Father teach that a woman's career is her husband and her children. Mrs. Moon never earned money and followed her husband completely. Some Unificationists say that she did this for special providential reasons and now Unificationist women should not do as she did and women should not only compete with men but should lead men in every area of life—even the military. How many young Unificationist women have the goal of being a stay-at-home mom and "bear many children" as Father commands? I assume that most are just like most other young women in our sick culture who are pursuing a career outside the home.

Father often says we live in a world of chaos. On January 1, 1992 he said, "Today, the entire world is in confusion." You can't get more confused than thinking women in West Point is advancement of civilization. Because of feminism nations are literally dying from the death of the family. Many nations are not even producing at replacement level. The solution is for women to restore Eve and bring unity in their family and witness at the kitchen table so the UM can finally grow. The last thing we need is the vile, satanic ideology of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.

There are some videos of traditional wives you can watch on YouTube.com. For example, Courtney Joseph has videos. One of them is her appearance on the Rachael Ray show where she says her husband is her career. True Mother made Father her career and so should every woman. Courtney has a wonderful book titled *Women Living Well: Find Your Joy in God, Your Man, Your Kids, and Your Home.* Check out her website: www.womenlivingwell.org. Sadly the women's organization True Father created—Women's Federation for World Peace—has never encouraged and praised stay-at-home moms and those women who have many children. They only praise and uplift so-called successful women in the marketplace.

CHILDREN AS ASSETS

Why is it the norm to see children as an expensive burden? One reason is because Satan influenced the majority of mankind to move from the countryside where they were close to nature to live in cities where they were divorced from the land. True Father teaches we should return to the countryside. Allan Carlson writes convincingly in his book *From*

Cottage to Work Station: The Family's Search for Social Harmony in the Industrial Age that before 1840 America lived mostly in rural communities and here was a high birthrate because children were seen as assets. They would take care of their parents in old age. They worked the land and had value as providers instead of children in cities who are only liabilities: "Children in America, though, were more than the accidental product of the sexual act or precious bundles to care for and nurture. They were also economic assets to their parents and extended families, new laborers for the family enterprise and sources of security for the care of the old. No less an observer than Adam Smith, in his Wealth of Nations published in 1776, remarked that the rapid economic growth in England's American colonies both reflected and rested on the abundance of children: 'Labor [in North America] is ... so well rewarded that a numerous family of children, instead of being a burden, is a source of opulence and prosperity to the parents. The value of children is the greatest of all encouragements to marriage. We cannot, therefore, wonder that the people in North America should generally marry very young.""

Brian Abshire wrote a wonderful article titled "The Industrial Revolution and the Sociology of the Christian Family" (5-10-08) saying: "Before the industrial revolution, most people lived in small communities. The same families lived in the same locales for generations since the family was tied to the land. Children were assets; every extra pair of hands meant the farm could produce more food (or the craftsman more products)."

We must go back to nature and have mystical, spiritual feelings about the earth and teach our children to pass on the land to their descendants. Land should be seen as sacred. In Father's autobiography, *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* he says, "I awoke in them the joy of loving nature. The young people were caught up in the immoral culture of the cities and enslaved in selfish lives, so I talked to them about the preciousness of nature. Nature is given to us by God. God speaks to us through nature. It is a sin to destroy nature for the sake of a moment of enjoyment or an insignificant amount of money. The nature that we destroy eventually will make its way back to us in the form of poison and make life difficult for our descendants. We need to go back to nature and listen to what nature tells us. I told the young people of America that when we open our hearts and listen to what nature is saying, we can hear the word of God." There is a movement where sensitive people are going back-to-theland. Ken Carpenter has made some great DVDs about this such as *Inherit the Land: Adventures in the Agrarian Journey* and *A Journey Home* (www.franklinsprings.com).

ENERGY, FOOD AND FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

It would be much easier and cheaper to have many children if we lived off the grid. An interesting book on someone who lives off the grid and teaches how to do it is Cam Mather. Check out his books and DVDs at his website (www.aztext.com). One reviewer said this about his book *Thriving During Challenging Times: The Energy, Food and Financial Independence Handbook*:

It's time to reclaim your independence to weather the storm and to bring new meaning to your life. The technological world we find ourselves in removes us from the experiences that used to be part of the rhythm of daily life. Growing your own food, heating your home without being reliant on someone else and living within your means financially. These activities bring joy to your life and help you deal with the multiple challenges that face us today. This book is a road map to get your home more independent, to get your bank account back on track and to explore how digging potatoes for dinner, or showering in water heated by the sun can provide the greatest of satisfactions. It's time to pay down that debt. grow your own food and start integrating renewable energy and energy efficiency into your home to reduce your carbon footprint, free yourself from the stress of financial obligations, and return your spirit to its rightful place, in harmony with the simple basic things that make life a fantastic journey.

Author Cam Mather lives 4 miles from the nearest electrical grid, generating his power from the sun and wind and growing most of his own food. He is copublisher of Aztext Press and its "Solutions for Sustainability" series of books and videos. He has produced instructional DVDs on growing vegetables and installing wind turbines. His workshops on Renewable Energy, Organic Gardening, Irrigation, and Thriving During Challenging Times have motivated thousands of people to take joy in becoming more independent while reducing their footprint on the planet.

To know God and Father and live a fulfilled life we need to live close to nature. The Bible begins with God placing Adam and Eve in a garden where they were commanded to care for the earth and the animals. That commandment still stands. Let's make the entire world a Garden of Eden. Doesn't it make sense that if we live divorced from the land we are not in touch with procreation? Children growing up in a rural setting see animals procreate and are in touch with the soil and plants and the seasons.

Father says, "I spent my childhood in a rural district. When the seasons changed, various migrating birds came and also various different kinds of flowers blossomed. I was raised under those conditions. When I was young wherever you went in Korea the seasons were clearly distinguished, and as they changed we could see the beauty of nature. Today, unfortunately, if we walk around Seoul, we don't come across nature. Every area has been urbanized here, and all we can see is artificial nature. When I think of people who grow up under these urban circumstances I feel sad because they lack emotional feelings. Since there is no opportunity for them to feel the mystery and beauty of nature, there is a tendency for people to become violent or individualistic. You must know these things. People learn many things and realize many things through encounters with nature.

"I learned and experienced many things through nature. Through it I learned on my own what true love and happiness are. What we learn through the natural world is more fundamental than what we learn through school education" (*The Way For Students*). Michael Breen writes in *Sun Myung Moon, The Early Years, 1920-53*: "He developed a love of nature. He has told followers that once, as a young boy, after praying outdoors, he felt as if the grass and trees were appealing to him, telling him they were abandoned by mankind."

NATURE-DEFICIT DISORDER

Richard Louv has a wonderful book titled *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder*. Also, check out his website www.RichardLouv.com where he has great articles and videos of interviews. Watch an excellent speech (on YouTube) he gave titled "The Abundant Childhood: Nature, Creativity & Health: An Evening with Richard Louv"

www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrDIbt80Ve8). Every parent should read his books because he gives the scientific studies showing that the closer children are to nature the greater they grow mentally, physically and emotionally. We all want the best for children and one the greatest things we can give them is a life in nature and especially the nature in the countryside. I can't imagine anyone reading Louv's book and not be motivated and inspired to get their children and loved ones to get their children to get outside and play in nature but even more to move to the countryside. Everyone should watch the DVD titled Mother Nature's Child: Growing Outdoors in the Media Age (www.mothernaturesmovie.com). It has great scenes of children playing and growing in nature and excellent commentary by Richard Louv and other writers like him such as David Sobel and Jon Young that show how important nature is for children's growth. Check out the website: www.childrenandnature.org. It gives a great list of books such as Wild Play: Parenting Adventures in the Great Outdoors by David Sobel. Sharing Nature with Children bv Joseph Cornell (www.sharingnature.com) and The Nature Principle: Human Restoration and the End of Nature-Deficit Disorder by Ricard Louv. Also check out the DVD Where Do the Children Play by Michigan Television. Cheryl Charles works with Richard Louv and she has a good TED talk about how important it is to get children out of the house you can see at (www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNwcg6RfPNw).

I wish I had the space to go into detail on the many books and the many great insights they give on the importance of everyone spending time in nature. Here is one example. In Louv's book The Nature Principle he writes, "In his book The Great Work, Thomas Berry wrote: 'The present urgency is to begin thinking within the context of the whole planet ... When we discuss ethics we must understand it to mean the principles and values that govern the comprehensive community.' Berry believed that the natural world is the physical manifestation of the divine. The survival of both religion and science depends not on one winning (because both would lose), but on the emergence of what he called a twenty-first century story-a reunion between humans and nature." I would call it a reunion between humans and Earthly Mother. Louv writes, "Speaking of absoutes may make us uncomfortable, but surely this is true. As a society, we need to give nature back to our children and ourselves. To not do so is immoral. It is unethical. In the formation of American ideals, nature was elemental to the idea of human rights, yet inherent in the thinking of the Founding Fathers was this assumption: with every right comes responsibility.

Whether we are talking about democracy or nature, if we fail to serve as careful stewards, we will destroy the reason for our right, and the right itself. And if we do not use this right, we lose it. Our society must do more than talk about the importance of nature; it must ensure that people in every neighborhood have everyday access to natural spaces, places, and experiences." I encourage you to watch as many YouTube videos of Richard Louv as you can. He has so many great insights into why getting kids into nature helps them and therefore society.

Aristotle, in *The Politics*, wrote that "an agricultural population makes the best *demos*." Thomas Jefferson believed that America would be great as long as its people were close to the earth. He believed that farmers were the heart and soul of a virtuous country. In his 1781 "Notes on the State of Virginia," Jefferson declared that "Those who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God ... whose breasts he has made his peculiar deposit for substantial and genuine virtue." He wrote, "Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country and wedded to its liberty by the most lasting bonds."

Thomas Jefferson said:

The class principally defective is that of agriculture. It is the first in utility, and ought to be the first in respect. The same artificial means which have been used to produce a competition in learning, may be equally successful in restoring agriculture to its primary dignity in the eyes of men. It is a science of the very first order. It counts among its handmaids of the most respectable sciences, such as Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, Mechanics, Mathematics generally, Natural History, Botany. In every College and University, a professorship of agriculture, and the class of its students, might be honored as the first. Young men closing their academical education with this, as the crown of all other sciences, fascinated with its solid charms, and at a time when they are to choose an occupation, instead of crowding the other classes, would return to the farms of their fathers, their own, or those of others, and replenish and invigorate a calling, now languishing under contempt and oppression. The charitable schools, instead of storing their pupils with a lore which the present state of society does not call for, converted into schools of agriculture, might restore them to that branch qualified to enrich and honor themselves, and to increase the productions of the nation instead of consuming them.

It [agriculture] is at the same time the most tranquil, healthy, and independent [occupation].

The pamphlet you were so kind as to send me manifests a zeal, which cannot be too much praised, for the interests of agriculture, the employment of our first parents in Eden, the happiest we can follow, and the most important to our country.

With respect to the boys I never till lately doubted but that I should be able to give them a competence as comfortable farmers, and no station is more honorable or happy than that.

I think our governments will remain virtuous for many centuries; as long as they are chiefly agricultural. When they pile upon one another in large cities as in Europe, they will become corrupt as in Europe.

Jefferson despised the city and deeply felt that life in the countryside produced a more self-reliant and wholesome citizen. His love of the land led him to the Louisiana Purchase that doubled the size of America. He wanted Americans to be farmers who were in tune with Mother Earth. It is difficult to put into words how mystical nature is and how we come close to God there. Today the cities are often politically liberal and the countryside in America is often more conservative. Conservatives are stronger people than Liberals and are more willing to solve their problems locally than resort to big government.

Erica Walter, a stay-at-home mom and Catholic writer says, "Modern urban life itself is especially hard on males. Where in the modern world can men be men? The frontier's gone. We're all so alienated from nature. If all people grew up on farms they would know instinctively that there are differences between boys and girls. But modern society, with all its conveniences, makes it very, very easy to deny nature."

Father says, "For thousands of years Oriental culture has been based upon farming and agriculture. This has caused them to build a vertical concept of looking toward heaven for the blessing of weather and crops. If you are a serious farmer you have to look toward the sky daily. You have to observe the direction and strength of the wind. As a farmer, this is how you connect yourself to heaven." (5-26-96) In his autobiography *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* Father writes this about nature and how he was raised to be a farmer. He writes how he explored:

the mountains that were in a five-mile radius of our home. I went everywhere, even beyond the mountains. When I went to the mountains, I would touch all the flowers and trees. I wasn't satisfied just to look at things with my eyes; I had to touch the flowers, smell them, and even put them in my mouth and chew on them. I enjoyed the fragrances, the touch, and the tastes so much that I wouldn't have minded if someone had told me to stick my nose in the brush and keep it there the whole day. I loved nature so much that anytime I went outside, I would spend the day roaming the hills and fields and forget about having to go home. When my older sisters would go into the hills to gather wild vegetable, I would lead the way up the hill and pick the plants. Thanks to this experience. I know a lot about many kinds of wild vegetables that taste good and are high in nutrition.

Spending time in the forest cleanses the mind. The sound of leaves rustling in the wind, the sound of the wind blowing through the reeds, the sound of frogs croaking in the ponds: All you can hear are the sounds of nature; no extraneous thoughts enter the mind. If you empty your mind and receive nature into your entire being, there is no separation between you and nature. Nature comes into you, and you become completely one with nature. In the moment that the boundary between you and nature disappears, you feel a profound sense of joy. Then nature becomes you, and you become nature.

I have always treasured such experiences in my life. Even now, I close my eyes and enter a state in which I am one with nature. Some refer to this as anātman, or "not-self", but to me it is more than that, because nature enters and settles into the place that has been made empty. While in that state, I listen to the sounds that nature hands to me—the sounds of the pine trees, the sounds of the bugs—and we become friends. I could go to a village and know, without meeting anyone, the disposition of the minds of the people living there. I would go into the meadow of the village and spend the night there, then listen to what the crops in the fields tell me. I could see whether the crops were sad or happy and that would tell me the kind of people who lived there.

The reason I could be in jail in South Korea and the United States and even North Korea, and not feel lonely and isolated is that even in jail I could hear the sound of the wind blowing and talk to the bugs that were there with me.

You may ask, "What do you talk about with bugs?" Even the smallest grain of sand contains the principles of the world, and even a speck of dust floating in the air contains the harmony of the universe. Everything around us was given birth through a combination of forces so complex we cannot even imagine it. These forces are closely related to each other. Nothing in the universe was conceived outside the heart of God. The movement of just one leaf holds within the breathing of the universe.

From childhood, I have had a gift of being able to resonate with the sounds of nature as I roam around the hills and meadows. Nature creates a single harmony and produces a sound that is magnificent and beautiful. No one tries to show off and no one is ignored; there is just a supreme harmony. Whenever I found myself in difficulty, nature comforted me; whenever I collapsed in despair, it raised me back up. Children these days are raised in urban areas and don't have opportunities to become familiar with nature, but developing sensitivity to nature is actually more important than developing our knowledge. What is the purpose of providing a university education to a child who cannot feel nature in his bosom and whose sensitivities are dull? The person separated from nature can gather book knowledge here and there and then easily become an individualistic person who worships material goods.

We need to feel the difference between the sound of spring rain falling like a soft whisper and that of the autumn rain falling with pops and crackles. It is only the person who enjoys resonance with nature who can be said to have a true character. A dandelion blooming by the side of the road is more precious than all the gold in the world. We need to have a heart that knows how to love nature and love people. Anyone who cannot love nature or love people is not capable of loving God. Everything in creation embodies God at the level of symbol, and human beings are substantial beings created in the image of God. Only a person who can love nature can love God.

I did not spend all my time roaming the hills and meadows and playing. I also worked hard helping my older brother run the farm. On a farm there are many tasks that must be done during a particular season. The rice paddies and fields need to be plowed. Rice seedlings need to be transplanted, and weeds need to be pulled. When one is pulling weeds, the most difficult task is to weed a field of millet. After the seeds are planted, the furrows need to be weeded at least three times, and this is backbreaking work. When we were finished, we couldn't straighten our backs for awhile. Sweet potatoes don't taste very good if they are planted in clay. They need to be planted in a mixture of one-third clay and two-thirds sand if they are going to produce the besttasting sweet potatoes. For corn, human excrement was the best fertilizer, so I would take my hands and break up all the solid excrement into small pieces. By helping out on the farm, I learned what was needed to make beans grow well, what kind of soil was best for soybeans, and what soil was best for red beans. I am a farmer's farmer.

RETIREMENT: AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW

Joel Salatin has a chapter in his book *Family Friendly Farming: A Multigenerational Home-Based Business Testament* called "Retirement: an alternative view." He has great insights that I can only touch on here. Please read his book. Here is a little of his deep insights: How does the older generation instill within the succeeding generation a notion that our possessions are really just things and best used for the needs of others? We don't instill that notion by seeing how much we can amass so we can live comfortably in our old age. "Saving for retirement" becomes the be all and end all of wealth accumulation.

Rather, as we age we should be giving the children our wealth. As we meter it out to them, they can get farther and will have the means—economically and emotionally—to care for us graciously as we age. In his wonderfully insightful book *Die Broke : A Radical Four-Part Financial Plan: Quit today, Pay cash, Don't retire and Most Important Die Broke* Stephen Pollan points out that \$10,000 given to a 25-year-old can start a business. But that \$10,000 given at 50, through inheritance, will probably pay for a two-week European fling. The gift is the same, but the timing creates the worth.

Estate planning and business books tout the need to rapidly escalate your income during the 40s and 50s in order to get that retirement nest egg together. After all, the reasoning goes, when your income producing potential wanes, you'll need every bit of that to keep you out of the gutter. My question is: "Where are the kids in all this scurrying, dashing wealth accumulation?"

Let me offer a different perspective. What if, instead of getting together \$250,000 in equity for retirement, you forgot about that and lived humbly through your 40s and 50s, letting the adult children have it all? Then when you hit 70 years old, instead of having all this money, you have grateful, hardworking children who have leveraged that money with their energy and your experience to grow the business?

The money pumped back into the profitable business via incentives to the young will generate far more equity than you can by keeping the children as slaves and dependents as long as possible so your accumulation at the top can be higher. My point is this: if I didn't think my kids would do whatever was necessary to take care of me if I were injured or became ill, I'd consider myself a failure as a parent. All of us are investing in something. My question is, in real value, where is the most payback? Is it investing in our personal nest egg so we can enjoy a second childhood, or investing in the children so they will fall over themselves taking care of us when we age?

I know this flies in the face of estate planners. It flies in the face of our culture. But you can't live for yourself and then expect the kids to think first of you. If our actions indicate we need to take care of ourselves first, our children will grow up with the same idea. But if your actions indicate that we really want others to succeed, really want others to reach their potential, then those people we've enabled will be emotionally, if not economically, indebted to us and will rise to the occasion when our needs are great.

Teresa and I have no desire to be rich. I don't think the kids have any desire to be rich. We want a legacy and a life. Rather than putting money away for us, we make big capital improvements in the farm in areas where the kids are interested. We'll ask the kids: "What big project should we do?" I'm not spending this for me; I'm spending this for them, and for their children.

Who cares if the bank account is small? As the farm offers more viable opportunities for more family members, that surely is as wise an investment as a stock portfolio in Fortune 500 companies.

Also check out the following by Steve and Teri Maxwell (www.titus2.com):

Buying a House Debt-Free: Equipping Your Son Managers of Their Homes: A Practical Guide to Daily Scheduling for Christian Homeschool Families Managers of Their Chores: A Practical Guide to Children's Chores Managers of Their Schools: A Practical Guide to Homeschooling Redeeming the Time: A Practical Guide to a Christian Man's Time Management Homeschooling with a Meek and Quiet Spirit and the study guide Preparing Sons to Provide for a Single-Income Family Encouragement for the Homeschool Family 10 CD:
2 CDs The Homeschooling Family: Building a Vision (for families)
1 CD Managers of Their Homes (for ladies)
2 CDs Manager of His Home (for men only-this is the full, unabridged version)
1 CD Loving Your Husband (for ladies)
1 CD Sports-Friend or Foe? (for families)
1 CD Anger-Relationship Poison (for families)
1 CD Experiencing the Joy of Young Womanhood (for young ladies)
1 CD Success or Failure-Where Are You Headed? (for young men)

Father writes in his autobiography that he is a "farmer's farmer." If we lived in the countryside in a community of believers we could grow much of our food. Children would be an asset on these farms. Not only could we save money on food but the food would be organic and we would all be healthier. Another concern people have is the cost of a mortgage.

Buying a House Debt-Free

The Maxwell's have some fascinating thoughts on this. At their website (www.titus2.com) we read: "Buying a home debt-free can seem like a daunting proposition, but in *Buying a House Debt-Free: Equipping Your Son*, Steve and Teri share how simple it really is. Learn how to make a dream a reality."

They write:

In today's unstable economy, being under the ball and chain of debt can weigh heavily upon a family. Imagine your son entering married life with a debt-free home.

Having three sons who purchased homes debt-free, Steve and Teri have a wealth of practical experience to share. In addition, you will be inspired as you read about seven other young men who bought their homes debtfree before they were 30.

If you have sons approaching the teen years or even

younger, you want to read this book now. Whether your son is 6 or 16, *Buying a House Debt-Free* will provide motivation, encouragement, and practical suggestions from the beginning of the process all the way to your son's first home purchase. While this book is targeted at young men, our daughters will certainly benefit from learning marketable skills. They can utilize them while still at home and in a husband's business should they *marry*.

Buying a House Debt-Free can equip you to help your son: Be different! Be debt-free! Be a homeowner with no mortgage before he is 30!

"I believe this book could have a tremendous impact on the future of countless young men who will pursue the goal of owning a debt-free home. I think every family should read this book, and I encourage you to catch the vision for your sons." Jim Bob Duggar, of TLC's 19 and Counting.

"While the millennial generation is the most unproductive, most immature, and most narcissistic generation (per the liberal media), Christian families are attempting something different. Families need vision, especially when it comes to raising boys. That is why the Maxwells' new book is so important. What a stark contrast between a young man who has paid off a house at 22 and the average millennial!" Kevin Swanson

"I am very impressed with the vision the Maxwells are casting for young men. This book has the potential to make a significant impact on the next generation. I want my grandsons to read this. The stories given are worth the price of the book." Dr. S.M. Davis, Solve Family Problems

"Rather than take the path most travelled, authors Steve and Teri Maxwell provide examples of how young men were able to buy their first homes debt free. These are inspirational stories about how God directed these young men, often in their early teen years to develop vocational skills, save money and look for opportunities to avoid the pitfalls and slavery of a mortgage. Parents will want to absorb the wise counsel given, backed up by biblical principles and specific scripture verses, so they can counsel their own sons in this important area of life. Steve and Teri also provide practical suggestions from the beginning of the process all the way to your son's first home purchase. If you have sons approaching the teen years you want to start reading this book now. It's a pleasure to read and will give you the encouragement you need." Barry

NEST

In 1992 when he was 72 years old Father Moon proclaimed himself the Messiah. In a speech titled "Leaders Building a World of Peace" given on August 24, 1992 at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center in Seoul, Korea he proclaimed: "my wife and I are the True Parents of all humanity ... we are the Savior, the Lord of the Second Advent, the Messiah." In that speech he says God created men to be hunters and women to be nesters:

If we say that heaven is a symbol of man, then earth is a symbol of woman. The house is the stage on which a woman's life is played out. The mother is the center of a nest filled with love for all the members of the family. The family, with the mother at its center, is the basic unit making up the nation and the world.

HELPER

In Genesis we read that God made the woman to be her man's helper, "Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him'" (Gen. 2:18). Every woman's career should be helping her husband. Men are hunters and women are nesters. A woman's primary responsibility is to help her husband be successful in the marketplace by managing his home. Sun Myung Moon praises his wife for helping him prepare to go to work, "When Father, verging on seventy years old, wants to go out to the ocean, Mother prepares all his equipment with her whole heart. She even prepares the supplies needed in case he stays out overnight and prays for the accomplishment of Father's will. What a beautiful helper and supporter she is!" (*Blessing and Ideal Family*)

There are many book and audio/visuals on the subject of true femininity such as the books *Fascinating Womanhood* by Helen Andelin, *The Way Home* by Mary Pride, *Passionate Housewives:*

Desperate for God by Jennie Chancey and Stacy McDonald, So Much More: The Remarkable Influence of Visionary Daughters on the Kingdom of God by Anna Sofia and Elizabeth Botkin, Created To Be His Help Meet by Debi Pearl, The Stay-At-Home Mom and Finding Your Purpose as a Mom: How to Build Your Home on Holy Ground by Donna Otto, Me? Obey Him?: The Obedient Wife and God's Way of Happiness and Blessing in the Home by Elizabeth Rice Handford and Feminine Appeal: Seven Virtues of a Godly Wife and Mother by Carolyn Mahaney. Carolyn Mahaney teaches the duties of a godly woman in her series of audios titled "To Teach What Is Good (Titus 2)". You can buy them at www.sovereigngracestore.com or listen to them for free as MP3 downloads. There are eight talks in this audio titled 1. A Fresh Look at Titus 2. Loving My Husband 3. Loving My Children 4. Being Self-Controlled 5. Being Pure 6. Being Busy At Home 7. Being Kind/Doing Good 8. Being Subject to My Husband. Carolyn Mahaney has excellent mp3 audio speeches you can listen to for free such as "True Femininity" at CBMW.com/audio. Victoria Botkin does an excellent job describing the meaning of femininity in the first disc of her 9 disc audio CD series titled She Shall Be Called Woman (www.visionforum.com). Listen to Nancy Campbell's audio series titled Build a Strong Marriage and Exciting Home. Watch the DVDs Reclaiming God's Plan for Women by Nancy Campbell (www.aboverubies.org) and The 7-Fold Power of a Wife's Submission by S.M. Davis

(www.christianbook.com,www.solvefamilyproblems.com).

Every father should show the wonderful DVD *Monstrous Regiment of Women* (www.monstrousregiment.com, YouTube.com has the full documentary you can watch for free) to their daughters so they can see truly wise and feminine women like Mary Pride, Jenny Chancey, F. Carolyn Graglia and Phyllis Schlafly explain the concepts of patriarchy, femininity and submission.

Check out these two excellent DVDs on birth control (Nancy Campbell sells them at her website (www.aboverubies.org):

Birth Control – How Did We Get Here? www.thebirthcontrolmovie.com

The Baby War: Defenders and Defectors http://thebabywarfilm.com/

VODDIE BAUCHAM

I also encourage you to watch Voddie Baucham. Do a search at YouTube.com for him and biblical manhood and womanhood and watch his speeches and sermons. Every Unificationist should study him. There are other good videos on this topic by traditional Christians too, but he is one of my favorites. Also, read Voddie's book *What He Must Be: ...If He Wants to Marry My Daughter*. And I highly recommend his daughter Jasmine's book *Joyfully at Home* about stay-at-home daughters who honor their fathers who make it their number one goal in life to love their wife and to find the best mate for their child.

TRADITIONAL FAMILY VALUES

I challenge every Unificationist family to live by traditional family values where women are stay-at-home moms (or as Mary Pride prefers to say: Occupation: Homeworker) who witness and get members instead of leaving their "nest" and leading other men in the marketplace.

I believe that followers of Sun Myung Moon, called Unificationists, should follow his example of creating a large family. When Father Moon married Hak Ja Han he told her he had a goal of having 12 children. He and his wife, Mrs. Moon, went beyond that goal and had 14 children. Father has said many times that we should not practice birth control and that it is important to have as many children as we can. The title of this book is 12 Before 40. Because True Mother had all her 14 children by the age of 40 I am challenging Unificationists to do as our True Parents did and have a goal of having 12 children like they did and to have them around the time Mother had hers. She was 17 years old when she married Father and she had her 14th child when she was 39 years old. How wonderful would it be if Unificationist sisters had at least 12 children by the time they were 40 even if they have to adopt them? I believe this would make True Parents and God very happy. I am not saying that this is a commandment for every couple, but I feel it is a worthy goal for mature Unificationists.

We are all fallen people with a lot of baggage that we bring to our marriages. Obviously the reality is that not everyone can or should have 12 or more children. There are some that probably should never marry on earth and should wait until they are capable of loving another person

in spirit world. There are some that cannot handle many children and should only have a few, and there may be those that should have none. There will be those who would like a large family but will have what they feel are good reasons to not have them or adopt them. For example, they may feel that they cannot afford them. They feel that God and others will not be able to help them feed and clothe and care for that many children. This kind of thinking is wrong.

Be Fruitful and Multiply

One of the most powerful writers on having big families is Nancy Campbell who wrote the excellent book *Be Fruitful and Multiply*. She says at her website www.aboverubies.org that we should have babies no matter what our situation is and trust that God will provide. When you have a worthy goal, God will do what many would consider miracles to make your goal a reality.

Book of Exodus

I called Nancy Campbell and told her that I had gotten a letter from a man in Nairobi, Kenya expressing that he wondered where the money would come to care for many children. She told me to tell him that we have to live by Scripture. It doesn't matter how poor we are because God will provide for our children if we center on God. She said poor people often have more babies than rich people. She said the Israelites, as told in the first chapter of Exodus, were in the worst possible situation and still they multiplied until they "grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them." In Exodus 1: 7-14 we read:

The children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. Now there arose a new king over Egypt. He said to his people, "Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we. Come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and if any war breaks out, they will join our enemies, and fight against us, and escape out of the land." So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built storage cities for Pharaoh: Pithom and Raamses. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. The Egyptians ruthlessly made the children of Israel serve, and they made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field.

Because these oppressed people centered on God we read that they "multiplied, and grew very mighty" (Ex. 1:20). Weren't the Israelites living in a concentration camp? Their situation was more difficult than anything we are going through. Everyone who feels they cannot afford children should reflect on these chosen people of God who lived in the absolute worst of situations. And yet they multiplied so greatly they scared the Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Christians were the second chosen people and tragically they abandoned the commandment to multiply in the 20th century and allowed for the barren ideology of socialism/feminism to dominate the culture. Tragically, Feminists have become mighty in the land. Unificationists are the third and final chosen people who should multiply more than anyone else and become the mightiest movement in the world.

There has been a belief in the concept called gift children in the Unification Movement where blessed couples have given a child or two to a couple who cannot conceive. We should stop the practice of giving gift children and encourage those families that cannot conceive children to adopt children. There are millions of children worldwide who desperately need to be adopted.

NEED BOTH SEXES TO UNDERSTAND GOD

Father teaches that every family needs children of both sexes to fully know God. Having large families will ensure that a family will have both boys and girls.

Sun Myung Moon and his wife, Hak Ja Han Moon, have a big family. They have 14 children. True Mother had them in the 22-year period between the ages of 17-39. Sun Myung Moon, called Father by Unificationists, encourages his followers to have many children. Father loves the idea of big families. He even named his organization a family—Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU). Not only is it a noble goal to have large families, but we need to make sure we build disciplined, united, principled families that are filled with true love.

I know of no married couple in the first generation of his followers who have had 12 children. There are a number of reasons for this. One reason is that many of the early followers married in their thirties and started their careers late and therefore did not have time to birth 12 children. I also doubt if they ever really thought about adoption because of a wrong-headed view about blood lineage that translated into thinking that they should not adopt outside children.

ARBITRARY NUMBERS

I am choosing arbitrary numbers in this book. I find the numbers 12 before 40 to have a certain ring to them but I am not giving them as absolute numbers. Some women have babies in their 40s and a few even in their 50s. You have to decide what is best for you. I could have titled the book *15 Before 50*. Father spoke to UTS graduates (April 17, 2005 rough notes) saying that women can "bear children up to 48 years old, after that it is almost impossible."

Father teaches by word and deed that the couples he marries (called "Blessed Couples") should not use birth control and they should have many children. He commands us to not use birth control: "You must not use birth control." (*Raising Children in God's Will*)

NUMBER 12

The number 12 is a very principled number. We teach in the *Divine Principle* that there are 12 directions of love in the four-position foundation. Father often uses the number 12 in his speeches. He says, "Jesus Christ tried to deal with 12 different characters and types of people through his disciples. He was constantly serving them. At the Last Supper, Jesus knelt and washed the feet of his disciples. Twelve disciples times six equals 72 disciples. As a Unification Church member, you should be able to harmonize with all twelve of the distinct kinds of characters." ("Time of Change" April 1, 1989)

Here is another example of Father talking about the number 12: "We human beings obtain our nourishment from the planet earth. Likewise children gain their nutrition from their mother's body to begin with. In that sense we can say that women represent the earth. On the earth we have four different seasons and twelve different months. Mothers should be able to have many children and in raising them become a more rounded and loving mother. She would not complain, just as the planet earth doesn't complain to anyone. If you have twelve children who represent the twelve different months, some months will be in conflict, some will compete and fight. However, as long as they have a loving mother who acts as a harmonizing force amongst them, they will be able to harmonize with one another." ("Following the Cosmic True Love Way" May 5, 1996)

Large families are part of Father's lineage. Father grew up in a large family of 12 children. Father had 11 brothers and sisters. Father's mother was one of 12 children meaning she also had 11 brothers and sisters. Dear Reader, just imagine how exciting and powerful your life and family would have been if you had 11 godly brothers and sisters!

BLUEPRINT

Father gives us a blueprint to building the ideal world. He says:

We have a blueprint. (4-18-93)

This is your blueprint. Anybody who knows about technology can understand that once you have a plan, a blueprint, you can just follow it and it will come about. You have to have a blueprint in order to build a machine. You have the blueprint for your own completion and the blueprint for the completion of your family. That is all you need. Do you understand clearly? (3-23-93)

The cornerstone of Father's blueprint for world utopia is every person creating a godly lineage of big families.

15 CHILDREN

Unificationists are followers of Christ. Christ is a human being just like you and me. His wife is a human being. True Parents are not super human. They had 14 children. Why don't we go beyond them and have at least 15 children? We cannot be intimidated by their greatness and feel we cannot have as many children as they had because we are so much less than them.

They push themselves to reach maximum achievement in the few years we mortals have on this earth. We should imitate them and push ourselves also. Father often says he wants us to be greater than him. The core of his teaching and his life is family. He speaks strongly against birth control and for having many children. Let's do it!

MOST IMPORTANT GOAL

True Parents set a goal to have at least 12 children and I don't see any good reason why young blessed couples should not do the same. Father pushes us to do many things, but I feel deeply that we should make building a big family our most important goal. Having big goals is scary in this fallen world. Everyone will sympathize with those who choose a low standard life and even be critical of anyone who strives to reach beyond mediocrity and the average. People are jealous and feel judged when someone else is successful. Fallen man criticizes passionate big thinkers as fanatics who are unbalanced and dangerous. If there is a voice in your head against achieving the goal of 12 children it is the voice of evil spirit world. If anyone on earth criticizes you by calling you names like "workaholic" or "zealot" or "extremist" as you work hard so you can have 12 children, don't be intimidated or swaved from your course. They are just poor victims of mind control from evil spirits in spirit world and from little thinkers on earth who have influenced them. Choose friends who support your noble goal of 12 children. Father tells us to be crazy for God. He says we should "leave the tradition that we have become crazy for God" (The Way of God's Will Chapter 1-3). We are not a part of the small thinking of this world. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

God's way is to be a nonconformist. Jesus came out of nowhere with no formal education and he upset people with his powerful words. If we are not challenging people with Father's revolutionary revelations we are not very good followers of Christ. Campaigning for every couple to have at least 12 children will be distressful for some people. Let's not be conformed to the tiny thinking of those who fight against Father's vision of early marriages and large families.

TRUE MOTHER WAS WORRIED

Father has talked several times about his decision to have many children. He says his wife was "worried" about having so many. Still

he convinced her to do it. In fact he even went beyond his own goal of 12 and had 14 children—7 boys and 7 girls. In the book *Raising Children in God's Will*, a collection of excerpts from some of his speeches, he says:

You must not use birth control. In the satanic world they will have more birth control and in the church we will have lots of children. That also applies to True Mother. We have decided we should have at least twelve children. So we are heading for that goal. Do we have many? We now have eight brothers and sisters, so that is close to twelve. If we quit having daughters and have only sons, we might have fifteen or sixteen. So when I gave mother this task, she was worried. She even said that she wished she could expect the second baby before giving birth to the first one.

Even mother is doing this, so what right do you people have to use birth control?

Let's look again at what he said: "We have decided we should have at least twelve children. So we are heading for that goal." If we are followers of True Parents then shouldn't we be saying the same exact thing?

Sun Myung Moon says he gave his wife a "mandate":

Mother has carried many children and her physical ordeal is great, but my mandate to her was that she must have twelve children. Should Mother pray to God, "My husband is crazy. How can I have twelve children? Could you somehow convince him to be satisfied with less than that?" Mother is precious because she is grateful to God for her mission. It is an incredible mission but that's why she is even more grateful. That is also why each child is more beautiful and greater than the ones before. Then Mother wants to give more because God is rewarding us in such a fantastic way. God shows His love by blessing this family. (7-8-79)

A mandate is an authoritative command. Should brothers act like Father and order their wives saying she "must have twelve children"? Father ordered his wife to have 12 children. Is Father a cruel taskmaster like the incompetent media or confused former members portray him as? He was not vicious and insensitive when he commanded True Mother to go through the ordeal of having so many babies in so few years. God is not a ruthless dictator and mean-spirited when He gives difficult tasks such as asking Noah to build an ark and asking Moses to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt or asking us to follow Father's example of making it a goal to have 12 children.

It is important that Unificationists understand when it is principled to use persuasion and when to use force. We don't force people to accept the ideology of having 12 children. Father did not force Mother to have children. He did not rape her. She voluntarily obeys Father because she believes he is a good leader. And she is smart to do so unlike Father's first wife who was selfish. Father teaches who God is. He says:

> My first wife was outstanding as an individual, but she only thought of her own well-being and our family. But I was looking for a woman who would take care of everyone else first. I wanted our home to be open for public service and a place of God's love, but she could not live like that. If I listened to that woman, would I be here today teaching you this message? I knew that my wife had a very difficult task to truly live for the sake of others, but to follow her direction would have led to permanent death. I could not possibly live that way. When she knew she could not change my mind, she just left.

> Do you think Mother is a very fortunate and happy woman to be married to me? In one sense she is fortunate, but there is untold suffering behind her appearance. I know her suffering because she has virtually no freedom. She does not determine her own schedule. She has no freedom to sleep whenever she

wants, but only when I allow it. It is not easy to be my wife. My life is absolutely public. Yesterday Mother didn't feel very well, but I had said that we would visit Washington, DC, so she just obeyed and followed. She had a headache and felt dizzy, but do you think Mother slept all morning? Absolutely not. Do you still think Mother is a happy woman?

I went to Washington yesterday and visited the members at the *Washington Times*, and Mother was there with me every minute. You know my sermons don't last just ten minutes but go on for hours, and Mother was there the whole time. I'm sure she was thinking I could give a great message in just a short time, but she sat and listened for hours. Even this morning I'm sure she would like me to give a short sermon because there is a celebration scheduled today at East Garden. Mother is concerned that I will get too tired. She feels anxious when I go on and on, but still she obeys and sits calmly. Mother does not have an easy life at all. You may think she is the happiest person under the sun with nothing to worry about, but that is not the case.

Mother knows that she must follow my will because everything I do is for the salvation and benefit of others. (9-5-82)

COMMANDMENT

Father is a godly patriarch, not a ruthless tyrant, when he pushes his wife and his followers to obey his difficult commandment to be like him and demand that women endure the pain of many pregnancies. How serious are we when Father gives us the commandment to have around 12 children?

Fallen man often has a difficult time sorting out what is loving and what is hateful. By studying Father's words and deeds we can learn how to make the right decisions. Sometimes love is tough. The greatest decision we can make is to push ourselves to be physically and spiritually strong enough to raise at least 12 children.

The Presidents of the United States are the most famous and powerful men on earth and for over a hundred years these men have been wimps who have lost sight of the most fundamental goal a man can have—to have a large family. The four Presidents honored at Mt. Rushmore lived in a culture much higher than ours. Their world-view honored big families. Since Teddy Roosevelt lived at the turn of the century, America has declined because men have become weak and women have become disorderly.

LOVE CHILDREN

Unificationists must restore the old fashioned virtue of big families that Christians lost in the 20th century. The 21st century must be led by Unificationists who will lead the way to having huge families. And these Unificationist brothers will not be doing this for some neurotic macho reason but because they love children like God and the Messiah do. Father loves children. In *Philosophy of Education* he says, "I was a Sunday school teacher who thought of children to be the most precious things. I really loved the children more than anyone else. The children were also crazy about me, too. They would not even go to school but follow me instead."

Father is always principled. That is why he and Mother have 14 children, and he awards those who have large families in his movement. It is God's will that we have many children and raise them to be spiritual giants. God and True Parents are commanding us to have big families.

The following are some excerpts from speeches given by Sun Myung Moon about having big families:

HAPPINESS FOR WOMEN

Happiness for a woman lies in having a house full of children to love and take care of, not just having a husband who goes out every day and works and comes home at night. So you all need children, don't you? ("The Dream of the Unification Church" May 3, 1992)

WOMEN WANT EXCITEMENT

Women cannot be happy in a mediocre situation.

They want excitement. This is not a laughing matter. If there is a woman who gives birth to many children and they all come to express their love at the same time, she can get very dizzy. But it is happy. Love is there. How can you handle it all at the same time? How about money? Do you think it is good to have a lot of money? Would you prefer to be the best mother or a bad mother? The best! Who is the best mother? The one with ten children or 100 children? The mother with 100 children is the best. How about 1,000? It is the same principle. She would have regret because she cannot love them all. That is the most precious mind. Is it better to have many or a few children?

Father recently found out why American women are so hysterical (not historical, hysterical!). They do not have an anchor. They are drifting without direction. Each child is an anchor line to make her stable. Hysterical women give birth to inferior children. God desires us to have more than three children. With a small amount of children, you only come to know one season. Mother has so many children. They are a textbook of herself—she represents all seasons. She can relate to all people because of the base she has through her children. She has a complete reference through them. If she meets someone new they will remind her of one of her children who is similar. A mother who has reared many children has no bad in her.

Handling even one child is so difficult. You are always tired. There is no time to rest your mind or your body. Do you think this is happy though? The smile of such a mother reflects twelve different worlds. It is very rich. A woman who never married may smile, but compared to a mother with twelve children their smiles are as different as heaven and earth. ("Let Us Live Well" April 2, 1989) Jacob furthered the Providence centering upon his twelve sons; Moses did so centering upon his twelve tribes; Jesus also did so, centering upon his twelve disciples. Therefore it would have been a serious thing if Mother had not given birth to twelve sons and daughters. No matter what this world says concerning this, Father had to have twelve sons and daughters by all means. Do you understand? (*The Way for a True Child*)

Jacob had twelve children, and now Mother is having twelve children. It is an incredible task. Jacob's children were born of four mothers, but it is God's will that humanity be organized through one mother. So Mother is obedient to God's will and is fulfilling that task now. We have eleven children now, and our twelfth child is on its way. Everything derives from the historical pattern. ("Total Self Reevaluation" September 14, 1980)

You ladies should say, "I will give birth to as many children as I can, who will do even greater work than God and Rev. Moon." Then the entire world will become the kingdom of God. (3-2-03)

Giving birth to many children, as Mother did, is good. Why? Your children will become heavenly people, honorable people. That number is your honorable property, your most precious property.

The joy of giving birth to our children is a reenactment of the joy God had when He gave birth to us.

You did not see how your wife grew up, but by looking at your own daughter you now can know how your wife grew up. (4-18-93)

Father not only teaches us that we should have many children but we also need to make sure that we have at least one of each sex. When I

was growing up in the 1950s I knew of a Roman Catholic family in my neighborhood that had 12 children. The first 11 were girls. Their twelfth child was a boy! Even if we have to adopt we need to experience raising both a boy and a girl if we are to know God and live a full life. Sun Myung Moon teaches:

ONE OF EACH SEX

All the children will extend their arms and embrace one another and, including their mother, become one big harmonious circle. How wonderful this is. Amen. How about that? Woman's purpose is so precious. Should we have as many children as we can afford, or just a limited amount? (Many.) Many or money? [Laughter] There are some women who want to have only one child. But why did God create two breasts? These two breasts are indicative that you should have at least two children. If you have only boys or only girls, one way or another the human race will end. Father concludes that unless you give birth to a boy and a girl, at least one of each, you cannot say that you are a mother or a father. No matter what, you need at least one boy and one girl.

Should we have as many children as possible, or only a limited number? (Many.) With your twelve children sitting in front of you and your husband sitting behind them, won't you feel really grateful to your husband to see that, in part, the children resemble him? Have you ever thought that your husband is the one who gave you the opportunity to use your breasts and hips most fully for the original purpose? Who is the one who caused the utilization of your breasts and hips most fully? The father of the family. You all experience your monthly period. Why? Does that indicate that you wish to reject your husband or still welcome him?

You proud Americans sitting before Father feel as if you are condemned. In general, women have been living their lives in ignorance. There is a world of confusion out there. Was it a wise decision to join the Unification Church? You may not prosper in your generation, but your future generations are guaranteed. Guaranteed. Do you like that? (Yes.) Remember, your body structure is for the sake of your children and your love is for the sake of your children. If woman and man claim that their sacred sexual organ belongs only to them and no one else, what is going to happen in terms of their relationship as husband and wife?

Women have two duties: to love your children and to love your husband. Who comes first, your children or your husband? (Husband.) You don't sound very confident in your answer. Please answer Father clearly. (HUSBAND.) That is true.

From whom do you begin to receive love? From your husband. Until you receive love from your husband you cannot conceive your children. ("Following the Cosmic True Love Way" May 5, 1996)

We must be thankful to God; He always prepares our situation for us. The Unification Church does not use birth control; we bear as many children as God gives us. Mother and I have set the example and Mother has already given birth to 13 children. Having more and more children is another way in which our movement can grow. Since America is so wealthy that you have special foods for dogs and cats, that wealth can be channeled into feeding good human beings. With the kind of multiplication we will be seeing, imagine how large our population will be in fifty years! ("Let This Be a Good Year" January 2, 1983)

The white population of this country is already declining because it has become fashionable for young white couples to have very few or even no children. But what about the Unificationist couples? They are trying to have as many children as they can. ("Creation of the Fatherland" January 1, 1984, Midnight)

Right at this point, since we perfectly resemble God, we can start the action of creating, like God Himself. Therefore, each person should give birth to as perfect a child as himself or herself. Therefore, unless we give birth to a child and help them grow to perfection, we cannot go to heaven, because heaven is God's dwelling place. Without going through love's history course, we cannot go to God's country, which is heaven. Do you understand? This is clear, very clear. ("I Will Live With True Parents" March 7, 1993)

If you get married and your husband wants to have children but you keep putting it off, what will happen? You only have a certain number of years in which you can give birth to children. ("The Start of the 40-day Witnessing Condition" July 4, 1978)

When I visited Barrytown I asked the seminarians if they would use birth control after they got married. If Jacob and his wife had not wanted too many babies then Joseph, one of the youngest, would never have been born, and if he had not been born there would have been no chance for the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. I have many older brothers and sisters. If my parents had used birth control and only wanted one or two children, would there have been any chance for me to be born? That would have been great for you because then no one would push you out! In my own family, the farther you look down the line of children, the brighter and more capable the children are.

How do you know what kind of son or daughter you may have in the future? God may want to give a special kind of son or daughter to my family a few years from now who may have the power to govern the world or who may discover some invention to speed the work of God. Who knows! But if Mother and I stop having children then when I go to spirit world God will accuse me of messing up His dispensation. Now you know whether or not birth control is best, right? ("Resurrected Kingdom of God" March 26, 1978)

I talked about birth control in Barrytown. What do you think about birth control? If the people of Jacob's era had practiced birth control, Joseph wouldn't have come into being. If God prepared a man who had the scientific ability to enable people to see God through television, but due to birth control he were not born, that generation would have no excuse in front of the spirit world and humanity. Heavenly sons and daughters should live more happily than anyone else, and should bear more children than people in the satanic realm. Maybe twelve children will be average for you. Continuously give birth to children. Unification Church members cannot practice birth control. You should bear more than ten children. (*Blessing and Ideal Family*)

...the production center is necessary in order to produce the citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, husband and wife are the factory. If they are the factory, which is better, mass production or a little production? Mass production is better.

DOZENS

Then how many dozens would you like to produce? The more the better? The fewer the better? You women, how many dozens are you going to bear? When God sees birth control, He grimaces. Then what are you going to do?

If the factory automates mass production and there comes to be mass production everywhere, the

Kingdom of Heaven will be full. That's why women are created to bear many children. (*Earthly Life and Spirit World Part 1*)

The spirit world has infinite room. There is no need for birth control because they want a bigger population. Even if you starve to death here because of your sacrificial life, or the fact you have such a large family, you will go to the kingdom of heaven, so it's not a bad deal. Has anyone in our movement starved to death? No. We're trained to survive any kind of situation. (3-27-90)

What is the wish of an individual? When you think about it, there must be the wish of a man and the wish of a woman. So what are their wishes? Their traditional way of life and hope would be, while they grow up, to be mature and get married. That is the path of hope that life can go and many people have followed it.

So what is the purpose of two, man and woman, meeting and loving each other. Where does the purpose of love dwell? If a couple loves each other centered upon themselves, where does the purpose lie? Do they hope the result of it will influence only themselves? Do they love each other only planning to leave love for themselves? We don't think so. When we love we are hoping for something where the result can be connected to the whole. Isn't that children? Why do we want to have children? Why are we not satisfied with centering upon a substance who is closest to us, but try to leave children behind. When we talk about having a small number or a large number of children, the more a person stands in a noble or a good position, his desire is to leave behind as many offspring as possible, centered upon his precious position. That is the nature of human beings.

Nowadays, people are talking about birth control. In other words, we can say that even though our original nature wants to spread and expand our offspring centered on family, which is the origin of moral principles of humanity, birth control prevents it.

When I look at the children in my family, the younger they are, the smarter they are; they are geniuses. So if there is a gift that God grants to us, should we prepare a big bag or a small bag to put it in? Do you want many presents or not? Wouldn't you receive many? (We want many.) What is that gift? (Sons and daughters.) So, my mother would have had something like 20 or 40 children. (Laughter) God would do so. He wants to give us 100 or 200 children, but there is a limit to the number so in the end He will give sons and daughters that can be worth 40 children.

CONQUER

What happens if you don't have children, if you just cut off what God wanted to give you? If you apply birth control you cut off children which God planned to send as the sons and daughters that can conquer and rule all of heaven and earth.

RULE THE WORLD

When you see the children of our Unification Church, the more babies that were born: the second child is better than the first, and the third is better than the second....They will have better children, the younger they are. I am sure it is a fact. They will have better children, even their hearts. God has prepared for children that can rule the world and can study how they can see God on TV.

When I go to the spirit world, would humankind and God praise Rev. Moon, or not? If you think about this, can you, or can you not apply birth control? (You cannot.) So even if the satanic world applies birth control, we should not do it. Even if you are very pretty and rich, if there is a husband who receives God's love, you must follow God's will and follow the peaks of the heart, and even if you know you will have hardships and be treated contemptuously, but if you are able to give birth to sons and daughters who can rule the world and love heaven and earth, you must say, "Yes, I agree. I will go that way."

Birth Control is Forbidden

I am going to forbid birth control to the women of the Unification Church. I will say, "Go ahead and have many children." In America, even pigs eat barley powder and kidney beans, so go ahead and have many children. As I have said, "Have many children!" After I came to America I had to show a good example, so I have said to mother, "Have many sons and daughters" Now how's that?

Out of Jacob's twelve sons, Joseph is the eleventh. If Jacob applied birth control, could Joseph become Prime Minister? (Laughter) The more time goes by, the better children you will have. The further you go, they will have more fortune in the Unification Church, the path of fortune in the Unification Church. It is true. After you have gone to the spirit world, and God says, "I was going to send, through your family, men who can control the Universe, but you have cut his throat." What will you do? If you bore them, they will feed themselves even if you don't eat. Even having ten babies a day is OK. Have children. (laughter) (*Raising Children In God's Will*)

Birth Expansion

How many children of blessed families are there in Japan? (5,700) Give birth to more. The secular world is practicing birth control, but the Unification Church is practicing birth expansion. The forerunner is Rev. Moon with 14 children. The heaven kingdom needs citizens. ("Unification of My Country" God's Day Midnight Speech December 31, 1990)

In The Tradition, Book One by Chung Hwan Kwak we read:

Unification Church View on Contraception

Father has made several references to birth control in various speeches to blessed couples. Father views the creation of each new child as a most precious event which will bring eternal blessings. Father views children as a blessing which we would not want to deny God or ourselves. Father has often encouraged blessed couples not to eternally regret limiting their families but rather to view children as blessings from God.

When Abortion Is Not Acceptable for Unification Church Members.

Economic situation. We do not have the authority to interrupt the physical order of the cosmos based on lack of finances. Economic considerations can never be compared with the value of life. We cannot presuppose God's will. Perhaps God has special plans for that particular child to influence future history.

Lack of harmony

Abortion should also not be considered if couples feel that their relationship at the time of conception was not very loving.

Having many children and not doing birth control is a commandment and core value of Sun Myung Moon. He is absolutely clear that Unificationists must multiply and dominate the earth. He is not interested in any exceptions to this rule. The Second Generation and every generation thereafter are supposed to procreate more than anybody else. He is not into artificial or natural birth control. He commands us to enjoy sex and not do any family planning. Family planning is a core value of those on the Cain side. We are religious people and should never use the Pill, the rhythm method, diaphragms, IUDs, condoms, or natural family planning. Father pushes us to stretch. He thinks big. He wisely teaches us that we cannot waste any moment. We are given a few years to produce and raise children and if we are to reach our full potential we need to "value each and every moment to love." If we limit the size of our family we "will lose what is truly precious." We are given only a few moments to have children. He pushes us to be "great" people: "A great person lives his or her life aware of the precious value of each moment, for every particular moment is uniquely special. Such a person can be included in the ranks of the saints, and even become a divine son or daughter in Heaven and on earth." (6-26-05)

Let's not waste our time with any form of birth control.

GOAL SETTING - WRITE GOALS DOWN

If we are going to accomplish the great goal of having thousands and millions of couples having at least 12 children then everyone needs to understand goal setting. Motivational speakers like Zig Ziglar and Brian Tracy teach in their tapes, videos and books many good principles of success. The core of their teaching is that we should write down our values and then we should write down our goals and then we should use massive action to achieve them.

OVERARCHING GOAL

We have many goals in our life such as goals about our physical health and goals about our finances and education. Motivational speakers teach that to be most effective and to reach our full potential we need to focus on one overarching goal. Let's make having at least 12 children our overarching goal.

CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN

There is a famous book and movie called *Cheaper by the Dozen* that is the true story of a family of a loving couple who built a happy family of 12 children at the turn of the 20th century. Frank and Lillie Gilbreth went to California for their honeymoon. When they got on the train we read this conversation they had:

"We're going to have a wonderful life, Lillie. A wonderful life and a wonderful family. A great big family."

"We'll have children all over the house," Mother smiled. "From the basement to the attic."

"From the floorboards to the chandelier."

"When we go for our Sunday walk we'll look like Mr. and Mrs. Pied Piper."

Mother put the magazine on the seat between her and Dad, and they held hands beneath it.

"How many would you say we should have, just an estimate?" Mother asked.

"Just an estimate, many."

"Lots and lots."

"We'll sell out for an even dozen," said Dad. No less. What do you say to that?"

"I say," said Mother, "a dozen would be just right. No less."

"That's the minimum."

"Boys or girls?"

"I'd like to have half boys and half girls. Do you think it would be all right to have half girls?"

"If that's what you want," Dad said, "we'll plan it that way. Excuse me a minute while I make a note of it." He took out his memorandum book and solemnly wrote: "Don't forget to have six boys and six girls."

They had a dozen children, six boys and six girls, in seventeen years. Somewhat to Dad's disappointment,

there were no twins or other multiple births. There was no doubt in his mind that the most efficient way to rear a large family would be to have one huge litter and get the whole business over with at one time.

It is interesting that he not only made the goal verbally but wrote it down on a piece of paper. This is a wonderful example of the power of having specific goals and writing them down.

When anyone asked Frank: "How can you afford so many kids?" He would say, "They come cheaper by the dozen, I guess."

INSURANCE

The book and movie are basically about the joy this family experienced but they had their share of tragedies like we all have. One of the children died at the age of 6. The father died of a heart attack when the oldest was 18 and the youngest was 2. We must organize ourselves so that every person in a family is loved and receives all the material things they need. This means there should be at the very least a substantial amount of term insurance, and better yet have the true insurance from living in a loving spiritual community cares for each other. Father teaches the wonderful concept of trinities where three fathers care for each other's families. These trinities are to live near other trinities and this will expand out to nations and then the entire world will become one big happy family where there is total security and true love.

Thomas Jefferson was America's President in the beginning of the 19th century. In the early 1800s his daughter, Martha, had 12 children. No children of a President in the 20th century would even consider having 12 children. It would never even occur to them.

RISK

When we push ourselves to do great things we open ourselves up to experience wonderful things and we open ourselves to be greatly hurt. Thomas Jefferson buried his wife and five out of his six children. He was President in 1800. A hundred years later Theodore Roosevelt was President in 1900. He buried his son Quentin who died fighting in World War I. His son, Archie, was seriously wounded in the war. His son, Kermit, committed suicide. Like Jefferson he buried his wife. True Parents have had many children and buried some of them. We do not live in an ideal world. In this hell on earth some children die before the parents. God wants Unificationists to be the pioneers of the ideal world. We are supposed to be stronger in our work to convert others than any people who have ever lived. We are called to work smarter than anyone in history. We are to be the greatest champions God has ever had and we are to win a victory. If we are going to have more children than anyone in history we have to have the strength to handle extreme happiness and extreme pain. We should not sabotage success by listening to spirits and people on earth who say we are everything from a dangerous cult to pathetic zealots. Every one but us are brainwashed and pathetic. We are the hope of this world. We have the blueprint for world peace.

Jefferson, Roosevelt and Father lived through terrible wars and their side won. Their lives are dramatic. They fought the good fight. Satan rules this world and we have to fight every moment of our lives so our descendants will not have to fight. It is our duty to be focused on the goal of the ideal world every moment of the day. It doesn't matter what evil we see or hear. We are the lighthouses to the 6 billion people who are lost in an ocean of ignorance. We are saying the earth is round and they are all screaming it is flat. We cannot be intimidated for one moment by anything around us. We have to be like Father in prison and pray for our enemies and comfort God's heart.

Hopefully we will experience some love along the way in our exciting journey of building a world utopia. Jefferson experienced the love of his daughter who helped him by being the hostess of the White House when he was President and cared for him in his old age. Her nickname was Patsy. She adored her father. In a letter she wrote to him once she expressed her devotion saying, "It is truly the happiness of my life to think that I can dedicate the remainder of it to promote yours. It is a subject however upon which I ought never to write for no pen on earth can do justice to the feelings of my heart." Jefferson loved and played with his grandchildren and they loved him. No matter what we receive in life we should be grateful for what he have and be excited that we have found the truth that sets us free. Jefferson, Roosevelt and True Parents did not collapse and stop fighting because they were hit with tragedy. They picked themselves up and forged ahead to victory. Each of us should do the same. We should never believe those who say we are losers and useless and weak. We must become rocks like the Messiah we follow. Having 12 children may bring us many heartaches.

Jefferson's daughter, Patsy, had 12 children even though she had a bad marriage. Her husband was an alcoholic and incompetent at being a provider and relating to people. He had his demons but Patsy kept getting up every morning to do her God-given duties.

1800

In 1800 the White House had a President who had six children and a hostess that was an orderly woman. Patsy delivered the first baby born in the White House. Her husband could care less what she named it so Jefferson recommended naming the boy James Madison Jefferson. Patsy did not divorce her husband and kept having children. She was a responsible person who worked hard everyday fulfilling her feminine role without complaint.

1900

In 1900 the White House had a President who also had six children. Roosevelt's daughter became an influential feminist. Alice Roosevelt was famous in the 20th century for her unladylike manners and biting tongue. Patsy had twelve children. Alice had one.

2000

In 2000 the White House had a President who had one child and a wife who deserted her responsibilities as First Lady in the White House in Washington D.C. and left for New York to run for Senator. This First Couple is two comrades, not a husband and wife. The Clintons lived together before they were married. They are terrible role models.

PROSELYTIZE FOR BIG FAMILIES

We must always ask ourselves, "What is the most valuable use of my time now?" We need to have single-minded focus on our most important goal. To be peak performers and reach our potential we need to be enthusiastic in our self development and in helping others. Unificationists must become winners in this cultural war. What we do needs to be the headlines of newspapers and the lead story of the evening news on television. Every person should know what God's will is and work to accomplish it. God's primary focus is the family. Let's focus on making our families better than any other group's families. Father says that people living outside the Unification Movement are living in the "satanic realm" or in the "secular society." We need to proselytize and successfully turn this world 180 degrees around. We must find the words that move mankind to reject Satan's world and accept our ideology of big families. We must also walk our talk.

This book is about the greatest goal every person should have in his or her life. After a couple accepts the perfect logic of the *Divine Principle* and the wife is young then the couple should have the primary goal of having at least 12 children. Father gave that goal to Mother. If a couple has a wife that is over 40 (or 50) then they should have the goal of helping young couples reach the goal of having at least 12 children by doing such things as mentoring or helping financially. Those who you help will take care of you in your old age.

Father teaches that our time on this earth is very short compared to our life in spirit world. We can only have children on earth. He says, "There is not enough population to occupy the vast, immense spirit world, so is it better to have many children or to have a few? Yes, many. Even though I have many children, when one is missing, I feel empty. So I can easily imagine God must feel the same way." ("The Dream of the Unification Church" May 3, 1992)

"In the spirit world there is no reproduction. God's Principle is for reproduction here on earth." ("The Truthful Family Is the Homeland of All Perfections" April 18, 1993)

We have to be concerned with earning money and shopping for groceries in this physical world. Father teaches how incredible the spirit world is. For example, he says, "When we get to spirit world, we will have no physical worries. What to eat will be no problem. What clothes to wear will be no problem. There are no automobiles or highways, no factories. Everything is set up and prepared for us. We can fly around and travel a thousand miles instantaneously, like taking one step. The universe is filled with so many stars. There are stars of gold and stars of diamond for us to visit. You can explore all of the universe; it is our field of action. You want to do that, don't you? Our physical body is our limitation now, but once we are freed from this body we are free to go anywhere. That is the way it is in spirit world. We can immediately meet with God in that world. In this world, we might pray for a long, long time and still not be able to meet with God. How difficult it is. Do you understand?" ("Parents' Day - True Parents and Blessed Couples" March 23, 1993)

"Will we have farmers in heaven? There are no farmers or factories needed to make bread in heaven, however when you want delicious bread with the power of true love you will have it immediately." ("True God's Day" 1-1-01)

DOZENS

He says, "Why don't we have just one child, like in some countries where the government allows only one child per couple? In a way, the couple living here on earth within their physical bodies should reproduce as many offspring as possible to fill up the Kingdom of Heaven. Once we get to the Kingdom of Heaven in spirit world, we can no longer bear any children. That is the vertical realm. There is only one dot, one point where the vertical line meets the horizontal. The horizontal realm is the line where we want to see many dots, many children. Many dots represent many brothers and sisters. We want to multiply these children with the same value as God. Do you understand? Therefore, we can enjoy a huge heaven in spirit world. There is wide space there. How can we fill it up? We have to bear many children, right? Dozens, dozens, dozens, and dozens more, for eternity. One child cannot connect with many generations. You should multiply, filling heaven up, up, up. God enjoys seeing that." ("Parents' Day — True Parents and Blessed Couples" March 23, 1993)

Father explains in many magnificent words the value of having happy marriages and tons of kids. I can only scratch the surface of what he says. I encourage you to read and reread his amazing insights into family.

Father is restoring the idea of the big Victorian family. He is politically incorrect. He constantly warns American sisters to not be digested by this evil feminist culture that hates God's way of life. Father wants sisters to act like Thomas Jefferson's daughter who had a dozen children and not act like the daughters of our current presidents who are clueless.

WEAK MEMBERS AND STRONG MEMBERS

I understand that some young couples will not have many children for good reasons. I respect that. I don't want this book to be like some high-pressure car salesman who will not let you out of their showroom until you buy a car. Some people will have no children or only a few because they are simply not mature enough or other reasons through no fault of their own. Father says, "We have all kinds of Unification Church members. All members are not at the same level. There are very weak members and strong members." (9-7-78)

FREEDOM COMES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES

Everyone has freedom. We should respect the best that people can do, but we also must realize that we can often do better than we think we can and we are never free from reaping what we sow, from being free from the consequences that come from our freedom. Some have been hurt in their life and have personal issues to deal with. Some couples may not be able to have a large family because they are physically, mentally or spiritually ill. Still, I believe that the vast majority of blessed couples should write down the goal of having at least 12 children and give their blood, sweat and tears to reach this noble goal. Then they can work hard the rest of their life making sure that each of their children have at least twelve.

DON'T PANIC

When we set goals we are going to have obstacles. Father teaches and pushes us to overcome the "difficulties" we all experience by persevering "to find the solution": "I am giving you men and women a mandate. You are destined to live this central life where the vertical and horizontal lines cross, where you can find the invisible love of God and the visible love of True Parents. You are destined to consummate that love and expand it to the world. Of course, there are difficulties on this path. Whenever my boat, 'New Hope,' leaves port it is in good shape and everything is functioning smoothly. But something invariably happens. Maybe a storm will come up, or the engine will develop trouble. A crew member may make a mistake and overlook something. But the important thing is to cope with any situation and persevere to find the solution. Instead of panicking, take care of the matter and go on." ("New Family Given By God" September 5, 1982)

MYTH OF OVERPOPULATION

One of the liberal feminist arguments against big families is the idea of overpopulation. There is always a Cain/Abel division on any idea. The leading prophet of doom is Paul Ehrlich, the author of the influential bestseller *The Population Bomb*. All of his predictions of catastrophe as mankind keeps growing in population have not come true. On the Abel side of the debate is Julian Simon who is optimistic in his book *The*

Ultimate Resource. The earth, he teaches, is not overpopulated now. People are not problems but problem solvers. The only reason there is hunger in the world now is because of the ideology of socialism. God's way is for big families and small government. Satan is for small families and big government. The earth is finite and if every couple had 12 children there will come a time when we will have to deal with so many people. Let's let people of the distant future figure that out. For us, we have a mandate—an authoritative command from the Messiah to follow him and that means we should follow his example of having a huge family. We should take this goal very seriously.

DON'T WAIT

My wife and I visited with Levy Daugherty, a vice president of the Unification Movement in his office in Washington D.C. in December of 2002 at the time one of our sons was blessed. He told us that couples should not have long separation times after they are blessed because many, perhaps as much as half of all the marriages of second generation children are getting divorced and the common denominator for those failed marriages is that they did not start their family life soon after being blessed. These blessed couples drifted away from each other and found someone else. This does not mean that every couple has to begin their family life the day of the Blessing or that couples need to do the Three-day Ceremony exactly 40 days after the blessing.

Couples should consummate their marriage and immediately start having babies within months, not years after they are blessed. Because we do not do birth control and true happiness is having children then couples in the Unification Movement should start having children immediately. If a person thinks that when they get blessed they should spend a long time being separated or need a long time to not have children then they should not get blessed and wait until they are serious about being married and having a family.

If a couple does not know each other when they get blessed they may need a period of time together so they can fall in love. Hopefully this should not take a long time. Perhaps a few months at most. If one or both feel they need more time then maybe there is a deep problem and the blessing should be examined to see if it's going to be eternal. Weak people should not get blessed. Children should be conceived from parents who love each other. We are not robot breeders for God's army. It is a case by case situation of when a couple starts their family, but it is the feeling of Levy Daugherty that couples should not take a long time before they live together as man and wife and build a family. If one or both of a couple needs lots of time to bond then maybe they should not have not been blessed and maybe they will need to break up and be blessed later when they are more mature and ready for the awesome responsibilities of being married.

DON'T PUSH

Parents should not push their children and young people should not push themselves into marriage if they are not ready. Father says, "There are things within the men's world that the women's world does not have and that creates balance. Thus the family is the training ground for good husbands and wives. The parents have to be stern and in control. Particularly the father has to be stern. If you are not sure that your sons and daughters are ready to serve totally for the sake of a husband or wife, then they are not ready for marriage, so don't let them do it." ("True Way of Life" July 1, 1984)

Tim LaHaye is right in his book How to Be Happy Though Married that people should marry young and have children soon. We are not supposed to be like stupid Yuppies who believe that both husband and wife should work for years while they are on birth control and have babies only when they can buy some big house and fancy cars. This is immature. It borders on being like the irresponsible philosophy of Playboy. Having children and encouraging others to have many children should be the primary goal in life on this earth. We are here for only a second compared to eternity in spirit world. Taking time out to get nice clothes and nice cars and skiing in Colorado without children is not living a religious life. We have to be disciples of Christ. We are to be like God. God loves kids. We enjoy our children in spirit world. We don't take our house to spirit world. Obviously we need to have a decent home and cars and presents for our kids on their birthday, but we also have to realize we are in a war against the forces of darkness. Many early followers of Father did not give presents to their children on their birthdays and Christmas. We are living in the Last Days-a time of emergency. We must figure out how to balance the public and private. I don't think we should sacrifice having children for the mission of witnessing. The Messiah brings a sense of urgency but we should do our best to have big families and do all the other things we are called to do. What are we going to teach people by our words and deeds when we bring guests to hear the Divine Principle? We need to

teach them to have big families and raise their children to be like True Parents who made a goal of having at least 12 children. We need to show more love of children than anyone else because we know God and the Messiah more than anyone else.

NO PAIN NO GAIN

Father often teaches us to push our bodies. He pushes himself, his wife and his followers. It may seem frightening to a woman that she will be pregnant 12 times. It may be scary to a man that he has to provide, protect and lead such a big family. Father pushes us to be fearless and be great. He explains that our time on earth is over quickly and we should push ourselves to the limit just as he and Mother do. We reap what we sow and the Messiah wants each person to have a big harvest. Every person is to build an empire—a powerful dynasty that keeps getting bigger and better every generation. He teaches that we must have many children because each one is precious and you may have a child that will be a great leader. Did you know that Benjamin Franklin was the 15th of 17 children? John and Charles Wesley are famous Christians. Their mother, Susanna, bore 19 children in 21 years. She educated all of her children. She deeply loved each child and even scheduled an hour of time for each child each week just to make sure that each one felt special. She said, "Whatever increases the strength and authority of your body over your mind-that thing is sin to you." Rick and Jan Hess write in their book A Full Quiver, "Susanna had to go through fourteen pregnancies before she got John, and then number seventeen was Charles, writer of some 6,000 hymns. Some gifts are worth waiting for."

I don't want to imply that our goal should be to get our children to be celebrities. Every child is "great." Our culture puts too much emphasis on charismatic people who get themselves known in the media. All this focus on sports, business, and Hollywood stars is immature and unprincipled. Our focus should be on educating our children to fulfill the Three Blessings. This does not mean competing in the Olympics, getting a PhD, becoming a politician, making a billion dollars or being a movie star. A tiny few people can play professional soccer but that is a fluke and nothing to focus on. Everyone should strive to live by the ten core values in my book *Practical Plan for World Peace*. These are doable goals that when achieved will bring enough "greatness" in our lives.

Father teaches that we must have mind/body unity. The mind must be subject—the leader—of the body. We should not be afraid to take risks and we should not be lazy. Father is the greatest motivational speaker who pushes for maximum discipline. Brian Tracy is one of America's most famous motivational speakers. He encourages people to listen to him on audio tapes as they drive instead of listening to pop music. He teaches we need to repeat listening to him and other teachers of success. He says we have to "work hard hard hard." Nobody works harder than Father. We should be bold and courageous and out work any other group in the world.

ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE

Unificationists should be the most powerful people in the world because we follow the most powerful man who has ever lived. Father loves the word "absolute." We have absolute values and we will eventually win an absolute victory because our ideology and vision are the greatest.

Critics of Father fear his absolute confidence. They interpret everything he says and does from fallen man's cynical eyes. Jesus got the same treatment. This is the thinking that if it looks too good to be true then it is not true. Jesus and Father talk constantly of love but they are treated as being dangerous. All this talk of 12 children will be interpreted by ignorant people as some kind of conspiracy for world domination by people who only want an army. The opposite is the truth. Unificationists follow a man who sincerely loves children. He didn't have them so he could have some kind of evil empire of people who are like aliens in science fiction movies that breed like roaches and want to enslave mankind in a totalitarian Nazi concentration camp.

Men have to be serious about having a successful career outside the home and women need to be serious about having a career of homemaker inside the home. They should be debt-free. Men are hunters and women are nesters. Women need the security of a debt-free home and good medical and life insurance. We should do as motivational speakers teach. We should think big. Brian Tracy has an audio tape called *Thinking Big: The Keys to Personal Power and Maximum Performance*. Father pushes us to think bigger and work harder than Brian Tracy. We must lead dynamic, exciting lives. We have to sweat from hard work like True Parents do. We must be so passionate about our big goals that we inspire Brian Tracy to join us and use us as examples of inspiration. We can't entertain thoughts given by evil spirits and fallen man that it would be too hard to have 12 children. We should be confident that all our dreams and God's dreams will come true. We have the incredible goal of converting every person on earth. We dream of a world where everyone speaks Korean and listens to Father on tape. That day will come. Why not have the same determination to have big families? We can do both. In fact, I don't see how we will ever be effective at witnessing until people see us having big and happy families.

Father teaches us to subjugate our bodies—to discipline ourselves to not be obsessed with food, sex and laziness. He always practices what he preaches: "We must understand that for more than ten years, until Father reached thirty years of age, there was not a day in his life when he didn't feel hungry. You cannot lead a religious life if your stomach is full. One of the most unbearable pains is hunger. We must challenge ourselves to say, 'I will love God so much that it will give me the strength to tolerate hunger and lack of sleep and thinking about sex.' All these are the physical challenges—the three greatest enemies to an individual. Those are the three main parts of Satan's armament." ("Parents' Day — True Parents and Blessed Couples" March 23, 1993)

In Philosophy of Education Sun Myung Moon writes:

I thought that a person who had not been able to keep his own nation did not deserve to eat three meals a day. I often went hungry. As much as I missed food, I missed the day of my country's liberation. That was how I trained myself. I said to myself that I must love my people and my nation more than food. So, during my life in Seoul, I skipped lunch. It was not because I did not have money in my pocket. When I had money, I gave it to poor people around me.

I often fasted on my birthday. How could I celebrate my birthday when I had not even accomplished the individual level victory and family level victory, let alone the national and the world level victories? That was the way I thought. How could I celebrate my birthday, knowing my situation. Sinners must fulfill their responsibilities for God, and only then could they celebrate their birthdays. That was the way I lived.

FEMINISM = FALSE LOVE

The Victorian era of the 19th century was an era of big families. The 20th century embraced the satanic ideology of feminism that is against big families. Every decade in the 20th century people progressively had fewer children and more divorce. The two go hand in hand. Father loves the family. He loves children. He criticizes America for not having more children, "Many Americans think they don't need children. But if they would deepen their conjugal love by rearing children, there would be less divorce. They live in false love instead of true love by leaving out children, and repeatedly divorce. The ethics of American society are declining due to this bad trend." (*Blessing and Ideal Family*)

Because feminism is so ingrained into our culture we see things through the lens of feminism. The knee-jerk reaction to the idea that a couple would have 12 children seems ridiculous and even depressing. The mind of modern man is far different than those in centuries past who thought large families were normal. Now it is seen as abnormal. The person who would want such a thing is seen as insane.

ADOPT

If a couple cannot physically birth 12 children then they should adopt. I did a quick search on the Internet and it seems that it costs between \$15,000 and \$25,000 to adopt a child. It would cost much less if the Unification Movement built some orphanages in poor countries to supply the members with children. Those couples that cannot have children should adopt from third world countries. Why don't we have a church adoption agency to get some of the estimated 10,000 to 40,000 children who die of starvation and other problems like polluted water in poor third world countries every day into American and UM homes? Many of the tens of thousands of children who die every day of hunger and neglect are orphans. Let's save some the millions of street kids. Go online and look at pictures of these kids. It breaks your heart to see thousands of these kids, many who have not parents, hungry and abused on the streets of Manila and Nairobi. Imagine what our movement would be like if every family adopted one, two, five or even 10 of these children.

If Unificationists have true united big families of say 10 or more children their descendants would, in only a few generations, become the leaders of the world. If 200,000 Unificationist families had an average of 10 children, there would be one million children. If all these blessed (2nd Generation) children married between themselves, that would make 500,000 couples. If they, in turn, had an average of 10 children, there would be 25 million children. The next generation would have 125 million. The generation after that would be 600 million and using the multiple of 5 the next would be 3 billion. Because Unificationists would have more children than any other group, in only a few generations their numbers would be so great they would dominate the earth.

If a couple had 12 children who each had 12 they would have 144 grandchildren. If they had 15 and each had 15 they would have 225 children. These numbers are exciting. If followers of Christ adopted enough children to have huge families then that would create a energized and powerful movement for God.

NO MORE GIFT CHILDREN

If someone in a community cannot conceive a baby then they should adopt from all the children in the world that desperately need parents. I think we should question the tradition of Unificationists giving away babies to other Unificationists. I think that this was only a restoration condition and should not be carried into the future. The bond children and parents have is sacred. Children look like the two people who gave them birth. Children share the same facial features, medical conditions, ancestors, and blood. They are the fruit of the love of the parents. This connection is physical, spiritual and absolute. Many adopted children search desperately for their birth parents.

There are enough children in the world that need parents. To be a blessed couple and then give a child away to another because they don't have one is comparable to giving your spouse away to someone because they don't have one. There are spouses for everyone and children for everyone in the world. Adopt children from the outside world and change their blood lineage at marriage. Life is eternal. Claim your children through birth or adoption. All of them are blessed, either at birth or their blessing. The idea that your children have to be born blessed to raise them is taking the concept of blood lineage too far. The Unification Movement needs to make fundamental changes. There have been some couples who never had children because they waited for someone to give them one. We need to end that tragedy by encouraging adoption.

In the book *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Mormonism* we read about their view of having children:

There's a popular LDS joke that goes: Why do Mormon women stop having babies at 35? Because 36 are just too many. All kidding aside, LDS families do tend to run larger than the national average of 2.3 children. For Latter-day Saints, bringing children into the world is not only an obligation to God, it is a great joy to be surrounded by children.

As such, LDS families often live up to the commandment of being fruitful and multiplying. Historically, many LDS people come from large families, have large families, and love being part of large families. The love of family and children runs deep in the LDS culture. Prophet Ezra Taft Benson once said, "The family is the cornerstone of civilization and no nation will rise above the caliber of its homes." In many cases, parents who are able to have only one or two children—or none at all— choose to adopt.

My friends, the Terry's, have taken God's commandment of "multiplying" to considerable proportions. Mike and Trish, who have been married for 27 years, have managed to raise a family of five girls and nine boys (all single births). Mike, a self-employed cement mason, and Trish, still hike Utah's Rocky Mountains, rock-climb, ski, and camp together as a family. Each child in the Terry home is loved, nurtured, and watched over by older siblings, with Mom and Dad always nearby. There is no lack of love in this family of 16 individual personalities.

In the book there is a picture of this family with the parents and their 14 children. They look very happy. Let's do better; let's have pictures of families with 15 children. The Mormons are well-known for having large, happy families. Let's make our image to be a religious group that has more children than Mormons and happier, more dynamic families than they have.

MULTIPLY

Teddy Roosevelt spoke out passionately against the trend of men being castrated and acting like wimps. He was alarmed that the birthrate in 1900 for America was declining. In 1800 the average family had 7 children. In 1900 it had dropped to 4 and he saw the writing on the wall. Pat Buchanan writes in his book *The Death of the West: How Dying Populations and Immigrant Invasions Imperil Our Country and Civilization* that America is declining because the average number of children per family in America is now 2 and therefore barely able to replace itself. Another book on this topic is *The Birth Dearth: What Happens When People in Free Countries Don't Have Enough Babies?* by Ben Wattenberg. Father has come to save the day. He is inspiring men to once again be "manly" and procreate as Roosevelt talked about. Roosevelt called the problem of birth control "race suicide."

Like Father he spoke bluntly. He said that if America was to be great in the 20th century—if it wanted to "win a great place" it had to be a country of "good breeders as well as good fighters." He is ridiculed by many today as being too macho and unsophisticated but he was on the right track. He felt America was becoming less virile. Critics say his crusade to get America procreating big families was "strident" and "bizarre" but they are wrong. Satan worked to emasculate men in the 20th century so he could make it difficult for the Messiah, a truly virile man, to be accepted. Roosevelt gave speeches and wrote articles in magazines desperately trying to wake up America that it was declining. He pushed his ideas of the rugged life and spoke out against laziness and pursuit of pleasure. America he said must stop going down the road of decadence and if it kept on the road of men being effeminate then he warned that we would see "the development of a cultured and refined people quite unable to hold its own in those conflicts through which alone any great race can ultimately march to victory." Lord Baden-Powell also saw this trend of weakness and formed the Boy Scouts to mold boys into real men.

Roosevelt said that "evil forces" were causing "the diminishing birthrate." His prescription was "Work—fight—breed." If a people cannot do these things then it is "worthless." Americans, he said, were on a road to become "unfit to cumber the earth, if its men do not work hard ... and its women breed." Americans had to stop their "love of luxury." He said, "All the other problems before us in this country, important though they may be, are nothing compared with the problem of the diminishing birthrate and all that it implies."

DIFFERENT DUTIES

He spoke out constantly encouraging women to be excellent homemakers. He said, "The first requirement in a healthy race is that a woman should be willing and able to bear children just as the men must be willing and able to work and fight." He sympathized that women had to go through the pain of childbirth. He called it "a great injustice of nature." Nevertheless, she should do her duty and her man should consider her as "an equal partner." He explained equality this way: "...the higher and nobler the race is, the more nearly the marriage relation becomes a partnership on equal terms—the equality, of course, consisting not in the performance of the same duties by the two parties, but in the admirable performance of utterly different duties ... in mutual forbearance and respect."

GOOD CITIZENS

Roosevelt is accused of being a naive romantic and out of touch with the real world of the average woman and man. He is not. He is right in speaking out against men not having the guts and heart to have many children. American men, he said, were not "anxious" enough to have many children and women were refusing "to recognize that the greatest thing for any woman is to be a good wife and mother." He correctly felt this trend was alarming. He felt contempt for women who would "flinch from breeding." He praised those who had big families. He publicly praised one family who sent the President a picture of their family writing for all to hear: "Three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Bower and their really satisfactory American family of twelve children. That is what I call being good citizens."

He blamed feminist birth control "propagandists" for the declining birthrate. He said they were "decadent" and "immoral." Like Father he had his critics who say he was "obsessed" and wrong, but the truth hurts. In the March 1903 issue of a magazine Roosevelt wrote scathingly against men and women who did not have large families:

If a man or woman, through no fault of his or hers, goes throughout life denied those highest of all joys which spring only from home life, from the having and bringing up of many healthy children, I feel for them a deep and respectful sympathy, the sympathy one extends to a gallant fellow killed at the beginning of a campaign, or the man who toils hard, and is brought to ruin by the fault of others. But the man or woman who deliberately avoids marriage and has a heart so cold as to know no passion, and a brain so shallow and selfish as to dislike having children, is in effect a criminal against the race, and should be the object of contemptuous abhorrence by all healthy people.

LIFE OF STRENUOUS ENDEAVOR

Roosevelt said many good things about having good character such as being bold and courageous. He gave a famous speech in 1899 titled "The Strenuous Life" in which he said:

The work must be done; we cannot escape our responsibility and if we are worth our salt, we shall be glad at the chance to do the work—glad of the chance to show ourselves equal to one of the great tasks set modern civilization.

I preach to you then, my countrymen, that our country calls not for the life of ease but for the life of strenuous endeavor. The twentieth century looms before us big with the fate of many nations. If we stand idly by, if we seek merely swollen, slothful ease and ignoble peace, if we shrink from the hard contests where men must win at hazard of their lives and at the risk of all they hold dear, then the bolder and stronger peoples will pass us by, and will win for themselves the domination of the world. Let us therefore boldly face the life of strife, resolute to do our duty well and manfully; resolute to uphold righteousness by deed and by word; resolute to be both honest and brave, to serve high ideals, yet to use practical methods. Above all, let us shrink from no strife, moral or physical, within or without the nation, provided we are certain that the strife is justified, for it is only through strife, through hard and dangerous endeavor, that we shall ultimately win the goal of true national greatness.

President Roosevelt gave this great speech in Washington on March 13, 1905, before the National Congress of Mothers:

On American Motherhood

In our modern industrial civilization there are many and grave dangers to counterbalance the splendors and the triumphs. It is not a good thing to see cities grow at disproportionate speed relatively to the country; for the small land owners, the men who own their little homes, and therefore to a very large extent the men who till farms, the men of the soil, have hitherto made the foundation of lasting national life in every State; and, if the foundation becomes either too weak or too narrow, the superstructure, no matter how attractive, is in imminent danger of falling.

But far more important than the question of the occupation of our citizens is the question of how their family life is conducted. No matter what that occupation may be, as long as there is a real home and as long as those who make up that home do their duty to one another, to their neighbors and to the State, it is of minor consequence whether the man's trade is plied in the country or in the city, whether it calls for the work of the hands or for the work of the head.

No piled-up wealth, no splendor of material growth, no brilliance of artistic development, will permanently avail any people unless its home life is healthy, unless the average man possesses honesty, courage, common sense, and decency, unless he works hard and is willing at need to fight hard; and unless the average woman is a good wife, a good mother, able and willing to perform the first and greatest duty of womanhood, able and willing to bear, and to bring up as they should be brought up, healthy children, sound in body, mind, and character, and numerous enough so that the race shall increase and not decrease.

There are certain old truths which will be true as long as this world endures, and which no amount of progress can alter. One of these is the truth that the primary duty of the husband is to be the homemaker, the breadwinner for his wife and children, and that the primary duty of the woman is to be the helpmate, the housewife, and mother. The woman should have ample educational advantages; save but in exceptional cases the man must be, and she need not be, and generally ought not to be, trained for a lifelong career as the family breadwinner; and, therefore, after a certain point, the training of the two must normally be different because the duties of the two are normally different. This does not mean inequality of function, but it does mean that normally there must be dissimilarity of function. On the whole, I think the duty of the woman the more important, the more difficult, and the more honorable of the two; on the whole I respect the woman who does her duty even more than I respect the man who does his.

No ordinary work done by a man is either as hard or as responsible as the work of a woman who is bringing up a family of small children; for upon her time and strength demands are made not only every hour of the day but often every hour of the night. She may have to get up night after night to take care of a sick child, and yet must by day continue to do all her household duties as well; and if the family means are scant she must usually enjoy even her rare holidays taking her whole brood of children with her. The birth pangs make all men the debtors of all women. Above all our sympathy and regard are due to the struggling wives among those whom Abraham Lincoln called the plain people, and whom he so loved and trusted; for the lives of these women are often led on the lonely heights of quiet, self-sacrificing heroism.

Just as the happiest and most honorable and most useful task that can be set any man is to earn enough for the support of his wife and family, for the bringing up and starting in life of his children, so the most important, the most honorable and desirable task which can be set any woman is to be a good and wise mother in a home marked by self-respect and mutual forbearance, by willingness to perform duty, and by refusal to sink into self-indulgence or avoid that which entails effort and self-sacrifice. Of course there are exceptional men and exceptional women who can do and ought to do much more than this, who can lead and ought to lead great careers of outside usefulness in addition to-not as substitutes fortheir home work; but I am not speaking of exceptions; I am speaking of the primary duties, I am speaking of the average citizens, the average men and women who make up the nation.

Inasmuch as I am speaking to an assemblage of mothers, I shall have nothing whatever to say in praise of an easy life. Yours is the work which is never ended. No mother has an easy time, the most mothers have very hard times; and yet what true mother would barter her experience of joy and sorrow in exchange for a life of cold selfishness, which insists upon perpetual amusement and the avoidance of care, and which often finds its fit dwelling place in some flat designed to furnish with the least possible expenditure of effort the maximum of comfort and of luxury, but in which there is literally no place for children? The woman who is a good wife, a good mother, is entitled to our respect as is no one else; but she is entitled to it only because, and so long as, she is worthy of it. Effort and self-sacrifice are the law of worthy life for the man as for the woman; though neither the effort nor the self-sacrifice may be the same for the one as for the other. I do not in the least believe in the ... type of woman who submits to gross and long continued ill treatment, any more than I believe in a man who tamely submits to wrongful aggression. No wrong-doing is so abhorrent as wrong-doing by a man toward the wife and the children who should arouse every tender feeling in his nature. Selfishness toward them, lack of tenderness toward them, lack of consideration for them, above all, brutality in any form toward them, should arouse the heartiest scorn and indignation in every upright soul.

I believe in the woman keeping her self-respect just as I believe in the man doing so. I believe in her rights just as much as I believe in the man's, and indeed a little more; and I regard marriage as a partnership, in which each partner is in honor bound to think of the rights of the other as well as of his or her own. But I think that the duties are even more important than the rights; and in the long run I think that the reward is ampler and greater for duty well done, than for the insistence upon individual rights, necessary though this, too, must often be. Your duty is hard, your responsibility great; but greatest of all is your reward. I do not pity you in the least. On the contrary, I feel respect and admiration for you.

Into the woman's keeping is committed the destiny of the generations to come after us. In bringing up your children you mothers must remember that while it is essential to be loving and tender it is no less essential to be wise and firm. Foolishness and affection must not be treated as interchangeable terms; and besides training your sons and daughters in the softer and

milder virtues, you must seek to give them those stern and hardy qualities which in after life they will surely need. Some children will go wrong in spite of the best training; and some will go right even when their surroundings are most unfortunate; nevertheless an immense amount depends upon the family training. If you mothers through weakness bring up your sons to be selfish and to think only of themselves, you will be responsible for much sadness among the women who are to be their wives in the future. If you let your daughters grow up idle, perhaps under the mistaken impression that as you yourselves have had to work hard they shall know only enjoyment, you are preparing them to be useless to others and burdens to themselves. Teach boys and girls alike that they are not to look forward to lives spent in avoiding difficulties, but to lives spent in overcoming difficulties. Teach them that work, for themselves and also for others, is not a curse but a blessing; seek to make them happy, to make them enjoy life, but seek also to make them face life with the steadfast resolution to wrest success from labor and adversity, and to do their whole duty before God and to man. Surely she who can thus train her sons and her daughters is thrice fortunate among women.

There are many good people who are denied the supreme blessing of children, and for these we have the respect and sympathy always due to those who, from no fault of their own, are denied any of the other great blessings of life. But the man or woman who deliberately forego these blessings, whether from viciousness, coldness, shallow-heartedness, selfindulgence, or mere failure to appreciate aright the difference between the all-important and the unimportant,-why, such a creature merits contempt as hearty as any visited upon the soldier who runs away in battle, or upon the man who refuses to work for the support of those dependent upon him, and who though able-bodied is yet content to eat in idleness the bread which others provide.

The existence of women of this type forms one of the most unpleasant and unwholesome features of modern life. If any one is so dim of vision as to fail to see what a thoroughly unlovely creature such a woman is I wish they would read Judge Robert Grant's novel "Unleavened Bread," ponder seriously the character of Selma, and think of the fate that would surely overcome any nation which developed its average and typical woman along such lines. Unfortunately it would be untrue to say that this type exists only in American novels. That it also exists in American life is made unpleasantly evident by the statistics as to the dwindling families in some localities. It is made evident in equally sinister fashion by the census statistics as to divorce, which are fairly appalling; for easy divorce is now as it ever has been, a bane to any nation, a curse to society, a menace to the home, an incitement to married unhappiness and to immorality, an evil thing for men and a still more hideous evil for women. These unpleasant tendencies in our American life are made evident by articles such as those which I actually read not long ago in a certain paper, where a clergyman was quoted, seemingly with approval, as expressing the general American attitude when he said that the ambition of any save a very rich man should be to rear two children only, so as to give his children an opportunity "to taste a few of the good things of life."

This man, whose profession and calling should have made him a moral teacher, actually set before others the ideal, not of training children to do their duty, not of sending them forth with stout hearts and ready minds to win triumphs for themselves and their country, not of allowing them the opportunity, and giving them the privilege of making their own place in the world, but, forsooth, of keeping the number of children so limited that they might "taste a few good things!" The way to give a child a fair chance in life is not to bring it up in luxury, but to see that it has the kind of training that will give it strength of character. Even apart from the vital question of national life, and regarding only the individual interest of the children themselves, happiness in the true sense is a hundred fold more apt to come to any given member of a healthy family of healthy-minded children, well brought up, well educated, but taught that they must shift up for themselves, must win their own way, and by their own exertions make their own positions of usefulness, than it is apt to come to those whose parents themselves have acted on and have trained their children to act on, the selfish and sordid theory that the whole end of life is to "taste a few good things."

The intelligence of the remark is on a par with its morality; for the most rudimentary mental process would have shown the speaker that if the average family in which there are children contained but two children the nation as a whole would decrease in population so rapidly that in two or three generations it would very deservedly be on the point of extinction, so that the people who had acted on this base and selfish doctrine would be giving place to others with braver and more robust ideals. Nor would such a result be in any way regrettable; for a race that practiced such doctrine-that is, a race that practiced race suicide-would thereby conclusively show that it was unfit to exist, and that it had better give place to people who had not forgotten the primary laws of their being.

To sum up, then, the whole matter is simple enough. If either a race or an individual prefers the pleasure of more effortless ease, of self-indulgence, to the infinitely deeper, the infinitely higher pleasures that come to those who know the toil and the weariness, but also the joy, of hard duty well done, why, that race or that individual must inevitably in the end pay the penalty of leading a life both vapid and ignoble. No man and no woman really worthy of the name can care for the life spent solely or chiefly in the

avoidance of risk and trouble and labor. Save in exceptional cases the prizes worth having in life must be paid for, and the life worth living must be a life of work for a worthy end, and ordinarily of work more for others than for one's self.

The woman's task is not easy—no task worth doing is easy—but in doing it, and when she has done it, there shall come to her the highest and holiest joy known to mankind; and having done it, she shall have the reward prophesied in Scripture; for her husband and her children, yes, and all people who realize that her work lies at the foundation of all national happiness and greatness, shall rise up and call her blessed.

WRITTEN WORD

When Jesus was tempted by Satan three times he said each time that "It is written." We need to guide our lives by the written rules of God. The Bible and Father's speeches are the written words we use to guide our lives. When we are tempted we should say to our tempters, "It is written in Father's words and the Bible" and not give in.

We learn in the *Divine Principle* that Fallen Nature number one is not seeing through God's viewpoint. Father clearly teaches that God's number one goal is for every person to fulfill the Three Blessings. Satan influences us to be blind to this calling. He wants small, dysfunctional families. God wants big, normal families. The Bible and Father teach us to be strong, bold and courageous. We are to have a vision of greatness and excitement. Father has fulfilled the Three Blessings. He is goal oriented and we should be too. Let's make it our number one goal to fulfill the Three Blessings. I have a book titled *Practical Plan for World Peace*. One of the values in the book is to create a dynasty of big, loving families.

In these Last Days we are bombarded by Satan's low standard. Children are seen as a disease that must be stopped with the Pill. Unificationists are not of this world. We are building a new culture. We are following a man who gave his wife the goal of 12 children and went beyond it. Let's go beyond him. God wants us to be happy. The Bible teaches us to store riches in heaven, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21). Let's be with our many children in heaven. Children make us rich. We are to be like God, our creator. We are called to be creators of life. Creating is difficult. Let's relish our calling of saving the earth from evil. Let's work hard. Father and the Bible tell us to not worry, to be fearless and confident. We teach by word and deed the truth that will save individuals, families and nations. We don't present the many opinions of others and let them decide what they think is good and true. We proclaim the absolute values of God.

The Bible often tells us to be strong and to persevere through hardships, "By waiting upon the Lord, he will renew our strength so we will mount up with wings as eagles, so we will run and not be weary, and so we will walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31). "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lav aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:15-16). Let's not be cold or lukewarm. Let's be hot. We are here on earth for only a flicker of a second compared to our time in spirit world. Let's run this race as fast as we can. Let's sweat and push ourselves to the limit. Let's fight the good fight and be victorious against the lies and deceit of the voices of mediocrity that evil spirit world gets inside our head and the voices of death and fear from the world around us that criticizes us for having big families

Roosevelt said: "It's not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; who does actually try to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly. Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checked by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in a gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat." ("Citizenship in the Republic", speech at the Sobornne, Paris, April 23rd, 1910)

Pope John Paul II said, "Children build up the life of the family and society. The child becomes a gift to its brothers and sisters, parents and entire family. Its entire life becomes a gift for the very people who were givers of life and who cannot help but feel its presence, its sharing in their life and its contribution to the common good and to the community of the family." Mother Teresa said, "How can there be too many children? That's like saying there are too many flowers."

It is important that those who marry have a healthy view of sex. Sex is not just for procreation. God wants us to enjoy sex as an important way of expressing love to our mate. Father teaches us not to be prudes. We are not supposed to be excessively modest in the marriage bed. The following are excerpts from a speech in which Father speaks plainly about sex:

> So there were man and woman, and then there had to be a union. Why? Because both man and woman become excited, and just as positive and negative electricity create a spark, when man and woman are fully charged, they create a spark. That's the union. The spark between man and woman should be stronger than that of electricity, so strong that they cannot be separated. In the field of electricity, plus and minus represent convex and concave. When the spark takes place, sound and light are created. When the union of man and woman takes place, there is a spark created, a love light and love sound. We witness lightning and thunder, which is the sound and light of electricity carried by clouds. When that thunder and lightning takes place, rain follows. Something is produced. You can consider that as the marriage of plus and minus electricity, them having their marriage feast. Nature is consuming the food, and the rain is the product and all things of the world are welcoming that water. Fish and animals and

plants like it. Why do animals welcome rain? Because after a rain there is more food available.

Thus when husband and wife make love, it is like this phenomenon of lightning and thunder. When husband and wife come together, it is like east and west coming together, like different sets of clouds, like above and below. They all come together and create this explosion. God cannot be dozing when this happens. Parental, conjugal and children's love come together and create this love. Bright light and sound are produced. Then all things surrounding them welcome it and want to resemble that couple. Nonblessed couples, put your fingers in your ears.

When that love spark comes about between husband and wife, their nerves and cells all focus on that and join that spark. What about God?

When you observe animals making love, even rats make an interesting sound [Father makes it] and they all make a unique sound. What about human beings? Should it be a thunder-like sound, or just quiet? [Thunder.] But when God and human beings reach that lovemaking point, will it be big or small? [Big.] How strong? Can you imitate it? [Members try.] There will be a sound, an inclusive sound of all living things, animals and plants, all possible sounds can join there and the sound will come out that everyone will welcome it.

God is a greedy person, so when He watches us doing that, will He object and tell us to do less? No, He will say, make a greater noise and brighter light. If you need help, I will come, so you can do it one time, two times. Because of their hard love work, they have no more energy and cannot even move one muscle, will not God smile and stay with them? He will be happy, very happy. God will help them close their eyes and will lay down and sleep with them. Between husband and wife when there is a strong lovemaking, don't you need rest afterwards? Maybe you need an hour's nap. That is like the blue sky after the thunder and lightning. ("True Parents' Completion of Responsibility in View of Providence" December 26, 1999)

Marriage is the perfection place of child's love, brotherly love, conjugal love, and parents' love. That one place is man's and woman's sexual organs. Such a marriage doesn't belong to Adam and Eve, but rather it belongs to God. It is God's marriage. Is this clear? From this point we connect to the original blood lineage. The thunder and lightning of the natural world is equivalent to the action of love between man and woman in marriage. All the cells of the body are filled with excitement and joy. Everything bursts out, making noise and lightning. Man is plus and woman is minus. Why are you laughing now? (From joy.) Joy? That's good. [Laughter] That is the most precious place of all. (4-18-96)

LIBERATED

Rev. Kwak and your wife, you should be able to kiss in front of God, True Parents, children, anyone. In the future, can you live naked? When you make love, are you naked or clothed? When you make love, do you wear a lot of clothes, or are you naked? When you have your first night, are you naked, or with many clothes? Don't laugh! Between husband and wife, we should be liberated. By being united, centering upon the sexual organ, we can be liberated. You American women, you have to understand this better than other people. When you expose your breasts, are you ashamed? Should those breasts be crying or dancing? Before your husband, they should be dancing. Look at the breasts and hips. Both should be dancing. Then we can be liberated. That is the natural law; I'm not talking about something special. ("True Day of All Things" 6-2-00)

NO PAJAMAS

When you make love, you take off even your underwear, right? Why don't you answer me? When you make love, do you keep your pants on or not? Even if you have to throw them in the air, that's what you do, right? That's the true way of couples who love each other. Wouldn't you like to get rid of your clothes that are full of sin and Satan's tradition? This is the opportunity for you to remove those clothes. Stand in that position as blessed families and don't be unfaithful. The most precious part for God and for human beings is the sexual organs. Are you ashamed when your husband goes to the toilet naked? Even if vou are naked but receive the blessing, won't you prosper? Do you prefer to wear clothes or be naked? Do you want to do that? As husband and wife, you should go to bed without any pajamas. Do you feel you have to keep your position in front of God and keep pure [and therefore leave your clothes on]? But in front of God, you can wear transparent clothes or better still take everything off. In front of God, if you have unchanging, absolute and eternal love ... ("Heaven and Earth Unification and Liberation Ceremony" September 9-10-1999)

Feminists say the traditional family is impossible for people of today to have. One of the most powerful feminists of the 20th century was Patricia Schroeder. She was a congresswoman for 24 years. She worked tirelessly as Satan's ambassador. Satan has been the ruler of this world and feminists like her have been the rulers of America. Thankfully the tide is beginning to turn. But for now the ruling ideology of the West and increasingly in the East is feminism. Satan is a deceiver and a liar. He makes his ideas seem exciting and true.

Schroeder has a book called *Champion of the Great American Family*. Her calling herself a champion of family is like communist North Korea calling itself democratic—Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Her book should be titled *Champion of the Horrible Feminist Family*. She is a champion of the feminist family where the wife leaves the home to work. God is for the traditional family where the wife is a stay-at-home mom.

Feminists are snakes with forked tongues. Here is an example of her poisonous lies:

Many conservatives believe that the only people who should have children are those who can afford to have one parent stay home and do the chores. If that were the case, a small percentage of American families would have children. We would die out! If medical science could make octogenarians fertile, then I suppose by the time we were eighty we could all finance families in the "traditional" way. Unfortunately, medical science isn't there yet.

This is the typical limited and unprincipled and Cain like thinking of liberals. Liberal feminists are intellectually and heartistically bankrupt. They delude themselves that they are smart and sensitive as they passionately build their road to hell.

POSITIVE THINKING

The truth is the exact opposite of what she writes. She doesn't know that with God all things are possible. Norman Vincent Peale speaks for God in his book *The Power of Positive Thinking* when he says that all things are possible with God. In his book he gives the advice of repeating a certain Bible quote several times a day. The passage is: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

What Schroeder writes is now seen as common sense by the majority of Americans. Satan makes sure that we have good reasons to not have a godly family. The average man can provide for a large family if the husband and wife are disciplined and focused on doing God's will. There have been millions of men who have built large traditional families. We cannot listen to the satanic voices of feminists who say a man cannot provide and still be a good father. It is true that a man has to work hard and be excellent in his career, but he still can find quality time with his children and give them all the physical things they need too. One of the biggest worries people have about having many children is financial. Martin Luther said we should not worry about money and how to feed and clothe many children:

Although it is very easy to marry a wife, it is difficult to support her along with the children and the household. Accordingly, no one notices this faith of Jacob. Indeed, many hate fertility in a wife for the sole reason that the offspring must be supported and brought up. For this is what they commonly say: "Why should I marry a wife when I am a pauper and a beggar? I would rather bear the burden alone and not load myself with misery and want." But this is unjustly fastened on marriage blame and fruitfulness. Indeed, you are indicting your unbelief by distrusting God's goodness, and you are bringing greater misery upon yourself by disparaging God's blessing. For if you had trust in God's grace and promises, you would undoubtedly be supported. But because you do not hope in the Lord, you will never prosper. (Luther's Works, Vol. 5, p.332).

Unificationist parents need to raise their children to be spiritually mature and strong in their early teens. True Mother was married at the age of 17. Young Unificationists should not delay marriage because they need to grow up and find themselves. Outside people seem to think they need to leave their parent's home at 18 and spend years away at college or live apart from their parents and work before they marry and have children. Sisters should start having children in their teens just as Mrs. Sun Myung Moon did. Only in the feminist twentieth century have women delayed childbirth. This is Satan's tactic of birth control in the Last Days. He is against life, not for it. Satan teaches birth control and planned parenthood.

Unificationist brothers and sisters should never use birth control. They do not wait to have babies and they do not do any planning to space children. If they find they cannot have children at all or can't have them regularly they need to adopt children from the outside world.

Postponing marriage and postponing children after marriage is a violation of Father's commandment. It violates the spiritual laws of the

universe. It is against the core value of God who commands us to multiply. Sun Myung Moon commands Unificationists to never use any form of birth control. Father commands us to have big families. He often teaches that we must live with a sense of urgency and push ourselves for maximum achievement. Forgoing marriage to go to college or build a career is a form of birth control. The Mormons are famous for encouraging their young adults to postpone getting married and spend two or three years in youth teams witnessing and teaching their faith. This means the men give up building a career outside the home and women give up having a career inside the home being a homemaker. This is a waste of time for those in their late teens. This is Satan's tricky strategy to waste valuable time.

Teams of young people focusing on fundraising and co-ed schools are Satan's distractions. This busy work does not train anyone to be a leader. It prevents spiritual growth. It slows the providence. It is not more fun, exciting, or effective at winning souls for God than marriage and family. Unificationists must be far beyond the low standard fallen world. The last thing we need to do is prevent mature teenagers from procreating. To procreate young is a commandment from God. Unificationists must be highly educated and mature at the age of 15 instead of being immature like the pathetic first two 15 year-olds were in the Garden of Eden. Any plan that prolongs marriage with such nonsense as fundraising and witnessing teams (that never win converts anybody) is birth control. Birth control is evil. Delaying birth is evil. Misusing time is evil. The most effective way to grow up spiritually is to match and bless mature young people in their teens and have them start their family life immediately. When we do this Mormons and everyone else will see we are greater than they are. This is the most effective way to witness.

It is unprincipled for mature young Unificationists to waste their time by focusing on other activities instead of getting married and having children. Outside people often wait until they are 25 or older to start a family. We are the opposite of them. Father blessed his oldest son, Hyo Jin, to 15-year-old Nan Sook. Father is against wasting time. If getting married at 15 years of age is good for Nan Sook then it is good for many other sisters. Waiting till one is 25 years old is Satan's strategy of birth control and encouraging pre-marital sex. It is a tactic to get Second Gen to leave the movement. It is anti-life. Our movement will never grow until it raises young people to be mature in their early teens and get them to start their family life much earlier than the outside world does.

Sisters must go from their father's house or their guardian's house to their husband's house. There is to be no purgatory or limbo land in between. This is the new paradigm Unificationists must teach by word and deed. It will be seen as new and strange but it is really normal, oldfashioned values. People for the last several generations have been digested by the deadly ideology of feminism. It is now the ruling ideology. We need to restore the core values of our wiser ancestors who believed in early marriages and big families.

Because everyone is at different levels of maturity and different levels of understanding and commitment to the *Divine Principle* and Father's words we have to handle every situation in life in a case-by-case manner. But we also have to have some core values that we fight for and guide us in giving advice to others. Some people get matched and blessed or join as married couples and go to a Blessing with no real understanding of what the Blessing means. Headquarters and intellectuals in the Unification Movement have never gotten around in the last 50 years since Father created his movement to give him a plan for growth internally and in numbers. In my books I am giving some guidelines I feel are from God and therefore every Unificationist should agree on. What does it mean to be a Unificationist? What advice do we give people on how to get blessed and create an exemplary family?

CHOSEN PEOPLE

We are the chosen people of God. We want our children to get Blessed. We want those we witness to convert to get Blessed. We should be united world wide on what we teach and what qualifications we have for people to get Blessed. For example, what do we do when a single mother joins? Do we encourage her to wait and reconcile with her former husband? Or do we see her former marriage as not ordained by God and encourage her to find a Unificationist to be truly married in the eyes of God at a Blessing and then have more children? We want big families but there must be some standards we set for those who are to have Blessed children. I offer the standards I write of in my books as those standards from God that we should unite on. In the case of a single mother who accepts the *Divine Principle* as true and does not want to deal with a former husband or lover should be encouraged to get Blessed and have more children. We have to understand our incredible value as being the chosen people of God who should have as many children as we can. If a single mom joins and wants to wait and see if her former husband can be converted that should be honored and if she never wants to marry again that should be respected. She may not want to deal with having a blended family. As Unificationists we need to be absolutely united on living and teaching heavenly laws.

We must be totally united on how we handle money. I write about strategies to gain the money needed to have big families in my book *Practical Plan for World Peace*. One of them is to live as a community. The most basic community is that of the three generations of grandparents, son and grandsons living together. Father says in a speech titled "A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will - The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World" (3-17-07):

Ladies and gentlemen, my heart is serious and filled with emotion as I stand before you today. It is not because of the Misoo celebrations being held around the world to commemorate my 88th birthday. Neither is it because, owing to the fact that I am as healthy as a man of fifty, I am filled with the hope of living beyond my hundredth birthday.

True Love and True Family

Ladies and gentlemen, true love does not instill a desire to have one's partner exist for one's own sake. Rather, true love's essence is giving, living for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful and loving heart of a mother who cradles her baby in her arms and nurses it at her breast. True love is sacrificial love, such as that of a devoted son who gains his greatest satisfaction through helping his parents.

When we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever, continually increasing in the joy of each other's company. The attraction of true love brings all things in the universe to our feet; even God will come to dwell with us. Nothing can compare to the value of true love. It has the power to dissolve the barriers fallen people have created, including national boundaries and the barriers of race and even religion.

The main attributes of true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal, so that whoever practices God's true love will live with God, share His happiness, and enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work. Therefore, a life lived for the sake of others, a life of true love, is the absolute prerequisite for entering the kingdom of heaven.

The path is now wide open now for humanity to find and establish true families. The family sets the pattern for living together in harmony. The warm environment of oneness based on love and respect between parents and children, mutual fidelity and love between husband and wife, and trust and mutual reliance among siblings is the manifestation of the model, ideal family. This means that you need to establish a true family wherein the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love.

In this manner, the three generations of grandparents, parents, and children should live together as one family and serve the eternal God. God desires to see such families, and it is your responsibility as tribal messiahs and Ambassadors for Peace to seek after and establish them — families of Cheon II Guk, the kingdom of God.

It is important to have many children because it makes our international marriages even more powerful because those marriages are dealing with influencing two countries. Father says:

The International and Cross-cultural Marriage Blessing

Ladies and gentlemen, the Universal Peace Federation will be the vanguard carrying out the great revolution of restoring the original lineage of humanity back to that of Adam before the Fall through the International and Cross-cultural Marriage Blessing held on the inter-religious and international level. Some may laugh and say that it is impossible. Yet, please think about this: what do you think will happen if people from the United States and Russia marry across the boundaries of their nationalities through the International and Cross-cultural Marriage Blessing, according to the teachings of Rev. Moon who does God's works on His behalf. The two nations will become one family under God, who is the eternal, absolute Master. How could anyone harbor antagonism toward, much less point guns and knives at, a nation which billions of grandchildren from their own lineage make their home? (3-17-07)

FOLLOW NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT

Sun Myung Moon has created four major holidays. One of them is called Parent's Day. On April 18, 1996 he gave a speech on Parent's Day titled "True Parent's Day Is My True Son's Day" teaching that the world is dominated by Satan's ideology of unprincipled, disorderly free sex that makes our existence a living hell: "The phenomenon of free sex that we see rampant in today's world is Satan's last-ditch effort to destroy God's ideal through fallen men and women. Satan's aim is destruction of the true order of creation and creation of the kingdom of hell. Free sex, homosexuality, and lesbianism are creating the worst kind of hell on this Earth." The only solution to bringing orderly love is to follow the Messiah completely, "No matter how difficult your situation may be, you have to follow behind the Lord of the Second Advent. You have to follow completely."

GO THE OPPOSITE WAY

Father teaches that the couples he marries, called Blessed Couples, are to follow him by living the opposite of this world. In a speech titled "The Responsibility of Tribal Messiahship" given May 12, 1991 he says these inspiring and challenging words about our responsibility to save this confused and hurting world by doing the opposite of what fallen man does and have many children. He says it is difficult to raise 12 children but essential to our growth. He explains that fallen man is centered on the flesh or external things instead of the spirit or internal things. If we understand the meaning of spirit world we understand the importance of giving "sweat, tears and blood" to have 12 children. A common theme of Father is that we are supposed to be great leaders for this lost world. Every Blessed Couple is called to build a huge, magnificent family that will be like a lighthouse showing people how to live a full life:

Since the fall, mankind has gone down the wrong road, multiplying Satan's dominion to the world level.

Unification Church members are truly great religious people.

America is completely controlled by Satan.

How can the satanic situation of this world and America be turned around 180 degrees? To give America a different direction is not easy. The people have been living centering on Satan's lifestyle! It has been their tradition! American people are centered on externals and the way of the flesh while disregarding the spiritual world. This focus will take them to hell. They must follow the restoration course. How can you be lifted up to the original point? You cannot go freely, but must pay indemnity. Your sweat, tears and blood must be invested. Have you invested these elements to your full capacity? The way of salvation is the restoration course, or recreation course, centering on God's love.

Who can lead America out of hell? Only the Unification Movement.

After Father blesses couples, their families take a different way from the outside world. They can never divorce! Satan is most fearful about this point. It means that the world of the Unification Church and Satan are 180 degrees different. We are

consummating the true individual, family, tribal, national and worldwide system. We have the truth and hold the key to the salvation of the whole world. You must be aware of this at all times. Without the Unification Church, the world cannot return to God's original point. The only way is through the Unification Church rising up!

Our time has come. Which way do you want to follow? Completely follow Father's way. The Unification Church blessed couples should look to Father, more than to America. Follow God's direction! God has worked so hard to separate us from the world; to take Satan's direction now would be so terrible! By taking the opposite way, you can understand everything, including God's position. We must take this seriously!

You didn't want to accept God's way, for you had been keeping Satan's way. How can you liberate yourselves and build the Kingdom of God? Through the way of agony. Be strong. This is the Unification way. You must turn around completely: 180 degrees!

Centering on Father, God's blood lineage is multiplying everywhere through the blessed families. Satan's world is saying, "Don't bear many children." But at this time, we will go the opposite way.

You have to bear heavenly children; heaven doesn't have a national people. How could Father, during twenty-one years, make twelve more directions? One year has twelve months, doesn't it? Jesus and Moses had twelve disciples. If you have many children, it is not easy to raise them all, but as the parent you become sensitive to many different personalities. If you raise twelve children who represent the twelve types of humanity, you can compare: "Oh, that person reminds me of my third child. He has the same characteristics." You will understand 75 percent of that person's character. If you take care of 360 homes, you gain the experience to understand all the different personality prototypes. You can catch immediately — "This person is like this other person." You know how to melt that person. If you train yourself to understand many personality characteristics, you can connect to many different kinds of people when you go to spiritual world— immediately understanding both the higher and lower levels in spirit world. Then you can go anywhere the doors will be wide open.

Let's make sure the Second Generation understands that in the heavenly culture of the Unification Movement we do not use birth control. At her website aboverubies.org Nancy Campbell has an article titled "We Deprive Ourselves and Others" saying "When we refuse to receive the gifts that God has planned to give us, we deprive many people. We deprive":

> 1. GOD. This is the most serious. We deprive Him of the purposes and plans that He has for the children that He destined to be born.

> 2. ETERNITY. God wants to fill His house. He not only wants to fill the earth, but He wants to fill His eternal kingdom. We fill eternity with those who are born on earth.

> 3. OURSELVES. We deprive ourselves of being blessed by God. Every child is another blessing. Once we receive the blessing of a child from God, we wonder how we could ever live without that child. When Onan destroyed his sperm he was deprived of being in the lineage of Jesus. Judah then received this privilege in his place.

4. GRANDPARENTS. We deprive our parents of their "glory and honor" which are grandchildren. Read Proverbs 17:6. The *Living Bible* translation says, "An old man's grandchildren are his crowning

glory." Why should we deprive our parents of their reward and glory in their older age?

5. OUR CHILDREN. We deprive our present children of more brothers and sisters. Children love to have more children in the family. They love to have another baby brother or sister. I often sadly think of the brothers and sisters that I could have had. More brothers and sisters are always a blessing. If my parents had been willing to have more children, not only would I have been more blessed, but also my children would have more uncles and aunts. If my siblings had trusted God for more children my children would be blessed with more cousins, and I would have had more nieces and nephews. Remember, God wants our families to be "like a flock."

6. THE CHURCH. The church today would be 50 to 100 percent stronger if we, the people of God, had not limited the godly seed. There would be more apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists.

7. THE WORLD. We deprive the world of the blessings of a godly seed. We deprive the world of being illuminated with light. We deprive the world of more godly young people and men and women. We deprive the world of more godly mothers and fathers who will build strong families that will build a strong nation.

Here are a few books against birth control:

Be Fruitful and Multiply by Nancy Campbell

Children: Blessing or Burden: Exploding the Myth of the Small Family by Max Heine

Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank B. Gilbreth

A Full Quiver: Family Planning and the Lordship of Christ by Rick and Jan Hess

Letting God Plan Your Family by Samuel A. Owen, Jr.

The Bible and Birth Control by Charles Provan

The Way Home: Beyond Feminism, Back to Reality by Mary Pride

Open Embrace: A Protestant Couple Rethinks Contraception by Sam & Bethany Torode

Yes, They're All Ours: Six of One, Half a Dozen of the Other by Rick Boyer

Family Unplanning by Craig Houghton

You've Got to Be Kidding!: Real-life parenting advise from a mom and dad of nineteen by Pat and Ruth Williams

The Lord Builds the House: The 127th Psalm by Johannah Bluedorn

Birthing God's Mighty Warriors by Rachel Scott

One reviewer said this of You've Got to Be Kidding!: Real-life parenting advise from a mom and dad of nineteen by Pat and Ruth Williams:

Some might call it a zoo, others a circus, but Pat Williams calls it his family. With four of his own biological children, fourteen adoptees (four from South Korea, four from the Philippines, four from Brazil and two from Romania) and yet another daughter by remarriage, Williams is the father to 19 children. And Ruth, as mother, jumped into the middle of this family circus with both feet-at one point of their life, Pat and Ruth had 16 teenagers at the same time! Needless to say, they have learned a lot. They have had victories and they have had defeats, and now, they want to share their experiences with other parents. Parenting is one of the greatest challenges in life, and You've Got to Be *Kidding*! aims to help those parents who are frustrated and having difficulties dealing with their children. This is not a "how to" book or an "advice" book. Rather, it offers encouragement when times seem tough. Parents will gain reassurance and parenting insights from valuable partners-inparenting who bring an extraordinary depth of experience and empathy to the table. Whatever situations you deal with on a daily basis. Pat and Ruth have been through it. Read, laugh and learn from You've Got to Be Kidding!

Pat Williams is senior vice-president of the NBA's Orlando Magic, one of America's top motivational speakers, the host of a weekly sports radio show, and the author of over thirty books, including Go for the Magic. He has been a featured speaker at two Billy Graham Crusades. Together, they are the parents of nineteen children, including fourteen adopted from four nations. The Williams family has been featured on all major television networks, the "Focus on the Family" radio broadcast. and in numerous publications including Sports Illustrated, Readers Digest, Family Circle, and The Wall Street Journal.

In her book *Be Fruitful and Multiply* Nancy Campbell gives excellent arguments for having many children. She writes:

The very first recorded words that man ever heard from the mouth of God were these: be fruitful and multiply. This was the first commandment that God gave to mankind.

Multiply in the Bible means to be abundant, to increase exceedingly.

After the flood, God restated these words to Noah and his family: "And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth" (Gen. 9:1) "And you, be fruitful and multiply, bring forth abundantly on the earth and multiply in it." (Gen: 9:7)

God did not say, "I want you to spend the beginning years of your marriage getting to know one another first, then you'll be ready to start a family."

God did not say, "I want you to spend time together, travel, fulfill all your plans and aspirations, then begin your family."

He did not say, "I want you both to work until you have enough money to purchase your own home and accumulate the material possessions you need, then I want you to be fruitful."

No, His first command was, "Be fruitful and multiply."

God is interested in filling the earth and populating eternity.

Let's obey God and Father. Let's "be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth" (Gen. 9:1). Let's "bring forth abundantly on the earth and multiply in it." (Gen: 9:7)

Let's fill the earth and spirit world!

Father says, "All men and women are supposed to get married. We all think about marriage, isn't that true?

Ultimate Goal

"When you are with your fiancé, you might feel joy being together, but that is not the ultimate purpose. Your ultimate goal is to have children who are better than both of you and in order to achieve such a goal you must be united under true love.

"Before now you might have said that you were getting married for love but now you know that you are also getting married for your children of the future. Love is the process toward that goal. Therefore men and women need each other in order to fulfill our ultimate purpose." (6-20-82)

HAPPINESS

"Happiness means having your spouse by your side and your children growing up, heading towards a good future. Then, for the first time, you can say you are happy.

"Without some guarantee of the future, you cannot be content. Without some vision of a future, you cannot be happy. Once you get married you want to have children, for without children you are not connected to the future and cannot experience full joy." (1-1-90)

Father says that we cannot grow spiritually unless we have lots of children. He criticizes the Chinese government that forces couples to have only one child:

In terms of China, there are 1.6 billion people there. Father has been working directly for 20 years to save China.

Why are they afraid of religion? Because with the religion many other material things and ways will come with it. Especially they are concerned that they will receive many secular things that destroy the people. Which country are they most wary of. America. They don't want the secular ways and music from America to come in the door. Father is not in the box of any religious ideology. This is hard

for them to understand. Father came from the Christian foundation with the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity however Father always said he would take down that sign. Father did and created the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification without any boundaries. This really moved the Chinese leaders—Father is out of the box. Father took down the banner of the Unification Church and eliminated boundaries. If you think about this is amazing. Father did such an unusual thing in taking down the banner of our church and yet it becomes the living example of Father's teaching and could move the hearts of the Chinese leaders.

They are only allowed to have one child per family. This is making a problem in that each child doesn't grow up with brothers and sisters and cannot develop their hearts. (3-21-04)

Because virtually everyone is a feminist, the birth rate in America and Europe has fallen to where nations are not reproducing enough to even replace themselves. They are, in effect, dying civilizations. I can't help but think that part of this lack of interest in children is because most people live in the city instead of the countryside. Phillip Longman writes in his book The Empty Cradle: How Falling Birthrates Threaten World Prosperity, "On a farm, you can have children and they will be useful from age 5. But in an urban environment, children are liabilities. And 50 percent of all the people in the world live in urban environments." When America was mainly farming communities, people were in tune with the earth and saw the animals reproducing. Now women buy eggs at a store after they get off work at some factory or office instead of getting eggs with their daughters in the hen house everyday. Americans are divorced from Mother Earth and live a sterile life. You not only don't see animals reproducing in the city, but everyone is encouraged to neuter their pet so they will not reproduce.

The main reason why men and women are not into big families is because of the liberal lies of overpopulation and that women are to be like men. Women now believe that they have no value unless they are competing with men and have a career. Girls and women do not think men will be interested in them unless they are macho and independent. So they wear pants, swear, drink and act tough. Even most Christians who go to church on Sunday do not believe in the biblical family anymore. Church going fathers praise women in the military and police force. They push their daughters to work at fast food restaurants, live alone when they turn 18 and find a mate on their own. America is in crisis because men are not godly patriarchs who love huge families like Father does.

Brothers in blessed marriages who cannot conceive must earn the approximately \$25,000 it takes to adopt a baby from the outside world. This means he would have to spend around \$300,000 to adopt 12 children. And he needs to build a debt-free house that will be big enough for a large family and earn enough money to give each child braces if they need it. The only way brothers can accomplish these goals is to be deeply religious men.

Phillip Longman wrote in an article in *Foreign Affairs* (6-1-04) titled "The Global Baby Bust": "Today there is a strong correlation between religious conviction and high fertility. In the United States, for example, fully 47 percent of people who attend church weekly say that the ideal family size is three or more children, as compared to only 27 percent of those who seldom attend church. In Utah, where 69 percent of all residents are registered members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, fertility rates are the highest in the nation. Utah annually produces 90 children for every 1,000 women of childbearing age. By comparison, Vermont—the only state to send a socialist to Congress and the first to embrace gay civil unions—produces only 49.

"Does this mean that the future belongs to those who believe they are (or who are in fact) commanded by a higher power to procreate? Based on current trends, the answer appears to be yes. Once, demographers believed that some law of human nature would prevent fertility rates from remaining below replacement level within any healthy population for more than brief periods. After all, don't we all carry the genes of our Neolithic ancestors, who one way or another managed to produce enough babies to sustain the race? Today, however, it has become clear that no law of nature ensures that human beings, living in free, developed societies, will create enough children to reproduce themselves. Japanese fertility rates have been below replacement levels since the mid-1950s, and the last time Europeans produced enough children to reproduce themselves was the mid-1970s." (www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/59894/phillip-longman/the-global-baby-bust).

Longman wrote in the *Washington Post* (9-2-04) an article titled "Political Victory: From Here to Maternity" saying: "When secularminded Americans decide to have few if any children, they unwittingly give a strong evolutionary advantage to the other side of the culture divide. Sure, some children who grow up in fundamentalist families will become secularists, and vice versa. But most people, particularly if they have children, wind up with pretty much the same religious and political orientations as their parents. If 'Metros' don't start having more children, America's future is 'Retro.'" (www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A54700-2004Sep1.html)

In an article titled "The Middle Aging of the Middle East" (8-1-04) he said:

Yet a closer look at the demographics of the Middle East shows that the region's population dynamics may ultimately work to Israel's advantage, and in any event will present challenges far different from those most commonly feared. Throughout the Arab world, birth rates are plunging.

Current demographic trends work against modernity in another way as well. Not only is the spread of urbanization and industrialization a major cause of falling fertility, it is a major cause of so-called "diseases of affluence," such as overeating, lack of exercise and substance abuse, which leave an everhigher percentage of the population stricken by chronic conditions. Those who reject modernity would thus seem to have an evolutionary advantage, whether they are members of emerging sects and national movements that combine pronatalism with antimaterialism, or clean-living Muslims, Mormons or ultraconservative Jews who remain committed to comparatively large families as a matter of faith. If America is gradually becoming a fundamentalist society, it may well be because of who is having children and who isn't. (http://newamerica.net/node/7141)

Longman said in a speech August 13, 2004:

The number of children born to the average woman in Asia, for example, has dropped from 5.9 to 2.6 since 1950. Women in Western Europe now have an average of 1.4 children, down from 2.7 in 1950. In the United States, parents "stopped at two" children a generation ago and have shown no real signs of changing their choices in terms of family size.

In no industrialized nation today is fertility high enough to prevent declining population. Yet what is even more surprising is the rapid decline in fertility now seen in the developing world. In both hemispheres of the world, in nations rich and poor, under all forms of government, in Christian, Taoist, Confucian, Hindu and especially Islamic countries, one broad social trend holds constant at the beginning of the 21st century: birthrates are falling.

In 1970, the average woman in Algeria had 8 children in her lifetime. This year [2004], the fertility rate dropped below replacement levels. (http://static.longnow.org/seminars/020040813-longman/salt-020040813-longman.pdf)

Lebanon had a birthrate of almost 6 children in 1970 and now is less than replacement. In the past Iran had women having an average of 6 children; now they too like all other Islamic countries have seen a dramatic plummeting in fertility rates in recent years and are less than replacement.

The number one source of falling fertility, he writes, is urbanization:

With the rapid growth of megacities, half the world's population now lives in urban areas, where children offer little or no economic benefit to their parents. And like their counterparts in the industrialized world, women in the third world increasingly take jobs, if only in sweatshops, and so they, too, may lose income when they bear children.

In the long run, however, nothing may reverse falling fertility so long as the family continues to lose its economic basis. Put alternatively, those cultures that succeed in avoiding population loss and eventual extinction will be those that once again organize their economies around family enterprise—family farms or businesses in which all generations play a productive role, and have an economic incentive to invest in one another.

Is the Future Medieval?

One vision of such a future might look like this: A future once again organized around household production and kinship networks. Grandparents look out for the young, until the young are old enough to look out for them, while the middle generation heads the family enterprise as best it can. Unable to meet its pension and healthcare promises, the state withers away, and so does the formal economy. People have children because there is no one else who is going to take care of them in old age, and because, in the new, more primitive economic order, children can once again play useful economic roles while still young. Such a future may well have many high tech features. Just as women were once paid by the piece to weave in their cottages, we may well find more and more stay-at-home moms (and dads) busy doing customer service or data-entry work from home with their computers. Fuel cells or solar power may once again make home energy production the norm, while biotechnology allows many more families to produce their own, genetically modified food. But the essential bases of production will still be the

biological family, and to that extent it will still have many medieval features, including suppression of individualism, a loss of mass production efficiency, and quite likely a return of patriarchy.

In the magazine *Human Events* there was this review of Mark Steyn's *America Alone: The End of the World as We Know It*:

Mark Steyn, one of the most entertaining conservatives writing today, explains that an Islamist takeover of much of the West is all but assured by the suicidal Blue-State-style leftist culture that's already killing Europe.

Steyn argues persuasively that Europe no longer has the will to survive. Freed by America from the burden of their own defense through the Cold War, and freed by their own Socialist governments from the ordinary responsibilities of adult life, Europeans have become perpetual teenagers. They have energy to whine about and rebel against the adults (us). But they don't have what it takes to fend off the already proceeding transformation of their continent into Eurabia. In fact, they aren't forward-thinking enough even to reproduce themselves. European birthrates are in free-fall.

America Alone: The End of the World as We Know It is one the best books I have ever read. It should be required reading for every Unificationist. He does not like being an alarmist but he can't ignore the numbers crunching in favor of repressive Islam culture over the freedom of religion in the Judeo-Christian culture. To him the birthrate and conversions to Islam will eventually turn the world into a "new Dark Ages":

> With respect to Francis Fukuyama, it's not the end of history; it's the end of the world as we know it. Whether we like what replaces it depends on whether America can summon the will to shape at least part of the emerging world. If not, then it's also the end of the American moment, and the dawn of the new Dark

Ages (if darkness can dawn): a planet on which much of the map is re-primitivized.

... between 1970 and 2000 the developed world declined from just under 30 percent of the global population to just over 20 percent, and the Muslim nations increased from about 15 percent to 20 percent.

The salient feature of Europe, Canada, Japan, and Russia is that they're running out of babies. What's happening in the developed world is one of the fastest demographic evolutions in history.

Experts talk about root causes. But demography is the most basic root of all.

Islam has serious global ambitions, and it forms the primal, core identity of most of its adherents in the Middle East, South Asia, and elsewhere. Islam has youth and will, Europe has age and welfare.

To Americans, it doesn't always seem obvious that there's any connection between the "war on terror" and the so-called "pocketbook issues" of domestic politics. But there is a correlation between the structural weakness of the social-democratic state and the rise of a globalized Islam. The state has gradually annexed all the responsibilities of adulthood—health care, child care, care of the elderly—to the point where it's effectively severed its citizens from humanity's primal instincts, not least the survival instinct. In the American context, the federal "deficit" isn't the problem; it's the government programs that cause the deficit. They corrode the citizen's sense of self-reliance to a potentially fatal degree. Big government is a national security threat. In his book The Empty Cradle, Philip Longman writes:

So where will the children of the future come from? Increasingly they will come from people who at odds with the modern world. Such a trend, if sustained, could drive human culture off its current market-driven, individualistic, modernist course, gradually creating an anti-market culture dominated by fundamentalism — a new Dark Ages.

Steyn teaches that Liberals love of big government and small families eventually ends in the death of civilization. Authoritarian Muslims dominate moderate Muslims in Islam and have a clear goal of world domination. Christianity does not. The only hope is Unificationists who believe in limited government and big families. Steyn says it very well: "The torpor of the West derives in part from the annexation by government of most of the core functions of adulthood. Even in America, too many Democrats take it as read that the natural destination of an advanced Western Democracy is Scandinavia. If it is, we're all doomed. Every successful society is a balancing act between the private and the public, but in Europe and Canada the balance is way out of whack.

"So this is a doomsday book with a twist: an apocalyptic scenario that can best be avoided not by more government but by less—by government returning to the citizenry the primal responsibilities it's taken from them in the modern era."

Unificationists should pioneer the way to a world of limited government where families take care of their children and their elderly instead of putting them into public schools and nursing homes. Individual families cannot do this alone. They need to live as trinities and communities so they can help each other raise the young and care for the old. Steyn predicts that the darkness of Islam will take over Europe and much of the world. He doesn't know that the Messiah is on the earth bringing a new religion that will unite the world into a beautiful utopia.

In The Death of the West: How Dying Populations and Immigrant Invasions Imperil Our Country and Civilization Patrick Buchanan says, "The West is dying. Its nations have ceased to reproduce, and their populations have stopped growing and begin to shrink."

DIVINE INTERVENTION

"Absent divine intervention, or a sudden desire on the part of Western women to begin having the same-size families as their grandmothers, the future belongs to the Third World."

There has been divine intervention. The Messiah came out of the clouds in a jet airplane and landed in the West with his wife and teaches that God loves children. The highest fertility rate of any nation is 7 children. Father had 14. If Unificationists have 10 or more like Father teaches then in a few years we will dominate the earth with a religion that is higher than any other because it loves children more than any other.

In *The Way Home* Mary Pride says it this way, "Let's say that Christians are 20 percent of the U.S. population. If each Christian family had six children, and the humanists, feminists, and others kept on having an average of one (which is realistic, considering how they feel about fruitful heterosexual marriage), then in twenty years there would be sixty of us for every forty of them. In forty years 90 percent of America would be Christian! That is without outside evangelism. All we'd have to do would be to have children and raise them for Christ. Even if Christians were only 2 percent of the population (which I think is more accurate), then in two generations, at the reproduction rates I already mentioned, we would be over 40 percent of the population."

Mrs. Pride explains how Satan's tactic to prevent women from having lots of babies and caring for babies is to get them to work outside the home:

Norman Podhoretz, editor of *Commentary* magazine, observed in 1971: "The Devil, if he exists, does not command us to be fruitful and multiply."

The devil does exist, and he has fooled us into giving up our God-given role as the greatest evangelists in the world for the sake of measly carnal careers. The church's enemies know what they are doing when they push careers for women. They know they are trying to make us unfruitful. As University of California biologist Garrett Hardin, a leader in the Zero Population Growth movement, says, "How can we reduce reproduction? Persuasion must be tried first. Tomorrow's mothers must be educated to seek careers other than multiple motherhood. Community nurseries are needed to free women for careers outside the home."

Among Planned Parenthood's "examples of other proposed measures to reduce U.S. fertility" are "increased homosexuality; chronic economic depression; requiring women to work and providing child-care facilities...."

If we educate and encourage our children to have 12 children and each of them has 12 children then there will be 144 grandchildren. If we do the math the numbers become huge in a few generations. The demographics show that there would be hundreds of millions of Unificationists in a hundred or so years just from having large families. We would dominate the earth. "And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, 'Our sister, be the mother of thousands of millions; and may your descendants possess the gate of those who hate them!"" (Gen. 24:60). If 144 grandchildren each had 12 children then there would be 1728 great-grandchildren. These numbers become very exciting. If a woman is 20 years old when she marries and has 12 children then by the time she is 60 she will see 144 of her grandchildren and begin having greatgrandchildren. When she is 40 years old she is a grandmother; at 60 a great-grandmother, and at 80 a great-great-grandmother with hundreds and hundreds of babies to love. Each one of them needs massive love. Being a mother is a great and demanding career. If a woman does not have many children or even if she never had any she should attach herself to a community of Unificationists and make it her career to care for other's children. This is win-win because she will be taken care of by those children when she goes into her second childhood. Father says if we marry young we can experience the joy of being greatgrandparents: "The man must become someone whom the woman can love. You must become a master. Then the sons and daughters will reach twenty years of age and give birth to your grandchildren. And so on. Four generations together would be very good!" (10-3-00). Let's do

as Father says. Let's marry young and have four generations live together.

The Bible says that God told Abraham that he would have so many descendants and that it would be like counting the stars, "And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be" (Gen. 15:5). God is saying the same thing to Unificationists.

Many in the First Generation married late and were not able to have 12 children. Young Unificationists should marry young and immediately start having babies. Mother was 17 when she married Father and had her 14th child when she was 39 years old. It was normal in the past for women to marry at 17. Women have a window of opportunity of 20-30 years to bear children so the young Unificationists should marry young. Father says, "In His dispensation God may want to work through you to have a child of important ability. How do you know? No matter how much suffering or inconvenience it means, it is best to think, 'God, if You desire to use my body to bear a child who will change the world, then no matter how difficult it may be or how ugly a mate You may give me, I want to do that." (3-26-78)

DYNASTY

Patriarchs think about the distant future. They are interested in building a dynasty. Dynasty is defined as "a family or group that maintains power for several generations." Because we have the ultimate and final theology of the Divine Principle our descendents will be united forever-not for just a few generations but for thousands of generations. Imagine the power of a family that had the same core values and goals generation after generation. It has never happened because people have had imperfect religions and limited understanding of God. They could never unite. We are the mustard seeds of the future kingdom. There will be no other news in the future but us. Our powerful totally united families will dominate the earth in time. And we will do it with incredible excitement. Every blessed couple must see they are building an empire. We are becoming a huge, massive, monolithic juggernaut. A juggernaut is defined as "a massive inexorable force that crushes whatever is in its path." We will crush evil and disunity with absolute unity, peaceful persuasion, and true love. The sooner we write down our absolute values and focus on

building ideal communities the sooner we will end the suffering in this world and the sooner our children will live in world peace. Father says, "American women must educate the children properly and bring them to Heaven. The American family must be totally united." (1-28-93)

If we live our life by Father's words and have huge families like he has, then it becomes obvious that women have no time for careers outside the home. A woman with 12 children and 144 grandchildren is busy for life. This is God's paradigm for the family. Let's work hard to make it happen. Godly patriarchs like Father want many children. The Bible often teaches the core value of having many children: "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has a quiver full of them" (Psalms 127:3-5).

Father says:

Too many children is too many headaches don't you think? [No.] Not in the spirit world. The less children you have the happier you are, true or false? [False.] What about the other way? The more the better. Father knows about this better than anyone else, so ... Father always wanted to have more ... is it better to have fourteen or one? With fourteen you have fourteen tastes of love. This is truly so. Father's direction still is: the more children the better. Now we know. Listening to this, American women would think it is barbarian or uncivilized. (3-10-91)

Do you want to increase and prosper or decrease and decline? If you want to prosper, you must invest more and more in life. Is it good for a couple to have lots of children, or only one or two? What do parents normally feel? It is natural to want to have lots of children. Is that true even for you American women? Why do women in the secular world often use birth control and hesitate to bear children? Often it is because they simply don't want to be burdened with children. I think exactly the opposite from the world's way. (1-2-83)

Father has given us the greatest dream and vision and goal in history of mankind living as one peaceful family with every person on earth speaking Korean in the next 100 years. Father is strong. He has guts: "I have confidence and guts. How about you? [Yes, Father.]" (4-23-95). He sweats. He is on fire. Let's emulate him. Try telling him that you just can't afford 12 children and see how far you get. If we tune into him we find he is vast. When he set the goal of having 12 children he lived in a third world country devastated by the Korean War. Americans live in the greatest, most prosperous country in history. We have no excuse—especially if we live as trinities and help each other. Father says, "From now on the blessed couples should lead a good, wealthy, prosperous life." (2-1-93)

When a new baby is conceived in your womb, you have eternity in your womb. You bring forth a life that will last forever and ever. Motherhood is an eternal career. It carries on into the eons of eternity. One of the greatest deceptions of Satan is to seduce mothers to be captivated with their careers and ministry outside the home so they don't have time to create life.

— Nancy Campbell Be Fruitful and Multiply

Feminism is so strong in North America and Europe and so powerful in the rest of the world that many women don't even think of having many children. Feminism has created a unisex atmosphere that discourages the idea of having lots of children. Women wear pants like men and compete with men for jobs and businesses. Why would a woman want to have babies if she wears pants and worries about money? That is what men do, and men don't have babies. So many women are trained by the brainwashed men in their lives to focus on making money. They are not encouraged to focus on being a wife and mother. When women return to acting like ladies and looking feminine by wearing dresses they will want to become pregnant. Fathers should praise those girls who do not wear jeans, do not go to college and do not get a job.

Unificationists have the primary mission to restore Adam and Eve's failure. They were commanded by God to have a large family that would be the model for mankind. Father says, "Adam and Eve were supposed to have multiplied their descendants to fill the whole world. They would have made so many factories to create citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven." Let's become those "factories." Father often says people should have a family no later than age 23: "You should create a family by 23 or 24" (Hoon Dok Hae 7/31/05). "Unificationists should marry between ages 18 to 24" (1-1-05). Father matched 17 year olds in the 2005 Blessing.

BORING OR FUN

Being single or being married without children is not "fun". It is lowlevel living to have no children or only a few children. Having children is true fun. It is the highest fun. We should not postpone the joy of having children. God wants every person to feel exhilarating romance in their marriage. He made men and women to be different and complement each other. They are made to be attracted to each other. Opposites attract like a plus magnet and a negative magnet. A husband and wife need to cultivate joy in their relationships. They are supposed to love each other everyday and feel more attraction to each other every day. Husbands should be affectionate to their wives and children. He spends time with them. He enjoys them. He loves being a family man.

Father gives true sex education. He teaches that every person must get married and enjoy sex. Unificationists are supposed to love sex. Men and women are supposed to think sexually only of their spouse and not think anything sexual about any other person. He says: Without that sexual organ connecting place we can never discover True Love, True Life and True Lineage. Without that place there can be no beginning to the Kingdom of Heaven. That is the way to true peace, true freedom, true happiness and true unification. Freedom means an open place, not a hidden shameful place. Husband and wife meet one another naked and unashamed. Completely liberated and free. The love action is a totally free intoxicating action.

When you make love as husband and wife do you proceed very carefully or do you proceed using your full power? That is the moment that the entire Heaven and Earth are shaking. It is like thunder and lightning and then the rain comes down. Man and woman are the King and Queen of love. Making noise is good. Every cell of your body is intoxicated with joy at that time. Don't you want to see such a phenomena. Humankind has to follow the recreation owner, the second Creator. (5-5-96)

Many people dismiss the idea of having a large family because they do not think they can afford to have them. And even if they had the money many question their ability to care for so many children. They key to making it work would be for Unificationists to do Father's commandment of living as trinities. He says three families must live next door to each other and commit to help each other. Father says, "If three people come together, there is nothing they cannot do." (1-3-58)

Father commands the young Unificationists to continually bear children: "You should have a baby every other year." (9-7-03) Let's do the math. If a sister is married when she is 18 and has a baby when she is 18 (I think 13 to 15 years of age is best) and has a baby every other year she would have 12 children by the age of 40. She would have a baby at ages 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, and 40. True Mother had more than 12 children before the age of 40. Helen Andelin told me that her daughters follow the teachings of her book, *Fascinating Womanhood*, and have what every girl and woman dreams of having—a happy, romantic marriage. Mrs. Andelin told me that one of her daughters, Jennie, has 14 children (all single births). She has 15

children all together because she and her husband adopted a child. The birth mother told Jennie that she wanted her child to have the best home and could not imagine the child living anywhere else. For those sisters who cannot or will not birth 12 children let's pray that the men in her family and in our movement can pay for the adoption of children. Let's be famous as a movement that loves children more than anyone else.

In a speech titled "Where and how do you want to live your life?" given in New York on June 9, 1996 True Father spoke to young Unificationists and gave them lots of advice. Let's look at some of the things he says. He begins the speech by asking them to listen to him carefully:

Second generation children, please raise your hands. Raise your hands higher please. What kind of message would you like to hear from Father this morning? You have attended Belvedere regularly and heard hundreds of messages from Father. However, you never really heard Father's message deeply before. Are you ready this morning to hear the real message? (YES.) Instead of you listening to Father's message, would you prefer Father to listen to your message? (Laughter.)"

[Mr. Peter Kim has the audience repeat in Korean, the title of Father's message] Where and How Do You Want to Live Your Life? *Uh-Deh-Suh Uh-Dduh-Keh Sahl-Goh-Ship-Eu-Nah*? Regardless of gender, this is one of the most important questions for all humanity. We want to live exciting and joy-filled lives.

He gives some pointers on what we have to do if we want to have an exciting life. I don't have the space to go into all of his deep insights in this speech. Please go online and read the speech. I will give some of his tips from the speech to having a joyful life in relation to the Three Blessings. He gives advice that could be placed in the First Blessing under the categories of discipline and purity. He picks out a black brother in the audience and says to him that marriage is an eternal bond between a man and a woman and we should not betray our spouse, "You have to return to your wife eternally. Do you agree? What if

some beautiful woman seduces you. What will you do? Answer clearly to Father, don't mumble. (I would refuse her.)

"Father is now close to eighty years of age. However, when Father was younger he was more handsome. So many women have tried to seduce Father. They were all drawn to Father and fell in love with him." Father always walks his talk. If he demands anything he has already been successful at living up to God's standard himself.

The Second Blessing is about marriage and family. He is a true father giving guidance to these young brothers and sisters. He teaches that men lead and women follow. They never interchange roles. Father explains:

God is always in the subject position.

In Adam's family the father figure was God. The center remains always one. No matter how many levels there are, the axis is unchanging. The children should revolve 180 degrees around their mother in unity. The central position of father cannot be replaced. However, the position of mother can be replaced. The position of the mother is 360 degrees surrounding the father. Do you understand, you American women? All of you have to climb up the husband's ladder in order to reach God.

The mother represents a field waiting for the seed to be sown. Therefore the wife has to absolutely follow the husband. (6-9-96)

Father often talks about the importance of having twelve children. He says, "Do you want to have only one child? (More.) Would you exchange your children for tons of gold? (No.) Would you like to possess only one or two gold bars? (More.) Suppose you are in the position of the prince with twelve different nations under your leadership. Would you like to send your own twelve sons to rule those nations or your slaves? (Sons.) If you have plenty of sons to send to those twelve nations then those nations will prosper and have good relations with you. Sons are able to produce the seed of life."

Father teaches that boys and girls are different. He says, "In terms of raising children, if you have only daughters it takes only a few toys and they will be content. Also a daughter would stay in a room all day long if you placed her there. Whereas boys are never content with toys. They will go out and chase after all kinds of animals. They are trouble makers. This is a revolutionary philosophy. Then shall we follow this path? (Yes.)" (6-9-96)

He then says he fears they will forget what he teaches, "All of you might understand what Father has taught you now, but before you reach your home you will have forgotten it." Father is emphasizing that we have to read his words actively, not forget what he says and act on what he commands. Father is not some ivory tower philosopher. He teaches down-to-earth rules of behavior. After we read his words we are supposed to act, to change our life and produce results. He goes on to say the politically incorrect idea that men and women have different roles:

As a mother, if you produce twelve princes and hold them in your basket then your King will greet you every morning with a bow saying, "My dear Queen, Good morning." That is the way you are able to conquer even the King. When you offer some room in your basket for the King to come in, he will immediately jump inside. That is the way that you can mature yourself to reach the most valuable position. Even better than your grandmother and mother, you will become the best mother and wife. You will be able to offer your lap to all twelve of your sons, and even your King will sleep in your lap. How happy you would feel. That is why God created women's bodies with many cushions. He wants to see His children embraced in this comfortable cushioned areas of woman's body. Also God Himself wanted to be embraced by woman. That is why God created woman. His most beautiful creation, last of all. Amen. (Amen.) (6-9-96)

He speaks strongly against free sex and for the joy of purity:

No matter how rich and knowledgeable you may become, so long as no total oneness exists between husband and wife in ideal terms, there can be no peace, no happiness, no unification and no ideal.

How then are you going to live? Since the first love given you by God is so precious, you must grab onto it and never let it go. No matter how much you may pursue free sex you will never experience the degree of excitement and joy that you will experience from your God-given first love spouse. In American society now, we cannot see those people who cherish and value their first love. Therefore such a nation is doomed to perish. Do we Unificationists value and cherish first love? (YES.)

Once they became totally one they could never become separated. That is the place where True Love dwells. Then they become an ideal couple centered upon True Love. Where is the origin of True Love? What is your answer? The place of union of the ideal man and woman in True Love is the origin. Unless you become connected through your sexual organs, there is no way for the love of husband and wife to be eternally bonded. Do you understand just how precious and valuable are the sexual organs of man and woman? Nothing can replace their value. Only the partnership of True Love can control that place forever. Therefore, the ideal marriage between man and woman and their first night of sexual love is the most precious thing in the entire universe.

Our sexual organ has the desire to conquer the King of kings of the universe. The husband stands in the position of king, and God is in the position of King of kings. This is the palace of True Love, Life and Lineage. Without this organ we are not able to create the ideal world. The secular world has considered the sexual organ as the worst possible thing, because through this sexual organ the entire humanity was destroyed. That is why God desired humanity to live a life of chastity and follow an ascetic path through the various religions.

If you misuse your sexual organ you are condemned to Hell. If you use it correctly you are destined to Heaven. This is a clear dividing line. Therefore, Unification Church teaches the process of recreation. Because the original position was lost, we have to recreate in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. No one has appreciated the value of the human sexual organ until now.

Those of you who have come here for the first time to hear Father's speech, please remember that the dividing line between Heaven and Hell is within the relationship with your spouse. If you follow the way of *Divine Principle* you will eventually belong to Heaven. However, if you misuse your sexual organ you will end up in Hell. Please remember this teaching. Once you are bound together through True Love you can never be separated as husband and wife.

When you are really tired, instead of sleeping for eight hours alone, place your head on your wife's lap and sleep for only thirty minutes and you will gain more recovery than eight hours of sleep all alone. When your husband returns after a long day working invite him to rest on your lap for thirty minutes or one hour. Then when he is totally recovered you can gently lead him into the bathroom to have him take a shower.

Within American society, they don't cherish this kind of dream because they are running after free sex. If you truly live your life close to your wife's True Love, don't you think that she would welcome you? Husbands should offer their True Love to their wives and wives to their husbands. If you have enough money to live your life without working, and you chain yourself to your wife so that you can never be separated from one another and live your entire life this way, then no one will ever blame you. If you find yourself in this position, you can practice every level of love-making. Go and practice every level of lovemaking. You are the center of the entire universe. Even if you spend your entire life practicing all the varieties of love-making, you will never be able to practice them all. There are just too many.

Now we know where and how we should live our lives. Those who clearly understand and are ready to live this kind of life, show your hands to Father. If you truly practice this, even without believing in Jesus, you will go straight to Heaven. Amen. (Applause) This way of life is not centered on your family alone, but it includes the entire world. We have to remember that my couple is the center of my family, my clan, my tribe, my nation, my world and even the center of God Himself. That is the kind of pride we should have. Just as God consists of dual characteristics of plus and minus, as husband and wife we manifest God and follow this principle. The origin, direction, and effect must be one through unity between husband and wife. The life that we will practice is one of investing and forgetting. Shall we do so? (Yes.) Living for the sake of others is the quality of life we are referring to. (6-9-96)

The Third Blessing is about building a pure world. Father is very sensitive to nature and commands us to solve the problem of pollution. He speaks poetically and eloquently about the wonders of nature:

When God created the universe do you think that He was naked or had clothes on? (Naked.) You have to think deeply about these things. Was He happy enough to roll in the dirt, intoxicated with happiness? He created this earth and He loves every aspect of

this creation and wanted to absorb every element of this earth within Himself. Just as when your husband and you truly love one another, will you only touch each other's hands or every part of your bodies?

Since I understand that God loves the planet Earth more than anyone else, then as God's sons and daughters we will love the planet Earth more than God does. If you challenge God by saying that you will love the Earth more than He does from now on, God will not hate you. Have you ever heard the planet Earth complaining about being loved more? Whatever you do to the earth, either good or bad, it is always silent. When you wash your face with water and throw it onto the ground, the earth doesn't complain.

Let us love the planet Earth. The planet Earth is the masterpiece of God's creation and so we must love the Earth just as God does.

Father wants to create fish farms. We have to give love to the fish. Since Father is the one who preaches True Love, he wants to create these fish farms all over the world. The rest of the world is destroying the environment without a thought for the future. However, Reverend Moon is marching forward to create a new world, new nature, new environment.

We have all declared that we will love the earth from today on. Are you all ready to love the air? (Yes.) This is the way in which you show your appreciation to the air. [Father demonstrates by making a kissing sound] (Laughter) Without the air you are not able to live for even five minutes. Imagine our fate if all the air in the universe went on strike for thirty minutes because human beings didn't show appreciation. How powerful air is. Have you truly loved and praised the value of air? (No.) Imagine the degree of happiness and joy God felt when He created air. He knew this was the substance that His love partners would need to live. If you wake up in the early morning before sunrise in a high mountain and try to breathe as much air as you can, then without even eating breakfast you will feel sustained.

Let us love the air. Repeat after Father. [Father has everyone repeat after him in Korean] What shall we do in order to love air?

His words are magnificent. But Father is not into high sounding words alone. He demands action. Words must inspire us to move our physical bodies to love. He tells young Unificationists to show their love of the environment and help solve the problem of pollution by planting trees and that they must live in a rural environment:

> We have to plant trees. Unification Church members have a duty to plant twelve trees every year. Just like having twelve children. If we plant twelve trees a year, in ten years that is 120 trees. If we live for 100 years, before we die we will have planted 1,200 trees. If you cannot do such a simple task then your life is not worth living. Will you do so? (Yes.) Let us love the fresh air.

> Trees produce oxygen and take in carbon dioxide. Whereas human beings take in oxygen and expel carbon dioxide. When you look at the big animals they all live in the midst of trees. We can solve the problem of pollution through tree planting also.

> Based upon this standard of life, we can divide the world into two categories: urban life and rural life. Which one would you like to belong to? (Rural life.) (6-9-96)

If we want to have an exciting life we must do as Father commands. He commands us to have big families and raise our children in nature. He practices what he preaches. He has a big family and he lives in a community surrounded by land and trees. He does not live like most people who have a little yard and neighbors a few feet away who are not Unificationists. We must follow his lead and live in communities where we plant lots of trees. He is absolutely right. If we do not have lots of children and lots of trees in our life we have not created a magnificent life for ourselves.

I was a State Leader in the early 1970s. One time Father took the leaders of all 50 states to a theme park in New Jersey. (By the way, all 50 leaders were men—no women) There was one stand that had beautiful glasses and crystal goblets and bowls. If you threw a dime and one landed inside then you won the beautiful glass prize. People were standing around carefully throwing one dime at a time. When they threw their precious dime it always bounced out of the glass. Father had a huge bag of dimes. He would reach his hand inside and grab a handful and then with glee throw the dimes in the air. They sparkled in the sunny air as they flew all over the glass. He threw hundreds of dimes in the air. The sky's the limit with Father. Father had the crowd laughing with him.

I have learned that Father thinks differently than we do. He is vast. He is expansive. When we get together we strategize about how to get one new person a year. He would challenge us to get thousands. There is no room for small thinking in his presence. He has raised himself from dirt poor to a billionaire. He demands the highest excellence and total passion to achieve victory. He has no interest in being number two: "Whatever I do I will be second to none" (10-1-97). Let's not have little minds and little dreams. He always says we should go beyond him: "...my hope is that you will become better than me" (1-13-02). He had 14 children. Let's have 15. And, like him, let's have the time of our life doing it!

GREAT CRUSADE

In his Day of Hope speaking tour to every state in America in 1973 Father said in a speech titled "God's Hope for America" that he is creating a "great crusade": "I have initiated a youth movement which is probably the only one of its kind in United States history. This is a new Pilgrim movement. ... Their hearts are compassionate. They have one purpose: They want to save America. They want to bring God back to America and they know that by serving the world they can save America. These young people are here to rekindle America's spirit. America has a great tradition. All you have to do is revive it. We need a new movement of Pilgrims with a new vision. This is inevitable, because God left no alternative for America. You have no other direction in which to turn. The new Pilgrim movement has come—not for America alone, but for the world. In other words, the movement for world salvation must begin in this country. America is the base and when America fulfills her mission you will be eternally blessed.

"This is God's hope for America. This is God's ardent hope for you. For myself, I made a covenant with our young people of America that we will strive in partnership with God for this great crusade. I want you to join; I want you to support these young people."

Part of our crusade is to have men become true patriarchs who want to have huge families. The essence of patriarchy is the desire of men to have many children and raise them to be spiritual warriors in our cultural war between the sheep and goats in these Last Days. We need to restore the old-fashioned values that many of the founders of America had. In the book *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community* and War, Nathaniel Philbrick writes that one of the pilgrim couples, John and Elizabeth Howland, had 10 children and produced "an astounding eighty-eight grandchildren." Unificationists should have even more. How about every Blessed Couple having 15 children who in turn have 15 children? Philbrick writes, "The Pilgrims' descendents have proven to be, if nothing else, fruitful. In 2002 it was estimated that there were approximately 35 million descendents of the Mayflower passengers in the United States, which represents roughly 10 percent of the total U.S. population." If thousands of Unificationists accept the ideology of patriarchy and have big families and stay united there would be no other news but what these tens and then hundreds of millions of Blessed families are doing to unite this world.

Unificationists need to raise their children to be adults by age 13 and give up their current view that 18-year-olds fundraising with other 18-year-olds is spiritually high. It is, as Epstein teaches, infantilizing and trivial. We need to end the concept of youth ministry. True Mother was 17 years old when she married Father and had her first child nine months later when she was still 17. If we call ourselves followers of True Parents then we should have the same goal of having Unificationists sisters marrying and having a baby by the time they are 17 years of age.

Nancy Campbell teaches in *Be Fruitful and Multiply*:

Pharaoh said to his people, "the people of the children of Israel are MORE AND MIGHTIER than we." They were a threat to Egypt. This was God's intention for His covenant people of Israel. And it is still His plan for His people today. He wants His people to become MORE AND MIGHTIER in the land. He wants the godly seed to be a threat to the devil. Is the Christian church a threat to the devil today? No! Instead we have given in to the enemy's tactics to deplete the godly seed. There are some Christian couples who voice that they do not want children at all. This is opposite to God's heartbeat and God's Word....Instead of becoming MORE AND MIGHTIER, we are becoming less and less. Christians are having as few children as the world. Instead of obeying the Word of God, we have followed the trends of the world

Now at this end time when God is looking for a people to fulfill His purposes like no other time in history, Satan is once again trying to eliminate the army of God. Over these last few decades he has been very successful. Born again, God loving Christians have fallen into His deceptive plan and helped him reduce God's end time army. How long will we continue to become his pawns? May God help us to truly live in the kingdom of God which is the kingdom of LIFE.

ARROWS FOR GOD'S ARMY

God calls our children arrows. Psalm 127:4-5 says, "As ARROWS are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. HAPPY is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."

In the context of Bible days, arrows were for the purpose of war! We are at war today and God needs arrows for His army. God wants children born to fulfill His strategies and plans. When a warrior went out to war, how many arrows would he want in his quiver? One or two? No, he'd want to squeeze in as many as he could. The more arrows he had in his quiver, the more weapons he had to slay the enemy and the more protection he provided for himself.

Have we forgotten God's Word which likens our children to arrows? ... this is the very reason for having children. We train them to be the "light" and the "salt" in this dark world. We train and sharpen them to be "arrows" for God's army.

Satan hasn't forgotten God's Word. He knows that if he can limit the arrows from Christian parents, he can limit the light that will expose his darkness. He can limit the truth that will expose his deceptions. He can limit the arrows that will destroy his works! Yes, the enemy is scared of the godly seed. He is out to destroy it by any means he can...He seeks to limit the godly seed before it is even conceived. By doing this, he limits the army of God. If the Christian church had not listened to the humanistic lies of the enemy and limited their families, the army of God would be more powerful in the earth in this end time hour. The enemy's camp would be trembling. Instead they are laughing. Has contraception limited the army of God even more effectively than abortion?

Women are not meant to be out of covering for one day of their life. While she is unmarried, a daughter is under the protection and guidance of her father, until the day that he says, "I do" and "gives" her to her husband. The father has a responsibility to know before God that the man that he "gives" his daughter to on the wedding day is the one that God has chosen for her, a man who will continue to provide, protect and care for her as he has done all his life. The new bride now comes under her husband's covering, and under this protection she can fulfill her highest calling of nurturing the children that God gives to the marriage. As she embraces her nurturing instinct, she becomes a nation builder and a nation shaper. Dear wives and mothers. please understand my heart. I do not write this to condemn anyone but to re-focus our minds on God's highest plan, rather than the mind-set of this society.

MAGIC

There should be no so-called period called adolescence. We should teach in the *Divine Principle* that there are three stages in the growth period for human beings of infancy, childhood and adulthood. We need to give up on the idea of ages 18, 21, and 25 as ages of maturity. When Unificationists rule the future world government we must change those laws that will not let 13-year-olds to marry. There is no magic in the idea that age 18 is when a person is considered an adult and can then make legal contracts. Epstein writes, "These laws assume that magic happens when people turn eighteen (or twelve or fourteen or sixteen or whatever other arbitrary age is specified)—in other words, that capabilities change in a quantum fashion when the age boundary is crossed. But human development is actually gradual and continuous, and dramatic change certainly doesn't occur instantly on a birthday."

HARM

"Finally, these laws suggest that some or many or perhaps even *all* young people who have sex or marry young will necessarily be harmed in some way. But we've already seen that it's possible for very young spouses to form successful long-term relationships, and research reviewed recently by Judith Levine in *Harmful to Minors* suggests that forcing sex to occur in an atmosphere of ignorance and secrecy does far more harm than allowing it to occur in an atmosphere of knowledge and acceptance.

"Young people can indeed love, and they appear to be able to do so in all the beautiful and crazy ways that adults do. There is simply no evidence that teen love differs in some fundamental way from adult love. Teens also are capable of entering into stable, long-term relationships. The array of laws that limit teen romance and sexuality are absurd and arbitrary, and they sometimes destroy legitimate relationships and cause innocent people and their families great harm."

Adam Smith wrote about Americans marrying young and having large families in his classic *Wealth of Nations* in 1776:

But though North America is not yet so rich as England, it is much more thriving, and advancing with much greater rapidity to the further acquisition of riches. The most decisive mark of the prosperity of any country is the increase of the number of its

inhabitants. In Great Britain, and most other European countries, they are not supposed to double in less than five hundred years. In the British colonies in North America, it has been found that they double in twenty or five-and-twenty years. Nor in the present times is this increase principally owing to the continual importation of new inhabitants, but to the great multiplication of the species. Those who live to old age, it is said, frequently see there from fifty to a hundred, and sometimes many more, descendants from their own body. Labour is there so well rewarded that a numerous family of children, instead of being a burthen, is a source of opulence and prosperity to the parents. The labour of each child, before it can leave their house, is computed to be worth a hundred pounds clear gain to them. A young widow with four or five young children, who, among the middling or inferior ranks of people in Europe, would have so little chance for a second husband, is there frequently courted as a sort of fortune. The children value of is the greatest of all encouragements to marriage. We cannot, therefore, wonder that the people in North America should generally marry very young. Notwithstanding the great increase occasioned by such early marriages, there is a continual complaint of the scarcity of hands in North America. The demand for labourers, the funds destined for maintaining them, increase, it seems, still faster than they can find labourers to employ.

I encourage every Unificationist to study Robert Epstein's book *The Case Against Adolescence: Rediscovering the Adult in Every Teen.* At his website we read:

ADOLESCENCE & ADULTNESS

Working with colleague Diane Dumas, Dr. Epstein has developed a unique and comprehensive test—the Epstein-Dumas Test of Adultness (EDTA)—that measures 14 different competencies that appear to define adult functioning in modern society. Based on

scores obtained from adults and teens, Drs. Epstein and Dumas recently concluded that American teens are, on the average, just as competent as American adults—in other words, that we are probably underestimating the abilities of our teens. Their shows link research also а between "infantilization"-the extent to which teens are treated like children-and behavioral problems in teens. These and related issues are explored in a new book by Dr. Epstein, The Case Against Adolescence: Rediscovering the Adult in Every Teen. To see a video of Dr. Epstein speaking about adolescence on "The O'Reilly Factor," click here. Click here to download an interview about the book from the March/April 2007 issue of Psychology Today magazine. If you're a media professional or parent, click here to download a set of questions and answers about the book. For Dr. Epstein's new essay in Education Week, "Let's Abolish High School," click here. For Dr. Epstein's new essay in Scientific American Mind, "The Myth of the Teen Brain," click here. To listen to a 20-minute interview with Dr. Epstein about the book on the "Glenn and Helen Show," click here. If you're an educator interested in adopting the book for a course, email Andrea Wright at Quill Driver Books and request an Executive Summary of the book, which includes detailed chapter summaries.

From a review in the May 2007 Library Journal:

*Epstein, Robert. *The Case Against Adolescence: Rediscovering the Adult in Every Teen*. Quill Driver. May 2007. c.512p. illus. bibliog. index. ISBN 978-1-884956-70-6. \$24.95. SOC SCI

Time to abolish adolescence - so argues Epstein, former editor in chief of *Psychology Today* and host of the Sirius Satellite Radio show "Psyched!," in this extensive, groundbreaking book. He claims that teenagers are capable and should be given

responsibilities the moment they're ready. Globally, teens in pre-industrial countries are already integrated into responsible, adult society, and teen problems as we know them do not exist. Only in Western industrialized countries are teens isolated from adults through education and laws. American teens are overly dependent on drugs and alcohol, obsessed with their appearance, careless about sex, and moody/depressed/angry. This large volume covers it all, especially the positives: what kids can do, what decisions they should be making. For example, in the field of education, Epstein advocates shorter compulsory school hours, mandatory education for basics only, more individualized instruction, and an end to age segregation. Epstein's credentials and research are extensive; his arguments, persuasive. He is an astute observer of the world around him. especially its do-nothing adolescents. Sure to generate much discussion.

One reviewer wrote:

This groundbreaking book argues that adolescence is an unnecessary period of life that people are better off without. Robert Epstein, former editor in chief of Psychology Today, shows that teen turmoil is caused by outmoded systems put in place a century ago which destroyed the continuum between childhood and adulthood. Where this continuum still exists in other countries, there is no adolescence. Isolated from adults, American teens learn everything they know from their media-dominated peers the last people on earth they should be learning from, says Epstein. Epstein explains that our teens are highly capable in some ways more capable than adults and argues strongly against infantilizing young people. We must rediscover the adult in every teen, he says, by giving young people adult authority and responsibility as soon as they can demonstrate readiness. This landmark book will change the thinking about teens for decades to come

(www.amazon.com/The-Case-Against-Adolescence-Rediscovering/dp/188495670X)

The publisher of his book wrote: "A revolutionary proposal for raising responsible and happy teenagers."

Praise for *The Case Against Adolescence: Rediscovering the Adult in Every Teen*:

"The Case Against Adolescence is one of the most revolutionary books I have ever read." —Albert Ellis, Ph.D., The Albert Ellis Institute (from the Foreword)

"Epstein's book presents a serious and bold challenge to widely held views about teenagers: that they are inherently irresponsible, that they must be shielded from adult challenges, that they are not capable of making sound decisions about matters of health. Epstein demonstrates in a rigorous and persuasive way that teens are in fact highly capable-in some respects even more capable than adults. By shielding and protecting young people from adulthood, we have isolated them from their elders, from their spiritual roots, and from their heritage, leaving many of them angry and confused in the spiritually empty world of teen culture. We need to reexamine our basic assumptions about young people, and Epstein shows us how." —Deepak Chopra, Life After Death: The Burden of Proof

"This is a profoundly important book. Dr. Epstein is raising issues about our young people that we need to think about and evaluate carefully. Generally, I think the institutions that serve our young are sound, but this book points to some obvious problems—most especially the fact that our young people are largely isolated from the adult world. If you care about America's young, this is a must read." — Dr. Joyce Brothers, author & columnist "I believe what Dr. Epstein is saving one hundred percent. Young people have the ability to do great things; they just never have the opportunity to do them. They're also rarely placed in situations where they have to do them. We treat teens as if they're just kids, assuming they can't do very much, but when they're put into tough situations, they tend to perform just as well or even better than adults. As a teen I successfully impersonated an airline pilot, a medical doctor, a lawyer, and a college instructor. Imagine what I could have done if I had actually been encouraged to develop my adult capabilities. And imagine what today's teens might be able to do if they weren't so completely cut off from the adult world." -- Frank W. Abagnale, Catch Me If You Can; president, Abagnale & Associates; author

"Retired and in poor health, it is extremely rare for me to endorse any book these days. However, I feel powerfully called to write in support of Dr. Robert Epstein's book *The Case Against Adolescence*. I heartily believe in the validity of what he is saying. Furthermore, I believe what he is saying to have vast consequence for our society. All of America should take note of it." —M. Scott Peck, M.D., *The Road Less Traveled*

"The American education system, as we know it, was designed during a period of rapid industrialization. The mission of schools was to inculcate `industrial discipline' as a means preparing our young people, in factory-like fashion, to work in the new industrial world. That antiquated system no longer prepares our young for the real world they will be facing in the years to come, and, as Dr. Epstein shows, it also isolates young people from adults in ways that have unfortunate consequences. If you care about the future of our young people, *The Case Against Adolescence* is an essential read." —Alvin Toffler, *Future Shock and Revolutionary Wealth*

"Here are America's youth, regarded keenly, knowingly—with many popular assumptions and notions set aside in favor of an accurate and thoughtful portrayal of our young fellow citizens, and too, many of the rest of us, who may fail them by overlooking their achievements and possibilities." — Robert Coles, M.D., professor of psychiatry, Harvard University; recipient, Pulitzer Prize

"Robert Epstein's critique of our conventional view of adolescence is timely. Of all its wide implications, perhaps the most significant is the one for education. Treating young people as adults and giving them the opportunity to embrace responsibility are strategies that the empirical research and analysis of Epstein's work justify. This is a vital book for parents and policy makers on the state and federal levels. It is a long overdue contribution." —Leon Botstein, president, Bard College; *Jefferson's Children: Education and the Promise of American Culture*

Teenagers are not children. Dr. Epstein convincingly demonstrates the harm caused by treating them that way. With an intellectual honesty not often seen, this book cuts through the mountain of prejudice and negative stereotypes and shows teens as they once were, and some day will be again. This is an important book, and one that strikes the next nail in the coffin of the bigoted "storm and stress" view of adolescence. This book should be required reading for all youth workers, all parents trying to better understand their kids, all politicians setting youth and most especially for teens who policy. instinctively recognize the injustice and harm of our system. This book is a powerful tool for articulating that injustice." —Alex Koroknay-Palicz, president & director. National Youth executive Rights Association

"Dr. Epstein has written a very provocative essay about adolescence. His arguments deserve serious consideration and open debate." —Ellen Langer, Ph.D., *Mindfulness*; Professor of Psychology, Harvard University

"While human evolution has for hundreds of millennia trusted teens to be fully competent adults and parents, our present culture has somehow found it convenient to view them as children. Robert Epstein makes a powerful case for correcting this costly error." —Jean Liedloff, *The Continuum Concept*

"Parents puzzled about the reasons for changes in child-rearing since they were children may find some answers in Robert Epstein's argument about what he calls `the artificial extension of childhood."" — George F. Will, columnist

"Epstein's book on adolescence is a fresh and timely look at what makes teens miserable, and how their condition can be helped. It is a very original approach, sure to ignite discussion and controversy. A great deal of what he says is right on the money, and few people have written on this subject with his combination of expert knowledge and clear prose." —Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, Flow; Professor of Management, Clairemont Graduate Center

"The Case Against Adolescence constructs a powerful argument against trivializing a significant fraction of the population in the interests of an illusion. Whether you're a parent, a teacher, a policy maker, or a recovering victim of enforced childishness, you need to read this book." —John Taylor Gatto, *Dumbing Us Down* and *The Underground History of American Education*; former New York City and New York State Teacher of the Year

"Dr. Epstein offers a compelling mixture of historical evidence and modern insight into the present problem of infantilization of youth. If we trust our youth with the inevitable responsibilities of modern life sooner rather than later, we can reinvigorate our society. Dr. Epstein's ideas provide an academic framework for a number of issues-like allowing teens to vote in municipal elections at age 16—that are close to my heart and crucial for the future of American society. In this iconoclastic work, Dr. Epstein shows not only how much we lose by belittling teens, but also how much we stand to gain by empowering them." —Gale A. Brewer, Member, New York City Council

"We are all individual and desire to be treated as such. Dr. Epstein makes a good case for adolescents to be treated not as a group with a formula, but as individual unique people." —Suzanne Somers, actress and author

"Because of my family's troubled history and because I'm the mother of two teens, I have a deep interest in the mental health of young people. This book has opened my eyes, and it will open yours too. We've completely isolated teens from the people they're about to become, and we've trapped them in a meaningless world controlled by peers and media. We've forgotten how capable young people are, and they know it and are frustrated. We need to completely reexamine how we treat America's teens."—Mariel Hemingway, actress

"This is an amazing book, long overdue. I've been saying for decades that the way to bring out the best in young people is to give them meaningful responsibility and authority, and the Guardian Angels have shown in countries around the world how powerful this model is. The surest way to make teens miserable is to treat them like kids, and the best way to make them strong is to let them grow up. Dr. Epstein lays out these issues like no one ever has before." —Curtis Sliwa, Founder & President, Guardian Angels; co-host, Curtis and Kuby in the Morning, WABC Radio, New York

"Dr. Epstein's ideas about teens are revolutionary. Many of our teens today have serious problems, and if Dr. Epstein is right, those problems are largely of our own making. This book will bring our ideas about teens down to earth." —Buzz Aldrin, Ph.D. (Col., USAF, ret.), Apollo 11 Astronaut

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Excerpt from Chapter 13 of *The Case Against Adolescence: Rediscovering the Adult in Every Teen* by Robert Epstein:

Young people should be extended full adult rights and responsibilities in each of a number of different areas as soon as they can demonstrate appropriate competence in each area. Passing appropriate tests will allow competent young people to become emancipated, sign contracts, start businesses, work, marry, and so on, but I am not suggesting that young people be given more "freedom." We need to start judging young people by their abilities, not by their age, just as we're now doing increasingly with the elderly. The societal changes I'm proposing have the potential to reconnect young people with the adult world, to inspire young people to behave in responsible ways, and to eliminate much of the turmoil we now see during the teen years. Young people have always tended to resist the artificial extension of childhood, and there are a few signs in recent decades that this century-long phenomenon may be slowing or reversing.

Here are some websites for Robert Epstein:

www.drrobertepstein.com www.howadultareyou.com www.edweek.org

The arguments I've heard for marrying and having children past the teen years do not don't impress me. I'm not moved by the following arguments:

1. Young people need time to decide who they really are.

2. You can't get married and settle down until you're at least 25 because you need to find out what you really want out of life.

3. It's not rational to start a marriage, or a family for that matter, when you don't have any financial stability.

4. Many people change their ideals and morals so wait as long as it takes to discover what values and religion you really believe in.

5. Most people divorce so women need to get a skill and credentials she can use to support herself.

6. Most at this point in their lives aren't mature enough to handle a marriage.

Young Unificationists should know who they are. They know what they want out of life. They are helped by their parents and other elder Unificationists financially. Jim Sammons teaches in his Financial Freedom Seminar that parents should give their children debt-free homes when they marry.

Young followers of Sun Myung Moon should have solid values and believe deeply in the *Divine Principle*. They will not divorce because

they have been trained and educated by their parents to never divorce and if some should then the woman would be provided for by elders.

One person wrote, "Nan Sook Hong was 15 when she was given to Hyo-Jin in holy matrimony. He consummated their marriage that afternoon, in the eyes of American law committing statutory rape." This is not true. The following is from the law of New York where Nan Sook lived:

New York

If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you will need to have a completed parental consent form filled out by both parents. If you are either 14 or 15 years of age, you will need to show the written consent of both parents and a justice of the Supreme Court or a judge of the local Family Court. Applicants under 14 years of age cannot marry. Only one parent's consent will be accepted if one parent is deceased or has been missing for over a year, or if one parent has full custody from a divorce proceeding. Your parents or guardians must give their consent in person before the town or city clerk or some other authorized official. If they are out of state, a notarized affidavit is acceptable but has to be accompanied by a certificate of authentication when the consent is filed in New York State

It is difficult to see pictures of 11-year olds girls matched to 40-year old men in some Muslim countries. Child marriages are wrong if we define children as being less than 13 years old. I believe that some 13 yearolds are mature enough to marry as Epstein writes about. In America "laws vary from state to state but generally children 16 and over may marry with parental consent. Under than 16 generally require a court order in addition to the parental consent." In a quick look at the laws it appears to me that some states will allow marriage at age 13 if the parents consent. There is a documentary titled *Demographic Winter: The Decline of the Human Family.* Its website is www.demographicwinter.com. In this documentary Philip Longman says that the only hope for the massive decline in birthrate is patriarchy. He says that only men who are orthodox Christians, Jews and Muslims are interested in having many children. Mormon men are more open to having large families. Let's educate Unificationist men to be patriarchal and have many more children than these men. Let's create the image that orthodox Unificationists having bigger families than any other religious men in the world. The only way to see this happen is to make it a central part of the education of Unificationists children to honor the patriarchal, traditional family. Those Unificationists who are digested by our dying civilizations love of feminism will eventually be outnumbered by those Unificationists who accept the ideology of patriarchy. I have a chapter on patriarchy in my book *Practical Plan for World Peace*.

Alex and Brett Harris

There are two teenagers who write powerfully against the concept of adolescence. They are Alex and Brett Harris. They have authored the most popular Christian teen blog on the web at TheRebelution.com. They are homeschooled twins whose older brother is Joshua Harris, the author of *I Kissed Dating Goodbye*. At their website we read:

The next generation stands on the brink of a "rebelution."

With over 14 million hits to their website TheRebelution.com, Alex and Brett Harris are leading the charge in a growing movement of Christian young people who are rebelling against the low expectations of their culture by choosing to "do hard things" for the glory of God.

Written when they were 18 years old, *Do Hard Things* is the Harris twins' revolutionary message in its purest and most compelling form, giving readers a tangible glimpse of what is possible for teens who actively resist cultural lies that limit their potential.

Combating the idea of adolescence as a vacation from responsibility, the authors weave together

biblical insights, history, and modern examples to redefine the teen years as the launching pad of life and map a clear trajectory for long-term fulfillment and eternal impact.

Written by teens for teens, *Do Hard Things* is packed with humorous personal anecdotes, practical examples, and stories of real-life rebelutionaries in action. This rallying cry from the heart of revolution already in progress challenges the next generation to lay claim to a brighter future, starting today.

Still, we've had some extraordinary experiences. At age sixteen we interned at the Supreme Court of Alabama. At seventeen, we served as grassroots directors for four statewide political campaigns. At eighteen, we authored the most popular Christian teen blog on the web. We've been able to speak to thousands of teens and their parents at conferences in the United States and internationally, and to reach millions online. But if our teen years have been different than most, it's not because we are somehow better than other teens, but because we've been motivated by a simple but very big idea. It's an idea you're going to encounter for yourself in the pages ahead.

(http://therebelution.com/books/do-hard-things/#.VHtD9ckzBTE)

The Case Against Adolescence

In Robert Epstein's book *The Case Against Adolescence: Rediscovering the Adult in Every Teen* he writes that for thousands of years there has been teen marriages. In Europe in the Middle Ages "it was common for women to be married by fourteen." He says that three First Ladies married to American Presidents were still "children" by "current standards." "Elizabeth Monroe married President-to-be James Monroe in 1785 when she was seventeen; their marriage lasted until her death in 1830. Rachel Jackson, eventually the wife of President Jackson was first married" when she was 17. Elizabeth Johnson married Andrew Johnson when she was 16 and he was 18. "They were married for nearly fifty years and died within six months of each other."

Barbara Bush dated George Bush at 16 and was engaged at 17. They have had a lifetime marriage. "Around the world, it is still common for people to marry young" but now there is pressure "challenging the ancient pattern" especially from America. Epstein says this is ironic because the "American system of marriage is the least successful in the world." He says that unfortunately other countries are adopting our ways and experiencing an increase in divorce just as they are experiencing an increase in obesity because they are eating our French fries and Big Macs. "One of the things we are exporting is our distorted picture of young people. Through movies like Clueless and American *Pie* and television series like *Beverlv Hills 90210*—seen by more than two billion people worldwide—we tell the world in vivid terms what we believe about teens: that they're inherently wild and irresponsible, that their love is just puppy love, that their relationships are fleeting and superficial, and that they need adult protection. A movie like Clueless is typically translated into twenty languages and shown around the world within months of it original release. No religious zealots on earth ever proselytized as vehemently as corporate America."

VIDEOS OF FATHER BURIED SO WE CAN'T SEE HIM

Compare this with the amount of videos of Father speaking. Unificationists have made absolutely no effort and have never cared about distributing videos of Father. Father came to America and spoke in every state. These public speeches were filmed but like the Bible says, their light is buried. Father ended his Day of Hope tour at Madison Square Garden. These speeches clearly explain much of the *Divine Principle*. They explain who Jesus really was and how Christianity is wrong in its interpretation of Jesus. No one can buy or go to a library and watch Father speaking these insights he gave at Madison Square Garden or anywhere else he has spoke in the last 50 years. Meanwhile the world is flooded with DVDs of Hollywood movies that glorify pre-marital sex in every movie they make and with countless DVDs of porn that are sold in thousands of porn shops.

Father has made sure he has been filmed and inexplicably no one seems to care about getting all these hundreds and maybe thousands of hours of video into every home so people can see a true man. If we are supposed to follow and love Father then why doesn't anyone want to share him with the rest of mankind? It just boggles my mind how Unificationists could care less that videos of Father are hidden away. Father says we should read his words everyday with our family. Why can't we watch videos of him giving the speeches we are reading? The Bible says in Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a candle and put it a secret place or put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Father is the light of the world, but his light is hidden. No one can order a DVD of him talking. Why his followers have hidden him away is beyond me. I guess Father is like Jesus who was unable to get competent disciples.

Father is an example of a mature man. It is crucial that everyone see and listen to him. If you are reading this and can have any influence in getting to those in charge of hiding Father's many hours of video, please try to convince them to release all them on DVDs and put them on the internet so all mankind can see a true man who has so much love for children that he had 14 of them with Mother. It is one thing to read a transcript of his speeches commanding people to not use birth control and have many children, but it would be so much more powerful to see him saying it. Maybe if the Second Gen saw him speaking so strongly against birth control and for having a big family they might stop delaying getting married and stop using birth control.

Hollywood and porn video stores sell millions upon millions of DVDs. Epstein is right when he says, "No religious zealots on earth ever proselytized as vehemently as corporate America." Let's get Father's videos in every home. Epstein himself should be studying Father and quoting Father on having big families.

Let's return to Richard Epstein's deep insights. He writes, "Meanwhile, many of the old marriage practices remain. In Afghanistan, Niger, and the Congo, for example, the percentage of young women age fifteen to nineteen who are already married are respectively, fifty-four, seventy and seventy-five."

13 Year-Olds

"In other eras through most of human history" 13-year-old girls "would have been considered to be a young woman, not a child." Epstein goes off track by praising the so-called American soldier Jessica Lynch who was captured and raped in the Iraq War and saying if girls can meet the standard for combat they should be allowed to be soldiers. Women are not made physically or mentally to be capable of being soldiers or police officers. He praises the propaganda of the movie *Fargo* that portrays a pregnant woman cop. He likes movies such as *Charlie's Angels* and *Lara Croft* that portray women warriors. He is right, though, that many 13 year-old females are mature enough to marry. He says, "Mary gave birth to Jesus by age 13" because in the "marriage practices of the day Mary was no older than 12 or 13 when she conceived Jesus." Mary was "married off around the time of puberty. It was common in Greek and Roman cultures for females to marry by age twelve or thirteen."

Epstein goes into how the laws are different for marriage ages in countries, in the states of America and in religions. Father married Mother when she was 17 years old. He matches 17 year olds. In Judaism the minimum age for marriage is 12 for females and 13 for males. Islam has no age. Mormons, Lutherans and Methodists go by the laws of the state. "Minimum marriage ages today for Catholics" is 14 for females and 16 for males. The age of majority is typically 18 for most states but some states in America allow marriages with parental consent for as young as 13 or 14. Fallen man is not united on the truth but someday we will have a world where young people will grow up faster than they are now and marry young instead of wasting their time with make-work projects their confused elders mistakenly think are important.

Laura Bush, the wife of President Bush, says in her autobiography *Spoken from the Heart* that she was an only child and wished she had brothers and sisters: "Well, there I was. It was very lonely being an only child. And I think it was mainly because I was so aware of how my parents wanted other children, and how disappointed they were. And so I was disappointed. I wanted to have those brothers and sisters, too."

She married when she was 31 years old and it took years before she could conceive and finally had twin girls. She writes these painful words:

The English language lacks the words "to mourn an absence." For the loss of a parent, grandparent, spouse, child or friend we have all manner of words and phrases, some helpful, some not. Still, we are conditioned to say

something, even if it is only "I am sorry for your loss." But for an absence for someone who was never there at all, we are wordless to capture that particular emptiness. For those who deeply want children and are denied them, those missing babies hover like silent, ephemeral shadows over their lives. Who can describe the feel of a tiny hand that is never held?

I had hoped I would have more babies, but I was 35 when the girls were born. The years unwound, and it didn't happen. George never once said that he would like a son. He was always thrilled with the two girls we got. We both are. But my heart was deep enough for more. There remained that twinge of what might have been.

NIGER

What creates an atmosphere for big families? When we look at the fertility rates worldwide some African countries are usually at the top of the list. Niger is often listed as having the highest birthrate in the world with an average of 7 children. Mali is often cited. These are Muslim nations in Africa. The women in many African nations usually wear long, loose-fitting dresses. The men keep themselves covered up also. The countries with the highest total fertility rates are usually more rural. Those countries that have the lowest birth rates such as many European nations are more urban and women usually wear pants.

HUTTERITES

The group with the highest birth rates in America are patriarchal Christians. Many people are aware of the Amish. Another group similar in some ways to them are the Hutterites. They live in rural communities where the women wear long dresses. They have an average of 7 children. In the 1950s they were studied and reported to have an average of 10 children. Do you see a pattern? I do. Those groups who are rural, religious, patriarchal, and modest have many children. This is the type of family True Father grew up in. His parents had many children and his parent's parents had many children. Now that many Korean women are working outside the home and have given up wearing traditional long dresses they have one of the lowest birth rates in the world. If Unificationists are serious about doing God's will and following Father's commandment to have many children they have to create nests for women to live in that foster an atmosphere of having

big families. This means they should do the 10 core values I write in my *book Practical Plan for World Peace*. I write how Father teaches the traditional values of living in the countryside, wearing modest clothes, honoring different roles for men and women and not using birth control. He teaches we should live in self-reliant communities where women can feel safe and secure.

UTAH

The state with the highest birth rate in America is Utah because there are so many conservative Mormons there. The state with the lowest birth rate is Vermont that is very liberal. The Mormons have only one or two more children than the average of 2 children in America. Unificationists should be beyond the Mormons and Hutterites. We should be even more caring for children and the elderly than the Mormons and Hutterites. Patriarchal, traditional religious people do not participate in private corporate life insurance or government social security programs. Women who wear shorts and pants do not want many children. Father teaches that women can wear colorful clothes instead of the frumpy dresses like those of the Mennonites. Let's be Hutterites gone cool.

Mark Steyn has these insightful words in his book *America Alone: The End of the World as We Know It*:

Seventeen European nations are now at what demographers call "lowest-low" fertility -1.3 births per woman, the point at which you're so far down the death spiral you can't pull out. In theory, those countries will find their population halving every 35 years or so. In practice, it will be quicker than that, as the savvier youngsters figure there's no point sticking around a country that's turned into an undertaker's waiting room. So large parts of the western world are literally dying – and, in Europe, the successor population to those aging French and Dutch and Belgians is already in place.

Indeed, those who marry younger and produce more children will be the ones who will dominate the US culture in the not-too-distant future. Dr. Arthur Brooks of Syracuse University writes: Simply put, liberals have a big baby problem: They're not having enough of them, they haven't for a long time, and their pool of potential new voters is suffering as a result. According to the 2004 General Social Survey, if you picked 100 unrelated politically liberal adults at random, you would find that they had, between them, 147 children. If you picked 100 conservatives, you would find 208 kids. That's a 'fertility gap' of 41%... A state that was split 50-50 between left and right in 2004 will tilt right by 2012, 54% to 46%. By 2020, it will be certifiably right-wing, 59% to 41%. A state that is currently 55-45 in favor of liberals (like California) will be 54-46 in favor of conservatives by 2020—and all for no other reason than babies.

We know that sexual activity before marriage increases the likelihood of a divorce. We also know that couples who live together also have an even higher rate of divorce. But then we tell young people today that they should wait till they are almost 30 to marry – an age that will most likely guarantee they will have been already sexually active or even living with someone.

Even in the Christian community (a group who should know better) we push and encourage delayed marriage. Christian parents even threaten their young people with negative consequences if they marry young. "We won't pay for your education!" "You'll have to pay for your own wedding!" "We'll disown you!" We pull all financial and emotional support from the young couple and then when they fail, we rush back to them with "I told you so..."

Mormons bring an interesting perspective to marriage. Only 6% of those who follow the demands surrounding a temple marriage end up in divorce. Six percent! But it's not just a question of getting married in a certain place. Leaders claim it's that the church requires the candidates for marriage to be people of character—people who stick to their commitments of love and of asking for help, if they need it. What is so striking is that many of these marriages happen between couples still in their teens!

Then there is a threat that almost no one seems to consider: the elimination of grandparents. The culture of divorce that has been ripping and tearing at our national family structure has, so far, failed to destroy us. Though the documentation of the damage divorce does to people and particularly their children is sufficiently solid, American homes (though patched and sown together) have been able to hold together to some degree. This has been in large part due to the presence of grandparents. Those wonderful people who love their grandchildren unconditionally and whose age, wisdom and financial resources have played a key role - in some cases the key role – as stabilizers in those children's lives. Those who delay marriage (and subsequently child rearing) are denying themselves one of the greatest joys men and women have cherished for millennia: to participate in the lives of their grandchildren.

For centuries, men and women became grandparents when they were in their late 40's and early 50's – allowing them plenty of time to enjoy and participate in their grandchildren's lives. Then in their 70's and 80's they witnessed the arrival of their great-grandchildren. People who delay marriage and family today, however, do not realize how greatly they are cheating themselves by making it virtually impossible to experience their grandchildren. And for what? An extended adolescence? To drink more beer or to experiment with more sexual partners? To focus on their careers and a chance to make money more quickly than their parents did?

If Bobby and Suzie wait till almost 30 to marry and then 35 or greater to have children and their children do the same... well just do the math – they'll be 70 before their first grandchildren are even born. Depending on their health and longevity, they are at risk for not being able to enjoy those children's lives.

There is an even a greater tragedy that will occur than just people not being able to enjoy their grandchildren. As I already stated, grandparents have been the very glue that has helped struggling families stay together or to at least make their grandchildren feel safe should their parent's marriage fail. According to US Census Bureau statistics:

•6.1 million grandparents have grandchildren younger than 18 living with them

•2.5 million grandparents are responsible for most of the basic needs of one or more grandchildren

•918,000 grandparents have been responsible for caring for their grandchildren for at least the past five years

•477,000 grandparents have an income below the poverty level and are still caring for their grandchildren

But by delaying marriage and children today, we are participating in the foolish and systematic removal of grandparents altogether. When the kids of the next generation are 7, 10, or 12 years of age there won't be many grandparents to speak of. The final blow to the American family will be complete.

Sadly, many pastors and marriage proponents themselves are participating in the destruction of the very institution they seek to save by joining in this foolish call for delayed matrimony.

No matter what the statisticians say, marriages do not fail because of age, money or education – many of the underlying arguments for delaying marriage. Such thinking is utter nonsense. Marriages fail for one reason and one reason only: one or both people become selfish. To imply that young, poor or high-school graduates are incapable of real commitment is an insult. I find it curious that we have young, poor, high-school graduates fighting for our interests overseas with great commitment – some giving the very last measure of commitment by sacrificing their very lives for their fellow soldiers.

Someday historians will write of the end of Western civilization. I am sure that our propensity for selfishness and narcissistic behaviors is what they will point to as the reason for our demise.

Advocating for delayed marriage will be just one more reason we will succeed in destroying ourselves from within. The following are excerpts from *The Retreat from Motherhood* by Samuel Blumenfeld:

Of all the mammals in existence, the human infant is dependent on its mother. Of all the mammals in existence, the human child requires the longest period of nurturing, caring, and rearing. Thus, out of sheer necessity for survival, the mother becomes the most important person in every human being's life. Her character, her personality, her method of child rearing have more influence on an individual's future development than all other forces combined simply because maternal love is the primary emotional and psychological need in everyone's life. And perhaps that is why there are almost as many men around as women—to enable women to give the inordinate amount of love and attention each human infant needs.

ANTI-MATERNAL

It is because mothers are so important in the lives of human beings that I decided to look into what seems to be the most troubling deterioration of our time: the deterioration of motherhood, not only in terms of quantity, but also quality. In writing this book I have tried to find out why this deterioration is taking place and what can be done to reverse it. On the negative side I discovered that alcoholism and nervous breakdowns are on the increase among women, and that more teenage girls than ever are becoming delinquents, criminals, runaways, prostitutes, drug addicts, and suicides. The negative experiences and influences of childhood have turned them off on maternalism. On the positive side I discovered that there are a small but growing number of women who are indeed trying to reverse the anti-maternal trend by discovering the natural pleasures of motherhood. But their movement is largely underground and somewhat fragmented. I hope this book will encourage them

If I were asked why did I undertake to write [the book] the answer would be that I did so in order to be able to write the final chapter: "What do you tell your daughter?" The book, in other words, was written for a very practical reason: to enable parents, teachers, doctors, psychologists, jurists, and clergymen to answer some of the difficult questions girls ask when confronted with Women's Lib, the pill, legalized abortion, sexual freedom, love and motherhood. I offer some answers, and obviously you will not agree with all of them. But the reasons for my answers are plainly stated. In any case, to write about women is to engage in controversy.

Motherhood is no longer an enviable status. The woman who succeeds in business or competes with men in the corporate game achieves more recognition than the one who stays home and bears children. Mothers are looked at more as contributors to people pollution than givers of the gift of life to new human beings. Thus, in the eyes of such organizations as Zero Population Growth, women who bear children are somewhat akin to villains.

He writes that the low birth rate and high divorce rate show not only a retreat from motherhood but also a retreat from fatherhood and from parenthood.

Doug Phillips (defunct website visionforumministries.org):

"Be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate..."

Can you imagine attending a wedding where families and friends offered the above blessing to a new bride? Yet these words of encouragement, once offered to Rebekah on the advent of her marriage to Isaac (Genesis 18:24), beautifully communicate the heart of God's command to Christian husbands and wives that they be exceedingly fruitful and raise children who will influence all of culture and society for the glory of God.

There is no escaping the fact that the Bible is pro-child. dogmatically Scripture declares unapologetically that the birth of many children is a source of blessing, that a key reason for marriage is to bring forth many children for the glory of God, and that parents should actively seek such blessings. The Bible begins with a mandate for conception. The first great commission given to man was to "be fruitful and multiply." This commission to bring forth many children for the glory of God and through them to subdue the earth was first given to Adam and Eve and their progeny, and was later renewed to Noah in the days following the Great Flood, and remains our standard for today-a fact that is clear from the affirmation by the Lord Jesus of the Genesis marriage mandate upon which the fruitfulness and dominion commission rests (Matthew 19:4-6).

The great tragedy of our day is that the Church has been swept up in the birth control ethic, with its selfish quest for convenience, comfort, and the selfdeceiving vision of the individual's control over his own destiny. The fact is that we have lost our love for children and our vision to be fruitful, multiply, and have dominion over the earth. The results have been devastating.

The concept of having at least 12 children raises the question of finances. Tim LaHaye gives excellent advice on finances in a marriage in his book *How to Be Happy Though Married*. He writes:

FINANCES

Financial adjustment is perhaps the most difficult.... The situation is confused today by both husband and wife working. ... If she is going to work to help her husband finish his education, she may assume the role of breadwinner and look down on her husband....

WHO SHOULD HANDLE THE MONEY?

The answer to this question is far more significant than dollars and cents. God has stated very clearly in his Word that the man should be the head of the house. This principle produces happiness; violation of the principle produces misery. I have never known a happy henpecked husband, nor have I ever met a happy henpecker. God would never ask a woman to be in subjection to her husband unless it was for her good. A woman will not be lastingly happy unless she is in subjection to her husband.

Why is this important in relationship to finances? Simply because of the truth of an age-old adage, "He that holds the purse strings rules the family." You will find that the treasurer of any organization often has an inordinate consciousness of power. This is particularly true in a family. Whether the wife is a trained bookkeeper and the husband a terrible mathematician has nothing to do with it. The husband should handle the finances in marriage.

This does not mean that the wife should not have her area of responsibility. A couple can plan a budget that provides the wife with a set amount for food, household expenses, her miscellaneous needs and such other things as they agree upon. The husband then should pay the bills, balance the bank account and be responsible for the overall financial structure. They should not have separate bank accounts.

It is increasingly popular for wives to work. Many young couples think that getting started in marriage, saving enough to make a down payment on a home, or helping a husband through college are acceptable reasons for a wife to work.

If the wife works ... it breeds a feeling of independence and self-sufficiency which God did not intend a married woman to have. This feeling makes it difficult for her to adjust to her husband during the early stages of marriage. I am convinced that one of the reasons young married couples divorce so readily today is because the wife is not economically dependent upon her husband; whenever difficulties and pressures arise she can say, as one young lady said to me, "I don't have to take that kind of thing; I can live by myself!" I always recommend that a joint bank account be kept. Marriage is a joint venture between two people who live as one. It is not two distinct corporations doing business under the same roof.

The second danger to a working wife is that the birth of children is often delayed too long. If you wait until you can afford to have children, you will probably never have them. They are such a source of enrichment and blessing in a family that young people should plan early on having them and work toward that date; otherwise you may cheat yourselves out of the blessing of parenthood and thus be disobedient to God's command that we "be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth..." (Genesis 1:28)

Next to the word "equality" those on the Left such as the Liberals, Democrats, Socialists, and Feminists love to use the word "progress." They believe that those who fight for traditional values such as those championed in this book are against moral progress, economic progress and social progress. Liberals believe that they have an optimistic philosophy of growth. The opposite is the truth. Liberals are against human progress and have a no-growth, depressing philosophy of life. In the following article by Walter Williams titled "Population Control Nonsense" (2-24-99) notice how the famous liberal, Ted Turner, uses the word "progress" and how Williams effectively destroys Turner's ideology that is the opposite of optimism, growth, reason and truth:

> Multimillionaire Ted Turner, Jane Fonda's husband, told last week's 27th annual meeting of the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA): "We have to defeat those

congressmen and senators who are standing in the way of progress. We've got to win the next election."

Turner, founder of CNN and vice chairman of Time-Warner Inc., was sounding the alarm that something must be done about overpopulation. This father of five said we could achieve the "ideal" world population of 2 billion people, as opposed to today's 6 billion, "if everybody adopted a one-child policy for 100 years."

How did Turner arrive at the ideal population? He learned it from his mentor, professor Paul Erlich, author of the 1968 best-seller, "The Population Bomb."

In that book, Erlich predicted major food shortages in the United States, and by "the 1970s ... hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death." Erlich forecasted the starvation of 65 million Americans between 1980 and 1989, and by 1999 the U.S. population would have declined to 22.6 million. Erlich saw England in a more desperate situation, saying, "If I were a gambler, I would take even money that England will not exist in the year 2000."

Idiots like Erlich and organizations such as Planned Parenthood, the State Department's Agency for International Development and NFPRHA constantly sound nonsense warnings about how overpopulation produces disaster and poverty. There is absolutely no relationship between high populations, disaster and poverty.

Population control idiots might consider Zaire's meager population density of 39 people per square mile to be ideal while Hong Kong's population density of 247,501 people per square mile is problematic. Hong Kong is 6,000 times more crowded than Zaire. Yet Hong Kong's per capita

income is \$8,260 while Zaire, the world's poorest country, has a per capita income of less than \$200.

Planet Earth is loaded with room. We could put the world's entire population into the United States. Doing so would make our population density 1,531 people per square mile. That's a far lower population density than what now exists in New York (11,440), Los Angeles (9,126) and Houston (7,512). The entire U.S. population could move to Texas and each family of four would enjoy 2.9 acres of land. If the entire world's population moved to Texas, California, Colorado and Alaska, each family of four would enjoy nine-tenths of an acre of land.

So-called overpopulation problems are really a result of socialistic government practices that reduce the capacity of people to educate, clothe, house and feed themselves. Poor countries are rife with agricultural restrictions, export and import controls, restrictive licensing and price controls, not to mention gross human rights abuses that encourage their most productive people to emigrate. The most promising anti-poverty tool for poor people and poor countries is personal liberty.

AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS BIG FAMILY

Some biblical, traditional families with many children have allowed themselves to be interviewed and even filmed for cable television. It takes a lot of courage and faith to have a news crew come into your home for a week or more and film a hundred hours of your family and then condense it down to an hour or two show that millions of people will see. One family is the Duggars. They have been on cable TV for over

The long-running hit show "19 Kids and Counting" attracts millions of viewers every week

www.duggarfamily.com

Check out the Duggar family website at www.duggarfamily.com. In their book *The Duggars: 20 and Counting!: Raising One of America's*

Largest Families—How they Do It Jim and Michelle write about many topics. One of the most interesting is the story of their finances. They write how they found the video series Financial Freedom given by Jim Sammons. These videos are based on the book *Men's Manual Volume* 2 written by Bill Gothard and Jim Sammons. This book and these videos are the very best I have ever seen on money management. I write in some detail about the book and the videos in my book *Practical Plan for World Peace*. In their book 20 and Counting! Jim Duggar writes:

While we were running all these businesses, we were also attending a wonderful Sunday school class for young married couples at our church. One of the teachers was Glen Parsons, a successful businessman in our city. Glen invited fifty men from our church, including me, to come to his house every Friday morning for breakfast. Then we watched and discussed a video series Glen wanted to share with us. It was Jim Sammons's Financial Freedom program, and it became another life-changing turning point for me.

Led by Faith

The Financial Freedom presentations focused on biblical principles for personal and business finance. The sessions were not only spiritually enriching, they were also inspiringly practical and very motivational. During those breakfast sessions, we learned how biblical lessons can be applied in our modern-day financial practices.

I was eager to share the information with Michelle, so when Glen brought the video seminar to our church and opened it up to couples, I went through the whole thing again, and Michelle happily came with me. The seminar helped us become single-minded about our life goals and the decisions we were making. It wasn't about getting rich but about giving God control of every area of our lives.

Those sessions taught the biblical principle that we should owe no one anything but love. This principle has probably caused the most curiosity about our family's story because it's the one that directed us to get out of debt and avoid borrowing money in the future.

The principle of debt free as taught in *Men's Manual Volume 2* and in the video series *Financial Freedom* given by Jim Sammons works. By following these principles Unificationist families can afford to have large families and not only be debt-free but live a prosperous life as well. I encourage every Unificationist to get this book and watch these DVDs and do as they teach. The Institute in Basic Life Principles prints and makes the DVDs. At their website www.iblp.org we read:

Financial Freedom Seminar

Understanding God's principles of finance

Facing financial pressures or simply trying to avoid problems? Interested in what the Bible has to say about finances?

This 16-hour video seminar, taught by Jim Sammons, has helped thousands of people avoid financial disaster as they have understood what the Bible teaches about money and have begun to apply those principles in their lives.

Jim explains universal financial principles from God's Word and uses down to earth illustrations from his own life.

Another couple that has invited the media into their home is Ken and Devon Carpenter. They were on the TV show Nightline. It was a ten minute video where they talk about biblical, patriarchal family. ABC News printed an article based on the TV show. They say:

When Having Kids is a Religious Experience by Ted Gerstein and John Berman

Jan. 3, 2007 The Carpenter family is part of the "Quiverfull Movement." The name comes from the Bible — Psalm 127/128:

"Children are a heritage from the Lord / children a reward from him/ like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man /whose quiver is full of them."

What does that mean? Quiverfull followers believe that all forms of contraception, all forms of birth control and any form of family planning goes against God's plan.

"As I understand, and to the extent that we are involved in it, it is just a matter of, it's a mind-set that says we will take as many children — happily — as God blesses us with," Ken Carpenter said.

It isn't simply about having as many kids as possible, though.

"It's not a contest," he said. "For us, it's about having as many as the Lord gives us, and being happy with that. If the Lord gives us more, great. If we are done at eight, that's fine. Whatever He gives us."

The Birth of the Movement

Quiverfull is largely an American phenomenon, beginning with the release of the book "A Full Quiver" in 1989. There is no official organization, but in 1995, the Web site www.quiverfull.com went online with just 12 subscribers — now there are more than 2,600. There are probably several thousand Quiverfull enthusiasts all over the United States right now — and the movement is believed to be growing.

There are certainly a lot of questions about the practice. Is it dangerous for a woman's body to keep having children, one after the other?

"I don't struggle in that area, I have pretty easy pregnancies and deliveries and recovery," Devon Carpenter said. "God designed us to have children, and thankfully, we do have good doctors out there for things that come up."

If there is a grandmother to this movement, it's Nancy Campbell. Her magazine has been advocating this lifestyle for decades. Campbell explained why followers even have a problem with natural family planning or the "rhythm method."

"When we really stop and think about it, it's not natural," she said. "We have to go against the way that God designed our bodies. He designed them to be fruitful, so if a couple [doesn't] want to have children...they've got to do something to their body so it doesn't work the way God planned it."

The Carpenter children are home-schooled. Ken Carpenter hopes his sons find professions and that his daughters learn to be mothers. He believes that it is a woman's primary function to become a mother. And a father's primary function?

"I think a dad ought to be the primary instiller of wisdom and ought to be teaching his sons leadership," he said.

'The Biblical Model'

The role of the father as the head of the household is at the center of the Quiverfull movement.

"I know that notion is going to rile a number of people," Ken Carpenter said. "[But] I do consider myself the loving head of this family, responsible to lead them. That's the biblical model of fatherhood."

Devon Carpenter concurred, saying that her role is to be "nurturing and loving and submissive to my husband and shepherding to the children." (http://abcnews.go.com/Nightline/story?id=2767898)

At his website (www.Daveblackonline.com) David Alan Black has an article titled "Want to Reform Your Youth Ministry? Reject Adolescence!" He writes:

My book, *The Myth of Adolescence: Raising Responsible Children in an Irresponsible Society*, decries the "culture of irresponsibility" that we have tolerated for so long, and argues for a return to the ideals of a previous generation of Americans, who allowed youth to be relatively independent and gave them a real role in life.

What, then, do the Scriptures say about adolescence? The answer is: Absolutely nothing! In the Bible, people went directly from childhood to adulthood. Moses, for example, is never referred to as an adolescent. In Exodus 2 he is called a "child" in verse 10, and by verse 11 he had "grown up." Here we might have expected to find a reference to a period between childhood and adulthood, but no such reference is to be found.

Moses, Paul, John, and Jesus went directly from childhood to adulthood. They were teenagers, but they were never adolescents. Although the Bible talks about teenagers, it treats them like responsible human beings, not like children. Today, however, we have invented a period during which childhood and adulthood overlap. No longer is there a definitive transition between these stages of life.

One thing is clear. According to the Bible, the teen era is not a "time-out" between childhood and adulthood. It is not primarily a time of horseplay, of parties, of sports, of games. It is not a period of temporary insanity. The Bible treats teens as responsible young adults, and so should we. Paul told Timothy, a young man, to "be an example for other believers in your speech, behavior, love, faith, and purity" (1 Tim 4:12). Though still young, Timothy was to speak, act, love, believe, and relate to the opposite sex in such a way that others would look at his life and want to be just like him.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach writes (www.beliefnet.com):

I am a great believer in marrying young, for these five reasons, among many others:

1. Marrying young means you grow up together. You are not fully formed when you marry. You discover life together. You enjoy becoming fully-fledged adults as a shared experience. This adds to the magic and aura of married life. It also means that you are not as set in your ways when you marry, and are therefore more open to sharing and compromise.

2. Marrying young means avoiding the ten or so years that most people waste dating. Dating has become an end in itself, and it is very harmful to singles. They check each other out as if they were buying salami from the supermarket. The process is degrading and designed to heighten insecurity. One feels constantly judged and manipulated. One learns not to open one's heart to the opposite sex, but to close it. And then we wonder why, by the time these messed-up singles get married, divorce is so common.

3. Marrying young means avoiding the multiple sexual partners that most singles have. Having a lot of sexual partners means becoming desensitized to the human body in general, and to the sexual act in particular. Most singles today have sex with the same intensity with which they ride a bicycle. It really is no big deal. The human body and sex are objective to them; they have lost their ability to be subjectively attracted to the opposite sex because they have become experts in an area where they are meant to retain their innocence.

4. Marrying young means avoiding loneliness. Almost every single person I know is lonely. Granted, many are not honest enough to admit it, or they cover over their loneliness with TV, movies, friends, or empty, casual relationships. But their loneliness becomes ingrained, they learn to be emotionally independent, and later, when they want to fall in love and lean on someone else, they wonder why they can't.

5. Marrying young means having children earlier, and not becoming a parent when you should already be a grand-parent. There is nothing like having kids early. It solidifies a marriage, it gives a husband and wife the ultimate shared experience, and it brings indescribable joy. Because I became a father young, I was a "big kid" myself when my kids were born. I did not lose my playfulness, and I could connect with them so much more authentically.

Brit Hume of Fox News said (2-24-2006):

Demographic Switch?

Conservatives may soon be taking over the country... literally. That according to *Foreign Policy* magazine's Phillip Longman, who argues that a rise in birth rates in a small, culturally conservative segment of society could usher in a return of oldfashioned family values.

Longman writes that with more Americans choosing to have fewer children or none at all, those with conservative values are reproducing at a much higher rate than the rest of society and he says the "conservative baby boom" may have already begun. Longman notes that fertility rates in states that voted for George Bush in 2004 are 12 percent higher than in those that voted for John Kerry. (www.foxnews.com/story/2006/02/24/who-behindbombing)

Don Feder writes in his article, "Demographic Winter' Exposes the Century's Overlooked Crisis:

"Demographic Winter" — a dramatic new documentary — is the first to explore the most overlooked crisis of our times: the rapid, worldwide decline in birth rates.

Philip Longman, a demographer and author of "The Empty Cradle: How Falling Birthrates Threaten World Prosperity," observes: "The on-going global decline in human birthrates is the single most powerful force affecting the fate of nations and the future of society in the 21st. century."

Doomsayers from Thomas Malthus to Paul Ehrlich have warned of "overpopulation" leading to depleted resources and mass starvation. In reality, more people have generated to more prosperity and higher standards of living.

What the world faces in the 21st century is another type of demographic crisis, but one that is painfully real: falling fertility rates and aging populations which could ultimately endanger civilization.

The average woman has to have 2.1 children during her lifetime — just to replace current population.

In less than 40 years, fertility rates have fallen by over 50% worldwide. In 1970, the average woman had 6 children during her lifetime. Today, the global average is 2.9. The United Nations Population Division predicts a further decline to 2.05 by 2050. In much of the industrialized world, the crisis can be discerned even now:

• Europe might as well hang a "Going Out of Business" sign on its door. The average birth rate for the European Union is 1.5, well below replacement (2.1). In Italy, it's 1.2.

(http://humanevents.com/2008/03/27/demographicwinter-exposes-the-centurys-overlooked-crisis)

In the book *Educating for True Love: Explaining Sun Myung Moon's Thought on Morality, Family and Society* we read:

After age 28 or so, female fertility begins to decline rapidly.

Wedding at an earlier age and allowing parents to be actively involved in selecting marriage candidates and advising the development of the growing relationship comprise the gold medal level.

A significant factor affecting purity is the age of marriage.

Early marriage—in the late teen years or early twenties—has clear benefits for many youth. The couple is at the peak of their fertility. Female fecundity begins to wane in the late 20s and there are significant health benefits to early childbearing for both the mother and child.

"I am thinking that the blessed children should be married at an earlier age because I want them to be certain of marrying their first love." —Sun Myung Moon (6-20-82)

With this important decision behind them, the couple is now free from the distracting melodramas of romantic involvements to invest their energies in schooling, work and other matters of personal development with the added bonus of each other emotional support. They may also want to get right to the business of raising and supporting a family.

Some research suggests the advisability of earlier marriage. One ongoing U.S. study indicates that those who wed in their early twenties had unions no less stable than those who married later and in fact tended to be of higher quality. Only a short time ago, it was ordinary for teenagers right out of high school to marry, get jobs and support themselves and their families. Times have changed, but the capacity of youth has not.

Crucial issue is how single people go about finding their marriage partner and cultivating that towards commitment.

Bypass conventional dating and enlisting the active involvement of parents and /or spiritual advisors in recommending a marriage partner. Internet now can find people worldwide e harmony find people if no organization companies or for free matchmakers.

Traditionally parents or other elders arranged for their son's or daughter's spouse.

Parents and other loved ones to serve as matchmakers.

In *The Case Against Adolescence: Rediscovering the Adult in Every Teen* Epstein gives one example of a couple that had been happily married for over 70 years and had many grandchildren. The woman married when she was 13 and he was in his twenties. He writes:

Contrary to popular belief, psychological research suggests that young people are capable of experiencing mature love, and no one has ever shown that the love experienced by young people is any different than the love experienced by adults. Moreover, although it's widely believed that young marriages are doomed to fail, census data show that males who marry in their teens have a lower divorce rate than males who marry in their twenties; in general, the divorce rate of young people isn't much higher than the divorce rate of adults, and many of our nation's most celebrated and long-lasting marriages have involved very young spouses. In other countries people still often marry at very young ages, and Western attempts to change such practices have sometimes produced disastrous results. Laws restricting marriage or sexual relations involving minors are wildly inconsistent from state to state, and in many cases such laws have been applies in ways that have caused great pain to innocent people.

"If you have trouble, you go talk about it, argue, and get over it." That was the advice of Mary Onesi when she and her husband of just over eighty years were interviewed by the Associated Press in 1998. They had been honored on World Marriage Day in 1995 as the longest-married couple in America, and, yes, they were still together three years later. She married her husband Paul in 1917 when he was twenty-one and she was thirteen. By all accounts, their marriage was happy and successful, and it was certainly prolific.

Paul Onesi came to the United States from Italy when he was fifteen, arriving through Ellis Island. He worked in the coal mines in Pennsylvania at first. He met Mary when he was renting a room in her sister's home, and it was the sister who did the matchmaking. The couple moved to Niagara Falls a few years after their marriage, where Paul went to work for Union Carbide. They had six children and saw five of them celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversaries.

Laura Cerrillo, one of Paul and Mary's twenty-eight grandchildren, explained why marriage in this close-knit family were generally successful: "In our family, no one ever wanted to get divorced because no one wanted to tell them." By current thinking, there's something dreadfully wrong with this pretty picture. Thirteen-year-old Mary Corsaro couldn't *possibly* have been ready for marriage. She must have been abused or exploited or perhaps even drugged and raped. Her sister Rose must have been in on it, perhaps serving as a pimp and getting a fee from perverted old Paul. Isn't that the way we're now taught to think? At the very least, the world must have been so different back then that the people in it must have been entirely unlike people are today—members of a different species, in effect. Maybe Mary was ready back in 1917, but there are no Mary's in today's world. Today, thirteen-year-olds are children.

YOUNG MARRIAGE

Mark Gungor wrote the following at his website (www.laughyourway.com) titled "Young Marriage" (3-4-09):

"A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has destroyed itself from within." – Ariel Durant

There has been quite the uproar over Sarah Palin's seventeen year old daughter who is pregnant and plans to marry the father. Many have decried this potential marriage as a terrible idea since the couple is "too young". But it wasn't long ago that such a marriage would not have been thought of as unusual.

"The traditional markers of manhood — leaving home, getting an education, starting a family and starting work — have moved downfield as the passage from adolescence to adulthood has evolved," says Michael Kimmel, author of *Guyland*. For instance, in 1960, almost 70 percent of men had reached these milestones by the age of 30; today, less than a third of males can say the same.

Some of the most successful marriages in the world started with two teenagers. Indeed, it is difficult to reach 75 years of marriage if one waits till he is 30 to say "I do" – you're pretty much dead by then.

Even biology challenges us to rethink delayed marriage. According to U.S. researchers who analyzed

census data and information from genealogical records, children born when their mothers were under 25 were almost twice as likely to live to their 100th birthday and beyond and University of Chicago husband and wife team Dr Leonid Gavrilov and Dr Natalia Gavrilova have shown that firstborn children live longer than their younger siblings. It appears the two are linked, with older children living longer because their mothers are younger when they have them.

Studies have also shown that it takes longer for older men to conceive. Starting in their 20s, men face steadily increasing chances of infertility, fathering an unsuccessful pregnancy, and passing on to their children a genetic mutation that causes dwarfism. "We [now] know the probability for certain types of DNA damage goes up with age, and we can give you a mathematical probability," said Andrew Wyrobek, a researcher at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California.

Not only is it bad to our children's health to delay marriage and child birth, this delay is also resulting in increasingly lower birth rates which may be bad for the longevity of Western culture.

WATCH VIDEOS OF TRADITIONALISTS

There are many good books and videos by those who are bright spirits. Mankind is mesmerized by video. The reason we have television and computers is because of Father. In these Last Days God wanted everyone to not just read the Messiah's words but to see him. What would the world be like if we had videos of Jesus? Sadly, those in charge of the many hours of video of True Father have never released them. You can find a few on YouTube but there are none for sale or shown for free at the so-called official Family Federation for World Peace and Unification website.

I cannot express the depth of my pain I feel that mankind cannot watch for free on YouTube and Vimeo all the videos of Father. I have had the incredible privilege of being physically close to Father on a number of occasions. Some of those occasions were filmed. One of my sons was blessed by Father in a hotel in Washington D.C. and he and his bride were one of several couples who Father personally gave the rings to. I saw a cameraman put his big video camcorder over the shoulder of my son and captured Father putting the blessing ring into his hand. Can you imagine how much I would like to have of that video of Father and my son?

I have several memories of Father that were not recorded on video but proved to me he was not just some abstract distant Messiah but a Father to me personally. Those of us who knew Father when he first came to America are like those who found the one grain of sand on the beach or the one needle in a haystack of needles. It was as if we won a billion dollar lottery. I remember so vividly how moved I was on some occasions when I sat or stood close to him and watched the most amazing man who ever lived relate to us. I was a State Leader in the early 1970s and attended many meetings with Father and the other 49 brothers who were State Leaders. One time we were in Belvedere in a small room. Father sat in a Lazyboy type chair and we were sitting on the floor. As a Westerner it was hard to sit that way. It was a warm day and I was hoping I would not pass out. Before he began to speak he told us to come close to him. So we all squished together. I could not move my legs to stretch and seriously wondered how this Westerner would make it, especially when I knew that Father often talked for hours. Well, I survived. But I wish I had the words to tell you what it is like to see his eyes look at you with so much love. He is so full of life. He poured out his heart for hours teaching us about God and life and motivating us to save the world.

One time he took us to Macy's in downtown New York to buy each of us a suit. I went off in this huge department store and found my size. I tried on a coat and when I went to look in the mirror I saw Father behind me. Alone. I was startled a little. He was watching me with total concentration. He said it looked good on me. He was as natural with me as if he was my physical father taking me out to buy me some clothes. Later, each of the 50 State Leaders stood in front of Father and Mother as they examined each suit with care. I had Neal Salonen take pictures of this but I lost the one where Father vigorously grabbed my suit. I do have the picture of Mother grabbing my suitcoat. They were both concerned that it was too big. I had to explain that I was tall and had to buy suits that were too big around the middle but had long arms and then had to have them tailored. They tried to understand me but I could tell they were not sure but in the end approved. They did this for every brother. They were totally focused on us. I knew I was lucky beyond imagination to be alive at the same time as them and have the privilege of being a son to them in person. They are every person's True Parents and I saw them be True Parents to me and others.

My wife joined in the early 70s and was the first member to be deprogrammed. After she escaped Father talked to her personally. She has an amazing testimony of Father I would like to give. Father used to bring in the New Year with a speech on midnight of January 1st. As usual he would speak for hours. Then he would speak again a few hours later in the morning. He would speak without getting sleep for three days. Sometimes he gave these speeches in different places and members would scramble to get to them. One time my wife, who was around 16 or 17 years old, was determined to not only be in the front row of these speeches but be directly in front of Father. This meant she could not get any sleep for three days so she could get that spot. On the third day when Father ended this marathon he did something I have never seen or heard him do. Another sister, Catherine Ono, did as my wife did and together they were always at his feet in these speeches. When Father leaves the room after he speaks and passes by the members we would bow our heads in respect. But this time my wife felt a finger strongly hooked into her cheek. She looked up and Father was beaming as he looked into her eyes. She said it was like he was saying, "I have hooked you like a fish." She was overwhelmed by his intense love. He did the same thing to Catherine who stood next to her. He obviously had noticed how they loved him so much they would go to such lengths to sit in front of him.

I remember sometimes when I was in a small group and Col. Pak was translating in the 1970s when Father was in his 50s. He translates with so much passion. At one meeting he was standing next to Father and before Father could start he said that he wanted to say something before Father began. Father looked at him just as we did and were curious what he wanted to say. Bo Hi Pak said something like, "I just wanted to tell you about an experience I had with Father yesterday on the ocean. Father was fishing for tuna and a huge tuna took the bait." He said he never saw a thing as Father spending hours pulling it in alone. He said he and all the brothers would have had to have help. He said Father is so strong physically. He dramatically reenacted how Father pulled this huge fish in without any help. Father just beamed while he was speaking.

In one meeting with Father he began by telling of what happened to him as he was being driven in his limousine. He saw a yard sale and had the driver stop. Father dramatically re-enacted what happened. He said there was a barrel that had stuffed animals and Father had half his body in the barrel looking for one to buy. Then a man's face was in front of his in the barrel looking intently at Father. They both pulled themselves out and the man said, "You're Rev Moon, aren't you?" Father said, "Yes." He said, "Why are you at this yard sale. You're a billionaire." Father explained he was looking for gifts for his kids and he was always conscious of how members in his church had so little and he did things like this in honor of their sacrifice. The man told Father that the media does not portray him correctly. Father got such a kick out of this. I cannot describe how animated he was about this. How he put so much energy into telling this story. It was such a fun moment with Father. You could just feel his integrity and simplicity and how genuine he is to be the Father of us all.

In the early 70s he was vilified by the press as being "a prophet for profit" and taking advantage of us young people who worked day and night for nothing while he lived in splendor. I happened to be at Upshur house in Washington DC and Father unexpectedly came and spoke to a few of us. I vividly remember how deeply he tried to explain to us how he had no interest in living in a mansion and driving in a limousine. He said it was fun to see the looks of those at McDonalds when the limo went through the drive-thru. He rarely ate at fancy restaurants when he traveled. He told us where and how much he spent on the clothes he was wearing. I remember he named the stores saying he bought the suit at JC Penny and his shoes at a discount shoe store. He said Mother has to make him wash his clothes more often but he wants them to last longer. He said he was there to meet a famous publisher and he needed to have a nice car and home to be our leader but personally it meant nothing to him. He spoke with such sincerity about how he has a mansion but he is rarely there and when he is he always has many members there.

FATHER'S CONSCIENCE IS CLEAR

In a speech titled "Perseverance and Contemplation" in London, England (8-27-78). Father said:

As for my own appearance, no one notices my suits so much because they are inexpensive. I don't buy my suits at Harrods. This suit I am wearing was bought on the outskirts of London and the label says, "Made in Poland." Because my foundation is laid, my conscience never bothers me, no matter how many suits I buy. If I bought hundreds of suits for myself it might be questionable, but not if they are for other people. The English members might think, "Every day Father was here he went to Harrods and to Chinese restaurants." But my conscience is clear.

I have been in his home in Tarrytown. All 50 State Leaders were there for a church holiday one time and Mother's physical mother came up to me and gave me a bag of candy from the offering table. I saw Father over a period of 40 years and he was always the same—always completely alert, alive, excited, passionate and loving. He is the only person, next to Jesus, who has mind/body unity. He has asked many people in his lifetime if they have mind/body unity where their mind totally controls their body and no one has ever said they did. He says he does and I believe it. He even asked me one time when I will have mind/body unity. I tell that story in my book *Practical Plan for World Peace*.

Someday those who have hidden videos of Father will release them and then you can watch hours of him. Thankfully there are videos of great men and women who believe, teach and live the values in this book. If I had to choose one man and one woman for you to watch that have made videos where they teach the value of having many children and building a traditional, patriarchal family I would encourage you to watch Voddie Bacham and Nancy Campbell. They have hours of video and are brilliant at making the case for large families and for the oldfashioned biblical marriage that I believe is what Father taught and lived. Go to YouTube and watch everything by them and go to their websites and buy every book and DVD they have and recommend. It's great to read the truth but it's also wonderful to actually watch people who live these timeless truths and universal principles of God.

BEAR MANY CHILDREN

In his autobiography *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* Father writes, "I tell brides and grooms to have many children. To bear many children and raise them is God's blessing."

I challenge Unificationists to follow Father's words and example by marrying young and having many children.