

RYS Service Project in Bangladesh

Japanese Second Generation Play Key Role



by Rev. John W. Gehring—NYC

Rural education in developing countries often suffers from a lack of concern and material support. Low levels of education and inadequate school facilities act as a hindrance to future healthy development. Bangladesh, a nation known more for its widespread poverty, dense population and disastrous floods than for its rich culture and warmhearted populace, currently suffers from the underdevelopment of its educational infrastructure

throughout its countryside.

The Unification movement has in the last two decades worked in rural Bangladesh largely through social and interreligious outreach programs. The International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) has for nearly a decade supported the building and development of rural schools in Bangladesh in an effort to promote educational uplift. Recently, the Women's Federation for World Peace-Japan (WFWP-J), in cooperation with the IRFF, has

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Pure Love Rally and March at WCSFIII



by Claude Aubert—Washington, DC

Friday, Nov. 28, the Pure Love Alliance started its rally and march at 12:30 PM with music by the band "Wave." About 1,000 people were gathered around the stage near the reflection pool by the Capitol building. Several speakers addressed the rally participants,

and several more music acts followed. About an hour-and-a-half later the crowd doubled in size, due to the arrival of many WCSF guests from Japan and Korea.

After a great performance by the Winans Sisters (Debbie and Angie), the audience was led in the recital of the Pure Love Pledge. Then the rally

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Blessing 'Brainstorming Session' held at UTS



by Bill Lay—NYC

In response to an invitation from Dr. Tyler Hendricks, a meeting of Unification representatives from a variety of walks of life took place at the Unification Theological Seminary over the weekend of February 7-8, 1998. Elders of the American and Canadian movements, who have worked in just about every area of the movement, participated. The meeting was a sort of Unification brainstorming retreat. It was attended by about 75 persons (about 15 of them women). The stated purpose

was to come up with some ideas and guidelines for the American and Canadian contributions to the next round of Blessing events, slated for June 13.

One participant commented, "The meeting was a first and, I sensed, somewhat historical. I was told by one American UC historian that such a meeting of westerners had not taken place since the early '70s. In my view, it was unlike any meeting I have ever attended. The dialogue was frank, open and somewhat bold. The hard questions were being asked. Of course,

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NYC Family Federation Holds Ministers' Luncheon



by Eric Holt—NYC

Approximately 200 ministers and community leaders gathered at the beautiful Bridgewaters Restaurant in New York City's South Street Seaport on Saturday, January 24, 1998, to partake of the culinary graces of God and to address the theme, "A Stable and Secure Family Culture". On this crisp

New York afternoon, participants began arriving at the catering facility, which was ornately decorated with boats and ocean-faring paraphernalia. The banquet hall afforded a breathtaking view of New York Harbor.

After some spirited warm-up piano entertainment by a local clergyman, emcees Edner and Juanita Pierre-Louis opened the program and invit-

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Blessing Prayer at RFK Stadium

This is a translation of the Blessing Prayer given at RFK Stadium, Eashington, DC, on November 29, 1997

Our most beloved Heavenly Father! Today, November 29, 1997, we have gathered at RFK Stadium in Washington, DC. We are deeply grateful that we could hold this 3.6 Million and 36 Million Couples Blessing with you, Heavenly Father, our Creator!

Dear God, we thank you that we could bring these couples together in a bond of true love with true parents in our hearts. Thank you for allowing us to have this Blessing ceremony. Here we can establish a new beginning by bequeathing the blood lineage of true parental love.

This place is the focus of the whole world: the nations represented by these chosen men and women and the entire spirit world. We are truly, truly, truly grateful that you have given your permission for this Blessing of Marriage to be held at this place. Heaven and Earth are in harmony here, and through the True Parents these true children can inherit God's family tradition.

We recall the history of humankind.

We know that the first ancestors made a mistake of one moment, which gave birth to billions of sorrowful years witnessed by you, the Parent of Heaven. We also know that to reverse that mistake, saints and sages have walked the path of suffering, sacrifice and offering, leaving behind a history of woe.

Jesus Christ came as the Messiah, as the second Adam, to fulfill the mission of True Parents. However, because the people did not unite with him and care for him, the mission was left unfulfilled. Although Jesus is the Messiah, he did not complete the responsibility of True Parents and did not establish a family to extend the messianic mission to the nation and the world. He had to take up the cross, leaving behind his promise to return.

God promised to send the third Adam, the Second Coming of the Lord. He comes to restore the 2,000 year history in which humankind failed to perfect the family and nation worldwide. Beginning from the position of perfected third Adam and standing in the position of the True Parents, I have formed the history of blessed

families, centering on you, Heavenly Father and True Parents. This is so that we might inherit again the tradition of the heavenly blood lineage.

Today, 39.6 million couples are gathered to receive the Blessing. This is a time of glory for Heaven, pride for Earth, and liberation for humankind. We are grateful for this. Through the Blessing of marriage, Heaven and Earth are able to dwell together on Earth. Through this ceremony, God is able to establish the realm of the Sabbath on Earth and personally dwell directly with us. Also, through this ceremony, the world of angels and the world of saints and sages can dwell on Earth.

Through this, all families of the world are empowered to become your tribe by weaving together, one family after another. In this way, they are able to establish the one family and return joy to Heaven by cutting off Satan's blood lineage. We are truly grateful for your permission to have this eternal moment.

Now, by completing 39.6 million couples on Earth, and by being liberated through the grace of the Blessing, we

cross the final battle line at which you can allow the Blessing, which Adam's family failed to bestow, to be given to all humankind.

Please, Heavenly Father, take direct dominion over everything from this moment on, as we press forward toward the final goal. I beg you to establish your reign of goodness. Reign from the position of both right and left, with Heaven's dominion and realm of victory at the center. Engage the entire cosmos to complete the purpose of creation.

Proclamation of the Blessing

God our Father! You are the origin of all things in the universe and the source of true love. Today, together with the True Parents, you are connected from this RFK Stadium to the entire world. Through the Holy Blessing, these 3.6 million and 36 million couples want to create true God-centered families which can live eternally as models of true love. Heavenly Father, please come and personally direct this ceremony and bestow your eternal blessing of true love. ❖

True God's Day Midnight Prayer

This is a translation of True Father's Midnight Prayer on True God's Day 1998, in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

Beloved Father! Today is the very first hour to welcome the new year of 1998. Today we sent off the year of 1997 and welcomed the new year. In the world of your heart, every plan beginning from now on is for the liberation of all families of the world. I am really thankful that we can have a new year in which we can march forward to attend Heaven.

Last year, the foundation of the blessing of 40 million couples was accomplished, upon the 3.6 million couples, the 36 million couples connected to the growth stage victory. From today, toward the remaining 360 million couples, the families of all humankind should settle down centering upon absolute sex, which is God's ideal of creation, and the couple's relationship which is centered on absolute love.

Due to the loss of the ideal family throughout the many processes of history, towards the fulfillment of the religious aspirations throughout the Old Testament Age, the New Testament Age, and the Completed Testament Age, for the restoration of the standard of the original family through the path of indemnity, God has walked a historical path of recreation. For the reasons above, all human beings cannot avoid but begging for Your mercy.

There was a foundation of tens of millions of years of persecution and of public fighting in order to send True Parents to a chaotic world. Therefore, we received True Parents on earth. Centering on the victory of the realm of Christian Culture after 2,000 years, centering on the year of 1945, after World War II the circumstances represented the spiritual situation of the Eve nation, Abel nation, and Cain nation. At the same time, the external Eve nation, Abel nation, and Cain nation had been confronted so that the victorious foundation could be retained and Jesus was able to rule over the spiritual world.

On this foundation, the third Adam came and indemnified everything and tried to start the family level of the world. But because Catholics and Protestants could not make unity and because of the opposition of Christianity, centering on the Unification Church, this forty-year history of restoration was a bloody one. True Parents, who were sent to the people who did not know anything, had to go through a suffering course. We had become such people You could not even imagine according to Your

Will.

I know very well how sorrowful You are to face this sad day. I also know the sorrow of True Parents who had to work hard until the fulfillment of their responsibility which was to establish the victorious foundation in 185 nations centering on Korea, centering on Japan, centering on America, and centering on Germany in forty years.

With this victorious foundation we have today, beyond the watershed of the Blessing of 3.6 million couples and 36 million couples on the worldwide level, and centering upon the Blessing of 360 million couples, the completion of the family identical to Adam's family in the realm of human liberation occurred through the public hard work of heavenly Parents and earthly Parents, thus gaining approval of this time period of blessing. I am really thankful for Your grace and permission to connect this to humankind.

From now, 1998, to keep the final vertical period, centering on all humankind and with the Blessing of 360 million couples, we want to march forward to accomplish this life-or-death mission, to go over the peak of Han to accomplish Your final wish in the providential history of salvation which is the cutting off of the blood lineage of the satanic world.

The spiritual world, which has been helpful until now, the angelic world centering on God, the ancestors who stand in the position of saints which represents the angelic world, everyone absolutely must become one with the "Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth" which can bring resurrection to earth, thus You can appear on earth. I am really thankful for the grace through which we can receive the whole body, the entire directions, absolute power and authority, and omnipotence in this time period in which we can completely liberate and indemnify the Han of the Fall since history began.

Please grant that all families which were blessed within a heartistic relationship centering on True Parents may be one, and they should be an absolute object before an absolute subject, which is what Heaven desires, with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Thereafter, as Heaven wishes, they can establish the victorious Kingdom of Heaven in the heavenly world and the earthly world.

We are grateful to welcome this day centering on all men and women on this beach. We are grateful to come to the central place of the workshop on this

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C A L E N D A R

FEBRUARY

- 2 Father's 78th Birthday
Mother's 55th Birthday
- 3 Choongmo-Nim's (Father's mother)
Ascension
- 8 1800 Couples' Blessing (1975)
- 11 16 Couples' Blessing (1978)
- 12 Shin Jung Nim's 15th Birthday
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim's 23rd Birthday
- 20 In Jin Nim & Jin Sung Nim's Blessing
(1984)
Heung Jin Nim & Hoon Sook Nim's
Blessing (1984)
- 21 74 Couples' Blessing (1977)
- 22 430 Couples' Blessing (1968)

MARCH

- 8 Shin Won Nim's 10th Birthday
- 16 Jin Sung Nim's 36th Birthday
- 25 Shin Chul Nim's 6th Birthday
- 28 TRUE PARENTS' DAY (1961)
Sung Jin Nim's 51st birthday
- 31 Hyun Jin Nim & Jun Sook Nim's
Blessing (1987)

APRIL

- 7 Shin Hwa Nim's 10th Birthday
42 Couples' Blessing (1989)
138 Previously Married Couples'
Blessing (1989)
57 Single Blessing (1989)
- 10 1265 Couples' Blessing (1992)
- 11 Un Jin Nim & Jin Hun Nim's Blessing
(1986)
- 12 True Parents' Blessing (1960)
36 Couples of the 2nd Generation
Blessing (1986)
- 16 Kwon Jin Nim & Hwa Yun Nim's
Blessing (1995)
Sun Jin Nim & In Sup Nim's Blessing
(1995)
- 17 Nan Sook Nim's 32nd Birthday
- 21 Jin Hun Nim's 35th Birthday
- 28 Shin Bok Nim's 16th Birthday

FOUNDER'S DISCOURSE ON UNIFICATIONISM

Farewell Remarks at Closing of WCSFIII

by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

This speech was given at the Closing Banquet of WCSFIII, Washington Hilton and Towers, Nov. 29, 1997. The interpreter was Rev. Peter Kim. These are unofficial notes taken by Tyler Hendricks.

Some of you probably are seeing me for the first time, and had heard that I am a monster with horns. But as you look at me, you see I am a handsome man. You may not think I am handsome, but God thinks I am. Therefore He gives me a mission to deal with the world's problems. The organizations' representatives gave me gifts, and as you remember, our goal was 39.6 million couples, but we reached 70 million. This was by God.

In reality, there is no difference between you and me. The only difference may be that I have a direct connection to God. There have been many historians and leaders, none of whom have been successful. But if we connect to God, we can solve all the world's problems. And yet, have you seen God?

We all have love, life, conscience, and sperm or egg within us to bequeath our lineage. Have you seen any of these things? We have them, but don't see them. Where is God? How can we ask that, if we cannot see these other things but know they exist? What is God? He is the origin of love, of life and of lineage. The origin of the conscience is God, too. To find God, we must pour out every ounce of our life, love, conscience for others. Then we find God.

Godism

The purpose of religion is to find God, so religious people should be sacrificial, living for others. Why? It is because you cannot feel your own life, love lineage and conscience, and if you enjoy these by yourself, people consider you crazy. It is only in relation to your partner, that you encounter these hidden essences. In fact, they will emerge and explode with you both together. Then you become one, uniting together. You can explode and become one with your partner. You need them all mobilized in order to become one with your partner.

Will your love, life, lineage and conscience demand that your partner give their love, life, lineage and conscience to you, or will they leap out to your partner, rushing forward head first? Have you experienced that? They rush forward all together and your partner cannot resist. Amen. Once you experience these things in God, then you will always be hanging around God, glued to Him. You will have no choice in this.

The root of love, life, lineage and conscience is our parents, and our ultimate parent is God. On that point, we can be united. Even Adam and Eve will be totally united with us. I am the fruit of all the unification of my parents and ancestors. If I unite with God, then they all and the universe will follow me. Beginning with God and Adam and Eve, all the saints and sages are here. This is Godism. Godism is that God teaches us how to unify man and woman as such. Through what can we unite them? Through Godism. That is the teaching of Godism.

Do husband and wife want to be united, not separated? [Yes.] It is the same

for parents and children. Once we are truly united with God, nothing can separate us as husband and wife, parents and children. Such an ideal couple goes to the Kingdom of God on Earth and Heaven. Godism is the way of the Garden of Eden with no fall.

Created for Our Partner

The worst disease is to not know God. The symptom of this disease is communism, humanism, the common liberal thinking. What is the medicine to cure this? Knowledge? Money? Power? God does not need these. What does God need? God has life, love, lineage and conscience which He cannot activate by Himself. He needs the love partner to help Him activate this force. Is the partner a monkey? Is it material?

Why are we born? Man is born for women, and woman for man. No one disagrees with this, because this is God's teaching. Universal law takes away those who disagree. Homosexuality is a problem bigger than war because its universal practice will destroy humankind in a generation.

Man and woman have nothing belonging to themselves. To whom do the woman's breasts belong? To the children. Women usually have well-developed hips and they shake them. These hips exist for the sake of their children and future generations, so that your baby in the womb will have a comfortable life there. Your womb belongs to your children.

Your face's soft skin is liked by your husband, not yourself. Also the unique organ that man doesn't have is for your husband. What is your own? Everything is there for your husband, vertically, and looked at horizontally everything is for your children. Do you menstruate for yourself, because you enjoy doing that once a month? It is so you can change your blood, and replace it with new blood. So, a woman who tries to live cut off from others will perish.

You all need your nation. A nation is born not on the basis of individuals but of families. Without Americans understanding that their nation was born on the foundation of families, this great nation will perish.

Then who owns your sexual organ? Your spouse. If anyone disagrees, show your hands and I will ask you a question. No hands. It means you all are brainwashed by Rev. Moon. Do you feel bad or good? There is only one key to your sexual organ. It is owned by your absolute, unchanging and eternal spouse.

The Human Condition

We all are broken machines, no matter how handsome we may be. God never found an ideal man, therefore, no ideal family or nation exists yet. The fall resulted in the loss of God's family and nation. If there is Satan, will he want what God and human beings want most? He will go after the treasure most valuable to God and human beings. What is it? It is God's love and human

love.

The origin of God's absolute love and human love should be one point. Absolute and absolute meet at one point. The Bible calls Satan the father of fallen man, and king of the fallen world. He took everything from God; God has no possessions. What did God lose? Love.

Human beings lose love because we have two fathers. We have the wrong lineage. Lineage is the line which comes through life and love. We inherited false life and love, hence we inherited false lineage. If Adam and Eve had commit-



The "mansei" at the conclusion of the celebration of True Parents' birthday in Seoul, Korea

ted some crime other than the misuse of love, God could have married them first, then sent them out.

God lost His beloved son and daughter. The fruit is a symbol. They fell as youths. Therefore, immorality has spread all over the world among young people. This is the family of Adam all over the world, full of free sex and homosexuality. If you follow this, your country will be doomed to perish. If the first love is lost, all kinds of social crimes result.

All of us desire to reach the top. It has never been fulfilled. Have you seen free sex animals or homosexuals? This is a warning. Man's symbol belongs to his wife. If you misuse it, you are a thief. God is absolute love, absolute sex. This is Godism; it is the eternal reality. If you really understand this, then your trip here was well worth it. Without this, all the conferences are not worth anything.

Headwing Unites Left and Right

The second thought is Headwing ideology, which unites left and right. God should have been on right, but fall pushed Him to the left hand side. Adam and Eve went left instead of right. Cain was left and Abel right. So God hated Cain, although He originally wanted to work through the first son. God fell to the bottom and worked through second son.

The division of left and right in the modern world started from Jesus' crucifixion. The right hand thief was the first to go into paradise. Rev. Moon has fought communism, not to kill them but

to unite them. Also he is working to uplift America, so that America can overcome communism and its residue. Communism influenced Christianity. Christianity should be the bride's position. Democracy is to show humankind the right way, centering on God through the Messiah. The right way is through good parenting, through all people having a parental heart toward others.

Developed countries must embrace the undeveloped countries. If I had been received after World War II, then the human race would be in good shape now. But Christianity rejected Rev. Moon.

Headwing will unite and lead the world. The base is our families. To take back what we lost and restore the youth. Centering on Godism and Headwing, Rev. Moon has been working his entire life to restore the true family and change the blood lineage from Satan to God. We have to reverse it. To practice Godism, invest and forget about yourself, just as God did when He created humankind. If you lose your life, you will be saved. Invest everything to recreate yourself. This is greater than a parents' love for their children.

To sacrifice for your family is filial piety. To sacrifice for your nation is to be a patriot. To sacrifice for the world is to be a saint. To sacrifice for heaven and earth is to be a divine son and daughter. This is the same message Jesus taught. I do not give in order to gain recognition. Those who practice extreme selfishness will benefit if they understand all that I have been saying. I am giving a warning. I want to liberate the young people.

The Purpose of WCSF

You can grow to become as God. God wants to bequeath to someone on His level. Living for others is Godism and Headwing. Why did Rev. Moon spend so much money on the WCSF? To educate you about this. If this succeeds, it is worth it. These meetings are set up in order to create true families and a true nation. The purpose of the Blessing is to cut off Satan's lineage. There will be no trace of hatred and immorality, and we will live with each other in peace and freedom through God's true love lineage in True Parents. The lineage was switched before the fall, so God could not intervene. It was as if a bride was on her way to meet her husband but ran away to meet Satan.

The Blessing solves problems of right and left, race, economy, culture, and so forth. This is because of God, not Rev. Moon. When you return home, inspire your nation. I am establishing many organizations for world peace, including martial arts and literature. As communism followed democracy, democracy will follow Godism and Headwing.

Please apply these ideas fully. Please work hard to build the true family, country and world. May God be with you. ❖

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the answers to all questions were not provided, but I don't think anyone attended with that in mind."

Another said, "For myself, it was a most refreshing meeting and I realized that at least there is a consensus about the questions we are all asking."

The conference opened with remarks by Dr. Hendricks and Dr. Theodore



Shimmyo. Farley Jones served as the master of ceremonies, and brought a wonderful spirit of recognizing the value of each person's thoughts and contribution. Two plenary meetings on Saturday morning followed. The first, focusing on reflections from RFK, was presented by Neil Salonen, Tom Ward and Andrew Wilson. After questions and answers and short discussions, a second plenary discussed Evangelism and Marketing the Blessing, with presentations by Sheri Reuter, Go Ezaki, Dan Fefferman and Mitch Dixon.

Some very interesting areas were explored. For example, Dan Fefferman



shared with us that America's goal of 40 million couples, taken as a percentage of all married couples in America, represents a greater market share than that of Coca Cola. (Perhaps even greater than Microsoft, I thought, or the U.S. Postal Service.) Dan pointed out that this kind of market share only gets achieved through "a serious commitment to mass marketing. It simply

cannot be achieved by our current membership going out door to door or at sign-up tables."

The afternoon sessions were broken down into six areas: Blessing 98 Program Design, High Level Outreach, Financial Planning, Youth, Singles and Matching, Media Strategies and the Education of Blessed Couples. In the evening we heard summaries from each group leader.

Sunday morning we had pledge, followed by the reading of Father's words, and then we had group discussions. Rev. Ki Hun Kim of Chicago — who has achieved noteworthy success building constructive relationships with Christian ministers — then spoke at Sunday Service. The meeting concluded with reports by the Sunday morning group leaders and final observations.

Throughout the conference, two recurring issues seemed most prominent:

1. What is the relationship between HSA and FFWPU?
2. What approaches are acceptable in giving the blessing?

I was personally asked to speak on "high-level outreach". I pointed out to the organizers that I did no high-level outreach for the RFK blessing, and in fact my overall outreach experience had been limited. It was suggested, however, that I talk about my CAUSA experiences, and I agreed to. I thought that I would be a radical voice, since I intended to raise the issue of the current transition of the Unification movement. However, I need not have been anxious about that, since by the time the first round of speakers had finished, the current state of what I perceive to be confusion and

and ask of You.

Such a blessing from God, to welcome the new year of 1998, at the time of the 31st True God's Day, with the accomplishment of the blessing of 360 million couples, bringing the liberation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, which can cut off the satanic blood lineage. Please grant the appearance of the Kingdom of Heaven where we can praise the victory and glory of the realm of the fourth Adam. I fervently ask and desire Your permission to establish one victorious way for the Unification soldiers who can march forward looking for the grace of blessing with the whole

transition problems in our movement had been pretty well aired. (Other speakers on high-level outreach, including Phillip Schanker, had plenty of hands-on experience at it prior to RFK.)

Essentially all of the serious issues which I feel need to be looked at were raised at the meeting. These issues are not amenable to simple resolution, but I regard the meeting as a first effort to bring a thoughtful yet passionate "democratic" approach to bear on the movement's challenges.

As another participant observed, "Participants, in my view, did not hold anything back. The frankness of all in attendance was very refreshing and I attribute the unusual openness to the format of the meeting. I was impressed by the passion, boldness and honesty of the many wonderful individuals I shared this weekend with. I felt strongly that these people, who I call my brothers and sisters, are some of the best people the world has ever known. Collectively among us there were centuries of effort and experience."

I should say that many approaches to life and the UC were on display over the weekend. For example, the viewpoint that there are no problems, we just need to buckle down and believe, was voiced by some. Another viewpoint — that the only real problem is that we are all so distant from the level of Father — was voiced. However, those were not the only views expressed, and there was an abundance of appreciation for very real issues.

Let me close by relating the very emotional experience I had during the small group meeting that took place on Sunday morning. The first person in our little group expressed a view that if we all buckled down, miracles could occur. The second person acknowl-

body, the entire direction, absolute power and authority, and omnipotence.

Father, bright 1998 came to us. I fervently ask and desire Your permission that everyone can be victorious soldiers and determine their minds, stretch out their bodies and embrace the universe with all their hearts, so that they can engraft the whole universe to the lovely original palace, with filial piety before God, together with all things, children and parents.

As we receive this glorious New Year, we start a new day and, at the same time, start a new year. I fervently ask and desire Your permission that every-

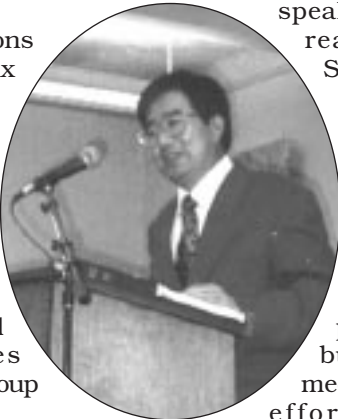
one can leave the seed which can connect 365 days to the Father's glorious day.

Father! I fervently ask that the blessing of this year that came with a promise can fully pour out the realm of heavenly victory in Heaven and on earth. I wish Your permission that this moment can be the time of the declaration of congratulation for victory in the name of Parents and in the name of God and, at the same time, can bind together the continuity of grace. I declare and pray this in the name of True Parents. Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!

ist who was not there but heard about the conference commented, however, "Such concentrations of hearts and minds, where mature members can engage in honest discussion of the problems, can lead to some radical conclusions, as people discover that their perceptions are widely shared. The difficulty comes in trying to implement changes afterwards." ❖

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REV. JOONG HYUN PAK

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Above all else in this year of 1998 we should have the attitude of deeply appreciating the True God; to love Him, to be proud of Him and to accomplish our mission of blessing 360 million couples. This is our privilege and honor and for this we can have a heart of gratitude.

For this reason, we should appreciate the Trinity of the True God and the True Parents, because they have provided for us this great opportunity to play a part in history. They have allowed us to participate in this great period of time; they have afforded us the chance to offer dedicated hearts and sacrificial service and they have truly given us the chance to taste victory. We have to feel deep gratitude to them for this.

At the close of 1997, seventy million couples had been blessed worldwide! That means 140 million people took a stand for marriage and family, against a selfish lifestyle. This turning point is a great miracle and a great victory.

What is the meaning of "gratitude"? It means "appreciation"—to be so sincerely appreciative toward someone for what they have given to you, done for you or been for you that you just long to give something in return and cannot rest until you do. That is gratitude.

If we receive love, protection and benefits, whether it be from God and True Parents, our family, our community, nation or world, we naturally reciprocate with our appreciation; the attitude of appreciation is very important. This is our responsibility. And we must have a joyful attitude. True Christians, True Unificationists, true believers of all faiths should always have a joyful attitude. We receive so much True Love so we must learn and practice how to express a heart of gratitude.

Christian example

Two thousand years ago Christians underwent such fearful persecution from the Roman Empire but they always maintained their joyful attitude. Today, since we are given so much benefits of the age, it should be our natural response to serve and attend with joy; to have an appreciative attitude that we are so privileged to be living in this day when Heaven and Earth are coming together and that we can play a part in the history of it.

Jesus Christ always expressed appreciation to God. He always demonstrated his deep gratitude to God. Whenever God answered his prayers, Jesus was so appreciative. At the Last Supper, before he gave wine and bread to his disciples, he gave appreciation to God. So we can say that Jesus Christ was a man of true love and a man of appreciation.

True Father has always taught us to appreciate God, and he himself has consistently, without fail, demonstrated this appreciation to the Heavenly Father. Any victory which has ever been achieved, True Father has given the credit to God, always honoring the Father.

And True Father has always appreciated us. He has always rewarded victory and success, and he has always

given compassion and encouragement when we have failed.

God always takes care of us. We need to grow up. Children, for example, stop crying and fretting when parents satisfy their desires; this is how they show appreciation to their parents. Very simple. But as adults, we should not need to receive in order to express appreciation. Rather, we should make offerings of sacrifice for our parents, comforting their hearts and bringing them hope. This is a mature way of showing appreciation. And this is how we practice True Love toward God and toward all others.

Influence of Spirit World

In the *Exposition of the Divine Principle*, it says that "God and the good angels and good spirits will bring us a sense of peace and the sense of righteousness" (p. 71). When we feel these things, we naturally feel a joyful response to God. On the other hand, if evil spirits are influencing us, we will not feel any appreciation and joy toward God; rather we are more likely to feel anxiety, fear and selfishness.

This year, we can expect our restored ancestors to come down to Earth and work with us. As this happens, it is best for us to have have right attitudes and right hearts—hearts of appreciation, hearts of peace, harmony and happiness. St. Paul said in the New Testament "the fruit of the spirit is love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control..." (Gal. 5:22); all of which create a good attitude. These are attributes which are evidenced in our lifestyle, our character and personality.

I try to show appreciation to my wife. Sometimes I bow to my wife in order to express all my gratitude to her. Between husband and wife, they must each think: "without him, without her, I am only half a microcosm; with him, with her, I am a complete microcosm. My perfection comes from my spouse." That must be our thinking. Through our eternal mate, we experience True Love. "Without my spouse, I am completely handicapped."

God, indeed, gives us the chance to practice True Love through our partner. We can grow up through our spouse to reach perfection.

True Father uses the words Love and True Love in a different way. From Greek, we get the word *eros*. From God we get true *eros*, not satanic *eros*. To experience True Love we serve, sacrifice and dedicate ourselves without selfish motives. If we simply experience love without true love, it might be immoral and selfish. But as we learn by giving without thinking or giving and forgetting—*agape* love—between all human beings, we move to the God-centered level of physical love—*eros*—to be enjoyed between husbands and wives.

Family Pledge

When we recite the Family Pledge, all seven verses are centered on "our family" and "true love." Through this True Love, we reach our perfection. In

our homes, we express physical love in many ways; but this in itself is not enough to reach perfection. It must be combined with unselfish True Love within the community and beyond.

In Pledge #2 "Our family pledges to represent and become central to Heaven and Earth by attending True God and True Parents; we will perfect the dutiful way of filial piety in our family, patriotism in our nation, saints in the world, and divine sons and daughters in Heaven and Earth, by centering on True Love." How can we become filial sons and daughters in the family, patriots in the nation, saints in the world and divine sons and daughters of God? By practicing True Love.

At Chungpyung Training Center now,



Cutting the cake at True Parents' birthday celebration in Seoul, Korea

participants are able to see their own internal spiritual personality. Each person can see his or herself and how poor and miserable they might really be in spirit. It is an awakening call to quickly liberate ourselves and to become more united and obedient to God's word. Heaven is trying so hard to make us divine sons and daughters.

In our tribal messiahship, we represent Adam and Eve's position, true parents' position, king and queens' position, ancestors' position. God and True Parents have given us this honor and position. We become a central family. Through a central family balance comes, from all directions, north, south, east, west. The central family practices sacrificial and dedicated love toward others. This is vertical love.

As true tribal messiahs, we love the family; we love our nation and continent, and love this world, beyond race, religion, and culture; and we serve people and live for the sake of the people by giving the blessing to the people. We do not refer to ourselves as saints, but future generations will. They will say "Saint so and so did so and so."

We strive for the highest crown: to become divine sons and daughters of God. To be a divine child is to be one in Spirit with God; to feel His joy and His pain as the True Parent; to be in harmony with Heaven and Earth, His creation; and to taste the sweetness and wonder of familyship with Him, even becoming His friend as we grow older. We become engrafted into God's Lineage. We become True Children of God. God becomes our True God and

comes to live among us on the Earth. We become God's partners of True Love.

In all seven points of our Family Pledge, we say "centering on True Love" not "centering on love." In the past two years, True Father absolutely has given us the opportunity to go out and put True Love into practice. For this we are grateful.

Vertically, we appreciate God and True Parents; horizontally, we appreciate and can be grateful for brothers and sisters. Without each other we cannot accomplish our responsibilities. In everything we do, we depend on each other. We need each other. We can help each other, encourage and appreciate each other.

The new generations

We also need to appreciate our Second and Third Generations. We are always sacrificing them in order to serve others. For the most part, they are uncomplaining. They live a pure lifestyle. They gave blessings with us. They know we are providing for them a safe and pure atmosphere, free from Satan. They are saviors for us. We have to appreciate our children. They hold the keys to our kingdom. For our physical love (*eros*) our spouse holds the key. We most certainly must appreciate our spouse for this reason.

For those couples who accepted the blessing from us, we are grateful. How would we have had the opportunity to practice True Love? And how else could we have fulfilled the 3.6 and 36 million couple Blessing without them? We should always look for the things for which we can be grate-

ful.

With tears we show love for God and True Parents and express how truly we grateful we are for them. They are steering us in the right path to build the Kingdom on Earth and in Heaven.

When we see the movie *Titanic* we see all the people on this gigantic, beautiful ship eating, drinking, dancing, loving, with no idea that just moments away their destiny would change completely. Some on board were happy, some had problems; some were high society on the higher decks, others were lower society on the lower decks; but when the ship hit the iceberg, they all met the same destiny!

We might compare the *Titanic* to America. What is going on right now on this gigantic, beautiful ship America? Who is really concerned with this ship America? The captain of the *Titanic* was spaced out; his pride and ego got in the way of his good sense and wisdom. Is the leadership in America spaced out? God and True Parents are not spaced out. And those who value God and True Parents are not spaced out either. Some are trying to save the ship.

American people are amazingly creative. The same people who can produce such a powerful, technically brilliant, expensive movie as *Titanic* can surely also find creative, interesting and exciting ways to bring God's blessing to millions of people. We have much work to do. Let our hearts be joyful and let our hearts be eternally grateful for what we have and what we can do. ❖

SPORTSFEST ...

by Claude Aubert—Washington, DC

The SportsFest started at 10 am in the Washington DC convention center on November 30. The 10,000 capacity hall was almost full.

MC Mike Balcomb kicked off the opening ceremony with the Entry of the Sports Fest Athletes, and the Flag Parade of the Nations, World CARP President Jin Hun Park introduced the founder Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Father spoke in English about the WCSF, the importance of chastity and purity, as well as the importance of the 360 Million Couples Blessing. Father speech was followed by his cutting of the victory cake for the WCSF and the SportsFest.

Then the audience was treated to some delightful entertainment. The Eastern High School Marching Band which had already performed at RFK the day before, again inspired the audience, and as they were marching out, an announcement was made that Father

had just decided to donate \$20,000 to this marching band, with the wish that they may become the best marching band in the country.



Step Africa! gave local youth a chance to demonstrate their step dance techniques, while the DC Double Dutch League introduced the audience to the art of double Dutch (rope jumping). Five or six different teams of Martial artists displayed their techniques, and the George Mason University Cheer

leading Team had 5 strong young men throw five young ladies in the air and catch them again over and over.

The highlight of the entertainment was Duo Design. These two Polish acrobats were awesome. While one acrobat was balancing on one arm with his hand resting on the head of the other acrobat, the other acrobat slowly changed from a sitting position to standing up. And more unbelievable stuff like that. It was really something.

The Pure Love Finale was a performance of Pure Love kids dancing and acting while a narrator explained shortly about the goals of the PLA and the PLA summer tour.

Then the first part was over and there was a lunch break. The second part consisted of "The Game of Legends," a celebrity basketball game

hosted by singer Johnny Gill. Among the players of "The Legends" were former Harlem Globetrotters Tyrone "Hollywood" Brown and Curly Neal. Somehow David Eaton from the New York City Symphony had also ended up in this team!

All in all the SportsFest was exciting, though, with some real highlights during the entertainment of the morning, and an excited, youthful spirit of all the local and international participants. ❖



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ed participants to begin a sumptuous lunch.

A little while later, Fannie Ladybird Ray, a former NAACP woman of the year, introduced Barney Webster from the Dance Theater of Harlem. Barney delighted everyone with his creative dance interpretations of "I Believe I Can Fly" (Rev. Al Sharpton's theme song) and "Amazing Grace".

Before his speech Rev. Sharpton received a Family Federation Leadership Award, presented by Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, continental Director of the Family Federation for Unification and World Peace. Rev. Sharpton, alluding to the recent scandals plaguing the White House, cautioned clergy to "look in the mirror" before rushing to judge the President. He urged those present to work for resurrection of the family in New York by participating in Blessing '98 in New York. At the conclusion

of his speech, Rev. Sharpton presented an award from the Coalition for Harmony to Rev. Pak

Linda Haft, a representative of Free Teens, an abstinence program for teens, offered an overview of a two-part slide presentation. Afterwards, several clergy signed up for a presentation in their churches.

In his keynote address, Rev. Pak reiterated several themes from his recent message to the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention. He reminded the audience of the history-making event on November



29, 1997 at RFK Stadium - Blessing '97. Then, utilizing Biblical themes (Revelation 22, in particular), he explained why only "true families" can enter the Kingdom of God. God is love, and love exists in a relationship. God wants to live with us and to experience love with and through us. Joy and happiness come from the give and take of

love - fundamentally in a family. The family of God is the multi-colored love-race. Rev. and Mrs. Moon, through the inspiration of God, started the True Family World Movement, the center-

piece of which is the Blessing. On June 13, 1998, 360 million couples all around the world will rededicate their marriages. New York City will be one of the locations where this will take place. Rev. Pak exhorted those religious leaders present to join forces to bring this great moral revolution to New York.

Later, several community leaders from Harlem were recognized for their contributions to their communities. Harlem notables Ann Bradshaw, Ruby Kitchen and Preston Wilcox received handsome wooden plaques from the Family Federation.

The luncheon concluded after all participated in a toast of Holy Wine in which married couples pledged absolute fidelity to one another, and singles pledged sexual purity, preserving themselves for their future marriage partner. Everyone was urged to bring this marriage rededication Blessing to their local church and community. ❖



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... at WCSF III

TESTIMONIES

by Lane Cowin

From the beginning, the SportsFest was a crazy whirlwind of stress punctuated by many, many ringing phones. My responsibility for the event was to put together a women's soccer team for North America and to make sure they won. For a while, I thought that this was the most important thing I had to accomplish. As the team's captain, I was responsible for making sure everyone got to the practices, got to the games, had the right equipment, and had the right attitude.

This wouldn't have been so hard to accomplish if all of the girls on the team were Second Generation or members of CARP. But of the twelve of us who played, over half were high-school students from Virginia and Maryland. Many times, these girls were uninspired in practice, or reluctant to commit to some specific schedule. They had to be pushed and cajoled into participating as a team, and were told time and time again to focus. Some always

arrived late, most liked to wander off when unsupervised. If I didn't keep my eye on them, they would disappear during half-time and wouldn't show up until after the third quarter.

I desperately wanted the SportsFest to be a good experience for them. I was really worried that our program might seem unorganized or unsophisticated. There were many nights when I seriously told myself: "Why don't you just tell your central figure that the soccer team isn't ready to play and it's better just to cancel that event?" I didn't even know if the girls would have fun.

But I didn't realize the power behind this type of endeavor. I had heard Jin Hun Hyung Nim speak to us about how we were trying to create a global family where young men and women from literally around the world competed together as athletes, friends, and eventually brothers and sister. Jin Hun Hyung Nim had said that the SportsFest would create powerful memories. That the thing you would remember most was not the games you played but the people you met.

I watched the team as the event started. By the end of the tournament, all of them were really enjoying themselves. I could see them spread out across the sidelines, laughing and talking with people who came from countries we could barely spell, much less find them on a map. The North American team did end up winning the soccer event. We swept the tournament, undefeated and unscored upon. But I believe that these girls left with a lot more than a gold medal around their necks.



by Hoon Pal Joo

'Come on, Oldman, just five more minutes...' My tired body betrayed me as such evil words of mind and body disuni-

ceasing naggings, I gave myself up to my uncomfortably strong conscience and was met with Shinji-san's (our Central Figure at DC CARP) usual evil grin and a "Good morning, brothers and sisters..."

Now, every morning God and Satan duke it out in a fierce divine battle on my heavy eyelids as I try to keep awake during our Central Figure's (Shinji-san) "inspiring" morning service. A half hour later, relieved, as I claim yet another victory for the Man Upstairs, we finally reached the "thank you, let us pray..." But the day had just started warming up...

From there, we grab a quick breakfast of bare onion bagel on-the-go. Then



ty were carelessly muttered out of my mouth towards my sudden attacker who jerked me from my sweet slumber.

"What do you mean, 'Come on'? Get up, you spoiled kids..." Came the sharp reply from the dark figure shaking me ever so violently as if trying to get rid of my evil spirits with a modified Chung-Pyung treatment. The broken Janglish was unmistakably that of my WCSF volleyball coach, Masaki-san, whom I, more often than I probably should, refer to as the "Oldman."

The time was 6 o'clock, at the crack of dawn, an unusually late wake-up call for us selected "lucky"



few who were chosen to represent North America in the Third World Cultural and Sports Festival last November. Why so late? It was a Saturday, our easy day...

As I groggily climbed out of my CARP standard-issue 1 1/2-in. thick sponge bed, unable to withstand one more second of the Oldman's "fatherly love," another full day of complete self-denial had already begun. Half-longing to jump back into the carefully body-warmed

a rigorous four-hour practice follows at a local recreation center. Usually, when we first arrive at the center, some start shooting the basketballs, some start stretching, some try to catch up on the news of the outside world on the big screen TV in the lobby. For me, the first few precious minutes were usually spent trying to get in touch with God in a deep "meditation." The key word is: trying to. As soon as my eyes close, the Oldman is on top of me again, giving me some more of his "modified Chung-Pyung treatment."

Actually, I never blamed him—none of us did. In the past two Han Ma Dang



games, Korea and Japan had dominated the volleyball event. The pressure was on, especially since none of us had any actual organized-volleyball playing experience, except Masaki-san of course.

The vigorous practice was followed by three hours of WCSF promotions, followed by a lecture again by our inspiring CF Shinji-san, which was in turn followed by a two-hour DP study/lecture practice. After closing meeting, lights out at midnight.

So what's the whole point of me listening our arduous, seemingly-almost unfair daily schedule? Am I complaining

to any should who would care to listen, about my lost hours of precious slumber? Or am I even trying to gain some undeserved applause and attention from our Unificationist clan for our silver medal? No, and no. My only wish in sharing with you today my timeless experiences as a WCSF participant is to convey to you readers one life-changing lesson I learned from this event: that of disciplining my mind and body so that I can become an absolute convoy to God's love, will and strength. That of learning to think and work for the benefit of my fellow brothers and sisters, not just for myself. I have not only learned but lived the ideal of everything this movement stands for: the value of self-sacrifice for the sake of God-centered unity. Looking back, I am forever indebted and grateful to God and True Parents for this lesson and will gladly take up the sacrifices again if given another opportunity. ❖

PROVIDENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF HOON DOK HAE

by Prof. Taek Young Oh—Barrytown, NY

This is an excerpt from a Korean article translated by H. Sakai and edited by B. Lancaster. Dr. Oh is a professor at the Unification Theological Seminary Barrytown, New York

On September 1, 1997, at the celebration of the ninth anniversary of the "Proclamation of Heavenly Parentism" at Belvedere, True Father proclaimed a "New Start." He instructed all blessed families to set aside one hour each morning from 6:00 to 7:00 to recite the Family Pledge, then read *Blessing and the Ideal Family; Way of God's Will*; and the three providentially important speeches: "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation," "In Search of the Origin of the Universe" and "True Family and True Universe Centering on True Love."

On October 3, in Uruguay, True Father added the speech "True Family and I" and *God's Will and the World* to the selected material to read. On October 13, True Father named the daily morning reading session *Hoon Dok Hae*. He also emphasized many times the importance of Hoon Dok Hae at the International Leaders' meeting, which was held right after the celebration of the 38th True Children's Day on November 1.

The reason why True Father has emphasized the importance of the Hoon Dok Hae is that since the Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth, the direction of God's providence has shifted from the Age of the Divine Principle as the utmost priority to the Age of Living Life with True Parents being the highest priority (True Father, East Garden, Sept. 13, 1997).

Reaching the point where all humankind will become blessed families, True Father desires to build the ideal world centered on these blessed families. He is expecting every blessed household, through participating in the Hoon Dok Hae, to realize the new tradition which True Father has established, and to live a life of oneness with the True Family.

True Father's thought in the Hoon Dok Hae, will remain as a new tradition in every blessed family and can be understood through examining the characteristics of God's Providence from the Declaration of the Realm of the Cos-

mic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth on August 9 (July 7 lunar) given on True Children's Day November 1. These characteristics are: the time to freely receive True Parents' words, the time to become one with True Parents, and the establishment of the ideal world centered on the blessed families.

Providential Background

Since the Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for Parents of Heaven and Earth, God's providence



Father, on his Hoon Dok Hae tour of Korea, speaking at Pusan.

has been progressing rapidly as if one day was equivalent to a thousand years. After that declaration, True Father held a special meeting for 200 pre-blessed couples in Alaska, emphasizing the essence of faith, and that faith "should not simply end with just believing and knowing, but it should flower into a life of attending God."

True Father, after declaring the "New Start" at Belvedere on September 1, said "Even though people do not know, we have already entered into God's direct dominion," beginning with the Holy Wedding ceremony of Young Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim on September 6. Following that, at 7 o'clock on the morning of September 11 at East Garden, the Age of the Realm of the Fourth Adam was declared. This declaration became possible because of the Holy Wedding of Hyung Jin Nim, the youngest son of True Parents.

The Age of the Realm of the Fourth Adam means that the True Family restored the same position as that where Adam and Eve could receive the Blessing, reaching their perfection without the fall, and that every blessed family must attend the True Family, and practice the heavenly way of life in order to accomplish the original ideal family which Adam and Eve were supposed to realize through receiving the Blessing.

In the Age of the Realm of the Fourth

Adam, the life of attending True Parents is more important than knowing the Divine Principle. On September 14 at Belvedere, True Father emphasized many times how important it is to attend the True Family and to live together with them. This speech has the longest title in Unification Church history: "Let us (1) believe True Parents; (2) know True Parents; (3) live together with True Parents; (4) become one in True Love with the True Family; and 5) start to live a life in the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth." As expressed in this title, we have to experience the heart of True Parents both internally and externally as if it were our own, and "to start living a life in the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth as the way that all blessed families who live in the Age of the Realm of the Fourth Adam should practice" (True Father, Nov. 11, 1997, Belvedere).

Becoming one with the Word

The tradition of becoming one, centered on True Parents' Words, began with the True Family. At East Garden, centering on True Parents, they started reading the Words from the end of August 1997. Through this reading, True Parents began to educate the True Children directly. Until that time, True Parents were not able to educate their children directly because of the providential reason that they had to love Cain children first. Now it has become possible for them to teach God's Words directly.

True Parents and True Children have established the tradition of becoming one, centered on the Words. True Parents are expecting every blessed family to inherit this new tradition which began in East Garden and go the way to becoming one with True Family. In order to do this, we must get rid of our past conventional lifestyle. True Parents always think of something new, create new things, and require us to live a proper life corresponding to these

and traditions. The Israelites who entered into Canaan guided by Joshua, aroused God's wrath because they were influenced and absorbed by the culture of the Canaanites and stained their blood through their relationship with them. The culture and tradition of the Unification Church are neither something that goes along with the conventional culture and tradition, nor can they compromise with the culture. The culture and tradition established by True Parents, are totally new. They are being established from the position of Adam and Eve before the fall, True Father is expecting us to know deeply the fundamental spirit of this culture and tradition through the Hoon Dok Hae.

The standard to evaluate how deeply we are one with True Parents is the Words of True Parents, especially the most recent ones. True Parents emphasized many times that the only words we have to teach (even to those who are pre-blessed) are the Words of True Father that are written in *Blessed Family and the Ideal Kingdom* (True Father, Sept. 21, 1997, Caceras, Brazil; Nov. 1, 1997, International Leaders meeting, East Garden). This is the sole standard of life for blessed families. This is because the Words of that book are based on True Parents' life (True Father, Sept. 13, East Garden).

The fact that True Parents have emphasized the importance of the Hoon Dok Hae and decided that the Words we should read are *Blessed Family and the Ideal Kingdom*, is related to the providential transformation from the age of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity to the age of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. Since the age of the Unification Church was, in one sense, an age of theoretical battles, a logic for those battles was required. The necessary logic for those theoretical battles was Divine Principle, Unification Thought, and Theory of Victory over Communism.

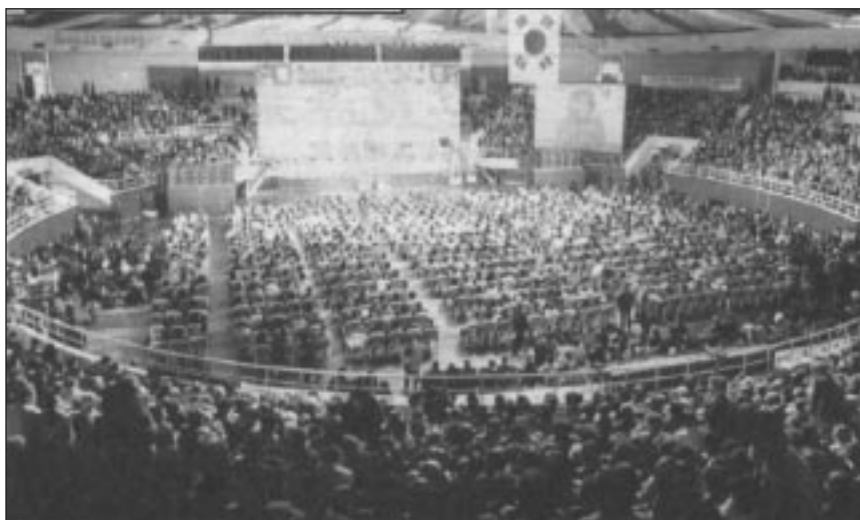
tory over Communism.

The age of the theoretical battle has come to an end, however, and the age of constructing the Kingdom of God on Earth has come. The most important mission of True Parents, ultimately, is not that of becoming the victors in the theoretical battle, but that of building the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, in other words, the Ideal World, which is the Will of God. To do this, the most important thing that we can

do is read the Words of True Parents that are based on the contents of True Parents' life course, and establish a new tradition in our daily life like that of the life of True Parents.

Centering On Blessed Families

True Father instructed that every blessed family should participate in the Hoon Dok Hae between 6 and 7 o'clock every morning. According to True Father, the reason we start at 6 a.m. is because God created humankind on the sixth day. The reason we continue to 7 a.m. is because we must see **HOON DOK HAE** on page 9



The overflow audience in Pusan.

new things. If we keep our past conventional lifestyle for even one day it will be difficult for us to understand True Parents; it will also become painful to accept the Words of True Parents, and it will be more difficult to live according to those Words. Moment by moment, we must deny ourselves, and continually nurture ourselves in order to return absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

In order to become one with True Parents, we should not be influenced or drawn into surrounding cultures

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RYS & WFWP to Co-sponsor School Project in Guatemala

by John Gehring—NYC

A decade ago, the World Student Corp worked to construct two schools in Santiago Atitlan in a mountainous region of Guatemala. In 1998, one of the schools is in desperate need for expansion because of the growing demand from poor villagers seeking a basic education.

On May 14-23, the 4th American Friendship Project will be held in Guatemala and it will include substantial construction work on the expansion of the one of the schools in Santiago Atitlan. The crowded five room school house now can fit 50 students but an equal number of poor local students are currently seeking admission. As a result of this demand the RYS and WFWP are joining together with friends in Guatemala to help construct a second floor to the school.

America's Friendship Projects (AFP):

The RYS and WFWP have been sponsoring the American Friendship Projects which began in 1996 in an effort to bring students and young adults

from the America's together to provide service, share friendship, culture, ideals and faith.

The first American Friendship Project was hosted in Haiti, 1996 and was followed by projects in Honduras and in the Dominican Republic. The 4th AFP being held in Guatemala will involve fifty youth from more than a dozen nations in an effort to deepen links of friendship and promote a future of peace and cooperation.

The Guatemala AFP project will focus on a theme of, "Sharing True Values through Educational Uplift". The project will begin with a two day orientation in Guatemala City on May 14 and will be followed by five days of work service in Santiago Atitlan near beautiful Lake Atitlan which is between three volcanoes.

Participants will work together to help construct the 2nd floor of a rural school house. Immediately following the project participants will be offered an optional two day sightseeing adventure.



The sponsors of the American Friendship Project include the Religious Youth Service (RYS) and the Women's Federation for World Peace. (WFWP). RYS was initiated in 1985 as an international service project that has involved tens of thousands of young adults from over 90 nations in active service and religious cooperation.

RYS has sponsored nearly 70 service projects in twenty seven nations.

The WFWP was inaugurated in 1992 and is a UN registered NGO with chapters in over 180 nations worldwide. The WFWP has had numerous peace activities, promoted service and educational outreach globally. The WFWP has cooperated with the RYS in sponsoring American Friendship Projects since 1996.

If you are from 18 - 28 years of age

the RYS is accepting applications for those who would like to participate in this project. We look forward to involving an increasing number of students and young adults in these exciting adventures. This project, as all RYS projects, depends on the generosity of people like yourself.

4th America's Friendship Project

Guatemala, May 14-23, 1998 (tentative dates). Theme: Sharing True Values through Educational Uplift. Sponsors: The Religious Youth Service, Women's Federation for World Peace. Participants: Ages 18-28. Qualifications: Good health, excellent morals. Language: Either English and/or Spanish.

For more information and application for the RYS, or if you are able to make a monetary donation to support the project, please contact us at:

RYS, 4 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036. Fax 212 869-6424, Phone 212 869-6023 ext 429. e mail at: rys@pipeline.com. Donations by check should be made to IRFF or the IRF with a note that it is to be used for the Guatemala project. ❖

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indemnify humankind's mistake, which made God restless even on the seventh day, that being the day when God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, was supposed to rest (True Father, Sept. 14, Belvedere).

Humankind, after having been created on the sixth day, should have become the embodiment of God, achieving individual perfection according to God's purpose of creation. They should have realized an ideal husband and wife relationship through being ideal spouses and then established the ideal family (True Father, "The Significance of Celebrating July 1", July 1, 1997, Salo Boro Hotel, Brazil). In this way, all humankind, all families, must allow the True God to come and rest in the family as His true place. It is True Parents' desire that we learn how to realize such an ideal through the Hoon Dok Hae.

Through the Hoon Dok Hae, we read True Father's Words again and again, even thousands of times, until we digest all the words which are in Blessed Family and the Ideal Kingdom (True Father, Nov. 1, 1997, International Leaders meeting, East Garden). Based on this foundation, blessed families will become enabled to live naturally and automatically according to the Words. True Father said that after the "Proclamation of the Cosmic Sabbath of Heaven and Earth," the theme of the prayer of blessed families should be: "True Parents! Please enter my mind and dwell there" (True Father, Sept. 28, 1997, Corrientes, Argentina). The content of such a prayer has to be expanded to the levels of husband and wife, family, clan, tribe, nation, world and cosmos.

The Kingdom of Heaven on Earth will start from the point where Satan's lineage is completely eradicated. It is impossible to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth if there remains even a small part of Satan's lineage. There-

fore, True Parents desire that even embryos in their mother's womb drink the holy wine and be cut off from Satan's lineage. The goal of the providence during the next two years is to "cut off Satan's lineage" and to establish the "Blessed Family and the Ideal Kingdom."

Hoon Dok Hae in Korean

On November 1, 1997 at the International Leaders meeting at East Garden, True Father directed all National Messiahs to translate *Blessed Family and the Ideal Kingdom* into the language of their mission country. However, soon after that instruction, he said that every blessed family must read the Words in Korean. He also said that those who do not understand Korean should be able to feel the Heart of True Parents who have emphasized the importance of Korean through the sound of the reading, and that they also must feel the spirit of True Parents which is contained in those Words.

It is apparent that the unification of languages through the Hoon Dok Hae is in True Father's mind. True Father, who has stressed the importance of Korean for the last 13 years, has used every opportunity in order to encourage us to study Korean.

On the occasion of the International Leaders meeting on June 6, 1997 which was held right after the True Day of All Things, True Father spoke for 30 minutes on the importance of Korean. Later, on August 10, He said that leaders who did not speak Korean could not attend International Leaders meetings. On September 1, True Father said that studying Reverend Moon's speeches which were not taken directly from original language has no value. On November 1, He made it very clear that although international marriages will be allowed from the third generation of the True Family, candidates to become spouses of the True Family members must be able to speak Korean. In fact, True Parents have not wanted to use any translation at any International Leaders meetings since August 9, 1997.

The reason True Father emphasizes the importance of studying Korean is because He deeply desires to realize the unification of languages which were divided into many different languages at the time of the Tower of Babel. Members of the Unification Church accept international marriages very easily. True Father worries that if three generations in a row have international marriages, such big families will have difficulties communicating with each other because of language problems whenever all families of three generations gather. In that case, they will agree on speaking True Parent's language in order to solve this communication problem, and that language is Korean. He said that every blessed family must be able to speak Korean because True Parents expect them to speak that language.

New Tradition

The Hoon Dok Hae is a new tradition which True Parents established for all blessed families, responding to the providential shift from the age centered on the Principle to the age centered on Life. True Parents' desire is that every

blessed family will freely receive the Words of True Parents which are the source of Eternal Life, beyond the boundaries of race and nation, by attending the Hoon Dok Hae.

Through their attendance, all blessed families have to become completely one with True Parents and True Family in Heart. And through offering the time between 6 and 7 every morning, every blessed family should invite God and True Parents, who created humankind on the sixth day and wanted to rest on the seventh day in our mind and heart and let them dwell there. Furthermore, by letting God and True Parents settle within our families, the ideal world will be established based on those families. This is the desire of True Parents.

True Parents, with these same things in their own minds, absolutely keep this time without any exceptions. They think that the time of the Hoon Dok Hae is the most valuable time in a day. To follow this new tradition established by True Parents with a joyful and grateful heart is the way that we, all blessed families, are supposed to go. ❖



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Addition to Family Pledge at Leader's Meeting in Korea

On February 3, about 2,000 people including National Messiahs and leaders from Japan and Korea attended an International Leaders Meeting in Chung Ang Training Center, Sutaek Dong, Korea.

The meeting began with the entrance of True Parents. First came reports by President Joon Ho Seuk, President Jeung Og Yu, and Chief Director Chung Hwan Kwak. Rev. Kwak reported that at that moment, 55 million couples have been blessed by virtue of the

activity of the Northeast Continent and Africa Continent. In his report, he also emphasized that the Blessing Ceremony of 360 million couples will be held in 12 major cities around the world on June 13.

Then Father spoke, centering on the theme "God exists from before eternity to the present," and "while one who acts with knowing becomes a subject (the Lord), one who

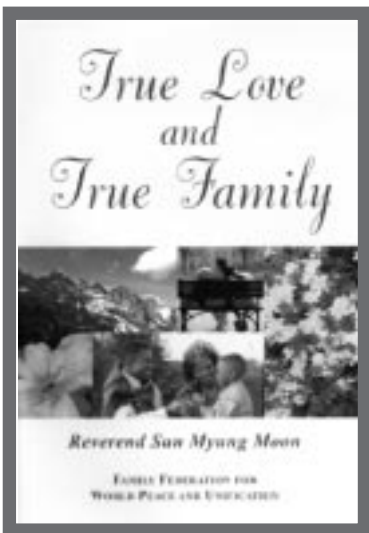
acts without knowing becomes a servant." Following this, True Father added the eighth verse of the Family Pledge as the condition of faith in the Completed Testament Age. ❖

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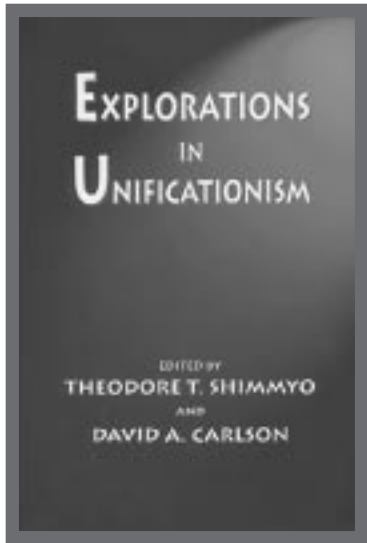
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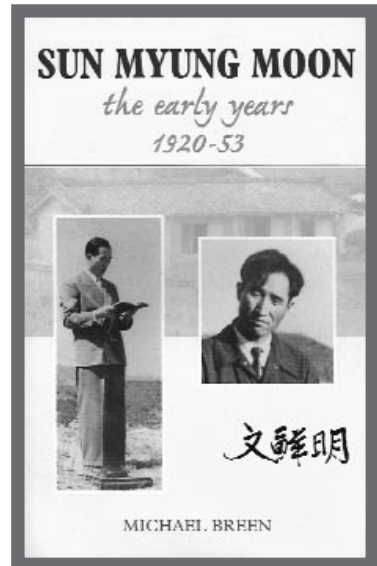
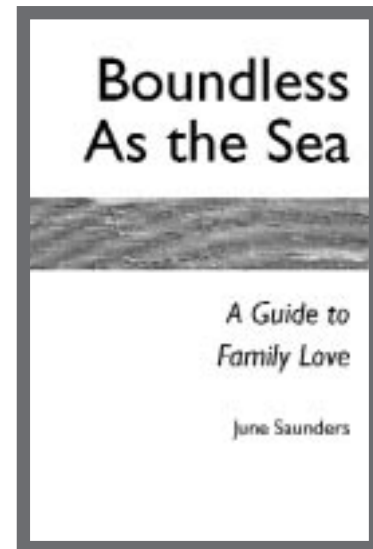
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Testimony to RFK Aired in Bahamas

by Bishop Missick—Freeport, Bahamas

This testimony was given on the Bishop's radio program.

Today we are thankful to God for having just returned from Washington DC attending a conference with my wife. Truly we thank God for His goodness and Blessings, for what our ears have heard and our hearts have felt. We attended the Inter Religious Federation for World Peace, and the address was given by the founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife. We don't know his church so much but we give thanks to God because we learned a lot of things, and we have seen a lot of things.

Now, some folks say that the Rev. Moon only believes in God and doesn't believe in the Son, but the problem is we have a lot of churches in the Bahamas which preach only about Jesus rather than about God. We understand that if the Son set you free you're free indeed. You might not believe in Rev. Missick but if you come to my son for something and he tells you can get it, then I'm not going to say you can't have it when my son just told you that you could. We might not agree with Rev. Moon's religion, but at this conference I saw such a lot. There were people from over 100 different countries representing over 100 different religions from all over the world and I didn't know we had that many different religions.

We were addressed by many different religious groups including Catholic and Protestant. The chairman of this particular meeting was an Anglican from California.

We gained a lot from the address given by Rev. Moon. Some people say that he says he is Jesus, but he never claimed such a thing according to the speech that I have here. He told us about how Jesus came into the world and made his presence felt, and how he had to leave his work to his disciples. Rev. Moon claims to be one of his disciples and doing all he can for the sake of people, preaching to the young people, which is good. He's trained young people around the world, trying to teach young girls to stay out of the way of getting pregnant, and that marriage comes before sex. I think he's getting his message across very well. We need that in the Bahamas, too—because

we have got young girls 20 years old already with three or four children, and so we need someone to teach them how to deal with that. A young girl goes and gets pregnant and then she has problems raising that child on her own, needing money, training and education. We can't have a world of peace whilst these sorts of things are going on. If the family can keep together we can have peace within the world.

The conference meeting on Saturday was led in prayer by a bishop from the Church of God in Christ. We had ministers from all over the world who came to Washington DC to support Rev. Moon in the work of this Inter Religious Federation for World Peace. For Jesus said, "Peace I give unto you—through my Word." We may be separated by our different religions. In Bahamas we have all kinds of religions right now: the Church of God, Seventh Day Adventists, Anglicans, Catholics, Baptists. When the Baptists just started they had problems, because that's the reason we have "Meeting Street" today—because that was their meeting place and they had to hide. So it is like this every time you come up with something new. Jesus came to set us free. He told us to go out into all the world and preach the gospel.

Every year there seems to be a new religion, a new leader, now this, now that—but it seems to me it's all the same, because you know you believe that Jesus came to save us after Adam our forefather took us into darkness.

Jesus came to give us life and that we might have it more abundantly—therefore you have been born again—you don't have a different religion, yet we understand and agree with Rev. Moon that God made the family.

God wants families to be together and then everything will be all right. If we are mixed up in the family there is no peace in that family. If we are mixed up in the home, there can't be any peace.

There are so many mothers, where a man dropped his seed and left that

girl and then she has to go nine months, and then another 18 years before that child is enough to help him/herself. So we need people to teach on these important matters, Amen! So I've learnt a lot, Amen!

Now we also saw the wedding ceremony, too, Glory be to God! We have seen so many people, black, white, brown, yellow, red—Rev. Moon believes in mixing the races, not in segregation. So we saw black marrying white, brown marrying pink, all kinds of colors and races.

This seven days spent in Washington attending the conference, thanks be to God, has been a great experience. Jesus was with his disciples one day when they started to grumble: "Look, these people are using your name and yet they are not with us!" but Jesus rebuked them, saying "Let them be!"

We can't help Rev. Moon, because he has already gone so far. On Saturday that stadium was packed with people. 40,000 of them and just 15 or so demonstrating outside. We had many events take place with religious leaders from all over the world, and this was transmitted live on 56 different channels in the U.S.A. and across the world. Therefore, it has spread so far, all you can do is stay and serve the Lord.

Jesus is coming so, regardless of what religion you are, hold on to your faith, and secondly, have a strong family. If we have strong families we

can have a strong nation. We have strong belief that God sent His son to die that we might have a right to Life. Jesus spent 33 years and then left his disciples, died on the cross, laid out his life. Many will come and go, but thank God for Jesus.

Stay with God. He promised to be with us, to keep us, Amen! So hold on to your belief! Glory be to God!

I remember when the Church of God came to the Bahamas they had problems. I am thinking about that old man, Mr. Rolle, in Exuma, who was put in

jail up there—and his hair turned white overnight. So everyone is faced with separation when they're starting off a ministry.

I always say if it's for God it will stand, but if it's not for God it will come up today and be gone by tomorrow. Jesus said, "Let them all grow together until the reaping day, and then the tares will be separated from the wheat."

Jesus will come by the grace of God, if you're wrong you're wrong and if you're right you'll get paid for whatever you do. So, let's all stand for holiness! Without holiness no man shall see the Lord! I don't care what any man's got, I don't mind what they have or what they're offering you, Amen!

You hold on to God and Jesus' hand. You may not agree with the fellow, you might not like his religion—there are many religions in the Bahamas we might not like—but we can't do anything about it, because here in Bahamas we have freedom of religion according to our constitution and until that is changed we have to allow people to come and help us in this country—we need the gospel to be spread.

I registered at the conference as the Holiness Church of God, so they know I stand for Holiness, and the next minister registered as the True Faith Church of God, and the next as Church of God in Christ and everybody registered their religion. That is why it is the Inter Religious Federation for World Peace.

Everyone has to be at peace with one another, you can't argue with one another, we've got to come together. We can't have strong families if the wife is separated from the husband or the husband is separated from the wife and the children in that situation. If it is like that, we can't have a strong church. So we want to pray, we want to love one another, Amen!

God created us to be together not segregated. At least in the U.S.A., things have changed far from what it was in the '50s. You used to go in the hotel and you would see a black sign and a white sign and we had to go different ways. Today, all those signs are down, everybody is one. So, all denominations were there in Washington DC and I give God thanks that I went and gained that experience. I'm going to talk about it for a long time and so may God bless this morning and may I have said something which will wake something up inside of you, today! ❖

True Parents' Big Web Site Officially Open!

by Gary Fleisher—Denver, CO

True Parents' Birthday heralded the official opening of www.Tparents.org, a world wide web site of True Parents Organization. About 20,000 items about Reverend Sun Myung Moon, his family, his faith, his followers, and his teachings along with thousands of graphics and hundreds of photos are now available 24 hours a day, every day.

Despite its massive size, it is easy to find exactly what you want at www.Tparents.org. The first page you see after entering <http://www.Tparents.org> into your browser has an easy to use menu bar and simple search form.

For instance: just by typing "Bill Clinton" into the search form, abstracts of 13 articles are listed. These articles included speeches by Reverend Moon, Reverend J. H. Pak, Hyo Jin Moon, and articles from the *Unification News*. The *Unification News* articles recorded President Clinton's support of Unification Church activities.

Typing in "Aaron" into a search form listed articles from: *The Tribal Messiah*, by Reverend Sun Myung Moon, Joy Pople's *Bible Stories*, articles for the *Unification News*, *A New Revelation for Mormons at Christ's Second Advent*, *Holy Bible*, Revised Standard version (Old Testament, New Testament and Apocrypha), *World Scripture*, *The Holy Bible*, King James version, Notes on

Rev Ahn's 40 Day Workshop, The Words of Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak, *Exposition of the Divine Principle*, *Divine Principle* 1973 (Black Book), The Words of Professor Taek Yong Oh, and *Outline of The Principle*, Level 4.

You can find exactly what you want, including logos and photos. Entering "RFK" in the search form leads you to articles, speeches and photos of the blessing. Entering "WFWP" in the search form finds articles, speeches, and logos that you can copy onto your computer.

www.Tparents.org began testing in September 1997. www.Tparents.org is the continuation of the Unofficial HSA-UWC BBS. The BBS, founded in 1986 by Reverend Moon, contained a huge

archive of Unificationist material. Only a small part of this material has previously been available on the web. Most web sites lease space, and cannot afford enough space to put the content of the HSA-UWC BBS on line. However, www.Tparents.org owns its own Internet Server, making it possible to hold the whole HSA-UWC BBS and continuous new additions.

www.Tparents.org contains endless information about the ministry of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, his family, and his followers. Email contributions (files not money) to Gary_Fleisher@Tparents.org. When you visit, please leave comments or suggestions. Tparents wants its web site to work for you. ❖

MARRIAGE RENEWAL AND THE HOLY HONEYMOON

by Dr. Tyler Hendricks—NYC

This is an unofficial document, which you may find helpful. A lot of people have worked on it. I offer it until something more official is set forth.

Men and women are meant to become true parents, giving birth to sinless children through godly true love. But we are not one with God, so we are incomplete parents, giving birth to imperfect children. We suffered as children who never received true love from our parents, and we pass our difficulties on to our own children. In our hearts, we long to separate from this lineage of immaturity and selfishness. Through Reverend and Mrs. Moon, God is now bestowing the chance to separate from this unhealthy inheritance and begin completely fresh in our marriage. This means that we can eradicate the lineage of the strife-filled world and create a healthy society, nation and world. We find that health, personally and socially, begins through the perfection of marriage. This is why the commitment to love each other truly within marriage, family and community is the universal value shared by all religions and ethical systems.

It is time to recover the original blessing of love. We believe that this is ours to have today. From that inner renewal of ourselves and our marriages, we can set a foundation for God's blessings to multiply upon our nation and to the entire world. Today, we can take the all-important first step to receive this Blessing. What follows is a simple and basic explanation about how to receive the Blessing.

Affirmations of True Love

Our undertaking begins with a commitment to marriage and its ethical and moral requirements. We invite married couples to support these affirmations of true love and practice them appropriately.

1. Affirming the eternal true love of husband and wife, we rededicate our marriage to God.
2. We will be faithful in marriage forever.
3. We will teach our children sexual purity.
4. We will support all people to uplift sexual purity and marital fidelity, beyond race, nation and religion.

For unmarried youths and singles,

we offer the following affirmations and encourage you to think deeply upon them:

1. Affirming the necessity of sexual purity for my spiritual growth, I will refrain from all sexual relationships before marriage.
2. Following my conscience, when it is time for marriage, I will respect my parents' and/or spiritual elders' guidance in choosing my marriage partner.
3. I will serve as a good example in this for my brothers and sisters, colleagues and friends.
4. I will encourage others in these ideals, beyond race, nation and religion.

For unmarried youths and single, partaking of the holy wine represents one's commitment to these affirmations.

Holy Wine (Nectar) Ceremony

We then partake of a spiritual grace for the Blessing through the Holy Wine (Nectar) Ceremony.

The Holy Wine (Nectar) represents God's love, the original love of the world, which is the root of the lineage of goodness. God's love infuses new life into us as a couple. We are reborn as true parents, inheriting the love, life and lineage of God. This is the redemption of our bodies, as husband and wife together.

Following the Holy Wine or Nectar, pray in gratitude for separation from any wrong-doings of the past, from the evils of this world and its broken history, and for the chance to begin anew.

Holy Blessing

A sprinkling with Holy Water represents your renewal as a husband and wife standing together as a Blessed couple. Again pray, for the new life of yourself, your couple and the world. Joyfully honor the true love you are given to enjoy and take responsibility for as an eternal husband and wife.

Chastening Ceremony: Repentance and Forgiveness

In the Blessing, married couples can cleanse the sin committed between men and women. In man-woman relations, to some degree, we all have erred, as have our ancestors.

To end the resentment, guilt and shame within us, we repent and forgive each other. We symbolize this by gently and with love striking our partner's backside or shoulders three times. Carry this out with a light spirit, grateful for God's mercy and your spouse's understanding. First, the husband chastens

his wife, three times. Next, the wife chastens her husband, three times. As we do this, we determine never to hit each other again.

Commitment for Renewal

By your participation in the Blessing for world peace, you are part of an historical event together with millions of couples all over the world under the love of God. It is the first step toward a destiny in marriage greater than we ever dreamed. What are the next steps? How do we really grow spiritually over the long term? How do we strengthen the spirit, resist temptations, and become true spouses and true parents?

We encourage couples to invest the forty days following the Blessing for the sake of spiritual renewal. The number forty represents purification and offering. Just as Jesus began his mission on the foundation of forty days of fasting, couples who have received the Blessing are asked to make a financial offering and offer a period of sexual abstinence for forty days. Let us consider the purpose of this. We live in an era of excessive permissiveness, justified by saying that human beings cannot control their sexual desires. The Family Federation rejects this demeaning view of the human being. Human beings differ from all other creatures because we are endowed by our Creator with the capacity to postpone sensual fulfillment for the sake of a higher ideal. This capacity for self-restraint allowed the great men and women of history and the world's great civilizations to emerge and prosper.

Civilizations collapse when self-indulgence rather than self-restraint becomes the norm. The Family Federation laments that America, as a nation, is falling into a life style of self-indulgence. We believe that one way we can respond to this is through showing exemplary commitment of husband to wife, wife to husband, and parents to children.

Putting our beliefs into practice, we married couples who have joined the Family Federation show a concrete example of self-restraint to our children and society by voluntarily refraining from all sexual relations for the 40 days which immediately follow the Blessing. We realize that this sacrifice is small when we consider the exemplary followers of the great religions, who lived their lives in celibacy out of their commitment to God. It is also small when we think of the many young people who willingly gave their lives for their country without ever having the opportunity to marry or have a family, so that we might enjoy the blessings of freedom. We make this symbolic offering in respect of that tradition and in a sense of commitment to posterity.

The forty days also is a step in the process of transformation and renewal. It can be a time to re-evaluate, reflect upon and rebuild from the ground up. Even the strongest of marriages can get better, for we are people of love, and love is infinite. But the fact is that most marriages have suffered the stresses and strains of life in the world. This time to focus on renewal can help every marriage. Couples can treat it as reliving their time of engagement, sharing that excitement and anticipation. Marital problems often work out during this time, which is an opportunity for spiritual and marital growth. We offer the following plan for your consideration.

The 40 Days of Purification and Renewal

Forty days is six weeks, with the final "week" being five days long. We offer the following series of themes for your prayer, meditation, conversation and activity on a week to week basis. The questions are intended to be a guide for personal reflection. It helps to write down these reflections in the form of a letter to your spouse. It is also valuable to maintain a personal journal. We urge you to develop this outline with the resources of your faith community and personal exploration.

Week 1: To Remember

Recall and reflect upon your marriage from the first time you met until the time of the Blessing Ceremony. Remember the good and beautiful, and the bad and unhealthy. Explore the meaning of your common path as a couple, and be willing to learn from your marital history. On a larger scale, recall and reflect upon the history of your country, people and religious faith.

1. What situations in our marriage do I remember that built a strong loving relationship between us?
2. What situations in our marriage caused us pain and alienation?
3. How did we meet and develop our love?
4. What would I do differently if I had the chance?

Week 2: To Repent

Repent for what was bad and unhealthy. Strive to feel remorse for having caused grief and pain because of your failings and insensitivity toward your spouse. Take personal responsibility; do not blame. Know that through the love of God and your spouse, forgiveness is yours. Build the power to forgive your spouse and to accept forgiveness from God and your spouse.

On the larger scale, repent for what was bad and unhealthy in your country, people and religious faith.

1. How do I discover an objective view of myself in my marriage?
2. Am I able to make fundamental changes? Can I accept my spouse as he/she is, and look for the problem in myself?
3. Realizing my weaknesses, can I yet find the power to love? What is the source?

Week 3: To Rediscover

Rediscover what was good and beautiful. Strive to bring to light an understanding of our original potential as human beings before God. Develop a sense of gratitude for your spouse.

On the larger scale, rediscover what was good and beautiful, and develop a sense of gratitude for your country, people and religious faith.

1. What are areas of improvement in our marriage?
2. What are some issues or behaviors where I could make some positive changes?
3. In what respects could my partner change for the better?
4. What did I see first which I loved?

Week 4: To Respect

On the foundation of gratitude, develop a greater appreciation for your spouse. Based upon this, come to respect your spouse as you would respect the most noble and cherished person.

On the larger scale, develop a greater appreciation for your country, people and religious faith.

1. How can I develop a sense of awe

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First Ever 'Voice of Unity' Broadcasters Conference held in the Philippines

by Rev. Lloyd Howell—Manila, Philippines

To celebrate the one year anniversary of the radio broadcasting providence in the Philippines, the Philippine FFWP sponsored what we believe may be the first "National Unificationist Broadcasters Workshop" ever held.

The Philippines began the radio providence as a way to educate the steadily-growing number of blessed couples in the country now reported to be around 13 million. Mass education requires mass communications and radio is an effective mass communicator in the Philippines since many people do not have television. We have also found that local radio shows are more effective than national shows because of the many different languages which are spoken in the country. Through a local show, the broadcaster can speak the language of the locality to directly reach the local communities.

The radio project has expanded over the past year, from one station in Manila, the capital, to 14 stations throughout the country. The shows vary in length from a half-hour to one-and-a-half hours and are produced in the native languages of the provinces in which they are broad-

cast. Couples are informed about the existence of the programs when they receive the Blessing. Each blessed couple is given a leaflet with the station ID and time of broadcast and informed that they can learn more about the Blessing and creating a true family by tuning in to the program, called "tinig ng pagkakaisa," (voice of unity).

The broadcasters' workshop was designed to evaluate and improve our broadcasting and determine the next step for the project. Organized by Eric Niduaasa, assisted by Rev. & Mrs. Lloyd Howell and Fe Miranda, this workshop, held Dec. 27 & 28 outside of Manila, had 21 participants representing 10 of the 14 stations presently broadcasting in the nation's various provinces.

The hands-on conference consisted of several segments dealing with both the spiritual and physical aspects of radio broadcasting. Participants offered ideas to expand the content and improve the technical aspects of production and also practiced mock broadcasts.

The first day also included a working session wherein broadcasters listened to and evaluated sample programs of their fellow broadcasters. Through this we discovered that we had some dynamic, professional-sounding disc jockeys

of the program.

Rev. Howell gave a special presentation titled "The role of the media in God's providence" and Donna Howell spoke on "communication skills" and how to apply them to radio broadcasting.

Later a brainstorming session was held wherein a list of 40 program themes emerged as a basis for developing 1998's broadcasts. Out of this session some of the participants realized the importance of joining local broadcaster associations and committed themselves to do so.

Our task ahead is to determine how large an audience we are reaching, how effective the programs are, and just who is listening. If any

readers have ideas for measuring these criteria, or need information on beginning a radio project in your country, please contact Lloyd Howell or Eric Niduaasa at e-mail: ucrp@vasia.com. ❖



in our ranks.

Several lectures were also given during the two-day forum. A professional broadcaster discussed "The role of radio in the Philippines," and General Florencio Magsino (ret.), one of the founders of our radio show, described the histo-

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and respect for my spouse? What does it mean to honor my partner?

2. How do I increase my appreciation for my spouse?

3. How can I show gratitude for my spouse?

4. How can I develop an awareness of the God-given qualities in my partner?

5. How do I detect situations of disrespect towards my spouse and how can I avoid those situations?

Week 5: To Restore

Through appreciation and respect, restore the original excitement, idealism and hope of your marriage. Acknowledge the need for healing your relationship as a couple and for turning healing efforts into positive patterns of behavior. Capture your original love. On the larger scale, restore the original excitement, idealism and hope of your country, people and religious faith.

1. How can I revive our love for each other?

2. How can I re-romanticize my marriage?

3. What new behavior will bring healing to past wounds?

4. What conditions need to be accomplished to indemnify past failings in our marriage relationship?

Week 6: To Re-determine

Determine to work from that point of original love forward, avoiding the mistakes which you committed before, and building upon the successes and strengths of your marriage. Develop a sense of higher purpose for marriage and strive to be motivated constantly by the assurance of God's blessing upon your marriage.

On the larger scale, determine to build upon the successes and strengths of your country, people and religious faith.

1. How can my love for God be applied in my love for my spouse?

2. How can I develop my faith that God desires to be present in our marriage relationship?

3. How can we agree upon daily con-

ditions that will allow us to make marriage building a joyful daily activity?

4. How do we define a clear vision for our marriage? What is in my opinion a deeply satisfying marital relationship that would display our God-given original nature?

Week 7: To Re-create

Through the final week, which is represented through three days, bring this process to a climax in which you re-create, and are re-created by, your spouse. The period of celibacy is complete and we renew the act of love as a re-creation of joy and holiness and of your very being as husband and wife.

On the larger scale, pray deeply for your country, people and religious faith, seeking God's guidance for the world.

What follows is an explanation of this three day's spiritual and physical celebration of true love between husband and wife.

The Holy Honeymoon

Having completed the 40 day period, we are ready for the final step of the Blessing of marriage, a three day ceremony so joyful that it has been called the holy honeymoon.

Jesus said, "But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father." For three consecutive evenings, blessed husbands and wives should meet in the privacy of their own bedrooms or a favorite place to offer a special prayer of thanks.

The two handkerchiefs given you are a souvenir gift of this Holy Blessing. They are color-coded with a pink spot for the wives' and a blue spot for the husbands'. They represent the purity of God's True Love. During the holy honeymoon, husband and wife each use his or her handkerchief each evening when bathing as a purification to prepare for a prayer of thanks. You should view this cleansing with the handkerchief as cleansing of the mind and body of past misconduct. Thank God for His gift of sexuality, which enables you to become one body with your beloved. More than any other part

of your body, your sexual organ exists to bring joy to your beloved, and in that sense it belongs to your spouse more than to yourself.

As you are about to pray, greet each other humbly and respectfully in remembrance of the great commandments given by all religious and ethical teachers, to "love the Lord your God with all your heart . . ." and "love your neighbor as yourself." Begin with a prayer such as the Lord's Prayer or holy words of your faith. Then offer personal prayers of thanks and determination to create an eternal family centered on God's ideal for husbands and wives all over the world.

After the prayer is a time to enter into the most intimate and precious relationship of sexual love that only a husband and wife brought together by God may experience. The union of man and woman was meant to be sacred and joyful, but the sinful world has taken its toll on our marriages. Through this sacred union, you can renew the feeling of purity in love by coming together centered on the True Love of God. The husband should help his wife experience a new sense of self-esteem as God's Daughter and a Heavenly wife. He humbly encourages her to take a motherly leadership role in the prayers and in their sexual relationship during the first two nights. A husband's identity as a man is strengthened and renewed by a true wife. The key for healthy families is for women to have a position of esteem and respect in the household. For this reason, on the first two evenings of the ceremony, the husband should be beneath the wife during the love act. Through this gesture, the husband indicates his recognition that his own spiritual growth and the family's prosperity come through his relationship with his wife. She is not only in the role of wife towards her husband but also in the role of mother. Most men hold their mothers in awe and they should do precisely the same with their wife. On the third evening the husband and wife consummate their marriage with the woman beneath the man. This symbol-

izes the man reaching true maturity to assume his proper position as the loving head of the family. To renew his dignity as a Son of God and a true husband, the wife supports him and respectfully follows his leadership in both the prayer and the act of love, from that moment and for always. Through the ceremony, both husband and wife receive a new commitment from each other, centering on God.

After their holy union on each of the three evenings, the couple offer prayers of thanksgiving that this most intimate of relationships is now centered completely on God, bringing joy to God, Heaven and Earth. We thank God for having taught all of us to become True Parents in our families centered on Heaven. At the conclusion of the third evening, dry your sexual parts with your Holy Handkerchief. Do not wash it, but store it safely as representing your eternal love life together. Please pray and reflect upon the meaning of this beautiful ceremony of love, and follow your heart and wisdom in creating through it the most holy, refreshing and powerful new birth in your blessed marital life. The whole three evenings should bring Glory and thanksgiving to God in the Highest. Amen!

Conclusion

During and following the forty days, we encourage you to do something for the sake of the public. For example, it is a wonderful time to speak to your children and friends about your renewed commitment as a couple and about your experiences of renewal. Your married friends may also want to participate in the Blessing. If the opportunity presents itself, consider sharing with adolescents at the local schools about premarital purity and marital fidelity. Too often students hear about abstinence but from people who have never intentionally practiced even one week of celibacy. Let them know that love is worth waiting for!

Congratulations and welcome! ❖

Pure Love Alliance March at WCSFIII

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participants were organized for the march. With police cars clearing the way ahead of them, all participants marched down Pennsylvania Avenue, chanting and waving colorful placards ("Condoms can't protect your heart" was the text of many creative slogans advocating sexual abstinence.)

Around 3:30 the march reached the Ellipse behind the White House, and it seemed to me that the crowd had become bigger. My estimate is that there were between 2,000 and 3,000 people gathering at the Ellipse, almost all Unificationists. A few more people gave testimonies, speeches, and sang songs. There was an announcement earlier that the founder of the PLA would be the last speaker, but when the time for the last speaker had come it wasn't PLA founder Jin Hun Park Moon who



addressed the audience but PLA president Robert Kittel.

After three cheers of Mansei, the rally participants invited to go to the Kenny Lattimore concert that was to start at 6 PM at the Washington Convention center. I couldn't make it there myself, but I can imagine that it turned out to be quite a unique event.

The Pure Love Pledge

The pure relationship of love between a man and woman is a sacred gift from God, to be cherished and honored for the sake of build-

ing a true family, healthy society and a world of peace for future generations. Once that love is consummated, it is not to be broken.

Therefore I commit myself:

- To refrain from all sexual relationships before marriage;
- To respect and honor the ideal of purity in myself and others;
- To learn how to practice pure love as a child, friend, spouse and parent;
- To dedicate myself to absolute fidelity within marriage;
- To encourage others to do the same. ❖

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RYS Service Project in Bangladesh

Japanese 2nd Generation Play a Key Role

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sponsored the construction of Jaigeer Primary school in Sengair Thana, Manikgonj district around 40 km. from Dacca.

In order to facilitate the construction of the primary school in Sengair village where the IRFF had previously build a small school, the WFWP-J and the International Religious Foundation (IRF) jointly sponsored an international Religious Youth Service (RYS) project from December 22-December 30. The international RYS project involved forty five volunteers from eight nations and was largely organized and run by Bangladeshi RYS alumni.

The international project was the fifth time since 1991 that the RYS has held a major service project in Bangladesh but this project marked the first time that many other nations took part. The projects success stemmed largely from the involvement and cooperation of many of the RYS Alumni Association who have formed active chapters in Dacca, the capital city and in Chittagong, a major port city. Since the RYS Alumni Association began in 1995 they have also sponsored and organized numerous activities and seminars in different parts of the country and publish a newsletter.

Second Generation Share as a Community of Faith

The RYS is a leadership training that promotes moral and spiritual values through education programs, interreligious sharing and work service. The RYS host nation of Bangladesh is a predominantly Muslim country but it has a significant Hindu, Christian and Buddhist populations, all of which were represented in this project. The Bangladeshi participants were joined by international participants who were largely from the Unification tradition. All those involved worked together on creating a community of harmony dedicated to peace and the service of humanity.

Part of the RYS education experience included a visit to a desperately poor slum in city of Dacca. Many of the participants were deeply moved when they visited the habitats for they had a chance to deeply realize the difficulties that the everyday struggle for food and subsistence presents to so many of the world's people.

The physical work of constructing a school side by side with local villagers was the central action that brought this diverse group together to form the "RYS family". As each day passed, the news spread throughout the village community about the people who had come from different countries to their village in order to build the new school. Each day saw the numbers of local volun-

teers grow as fathers and mothers and children of all ages found ways in which to team up with the RYS members and contribute to the work, the morning prayers, the spontaneous singing and general good-natured sharing.

Among the international participants were ten Japanese second generation students who used the opportunity of winter break to experience first hand the life of people in a country whose external situation is vastly different from their own. For each of these idealistic youth, the experiences of working with men, women and children of the village helped create a bond of empathy and add a touch of uncommon wisdom. Individually and collectively each



stared at it face to face, their was an even stronger insight and image gained from by international participants during the Bangladesh experience. That separate experience served to provide

faith and cultural traditions. This diverse body of prepared youth comes willing to accept the challenges that face our troubled world. They come prepared to join together in a new spirit of cooper-

tion failure of elder son Cain. Cain told God in a mistaken denial: "Am I my brother's keeper?" These young people were clearly saying and showing God that the second generation is determined to be their brother's keeper. Unification second generation members were an active part of the larger RYS community of faith. By joining with like minded peers they could receive hope and spiritual stimulation in the knowledge that God has been preparing a remnant from all the world's



could grow to understand more clearly some aspects and challenges that their peers face daily while growing up in "the third world".

Despite the shock of massive poverty that people came to realize as they

a hope and a dream for each of the participants.

The other image, an image that stands in stark contrast to the biting poverty of the sprawling slum, is an image that was built through the living memory of personal experience. It happened as a result of each participant developing a relationship with the children of the local village in Bangladesh who each day faithfully joined them in working side by side in the construction of a new primary school. As one participant stated in his reflection,

"My image about Bangladesh was so much changed by looking at the bright and joyful face of village children".

The work that these RYS young people offered serves as a way to contribute to the dreams of the Bangladesh children while the people of Bangladesh helped remind the international participants of what is of real and lasting value in life.

The second generation that took part in the project can take satisfaction in the fact that their actions are a reversal of a pattern set up by the original second genera-

tion to help create the long awaited dream of both God and humanity, the Kingdom of God on Earth.

Villagers Moved by RYS Example

One village leader commented on the efforts of the RYS,

"We are very much moved by your unselfish dedication for our poor village. You taught us how we should help each other unselfishly and the importance of cooperation".

The comments of the Bangladeshi village leader are very much the fulfillment of the vision of RYS founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon's vision. Rev. Moon shared at the inaugural RYS project in the Philippines in 1986:

"Man's unity with God is not a matter of beliefs and doctrines in the mind.

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Love Comes Alive for PLA Marchers

by Miho Yoshida

‘One love! One life! One man! One wife!’ Chants like these filled the usually uneventful surroundings as a string of around 8,000 people, many carrying pure love placards, marched down Pennsylvania Avenue. Cars honked, answering the “Honk for purity!” placard, and people stuck their fists formed into “thumbs up” signals out of the windows. All of the passers-by gawked at us in awe. With the police escort, we knew we were, for that one moment, the center of attention of the whole cosmos. Our cries for purity and family would affect many different people all over the world. To know that this was happening filled me with a silence and awe. It was fun and inspiring to participate in the Love Alive event.

Bringing so many young people together really helped to make certain the urgency of the problem of sexual immorality. It also helped me be more optimistic about our future. I could see how many young people actually do care about family values and I could be assured that the world was not going to fall down the drain of immorality. Coming together on this issue of family also helped raise the pride and confidence of many young people who were able to see that there were many supporters.

The afternoon was clear and brisk. The Love Alive rally, packed with excel-

lent speakers and eye-catching local entertainers, had drawn a modest but energetic crowd of a thousand people. The crowd kept getting larger and larger. I could see everyone having a good time, dancing to the beat of gospel music, crooning over the life-sized dancing STDs. They were drawn in by the a cappella group from Howard University and the many distinguished speakers, including the mayor’s wife, Cora Masters Barry. I really could see how important each felt the issue was and how enjoyable it could be. The march was a huge success. We blocked traffic for miles, and the whole city of Washington could hear the echoes of our call for family values. The young and old, black, yellow, brown and white, were all devoted to this issue of bringing peace and breaking down barriers of race and religion so our children can be free of broken marriages and sexually transmitted diseases.

The day concluded with a concert given by Washington’s own Kenny Lattimore, the up-and-coming R&B artist. He really put so much heart into his singing, touching all members of the audience. It was sad to see the adorable girl stricken with HIV whom Kenny dedicated one song to. His concern for family values was inspiring. The facade of false love and free sex will fall and be diminished while true love will dominate the world and last for eternity.

by Steve Schneider

The march itself passed by like a kind of dream. I was concentrating so hard on trying to keep an even pace and keep everyone in line so that I didn’t have time really to see what was going on all around me. I remember the way our voices sounded shimmering off the buildings that



day.... I remember the shouts, the chants, the clapping.... I turned around and could see hundreds of picket signs bobbing up and down, off into the distance.... As we went on, more and more people were getting caught up into the excitement and joining the march ahead of us; so our position in the front of the march slowly started being moved toward the middle. Some-

how we got to the White House as planned.

When we got to the Ellipse, it was a breathtaking sight. There were people milling all around, too many for the eyes to focus on any one. Somehow I ended up helping them carry the banner to the front of the stage, and there we stood, waving and singing, staring out onto a sea of faces. Staring directly out at those thousands of people was a moving experience, especially seeing the way they responded to the chants we were calling out. For the first time I could see the result of our collective efforts manifested on that one day.

Looking out at those thousands of people, I could realize what a profound impact a group of individuals can have when they unite together. I really felt like this event was the beginning of the healing of the moral problem in this country, and in the world. ❖

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EUROPE'S SECT WARS: A CURE WORSE THAN THE DISEASE

by Dan Fefferman—Washington, DC

Awave of legislation, investigations and outright discrimination against religious minorities is sweeping across Western Europe today.

The cause of the current fear of "sects" is complex. Part of it, no doubt results from concern that the tragedies of the Solar Temple and Aum Shinreiko not be repeated. Part of it is due to organized lobbying efforts of the anti-cult movement coupled with sensationalized media accounts. And part of it seem to be rooted in old patterns of intolerance of things new, foreign or different. Whatever the causes, the new European Sect Scare is widespread, and it's for real.

German Sectophobia

The German government seems to be at the center of the European anti-sect hysteria, especially with regard to the Church of Scientology. The government has officially placed the Church and its members under police surveillance. Scientologists are banned from joining the ruling Christian Democratic Party. They are even forbidden to become dentists. Literature published by the Christian Democrats caricatures the church's religious symbol by transforming it into a skull-and-crossbones.

It's not just the Scientologists that receive the brunt of German intolerance. A pamphlet published by the Christian Democratic Youth, entitled "InSects: No thanks!" features a cover illustration of a huge fly swatter squashing a variety of mosquitoes and other insects. Among those sects singled out by the ruling party's youth arm to be treated as vermin are Jehovah's Witnesses, Unificationists, Hare Krishna adherents and Scientologists.

The German government went so far as to publish at taxpayers' expense a booklet attacking the Unification Church and has placed the church's founder, Reverend Sun Myung Moon, on the Schengen Treaty list, effectively banning him from entry into most European nations. The church won a court order preventing distribution of the booklet after it demonstrated some of

the government's claims to be patently false. Meanwhile, the Dutch government took the unusual step of stipulating that Reverend Moon is welcome to visit the Netherlands, despite Germany's listing him as an undesirable.

The UN's Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance has taken a strong interest in the German situation and has recently concluded a fact-finding tour. A report will be forthcoming.

France

A French Parliamentary report published in 1996 listed no less than 172 dangerous "cults" in France. Although the report has no official legislative power, it has nonetheless been quoted as authoritative in several court cases and has resulted in widespread consequences for members of minority religions. Observers report a "severe anti-minority-religion climate" has resulted from the report and media coverage of it.

A member of the Jehovah's Witnesses was fired from a public school after years of honorable service apparently for no other reason than that he was a member of one of the listed groups. At least one bombing has been linked to this atmosphere of hate. Shortly after a Paris newspaper responded to the Parliamentary report with a headline to the effect that "Something Must Be Done" about the cults, the headquarters of the French Unification Church were bombed.

Despite the protests of a number of French Catholic bishops, the Report even includes a Roman Catholic theatrical group on its list of "dangerous cults." The troupe, Office Culturel de Cluny, has been denied the use of public theaters for its shows and is reportedly nearly bankrupt as a result.

The French Ministry of Youth and Sport now employs anti-cultists to speak to youth organizations and athletic groups about the evils of minority religions, and Time magazine reports that there are plans to fund hundreds of

offices nationwide to educate young people against organizations on the List.

Critics say the French report is riddled with unsubstantiated rumors and false information. According to an analy-



HANDBOOK OF HATE: This book, *InSects, No Thank You*, published by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's part, depicts minority religions as insects to be exterminated.

sis by the academically-oriented Center for the Study of New Religions (CES-NUR), the French Report "was completed without reference to any number of easily acquired resources that could have corrected the misleading information utilized by the commissioners."

Following a recommendation in the Report, the government has now established a national Observatory of Cults, with two extreme anti-cultists reportedly appointed as "experts."

Reports on a Rampage

The poor scholarship evident in the French Report has not stopped it from setting a trend for other countries in Europe. In Belgium, a parliamentary commission on cults released its report on April 1997. It outdoes even the French report both in sheer numbers of "cults" listed and in the types of

organizations it considers dangerous-among them the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Seventh Day Adventists, Quakers, the Amish and (believe it or not) the YWCA.

The Report, which was adopted by the Belgian Parliament minus its embarrassing list, recommended that "mind control" be made a crime punishable by law. It also stated that a US Hasidic group, the Satmars, was engaged in kidnapping Christian children—a charge which would be ridiculous if it were not eerily similar to previous patterns of European anti-Semitism.

In Switzerland, the city government of Geneva has recommended making "mind manipulation" a federal felony crime, funding anti-cult groups, and creating a government body to oversee cults.

Austria too has published a list of dangerous "sects." Children of minority religions hear their teachers in public schools ridicule their parents' religious beliefs and practices and face derision by classmates as a result. Listed groups are not allowed to incorporate or own property. In effect, they must operate as underground organizations.

In Greece, the special status of the Orthodox Church results in severe limitations for minority groups. Smaller religions complain that they are denied official status and cannot legally hold meetings, conduct worship services or own property. Non-Orthodox children are required to attend Orthodox religion classes in public schools. Until recently, attempting to convince a person to change his or her faith—even with that person's permission—was a criminal act. In addition, any new place of worship could not be opened without the approval of the Orthodox bishop. The European Court of Human Rights, however, has declared these two laws void.

Pan-European Actions

Both the European Parliament and the Council of Europe are considering actions to control minority religions. The European Parliament has voted to investigate "sects" across all of Europe. The Parliamentary Committee on Civil Liberties has appointed a Rapporteur to prepare a draft report on cults. Whether the Committee will live up to its name is another question. {The EP draft report turned out to be fairly responsible. However, it faces an amendment process in which it can be substantially altered.}

Meanwhile, the Council of Europe, comprised of representatives of all European nations, approved in May a recommendation that each country create a cult oversight body and draft appropriate anti-cult legislation. Although the Council is a purely consultative body with no juridical authority, it is considered to be very influential among Europe's smaller nations.

Europe today is witnessing a widespread trend toward controlling minority religions. While fears of a repeat of the Solar Temple and Aum Shenriko tragedies is understandable, European legislators apparently did not adequately consider the consequences of various governmental reports on the liberties of innocent people who hold unconventional religious beliefs. Could this be another case where the cure does more harm than the disease?

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It must be expressed in actions of love and service to others."

Through young people of all faiths coming together and serving this village, the essence of religion was displayed in the form of a spirit of loving cooperation. A model of "True Religion" is being provided, this model is essential for a world growing in skepticism and moral confusion. The RYS is in a way providing a bridge that provides a patterns for peaceful transition into the 21st century.

Yoshiko, one of the young Japanese participants shared these reflections,

"Despite language limitations, we realized the possibility of unity among different races and religions. I could discover more similar-

ity in the inner heart of the people.

RYS is a wonderful project to seek for spiritual unity and extend service to needy people."

RYS has for twelve years been providing a model of peaceful cooperation that is based on unselfish love. Through its efforts in nearly thirty nations it is seeking to model the true spirit of religion and provide a substantial training for all young people who are willing to be their brother's and sister's keeper.

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by Rick Swarts—Montevideo, Uruguay

Fishing in a Foreign Land

I have had much opportunity in the past few months to experience fishing in a foreign country — specifically the Pantanal area of Brazil. The Pantanal is the world's largest wetland, and a virtual cornucopia of exotic birds, spectacular flowering plants, and myriads of aquatic reptiles and mammals. It is the home to the jaguar, the cougar, the caiman, the giant river otter, and the anaconda. And it is also home to myriads of fish, which grow very large and attract fisherman from all over the country and the world.

I have been working in the Pantanal doing ecological studies, and have been learning a lot in my spare time about the art of fishing in a foreign environment. I have also been learning a lot about mosquitoes, as part of a personal experiment for my brother-in-law Wally Kieselowsky. You see, Wally developed a special concoction out of his backwoods home in Pennsylvania that he claims repels mosquitoes. Not exactly approved by the FDA, and being personally concerned about the effects of DEET found in the normal insect repellent, I decided to conduct my own field tests. After all, the Pantanal is also renowned for the size and masses of its mosquitoes, whose huge black swarms sometimes obscure one's vision. And I could get many bottles of the stuff for free. When I told a local here that I had an all-natural insect repellent that would not cause cancer, he looked at me sideways, and muttered something about "it better work" — because the choice down here is between cancer in 20 years or death in one day from having all the blood sucked out of you.

At any rate, I would like to pass on to you my acquired knowledge about the art of fishing in a foreign land, and specifically Brazil's unique and eccentric fishing customs and etiquette.

Actually, it is not necessary to have to speak fluent Portuguese to be part of the fishing community here. Yes, it is certainly true that a few, well-chosen expressions are useful. I have gained the greatest use out of three: (1) "Eu nao falo Portuguese" ("I don't speak Portuguese" — which is useful when someone rambles on and on in Portuguese, as if you understand what in the world he's talking about); (2) "Os Peixes estan picando?" ("Are the fish biting" — usually the prelude to having the person rambling on and on in Portuguese), and (3) "Como tiro o Piranha de meu dedo?" ("How do I get this Piranha off of my finger" — usually ... well, never mind).

It is also important to know something about the fish you are going to catch. You have to know which species is which, in order to meet the fishing regulations. Here the fishermen are provided with a yard-long, white ruler labeled with the minimum size the species must be. Take Jaú for instance. The ruler lists the minimum of this species as 90 centimeters — about 35 inches. Right away, I know that I don't have to worry about what Jaú looks like — I will never catch anything that big. Likewise, Pintado have to be 80 cm (31 inches). Again, I know that whatever I catch cannot possibly be a Pintado. That brings us to the famous Dourado. Dourado has a rich, golden color, and it likes to jump a lot when it is hooked. That should be easy to iden-

tify. Unfortunately, there is another fish called Piraputanga, which is also a rich, golden color, and which likes to jump a lot when it is hooked. How to tell the difference? Well, a Dourado has to be 55 cm, while there is no minimum with Piraputanga. Right away I know that if a fish I catch has a rich golden color, and likes to jump, it must be a Piraputanga.

When one does not know the language, it is helpful to have non-verbal communication skills. Luckily, that is my strong suit. I can illustrate how that skill works with the following true accounts about my recent fishing experiences.

It seems that during late September, the Curimbata like to migrate up the Miranda river, where I normally fish. The Curimbata is a bottom-feeding fish, which gets to be up to 20 inches long. When they migrate, there are so many of these fish, that they surround your boat and you see a literal sea of fins sticking out of the shallow areas. There are so many fish in fact, and they are so active, that the river has plumes of fountains everywhere. However, the Curimbata themselves are not a sport-fish, since they don't seem to take any bait (and you only need to reach down with a hook and you can catch as many as you would like). Fortunately, with the Curimbata migration come numerous sportfish, like the aforementioned Dourado and Pintado, as well as the Piau, all of which like to eat the Curimbata.

Now, normally one is fishing in virtual isolation in the Pantanal. The Pantanal is itself as big as the country of France, with numerous rivers, and so one pretty much has a large section of the river to himself or herself. However, when the Curimbata migrate up the Miranda, the fishermen migrate with them. Somehow, all the fishermen in the vast Pantanal are able to fit into the area with the Curimbata, which is about the size of two football fields. This results in a little overcrowding. Those fisherman who like their peace and tranquillity and who can't stand crowds, tend to keep their distance, maybe 10-15 feet from another boat. However, the vast majority like to crowd one boat with another. That way they can share their fishing nets, trade hooks, and get a close look at the size of monofilament the other is using when they untangle their lines.

Curimbata migration or not, the first day I went out I could not catch anything but Piranha. Now, mind you, the first few Piranha are very exciting. They are a fierce-looking fish, have good size, and they dart every which way when they are hooked. But the Piranha will also eat anything you throw into the water, and is considered a junk fish as far as sportfishing is concerned. I quickly recognized that not everyone was sharing my enthusiasm for this fish. After about my 50th Piranha or so, I

realized that it was no longer exciting to hold each one up proudly to the other fisherman, and motion to them where they can fish to get a lot of great Piranha. Usually, they moved away from me pretty fast.

Well, I was out fishing by myself the last Friday of September — my fishing guide not showing up due to some freak occurrence where mosquitoes attacked him in mass, and the other guides not available due to the vast numbers of fishermen in the area. Not being able to catch any Piau, Dourado or Pintado, I began to closely observe the other fishermen. I noticed that one group of nine boats, packed against one bank of the river, were having marvelous fishing. They were catching Piau after Piau after Piau. And not one Piranha. However, they were so tightly bunched that I was not sure I could get my boat in there. However, I was wrong. An opportunity presented itself, and I smoothly worked my boat right into the middle, and prepared for the greatest fishing of my life.

After exchanging a few pleasantries, and unhooking two fishing lines that had stuck in my motor when I moved into the area, I settled down to fish. That is when I began to notice the other fisherman were staring at me. What is wrong? Am I still bleeding from that Piranha bite? Finally, in a flash it dawned on me: everyone was using crabs while

I was sitting there with fillet of Curimbata for bait. It dawned on me when people started saying "#&%\$#@ fillet %\$#@!" Fortunately *fillet* is the same in English and Portuguese.

Well, the next 30 minutes was one of my more event-filled and thrilling fishing experiences. I caught Piranha after Piranha after Piranha, which seem to love fillet of Curimbata. I was wrapped around everyone else's line. I got caught twice in my neighbor's anchor line. I would no sooner throw my line in the water, then a Piranha would grab it. I thought this was simply amazing, since only moments before I arrived I didn't see anyone catch any Piranha at all. However, for some unexplained reason (I couldn't understand the Portuguese), it didn't seem that the other fishermen were sharing my bubbling enthusiasm.

To complicate matters, it was also about that time that the first results of my Wally Insect Repeller experiment began to come in and I began to notice that it had an interesting side effect. It seems that the Wally repeller attracts mosquitoes rather than repels them. My boat swarmed with mosquitoes, and I nearly slipping into unconsciousness from slapping myself. I decided to move on. Anyway, the Piau had mysteriously stopped biting anyway. And I felt I needed to get back and warn my fishing guide about the Wally Repeller, since I had given him five bottles of the repellent, and apparently he already has some kind of natural attraction to mosquitoes.

Well, the following Saturday I made sure that I had crabs, and headed out for this prime fishing area. The group

of nine boats were still there, but my keen eye spotted an opening in the upstream part of the group. I knew this was my lucky day. And this was just such a day where my skills in the art of non-verbal communication came in handy.

Defly maneuvering my boat into the area upstream of the spot and setting my anchor, I settled back and relaxed and let the current drift me exactly into the narrow gap between the boats. Well, a solar flare must have affected the currents just then, because I missed the location by a few boat lengths. Otherwise, I would not have banged into this other boat, with its three Brazilian fishermen, whose intense fishing was distracted only by their obvious admiration for my seamanship. Another less knowledgeable person might have interpreted their glaring and strong words as criticism for our unexpected meeting, but my skills in non-verbal communication allowed me the insight that they were just kidding. How else to interpret the courtesy that the fishermen extended to me in reaching out full-length over their motor in order to support my boat?

Well, I decided that we were a little too close even by Curimbata fishing standards. Fortunately, my seasoned boating mind quickly grasped that I could leave my anchor intact and maneuver the back end of the boat to the half-submerged tree and tie it there. I knew I couldn't just use the oar to get there against this current, by now affected by rip tides, since I tried it three times and kept banging back into their boat. So I fired up the motor and proceeded to the submerged tree, a plan hindered only by the fact that by the time I shut the engine off and reached out for the tree, the current (influenced by now by El Niño) had pushed me back into a meeting with my colleagues in the other boat.

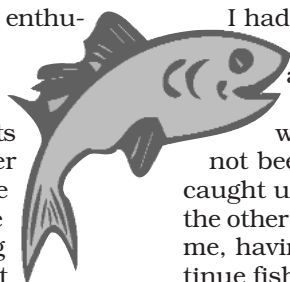
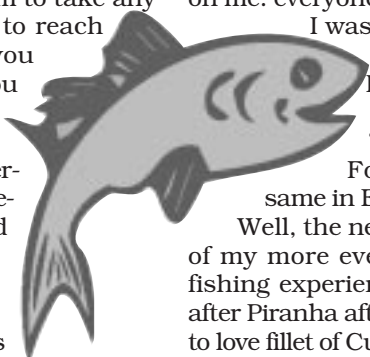
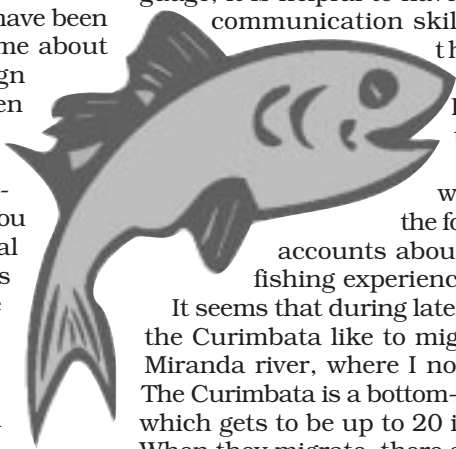
By now we were having a lot of fun. They kept acting like they were angry and the more I laughed at their funny antics the more they pretended to be angry. Finally, I worried that I was encouraging them too much and they might tip their boat over with their hilarious, exaggerated movements, so I headed out for the tree once more. This time

I had the correct speed, angle and vector, and I had accurately adjusted for solar flares, rip tides and El Niño. And I darn well would have made it had it not been for my anchor line getting caught up in my motor. The fellows in the other boat sure looked happy to see me, having by now decided to discontinue fishing and focus all their attention on their new friend.

Well, it is not easy to disentangle an anchor line from your motor, especially when trying to engage in good-natured banter in a foreign language with your fishing colleagues parked alongside you. Complicating matters in this case was the fact that by now my anchor had somehow got tangled up in their anchor line, causing both boats to slowly drift past the other nine boats whenever I had to lift my anchor.

A man less learned would have thought I had shot beloved Aunt Ramona or something, the way my new found ami-

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DIVINE PRINCIPLE STUDY

THE ORIGIN OF CONFLICT AND SUFFERING

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Genesis tells us that in the Garden of Eden, God created Adam and then created Eve to be his spouse. If the Tree of Life standing in the Garden symbolizes Adam, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, which stood next to the Tree of Life (Gen. 2:9), must symbolize Eve.

It is not unusual for the Bible to use the symbol of a tree to represent a human being. Jesus at times spoke of himself in such terms:

"I am the vine and you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

In Romans 11:7, Paul refers to Jesus as an olive tree:

"...and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the richness of the olive tree..."

In a similar fashion, Adam and Eve are represented by two trees.

To assert that there was a Tree of Life and a Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the midst of the Garden does not mean that there are two literal trees in the geographical center of a literal garden. Rather, the symbols mean that the two people, Adam and Eve, were to be the center and nucleus of God's ideal of creation. God's entire ideal of creation is to be fulfilled through man and woman.

When we see that the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil represents the woman, Eve, we can also imagine that the fruit of this tree is somehow

related to Eve. A real tree would multiply by its fruit, which contains the seed necessary for producing the next generation. Comparably, mankind multiplies through the fruit of love—specifically Eve's love. Thus Eve was represented by the Tree of Knowledge; and eating the fruit represents experienc-

Obviously, this was no ordinary serpent. First of all it was capable of tempting and lying to a human being. In addition, it was aware of the existence of God and of the commandment He gave Adam and Eve. Genesis reports him as saying:

"Did God say, 'You shall not eat of

The Serpent and Satan

The Book of Revelation reveals who the "serpent" symbolizes: "And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him." (Rev. 12: 9)

This passage brings together the last book of the Bible and the first. According to it, the ancient serpent, the tempter of Eve, was "Satan," and this has been the commonly accepted view within the Judeo-Christian tradition.

But the question is, "Who is Satan?" The word itself comes from the ancient Hebrew, where it meant "the adversary." It signifies the Biblical affirmation that there is a force in the universe which is in active opposition to God.

Since we know that in Genesis the "serpent" represents Satan we can discover who the "serpent" was by discovering who Satan is.

According to the passage just quoted, Satan was once "thrown down to the earth." If we contrast earth and heaven, Satan must have been originally in heaven before being thrown down to earth. Thus, the "serpent" must at one time have qualified for heaven. We may also surmise, in light of the principle of growth, that although this being was created good, later he fell and became Satan. ❖



SERPENT = ANGEL
(REV. 12:7-9)



ing Eve's love.

The Serpent as Adversary

In addition to the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge, Genesis tells us of a serpent that came to Eve in the garden and tempted her. According to the scripture, he was a talking animal, more clever than any other beast of the field, who subsequently became a crawling creature as a consequence of his temptation of Eve. Again there is the question of how this serpent is to be understood. Is it literal or symbolic?

any tree of the garden?" (Gen. 3:1)

In other words, this serpent had the ability to comprehend God and His will.

As we know, snakes are not recognized for their spiritual capacities. An actual snake, which has no spiritual comprehension, could not be capable of such spiritual knowledge as was displayed by this particular "serpent". We must then conclude that the serpent is a symbol of a spiritual being who successfully tempted Eve to sin.

TRUE PARENTS' HISTORY FOR CHILDREN

A House Built Beside a Rock

by Linna Rapkins

We must get a place of our own," said Father one hot summer night. "We have been in Pusan for almost six months now. If we continue living in this tiny room, we will never be able to get people to join us. There is no space to teach. No freedom to invite guests in."

Won Pil Kim nodded his head in agreement but without much feeling of hope. As he wiped the sweat from his brow, he thought to himself, "Where would we ever get enough money for a place of our own? And where would we even find a place? Every dwelling in all Pusan is surely full to overflowing."

Father didn't seem to notice the heat, as his brow formed a thoughtful wrinkle. "I want to show you a place tomorrow, Won Pil."

The next morning, Won Pil Kim followed Father up the steep Pom Net Kol hill where Father had mediated and prayed so many times. They climbed beyond the city to a place where only a cemetery and one house stood.

"The Pusan people tell a story," said Father, "that on this hill a white tiger once appeared. For that reason, no one wants to live here. They are so superstitious."

"Yes, Father," answered Won Pil Kim, "I can understand why."

"We will build a house right here," announced Father as he pointed to a huge rock rising out of the rough, rocky ground. He did not look at his young disciple's surprised face but continued sharing his plans enthusiastically. "We will gather stones and wood and anything else we can find for our building. But first we must level this spot off. I already found a shovel and a sack. We can fill it with dirt from over there, dump it here and pack it down tight. That will be our floor."

He had already picked up an old shovel and a big cloth bag from their hiding place and was walking to the place he had pointed out. Won Pil Kim followed him and soon found himself holding the bag, while Father shoveled dirt into it. When it was full, Won Pil Kim carried it near the big rock and dumped it into the holes. By the time he returned, Father had more dirt already dug up to shovel into the bag. After awhile, they changed jobs. Father worked so fast, however, Won Pil Kim couldn't get very much dirt dug up before Father was back for another load.

All through the month of August, they went to their jobs. They visited

people. They prayed. Then they climbed the long hill in the summer heat and worked on their little house. Many weeks they could only build it on Sundays when they were off from work.



Father and Won Pil Kim gathered stones from everywhere. They carried them, a few at a time, to the chosen spot and piled them carefully on top of each other. They stuck smaller rocks and handfuls of soil in between the rocks to hold them in place. The rocks formed the lower part of the house. The upper part was made mostly of wooden boxes, but in some cases, they even used cardboard boxes. They knew that when it rained, these boxes wouldn't last very long, but there weren't enough

wooden boxes to be found.

Once, as they were building, the house fell down. Twice, it fell down. But Father never even frowned. He just figured out what was wrong and began again. Finally, on the third try, it grew into something resembling a house—a shack, really. On clear nights Father and Won Pil Kim would be able to admire the stars through the cracks in their roof. In wet weather, rain would drip through and turn their dirt floor into mud. But they were so eager to move in!

One day in September, they were able to stand back and admire their finished handiwork. Their very own home! Here they would be able to stretch out to sleep. They would

be free of the landlord's questioning eyes. They could cook their own meals. They could breathe fresh air. And most of all, they could invite people in whenever they wished—for this house was not just for themselves. It was for doing God's work.

Before they even thought of moving their few belongings in, however, they knelt down to pray. They thanked God for their new home and dedicated it to Him. This humble hut of boxes and stones was God's most holy house. ❖

Reality, An Effective Discipline for Children

by David Kasbow—Detroit, MI

Imagine a person going way over the speed limit as he races down the road. Suddenly the driver looks in his rear view mirror and sees the police. He pulls over only after being followed a long distance. He then protests he didn't do anything wrong, that everyone is driving fast. The policeman says nothing but just starts writing out a ticket. The man starts to cry that it's not fair and, besides, he doesn't have the money to pay for a ticket. The policeman keeps writing. The man takes the ticket, tears it up and throws it on the ground. Now the policeman takes out his book and writes another ticket for littering. The man screams he hates the police and threatens the officer. Now another car pulls up and the man is taken away to jail.

In this scenario, the man in the car is of course acting like a child. Children use all the above tactics, and more, to get their way with their parents. The police officer of course is in the position of a parent, in this case a healthy, confident one. With too many parents, the childish strategies used above are unfortunately effective; parents give in to the child's tactics or engage in a power struggle as they battle back.

Why are the police so effective while some parents are not? It's because the police use certain basic principles of discipline effectively.

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gos in the linked boat were acting. But I knew everything was all right when one of the more entertaining fellows started making thrusting motions toward me with his fishing knife, an obvious non-verbal communication of "It's all right to cut our anchor rope if that will help." And frankly it did help. Unfortunately, by this time we had drifted through the fishing spot with the other nine boats, all of which had actors and comedians every bit as talented as my new friends. Apparently, acting angry is a Brazilian way for fishing buddies to communicate. As they courteously offered advice, no doubt helpful, I didn't have the heart to say "Eu nao falo Portuguese," so I just politely smiled, resulting in more of the animation.

When I finally got my anchor up, I looked up and noticed that a boat had moved into the spot vacated by my new-found friends, who by now had drifted quite some distance away. I thought the fellows in the other boat would have been displeased to have lost their spot. However, I knew they were good sports when they began waving their knives toward me. Obviously showing a person how to fillet a fish is a Brazilian way of saying "You're welcome any day. Come back again soon." Nonetheless, I decided not to stay and fish in the area, since all the commotion of the other fishermen had probably scared off all the fish. I fished some distance away the rest of the day.

As you can see, I am learning a lot during my stay here in Brazil. Already I am building a reputation for myself. I cannot wait for my wife, Lourdes, a native Brazilian, to come down here from the States and see how all the fishermen stare at me when I go by, like I'm some kind of super-fisherman or something. I am sure she will be impressed. ♦

They use:

- 1) A clear set of fair laws agreed upon by the community
- 2) Actions, not words, to enforce the law
- 3) Enforcement that is respectful but decisive and consistent

The policeman doesn't nag or scream: "Don't you know you could hurt someone out here?" or "How many times do we have to tell you not to speed?" or "What am I going to do with you? You're hopeless?" He just writes out a ticket and the system in place backs it up with ever-increasing levels of action. If the ticket is not paid, the fine goes up. If the person gets multiple tickets, his license will be taken away. If he drives after that he ends up in jail. All of this is done quite calmly. No emotion is involved, no excess energy is wasted.

This model I think can be of benefit to parents. Kevin Leman calls it "reality discipline." The theme is that in the real world there are numerous realities which we all must face to get along in society and the closer the parents model the real world in their family, the better off their children will be. For ideas on setting up such a model, see Richard and Linda Eyre's book, *3 Steps to a Strong Family*.

It is important to note that discipline is not punishment. The dictionary describes discipline as "training which develops self-control, character, etc." It comes from the word "disciple". This is an excellent way to think of raising children; they are

to be Christ's disciples.

The key to making it work is for parents to have the willingness to not protect their children from reality, to not bail them out. Of course, loving one's children is to have a clear set of expectations for them, but just as important, loving them is giving them the freedom to experience the consequences of their decisions about following these expectations. To be blunt,

it is to let them fall on their face sometimes. This is quite anxiety-producing for some parents.

It's hard to let Johnny walk to school when he sleeps in late and misses the bus. But it's just this kind of experience which builds Johnny's self-respect and self-esteem. When he can take responsibility for his failure and get himself where he needs to be, when he needs to be there, he has united his mind and body centered on the truth. Goodness is the result; he is an active responsible citizen. If he is bailed out by being driven to school time-and-again, he does not gain this victory over himself. And, treating Johnny in this way shows him more respect than nagging and yelling at him to get up in the morning. Furthermore, nagging and then driving him when he gets up late causes him to lose respect for his parents. He learns that their directions are not serious, that he is in control.

How early in a child's life can a parent start using reality as a discipline? Leman, in his book *Keeping Your Fam-*

ily Together When the World is Falling Apart, suggests it be used from the start. When the child is an infant, parents can get a baby sitter once a week and go out together. It's good for the child to know he or she is not the center of the universe; and Mom will be a better parent after some time to recuperate.

A favorite battleground is the dinner table. I had a couple come in to counseling who would actually bring food with them when they went to visit relatives because their eight-year-old child was such a picky eater. They were more like servants of a little princess than parents. Every mouthful was discussed and debated. The child wallowed in constant attention. Parents don't have to go through this. They have the right to cook what they want to eat. If it happens to be something that Suzie does not happen to like, let reality come into play: just don't set a plate out for her. When she asks what's going on, simply inform her that you knew she does not like this dish, so you didn't set out a plate. She will either go hungry for one meal (which will not kill her) or decide the stuff isn't so bad after all.

Through these kinds of experiences children learn to cope with the real world. By the time the really frightening realities of driving, dealing with the opposite sex and the temptations of drugs come on the horizon, the child has developed a sense that some serious consequences can come from his or her behavior. They will have internalized the Biblical direction of Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." ♦



FOR KIDS

by Françoise

Find the seven differences between these two drawings of Mr and Mrs Snowman and their family

Help them find the snow house

MONEY AND THE UNIVERSAL PRIME FORCE

by David Burton—New Haven, CT

This is from a sermon given at the Connecticut Church, 2/1/98.

When we look at the physical universe we can see there is a vertical and horizontal order. The vertical order begins with the smallest particles, the quarks, electrons and neutrinos, and ends with the whole physical universe. Unification Thought calls this the "macrocosm". We do have to be careful how we use the terms vertical and horizontal; they can mean different things depending on the context. Vertical can mean internal, or spiritual, and horizontal can mean external or physical. Vertical can be lineage and horizontal a single generation, or history vertical and the present horizontal. Here I am defining the vertical direction as an increase in complexity and/or scale, and horizontal as similarity of complexity or scale.

The vertical thus begins with the smallest least complex things, the elementary particles, and continues vertically through a series of stages that I will represent by atoms, molecules, materials, planets (and sun), solar system, galaxy, and macrocosm. At each vertical stage there is also a horizontal order among things of a similar quality, i.e. at the level of the heavenly bodies, centering on the sun, the planets have a very clear horizontal order that together gives rise to the solar system. There is similar horizontal order at each vertical stage.

From Principle we understand that the universe can be seen as a single entity, a single individual truth body, that exists as a unified whole. The question then arises as to how that unity is achieved? Of course the answer is that unity is achieved through give and take action, and the four-position foundation. When we read Unification Thought we see that several different kinds of four position foundation, or quadruple base are recognized. The two that are of significance for today are the identity maintaining and developing quadruple bases.

In the identity maintaining quadruple base subject and object centering on some purpose enter into give and take action that results in a unified body. Where that unified body contains both subject and object and has a higher degree of complexity. It exists on a larger scale. In the developing quadruple base, however, the give and take action results in a multiplied body. Where that multiplied body is of the same degree of complexity as the subject and object. In other words the identity maintaining quadruple base represents the vertical order in the physical universe, and the developing quadruple base thus represents the horizontal order. We can therefore begin to see how this whole vertical and horizontal structure holds together.

Universal Force

Now I would like to look briefly at the forces holding all of this together. In Principle universal prime force (UPF) is recognized as a fundamental force acting within the four position foundation. Unification Thought expands on this a little. Here, UPF is seen as acting within a subject and object to create an attractive force between them that initiates, and maintains, the give and take relationship. This force is multiplied from the relationship as the force of give and

take action, which then serves as the UPF acting within the unified or multiplied bodies initiating the next level of relationship.

UPF is therefore the unifying force both horizontally and vertically. Through the action of UPF the smallest particles right here at the bottom are connected through this unbroken vertical line to the largest scale the macrocosm. That the smallest particles are intimately connected to the largest levels of physical existence as part of this largest existence is actually quite amazing.

Additionally, in Unification Thought, UPF has both an internal, emotional component, that contains or conveys God's purpose for the physical universe, and an external energetic element.

Now modern science recognizes four forces that hold the physical universe together. These four forces operate at different scales along this vertical line. The strong and weak forces operate at the level of the fundamental particles. The electromagnetic force operates at intermediate scales up to the level of heavenly body, and gravity operates at very large scales. I believe that these four forces represent the external energetic aspect of UPF in the physical universe, because they literally hold it all together.

Additionally, scientists have discovered something of the way these forces operate. Specifically they have found that these forces operate through the subject and object exchanging other types of particles. To show an example of how this works let us take a common example of give and take action given in Principle lectures, that of the proton and electron. The proton has a positive charge, the electron a negative charge.

There is therefore an attraction between the two that results from the action of the electromagnetic force. This force acts because the proton and electron exchange another type of particle, the photon. This exchange of photons initiates and maintains the relationship between the proton and electron.

In other words my contention is that the external manifestation of UPF in the physical world is the exchange of particles between subject and object. This holds together both the vertical and horizontal order I have been describing.

Society

Now let us move on to human society. If we use the same definition of vertical order as I applied to the physical universe, namely an order defined by increasing complexity and size, then we can also see a corresponding vertical and horizontal order in human society. The essential vertical order is simply the eight stages that Father talks about. (Note: - the eight stages can be viewed as either horizontal or vertical depending on the context. Here I am viewing them vertically.)

I had trouble determining exactly what all eight stages were. Eventually I went to Damian Anderson's web page and used the search page to search all the on-line speeches for "eight stages". Even then it was not so easy, because where Father talks about the eight stages he rarely mentions all eight. Finally I was able to get an idea of each stage. It begins with

individual of course, then expands through family, tribe (or clan), race (or people), nation, world, cosmos, and God. I have the hardest time clearly understanding the stage of race (or people). Also, Father often misses this stage in his speeches. Still, where it is mentioned, there is a clear understanding that passing from race to nation involves an expansion of size or scale.

Again, as in the physical universe this vertical and horizontal order is all held together by give and take action and UPF. The relationship between vertical and horizontal, identity maintaining and developing quadruple bases can most clearly be seen within the family. Here husband and wife engage in give and take action that has more than one result. On the one hand the relationship multiplies children. This is our traditional explanation of the second blessing (which I had a hard time with for quite a while). On the other hand the same relationship causes the family to come into existence at the next stage. I was not able to reconcile these until I read some Unification Thought and understood that a single give and take relationship can have both identity maintaining (creation of family), and developing (multiplication of children) aspects, i.e. the vertical and horizontal are completely united within a single give and take action.

The question then becomes "how is UPF represented in this vertical and horizontal structure?"

Now we are dealing with human beings of course things have become a bit more complicated. Not the least of which is that we now have to deal with the spiritual world, because we all have a spirit. Love, or True Love is one possible way to view the action of UPF, but I believe that this is more a force related to the spiritual world. Here, I am primarily dealing with the physical world.

We can begin to answer the question by looking at existing human society. If we look at the level of the intermediate stages in the

vertical line we can see entities that in a sense have independent existence somewhere along this line. Such things as businesses, colleges, charities, local governments, etc.. For these entities one of the biggest factors holding them together, allowing them to exist and develop, is the exchange of money and goods. What I am trying to get at is that the exchange of money is one expression of the action of UPF in human society. Remember our proton and electron exchanging photons? Here our dollar bills (fifties, or hundreds if you are rich) are the particles exchanged between subject and object, that initiate and maintain give and take action. This then is the major conclusion of this part of the sermon; namely that money represents the external aspect of UPF acting within human society. Maybe this will not be true in the ideal world, but now it is. Money is a unifying force both vertically and horizontally at certain levels.

Viewing money as UPF has many interesting ramifications, the first of which I would like to look at is the internal purpose element. In the physical universe God's purpose is automatically conveyed to all things. There is no action of free will on the part of atoms. In human society however, until we perfect ourselves

we are not automatically connected to God's purpose. So that as UPF is multiplied through us it depends on us to connect it to God's purpose. Only if we connect ourselves to that purpose can the UPF (money) flow along both vertical and horizontal axes without break and we can begin to see the emergence of God's world and plan.

Additionally, it is essential that we, as individuals, be connected all the way along this vertical line. Just as in the physical world we can see that the smallest particles are completely connected to the largest scales by the unbroken vertical line, and the action of UPF. One part of that connection is allowing the unbroken flow of UPF (money) in both horizontal, and vertical directions. We can see this at the level of the family.

Say I have a family, I take care of the kids, paint the house, do the washing up (occasionally), but use my money only for myself what happens to my family. If I earn money, put it in my bank account, and only spend it to buy myself food and clothes, what happens to my family? In this situation I am stopping the vertical flow of UPF and the family cannot exist, it dies. Of course this is not the only thing that makes a family, but what I am getting at is that this is an essential part. Breaking this vertical line means that the larger levels cannot come into existence.

Break the law

We can see this clearly by looking at the physical universe again. Say we were able to break this vertical line so that the solar system does not form (we do something to gravity on this scale), then the galaxy cannot form, and the macrocosm does not form. The larger levels are all lost. Additionally, however, the planets lose all their horizontal order too, so the horizontal level is thrown into chaos. Breaking the vertical line not only prevents the larger levels from coming into existence, but also creates chaos on the horizontal level. This is also true in the structure of human society too, and of our place in God's plan. If we do not maintain the vertical line God cannot claim the horizontal either, and God's will is frustrated.

The same is also true for the family too, if at the family level we do not continue the vertical flow of UPF then the next levels cannot come into existence, and God cannot claim our family. We all know that we are supposed to organize our own tribe, but for many of us that is only at a formation stage. In a very real and practical sense, however, our local church community is our tribe. Look around, this is our tribe here in this room. This is our Connecticut tribe, and we have our tribal leaders, elders and councils. That tribe has an existence that we should all feel connected to. We are part of something larger than just a family, and just as the family cannot exist if the vertical flow of UPF (money) is blocked at the individual level, the tribe cannot exist if the vertical line is blocked at the family level. The tribe needs the participation of each family, but if the UPF is blocked at the family level the tribe dies.

A couple of weeks ago we started to publish in the bulletin the names of the families who had contributed the week before. Afterwards I heard a comment to the effect that this was wrong and would

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Jin-A Children Continue Tradition of Giving

by Sara Ribble—Clifton, NJ

Children at the Jin-A Child Care Center at 77 Jay Street in Clifton, NJ have been eagerly collecting canned goods for their annual charity project. This year the recipient was Bishop Joseph Robinson from the Assembly Holy House of Prayer in Paterson, NJ who will in turn distribute the food to needy families. Part of the school's curriculum is to teach children about caring for the not so fortunate and



caring for their community.

Bishop Robinson joined the children at their annual Christmas party on Dec. 19, where he was presented with the donation. During the holidays the focus is on religious harmony. Children learn about the deeper meaning of religious holidays such as Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza and True God's Day. After the celebration, children and parents joined in a candlelight prayer for needy children



around the world.

In caring for the community, children from the pre-school and kindergarten are making their 8th annual visit to the mayor and city hall employees to sing Christmas carols. This year, children made a huge Christmas card for the mayor in gratitude for the service he and city employees provide year 'round for the city of Clifton. Jin-A Child Care Center is serving the community by providing quality child care for almost 90 children. ❖

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only cause division. That tithing was a private matter between the individual and God. Based on what I have been trying to explain, I disagree with that position. Tithing is a matter between the individual and God, but it is also between the family and God, and the tribe and God. If we really feel part of a larger whole, our tribe or community, it is not wrong for that community to know who is contributing to its life.

Of course we cannot stop at the tribal level any more than we can stop at the individual or family level if God's will is to be realized. Thus we can begin to see how we can be connected to world level events. To be connected to the larger levels there must be an uninterrupted axis of UPF acting vertically. One aspect of that therefore is to donate money at these different levels, representing the vertical flow of UPF. Remember a few years ago when Father announced that the goal for tithing was thirty percent, and we had tithing cards where our donation was divided into three? The division of three was for local, national and world. Ten percent for tribal, ten percent for national, and ten percent for the world level, and then we can be connected at each level of the vertical line. We must be wise in our donations. To be connected at each level we need to donate at that level. Each horizontal stage must be taken care of too. If we gave all our money at

say the national level then our connection along the vertical line is not complete.

Today, what are we being asked for? I think each family is being asked for \$2000 for the Blessing in June. This incredible Blessing of millions of couples, largest ever, is clearly at the world level. Also we are being asked to donate substantially to Korea, based on the number twelve. For a couple the suggestion works out at \$2400. This I would place at the national level. Finally in our local community we are asking that families donate \$40 a week, and students \$5 a week, at the tribal level. This is quite a lot of money, but the purpose is to connect us along the vertical line at each level.

Connecting it all together

It is relatively easy to see the significance of the Blessing, but what about the donation to Korea? I believe we can begin to understand that in the context of the structure I have been describing. Lets look briefly at the process of restoration. Father, we know has passed through all eight stages, but that is like an arrow shooting vertically without any horizontal expansion. For the structure to stand there has to be a horizontal expansion at each level. Father began working with individuals, then was able to give and receive the Blessing. Here we begin to see horizontal expansion of people trying to fulfill these first two levels. Then a few years ago Father created tribal messiahs, and we can begin to see (howev-

er rudimentary) the horizontal expansion of tribes centering on Fathers tribe. Now Father has created national messiahs, representing horizontal expansion on the national level, but we do not as yet have a nation. God's nation was lost 2,000 years ago in Israel when Jesus was crucified, and from that day till now there has been no nation that God could claim. For the realization of God's will it is essential that we break through to the national level and gain a nation. Father sees the current financial situation in Asia and particularly in Korea as an opportunity, why?

We can begin to understand that if we realize that Satan has already established his own vertical line. Even at the time of Jacob and Esau, God's first substantial victory on the family level, Satan had already established nations. Satan's structures are also held together by the action of UPF, the flow of money, where the purpose element has become corrupted because people have become corrupted. Money, in the fallen world, therefore represents Satan's power. The financial difficulties in Korea can then be seen as a weakening of Satan's power at the national level. If a big enough dose of God-centered UPF can be injected there, i.e. sufficient money from brothers and sisters around the world representing God's individuals, families and tribes, then maybe the whole situation can just flip over and the breakthrough to a God centered nation may occur. The unity of north and south Korea could be achieved.

Again, when we look at our goals for each level, the total is a lot of money. The purpose of these external goals is of course to connect us at each level along the vertical line. However, as with all our use of money (in fact for all that we do), it is our internal quality of heart that is of central importance. I haven't talked about heart, yet it is the quality of our heart that determines if we are acting in accordance with God's will or not. It is the quality of heart behind our offering that determines if it really is connected with God's purpose and can

multiply God centered UPF vertically. That also allows God to claim our horizontal level too. We should try to meet these goals, but in reality we may not actually be able to meet them. Even if we cannot meet them it is still important to offer something at each level, with the heart and desire to offer more. With the correct heart I believe God can accept the offering, and we can be connected at each level.

This is the reason I choose the Bible reading today. In Israel at the time of Jesus the widows' lot was particularly miserable. With no income or property, they often lived in poverty. So even though the amount of money the widow offered was extremely small, (much less than the offering of the rich people) two of the smallest coins, because the heart of the offering was completely pure. She was offering money out of what she really needed for her own existence; not just giving from what she had left over. God could accept it and use it more than the larger external offering of the rich people. Because the purpose element of UPF offered by the widow was connected to God, God could use it more than an offering where the purpose element was not connected.

Traditionally of course in the Judeo Christian tradition it is ten percent of our income offered vertically that is the condition for God to accept the rest horizontally. Maybe you cannot even offer ten percent. It is however, extremely important to offer something. We must make some kind of conditional offering vertically. Your heart in the offering is what is important. Additionally when you do offer something, offer something at each level. I believe it is a mistake to offer all at one level because then we are not connected to an unbroken vertical line. There is no connection top to bottom. So yes, we do need to make an offering at the world and national levels, but do not forget the tribal community. Without its existence we lose our connection vertically. ❖

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Becoming the Kind of Father You Really Want to Be

reviewed by Bob Selle

Being a father involves much more than just having sex and siring offspring. Dr. Emma S. Etuk, a Nigerian-American history professor who lives and works in the Washington, D.C., area, makes that point over and over again in his little 97-page book. [Emma is a male name in Nigeria].

In it, Etuk, who is also founder of Nigeria for Christ Ministries, draws heavily from the Bible to construct a model of the ideal father. His assumption is that you can't be a good father without approaching the ideal through the Word of God.

"In America today, fatherhood is highly sexualized," Etuk writes. "And

children, the dear products of our procreative endeavors, have become the unpleasant casualties of our free-for-all, insatiable sexual appetites.

"Fatherhood is not for babies. It is for mature adults."

Since children are "God's precious gifts to us," each child needs as good a father as possible.

So how do we become a good father? Etuk asks us to look at God, the Heav-



Fatherhood is Not For Babies
by Emma S. Etuk, Ph.D.

enly Father, and at Jesus Christ, the perfect image of God.

Jesus well describes God's nature in his Sermon on the Mount. There, God is depicted as allowing His sun to shine on the just and the unjust. God is liberal and good. He is loving, tolerant, patient, kind, and forgiving. This is the way a father should be, Etuk says.

There are four requirements to being a good father: 1) physical maturity, 2) intel-

lectual maturity, 3) financial maturity, and 4) spiritual maturity.

To be *physically mature* involves not just sexual maturity but sexual *purity*.

Intellectual maturity means having a good level of education, one which will allow the father to guide his children through the many challenging areas of the educational system and the rest of today's society.

Financial maturity involves keeping a stable, decent-paying job prior to having children.

Spiritual maturity means being thoroughly and deeply grounded in God's truth and in prayerful relationship with God.

All in all, *Fatherhood Is Not for Babies* is a good read—inspiring and conscience-rousing. It can be bought for \$7.95 by calling 1-800-325-9492 or 1-800-688-4986. ♦

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CONSPIRACY THEORY

As this article goes to press there is much talk about conspiracy. Certain liberals are in the headlines, speaking darkly of their persecution by a "vast right-wing conspiracy." Conservatives answer that they're busy fending off an "arrogant left-wing power grab."

It is difficult to be up-to-date in this monthly forum, but we can certainly speak of wider trends and topics. Now and throughout history, few topics run deeper than con-

spiracies, real or imagined.

For decades the American Left has decried a wealthy "military-industrial complex." Recently,

the Right has warned of a cozy "government-media complex." Both are alleged to be marching together toward diabolical goals.

It is said that "some people make things happen, others watch what happens, and some wonder what happened." The more informed and involved we are, the harder we try to understand why things happen. Then we begin to realize just how many factors shape the course of events. In addition, there may well be seemingly random factors, or influences unknown to most of us.

Conspiracies are often tied to events like the JFK assassination, which is the subject of numerous books. Many of these books can and do make mincemeat of the government's "case," and raise disturbing, unanswered questions. Unfortunately, the answers the books try to provide are often contradictory at best. (Similar books are now being written about the controversial deaths of two high government officials.)

Conspiracy theories abound, and in Talk Radio and the Internet these have found a vast new forum. But are they true? Are any of them based in reality?

Analysis

Let us examine what an actual Conspiracy would have to consist of.

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1) A powerful, clandestine organization, whether large or small, covert or partially known, ancient or relatively new. (In such matters, anything less would be ineffective.)

2) Selfless people, at least on an intellectual level, acting beyond their own narrow interests. (As opposed to seeking individual wealth or power.)

3) A self-perceived elite, acting boldly and outside the law. Regarding themselves as divinely, or satanically - or otherwise - appointed. (Otherwise they'd be as bland as other people.)

4) Non-democratic, even amongst themselves. No serious dissent would be allowed. (Few public dissenters have ever appeared.)

5) Long-term plans and determination. (Otherwise the project's focus would die with its founders.)

6) A large-scale program and goal. (Small ones are simply uninteresting, and likely to be overwhelmed.)

7) Regard themselves as hidden—what? Guardians of society? Long-term opponents of . . . who or what? Shepherds of the masses? Rulers to be?

Organizations

The sheer variety of alleged conspiracies is impressive.

Some patently false ones supposedly involve: Jewish elders, bankers (as a class), British royalty, space aliens, etc.

Many real organizations have been tagged as "more than they appear."

Amongst the spiritual: the Vatican, Masons, Rosicrucians, etc. And from the secular: the Council on Foreign Relations, Bilderbergers, etc.

There are historic entities alleged to continue in existence: The Knights Templar, Illuminati, Ninjas, etc. Also, remnants of annihilated groups such as the Sect of the Assassins, and Nazi holdouts in South America.

Some conspirators allegedly pull strings from within the centers of power, as dramatized in the "X-Files." One author posits an overarching "Committee of 300."

There are persistent rumors of generations-old, plain-folk-appearing satanic cults. This author has heard sincere reports of such in Las Vegas (from a liberal minister), Oklahoma (first-hand, from a local Unificationist), the Deep South (from various authors) and in Petaluma, CA (on local talk shows).

These latter were scoffed at, even by this author. Then they got eclipsed by news of the Polly Klass kidnapping. Next, by the capture and murder trial of the contemptuous, utterly depraved Richard Allen Davis. He had been observed hanging around town for quite some time . . .

Sometimes the theories themselves are evil, and have led to terrible violence. The "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" hoax has been around for decades. The new "the IRS is a really private British corporation" hoax has proven quite resilient.

On the other hand, some true theories have had great difficulty gaining acceptance. Recently unsealed

KGB records vindicate Joseph McCarthy—and this has hardly been reported. (However, there was only a communist agent behind every other bush.)

Someday, historians will catalog a shocking panoply of ugly (and perhaps even deadly) goings-on related to various present State and Federal officials.

Truth or fiction

Fiction writers have done much to popularize conspiracies. Anton Wilson writes extreme, mocking novels. Umberto Eco pens intricate European tales. David Morrell's thrillers often top the charts. Jon Land and many others follow suit.

Many of these works are based in actual history, carried forward into a modern, James Bond-ish world. The fictional bad guys often include secret religious orders; holders of some talisman: ancient scrolls, the Grail, the Tomb of Jesus, etc.

Both conspiracists and fiction writers commonly trace such movements to ancient roots: Egypt's Dar al Hikmat (House of Knowledge), Solomon's Temple, or legendary ancient China.

Riding the growing wave of New Age movements and "pop spirituality," many pseudo-leaders are claiming these plots for themselves, giving them an ersatz reality. These include "Egyptian" and "Hebrew" priests, "Goddess" worshippers, "Aztec" revivalists, "doomsday" prophets, and so on. They range from merely foolish to quite dangerous.

Challenges

Could any such Conspiracy really pull it off? Probably not.

To do so, their children and heirs must carry on the secret plan. But in reality children seldom do such things, whether they're the offspring of activists, plutocrats or dictators. Without the support of a commonly accepted culture, it would be especially difficult.

Also, many unpredictable factors influence society and its development. Various disasters ruin companies and nations, and fads sweep the popular culture. With the advance of technology this is now doubly true.

Further, the leading ideology changes over time, and with it, the goals of the current "elite." In America, over the course of a century, racial slavery/segregation and unbridled industrialization have given way to egalitarianism and environmental rhetoric. (The bondage is now more subtle and the pollution has been moved to the Third World.)

In reality, most Captains of Industry seek to build "empires of service." Some view their customers as sheep to be sheared.

A few politicians are statesmen, seeking their people's long-term gain over short-term popularity. Most try to wrest all the control they can . . .

Reality

If potent Conspiracies do exist, they will be encountered as God's Providence expands. It's going to be hard enough dealing with known power centers! (See Into the Mainstream, July 1996 UNews.) Hopefully, any hidden powers will see the wisdom of God's Principle.

Vast, long-term undertakings assuredly do exist, but they have spiritual, not human, roots. God and Satan are the real conspirators. They are masterminds with very different styles, not to mention goals.

In the past, few providential figures understood their true place in this great effort. Certainly, no mortal ever explained it to them. Even so, some knew they were following the past masters. For example, it is said that Charlemagne's son Pepin the Short felt a close affinity with King David.

Just like known leaders, any and all conspirators (no matter how powerful) will ultimately be judged by their support of, or opposition to, God's Providence.

The deepest trends of history are guided by regular people, men and women of good will. People empowered by their closeness to God. Parents, heroes, patriots, saints—and beyond.

Further reading

About changing ideologies: *The Tempting of America* by Judge Robert Bork.

An alleged real conspiracy: *The Naked Capitalist* by W. Cleon Skousen.

A fictional conspiracy: *The Delta Decision* by Wilbur Smith.

Some current worries: *The Strange Death of Vincent Foster* by Christopher Ruddy. ❖

New Look for the Unofficial HSA E-Directory

by Peter Wettstein—WWW

With a new look for the new year, the E-Directory is finally up-to-date again. The pages load now also much faster. However, there is a trade-off: Your browser needs to support frames. If you are still using a browser that does not support frames, please let me know.

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One day, everything was peaceful. The next day, the papers were covered with massive headlines; television and radio is running amok. It was the Bill Clinton-Monica Lewinsky scandal. It was as if a natural disaster had hit. In fact, one English commentator writing in the Wall Street Journal did comment that our president's pants should be declared a national disaster area.

The allegation stretched the national shock envelope a bit further. It seems that there was an affair in the oval office, and official advice to lie about it. This is it, we think. Clinton's had it; the toughest teflon can't protect against this dirt. We await a forthright statement from the White House, as if we expect Mr. and Mrs. Clinton to share our dismay, our sense of disgrace.

Then we witness the demons of democracy set in. We hear the careful denials—as one columnist put it, the “lawyerly responses.” “No, I didn't have a twelve year affair” (it was eleven and a half years). The accused finds no need to comment, other than “Let the whole story come out.”

Okay, fair enough, we think, as all the president's men turn the spotlight around. “What did she really say? When did she say it? to whom? why did she say it? What was that again? What's in it for her? Hey, we've got a country to run here; do we really want to waste our time on all these rumors? We'll cooperate; everyone is cooperating with what these kooks are coming up with. We'll give them their day in court. Due process. We feel just as terrible about this as anyone. See you in six months. Next!”

The Scarlet A

In my humble opinion, what gave the Lewinsky story steam was one simple word: Adultery. Our initial response was guided by the moral sense, not by reason, not by the details. The very fact that a credible young woman had revealed an extensive story about her adultery with the President turned our collective stomach. It pricked our collective conscience. Adultery. Our President. We once looked up to that office, and to the individual who occupied it. His job, at the least, was to keep the office clean.

Bill and Hillary Clinton and the culture they represent know that the accusation of adultery does not stick. They

THE DEMONS OF DEMOCRACY

know that if they don't blink, we won't want to be like those who judged Hester Prynne. Hollywood has presented the proper attitude about the big scarlet A. The spacious skies quickly cloud over; the light of the world does not stay focused on adultery. Why? Because we are honest in the 1990s. We cannot deny that we all have a weakness for it. The national arm's not strong enough to cast that heavy stone.

A substantial number of Americans have committed adultery, with no apparent great harm done. Almost everyone entertains adulterous thoughts occasionally, like... everyday. The thought occurs; the eyes stray; no one can control it. It is amazing how adultery turns from repulsive to banal. Analysis and repetition dull the moral sense; we tire of the endless chase for Brer Clinton. Let him go; it's not worth it. Let him govern the country; somebody has to do it.

Let's Change the Subject

We are glad to allow ourselves to be distracted from the real question: is adultery a crime? Is adultery right or wrong? We are soft on this; it is an unpleasant subject. Why? because we personally cannot solve it. Some of our best friends are adulterers. We almost cheered when Rose committed what amounted to adultery in Titanic. Sometimes, we let ourselves think, love is bigger than marriage.

So we are relieved if someone changes the subject by bringing up all the subsidiary questions. We blur the act of adultery into a hundred editorials and a thousand personal profiles. Opinions range from the sublime to the ridicu-



lous. We enter upon the third and fourth generation of opinions about opinions, spin applied to spin. Somewhere between the 300 front-page headlines and the articles that read like legal briefs, we lose track of that which outraged us at the outset. Our moral sense withdraws into that still, small voice. Too still, too small.

In the process, we fail to note what is really happening. There once was a marriage between the American people and our Presidency, sealed by the oath of office. The man pledged to be faithful to the ideals for which we stand. To those who believe in these ideals, the Clintons represent a blatant violation. To those who, with the Clintons, have transcended (to put it kindly) these ideals, there is nothing to violate. In either case, the Clintons are cheating on America.

A Jules Feiffer cartoon in the New York Times said it well. A small boy is watching the television news. Out of the boob tube comes incessant reference to sex and the president. “Sex—the President. Sex, sex—the President. More sex, more sex, more and more sex—the President.” Mom enters the room, and picks up her son. He asks her, “Mom, what's a president?”

Instant President

Even Mr. Feiffer, a voice of the left, is moved by this president's disregard for the family. Clinton has a showcase family, his big-screen daughter is in college now. Vernon Jordan was quoted, early on in the scandal, saying how he had known the Clintons since the early days, and how he visited their home one morning after Clinton had lost the Arkansas gubernatorial race. And Mr. Jordan described baby Chelsea climbing on his lap, and Hillary cooking instant grits. Ignoring for a moment the question of, what the heck are instant grits, it must have been a lovely morning. “My, my, Miss Hillary, but these instant grits taste great!”

Now, I spent several years in the south, and I had lots of grits. But instant grits? It must be something like instant mashed potatoes. Yuchh. And who would remember, twenty years later, how they were at someone's house, and the wife was there making instant mashed potatoes? It's almost as if there's an instant Chelsea climbing on his knees. Somehow, the Clintons' actions undermine the believability of their family life. It's something like an instant family.

Sooner or later, those who undermine marriage and family will fall. Consider an event as devastating as the American Civil War. President Lincoln, who was in a position to know such things, stated, when he met Harriet Beecher Stowe, “So this is the little lady who started this big war.” What was it that Stowe had done? She had written a book called *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Lincoln was stating that her book had, beyond all the political, economic, religious and social action, ignited the north to fight.

Don't Mess with Families

What was it about that book? In my humble opinion, it was that the book depicted, in heart-wrenching ways, how slavery breaks up families. It separated husbands from their wives, children from their parents. Of course, the book conveyed more than that, but this was the core emotional pull. It put slavery in the human perspective, its impact on the family.

We cannot but be impressed with Bill Clinton's agility. He has something that I observed in Mick Jagger when I saw the Rolling Stones in 1966. It struck me that Jagger's major quality was not singing talent or dancing talent. The power of him as a performer was nothing other than his all-consuming love for being in the spotlight, and his ability to include the audience in his ego-trip. We enjoyed watching him enjoy being a star.

Likewise, Bill Clinton, in my mind, has demonstrated no real ability to push our nation forward, to craft policy, to elucidate issues, to inspire courage. The power of Bill Clinton as a president is that he loves being in the spotlight. And he is able to include us, or some version of us, in his spotlight, with him in the center. His greatest strength is that he looks like what we want our president to look like: tall, handsome, friendly, honest, open and sincere; a good guy.

He lacks *gravitas*, seriousness. Even though he says he's working hard, somehow we don't believe him, and we don't mind. We're with him; life happens after hours, at the local pub, the softball field, the golf course, the barbecue. Pull out the sax, Bill, even though you can't play worth a dime, it's great to act like a rock star for a night, ain't it? Let the policy folks take care of business; they've got their computers, they're doing fine. He has his weaknesses, so do we all, and we can identify with his.

This president's greatest strengths may be his weaknesses. Ironically, while Clinton is often identified as a child of the sixties, his presidential style is more akin to the fifties—crushing down the highway of life of peace and prosperity, complacent at the top of the world. All we're lacking are the big tail fins. ❖

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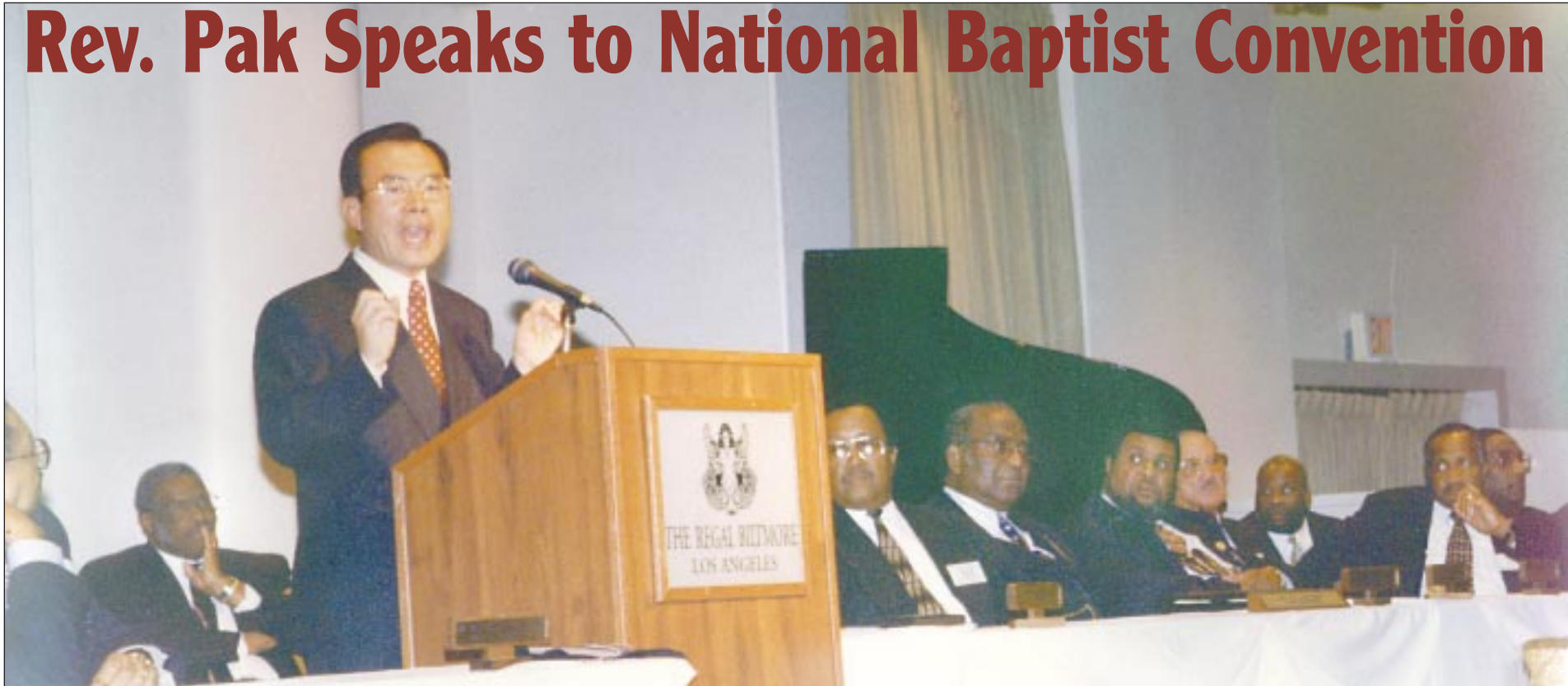
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Rev. Pak Speaks to National Baptist Convention



by Richard L. Lewis—NYC

Rev. Joong Hyun Pak took the providence a great step forward as a keynote speaker at the National Baptist Convention (NBC) held January 19-22, 1998, in Los Angeles. This Convention is one of the largest associations of Baptist churches in America, including some 33,000 churches. Speakers to the Convention this year also included Rev. Jesse Jackson and singer Stevie Wonder.

Rev. Pak was invited to speak to some 2,000 clergy, including the NBC

state presidents of 50 states. His speech was entitled, "True Families and the Kingdom of God in America." Prior to the speech he was able to have a constructive meeting with Dr. Henry Lyons, Presi-

dent of the NBC, and his family and staff. They understood the crucial role of the family for the future of America, and the necessity to strengthen the family through marriage rededication and True Family Values.

Dr. Lyons was concerned that the larger body of clergy might not be completely



receptive to a message from a different denomination, but in the spirit and wisdom of Dr. Martin Luther King, who was a member of the Convention, he invited Rev. Pak to speak. Rev. Pak was the first Asian, by the way, to formally address the NBC.

Rev. Pak first thanked the NBC for their support during Reverend Moon's imprison-

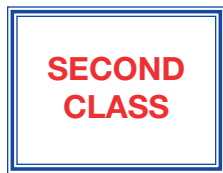
ment in Danbury and the work of the Coalition for Religious Freedom. He then outlined the True Family Values Ministry and the role of the Blessing in rededicating families to a God-centered marriage. He spoke of his admiration for Dr. Martin Luther King and his efforts to bring religious and racial harmony.

The wisdom of Dr. Lyons' ecumenism was vindicated when Rev. Pak's speech received a standing ovation! ❖

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